



DECR Chairman sends his condolences upon the death of Belgian tourists in Switzerland

In his letter to H.E. Elio Di Rupo, the Prime Minister of Belgium, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations expressed condolences upon the death and injuries of many people in bus crash near Sierre in Switzerland.

His Excellency Mr. Elio Di Rupo

Prime Minister of Belgium

Your Excellency:

It was with a feeling of profound grief that I have learnt of the bus crash near Sierre in Switzerland that killed and injured many people.

The tragedy that befell the passengers is dramatized by the fact that the death victims included mostly children who were returning from a ski tour in the Italian Alps. The relatives and close ones of the victims and the injured are suffering most of all. May the Lord help them to endure the ordeal.

On these mournful days I express my sincere condolences to You, the leaders and citizens of your country.

Please accept my deep sympathy,

+Hilarion

Metropolitan of Volokolamsk

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