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Anti-Muslim Bias Incidents

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INTRODUCTION

Since the start of the year, CAIR has received hundreds of complaints from chapters across the country, and over 500 at our national headquarters concerning anti-Muslim hate crimes, discrimination, immigration and travel issues, school bullying incidents, and more. In April 2021, CAIR released its civil rights report documenting over 6,000 complaints nationwide in 2020 – most of which were related to discrimination. And in 2019, CAIR released a report documenting over 10,000 anti-Muslim bias incidents from 2014-2019.

During Israel's war on Gaza two months ago, CAIR recorded an uptick in anti-Muslim bias incidents, including four anti-Mosque incidents in May alone and several physical assault cases. In this document, CAIR presents some of the most severe cases it has observed over the past seven months. This report highlights 38 anti-Muslim bias incidents from the hundreds of cases CAIR has documented, which include hate crimes, harassment, school bullying, discrimination, hate speech, and anti-mosque incidents. Our belief is that these cases can provide the public a glimpse of the day-to-day lives of Muslims in America who continue to face the deadly threat of Islamophobia. Based on these documented incidents, we identified major trends over the past seven months.

On another note, Canada has been experiencing increasing anti-Muslim hate crimes. CAIR found 11 reports in the media documenting violent anti-Muslim crimes in Canada during the first seven months of 2021. The majority of these reports took place following the June 7, London, Ontario anti-Muslim terrorist attack that killed three generations of a Canadian Muslim family, leaving a 9-year-old child orphaned. In response to the incident, CAIR called on President Biden to condemn and confront the growing phenomenon of global Islamophobia following this deadly act of anti-Muslim terrorism.

CAIR continues to collect data from its offices across the country to gain a better insight into the major threats and bias incidents faced by the American Muslim community. While we can do our best to obtain data from the mainstream press, we urge members of the Muslim community and others to report their experiences to their local CAIR chapter and law enforcement. In order to improve our work in policy, advocacy, and research, it is essential that CAIR continues to receive these reports. It is our hope that this document will serve as a resource for lawmakers, the press, academics, and the general public to help better understand the threat of Islamophobia in the United States and North America.



KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS

CAIR documented a spike in anti-Muslim hate crimes during the Israeli war on Gaza in May. This included a sudden rise in anti-mosque incidents in May and June involving cases of vandalism and an attempted stabbing, and several physical assaults targeting Muslim women wearing hijab (religious head covering).

Bullying against Muslim students continues to occur at rapid rates involving hate speech and physical attacks.

Public officials are frequently using anti-Muslim hate speech through social media avenues to marginalize American Muslims.

CAIR has noted an increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes in Canada following a vehicular murder that killed three generations of a Canadian Muslim family in June.





DEFINING AND CATALOGING ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENTS

This summary report catalogs and classifies anti-Muslim bias incidents that CAIR and its network of chapters responded to over the past seven months. CAIR defines all incidents recorded in this report as anti-Muslim bias incidents. Anti-Muslim bias incidents involve violence, threats, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, bullying, or hate speech motivated by Islamophobia. Some cataloged anti-Muslim bias incidents are also classified as hate crimes. Other non-violent incidents are labeled as various acts of discrimination. Below are the category definitions CAIR uses for anti-Muslim bias incidents.

ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENTS: Incidents including harassment, intimidation, and hate crimes that target an Islamic house of worship or community center used for prayer by Muslims.

SCHOOL BULLYING: Unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-age children or perpetrated by educators and administrators that involves a real or perceived power imbalance based on the student's Islamic faith.

ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION: Incidents including a person being denied accommodation, employment, banking, purchases, housing, or other services on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, or religion.

HATE CRIME: Actions including physical violence targeting individuals or damage targeting property on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, or religion.

HATE SPEECH: Abusive or threatening speech or other form of verbal or written harassment that expresses prejudice on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, or religion.

