



“The Holy Land is our common spiritual, cultural and historical treasure, and it is for this reason that peace in the Holy Land is our common responsibility and concern,” said His Holiness.

In addition, His Holiness emphasized that any strikes upon civilian institutions and religious holy sites were worthy of utmost condemnation, noting with regret that in recent days there had been media confirmation that this was happening. As is well known, as a result of recent military action in the Gaza Strip the Church of Saint Porphyrius suffered significant damage, bringing many victims in its wake. On 20th October His Holiness Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' Kirill sent a letter to His Beatitude the Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine Theophilos III expressing his concern and condolences with regard to what had happened.

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