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Bhatti was recognized internationally for his work and was honored in Finland and Canada. In 2009, the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** awarded him a first-of-a-kind medal.

Cecil Chaudhry is a former fighter pilot and human rights campaigner who knew Bhatti since his student days in the 1980s. He describes him as &quot;one of the most committed persons that I have come across in my life,&quot; who sacrificed everything to end discrimination and oppression against minorities.