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Statements

BC Federation of Labour statement on the attacks in Sri Lanka

The BC Federation of Labour is profoundly troubled to learn of the attacks on churches and hotels on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka that claimed the lives of hundreds in their places of worship.

On behalf of the 500,000 union members represented by the Federation through its affiliates, we condemn hate crimes, and the rhetoric that leads to those hate crimes, and reject the villainizing of any religion and its practitioners.

Our thoughts are with the people of Sri Lanka, their families and their communities. We urge union members to reach out to their unions if they require any support during this difficult time.

We also encourage allies to reach out to their Christian and Muslim friends, and to consider donating to community organizations providing culturally-appropriate counselling and support services for impacted community members.

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