



Message from Principal Wisdom Tettey in response to the London ON tragedy

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The horrifying vehicular attack in London ON that targeted a Muslim family and left four people dead is an offence to us all. We must do everything we can to eliminate anti-Islamic hatred, and indeed hatred in all its forms.

U of T Scarborough has a significant number of members of the Muslim faith among its students, staff, faculty and librarians. Now is a time to stand together, to support each other, and to reject bigotry and racism.

On behalf of our entire U of T Scarborough community, I wish to send my deepest sympathies and heartfelt wishes to the family of the victims, in particular the young boy who was the only survivor. To my fellow members of the community, I know this is a shocking event and the impact is tremendous. Please do take advantage of the supports that are available to you. I have listed a few at the bottom of this message.

Our commitment to inclusion at U of T Scarborough must not be just words. We cannot call ourselves an inclusive campus, society or country until we all have a place, until we all feel safe in our communities, until we all share each other's successes, until we all value one another and take care of one another.

In memory of the victims of the London ON tragedy, flags on campus will be flown at half-mast on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

If you have been personally impacted by this event, please do reach out to one of the following services:

Staff and faculty members can access mental health resources and supports through the [Employee & Family Assistance Program](#) (EFAP). The 24/7 helpline at [1-800-663-1142](tel:1-800-663-1142) provides support for those experiencing grief, stress, and trauma.

For students:

- [Health and Wellness Centre](#) (UTSC)
- [My SSP](#) (support available 24/7/365). If students want to speak to a counsellor and need support, help is available 24/7 at [#UofT My SSP](#). Please call [1-844-451-9700](tel:1-844-451-9700) or download the app at the Apple App Store or Google Play.

- Domestic and international students can reach out for support to our international offices at [International Student Centre](#), and our [Multi-Faith Centre chaplains](#).
- Counselling is also available through the [U of T My Student Support Program](#) (U of T My SSP) 24/7 by calling [1-844-451-9700](tel:1-844-451-9700). Muslim students, staff, and faculty can access the counselling services of our [Muslim Chaplaincy](#).

Additional resources can be found here: <https://hrandequity.utoronto.ca/news/statement-on-muslim-family-killed-in-london>