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Patriarch Kirill's condolences over the terrorist action in Christchurch, New Zealand

On March 15, 2019, armed people started shooting at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. According to the latest reports, 49 people were killed and dozens were wounded. His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent a message of condolences to New Zealand Governor-General Patsy Reddy.

Governor-General Patsy Reddy

New Zealand

Your Excellency,

With sorrow I have learnt about the terrorist actions carried out in mosques of Christchurch in which dozens of civilians have been killed. I express to you and to all the people of New Zealand my profound and sincere condolences over this tragedy.

Whatever rhetoric terrorists may have used, their ideology is misanthropic and their action is a grave sin, for nobody has a right to take lives of innocent people.

I wish consolation from above to the relatives and loved ones of the victims and a speedy recovery to the wounded, and to all the people of New Zealand I wish peace and well-being.

Respectfully,

+ Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

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