

**Message of Solidarity to Victims of Terrorism from Vladimir Voronkov
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Friends,

Together with my colleagues at the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism, we have been reading with great interest your posts and messages, and we share the anxiety you all have at this challenging time.

The COVID-19 virus is now spreading to all four corners of the planet, and our world is facing unprecedented challenges.

The pandemic has turned our lives upside down. Even though it is for the greater good, the requirement in many places to practice social distancing and self-isolation is no doubt adding to the difficulties you already face as victims of terrorism and testing your resilience once again.

I want you to know that you are not alone and that the UN stands with you.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, has expressed his solidarity with the victims of terrorism and their families. He has also called for a global ceasefire to allow medical aid to reach those in need.

Wherever you are and whatever your living situation may be, everyone is now dealing with new levels of stress, anxiety, and uncertainty. Our movement has been restricted, our responsibilities

The World Health Organization website has guidance about what you can do to stay safe during this pandemic: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>.