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**PRESS RELEASE**

**HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PAKISTAN OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO HEAD OF  
AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMAAT**

Pakistan's High Commissioner to the UK, Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan visited His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad at the Fazl Mosque in London on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 to offer his condolences for the terrorist attacks that took place at two Ahmadi Mosques in Lahore on May 28.

During the forty minute meeting the prevailing political situation in Pakistan was discussed. His Holiness commented that all the attacks taking place in Pakistan were a direct result of mixing religion with politics. He expressed a hope that some leaders in Pakistan would stand up to the fanatical extremists who were the cause of so much pain and suffering in the country.

His Holiness also expressed the need for electoral reform so that all minorities had the right to vote freely and without discrimination. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat did not seek any special or favourable treatment, merely that its citizens were afforded their basic civil rights.

His Holiness said the key to Pakistan's long term well being was honesty and justice. If those in power adopted these attributes then Pakistan could still emerge from its

current anarchic state and move towards prosperity. His Holiness commented with regret that despite Pakistan having vast resources it was unable to look after the needs of its own people and so the gap between the rich and poor was ever increasing.

The meeting ended as His Holiness thanked the High Commissioner for taking the time to come and express his condolences and regret.

Mr Mohammed Nafees Zakaria the Consul General also attended the meeting.

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