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KNIFE WIELDING MAN ARRESTED IN AKRAM JOMAA ISLAMIC CENTRE, CALGARY

On Friday January 8th, 2021 (12:10 PM), The Akram Jomaa Islamic Centre experienced an unfortunate incident where some individuals were involved in an altercation and disruption during congregational prayer.

Unfortunately, the incident escalated into a situation where a knife was drawn by an unidentified individual, who appeared to be psychologically unstable.

Calgary Police subdued the individual and fortunately no one was hurt.

The Muslim Council of Calgary (MCC) would like to express its deep gratitude to the Calgary Police Service (CPS) for their prompt response and their proactive approach in ensuring that all worshippers in the Mosque remained safe.

Calgary Police Service successfully defused the situation and detained the suspect in a very professional and quick manner.

This incident was NOT a hate crime and we denounce the incident as it goes against our basic Islamic beliefs and the beliefs of all our law-abiding citizens.

The safety and security of our congregation is always a high priority for us, and we again would like to acknowledge our partners at CPS for their professional response.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohamed Charanek".

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