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According to Sunday's Boston Herald, "Deval Patrick vows support for Muslims," Governor Patrick attended a forum at the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center and Mosque in Roxbury.

The story can be found [here](#): The article states, "...Patrick was given one minute to answer 'yes' or 'no' to seven questions, including whether he would: Have law enforcement agency heads and others meet with Muslims to discuss the need for cultural awareness training. Designate a liaison to the Muslim community.

Urge the public and private sectors to accommodate Muslims' religious obligation to attend Friday afternoon prayers. The governor answered yes to every question."

Treasurer Timothy Cahill made the following statement in response today: "Two weeks ago, the FBI arrested two Pakistani nationals in connection with the recent car bombing attempt that happened in New York City.

As someone who had a daughter near Times Square when that attack took place, I am deeply concerned about keeping Massachusetts and our country safe. Governor Patrick held a press conference last week and essentially assured us that everything is fine. Now he is pandering to special interest groups with talk of 'cultural awareness training' for law enforcement and promises to urge employers to allow Muslims to leave work early on Fridays so they can make it to Mosque for prayers. It comes as no surprise that Governor Patrick is talking this way: In 2007, he naïvely attributed the 9/11 bombings to a 'failure of human understanding' in America. Governor Patrick's response echoes President Obama's conduct of American foreign policy in the face of aggression: Blame America first, and apologize for our supposed sins. This same politically correct mentality recently caused our Legislature to vote down the Perry Amendment, even while so many families living legally in Massachusetts are hurting. It is the same attitude that led the city of Boston to boycott Arizona for simply doing what the federal government refuses to do: securing our national borders. I fully support equal protection under the law for every American, regardless of race or creed, but this is political correctness run amok. Governor Patrick should stop playing politics with terrorism and focus on protecting all the citizens of this Commonwealth. It's time for all of us to come together as Americans to prevent a tragedy before it occurs. The overwhelming majority of Muslim-Americans are peaceable people who love this land, but the bottom line is, someone in Boston knew about this before it happened and didn't speak up. That has to change. There have been three attempted terrorist attacks on American soil in the last six months. If, God forbid, one of these attacks is ever successful, the grief and suffering that follows will visit us all without discrimination as to ethnicity or religion. Now is the time for Governor Patrick to look radical Islamic terrorism full in the face, call it what it is, and make sure that federal law enforcement officials who are tracking the Times Square case give our local law enforcement the information they have in real time. Additionally, the Governor must urge the leaders of the Muslim-American community to finally police these rogue elements and help apprehend those who would do us harm where we all work, raise our children, and live our lives. After all, we are all Americans, and we are all in this together."