ISLAMOPHOBIA: In short, Islamophobia is defined as anti-Muslim bigotry. At length, Islamophobia is a fear, hatred or prejudice toward Islam and Muslims. Islamophobia sometimes manifests as a pattern of discrimination and oppression. It creates a distorted understanding of Islam and Muslims by transforming the global and historical faith tradition of Islam, along with the rich history of cultural and ethnic diversity of its adherents, into a set of stereotyped characteristics most often reducible to themes of violence, civilizational subversion, and fundamental otherness.



ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENTS CATALOGED AND CLASSIFIED: JANUARY–JULY, 2021

■ ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENTS

2/4/2021 | ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENT INVOLVING HARASSMENT:

A letter was [sent](#) to the Islamic Center of Hawthorne in California falsely claiming to be from the office of Congresswoman Maxine Waters' office, threatening to send the National Guard to close the mosque. imbalance based on the student's Islamic faith.

The letter ended with *"Your religious services and rituals to praising silly Muhammed, is inconceivable and intolerable to me."*

4/25/2021 | ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENT INVOLVING RACIST GRAFFITI:

Vandals in Minnesota [spray-painted](#) hate messages including "Death to Islam," *F**k Islam*, "N**ger," and a Nazi swastika on and near the Moorhead Fargo Islamic Center. A window of the mosque was also broken.

5/9/2021 | ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENT INVOLVING AN ATTEMPTED STABBING:

There was an [attempted stabbing](#) of a security guard at the Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, Virginia. The attacker reportedly pointed his knife at several people before fleeing the scene.

5/13/2021 | ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENT INVOLVING VANDALISM:

The Tayba Islamic Center in Brooklyn, New York [was vandalized](#) and spray painted with "Death to Palestine" overnight.

5/19/2021 | ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENT INVOLVING VANDALISM:

The Islamic Center of Suffolk County in Brentwood, California [was vandalized](#) with pro-Trump graffiti. The perpetrators also burned the Alam, a red and white flag that symbolizes peace and justice in the Shia faith tradition.



5/22/2021 | ANTI-MOSQUE INCIDENT INVOLVING HATE SPEECH:

A [threatening email](#) was sent to the Islamic Center of Charlotte in North Carolina.

The email stated: *“every mosque from here to Bahrain will turn to dust,”* after beginning *“You have no Islamic rights in this country, you’re [sic] children and women are ours.”* It also stated *“No mayor, no city, county, state police, fbi, cia, [sic] or the military can stop me.”*

SCHOOL BULLYING

1/12/2021 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING BULLYING AND HATE SPEECH:

A Muslim student at LaGuardia High School in New York was [allegedly](#) called a “terrorist” by his teacher.

2/23/2021 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING SCHOOL BULLYING:

The Allen Independent School District in Texas [implemented](#) an educational curriculum that included anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim rhetoric. For example, a quiz question asks, *“Which is an important cause of terrorism in the Middle East”*. The correct answer being, *“Many Palestinians believe terrorism is justified against Israeli occupation.”*

5/7/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING BULLYING AND PHYSICAL ASSAULT:

A Muslim high school student in Lansdale, Pennsylvania had her hijab [ripped off](#) by two other female students.

The two attackers, both white students, allegedly harassed the student online for months, calling her n***r, among other slurs. Her family reported the incident to the school, but say they did not receive any feedback. The [family notes](#) that a number of racist and Islamophobic incidents targeting her have occurred over multiple years within the same school district.

6/20/2021 | AN ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING A STUDENT TARGETED BY HATE SPEECH:

A 17-year-old Muslim student who wears hijab and is of Pakistani descent [was reportedly booed and told “go back to Pakistan” by a parent](#) while giving a graduation speech at the Wheatley School in Old Westbury, New York. In the speech, the student asked her classmates to seek out knowledge about international issues plaguing the world, including the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians and Uighur Muslims and global warming. During her speech, the student was also booed by parents who chanted, “We support Israel.” Afterwards, parents harassed and bullied the student and her family. At one point, one parent was caught on video asking the student, “What about Hamas?”



ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION

3/1/2021 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION:

A Muslim passenger was [religiously profiled](#) at Louis Lambert International Airport in St. Louis, Missouri [because](#) his middle name is Mohammad.

