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Heads of Christian Churches in Jerusalem issue joint statement on ‘current threat to the Christian presence in the Holy Land’



A statement was issued this week in the Holy Land on what patriarchs and heads of local Churches of Jerusalem called a “…current threat to the Christian presence in the Holy Land,” with the most ancient and venerable of all Christian Primates, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Most Godly Beatitude Theophilos III, among the signatories.

The statement, among others, reads: “…Throughout the Holy Land, Christians have become the target of frequent and sustained attacks by fringe radical groups. Since 2012 there have been countless incidents of physical and verbal assaults against priests and other clergy, attacks on Christian churches, with holy sites regularly vandalized and desecrated, and ongoing intimidation of local Christians who simply seek to worship freely and go about their daily lives.”

Christians leaders called on all local authorities to engage in an urgent dialogue with them, in order to deal with the challenges presented by radical groups in Jerusalem, threats against both the Christian community and the rule of law, as

they reminded.