

The Elders condemn Manchester terror attack

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The Elders condemned the terror attack in Manchester and expressed their deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed and injured, and to all the people of the United Kingdom.

The Elders were dismayed to learn at their biannual board meeting in Helsinki of the suicide bombing at a music concert that left so many young people dead and injured.

[Kofi Annan](#), Chair of The Elders, said:

“This is a sickening attack. The murder of young people at a concert is an assault on humanity itself. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and all the people of Manchester and the UK. The Elders stand in solidarity with you, and salute your determination to fight terror, assert the values of love and decency, and defend an open and free way of life.”

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