



THE WORLD FEDERATION

OF KHOJA SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

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The High Commissioner
High Commission for Pakistan
34 – 36 Lowndes Square
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Dear Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan

Salamun Alaikum

The Holy Qur'an equates the murder of one innocent person with the murder of the whole of humanity.

I am writing to you, on behalf of the Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Community worldwide, to protest at the lack of security provided to the Shia population in Pakistan and in particular to protect them from recent spate of suicide bombings during Muharam Juloos processions in various parts of Pakistan. It pains us immensely to note that scores of innocent Shia Muslims continue to be killed and many more are critically injured and impaired for the remainder of their lives only because they were paying tribute to the sacrifices of IMAM Husain (AS), the grandson of the Prophet (PBUH).

Since the 1980's the Shia Muslim Community has been subjected to brutal attacks from extremists groups and continue to do so with impunity without any effective action from your Government. Your Government's record to safe guard the lives of the Shia Muslim Communities particularly in Parichanar, Dera Ismail Khan and now in the heartland of Karachi where scores have lost their lives is abysmal to say the least.

We urge you to take urgent steps to stop these carnages of innocent Shia Muslim Community in Pakistan, bring to justice the culprits of the heinous crimes and safeguard their lives of all as required under the Islamic Shariah.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary General

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