His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's condolences over the tragedy in Beirut

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent condolences to the President of the Lebanese Republic, Mr. Michel Aoun, and to His Beatitude Patriarch John X of the Great Antioch and All the East over the death of people in the explosion at Beirut's port.

His Excellency Mr. Michel AOUN

President

Lebanese Republic

Your Excellency, dear Mr. President,

It grieved me deeply to learn about the explosions that thundered on Tuesday at Beirut's port, killing and injuring many people and causing considerable damage to the city's buildings and infrastructure. Please accept my profound condolences.

I sincerely empathize with those who have lost their relatives and friends and ask to convey to them my words of consolation and support, and to the injured – my wishes of the soonest recovery.

At this time of hardships may the Merciful Lord grant strength to the doctors who are selflessly fighting to save the lives of the victims, to the staff of the rescue services and to all those who are working hard, striving to overcome the aftermaths of the tragedy, and may He grant peace, welfare and tranquillity to Lebanon.

With deep condolences,

+KIRILL

PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA

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His Beatitude John X

Patriarch of the Great Antioch and All the East

Your Beatitude, Beloved Brother and Concelebrant at God's Altar,

On behalf of the archpastors, clergy, monastics and laypeople of the Russian Orthodox Church I offer you my deep condolences over the tragedy that occurred in Beirut.

My heart grieved as I learned about the calamity which inflicted new wounds on your long-suffering Christ-loving flock. I am praying to our Lord Jesus Christ that He may grant recovery to the injured, repose to the souls of the victims, consolation to their relatives and friends in this sorrow, and peace, welfare and tranquillity to Lebanon.

With brotherly love in the Lord,

+KIRILL

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