



**The Joseph Interfaith Foundation**

*United in a Vision for Truth*

## **Statement by the Joseph Interfaith Foundation on the murder of 4 Jews in a kosher supermarket in Paris on Friday 9th January**

The repulsive murder of 4 innocent Jews in Paris last Friday by Ahmedy Qoulibali was a heinous act and an aberration of Islam. The Foundation condemns it unreservedly and sends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the murdered Jewish victims.

We acknowledge the true Islamic action of Lassana Bathily, a young Muslim originally from Mali, who reportedly saved the lives of 15 Jewish customers by hiding them in the cold storage room when the kosher supermarket was attacked by the terrorist gunman.

The terrorists had intended to cause division and hatred between Jews and Muslims. But we, Jews and Muslims alike, shall defy this message by standing firm in our interfaith bonds of friendship and mutual respect.

In contrast to the terrorists' message of hate, division and bloodshed, we shall continue to strengthen the links of unity and cooperation between the Jewish and Muslim communities as proud and equal citizens of multi-faith Britain.

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