



Statement on the Moscow Bombing to Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

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Firstly, we wish to express our shock at the deaths of the 38 people killed, and the injuries suffered when two terrorist suicide bombers blew themselves up in the Moscow Metro in the morning rush hour at Lubyanka and Park Kultury. We extend our sympathies and condolences to the families and friends of those affected and to the citizens and authorities of Moscow. We want all Muscovites to know that at Tolerance International, we stand in solidarity with them during this difficult time.

We live in a global society where national boundaries are increasingly being eroded and terrorism has become a trans-national phenomenon. We condemn, in the strongest possible language, the atrocity committed by the terrorists. We believe in dialogue and the settlement of differences using tolerant, inclusive and peaceful methods and have indeed supported several agencies in Moscow towards this end. Having learnt through previous global acts of extremism, Tolerance International is working towards combating these problems in the UK with our 'embracing tolerance' programme, in which we try to reach those young people most susceptible to extremist teaching and encourage them to explore underlying issues of difference and the possibilities of mutual tolerance.

As with the 7/7 London Underground bombings we here at Tolerance International would hope something productive could come from this terrible tragedy. We hope that this tragedy will open opportunities for reconciliation and addressing the issues behind violent extremism, namely intolerant attitudes and a lack of inter-cultural, ethnic and religious understanding. We join all peace-loving Russian citizens at this difficult time of need. We urge them to use this devastating time to bond together and to work to rebuild the shattered lives of the families and communities of the dead and injured on all sides of the conflict in the Caucasus.

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