ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS’ STATEMENT
ON THE RECENT TERROR ATTACKS IN PAKISTAN AND IRAQ

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The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) condemns the bombing of the Lal Shahbaz Qalandar Shrine in Pakistan on 16 February 2017 and the car bombing in Baghdad, Iraq on 17 February 2017 which claimed the lives of many and wounded numerous others.

ASEAN extends its deep sympathies and condolences to the Governments and peoples of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Iraq, especially to the families of the victims of the terror attacks.

ASEAN underscores that under no circumstances should terrorism be linked with beliefs or religions, and reiterates that terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomever, against whomsoever committed are criminal and unjustifiable.

In view of the terror attacks, ASEAN stresses the urgency of further strengthening regional and international cooperation in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism.