

SACBC STATEMENT ON THE SCHOOL BOMBING (15/7/91)

We appeal to the perpetrators of this senseless bombing to realise the future South Africa can only be secure when we accept one another, regardless of racial classifications, as common citizens entitled to each other's acceptance and respect.

Hillview High School, abandoned ten years ago, was being renovated to accommodate 700 children temporarily, many of them orphans who are due to return from exile shortly. It has now been bombed. We can thank God that there were no children in it. Around R 800 000 worth of damage was caused instead.

Why this dog-in-the-manger attitude on behalf of those who are involved in this violent act? Children are the future of this country – be they black, brown or white – and if they are to live in harmony with one another, it behoves us to set an example of at least civil co-operation if not brotherly love. For those of us who call ourselves Christians we should remind ourselves of Christ's teachings, such as 'Love one another'.

It should be borne in mind that no one group can claim state property as its own. The state is here for the good of all citizens and state property should be used for the good of all.