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Mancunian Muslims appalled by attacks on our capital

The Manchester branch of The Islamic Society of Britain (ISB) stands aghast and in condemnation of yesterday's attacks on our capital city. First and foremost Manchester extends its heart-felt sympathy to the families of those killed and to all those who have been hurt or wounded in the explosions. ISB Manchester reaches out to the rest of the country during these difficult and trying times.

'After the communal celebrations that united the country in utter jubilation, we face an abyss of utter grief and fear. Now is the time to come together, for all those who highly regard the sanctity of life and to heal each other. We condemn the perpetrators and hope they are swiftly brought to justice,' said Dr Basil Hatahet, President of ISB Manchester.

Britain was in the midst of great optimism, embarking upon a journey of justice with regard to Africa, promoting the climate change debate as well as engaging in euphoria at winning the Olympic bid. The stark contrast of today's despair and confusion is only too clear. 'We honour the emergency and front-line services that were at the forefront of the rescue team. Let us keep alive the Olympic spirit and seek solidarity of our hearts and souls as we grieve together,' stressed Dr Basil Hatahet.

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Notes to Editors

1. For further information please contact the ISB Media representatives on: 07947 346 322 or 0709 201 3614
2. The Islamic Society of Britain (ISB) was established in 1990 in response to the needs of the growing British Muslim community to learn about, and to practice their faith in a British context. It is an affiliate member of the Muslim Council of Britain.
3. For details about ISB activities please visit: www.isb.org.uk.