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To the UTM community,

Over the weekend, Islamophobic threats were made against a downtown Toronto mosque. This unconscionable incident is the most recent example of religious intolerance and hatred directed towards Canada's Muslim communities and places of worship. We recognize the harmful effects that threats and acts of violence have on Muslim communities, including UTM students and colleagues. As a campus community, we must remain committed to eliminating religious intolerance, racism, and xenophobia. In the strongest possible terms, we echo [President Meric Gertler's](#) condemnation of Islamophobia and all forms of hate.

Faculty, librarians and staff who need support are encouraged to contact the [Employee & Family Assistance Program](#). Students who need support are encouraged to contact [My Student Support Program](#) which provides culturally-competent mental health and counseling services in 146 languages for all U of T students or the [Navi wayfinder](#) for campus resources and supports. Assistance is also available from the [UTM Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Office](#), U of T [Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office](#), and U of T [Multi-Faith Centre](#). If you are feeling threatened or fear for your safety, please contact the University's [Community Safety Office](#) for assistance.

If you notice anything suspicious or are made aware of anything unusual or concerning, please notify UTM Campus Police by calling 905.569.4333. For more campus safety information and services, the University of Toronto now has a [U of T Campus Safety app](#) that is available for free download via Google Play and the Apple Store.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President & Principal