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Foreign Minister mourns the loss of valuable lives in Sri Lanka

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Foreign Minister **Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP** expressed his heartfelt condolences for the loss of valuable lives at the incident of multiple and simultaneous explosions at several churches and hotels in Sri Lanka.

In a message written to Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Tilak Marapana, PC, MP, Dr Momen said, "We are deeply shocked causing heavy casualties, including killing of hundreds of innocent people."

At the same time, Dr. Momen strongly condemned such heinous and barbaric act of violence targeting innocent civilians.

"Bangladesh maintains a 'zero tolerance' policy against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and believes that such gruesome violence must be strongly handled to prevent its recurrence" he added.

Foreign Minister also gave assurance to stand by the people and the government of Sri Lanka at this tragic hour. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the members of the bereaved families. We pray for a speedy recovery of the injured." he mentioned.