

Press release: Lord Ahmad's Easter message

The Prime Minister's Special Representative on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Lord Tariq Ahmad said:

Easter is a time of hope and renewal.

It is a time for Christians of all denominations to come together across the world and celebrate with their families, their friends and their communities.

However, as we come together to celebrate Easter it is also a time when we remember the many millions of Christians around the world who suffer simply because of practicing their faith.

That is why the Foreign Secretary has commissioned an independent review to look into the important issue of Christian persecution around the world.

Let me assure you that as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy on Freedom of Religion or Belief, I am absolutely committed not only to stand up for the persecuted, but also to protect and strengthen everyone's fundamental human right to practice their faith or belief, or indeed to have no faith at all.

And let us not forget, as we read in the Gospel of John: 'Dear friends let us love one another for love comes from God.'

And in that spirit of love and humanity, from my family to yours, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.