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# LONDON STANDS TOGETHER

The UK has yet again suffered a horrific act of terror, the second in as many weeks and less than three months since the attack in Westminster. On the evening of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, what started as a warm summer evening at London Bridge and the Borough market area became a scene of horror, with innocent Londoners and visitors to the city becoming the targets of three violent attackers. Their barbaric actions left 7 dead and 48 injured.

Just as in Manchester two weeks ago where 22 people, many in their youth, were killed by a suicide bomber, it was people enjoying their freedoms and having fun that were the targets. As Iraqis, we know this story all too well – only last week were families and children the target of a car bomb outside an ice cream shop in Baghdad, followed closely by another just hours later – near a bridge, incidentally – leaving a total of 31 dead and many more injured.

As part of the London community, the Iraqi Association stands together with all Londoners and those visiting London, and stands against those who attempt divide us. We join the many voices of condemnation of such atrocities and reaffirm our solidarity with the victims and their families. In the same way that we must remain vigilant of people who do not uphold our values of peace, tolerance and democracy, we must also be sure to be vigilant and report incidents of hate crime. However, we were also heartened to hear the many stories of bravery by members of the public and praise the heroic actions of the emergency services and their speedy response.

London's diversity is a huge part of what makes it a wonderful place to live; extremism has no place here.

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