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## **NZ MUSLIMS CONDEMN EASTER WEEKEND BOMBING IN SRI LANKA**

The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ) is deeply saddened by the eight bomb attacks on Easter Sunday that killed more than 200 people in churches and hotels in Sri Lanka.

“We stand beside all Sri Lankans including our Christian brothers and sisters in their time of great sadness,” said FIANZ spokesperson Dr Anwar Ghani. “Killing of innocent people has no place in any religion and we completely condemn these horrific terrorist actions.”

Dr Ghani expressed his empathy with Sri Lankans. “Here in New Zealand, we ourselves have just gone through the events in Christchurch on 15 March, when 50 worshippers died in gun attacks on two mosques during Friday prayers. We understand how you feel at this time, Sri Lanka. Our prayers are with you, for those who died, those who were injured and for all the families who are now grieving.” End

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