



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's statement on terrorist acts at the Moscow Metro**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia made the following statement on the terrorist acts at the Moscow Metro on 29 March 2010.*

My heart pains over the terrorist acts at the Moscow Metro this morning. I am praying for the rest of the victims' souls, for consolation of their near and dear, and for the soonest recovery of the wounded. I beseech the Lord to help the rescuers, medical workers, and all who are trying to alleviate the consequences. I have instructed clergymen to visit the injured persons in hospitals.

Unfortunately, this terrorist act is not the first committed in Russia in recent months. We see clearly that peril is lying in wait for all of us at any minute.

However, we should not respond to it by fear, panic, or animosity. Let our response be by the unity of our people, their strong will to stop the terrorists and those who support, finance, or justify them. God's retribution will come to them. I believe that human justice will not be a long time coming, too.

**+ KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**

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