Dmitry Medvedev expresses condolences to Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt Sherif Ismail in connection with the numerous victims of the explosions in a church in Tanta

The message reads:

"On behalf of the Russian Government and myself I express my deep condolences in connection with the numerous victims resulting from the explosions in the Egyptian town of Tanta.

The terrorists attacked parishioners of the Coptic church on Palm Sunday, a holiday for all Christians. This barbarous crime cannot be justified. The masterminds behind it should suffer severe punishment.

Mr Prime Minister, please pass on my words of sympathy and support to the victims' friends and families, and my wishes for a speedy recovery to those wounded or hurt in the attack."