

The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

June 6th, 2021, marked yet another lethal attack on the Canadian Muslim community. As you are aware, a family was the victim of a premeditated, hate motivated terror attack as they were on a night-time walk. They have been survived solely by a nine-year-old son. Our community lost three generations in a single night.

The event signals the ongoing reality of Canada's deeply rooted systemic Islamophobia. Community organizations rallied and asked for concrete action in the aftermath of the Quebec City Mosque shooting in 2017. Unfortunately, these efforts, as seen with the presentation of M-103, were often met with great resistance. The legitimacy of the violence Canadian Muslims experience was questioned, and the reality of Islamophobia was often ignored.

Outside of our borders Islamophobia continues to be a growing international phenomenon and an industry supported by many governments and organizations globally. Shootings motivated by anti-Muslim hate, paralleling the tragedies in Canada, have taken the lives of our community members in Chapel Hill and Christchurch. To take real action against Islamophobia is to be part of the solution not only nationally but internationally.

We strongly believe that putting an end to Islamophobia requires that all levels of government take concrete action in addressing Islamophobia at an urgent and systemic level.

This requires a whole of government approach. We need fundamental change at the federal, provincial, and municipal level to prevent another attack. From appointing a Special Envoy on Islamophobia, to removing discriminatory laws in Canada, to ensuring that anti-racism and anti-Islamophobia becomes part of our education system, to changing the way that municipalities deal with street harassment, a whole of government approach is needed. And change needs to happen now.

We ask that the Canadian Government immediately host, on an emergency basis, a National Action Summit on Islamophobia convening leaders from all levels of government to chart a path forward for Canada in ending violence against Muslims. The summit is a start. The outcome of the summit, in terms of concrete policy, will be the test of whether all governments and political parties are truly committed to preventing further loss of life.

As this issue has affected both our community here at home and abroad, in your powers as Prime Minister we ask that prior to the upcoming G7 meeting, you publicly commit to hosting a National Action Summit on Islamophobia, and work with the leaders of the G7 nations on sharing best practices and resources at the National Action Summit on Islamophobia.

Sincerely,

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Premier ministre Trudeau,

Le 6 juin 2021

marque une nouvelle attaque meurtrière contre la communauté musulmane canadienne. Comme vous le savez, une famille a été victime d'une attaque terroriste préméditée et motivée par la haine pendant qu'elle faisait une promenade nocturne. Seul un fils de neuf ans leur a survécu. Notre communauté a perdu trois générations en une seule nuit.

Cet événement témoigne de la réalité de l'islamophobie systémique profondément enracinée au Canada. Les organisations communautaires se sont ralliées et ont demandé des actions concrètes à la suite de la fusillade de la mosquée de Québec en 2017. Malheureusement, ces efforts, comme on l'a vu avec la présentation du M-103, se sont souvent heurtés à une grande résistance. La légitimité de la violence que subissent les musulmans canadiens a été remise en question, et la réalité de l'islamophobie a souvent été ignorée.

À l'extérieur de nos frontières, l'islamophobie continue d'être un phénomène international croissant et une industrie soutenue par de nombreux gouvernements et organisations dans le monde. Des fusillades motivées par la haine anti-musulmane, à l'instar des tragédies survenues au Canada, ont coûté la vie à des membres de notre communauté à Chapel Hill et à Christchurch. Prendre des mesures concrètes contre l'islamophobie, c'est faire partie de la solution non seulement au niveau national mais aussi international.

Nous sommes convaincus que pour mettre fin à l'islamophobie, il faut que tous les niveaux de gouvernement prennent des mesures concrètes pour lutter contre l'islamophobie.

Cela nécessite une approche pangouvernementale.

Nous avons besoin d'un changement fondamental au niveau fédéral, provincial et municipal pour empêcher une autre attaque. Qu'il s'agisse de la nomination d'un envoyé spécial pour l'islamophobie, de l'élimination des lois discriminatoires au Canada, de l'intégration de la lutte contre le racisme et l'islamophobie dans notre système éducatif et de la modification de la façon dont les municipalités traitent le harcèlement de rue, une approche pangouvernementale est nécessaire. Et le changement doit se produire immédiatement.

Nous demandons au gouvernement canadien d'accueillir immédiatement, en urgence, un Sommet d'action national sur l'islamophobie réunissant des leaders de tous les niveaux de gouvernement, afin de tracer la voie à suivre pour que le Canada mette fin à la violence contre les musulmans. Comme ce problème a affecté notre communauté ici et à l'étranger, nous vous demandons, en votre qualité de Premier ministre, de vous engager publiquement, avant la prochaine réunion du G7, à organiser un Sommet d'action national sur l'islamophobie et de travailler avec les dirigeants des

pays du G7 pour partager les meilleures pratiques et les ressources lors du Sommet d'action national sur l'islamophobie.

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