

## Sikh Council UK urges Sikhs to remain vigilant following terrorist attack in London

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Sikh Council UK condemned the terrorist attack in London this morning and urged Sikh Gurdwara managements to remain vigilant and for the maintenance of all relevant safety and security measures.

Sikh Council UK Chair of Community Safety Ravjeet Singh said "We are in the unfortunate situation today of coming to terms with yet another terrorist atrocity. We condemn today's incident at Finsbury Park in the strongest terms and we offer our condolences, thoughts and prayers to the innocent victims.

"This is the third incident of terror in London in the past three months involving the use of motor vehicles as a weapon of death and destruction and we echo the calls for a wider debate on how we collectively respond to and tackle all those who promote ideologies based on hatred and terror."

He added "It is unfortunately the case that Sikhs and Sikh institutions have also been targeted where perpetrators are motivated by Islamophobia. We are urging Gurdwara managements to remain vigilant and keep an ongoing review of security arrangements in their respective areas and appealing to all Sikhs to report all hate crimes or concerns to the police and to Sikh Aware UK".

Sikh Aware UK is a hate crime monitoring platform recently established by Sikh community groups. Further details of Sikh Aware UK can be found at <a href="https://www.sikhaware.co.uk">www.sikhaware.co.uk</a>, on Twitter (@SikhAwareUK) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/SikhAwareUK).

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Note for Editors: Sikh Council UK is the largest representative body of Sikhs in the UK. We are recognised as the national advocate for British Sikhs in the United Kingdom and in the European Union.