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Mr. Speaker:

Last month many Canadians, and people around the world, were horrified to learn of a terrible hate crimes committed in Lahore, Pakistan.

An unprovoked attack was committed by gunmen who invaded two mosques filled with Ahmadi Muslims offering Friday prayers.

After the horror in the mosques unfolded, the attackers followed the injured into the Jinnah hospital, seeking to finish their horrific killing campaign.

To those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing many within the Canadian Ahmadi community, these events seem especially tragic.

The Canadian Ahmadi Muslim community is comprised of a group of devout, peaceful and family-oriented people and, when I think of this tragedy in human terms, I am saddened beyond words.

Like all Canadians, I am truly troubled by these events and extend my personal prayers to the Canadian Ahmadi community and to the families of those touched by the unspeakable events in Lahore.