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The Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land regrets that the holy sites in Jerusalem continues to be exploited for conflict in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The Council reaffirms its commitment to advancing respect between religious communities in Jerusalem, the protection of each community's holy sites and their sensitivities.

Accordingly, in the wake of recent violent events, we express our support for all calls such as that of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Muhammed Hussein, advocating non-violence and respect for the special and current status of the Al Aqsa Mosque, and the official repeated position of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel in that it is prohibited by Jewish law (the Halacha) to enter the area.

Together we call for the respect for the holy sites of all three religions and for peace of Jerusalem