When he went back to the counter to ask for an explanation for what happened, he was told that it was because his middle name “Mohammad” was flagged. When the passenger continued to seek information about the incident, the Delta staffer called the police.

4/1/2021 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION:

A Muslim woman of Somali origin in California’s Santa Clara County was [reportedly forced](#) by deputies to remove her religious headscarf (hijab) while in custody.

5/31/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING CUSTOMER DISCRIMINATION:

A Southwest Airlines flight attendant in Dallas, Texas [denied a Muslim woman](#) who was born and raised in the United States a seat in an exit row, [reportedly stating](#) that she “couldn’t speak English and would bring the whole plane down in an emergency.” At the same time, she allowed the victim’s sister who does not wear the hijab (Islamic head scarf) to sit in the same seat.

6/23/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION AND INTIMIDATION:

Correctional officers allegedly [threw away an inmate’s belongings, including legal documents, clothes and a Quran](#) – Islam’s revealed text – and other Islamic and religious research and materials in the Baltimore Pre-Trial Facility in Jessup, Maryland. The Muslim inmate said that one of the officers, about whom he had previously filed complaints, threatened him with riot control fogger spray, which could be lethal for the inmate due to his asthma and inflamed tonsils. The Muslim inmate was not permitted to have his attorney or family members retrieve the items. When the Muslim inmate complained about the trashing of his personal belongings and the Quran, the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) denied his claims.



7/12/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION:

On a flight from Montana to Texas, a Mesa Airlines flight attendant [humiliated](#) a 34-year-old Muslim woman mid-flight for attempting to dispose of her daughter's diaper in a bathroom garbage bin. After the Muslim woman filed the incident report, the flight attendant called her over the phone to tell her that she had been placed on a no-fly list for "creating a biohazard."

HATE CRIMES

1/13/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING A TERRORISTIC THREAT TARGETING MUSLIM LAWMAKER:

U.S. Representative Andre Carson was [targeted](#) by a Capitol Hill coup terrorist suspect's threatening "good guy, bad guy" list. The suspect was arrested after the deadly Capitol coup attempt on January 6, 2021. Officials discovered 11 Molotov cocktails, explosive devices, an M4 carbine assault rifle, ammo, and two handguns, along with the handwritten messages in his truck in Washington, DC.

Although the handwritten note does not explicitly label Carson as a "good" or "bad" guy, it indicates he is one of a small number of Muslims serving in the House.

1/21/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING A DEADLY WEAPON AND VERBAL THREAT:

A Muslim man was [threatened](#) by an assailant holding a rifle stating that he would murder him in an Albany, New York store. The victim told officers that the suspect threatened him because of his religious identity.

1/23/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT:

A 68-year-old Afghan worker in Portland, Oregon was [abused](#) with anti-Muslim slurs and pelted with items while working at a local gas station.

1/27/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT AND HATE SPEECH:

A Middle Eastern man in his 50s was [berated and hit](#) with a laptop by a woman in Palo Alto, California. It was reported the man told the woman who hit him that he did not have money for her and she said, "you don't belong in my country" and asked for his identification. A witness heard the woman cursing and calling him an immigrant.



4/18/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT:

A Maryland Muslim man was [spat](#) on by his neighbor on April 18. The family reported to CAIR that over the course of two years, they have been subjected to racial/anti-immigrant slurs, told to “go back to where they came from”, and that a death threat was made against a member of the family.

4/21/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT:

A 21-year-old Asian-American Muslim woman on Long Island suffered an [acid attack](#). On March 17, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Nafiah Ikram, the victim, returned home with her mother. As Ikram was walking to her house, an unknown individual ran up to her and threw what is thought to be battery acid in her face. Ikram’s parents rushed outside to render aid to their daughter. Ikram was rushed to the hospital. She suffered severe burns to her face, eyes, neck, and hands and spent 15 days in the hospital.

5/17/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT:

A group of protestors were [pepper-sprayed](#) at a Fresno Rally. The suspect had yelled “*F*** all of Palestine*” and “*We don’t support Palestine,*” before he began spraying.





