



JSpaceCanada condemns terrorist action in Quebec and Trump's executive order

Toronto, January 30, 2017 – JSpaceCanada is shocked and saddened at the news that six people were murdered while praying at a mosque in Quebec City last night. While full details have yet to be released, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has described this crime as a terrorist act. JSpaceCanada deplors any and all terrorist activity no matter where the terrorism takes place or against whom the terror is directed. We pray that those injured recover fully and we stand with our brothers and sisters in the Muslim community and with all Canadians who condemn hate in our country.

All Jewish organizations must stand up in protest to President Donald Trump's immigration ban that singles out some Muslim countries. There is an inherent immorality in rejecting refugees on an arbitrary basis, while poisoning the discourse with hateful rhetoric and propaganda to justify his executive orders. President Trump has shown us yet again that fear mongering and scapegoating minorities works to grab power as we have seen historically throughout the ages. What an awful irony that he imposed the ban on the international Holocaust memorial day.

JSpaceCanada joins with all progressive Jewish organizations, and all like-minded people who believe in human rights and humanitarian causes, to uphold our Canadian and Jewish values of welcoming the stranger. The barbaric, murderous attack on the mosque in Quebec is just one example of the terrible worldwide impact of President Trump's hate and fear mongering, and we should all stand in solidarity against it.

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