



SICV and the Sikh Community of Victoria are greatly saddened and condemns the murderous attack on Sikh worshippers in Afghanistan

On 25th March 2020, the Sikh Gurdwara (Sikh place of Worship), Kabul, the Capital of Afghanistan was attacked by a group of terrorists gunmen.

This happened while the Sikh Community was gathered there for prayers for the well-being of all humanity in the context of the global Corona Virus crisis facing the whole of humanity.

The gunmen shot indiscriminately killing 25 worshippers, comprising innocent men, women and children, praying in the early hours of the morning. Many others were seriously injured in the terrorist attack.

The attack lasted hours as the gunmen held hostages on Wednesday while Afghan Special Forces and international troops tried to end the siege in a complex that is home to many Sikh families, as well as a place of worship.

All attackers were killed in an exchange of fire with security forces which lasted six hours, according to Afghanistan's Interior Ministry.

According to media reports the Islamic State (IS) group claimed responsibility. It was a cowardly act on the right of a community to express its distinct religiosity – a fundamental human right of all human beings.

The Sikh Community has always lived in harmony with its neighbours where ever they are and contribute positively to society.

We condemn this cowardly act on the right of a community to peacefully practice its religion – in line with the United Nation Charter and Australian law of freedom of worship.

We believe that there is no place for hateful speeches or actions. Regardless of faith, we come together as equals.

Sikh Prayer:

Salok, Third Mehl:

The world is going up in flames - shower it with Your Mercy, and save it!

Save it, and deliver it, by whatever method it takes.

The True Guru has shown the way to peace, contemplating the True Word of the Shabad (Divine Word).

Nanak knows no other than the Lord, the Forgiving Lord. ||1|| Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji-Ang 853