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## Think for Actions strongly condemns the attack on Khawlah in Toronto.

Friday morning a Grade 6 student, Khawlah was attacked twice on her way to school when the man allegedly came up to her, pulled off her hood and used scissors to cut off her hijab.

We commend the Toronto police and the Prime Minister for their prompt response. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said, "I want her and her family and her friends and community to know that that is not what Canada is, that is not who Canadians are".

Hate crimes against Muslims in Canada have increased by 60% from 2014 to 2015, and 253% over four years, from up from 45 in 2012 to 159 in 2015. This attitude was one of the major factors that lead to the death of six and injured 19 others when Alexandre Bissonnette opened fire in a Quebec Masjid on January 30, 2017.

Chair person for the national think tank, Think for Actions, Dr. Mukarram Zaidi says, "Sound research, open dialog and discussion will challenge ignorance by addressing fear".

In light of the recent events, Think for Actions will be launching: aCCUSToM Study; Canadian CUltural SensiTiVity TOwards Minorities. The national study will be conducted by Think for Actions and Insight Matter, they plan to collect a randomized sample of 2000 Canadians to understand attitudes towards minorities.

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*Knowledge without action is insanity, and action without knowledge is vanity*

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