Statement by Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff

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Statement by Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff on the Taliban attacks on two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore

OTTAWA – Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff made the following statement today on the attack of two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore :

"The Taliban militants who chose Friday prayers to attack these mosques today have proven that the ongoing persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, which began more than thirty years ago, has now reached a new level of cruelty, brutality and extremism.

"For the many Ahmadi Muslims here in Canada, who contribute so much to our communities, I share your concerns for the safety and well-being of fellow worshippers and join you in your prayers for loved ones who may have been touched by this tragedy.

"On behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada and our parliamentary caucus, I urge all Canadians to join with us in condemning this latest escalation of extremist violence and persecution in Pakistan and to reject, in principle, all forms of hatred and intolerance, both within this country and around the world."

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