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Several Muslims among victims of a truck attack in Nice

WNY Muslims condemns the Nice attack that took place yesterday, the 14th of July as well as the anti-Islamic/Muslim rhetoric by politicians like Newt Gingrich. Several Muslims were among the victims of a truck driver who killed 84 and injured at least 100 on Bastille Day in Nice, France. This driver has a record of petty crimes but there was no clear motive according to *The Independent*. The French Muslim Council has condemned this atrocity and called for French Muslims to pray on Friday for "the many memory of the victims of this barbaric attack." The Mayor of Nice, Christian Estros said, "We will work with Imams, priests, and rabbis who will also join us to help victims and families who are suffering and will probably never heal their wounds."

Egyptian witness, Nader El Shafei, told BBC that he kept yelling at the truck driver to stop by waving his hands and saying that there's a lot of people under his truck but the driver did not pay attention. He thought he took out his cell phone to call ambulance but instead saw a gun. 31-yr. old driver was then shot by two police officers.

WNY Muslims condemns Gingrich's call to test and deport American Muslims. We, WNY Muslims, believe he should be uniting, not dividing, ALL Americans to join together against any crime that occurs. Our prayers go out to all those affected by the Nice killings yesterday.

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