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Letter of Condolences in regard to the killing of Mr. Bilal Anwar Kasi, President of the Balochistan Bar Council and his fellow lawyer colleagues

Dear Mr. Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council, Mr. Ashtar Ausaf Ali,

On behalf of the Swedish Bar Association, we would like to convey our deepest condolences on yesterday's terrible assassination of Mr. Bilal Anwar Kasi, President of the Balochistan Bar Council and the subsequent suicide bombing at the Quetta Civil Hospital, where a large number of his family, lawyer colleagues, journalists and others were killed.

We have been shocked and saddened to see the unbelievable loss of human lives and severe injuries as consequence of this heinous attack on one of Pakistan's courageous lawyers and his fellow colleagues. That a president of a provincial bar association is murdered in cold blood on an open street on his way to the court to pursue his profession as lawyer, is totally unacceptable and constitute a terrible blow for all those good forces who wants to create stability, peace, democracy and rule of law in Pakistan.

Our thoughts are with you, and particularly with the family of the victims of this awful attack on Pakistan and its legal profession. We hope for a peaceful solution of the very

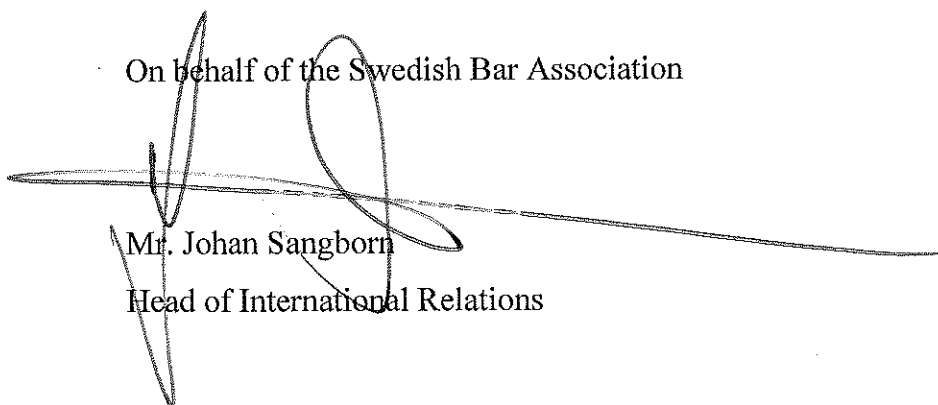
strained situation in the Queatta area and heartily wish that this incident do not hinder the continuing strive for a democratic society built on freedom, human rights and the rule of law in Pakistan.

Yours sincerely,

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