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**Subject: Imminent Massacre in Parachinar, Pakistan– Request for Diplomatic Intervention**

To: The Foreign Minister Penny Wong

Dear Foreign Minister Wong,

We are writing to request your urgent diplomatic intervention in relation to a threat of an imminent massacre in Parachinar, Pakistan. As you may be aware, this province in Pakistan has seen violence and bloodshed aimed at Shia communities for years. Reports attribute the attacks to extremist groups as well as elements in the Pakistani army. This violence has worsened in the last year, and further attacks in recent weeks has now left the Shia communities in Parachinar under siege and facing an imminent threat of massacre. We refer you to the report from the Australian Institute of International Affairs for more details on this issue.<sup>1</sup>

We request that you urgently bring this matter up with the Pakistani ambassador to Australia and the Pakistani government. We request that you urge them to take immediate and serious steps to protect these communities and to prevent a major massacre from occurring there in the coming days.

We thank you for your consideration of this request and we hope to hear back from you soon.

Best Wishes,

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Director– The Shia Muslim Council of Australia

*The Shia Muslim Council of Australia is an umbrella organisation for Shia Muslim communities in Australia. It currently has 30 active members from across the 8 states and territories of Australia. The Shia Muslim population in Australia is estimated to be 200,000.*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/elusive-peace-what-explains-the-ongoing-conflicts-in-parachinar-pakistan/>