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Chinese American Citizens Alliance Denounces Act of Terror in New York City that Claimed Eight Lives and Dozens of Injured

San Francisco, November 2, 2017 — National Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) joins its Greater New York chapter in denouncing the October 31 terrorist act, which killed eight people and injured more than a dozen. On Halloween afternoon, a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists on a lower Manhattan bike path in what city officials called a “cowardly act of terror,” and the deadliest attack in New York City since September 11, 2001.

The driver and armed suspect, identified as a 29-year-old Uzbek immigrant living in New Jersey, ran down pedestrians and cyclists before crashing into an occupied school bus. As he fled on foot, he was shot in the abdomen by a police officer, and was then rushed to Bellevue Hospital. Six of the victims — including five Argentine visitors — were pronounced dead at the scene, and two more died later. Among the injured were a Belgian and German visitor and school staff members and two students on the bus.

C.A.C.A. Greater New York Chapter President Wai Wah Chin said, “This terrorist attack happened right outside Stuyvesant High School, which is over 60% Chinese American. Fortunately, no students at the school were hurt on Tuesday. We mourn those dead and wish well those injured. We praise the students and staff of Stuyvesant, who demonstrated exemplary resiliency again, just as they did sixteen years ago at the 9/11 terrorist attack – just blocks away from Stuyvesant.”

“There is no rationale or defense in taking innocent lives in the name of any cause,” said C.A.C.A. National President Davace Chin. “The Chinese American Citizens Alliance offers its condolences to the families of the victims and well wishes for a speedy recovery for the injured of this senseless act of terror.”

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