



NATIONAL MUSLIM CHRISTIAN LIAISON COMMITTEE

STATEMENT RE: ATTACKS ON MUSLIM WOMEN IN EDMONTON

February 24, 2021.

National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee (NMCLC) is very concerned about an attack against a Black Muslim woman wearing a hijab that took place at an Edmonton Transit Station on February 17, 2021.

Muslim women, particularly Black Muslim women, in Edmonton have been subjected to a growing number of racist and Islamophobic attacks. The most recent incident is the fifth time since December that Black Muslim women have been attacked either physically or verbally in the city.

We strongly condemn these reprehensible, hate-motivated acts and all acts of violence and words of division and hate.

It is our sincere hope that Edmonton Police Service will take concrete steps to address this distressing trend of hate-motivated incidents, racism, and Islamophobia, particularly against Black Muslim women in the city.

We must work together to combat Anti-Black racism and Islamophobia and uphold our values as a welcoming society.

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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