



# Press Release

**Think for Actions stands with people of Sri Lanka and condemns the violent extremism / terrorism and declares it's not in the name of Islam.**

Calgary, AB, April 23, 2019 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Think for Actions condemns the violent acts of terrorism carried out in Sri Lanka today and we are deeply saddened by the senseless loss of life, especially on a celebratory occasion like Easter Sunday.

More than 200 were killed and hundreds more injured by a series of blasts that hit churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on April 20, 2019.

We echo the words of Shaik Fayaz Tilly, "Prayers and thoughts for the people of Sri Lanka. Let there be no hate nor violence, not in our Churches, not in our Mosques and not in our Synagogues".

Dr. Zaidi said, vice Chair Calgarians against racism, violence and hate, "The acts carried out in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday represents ignorance and criminal mentality that does not follow any religion or laws that govern civilized societies"

Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri published a 475-page Fatwa denouncing terrorism and suicide bombing.

As it's clear from the Quran, "Whoever kills an innocent life it is as if he has killed all of humanity..." (Surat Al-Maidah 5:32).

Canadian council of Imams declaration states, "The sanctity of human life overrides the sanctity of religious laws. Islamic rulings do not – and should not – contradict natural laws. Islam is a religion that promotes peace, justice, equality, dignity, and freedom for all human beings".

Muslims Imams and leadership have clear messages, after the London attack in June this year 500 imams condemn terrorists and refuse to perform funeral prayer for 'vile murderers', this was to outline renewed efforts to combat extremism, (Independent, UK. Wednesday 7 June 2017)

Dr. Mukarram Zaidi Chair Think for Actions said, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families that are effected and with the people of Sri Lanka. We are deeply shocked by the extreme violence that truck Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, We hope that the perpetrators of this heinous crime be apprehended and brought to justice."

Please join the vigil for in memory of the loss of innocent life in Sri Lanka and show support to morn with their nation at Calgary City Hall at 6pm-7pm. For more information please contact Junaid Bahadur Khan:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/740551379679671/>

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