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The London Muslim Community Expresses Profound Sadness Over Ottawa Attack

For Immediate Release (October 23, 2014)

The London Muslim Community wishes to express its profound sadness over Wednesday's horrific attack in Ottawa, and strongly condemns this brutal act of violence. Our condolences go out to the family of Corporal Nathan Frank Cirillo, a true Canadian hero, who lost his life while guarding one of our most hallowed monuments, the National War Memorial.

The London Muslim Community also wishes to express its gratitude to our fellow Canadians who rushed to aid Corporal Cirillo and confront the shooter. Their heroism showcased the best of what it means to be Canadian: remaining calm under fire and confronting harm head on to help one another.

The London Muslim community is unified in its condemnation and rejection of any form of radicalization and racism that may serve to fracture our society. We stand committed to working together to prevent such criminal acts from taking place in our communities. As Muslims, we are dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of our nation, its citizens and its institutions.

Sincerely,

Islamic Centre of Southwest Ontario

London Muslim Mosque

Muslim Association of Canada (London Chapter)

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Canadian Muslims stand united with fellow citizens in condemning Ottawa attacks

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(Ottawa - October 22, 2014) The National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), a prominent Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization, stands united with Canadians in categorically condemning today's shooting attacks at Ottawa's War Memorial and on Parliament Hill which left a Canadian soldier dead and several others injured.

"All Canadians are horrified and shocked by these repulsive attacks in Ottawa and our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families today," says NCCM Executive Director Ihsaan Gardee.

"We stand firm with fellow Canadians in upholding and protecting the safety and security of our country, as well as our national institutions. We commend our law enforcement agencies for putting themselves in harm's way in order to protect all of us from terrorism." Recent media reports indicate that the suspected shooter was known to authorities and had his Canadian passport seized after being designated a "high-risk traveller" by the federal government.

"While details about today's attacks are still unfolding, we must reiterate that nothing can justify such atrocious actions and our message to anyone who espouses, endorses, or in any way supports ideologies of violence is that your actions are based on gross perversions of the Islamic faith," says Gardee.

"This week's appalling events underscore the urgent need for ongoing cooperation between law enforcement, government agencies, and communities to respond to the threat of violent extremism."

In July 2005, the NCCM coordinated a national statement by over 120 Canadian Imams which condemned terrorism and religious extremism. On June 4, 2014, the NCCM called upon Canadian Muslim communities to renew their efforts to combat radicalization towards extremist violence and the NCCM joined the Canadian Council of Imams in denouncing ISIS and its violent extremism.

More recently, the Islamic Social Services Association, in conjunction with the NCCM, launched the handbook United Against Terrorism which is designed to give communities information and tools to counter radicalization towards violent extremism and build civic engagement.

The NCCM is an independent, non-partisan, and non-profit grassroots advocacy organization. It is a leading voice for Muslim civic engagement and the promotion of human rights.

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Canadian Council of Imams, a collective leadership of Imams (Ministers of Religion), made the following statement on yesterday's Ottawa attack:

"The Canadian Council of Imams is deeply shocked and grieved by the brutal attack at Ottawa's War Memorial and on Parliament Hill. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the brave Cpl. Nathan Cirillo who was killed yesterday and all the other brave men and women who put themselves in harms way."

"As religious leaders of the Islamic faith in Canada we join our fellow citizens in strongly condemning these recent terrorist attacks. We once again reiterate our past declarations condemning violent extremism and underscoring Canadian Muslims' commitment to the safety and security of Canada. This includes a warning to Canadians about ISIS and its deviant nature."

"In times of tragedy, we will prevail against hatred and extremism by collectively working with our government, law enforcement, agencies and our places of worship. We continue to pray for the safety of Canada and all its citizens."

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