

“The thoughts of the whole of Estonia and me are with you at this very difficult and extremely tragic hour. I am shocked to hear of the terrible tragedy that has struck Norway. I am consumed by grief, sadness and incomprehension, as I think of the bomb explosion in Oslo, which claimed many victims, and the multiple fatalities on Utøya Island. Estonia will extend its hand to Norway in sympathy on these tragic days and we send you our words of support,” wrote the President, Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, in his letter of condolences to the Norwegian King, Harald V, expressing condolences to the next of kin of the deceased and wishing all of those injured a quick recovery. “Just like evil will never conquer goodness, horrible and incomprehensible crimes can never close our open societies; these will deepen our commitment to the principles of a democratic society.”

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