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Faith leaders' message of unity against terrorism

More than 20 leading members from Jewish, Muslim and Christian and other faith communities gathered at London Central mosque in Regent's Park yesterday, Friday 16th, in a show of unity against the horrific terrorist attacks last week in Paris which killed 17 people.



Dr Shuja Shafi, the secretary general of the [Muslim Council of Britain](#) said: "We come together in solidarity. Last week, we all watched in

horror as people were killed mercilessly. We saw gunmen kill, insulting our faith, and defying the Quranic injunction to save life.”

Shafi went on: “Yes, Muslims are no doubt hurt and offended by those depictions [of Muhammad]. But nothing offends us more than the insult, hurt and dishonour this attack has brought on our community and faith.” He added that he was particularly hurt and shocked by the attack on the kosher supermarket in France and said: “Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism have no place in society.”

[Vivian Wineman](#), president of the [Board of Deputy of Jews](#), who sat beside Dr Shafi, said: “It’s lovely to see a unity of people from different faiths.” He said the attack on freedom of speech in Paris was an attack on values in our society: “You attack one minority, you attack us all.”

Mehri Niknam said: “The aim of the terrorists is to create hatred and division among our faith communities. We shall defy them by strengthening our bonds of interfaith relations and cooperation. The Foundation will redouble its efforts through its projects between the Muslim and Jewish communities, particularly our National Council of Imams & Rabbis that will communicate this message to their congregations.