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Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton condemns the cowardly and the hateful act of lone individual who terrorized our city of Edmonton.

Like all Canadians we are committed to the safety and security of Canada. Somali Canadians are as much concerned if not more for the security of our city and our nation, and will never allow anything that will compromise its safety.

Like all terrorists the intent of this lone individual is to cause fear into our hearts and divide us. By all of us coming together at Churchill square tonight we have shown the terrorists that we are united more than ever and we will never be divided.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims' families and friends injured in last night's events. We hope calm and reasonable action will prevent hatred and acts of violence.

We commend our Edmonton Police the swift action they have taken to apprehend the perpetrator.

We wish the police officer and the pedestrians who we injured as result of this incident fast recovery.

We Canadians our diversity is our strength and in the light of this heinous act we must stand together in solidarity against hate and suspicious

United we stand divided we fall.

## Sincerely.

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