



Australian Federation
of Islamic Councils

AFIC offers its condolences and support to the people of Beirut affected by the horrendous explosions

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"My heart shattered this morning when I received news of explosions in Beirut." Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, the president of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils.

"I along with many Australians of Lebanese background were hustling to speak to relatives to confirm their safety and see what we can do to help." Said Dr. Jneid.

"These horrendous explosions cost tens of lives and brought injury to thousands of innocent men, women and children who were trying to go about their daily lives. My heart goes to them and their families. I offer my deepest condolences to all affected families and I pray to Allah to rest the souls of the lives lost and grant them the peace of paradise." Said Dr. Jneid.

"We stand with the people of Lebanon in their time of need, we offer our deepest condolences and stand ready to provide whatever support that we can." Said Dr. Jneid.

"I would like to thank former Australian Attorney General, the Honourable Philip Ruddock MP for calling our CEO and myself to offer his love and support." Said Dr. Jneid.

"AFIC will open its humanitarian account for donations to impacted families. AFIC's national Sharia advisory board (ANSAB) has member Imams who represent the Grand Mufti of Lebanon in two Australian cities, they will oversee our fundraising efforts for Lebanon and ensure that moneys raised will go to those who are most in need." Said Dr. Jneid.

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