Condolences of Patriarch Kirill over the death of people as a result of a terrorist action in Nice

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has expressed condolences to President of the Republic of France Emmanuel Macron and to Bishop André Marceau of Nice over the death of people as a result of the armed attack in the Church of Notre Dame in Nice.

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To His Excellency Emmanuel MACRON

President Republic of France

Your Excellency, Dear Mr. President,

I am deeply grieved by the news about the death and injuries of parishioners of the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Nice as a result of an attack committed by a man armed with a knife. I deeply empathize with you and all the French people at this dark hour.

The monstrous atrocities committed with the sacrilegious use of religious slogans will not be able to shake people's desire of peaceful life, to make them follow the evil will of criminals and to recognize as norm the inhuman ideology of atrocity and violence.

I would like to express the words of condolences to the relatives and loved ones of those who were killed and affected. I pray to the Merciful Lord for a speedy recovery of the wounded and their recovery from the ordeal they have experienced.

With profound condolences,

+ Kirill
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

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The Right Reverend André Marceau

Bishop of Nice

Your Grace,

With the feeling of profound grief I have taken the news about the terrible atrocity that has been committed within the Basilica of Notre Dame de Nice – a brutal attack made on parishioners by an extremist, which has caused people's death and injures.

I would like to express my sincere condolences to you, to the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Nice, to the relatives and loved ones of those who were killed and injured.

May the Lord, who said, "*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die*" (Jn. 11:25) repose the soul of those who were killed in the mansions of the righteous and may He give consolation to all the afflicted.

With sincere condolences,

+ Kirill
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

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