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New Lahore blast – Awami Workers Party condemns the ongoing attacks by the religious fanatics in different parts of Pakistan

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This statement was issued by Farooq Tariq on behalf of the Awami Workers' Party on Thursday 23 February 2017.

This is to express our deep sympathy with those whose loved ones lost their lives today at Lahore blast. 8 martyred and several dozen injured at Mumbai Restaurant at Lahore Defence Housing Society.

Awami Workers Party condemns the ongoing attacks by the religious fanatics in different parts of Pakistan, 12 during the last seven days. The fanatics have declared an all out attacks on our culture, democratic traditions and the ways of our life.

The state must not abandon its policy to delink itself with religious fanatics. There should be no good and bad Taliban, they are all the same, some are doing blasts now, others will do later.

There must not be any hint of talks with fanatics. They are the neo fascists, all the democratic and progressive forces must unite to fight at all levels. Most of the Madrassas are the home ground for the promotion of fundamentalism.

The state must nationalise all the major Madrassas. The state must not give any subsidy to Madrassas. The state must spend at least 10 percent of the total budget on education instead of present 2 percent.

There is no military solution to fundamentalism. They have to be an ideological confrontation with the fanatics.

There is no going back, we will be victorious and individual terrorists will lose.

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