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Dear Revd,

May this note find you in the best of health.

We wish to take this opportunity to say that we are deeply saddened and outraged by the bombing in Lahore on Easter Sunday which resulted in the killing of many women and children of Muslim and Christian faiths (27 Mar).

The bombing is an act of inhumanity and an affront against people who believe in the values of compassion and peaceful co-existence.

The act of indiscriminate bombing of a park filled with families celebrating Easter is not only against the Islamic teachings, it is also an attack against all of humanity. The Holy Qur'an 5:32 states: "if any one slew a person...it would be as if he slew the whole people: and if any one saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people."

No attack against another human being for the reason of holding a different faith is justifiable in Islam. The attack in Lahore, therefore, is a gross deviation from the inter-religious peace and harmony that is promoted by Islam.

We strongly condemn the bombing in Lahore and offer our deepest condolences to the families of all the victims. We should unite to register our clear abhorrence of such faithless act of inhumanity.

Yours sincerely,

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