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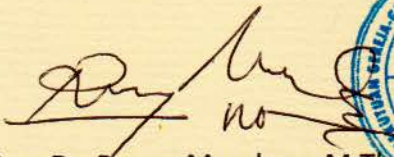
**Press Release**

**RESPONSE STATEMENT ON EASTER BOMBINGS IN SRI LANKA**


In grief and deep concern over bombings in several hotels, houses, including the church of St. Anthony in Batticalao and St. Church Sebastian in Negombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka on April 21, 2019, which until this statement was made has claimed the lives of more than 290 victims, PGLII (The Fellowship of Indonesian Evangelical Churches and Institutions) stated the following:

- 1) This coordinated attack is the most violent terrorist attack in the world in the first half of 2019. Therefore, PGLII strongly condemns this barbarity as a form of crime against humanity in non-war conditions.
- 2) PGLII calls for a great crime to be exposed to the maximum through the good print and electronic media for the sake of social awareness of the reality of evil which is a threat to everyone, specifically in Sri Lanka.
- 3) PGLII condemns all kinds of hate pedagogy, religious politicization, and all forms acts of violence based on ethnicity, religion, race, and inter-group relations in any part of the world.
- 4) Support the Sri Lankan law apparatus to investigate and arrest the perpetrators of this horrendous crime, and supports the Sri Lankan government to take every step needed to ensure national security
- 5) Pray that the families left behind to be given comfort by the almighty God. Regarding Easter, the tragedy occurred, PGLII also would like to call on the Sri Lankan people that death is not the end of everything because good deeds will overcome evil and hatred.

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