5/19/2021 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT:

Two Muslim women were [physically assaulted](#) while they were waiting to pick up their children after school in Northern Virginia.

Family members [told CAIR](#) that a woman attacked the Muslim women – both of whom wear Islamic headscarves (hijab) – outside Rolling Ridge Elementary in Sterling, Va., reportedly pushing and spitting on one and slapping another in the face while making threatening statements and references to religion. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is investigating the alleged assault.

5/28/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT AND HATE SPEECH:

A Mason, Ohio Muslim Uber driver was [allegedly physically attacked](#), racially abused, and had his car vandalized by a belligerent passenger. The drunk passenger told the driver “I hope to hell you get shot” and called him the n-word. While getting out of the vehicle, the passenger also vandalized the car. When the driver asked the passenger to stop damaging his car, the passenger told the driver to remember that “you are black and I am white,” and then punched him in the shoulder. The passenger then fell down and injured himself and proceeded to smear his blood on the driver and on the inside of his car. To make matters worse, the driver's Uber account was temporarily shut down by the company.

5/29/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT AND HATE SPEECH:

A 13-year-old Sikh American boy wearing a turban was the [target of a violent assault](#) and hate speech by a group of teens in Suffolk County, New York. According to reports in the media, the boy was “punched in the face” as a group of teens hurled “racial slurs” at the boy and “called him Mohammed.” One of the boy's 13-year-old [attackers was arrested and charged](#) with second degree aggravated harassment.

6/1/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIME INVOLVING TERRORISTIC DEATH THREATS AND HATE SPEECH:

The Palestinian American Community Center in Clifton, New Jersey [received multiple violent threats](#) by two separate male callers who verbally harassed the staff, with one of the callers making terroristic threats to bomb the center and physically and sexually assault the staff. Some 30 threatening and harassing calls were made to the center by the two individuals. Police assigned a patrol car to the center and are investigating the incident.



6/9/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING ONLINE THREATS AND CALLS, HARASSMENT, AND HATE SPEECH:

After U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar criticized [the human rights violations](#) that our government and other actors have committed in the Middle East, she received a [surge in online death threats](#) and calls against her.

6/20/21 | TWO HATE CRIMES PERPETRATED BY THE SAME PERSON, INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT, HATE SPEECH:

A man screamed anti-Muslim slurs at two couples in Queens, NY in separate unprovoked attacks less than an hour apart.

In one of the attacks, a couple was walking in South Richmond Hill when the assailant screamed epithets, punched the man in the back and tugged on the woman's hijab before punching her in the arm and running off.

An hour later and about a mile away, the same assailant attacked an elderly couple while spewing anti-Muslim hate. The assailant punched the elderly woman repeatedly in the face before running off. The elderly woman suffered a fractured nose and cuts to her face and head.

6/29/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING HARASSMENT AND VANDALISM:

A Las Vegas, NV man is [accused of smearing raw bacon](#) on a Muslim family's home and car. The Muslim family, which includes two young children, had been harassed by the man since January. The man is being charged with harassment, stalking and being a nuisance.

7/7/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND A VERBAL THREAT:

According to [media reports](#), Adrian Aceves, 33, of Bakersfield, CA approached several King's Drive-In restaurant employees and questioned them regarding their nationalities. When one employee answered that he was Arab, the suspect brandished a knife and revealed a desire to harm the victims, whom he referred to as "terrorists."

The Bakersfield Police Department arrested the suspect for criminal threats and the commission of a hate crime, as well as a pre-existing arrest warrant for violation of post release community supervision.



HATE SPEECH

1/4/2021 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING HATE SPEECH:

Kings County Democratic District Leader Lori Maslow of the 41st Assembly District, New York, [tweeted](#) that Palestinians will be [‘wiped off the face of the earth.’](#)

2/8/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING AN ONLINE DEATH THREAT:

A [threat targeting](#) CAIR-Florida Communications Director Wilfredo Ruiz was posted on the website of Islamophobe David Horowitz’s Frontpage Magazine.

