

Rector of SPbPU Mr. Rudskoy expresses condolences regarding the terrorist attack in St. Petersburg Metro

'Yesterday, April 3rd 2017, our city was shocked by the news of the blast on the metro train between Sennaya Ploshchad' and Tekhnologicheskii Institut stations leaving 10 people dead and aboutt 50 people injured, children among them. St Petersburg authorities have announced a three-day period of mourning for victims of this terrible attack.

The explosion in the metro tunnel is another heartless act of terror aimed at undermining stability and world peace, the maintenance of which is a priority for both St. Petersburg and state authorities. Unfortunately, when the blow struck it hit us hard right in the hearts. What makes this act more cynic and ruthless is the fact that the explosion occurred in the city center, just a walking distance away from the main tourist attractions – Mariinsky theater and St. Isaak's Cathedral – and close to the principal railway station, Moskovskiy.

It's a grieve for me, as a rector, to learn that the incident occurred at Tekhnologicheskii Institut metro station which is located within the vicinity of several large universities – the famed Voennyye, the University of Technology, State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Mendeleev Institute of Metrology, Kirov Military Medical Academy. Students commute here at all time. When explosion blasted at the end of the school day there were many students going to the metro to catch a train home...

We must face this tragedy together, as we did in times of the siege during the war, and we must confront this global evil that is called terrorism together. Tragedies like this one may happen anywhere at any time. Their goal is to keep us from our everyday chores and instill fear in our hearts. We can fight back by standing shoulder to shoulder in the face of this world menace endangering lives and health of innocent people. I strongly believe in our capacity to unify and withstand the tragedy and global threat.

On behalf of all polytechnics I would like to express words of the deepest sympathy to the families of the diseased, and wishes of health to the injured. To all of us I would like to say words of encouragement and willing to live without fear.'

Rector of SPbPU Mr. Rudskoy

We are sincerely grateful to our students, graduates and partners from all over the world for your support and warm words! Our partners across the world are giving their condolences to the victims and injured ones during this tragedy, and in their messages of support they say that their thoughts are with the citizens of St. Petersburg. Here are some of them:

Dear colleagues from St Petersburg, First of all please let me tell you that I was shocked by the event of today in the metro. My colleagues and I here in Paris are

thinking about the people in St Petersburg.'

(Mines ParisTech, France)

'Dear all, We are so sorry for the bomb attack in your metro line yesterday! This was a very sad and troublesome news for the whole world. We hope that none of you or your relatives and friends were injured and that facts like these will never happen again! We are close to you in our thoughts!'

(Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

'We are sad to read about the attack that took place in St Petersburg yesterday. We hope that both your faculty and staff as well as your students are safe. You are in our thoughts.'

(Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Finland)

'Dear Colleagues! We have read about the news on the explosion in metro with sadness and shock! Please accept our most sincere condolences on this tragic event. We hope that your family and friends and colleagues & students are unharmed. Wishing you all strength and courage!'

(University of Jyväskylä , Finland)

'We just hear about the explosion in the metro. We hope you and your families are fine. We've just hear from our student and luckily they are all fine.'

(PSB Paris School of Business, France)

'Once more terrorists have committed an appalling attack in the midst of big city full of innocent people living their daily lives. This is to let you know that our hearts go out to the people of St. Petersburg, the victims, the families who have lost someone, the traumatized survivors, and those who will have a hard time going back to a daily routine that will help them lead a normal life after such terror. All the best to all of you and kindest regards.'

(Universität Regensburg, Germany)

'I sadly have read the latest news of terrorist attack in your magnificent city. My condolences and my hope that everyone of your people are ok.'

**(Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain)**

'The terrible event that has struck your city has left us in deep shock and concern. The fanatic and insane attack has led to confusion and disbelief. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and solidarity with you against all forms of terrorism. We share your grief and feel for the people left behind. We wish you strength in dealing with the aftermath and would like to assure you of our support.'

(TU Darmstadt, Germany)

'Our deepest sympathy about the horrible terrorist act that struck St. Petersburg today.'

(Philips Company, the Netherlands)

'I was very sad to hear these news. I share your grieve and hope for the best.'

(Une école de l'Institut Mines-Télécom, France)

'Dear brothers and sisters! We are expressing our deepest condolences to the victims of the tragedy occurred, to your families, relatives friends. Get well soon to al injured! Let all victims rest in peace!'

(Neo-Consulting, Uzbekistan)

'Please receive my full condoleances for the bomb attack in Saint-Petersburg. I sincerely hope that our both countries and the rest of the world will overcome this barbarism.'

**(ISAE SUPAERO - Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace,
France)**

'Dear colleagues and friends from Saint Petersburg, We are deeply shocked and dismayed about the terrible attack that happened in Saint Petersburg yesterday. The whole team of the International Relations Center does truly hope that you, your family, friends and students have not been harmed and that all of you are well and safe. We can just hope that our work of bringing people together to live and share the idea of a peaceful world will be the best answer to such awful happenings. Please be sure that our thoughts are with you.'

(University of Münster / School of Business and Economics, Germany)



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