



Statement of Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN)
WE STAND TOGETHER FOR RELIGIOUS HARMONY AND TOLERANCE

We, The Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN), expresses our deepest sadness and concern for all victims of Bombing, recently happened in Colombo Srilanka. It is reported that there were 207 death and around 450 people injured during eight blast hit churches and five star hotels holding Easter services in Sri Lanka on Sunday morning, April 21st 2019 (business-standard.com). Hospitals reported that beside Srilankan died and injured, there are also some foreigners from British, Australia and America affected by bombing.

We, AMAN strongly condemns the horrific blasts in Srilanka, specially the incident was it was intended to target Christian sisters and brothers holding Easter Services in the church and hotel. We believe that there is no single religious text could justify this barbarism, rather this religious-hate motivated action is certainly threatening religious harmony in Srilanka and the world.

We, AMAN believes that killing innocent people, especially those who are performing workshop, as well as suicide bombing are strongly condemned under Islamic teaching. There is no single Islamic text can be used to legalize this acts. Rather, the Quran highlights that it should not be demolished any worship place which the name of Allah is much mentioned. As it is clearly stated on the Quran Surah Al-Hajj, Ayah 40, saying that:

[They are] those who have been evicted from their homes without right - only because they say, "Our Lord is Allah ." And were it not that Allah checks the people, some by means of others, there would have been demolished monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques in which the name of Allah is much mentioned. And Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might.

Moreover, Muslim believes that respecting others as part of the six pillars of faiths that are; Believe in Allah, Believe in the angles, **Believe in the Reveled Books, Believe in the commission messagers (peace be upon them)**, Believe in the resurrection and the event of qiyammah, Believe in the predistination by Allah of all things, both the (seemingly) good and (seemingly) bad, that clearly must be accompanied by righteous deeds, such as promote religious harmony and tolerance in to day to day interaction with people from different faiths.

AMAN appreciates the Sri Lankan Government has taken emergency steps as well as recovery steps to provide medical services for injured and death people, and disfunction all means that potentially spreading hatred across communities or causing tension or intolerance acts. We value the openness and collaboration among governments to provide hotline services to be contacted by citizen of different nations who were seeking protection from the Embassy in Sri Lanka.

We strongly recommend to Sri Lanka government to provide short and long term support for the victims of bombing and their family to get access to justice in related to law enforcement, livelihood, psycho social recovery, and other possible support for victim in disabilities.

AMAN encourages to international communities to express solidarity in providing direct or indirect assistance for people affected by Bombing under coordination with government of Sri Lanka, and in compliance with women human's rights.

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