



JCRC of Greater Washington statement on terrorist attack in New York City

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington is horrified by the truck-ramming terrorist attack that took place yesterday in New York City, blocks away from the site of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Eight people were murdered and 11 wounded. This unconscionable attack is yet another harrowing reminder of the long-standing struggle the United States and the global community face against senseless acts of terror.

The victims include five Argentinians who were in New York celebrating the 30th anniversary of their high school graduation, a Belgian woman on a trip with her family, and two people not yet identified. The injured include an Argentinian also on the trip and two children on their school bus hit by the truck.

We mourn for those who were lost and offer our deepest condolences to their loved ones, and pray for a full and speedy recovery for the injured.

We appreciate and commend the first responders who cared for the victims and the police who subdued and arrested the terrorist. We will not be deterred by these cowardly acts of terror and we will continue to stand up and fight for the values of freedom and democracy which we hold dear.

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