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"We belong to Allah and to Allah we shall return' [Al-Qur'an 2:157].

BUFFALO May 16, 2022: On Saturday, May 14, our hometown Buffalo, NY, was devastated by the grief-stricken news of the heinous act of racially motivated violent extremism. On Saturday afternoon, an 18-year-old entered the Tops Friendly Markets supermarket in Kingsley, an eastern neighborhood of Buffalo, New York, and live-streamed himself, while repeatedly bursting bullets, causing the loss of 10 lives and 3 injured.

The accused, identified as an 18-year-old Payton S. Gendron of Conklin, New York, about 200 miles (320 km) away, traveled to the supermarket for three and a half hours. He was taken into custody and charged with first-degree murder. He is reported to have written a manifesto, describing himself as a white supremacist and voicing support for the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory. The attack has been described as domestic terrorism, and the incident is being investigated as racially motivated.

We all must stand shoulder to shoulder against irrational violence and its hateful propagation. WNYMuslims denounces such appalling acts. We believe that these perpetrators are disconnected from humanity and its obligations. We strongly believe that the misdeeds of a few members don't reflect their whole community. We request the community not to be judgmental and to be patient in this grave situation. "O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient." (Qur'an, 2:153)

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