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THE PRIME MINISTER

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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**

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My dear Prime Minister

No words can adequately express the horror and revulsion which I and millions of British people felt at the scenes of violence which we witnessed at last night's European Cup Final in Brussels. These terrible events have brought shame on those responsible and on their country. They should never have happened. On behalf of Her Majesty's Government I should like to express my deepest sympathy to the families of the Belgian victims.

I have sent a message to the Italian Prime Minister expressing the hope that a disaster fund will be set up to help the families of all the victims and stating that we are making available immediately £250,000 as an initial contribution.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

His Excellency Monsieur Wilfried Martens.

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