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Islamic - Catholic Liaison Committee Joint Statement on the situation in Iraq

As presidents of the Islamic - Catholic Liaison Committee we firmly condemn, in its name, the terrorist acts that continue to be perpetrated in Iraq and that involve also the civilian population. We condemn in particular the suicide attacks in areas in which are located places of worship, both against Muslims and against Christians gathered for worship.

Such acts of blind violence offend the sacred name of God and true religion. They evidence a gross misunderstanding of the history and culture of this sorely tried country. They represent a grave threat to peaceful coexistence and the ordered development of Iraqi society.

It is our sincere hope that, with the help of the Almighty and Merciful God, the Iraqi people may finally enjoy the gift of peace, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and genuine collaboration among all its citizens of whatever religious tradition.

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