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Subject: Imminent Massacre in Parachinar, Pakistan– Urgent need for Pakistan government intervention

To: Mr. Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, The Pakistan High Commissioner, Canberra, Australia

Dear High Commissioner Chaudhri,

We are writing to demand the urgent intervention of the government of Pakistan, including its military and police forces, to prevent the imminent massacre of innocent people in Parachinar, Pakistan. As you may be aware, this province in Pakistan has seen violence and bloodshed aimed at Shia communities for decades. 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.

As the umbrella organisation for Shia Muslim communities in Australia, we are extremely concerned by this issue, and we find the reports currently coming from Parachinar to be very disturbing. We demand that the Pakistani government intervene with its military and police forces to protect the innocent people in Parachinar, including the Shia communities, both in the immediate term and in the long-term future. We urge that you take our concerns to the highest levels of government in Pakistan and request their immediate intervention to prevent this humanitarian disaster.

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

Best Wishes,

Dr Ali Alsamail
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 32 active members from across the 8 states and territories of Australia. The Shia Muslim population in Australia is estimated to be 200,000.