

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful



THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRESS RELEASE

Attention: News editors. Social affair, Ethnic media, interfaith media, and community writers

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Hate crimes against WA Sikh community must be condemned by all West Australians

Islamic Council of Western Australia Inc and members of the Muslim community stand shoulder to shoulder with the Sikh community at a time of unprecedented hate crime directed at Muslims and Sikhs of Western Australia.

Two weeks ago Mosques and Muslim schools were targeted by anti-Islam groups and yesterday a Sikh Gurdwara was a target of racists Bogans. The West Australian newspaper reported that Sikh Gurdwara was targeted because the criminals thought it was associated with Islam or Muslims, the subeditor called it “Vandals misdirect vitriol” as if vandals ought to have directed hate to Muslims.

Islamic council condemns all forms of racist criminal and vile attacks on any religious minority group and stands for freedoms and protection for all Western Australians from these criminal thugs of the Far Right.

Islamic Council of Western Australia urges the State government to establish an enquiry into the rise of rightwing fascist movements in Western Australia. We demand firm police action on these Far Right hate groups in the same breath and fervour as federal and state internal security forces target Australia’s Muslim community.

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Islamic Council of Western Australia Inc.

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