

Zwolle, 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2024

### **Statement pogrom in Amsterdam**

It is with horror and shame that we saw what took place last night in Amsterdam. This anti-Semitic pogrom is appalling, unacceptable and we strongly condemn it. It is a very sad day for the Netherlands. That those rioters, so actively, deliberately attacked, abused and pelted Israeli supporters is mind-boggling.

Prime Minister Schoof has called Prime minister Netanyahu and said: "These are unacceptable anti-Semitic attacks on Israelis." Our King Willem Alexander has indicated to President Herzog: "We have disappointed the Dutch Jews in the Second World War and now disappointed them again."

As International Christian Embassy Jerusalem Netherlands (ICEJ Netherlands) we want to say: Lord, forgive us as a nation, that we treat Jews in the Netherlands this way and are apparently unable to protect them enough.

At the same time, a parallel can be drawn with what is going on in Israel. Apparently, the Netherlands is unable to keep a few hundred demonstrators under control. Israel is being attacked on a large scale with weapons and rockets. Our prayer is: Lord, please expose what is really going on. It's a much bigger problem. Unfortunately, Iran and its proxies want to unleash an international intifada and destroy Israel. It is very clear that we see anti-Semitism here. Unfortunately, Jew-hatred is also alive and well in the Netherlands.

As ICEJ, we stand with the Jewish community in the Netherlands and worldwide and call on our government to fight with all its might and strength, that such an anti-Semitic pogrom will never, ever happen again.

Yours sincerely,



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