



Think For Actions condemns terrorist attacks on New Zealand mosques
Urges Canadians to stick together and show support at all Canadian mosques and Islamic centres
Press Release

(Calgary – March 15, 2019) Think For Actions, a non-profit organization focused on youth empowerment and education which rewards young people under the age of 25 with scholarships as they present ways to end racism and discrimination, condemns the terrorist attacks on two mosques in New Zealand.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the people who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks in New Zealand,” said Dr. Mukkaram Zaidi, chairman of Think For Actions.

At least 49 people died in a targeted attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand on Friday.

Three people have been taken into custody and one person has been charged in relation to the massacre.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern called the event a well-planned terrorist attack and the country’s threat level was raised from low to high. That’s the second highest security threat level for the country.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has confirmed that one of the four people taken into custody in New Zealand’s mosque shootings is Australian.

A man who claimed responsibility for the shootings said in a manifesto that he was a 28-year-old white Australian who came to New Zealand only to plan and train for the attack.

Unfortunately, Senator Fraser Anning from Queensland, Australia put out a statement on Twitter that made Islamophobic remarks that supported the rhetoric of the suspected gunman’s manifesto.

“However, whilst this kind of violent vigilantism can never be justified, what it highlights is the growing fear within our community, both in Australia and New Zealand, of the increasing Muslim presence,” Anning said.

“The real cause of bloodshed on New Zealand streets today is the immigration program which allowed Muslim fanatics to migrate to New Zealand in the first place. Let us be clear today, while Muslims may have been the victims today, usually they are the perpetrators. World-wide Muslims are killing people in the name of their faith on an industrial scale.”

Dr. Zaidi said that Anning’s comments are contemptible.

“He is a disgrace to the Senate,” Dr. Zaidi said. “By spreading hatred and turning people against each other, he is doing exactly what the terrorists want.”

Dr. Zaidi said that Think For Actions is calling on the government of Australia to dismiss Senator Anning from his position.

“We urge for the government of Australia to dismiss or fire Fraser Anning from the Australian Senate effective immediately,” Zaidi said.

“He is teaching prejudice and Islamophobia. We hope that our Canadian government and the Australian government take swift action for his dismissal.”

Dr. Zaidi added that hate and terrorism has no place in religion.

“We stand together with the New Zealanders to fight hate and instead show our love for one another. We want the Canadian government to also put him on a no-fly list so he cannot come to Canada and spread his message of hate.”

There was a memorial service and news conference at the Genesis Centre of Community Wellness on Friday afternoon, organized by the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada and Muslims Against Terrorism.

There will also be a vigil outside of City Hall in Calgary from 7-8 p.m. tonight to show support for our brothers and sisters in New Zealand.

“We must unite against hate,” he added. “Think For Actions expresses deep sympathies and solidarity with the Muslim community of New Zealand. We condemn the tragic shootings at the Al-Noor and Linwood mosques in Christchurch.”

Think for Actions is a non-profit organization focused on youth empowerment and education. We inspire to be a research institute and we reward young people under age 25 with scholarships as they present ways to end racism and discrimination.

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