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## SHOOTINGS AT CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUES

I am shocked and saddened to hear news of the horrific shootings at the two Christchurch mosques today. This act of hate and terror in a sacred place where the victims were worshipping is a heinous crime which all right-minded people condemn strongly.

This senseless tragedy should be a reminder to us in Malaysia to work at maintaining and preserving our racial and religious harmony among all Malaysians.

I offer my condolences to the victims and their families and pray that the outpouring of love and support from peace-loving New Zealanders and global citizens will provide a small measure of comfort to them.

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