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DEATH OF ETHIOPIAN CHRISTIANS

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We witness once again a brutal act of ISIS against Christian people. Such barbaric acts call for our public denunciation, which is the policy of our Templar members (OSMTH). ISIS released a video in the last few days, which portrayed some thirty Ethiopian Orthodox Christians either shot or beheaded on a Libyan beach.

The world was shocked and the Ethiopian government immediately condemned the act in the strongest terms. We sent our statement to HIH Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie, Chair of the Ethiopian Crown Council, who is a friend of our Order and a well-known figure among international governments, as well as Christian and Muslim religious leaders,.

Many Templar members met His Highness at the fall Conference of “In Defense of Christians” in Washington D. C., who was our guest. We know he will extend our concerns to his government and, if possible, to the families of these martyrs. All international Grand Priorities or Priorities will send their own messages to Prince Ermias through the Ethiopian Ambassador of their Nation.

We extend our grief and prayers, on behalf of our Order, for all victims from every nation resulting from these kind of terrible and barbaric acts.

We call on every government, all leaders and individuals to join forces by putting aside their differences to fight these brutal acts.

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