



## NATIONAL MUSLIM CHRISTIAN LIAISON COMMITTEE

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### STATEMENT ON TORONTO MOSQUE THREAT

October 13 2020.

*National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee (NMCLC)* is appalled and outraged at the serious threat of violence against a Toronto Mosque on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

We strongly condemn this reprehensible act and all acts of violence and words of division and hate. We stand in solidarity with the Canadian Muslim community and with all people of goodwill who come together to build peace, resilience, healing and to work for the common good.

The Toronto Muslim community has been subjected to a growing number of Islamophobic attacks from right-wing and neo-Nazi groups. In September, a Muslim was murdered in front of his Etobicoke mosque by a person with apparent links to neo-Nazis. Over the summer, a Toronto mosque was vandalized numerous times.

It is our sincere hope that Toronto Police Services will quickly arrest those responsible for these hate crimes and that all our political leaders will take strong action against right-wing supremacist and neo-Nazi groups that threaten Canadians.

Our communities are like one body: when one part suffers, we all suffer. As people of faith we are deeply distressed that communities gathered for worship have become targets of violence and we share in the pain, outrage and grief of our Muslim siblings.

The Government of Canada first established October as Islamic History Month in 2007, recognizing, *“the important contributions of Canadian Muslims to Canadian society, the cultural diversity of the Canadian Muslim community, and the importance of Canadians learning about each other to foster greater social cohesion.”* We want to remind all Canadians that Muslims have been an integral part of our country since prior to confederation, and Muslims are as much a Canadian faith community as any other.



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*National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee* of Canada is a forum for respectful dialogue on themes of common interest and for the exchange of faith-related concerns and areas of sensitivity between Muslims and Christians, through official representatives of both faiths. We seek to build long-lasting friendships and cooperation between Christians and Muslims, and to work toward a society based on values of compassion, respect and collaboration.

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