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The Muslim Council of Britain today condemned the brutal violence experienced in Kenya, Pakistan and Iraq in which scores of people have lost their lives. In Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, many were killed on Saturday -- some fellow Britons -- while others are being held hostage. In Pakistan, Pakistani Christians were killed in a bomb in a despicable attack outside a church. And in Baghdad, some 75 were killed in an attack at a funeral.

Farooq Murad, Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain said: "The utter carnage we have witnessed is sad and shocks us all. These are acts that have no basis in our faith, and no cause should condone the slaughter of innocents. These people who perpetuate these murders have no regard for the sanctity for human life. We must stand together within faith and from across faiths and not allow them to divide us. I can only reiterate the words of the Grand Mufti of Bosnia, which he made a few days ago on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, "God did not create people to fight one another and shed blood..."

My thoughts and prayers are with those who have been affected.