

Condemnation Statement by the Jerusalem Patriarchate Regarding the Terrorist Act Targeting the Church in Al-Karak / Hammoud



"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

(John 11:25-26)

His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem, the members of the Holy Synod, and His Eminence Metropolitan Christophoros, Metropolitan of Jordan, extend their deepest condolences, to themselves, to the bereaved families of the victims, to the Jordanian people in all their diversity, and to the Hashemite leadership, regarding this grave tragedy. It is a loss that has touched every heart, leaving behind a profound and deeply painful sense of sorrow.

The Patriarchate condemns this vile, cowardly, and bloody act; which directly struck our community and claimed the lives of martyrs at the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint George in Hammoud, Al-Karak, while expressing full confidence in our security services, who possess the professionalism and swiftness required to bring these terrorist criminals to justice.

Despite the immense pain felt throughout all of Jordan, and by all honorable people across the world, this abhorrent, bloody act will not undermine our national unity or our steadfastness. On the contrary, it only strengthens the bond between Christians and Muslims, uniting us more firmly around our Hashemite leadership. If the intent behind this message is to uproot us from our Holy Land and displace us, it will only serve to strengthen our attachment to it and deepen our roots within it. No matter how intense the events around us may become, or what hardships may befall us, we shall not be driven to leave our land. We are the children of this land, its very roots, and partners in its history, its present, and its future. We shall remain here as witnesses to the faith, regardless of how great the challenges or how severe the trials may be.

We hold an absolute conviction that our Jordanian society will remain resilient against any dark, extremist ideology, and that this criminal act is entirely alien and contrary to the moderate Islam practiced in our country.

We call upon our flock and all the faithful to remain steadfast and to pray during these moments.

May God protect Jordan and the Jordanian people.

Our prayers and supplications are with you.

Theophilos III, Patriarch of the Holy City

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