

Dear relatives of the perished in the terroristic act in Burgas  
on July 18, 2012,  
Dear Mr. President,  
Ministers, Members of Parliament,  
Your Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Brothers and Sisters,

I had a hope! A hope that in the Central Sofia Synagogue I will never participate in religious service in memory of perished in terroristic acts Jews and people from other religion. My hope did not come true, but this only strengthens my confidence, that the whole civilized world has to be united against the people, organizations and countries, which aim to rule us with the power of threat and fear.

No matter where innocent people perish in the terrorists' hands, no matter what religion and nationality they are, WE, the people, who want to live in a free and democratic society, have to be committed to the tragedy of the victims' families and to the pain of the sufferers. We are responsible not to allow other victims and other sufferers.

We will be more exacting towards the authorities. We will cooperate with organized legitimate pressure on the political powers not to be tolerant to the real and potential terrorists and to the intentional offenders of law. We are responsible – free people of the society, members and leaders of influential non-governmental organizations and religious communities.

On behalf of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria Shalom and its thousands of members I would like to address victims' families, sufferers and their relatives:

We sorrow together with you for your relatives. We will continue our determined acts to improve order and security in Bulgaria. Security for us and for the Israeli people here, who are true friends of our country.

I would like to thank the Bulgarian people – doctors, medical staff, firemen, policemen, and many others, who worked in the days of the tragedy in Burgas and those, who helped the Jewish community in Bulgaria to continue its activity in the days after the terroristic act.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Bulgarian authorities – the Council of Ministers, Ministries, Municipal Authorities in Sofia, Burgas and other Bulgarian cities, which kept cool and showed efficiency.

The dead will not come back to us, the terroristic act in Burgas can not and must not be forgotten, but life goes on and responsibility of the living is to make the world better and more secure place.