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The Islamic Center of Southern California Condemns the recent terrorist attacks in England. Islam considers the use of terrorism to be unacceptable for any purpose. It is particularly disturbing that medical professionals have been implicated in this latest attack. Terrorism is a crime and those who would engage in it are criminals regardless of their race, religion, profession or political persuasion. Any individual or group that claims that these heinous actions serve as a redress for legitimate grievances is dreadfully mistaken. The Islamic Center condemns the exploitation of people and issues, regardless of the perpetrators and their justifications. This assault is an attack against all of humanity.

The Islamic Center of Southern California is calling upon members of the American Muslim community to be on alert and take pro-active measures to protect the security of our mosques, communities, and nation. During this sensitive time, it is crucial that American Muslim institutions review and implement the Grassroots Campaign to Fight Terrorism (SEE: [www.mpac.org/atc](http://www.mpac.org/atc)) which encourages Muslim leaders to monitor their mosque environment in order to prevent nefarious activity and to build relationships with local law enforcement in order to be proactive members of the broader community.

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