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Statement on the recent violent anti-Muslim attacks in Edinburgh

On the Friday of last week, five people were injured in a series of racist and Islamophobic attacks across Edinburgh. A man targeted members of the Muslim community on an armed rampage, wounding two men near the Broomhouse Mosque, who required subsequent hospital treatment.

The event has sent shock waves throughout Edinburgh, Scotland and the UK.

Alongside statements from the Prime Minister, Scottish First Minister John Swinney declares: "There is no place for violence, racism or intolerance in our country."

Scotland, its public authorities and organisations, have a responsibility to address any messaging that is designed to create racist hatred, prejudice and violence and to ensure no person has grounds to feel unsafe due to their faith, ethnicity, migration status, or their perceived background.

ELREC, as an organisation that values and works toward an equal, inclusive and just community free from prejudice and discrimination, the racism displayed in these attacks and the violence committed against people within our community, is deeply alarming and entirely unjustifiable.

We stand with all of those who were affected by the events of last weekend and who are worried for their safety, and we stand, decidedly and absolutely, against all forms of discrimination, all violence and all attempts to rob Scotland of its diversity and the people of Scotland of their safety.

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