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## **MURDER INSIDE A FRENCH MOSQUE: NOT AN OUTLIER, THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF ISLAMOPHOBIA**

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On 25 April, Aboubakar Cisse was executed in cold blood inside a mosque in southern France. In the days after, following political pressure, French MPs held a minute of silence for Aboubakar.

However, this assassination continues to be portrayed as an isolated act of hatred and derangement. This is missing the point.

To treat Cisse's killing as no more than the act of a disturbed individual is to ignore the political order and long historic shadow of racism that has criminalised and dehumanised racialised communities, and licensed violence in the name of the French Republic and across the West.

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