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National Association of Muslim Police Statement in Response to the Attacks in Merseyside

We are deeply saddened by the tragic attack in Merseyside, where thirteen people were assaulted. The casualties include eight injured children, two wounded adults, and the deaths of three innocent children. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families during this incredibly difficult time.

A 17-year-old suspect was arrested at the scene, and there is now an ongoing criminal investigation. It is crucial that this investigation is allowed to proceed without any prejudice. We urge everyone to refrain from spreading disinformation, as it can significantly undermine the investigation and negatively impact community relations.

The dissemination of misinformation has already led to rioting, looting, arson and disorder, which we strongly condemn. This has not only resulted in violence against police officers but also fuelled an outbreak of anti-Muslim hatred. There have been crowds gathering outside a mosque in Southport, hurling bricks and other missiles at both the mosque and at police officers. Such behaviour is utterly unacceptable.

We call for calm and urge everyone to allow the police to carry out their duties. We also want to reassure all communities that the police are dedicated to maintaining safety and order. If you experience any anti-Muslim hatred or any other type of crime, please report it online via https://www.report-it.org.uk/religious_hate_crime, call 101, or 999 in an emergency. If you have any information that may be able to help with police enquiries, you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>.

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