University of Michigan campus rallies around Muslim Americans in wake of ethnic intimidation attacks

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. (WXYZ) - Hundreds of students of all races gathered on the campus of the University of Michigan Monday night, while Muslim-American students prayed near the school's Diag.

It was their way of showing support, after two incidents of ethnic intimidation over the weekend.

Student Sadeeque Mohammed tells us, "It's absolutely overwhelming. It's overwhelming. It makes us feel like we belong here."

The most recent case happened near south University and Washtenaw Avenues. Two guys shoved an 18-year-old student down a hill, after yelling at her about being in America and religion.

Mohammed says, "In the past few days, we have been reaching out to our sisters, letting them know we are here for them and there are safe places for us."

Another investigation centers around a student who was forced to take off her hijab, or head covering, Friday night, and was threatened to be set on fire if she didn't.

Louisa Kane brought a sign that read, "You belong here."

With tears in her eyes, she says, "It's absurd, horrible. That's why we are here, to show them we support them and hopefully next time there will be even more people."

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