



MSA and UTSU Joint Statement on Remembering the Events of January 29, 2017

On January 29th, 2017, seven people lost their lives and nineteen were injured in a horrific shooting that forced Canada to come face to face with the realities of Islamophobia.

Today marks the third anniversary of the shooting that took place at the Islamic Cultural Center of Quebec City. With heavy hearts, we stand with our fellow community members in Quebec who have suffered from unimaginable loss. Following the days, months, and years after the incident, we still feel their pain, agony, and heartbreak as we re-live the memory of the incident and grapple with its harrowing consequences.

The Muslim Students' Association and University of Toronto Students' Union offer our sincerest prayers, and keep our thoughts with the victims, their families, the first responders, and all those who were affected by this senseless act of violence. To be targeted simply for who you are, and what faith you practice, is unimaginable, but is unfortunately the reality for many. While we continue to mourn for members of the community who were taken too soon from us, we honour their memory by fostering a safe and inclusive space for people of all backgrounds, faiths and experiences. When faced with ubiquitous fear, we choose to spread hope, harmony, and love above all. Together we stand united against all forms of Islamophobia, hate, and discrimination as we continue to defend the civil liberties guaranteed to us all. The whole world grieves with Quebec as we search for ways to heal and move forward.

In solidarity,

MSA and the UTSU Executive Committee
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