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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ANIC Condemns the recent Attacks by the Syrian Regime and its allies on Ghouta, Syria.**

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) expresses its deepest condemnation of the recent and ongoing events which have transpired in Ghouta, Syria. As well as being subject to a seven-year long civil war, the people of Ghouta have been bombarded with airstrikes by the Syrian Regime forces and its Allies. These actions have resulted in the deaths of more than 400 people, with over two-thousand or so wounded. In addition to such tactics, planes have struck residential areas in which more than 400,000 people live, destroying more than a dozen hospitals, making it difficult if not impossible to treat the wounded.

In the spirit of justice and good will, ANIC calls on the Australian government to take imminent action in seeking an end to such mass killings and to save and protect the lives of innocent civilians in Ghouta and Syria in general.

Finally, ANIC calls on Muslims to utilise all legal efforts to promote an understanding of what is taking place to others and to supplicate for their brothers and sisters who are suffering such calamities wherever they may be.

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