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I'm live from 6am at #FinsburyPark for @GMB as one man dies, many injured as van drives into crowd of Muslims by a potential terrorist



All of us at Muslim Welfare House sends our thoughts and prayers to the victims and those injured at the major incident at Finsbury Park. The Muslim Community in this area is horrified at this incident and is concerned and shocked at the events.

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We have worked very hard over decades to build a peaceful and tolerant community here in Finsbury Park and we totally condemn any act of hate that tries to drive our wonderful community apart.

We would appeal for calm at this time. It is unhelpful for there to be speculation about the incident. All of our efforts should be towards getting justice for the victims and ensuring our community stays the diverse, tolerant and welcome place we know it to be. We call on all, including the media, to act responsibly at this time.

We have already met with the Police, Council and our local MP Jeremy Corbyn. We would like to thank them for their support.

Our mosque and welfare centre provides vital support to many people in North London and we will continue to do this despite this incident. Muslim Welfare house has always welcomed the whole community. Only a few days ago we hosted a Great Get Together in memory of Jo Cox, attended by people of every faith and background.

I would like to particularly thank our Imam Mohammed Mahmoud, whose bravery and courage helped calm the immediate situation after the incident and prevented further injuries and potential loss of life.

The Police should be given time to do their job. We will issue another statement later when more information have emerged.

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