

MECHRIC Calls on President El-Sisi to Address the Jihadist Ideology in Egypt

Press release from MECHRIC:



WASHINGTON DC: The Middle East Christian Committee (Al-Lijna Al-Mashreqia) condemns in the strongest possible terms the barbaric attack with explosives on two Egyptian Coptic Christian churches during Palm Sunday services this morning. We send our condolences to the families of those murdered and injured as well as to the entire Coptic Christian community. These heinous attacks, on St. George's Church in Tanta and Saint Mark Coptic Orthodox Church in Alexandria, upon innocent, inoffensive worshippers on this holy day illustrate the danger radical Islamic terrorism poses to the civilized world.

We call on President El-Sisi to take immediate and firm action, not only to bring the perpetrators to justice, but to halt the preaching of hatred and incitement in Egypt's mosques and to teach openness and tolerance in Egypt's schools as well. Until Islamic supremacism is officially abandoned and people of all faiths are treated with equal dignity and respect, horrible incidents like this will continue to occur. Egypt must take a firm stand against the jihadist ideology which inspires such brutal violence.

We join our Coptic brethren in prayer for the souls of those murdered in these vicious attacks and for their families at this tragic time. We stand in solidarity with their appeal for better protection and we implore President Sisi to end the incitement and the teaching of hatred and inequality in the mosques and schools of Egypt.

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