

## **The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church** **CATHOLICATE OF THE EAST**

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**His Holiness Karekin II**  
**Catholicos of the Armenian Apostolic Church**  
**Holy Etchmiadzin**

Your Holiness Catholicos Karekin II, beloved concelebrant in our Lord,

It pains us to hear of the recent events affecting your precious land of Armenia. The unprovoked acts of violence on the Artsakh border shocked all peace-loving people. We grieve deep in our heart on the tragic events while the military tensions continue to escalate.

Your Holiness, your sister Church, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church stand with you, and all of your faithful during this dark time. We condemn all acts of aggression which attack the sovereignty of Armenia. The venerable hierarchs, priests, deacons, monastics and faithful of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, join me in offering our prayers, solidarity and love to you all during this time. We pray that our Lord will grant peace and restore order in the blessed land of Armenia.

Your brother in our Lord,



**Baselios Marthoma Paulose II**