DEEPLY shattered by the immense increase in the world's social evils, especially in this generation, I am deprived of any choice but to express my dismay and that of great people who still believe in peace.

This century has experienced the most horrific and disastrous violence imposed on the most vulnerable people, women and children. Our men have become heartless and tyrannies symbolising a world leading to chaos, selfishness and aggression towards neigh-

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bours. Evidence of ill-treatment is not difficult to find; for instance the suppression of women in Afghanistan. Women are forced under the veil and are given no or little freedom.

Most of the world seems not to be showing any genuine sympathy or taking joint, firm action against violators of human rights. It is mystifying to understand how or why any human being can torture or show aggression to especially the most feeble and defenceless of all.

Even babies as little as only nine months are victims of these evil deeds.

Babies are greeted with hatred and torture instead of love and security. Citizens are brutally murdered and our elders deprived of the respect and protection they deserve.

It is confusing how our leaders enthusiastically preach about peace and human rights and at the same time enjoy power and wealth while the citizens are suffering. Some leaders are even unfalteringly proud of persecuting innocent people for pretty crimes.

I believe that it is our duty to safeguard human dignity, protect human rights and most of all, the importance of life. It should be our number one priority because evil has no borders.

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