



Metropolitan Hilarion expresses condolences to Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China over earthquake in Yunnan province

In his message to Mr. Li KEQIANG, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, expressed his condolences over a devastating earthquake in Yunnan province, as a result of which several hundred people have died and over a thousand people have been injured. The text of the message is given below.

Your Excellency,

Please accept my sincere and profound condolences over the earthquake in Yunnan province, as a result of which several hundred people have died and over a thousand people have been injured.

In these days I want to express my sympathy to you, to the Chinese people, to the families which have lost their dear ones. I ask you to convey my words of support to those affected by the natural disaster.

I pray for the recovery of the injured and consolation of the afflicted. May the Lord help those who are working to overcome the aftermaths of the tragedy.

With deep condolences,

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