The reported death threat to Ruiz read, *“Self-hating puerto rican [sic]. An infidel, he should be beheaded.”*

3/29/2021 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING ISLAMOPHOBIC AND RACIST SPEECH:

In New Jersey, the Edison School Board vice president Mohin Patel has a history of making anti-Muslim posts on Facebook. In a Facebook [post](#) in February 2021, Patel featured a comic that showed a Muslim man asking a Buddhist monk “why do you pray to a rock” before showing the man praying to the Kaaba in Mecca.

Patel is one of the Edison Eight – a group of eight individuals identified by the U.S. Postal Inspector as responsible for a racist 2017 mailer urging residents to *“Make Edison Great Again”* and warned *“the Chinese and Indians are taking over our town.”*

4/4/2021 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING HATE SPEECH:

Greg Murphy [tweeted an anti-Muslim statement](#) in response to U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar, who tweeted her condolences for the officer killed in a car ramming attack on police in Washington, D.C.

Rep. Omar tweeted: *“Heartbroken to learn another CP was killed while protecting the Capitol. My thoughts and prayers go out to the officer’s family and the entire Capitol Police force. The death toll would have been worse if the assailant had an AR-15 instead of a knife.”*

In the now-deleted tweet, U.S. Representative Murphy wrote: *“Would have been worse @ Ilhan if they had been flying planes into the buildings also.”*



5/18/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING HATE SPEECH:

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) [paid for an advertisement on Facebook](#) that displayed an image of Rep. Omar with rockets raining down on Israel in the background. The image falsely claimed that Omar said that when Israel targets Hamas, it's an "act of terrorism." Omar actually stated that Israeli airstrikes killing civilians in Gaza is an act of terrorism and that Palestinians deserve protection.

5/18/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING HATE SPEECH:

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene posted [anti-Muslim tweets](#) about Rep. Omar referring to the ongoing Israeli bombardment in Gaza. In response to a tweet from Rep. Omar stating "Palestinian lives matter. Pass it On," Rep. Greene replied "Jewish lives matter. So tell your terrorist buddies in Hamas to stop bombing them. #JihadSquad"

Both incidents were shameful attempts by AIPAC and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene to weaponize anti-Muslim bias and tropes to falsely associate Rep. Omar with terrorism.

6/30/21 | ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENT INVOLVING HATE SPEECH:

CAIR [called](#) on on the Ada County Commission in Idaho to drop a sheriff nominee who has expressed Islamophobic, anti-Semitic, racist, and sexist views. Nominee Doug Traubel's inflammatory social media posts and book, in which he claims Marxist values have eroded America, were discussed at length during his hour-long interview with the Ada County Commission.

The Idaho Statesman [reported](#): "Commissioner Kendra Kenyon, of District 3, questioned Traubel about posts he has written about the number of Black men who rape white women; his support for the 'constitutional' sheriff movement; and comments that he wears a mask with 'hoax' written on it when traveling on airplanes, that 'Islam is the culture of death' and that single mothers are 'not an economically viable unit.'"



ANTI-MUSLIM BIAS INCIDENTS IN CANADA

On June 7, in London, Ontario 20-year-old Nathaniel Veltman allegedly jumped the curb in his vehicle in a [deliberate Islamophobic terrorist attack that struck five members of the family](#), killing four of them and seriously injuring a 9-year-old child. The child was later released from the hospital after recovering.

In response to the incident, CAIR called on President Biden to condemn and confront the growing phenomenon of global Islamophobia following the deadly act of anti-Muslim terrorism.

While the Biden Administration had not condemned or even commented on the Ontario Muslim family's murder – the Canadian government acted swiftly by indicting Veltman on terrorism charges, along with four counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

This terrorist attack targeting a Muslim family in Ontario because of their Islamic faith is not an isolated incident but rather a part of a national rise in violent Islamophobic hate crimes perpetrated against Canadian Muslims. Recently, Canadian police reported that they documented a [7-percent rise](#) in hate crimes in 2019.

