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4 January 2011

Muslims Australia Condemns Egyptian Coptic Church Bomb Blast

The President of Muslim Australia, Mr Ikebal Adam Patel, condemned the violence perpetrated as a result of a car bomb blast outside a Coptic Church in Alexandria, Egypt. Mr Patel described this as a criminal act of the worst kind and said those responsible for killing innocent people must be brought to justice and dealt with swiftly by the Egyptian judiciary.

Mr Patel said, "Our condolences are with the families who lost loved ones so tragically and our prayers are for the recovery of the injured and traumatised".

Mr Patel said, "The criminals who are intent on derailing cooperation and good will that has existed for centuries between religious groups, especially Christians and Muslims in this instance will find no favour at all with the majority of right minded human beings. Taking the life of an innocent person is never justified under any circumstances".

Mr Patel reiterated the sanctity and importance of human life in all religious teachings. Mr Patel said Muslims in Australia have formed partnerships with Christians and other religious communities to further the cause of one humanity, one goal – peaceful, harmonious co-existence and hopes this message can be echoed all over the world. There is enough room to accommodate different ideas and philosophies without resorting to acts of violence."

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