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## **Sikh Council UK condemns London terrorist atrocity; offers sincere condolences to the bereaved**

Sikh Council UK offers sincere its condolences, thoughts and prayers to the innocent victims that have been killed and injured this afternoon in Westminster, London following a terrorist incident.

Sikh Council UK strongly condemns this cowardly attack, which targeted the public and attempted to attack at the heart of British democracy.

It has been reported that so far four people have lost their lives and 20 have been injured. We urge all to follow advice from the MET Police and avoid for now the area where the incident took place.

Sikh Council UK requests for calm amongst the public and in particular urge for vigilance amongst the Sikh community both individually and Gurdwara managements as unfortunately Sikhs have due to our distinct visible identity often been the target of wholly unjustifiable retaliatory attacks following incidents of terrorism.

It is important that all communities come together during these difficult times and that we not let terrorism segregate our communities into silos.

Sikh Council UK would urge all to review Government advice available online on what to do in the event of a terrorist incident:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film>

If you have any information or concerns please contact the police. In an emergency call 999.

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