In the first seven months of 2021, CAIR found 11 serious reports in the media of violent anti-Muslim hate crimes that took place in Canada. The majority of these reports took place following the June 7, London, Ontario anti-Muslim terrorist attack as listed below.

CAIR believes that several of these attacks may have been inspired by the June 7 anti-Muslim terrorist attack. CAIR also notes a particular upsurge of anti-Muslim hate crimes taking place in Edmonton, Alberta. While these cases do not account for all anti-Muslim bias incidents in Canada – they do represent a growing threat to Muslims in North America and around the world.



MID-YEAR SNAPSHOT OF CANADIAN ANTI-MUSLIM TERRORIST ATTACKS AND HATE CRIMES

1/18/21 & 2/3/21 | THREE HATE CRIMES INVOLVING THE SAME PERPETRATOR, ACTS OF ASSAULTS AND HATE SPEECH:

In Edmonton, Alberta, on January 18, [Shane Edward Tremblay](#) verbally harassed a 43-year-old Black woman outside a convenience store and then followed her inside the store where he assaulted her. He then fled on foot.

On February 3, police reported that Tremblay targeted a 19-year-old Muslim woman wearing hijab at the University of Alberta Transit Centre. The woman was subjected to “racial comments” and physically threatening postures intimating she was about to be attacked until a transit employee intervened.

Thirty minutes later, Tremblay ran across the road to block the path of a 27-year-old Black woman wearing a burka. He shouted at the woman and verbally harassed her before momentarily leaving. He then snuck up behind the woman, pushing her while making threats to kill her and tear off her burka.

Tremblay is being charged with three counts of uttering threats and three counts of assault.

4/27/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING ROAD RAGE ASSAULT AND HATE SPEECH:

In Edmonton, Alberta, a 34-year-old man made profane gestures towards a Muslim family, which included a woman wearing hijab, while [driving on the highway](#). The aggressor sped up and slowed down while chasing the Muslim family causing a collision between the two cars. After pulling over the man made racial slurs at the Muslim family, attacked a third-party witness to the collision, and left the scene without providing identification. He is being charged with assault causing bodily harm, careless driving and several other traffic infractions.

6/11/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING PHYSICAL ASSAULT:

In Edmonton, Alberta, a Black Muslim woman in her 50s out walking [was attacked from behind](#) and thrown onto the pavement. She received injuries to her face, lips, and teeth, which included a broken nose. The perpetrator ran off and is being sought by police.

6/7/21 | PREMEDITATED ANTI-MUSLIM VEHICULAR TERRORIST ATTACK TARGETS MUSLIM FAMILY OF FIVE, KILLING FOUR, SERIOUSLY INJURING ONE IN LONDON, ONTARIO:

See above for the incident report.



6/12/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING ATTEMPTED VEHICULAR RUNDOWN OF MOTHER AND DAUGHTER, VERBAL THREATS, HATE SPEECH:

In Hamilton, Ontario, a mother and daughter walking through a parking lot plaza initially interacted with an individual who almost struck one of them while pulling out of a parking space. The driver “utter[ed] threats towards the victims while using Islamophobic slurs targeting the Muslim community” [according to police](#). The victims were forced to run away from the driver and hide in nearby bushes while he searched for them. The driver then found the mother and daughter and threatened to kill them. Fleeing the driver once again while screaming, witnesses intervened, and the driver fled. The driver was later apprehended by police and was charged with three counts of uttering threats, two counts of assault with a weapon, dangerous operation of a vehicle, and failure to comply with his probation.

6/15/21 | ANTI-MOSQUE HATE CRIME INVOLVING BREAKING AND ENTERING AND TERRORISTIC THREATS TO MUSLIM WORSHIPERS:

In Scarborough, an area of Toronto, Ontario, a 24-year-old man and 22-year-old woman were charged with breaking and entering the Islamic Institute of Toronto, [threatening to shoot and blow up the Muslim worshippers](#) inside the mosque. The man and woman were also charged with threatening death and mischief to property and endangering life.

