



Access Alliance Statement on the Islamophobic Attack in London, Ontario on June 6th, 2021

We are deeply saddened and appalled at the horrific act of Islamophobia against a Muslim-Canadian family in London, Ontario on June 6th. This mass murder has taken the lives of three adults, one teenager, and left a nine-year-old child seriously injured without a grandmother, mother, father, and sister. We offer our thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the young boy, surviving family, and all affected communities.

Access Alliance condemns any act of hatred, terrorism, violence and oppression against individuals based on their religion, immigration status, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, gender orientation, age, ability and mental health status. We stand in solidarity with those directly impacted and the Muslim community of Canada and globally during this tragedy.

We call upon our local, provincial and national leaders to take immediate action against this despicable act of hatred and injustice, prioritize sustainable changes towards safety within the Muslim community and hold perpetrators of hate crimes accountable. It is important to locate this tragedy within the context of a society where white supremacy continues to be a default, white privilege is still centred and systemic oppression thrives. Thus our call to action is broader than this one tragedy, it builds on previous calls to action regarding anti-black racism, anti-Asian hate crimes and settler/colonizing power structures.

Access Alliance will continue to work and advocate loudly to combat all forms of racism, hatred, and discrimination, by recognizing and addressing systemic inequities and barriers faced by marginalized populations. We support the efforts of organizations such as [National Council of Canadian Muslims](#), [Canadian Council of Muslim Women](#), and the [Council of Agencies Serving South Asians](#) and their work through their convened Anti-hate Community Leaders' Group.

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