



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's condolences over terrorist attack in Pakistan**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia extended condolences to Mr. Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Republic of Pakistan, over the terrorist attack in Lahore that had claimed lives of dozens of people.*

**His Excellency Mr. Nawaz SHARIF**

**Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

Your Excellency,

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It was with profound grief that I learned about the appalling terrorist attack in Lahore that killed and injured many people, including women and children. Please accept my deep condolences.

I request you to convey my consolation and words of support to all those who lost in this terrible tragedy their loved ones and friends. I wish the soonest recovery to the injured, and to the people of Pakistan – the endurance and courage in this trial. I express my sincere compassion to the Christian communities whose members fell victim to the awesome atrocity on the day when many believers in the world were celebrating Holy Easter.

I ask you to do anything possible to defend the residents of your country, including Christians, from any encroachment on their life and strictly observe the right of every human person to freedom of religious belief.

I hope that the authorities of Pakistan will undertake special measures to combat terrorism. It is possible to stop it only by common efforts of the state and religious leaders and of all people of good will.

With deep condolences,

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**PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA**

