



Religious Leaders of the Holy Land | 31.01.2002

## **Alexandria Declaration of the Religious Leaders of the Holy Land**

*January 21,  
2002*

The following is a declaration which was signed by Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders during a historic two-day interfaith conference in Alexandria, Egypt.

Signatories included:

*His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. George Carey  
Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron  
Deputy Foreign Minister Rabbi Michael Melchior  
President of the World*

*Conference on  
Religion and  
Peace Rabbi  
David Rosen  
Minister of  
State for the  
Palestinian  
Authority  
Sheikh Tal El  
Sider, signed  
on behalf of the  
Palestinian  
delegation  
Representative  
of the Greek  
Patriarch  
Archbishop  
Aristichos  
Melkite  
Archbishop,  
Archbishop  
Boutrous  
Mu'alem*

In the name of  
God who is  
Almighty,  
Merciful and Co  
mpassionate,  
we, who have  
gathered as  
religious  
leaders from  
the Muslim,  
Christian and  
Jewish  
communities,  
pray for true  
peace in  
Jerusalem and  
the Holy Land,  
and declare our  
commitment to  
ending the  
violence and  
bloodshed that  
denies the right  
of life and  
dignity.

According to  
our faith  
traditions,  
killing

innocents in the name of God is a desecration of His Holy Name, and defames religion in the world. The violence in the Holy Land is an evil, which must be opposed by all people of good faith. We seek to live together as neighbors respecting the integrity of each other's historical and religious inheritance. We call upon all to oppose incitement, hatred and misrepresentation of the other

1. The Holy Land is holy to all three of our faiths. Therefore, followers of the divine religions must respect its sanctity, and bloodshed must not be allowed to pollute it. The sanctity and integrity of the holy places must be preserved, and freedom of religious worship must be ensured for all.

2. Palestinians and Israelis must respect the divinely ordained purposes of the Creator by whose grace they live in the same land that is called holy.

3. We call on the political leaders of both peoples to work for a just, secure and durable solution in the spirit of the words of the Almighty and the Prophets.

4. As a first step now, we call for a religiously sanctioned cease-fire, respected and observed on all sides, and for the implementation of the Mitchell and Tenet recommendations, including the lifting of restrictions and return to negotiations.

5. We seek to help create an atmosphere where present and future generations will co-exist with mutual respect and trust in the

other. We call on all to refrain from incitement and demonization, and to educate our future generations accordingly.

6. As religious leaders, we pledge ourselves to continue a joint quest for a just peace that leads to reconciliation in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, for the common good of all our peoples.

7. We announce the establishment of a permanent joint committee to carry out the recommendations of this declaration, and to engage with our respective political leadership accordingly.