



Ashaadibi Education and Cultural Centre

**Press Release**

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**ARSON ATTACK ON DISUSED SYNAGOGUE IS AN ACT OF COWARDICE**

We are deeply saddened to learn of the arson attack at the Nelson Street Synagogue, in east London, this morning.

We unequivocally condemn this cowardly act of arson and any form of violence or intimidation directed at places of worship and the communities they serve. An attack on a house of worship is an attack on all of us.

We are in close contact with the Metropolitan Police and Tower Hamlets Council and are awaiting the outcome of their investigation. We will cooperate fully with all relevant authorities and support every necessary measure to ensure the safety and reassurance of the local community.

There is no place for hatred in our borough.

Ashaadibi Education and Cultural Centre has recently placed a deposit to purchase the disused Synagogue and restore it into a community hub, providing a space for worship, education, and provisions for women and youth, as well as a place for community development and fostering dialogue.

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*Notes to editors:*

1. Ashaadibi Education and Cultural Centre (Charity No. 1154529) provides much-needed community services to the Tower Hamlets community. Ashaadibi was the winner of the Anti-Hate Crime Competition 2022, hosted by Tower Hamlets Council.
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