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## **Australian Muslims are severely offended by the latest attack by the People's Republic of China (PRC) against Australia**

**Media Statement**

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The PRC which has forcefully annexed East Turkistan and enslaved its people is engaging in large scale hypocrisy by attacking Australia.

Let's make it clear, very clear, the only reason we know about war crimes by a small number of SAS troops is because the majority of the SAS reject these crimes. These crimes are un-Australian, they neither define Australia nor the SAS, and have been condemned by the general public as well as army leadership and the Australian political establishment.

It is the height of hypocrisy that the PRC, a nation infamous for its systemic suppression of freedoms, systemic repression of dissent, systemic murder of its own citizens amongst many other atrocities is mocking Australia for the unauthorized actions of a small band of SAS.

AFIC lauds the Australian government and public for their resolve to hold our troops to high standards. AFIC lauds the commendable readiness of our nation to prosecute those who breach their duty.

"Australia has apologized for the crime of the small non-representative number of troops and will make reparations and extensive compensation to victims. The PRC on the other hand buries its crimes under a highly censored apparatus and threatens severe retribution against those who make them public. The PRC should have a long hard look at itself before it criticizes Australia." Said Dr Rateb Jneid, President of AFIC.

"As a proud Australian, I know that the atrocities committed by a small band of troops will make us work harder as a nation to stay away from war and to become stronger in policing the observance of our standards and rules of engagement. Unlike the PRC, we own our actions and we are courageous enough to apologise and make amends." Said Dr Jneid.

"China's criticism can only carry weight after China fully respects the human rights of the Uyghur and other groups and withdraws from their land." Said Dr Jneid.

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