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National Christian Council of Sri Lanka

**STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SRI LANKA
ON THE BOMB ATTACKS ON 'EASTER SUNDAY'**

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) along with her constituencies views the bomb attacks which began in the morning hours on 'Easter Sunday' 21 April 2019 with shock, disgust and horror.

The said attack targeting the 'faithful' at worship in Churches celebrating 'Easter Sunday' commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ and 'guests' in Hotels has claimed around 260 human lives and inflicting injuries to well over 400 men, women and children, including severe damages to property and buildings.

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) expresses its deep sorrow and sadness at the cruel and inhuman act and offers its condolences and prayers for the families of the bereaved and for speedy recovery of the 'injured'.

'Life', we believe is God-oriented and any attempt to destroy such right to life with violence by any person or group deserves outright condemnation as an act of brutal insanity and impervious to reason.

In the midst of destruction, terror and chaos that reigned, we commend the decisive action initiated by the State in maintaining law and order preventing further damage and suffering, and for the committed services of the 'health sector' in the care and treatment of the injured.

Finally, in the ensuing time of confusion and disaster and as we stand in solidarity with the afflicted, we also call upon all people to be calm and act with restraint, offering all support and assistance towards the investigations that are being carried out with necessary action there-to.

22nd April 2019

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