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Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, on Friday, conveyed his condolences to his Pakistani counterpart Yousuf Raza Gilani over the deadly attack by Islamic extremists on two mosques in Pakistan's second largest city of Lahore earlier in the day.

The attacks left 80 people dead and more than 100 injured. A group of armed men threw grenades at, and then opened fire on, about 2,000 worshippers who had gathered for Friday prayers in two Ahmadi mosques in the eastern Pakistani city.

The Islamist group Tehreek-e-Taliban Punjab, a branch of the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the attacks. "We resolutely condemn all forms of terrorism and back your government's efforts aimed at stamping out terrorist groups in Pakistan," Prime Minister Putin said in a message.