

Manama Call For Inter-Religious Alliance

We, representatives of different faiths, appreciating religious freedom in the Kingdom of Bahrain, have come together to express our concern and solidarity, and to promote interreligious dialogue.

Appalled by all acts of violence made in the name of religion, we reject and condemn incitement to hatred, terrorism and the violation of the right to life.

United by our collective belief in the dignity of the human person, and the pursuit of peace, we urge all religious leaders to promote tolerance and respect within their own faiths, and towards others.

We are committed to inter-religious dialogue and urge leaders of all faiths to promote the culture of peace, mutual understanding, speak out against violence, and prevent and denounce sectarianism.

We believe in the freedom of speech and freedom of expression, while encouraging respect of cultural distinctions

We underline the importance of education and culture as vital for appreciating dignity and diversity.

We reject attempts to instrumentalize religion to foment conflict.

At the same time, we believe that inter-faith dialogue is key to prevent issues that cause vulnerability, and that religion can enable respect and reconciliation, and help to build peace.

No single cause deserves one single drop of blood.

Signed at
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