



Press Statement

Fethullah Gulen's Condemnation and Condolences Message on Istanbul Terrorist Attack

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The cruelty of terrorism that we have witnessed numerous times before showed its ugly face again in Istanbul on January 12th. I strongly condemn this brutal terrorist attack that targeted tourists visiting Turkey.

Just like the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of hundreds of innocent people in Mali, Beirut, Paris, and Baghdad recently, History will record this attack as another stab at the heart of our common humanity.

I extend my deepest condolences to the loved ones of the victims, especially to German and Peruvian people, and pray for patience for them, and for the fast recovery of the wounded.

On this sad occasion I remind world Muslims to condemn all acts of terror unconditionally, especially the murders that are committed under a false banner of religion. I ask God the most Merciful to deliver humanity to days where peace and tranquility reign around the globe. It should never be forgotten that, as the noble Qur'an (5:32) teaches us "Whoever kills an innocent person...it is as though he has killed all humankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all humankind."

About Fethullah Gulen

Fethullah Gulen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to interfaith tolerance and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gulen is the honorary chairman of the Foundation of Journalists and Writers, Istanbul, Turkey.

About Alliance for Shared Values

Alliance for Shared Values is a non-profit that serves as a voice for dialogue organizations founded by the participants of the Hizmet civil society movement in the U.S. (also known as Gulen movement). The Alliance serves as a central source of information on Fethullah Gulen and Hizmet. For more information, please visit www.afsv.org.

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