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Attack on a mosque in Egypt: spiritual Islam assaulted!

It is with great sorrow that the Tariqa Alawiyya and the eponym Association AISA International NGO, have learned of the carnage committed at the al-Rawda Mosque of Bir al-Abed in Egypt last Friday that caused at least 305 dead which includes a large number affiliated with our spiritual path.

Our hearts are touched by this horrible tragedy that has just struck brothers and friends with whom we share a vision of an Islam of Love, Fraternity and Peace.

Today, we pray for rest for these innocent women, men and children killed for no reason, simply living their faith. We send our condolences and fraternal support to their families and loved ones who have lost a dear one and who like us live and believe that Islam is a message of peace and must remain so despite those who use and advocate violence against their own.

The entire Alawiyya Sufi community appeals to all citizens around the world to reject all forms of violence, of non-respect for the individual, regardless of their religious affiliation, beliefs, sex, status or country of origin.

We call on all the Sufi friendly fraternities of the world, all the sincere Muslims, but also all the inhabitants of our planet, so that in this moment of pain and mourning, all energies are deployed to create a true culture of peace and build a global society where the will to live together and construct the future with each other and not against each other will concretely be part of the daily life of all the inhabitants of this Earth.

For despite the horrific attack on innocent people, our desire for peace has never been stronger and our hope as great.

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