

# **JERUSALEM PATRIARCHATE CALLS FOR AN END TO THE ATTACK ON JENIN AND CALLS FOR A SAFE AND DIGNIFIED LIFE**

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The Jerusalem Patriarchate sent an appeal this morning, July 4, to the international community and the forces concerned with the cause of peace in the Holy Land, asking them to work to stop the attack on the city of Jenin and its camp, and to put an end to violence and bloodshed based on the values of peace and justice proclaimed by the Abrahamic religions.

In the statement, the Patriarchate stressed that the world is witnessing today an alarming escalation of violence and bloodshed in our region, and that the world, with great regret, is silently witnessing the continued violation of human rights and the targeting of innocent civilians, and that this painful reality requires everyone to take urgent action to prevent further human losses and suffering.

The Patriarchate affirmed the words of His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of Jerusalem, “we believe in the inherent right of every human being to live in peace and dignity, and we call for an immediate cessation of violence and an acceptance of the voice of the global conscience that calls for an end to armed confrontations and a peaceful settlement of disputes. A just solution for the Palestinian cause is not only a humanitarian necessity, but it is also a political and moral necessity. The continuation of violence leads to more tension and division in the region, and exposes the lives of thousands of innocent people to danger and suffering.” Recalling what was stated in the Holy Gospel: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

The Patriarchate of Jerusalem called on the entire international community and all political and religious forces to assume their responsibilities in establishing peace and stopping the bloodshed in our stricken region, calling for effective intervention by the competent international bodies to stop hostilities and find just and comprehensive political solutions to the Palestinian file.

The Patriarchate of Jerusalem renews its full commitment to the values of peace, justice and love that we learned from the monotheistic religions, and calls on all peoples to achieve harmony, cooperation and mutual respect on the basis of truth and justice.