

# **There is no going back: Labour Party Pakistan stoutly condemns the brutal murder of Salman Taseer**

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Labour Party Pakistan stoutly condemns the brutal murder of Salman Taseer, Governor of Punjab killed today by a security guard. We believe that it is not an act of an individual acting on his own behalf. The guard was acting on the consistent instigation of the religious fanatics who were wrongly blaming Salman Taseer for terming blasphemy laws as “black law”. This is an act of a collective thinking of the fanatics that any ideological opponent must be illuminated physically.

“The blood of Salman Taseer should not go in vain. Pakistan People’s Party should abandon all policies to please the religious fanatics. There should be resolute fight back against the Mullahs who want Pakistan to become another Taliban control country” Farooq Tariq spokesperson Labour Party Pakistan and Nisar Shah general secretary LPP said in a joint press statement while reacting on the news. “All those justifying this brutal murder must be brought to justice, no alliance what so ever be made with the religious political parties who are mainly responsible for this murder.” they said in the statement.

Labour Party Pakistan expresses condolences and full sympathies with the family of Salman Taseer. It proposes that all progressive political trends must unite against the onslaught of religious fanatics and their political masters. State must be separated from religion and the murder should not deter the efforts to make necessary changes in the blasphemy laws.

It is an attempt by the fanatics to silence all opponents. There is no going back after this brutal killing. Labour Party Pakistan will continue its efforts to unite all the progressive forces under one banner against the religious fundamentalists and a political response must be brought forward to counter the growing influence of the fanatics.

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