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STATEMENT

June 1, 2010 - Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to speak to the terrible acts of violence that took place last week in Lahore, Pakistan.

I refer to the savage attacks on the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in two of its mosques at the height of religious services last Friday.

Over 70 people from the Community were killed and many more were seriously injured. The pain of these attacks has been felt around the world.

This kind of terror, brutality and religious persecution is simply unthinkable. Yet it represents just part of the ongoing persecution of the Ahmadiyya Community and Ahmadi Muslims in many parts of the world.

That persecution is rooted in hatred discrimination and violence against a truly peace-loving religious faith.

Mr. Speaker, Vaughan is home to the National Headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada and thousands of Vaughan's residents are members of that community.

They and all Canadians should know that we condemn these acts in the strongest possible terms and we call upon the Government of Pakistan to take every possible step to end the persecution of the Ahmadiyya Community including reform of its blasphemy laws!

At the same time we express our grief and sorrow to those whose family, friends and fellow Ahmadis have suffered so tragically.