

## **MPF statement on terrorist attack in Finsbury Park**

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The Muslim Professionals Forum (MPF) are deeply shocked and disturbed by the terrorist attack that took place in the early hours of this morning on Muslim worshippers attending Taraweeh prayers at the Muslim Welfare House in Finsbury Park in London.

The attack, which involved a white van driver intentionally ploughing into a crowd of Muslim worshippers as they were going about their daily Ramadan rituals, has left one person dead and approximately 10 have been injured. It appears from eye witness accounts that the perpetrator was motivated by Islamophobia.

It is clear that in recent months, there has been a rise in many attacks and incidents inspired by Islamophobic-terrorism in the UK. As we are still in the month of Ramadan and with Eid-al-Fitr fast approaching, we advise all Muslims to remain vigilant and to stay safe when visiting the mosque at all times. We urge that all authorities, organisations and leaders are united in tackling Islamophobia and its sources. We also advise the authorities to increase security outside mosques as a matter of safety and urgency.

At this point, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers for the victims and their families affected by this attack.