

CONDOLENCE MOTION

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The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the horrific tragedy that took place in Westgate Mall, Nairobi, Kenya.

On Saturday September 21, 2013, terrorists from the Al Shabab claimed responsibility for the indiscriminate killing of non-Muslim Shoppers who had gone out for a day of peaceful shopping.

Civilians who were just shopping, being gun down in broad daylight simply because of their creed is senseless, without compassion and does not recognize simple human dignity.

In that tragedy, two Canadians, Annemarie Deslogues and Nugub Damji, were killed and three other Canadians were injured.

Citizens of Nairobi gathered in huge lines to donate blood to victims of this tragedy showing a universal trait of humanity without any regard to race, religion or colour. All people of good will should strongly condemn this senseless violence which stemmed only from hatred.

The City Clerk is requested to convey to the Government of Kenya and the families of the Canadian victims our sincere condolences.

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