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MCEC – Palmers Green Mosque statement on London attack 22 March 2017

Our home city of London has suffered a hideous attack. A palpable sense of anger and outrage runs through us all as well as heartbreak for the victims and their families.

Yesterday afternoon's attack on both Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament is an attack on what MCEC – Palmers Green Mosque and the people of this nation hold dear: freedom, peace and the ability to live our daily lives without fear. Our way of life is enshrined in the decisions made by our elected representatives who today came under attack; thereby we all came under attack.

The perpetrators of this attack have one objective: divide and stoke fear. Their myth of 'Them and Us' is exactly that, a myth. Of one thing we are certain, there was nothing holy or righteous about these actions and anyone who thinks so is misguided and wrong.

All of us have a collective responsibility for identifying and notifying the appropriate authorities of individuals who attack and kill innocents for whatever cause. People who carry out such attacks are an abomination to all of humanity and must be dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

We are grateful for the way our emergency services keep us all safe and continue to do so in difficult circumstances. We stand together strong and united.

Our prayers are with the departed and those they left behind and with the first responders who helped without care for their own safety. In that action alone we see what makes us human: the need to help others and to support goodness over the evil. Today our actions of good over evil start with our oft repeated but very clear message:

“We will not let the terrorists win by dividing us.”

#wearenotafraid #notinourname #unitedagainstterrorism #westminster

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