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Press Release

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It is appalling that such barbaric and inhumane acts are being carried out under the pretext of religion. Islam is a religion of peace and mercy and forbids violence. To carry out these acts in the name of Islam represents a gross distortion of religious beliefs.

As British Muslims and people of conscience, FAIR unequivocally rejects the claim that any cause could possibly be advanced by the killing of civilians.

FAIR offers its sincerest condolences to the victims' families and calls for an immediate end to the bloodshed.

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We have several projects to tackle each of these areas, and we are making a significant progress.

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- 2. Equality Casework Monitoring**
- 3. Media & Popular Culture Watch**
- 4. Policy Research & Lobbying**

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