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## JOINT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OUR SOMALI NEIGHBORS

[Atlanta, GA] [Compassionate Atlanta](#), the [Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta](#), [Interfaith Community Initiatives](#) and [Neshama Interfaith Center](#) join in solidarity with the victims and survivors of a terrorist truck bombing in Somalia last weekend. Saturday's attack left more than 300 people dead and 200 injured after the attack in the capital of Mogadishu. It's being called the deadliest terrorist attack in that nation's history.

Our thoughts are with the Somali people as they move forward from this devastating bombing. We are disappointed by the lack of media attention given to this attack, especially given the massive and largely unprecedented loss of life. Had this terrorist attack happened in the U.S. or Europe, our social media feeds would be filled with hashtags and vigils.

As Alexis Okeowo [wrote](#) in *The New Yorker*, we might not be impacted by an event like the bombing in Mogadishu: "...it has become acceptable to think of [Somalia] as holding only war and extremism, and to forget that the lives there are multilayered, possessing similar and universal concerns, interests, and desires."

We must not look the other way. We cannot afford to ignore what happens to the people of Africa, without losing our humanity. As organizations that actively promote a more peaceful and open society, we stand with the Somali people, those in Somalia and our neighbors here in Atlanta, to pray for comfort, healing and recovery. Together we will continue to work to achieve peace, security, and prosperity for the people of Somalia and for all humankind.

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