

Thanks for the concern and prayers.

Luckily none of our members are affected by the recent attacks at the Church. One of our members Lay Sal. Agnes and few other lives in the close proximity of that very church, Negombo Katuwapitiya. My daughter and her family also lives in the same parish. We all were there for the night Easter Service in that very church. Thank God he spared us as we attended the night service. On the following day morning I could not believe our ears and eyes as I heard and saw the blast...I was just passing by in my vehicle that morning when this disaster took place.

We gathered to celebrate Easter at my daughters Place. But we had to be engaged in rescue and relief service since that morning as several neighbors lost their lives.

Even today there were some burials. Tomorrow some more bodies will be buried. Under high, high security, there is still the tension...fear...suspicion...the peaceful Negombo Community (Sinhalese, Muslims, Tamils, Burghers) has been simply torn down..after this disaster...Myself and few other members we are working hard to keep the peace and unity preserved ...but we are under pressure ...Our Muslim friends are stuck with fear of retaliation from Sinhalese...but our Catholic community will not retaliate..except few individuals who are ...extreme..Majority of the Christian Community at Katuwapitiya has taken this disaster in Faith and with great patience....though majority are struck with deep pain due to the loss of dear ones.

We are trying to work with religious leaders (Buddhist, Muslims and Christians) to safeguard our unity and integrity...we need to act prudently and carefully with the emotionally disturbed members.

Please pray for us and Let the LORD guide all of us
in our efforts to heal the community

It will take some time to calm down and regain the sense.
united thru prayers and in brotherhood

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