

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful



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May 11, 2021

**A Statement denouncing Acts of Violence and Oppression of Freedom of Religious Practice at Al Aqsa Mosque in Palestine.**

The Muslim Council of Calgary categorically denounces in the strongest terms the acts of violence committed against innocent worshippers at the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Further, we, the MCC, denounce the egregious oppression of religious freedoms of Muslim worshipers who have had to endure violence and censure at the hands of Israeli forces in Al Aqsa.

The “Al Aqsa” mosque is the third holiest sites of Islam and holds special historic value as the first Qibla (direction of prayer) of the Islamic faith, amongst other important religious events. Further, we call for an immediate halt of all illegal evictions of the residents of Sheikh Jarrah and other parts of East Jerusalem by the Israeli military. The use of force to evict civilians from their generational homes is an egregious violation of humanity and goes against the very fabric of human dignity.

We call upon all Canadian political and civil society leaders to stand in solidarity with the innocent worshippers of Al Aqsa, Jerusalem, who continue to endure religious oppression and violence at the hands of Israeli forces.

We also call on the international community to raise their voice in favor of human dignity and the right to religious freedoms in Jerusalem.

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