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AFIC reaches out with friendship on the International Day to Combat Islamophobia

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“Islamophobia – a fear that has divided humanity since the first crusade in 1096 – has led to the loss of millions of lives since that date. Islamophobia is used to justify the murder, oppression and occupation or annexation of lands of Palestine, Kashmir and East Turkistan. It has led to genocide against the Rohingya people, Central African Muslims and the 2019 Christchurch Massacre as well as the invasion and occupation of Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan. As we mark the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, I have but one simple message: getting to know each other in peace, friendship and goodwill is a much better alternative.” Said AFIC President Dr Rateb Jneid.

“The significance of the date is not lost on me, lest we forget those innocent lives that were brutally murdered on this day in 2019. My love and respect go to their families. In their memory, I would like to let everyone know that we are ready to embrace everyone who comes to us with an open mind and an open heart.” Said Dr Jneid.

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