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PRESS RELEASE

ANIC expresses deep concern about the recent attack on Jewish worshippers in a synagogue in Germany

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) joins the Jewish community in expressing deep concern about a heavily armed gunman targeting Jewish worshippers in a synagogue in the German city of Halle.

We understand the shock that the Jewish community must feel, especially as the attack was timed to coincide with Yom Kippur, a religiously significant time for the Jewish community.

Based on preliminary reports, it appears that the perpetrator was motivated by far right extremist ideologies. Copying the Christchurch terrorist, he used a gaming platform to film and broadcast his failed attempt to enact mass murder.

Tragically, he murdered two people outside the synagogue.

This event reminds us that we cannot be too vigilant against those elements who seek to glorify or praise the Christchurch terrorist, or share extremist ideologies online.

You may contact the ANIC Spokesperson, Bilal Rauf, in relation to this media statement on 1300 765 940 or spokesperson@anic.org.au.