



**Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri
Jamaat of Toronto**
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Press Release

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The Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Toronto stands united with Canadians in unequivocally condemning yesterday's brutal rampage and murder of innocent civilians along Yonge Street. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families and friends of all those who lost their lives yesterday and those injured in this tragic attack.

We also wish to pay special tribute to the first responders; police, fire, EMS and hospital personnel who responded with such courage and compassion to this unprecedented assault on our city. These random acts of violence should not deter us from espousing Canadian values of living in peace, being respectful of one another and live in an inclusive society one that is admired all around the globe.

Although the motives of the perpetrator are not yet clear, nothing can justify such actions and we strongly condemn anyone who espouses, endorses, or in any way supports ideologies of violence and hate towards others.

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About the Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat (ISIJ) of Toronto

The Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat (ISIJ) of Toronto is a charitable organization comprised of a diverse community of over 7,000 Muslims, the majority of whom reside in the City of Vaughan and the Town of Richmond Hill. ISIJ of Toronto operates three religious centres in the Greater Toronto Area in Thornhill, Brampton and Hamilton. The guiding principles of the ISIJ of Toronto espouse and promote the core Canadian values of equality, fairness and tolerance. ISIJ of Toronto's progressive and socially responsible ethos is held up as a role model for other faith-based organizations in Canada and abroad. Through its centres, the organization successfully carries out its own youth programs, periodic publications, library, seniors' activities, burial facilities and various other functions. For more information, please visit www.jaffari.org

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