<u>1. 5/28/10 - U.S. State Department, Statement from Philip J. Crowley, Assistant</u> Secretary: <u>http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/dpb/2010/05/142359.htm</u>

"[W]e extend our condolences to the families of those killed in the violent attack on mosques in Lahore during Friday prayers today and condemn this brutal violence against innocent people. We also condemn the targeting and violence against any religious group, in this case, the Ahmadi community. As our Ambassador in Pakistan Anne Patterson said, cowardly assaults on people at prayer are attacks against people of all faiths. Pakistan has witnessed an increase in provocative statements that promote intolerance and are an incitement to extremist violence. Attacks by extremists on religious minorities in Pakistan undermine the building of a tolerant democratic society."