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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Ms Taha,

Thank you and your co-signatories for your letter, received on 20 August, regarding recent far-right attacks and the impact on Muslim and other minority communities. I recognise the important work that Southall Black Sisters has undertaken since 1979 to advocate for women and girls and support them through violent and difficult times.

It is despicable to me that the grief of families, and the wider community, for their children has been taken over by those motivated by personal prejudice or spurious online speculation. We are a diverse nation and stronger for it. The individuals who carried out these violent and far-right attacks do not represent the UK and I am pleased that they are being swiftly processed through our criminal justice system. Our priority throughout has been to keep communities safe and ensure that perpetrators of violence, whether in person or online, face the full force of the law. The Home Secretary and myself have remained in close contact with police chiefs to ensure they have the powers and resources needed. The Home Secretary also announced a new rapid response process, which means mosques at risk of violent disorder can be offered additional security personnel, providing communities with vital support and reassurance.

I want to thank you for sharing ways in which you feel the Government can better support women and girls from Black and minority communities, including by investing in communities and tackling misinformation and harmful content online. It is indefensible to target someone because of their gender, their faith or the colour of their skin and I find such behaviour despicable. I want to assure you that the Government is committed to delivering for all communities and we will be working closely with all of our 12 Metro Mayors to look at support the Government can provide to local councils to build stronger, safer, more equal communities across the country.

I have shared your correspondence with the Home Office and asked them to follow up on your concerns in greater detail.

Thank you, once again, for taking the time to write to me. Please do share this response with your co-signatories.

All best wishes,