6/17/21 | ANTI-MOSQUE HATE CRIME INVOLVING SWASTIKA VANDALISM:

In Edmonton, vandals [spray-painted a swastika](#) on the Baitul Hadi Mosque. Police reported two other similar incidents within the same neighborhood took place in April.

6/24/21 | HATE CRIME ASSAULT ON BUS PASSENGER, HATE SPEECH:

In Edmonton, Alberta, a 23-year-old Muslim woman wearing hijab was [attacked by a fellow bus passenger](#) who struck her with a shopping bag while yelling racial obscenities.



6/25/21 | HATE CRIME INVOLVING ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, A PHYSICAL ATTACK, AND HATE SPEECH:

In St. Albert, an Area of Edmonton, Alberta, [two sisters wearing hijab were held at knifepoint](#) by a man making racial slurs who pushed one of the Muslim women onto the ground knocking her unconscious. Police believe the attack was motivated by hatred toward Muslims.

CAIR notes that anti-Muslim terrorism inspiring other attackers to commit acts of Islamophobic violence and other hate crimes remains a transnational threat. This is best exemplified by the January 2017 Quebec City Mosque shooting.

The name of twenty-seven-year-old Alexandre Bissonnette, who murdered six Muslim worshipers and seriously injured five others during a mass shooting at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City, was written on one of the weapons used in the March 2019 Christchurch, New Zealand Mosque terrorist attack that took the lives of 51 Muslim worshipers and injured 40.



Muslim woman knocked unconscious in alleged 'hate-motivated' attack in St. Albert; suspect at large

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St. Albert RCMP Constable M.J. Burrows releases a statement on Thursday June 24, 2021 about an attack on two Muslim women in St. Albert. The two sisters were walking near Alderwood Park in St. Albert at approximately 12:30pm on Wednesday June 23, 2021 when a man with a knife physically assaulted them. The suspect is still at large. PHOTO BY LARRY WONG /Postmedia





RECOMMENDATIONS

To reverse this disturbing trend toward increased anti-Muslim bias incidents, hate crimes, bullying, and acts of discrimination, CAIR recommends that the United States government and American Muslim community take the following steps:

President Biden and members of Congress should actively condemn anti-Muslim bias incidents and hate crimes when they occur and reinforce that Islamophobia is not an American value.

Federal law enforcement should aggressively prosecute unlawful acts of anti-Muslim hate crimes when local law enforcement fails to act.

Congress should adopt legislation making federal funding for local law enforcement agencies contingent on those agencies documenting and reporting hate crimes to the FBI's national database.

In response to the growing threats of anti-Muslim violence in the United States, Canada, and around the world, CAIR is also calling on the Biden Administration to appoint a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia in the State Department. Islamophobia endangers Muslims in Austria, China, Burma, France, India, Israel, Kashmir, and numerous other countries around the world.

CAIR knows that anti-Muslim bias incidents targeting the community continue to be underreported to both law enforcement and American Muslim community institutions. Therefore, CAIR urges Muslim leaders to better educate the Muslim community on the need to report anti-Muslim bias incidents and requests Muslim community members to report any bias incidents to police and to CAIR's Civil Rights Department at 202-742-6420 or by filing a report at: <http://www.cair.com/report>

To better protect American Muslim houses of worship and community centers, CAIR encourages community leaders and members to [learn how to apply](#) for the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Nonprofit Security Grant Program. This federal grant program is designed to provide funds for physical security enhancements and other security related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of violence.



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Anti-Muslim Bias Incidents

CAIR also urges members of the American Muslim community to [request a copy](#) of CAIR's safety and security guidelines to mosques and other Islamic institutions.

CAIR's safety guidelines, which include recommendations drafted by a leading security consultant, are designed to be used by mosque officials, Muslim school administrators and other community leaders and activists who seek to identify and eliminate vulnerabilities to bias-motivated attacks.

Muslims and allies can also request CAIR to host a local [Bystander Intervention Training](#). The objective of this training, in light of the recent uptick in hate crime incidents, is to teach situational awareness and empower participants to safely intervene in case they find themselves in such a scenario.