



## Abdullah Quilliam Mosque & National Heritage Centre

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### **Hands off our community, our places of worship and our emergency services**

It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness that we, the Muslim community at the Abdullah Quilliam Society express our heartfelt condolences to the families affected by the tragic incident in Southport. The loss of innocent children in this senseless act of violence has shocked and devastated our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims' families during this unimaginably difficult time.

We strongly condemn this terrible attack on innocent lives. We stand with the community in Southport, mourning the loss of these precious children and demanding full justice. We also send our prayers for the quick and full recovery of all the other victims, including the brave adults who were injured while protecting the children and the police officers injured during the unrest.

We also stand with the people of Southport who suffered a night of senseless violence and riots perpetrated by racist and right-wing fascists in our community. They came to attack the Muslim community and their place of worship based on a false claim that the attack on the children was carried out by a Muslim and an illegal immigrant. It is important to stress that this incident is not related to the Muslim community and the person arrested for the crime has been reported as a Welsh born individual with no connection to Islam or Muslims. We strongly condemn these Islamophobic attacks on our mosques.

We stand with our emergency services and send our strongest words of condemnation for the cowardly and sickening attacks on our police officers who were there to protect the local community and their places of worship. They have suffered atrocious attacks by these racist thugs and we hope these attackers will be identified and charged accordingly.

Islam is a religion of peace, and we firmly oppose all forms of violence and hatred. In these tough times, we must come together in unity and not let hate divide us. We urge everyone to keep the peace and cooperate with the law enforcement agencies to do their job properly.

Our places of worship are all sacrosanct and their security is paramount. Our strength comes from our compassion and unity, let us stand firm and hold on to these values in our beautiful city.

Peace & Blessings,

**Abdullah Quilliam Society**



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