

Canada Strongly Condemns Today's Attacks on Lahore Ahmadiya Community

(No. 177 - May 28, 2010 - 7:10 p.m. ET) The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today issued the following statement condemning the attacks on two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore, Pakistan, that have killed and injured scores of people:

“Canada strongly condemns today's attacks on the Ahmadiya community in Lahore. On behalf of all Canadians, I extend my deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the victims of these attacks, and wish a swift recovery to the injured.

“We urge the Pakistani authorities to ensure equal rights for members of minority communities, and we hope that the perpetrators of this horrendous attack are brought to justice. Canada supports the Government of Pakistan's resolve to bring peace and stability to its country. We will continue to work with Pakistan and our allies to help Pakistan address the challenges it faces.

“The Government of Canada will also continue to engage with the Government of Pakistan to promote freedom, democracy, the rule of law, freedom of religion and human rights.”

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