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Media Statement

Starvation – the new crisis confronting Afghanistan today

Please send urgent food to Afghanistan

AFIC has long opposed foreign interventionism as a failed experiment that lays great misery in its wake. We have always supported the rights of people to self-determination.

The return of the Taliban to rule in Afghanistan is one of the most glaring modern lessons in the failure of interventionism.

World powers have projected a confused rhetoric on how to address the developments in Afghanistan.

Unfortunately, for the Afghan people, the most glaring crisis is starvation whilst a big chunk of their wealth is frozen in foreign banks for fear of being used by the new government.

This denial of access to their funds will kill, through starvation, thousands of Afghans.

“If the international community is afraid of giving the Taliban access to their country’s foreign investments, it must at least start sending foodstuffs to be distributed to those without access until they resolve the nature of their diplomatic relations with the new Afghan government.”

Said AFIC president **Dr Rateb Jneid**

“AFIC calls on our Australian government to lead the campaign and immediately dispatch emergency food to the people of Afghanistan. **AFIC pledges to waive all “Halal” certification fees (until further notice) for any Halal meats or foodstuffs being sent to Afghanistan.**” Said **Dr Jneid**.

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