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ICSFT CONDEMNS DEADLY TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SRI LANKA



ICSFT strongly condemns the despicable and barbaric attack carried out against civilians and worshippers during religious celebrations in Sri Lanka and sends deepest condolences to the victims' relatives and wishes a speedy recovery to the injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. We condemn the intolerance and violence that have caused so much suffering in the country as Christians gathered for services to celebrate Easter.

At least 290 people – many of them celebrating Easter – were killed on Sunday when terrorists bombed three churches and four hotels in Colombo, Batticaloa and Negombo with a total of nine bombings. Another 500 have been injured- the deadliest attack in the island nation since the end of a civil war in 2009. It is being

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reported that the six initial blasts appeared timed to cause maximum casualties among worshippers attending Easter services and customers in restaurants eating breakfast in the Shangri-La, Kingsbury and Cinnamon Grand hotels in Colombo.

The explosions came as Christians worldwide celebrated Easter Sunday, one of the most important events in the Christian calendar.

The U.N. Security Council has condemned the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka as "heinous and cowardly terrorist attacks."

The United Nations secretary-general says he is "outraged by the terrorist attacks" in Sri Lanka.

This is an attack on world peace, humanity, religious tolerance and solidarity. Of note these attacks were evidence of a rising tide of extremism and radicalization all over the world. In light of this attack we urge governments to improve security measures specifically for worship places in order to protect innocent worshipers and civilians. .

We mourn the loss of innocent lives due to extremist and violent elements who wish to create divides between religious and ethnic groups to realize their agenda.

ICSFT calls for the perpetrators of this heinous crime to be swiftly brought to justice!