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On the Heinous Terrorist Attack on a Church in Karak, Jordan

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The Canadian Arab Public Affairs Committee (CAPAC) strongly condemns today's heinous terrorist attack in Al-Karak, Jordan, where gunmen opened fire on mourners during a funeral at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Hammoud, killing seven people and injuring 34 others.

An attack on a house of worship, on families gathered to bury their loved ones, is an attack on our shared humanity. CAPAC extends its deepest condolences to the families of the martyrs, wishes the injured a full and speedy recovery, and stands in full solidarity with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and its Christian community.

CAPAC welcomes the swift response of Jordan's security services and expresses its full confidence in the Jordanian authorities to apprehend those responsible and to dismantle the networks of incitement behind them, and rejects terrorism and extremism in all their forms, wherever they target civilians and places of worship.

CAPAC welcomes His Majesty King Abdullah II's firm response, including his affirmation that this attack will not divide Jordanians: "Those who delude themselves into thinking that they can divide Jordanians with their bullets have no chance in the face of our unity." His Majesty has long warned against such extremists, describing them in past speeches as khawarej, outlaws of Islam, who seek to strike at national unity in the service of the enemies of the homeland.

CAPAC also notes the words of Jordan's Prime Minister Jafar Hassan, who chaired the security meeting in Karak and described the attack as "the result of terrorist ideology and blind extremism, and we will not allow society to go down this path".

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CAPAC respectfully calls upon the Government of Jordan to strengthen its measures against extremism, including closer attention to the terrorist ideology disseminated on social media among youth and young people, an ideology that glorifies death and the killing of others as a path to paradise, and to the ignorant and extremist voices, including some who present themselves as imams, that seek to attract and influence children and youth. Safeguarding the next generation from indoctrination by such ideology is a shared responsibility. CAPAC stands ready to support all efforts that protect young people and preserve the unity of Jordan, and to place its counsel and media expertise at the service of this cause, in the media and through sound logic and reasoned argument.

CAPAC expresses its appreciation to Prime Minister Mark Carney, who condemned this despicable act of terror in the strongest possible terms and extended his condolences to the families of the martyrs, the injured, and the Greek Orthodox community. CAPAC also expresses its appreciation to Foreign Minister Hon. Anita Anand for Canada's swift and unequivocal condemnation of this terrorist attack, and for conveying Canada's solidarity directly to Jordan's Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi. Canada is right to stand with the Jordanian people in defence of religious freedom, human dignity, and the fundamental right to worship in peace.

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