

On Sunday, June 6th, 2021, a family of 5 were struck by a pick-up truck in London Ontario. Deceased are a 74-year-old woman, a 46-year-old man, a 44-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl. A nine-year-old boy is recovering in hospital from serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The names of these victims have not been released to maintain privacy.

According to London Police Service Detective Superintendent Paul Wright, the incident was planned, premeditated, and that the family was targeted because of their faith¹.

The Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP) stands in solidarity with the grieving family and community members. We are enraged by this yet another act of Islamophobia and racism. There are over 1,053,945 Muslims living in Canada² and many continue to experience violence, xenophobia, Islamophobia, and hate at the hands of their fellow Canadians. Collectively, we have a duty to acknowledge the compounding impacts of such violence against the Muslim community.

ASAAP demands a thorough investigation of this mass murder and while nothing can bring back the deceased members of our community, justice must be served to those involved in this heinous act of violence.

We also encourage our community members facing distress in light of this recent event to reach out to our staff members for support. Currently, we are able to offer referral and interpretation services in Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Urdu, Turkish, Nepali, Gujrati, and Punjabi. Please visit www.asaap.ca/staff to connect with one of our team members.

In solidarity,



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¹ <https://london.ctvnews.ca/police-say-driver-intentionally-crashed-into-muslim-family-in-london-ont-killing-4-1.5458887>

² <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/91-003-x/2014001/section03/33-eng.htm>