



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

Dear friends,

Many of us woke up this morning to devastating news: another senseless and horrifying terrorist attack had occurred against a Muslim community. A community gathering together for Jummah prayers; friends and families coming together in worship ahead of the weekend.

There is no doubt that what happened in New Zealand today was terrorism. This was a deliberate targeting of a community because of who they are, because of what they believe. And we condemn this attack here in Britain in the strongest possible terms and stand shoulder to shoulder with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

We know you might feel nervous and angry in the wake of this terrible news and the Government stands ready to provide the British Muslim community with any support you might need. The Police have confirmed that they will today be stepping up reassurance patrols around mosques and increasing engagement with communities, giving advice on how people and places can protect themselves.

The people who committed this horrendous attack might want to tear us apart, to create divisions between us, but this will only make us more resolute to come together.

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