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United Kingdom: Human Rights Lawyers condemn bomb attacks in London

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and JUSTICE, its British Section, condemn today's bomb attacks killing and injuring civilians in the city of London.

"The indiscriminate targeting and killing of civilians can never be justified morally or legally. Those responsible must be brought to justice within the criminal justice system and in accordance with international standards", says Nicholas Howen, ICJ Secretary-General.

"In times of crisis, it is all the more important to strengthen our efforts to uphold the very principles of liberty, human rights and the rule of law that once again came under attack today," says Roger Smith, Director of JUSTICE.

The ICJ and JUSTICE express their condolences to the victims of the bombings, their families and close ones and their sympathy with the people of London.

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