



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's condolences over bus crash in Egypt**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia offered his condolences to H. E. Mohamed Mursi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt; His Beatitude Patriarch Theodore of Alexandria and All Africa; and Theodore II, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the Coptic Church, over bus crash in the Asuyt Governorate that killed over 50 people, mostly children.*

**To: His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Mursi,**

**President of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

Your Excellency, dear Mr. President:

It is with deep grief that I learnt of the bus crash in the south of Egypt that killed and injured dozens of people.

The tragedy is even more dramatic because children are in the majority of victims. I express my profound sympathy to the near and dear of the victims and the injured. May God grant them spiritual courage and strength in enduring the trial that befell them.

During these days the Russian Orthodox Church sincerely sympathizes with you and all people of Egypt.

Respectfully,

**+ KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**

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**To: His Beatitude Theodoros,**

**Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa**

Your Beatitude, beloved in the Lord brother and concelebrant:

I offer my sincere and cordial condolences to you and to all people of Egypt over sorrowful news about the bus crash in the south of Egypt that killed and injured dozens of people. The tragedy is even more dramatic as children are in the majority of victims. We pray for the consolation of those grieving and for peace in your country.

With brotherly love in the Lord,

**+ KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**

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**To: His Holiness Theodore II, Pope of Alexandria**

**and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark in All Africa and in the Middle East**

Your Holiness:

It was with a heartfelt grief that I learnt of the terrible accident in the Asuyt Governorate that killed over fifty people, mostly children.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church I offer sincere condolences to the parents and families of victims. I pray for the recovery of the injured, for the consolation of the parents and relatives of the victims. May God make their hearts strong by His inexhaustible mercy.

With love in Christ,

**+ KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**