The Murder of Sister Nahid Almanea

We are writing concerning the horrific murder of our dear sister, Nahid Almanea (may Allah have mercy on her) which took place in Colchester on 17th June 2014. Our community is in complete shock at the brutal and merciless murder of this innocent and defenceless woman.

Sister Nahid, a 31-year-old PhD student who only arrived in Britain at the beginning of the year, had been walking alone to her University of Essex campus on Tuesday morning when she was stabbed 16 times. At the time of the attack, she was wearing a full-length abaya and hijab. Whilst the motive for her murder is not yet known, it has been confirmed by the Police that they are investigating whether she may have been targeted because of her religion.

We are dismayed at the lack of media coverage for such an appalling and tragic event and would like to appeal to anyone who was in the area on the night of the incident and saw anything suspicious or out of the ordinary to report it to the Police.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Sister Nahid and her family at this very sad time. May Allah, the Most High accept her as Shaheed (martyr) and grant her a place in Paradise. Ameen.

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