

Assalamo Alayokom

Many of you are aware of the recent tragic events that occurred in Ottawa, Ontario, and Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, Quebec, which resulted in the loss of two lives and a third injured soldier. The government has classified this action as a Terrorist Attack, indicating that the killers have ties to Islam. The attacks have left many families devastated with the loss of loved ones and children with no father's. Sadly, these families may truly never find closure from this horrific act.

Undoubtedly, the events that occurred have left the Muslim Community in an unfavorable position, as many people are unable to differentiate between a Fanatical Group (eg. ISIS) and/or an individual (condemned by Islam) with a religion that promotes Love and Peace.

It is time we as a Muslim Community come together and show our Canadian neighbors that Canada is home to a vast majority of peaceful, loving, respected, neighborly people of the Muslim faith. On Monday November 3rd, 2014 the EIA will begin collecting donations of which 100% of the proceeds will be given to the families of victims. The EIA Administration invites the parents, students, and families of our school to join together in the Canadian wide effort to contribute to the welfare of the families of the victims. Throughout the month of November, we encourage students, family members, and members of the community to show their support and contribute to this heart felt initiative. Donations can be made at the EIA and Al-Rashid Mosque.

We encourage all of you to participate in this school wide gesture of peace and empathy for the victims; of what is truly a terrible act and a misrepresentation of a close-knit Islamic Community both in Canada and World-wide.

In Shaa Allah, we will be able to present a generous donation on behalf of our giving community.

Jazak Allahu Khayr,