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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## CFM STRONGLY CONDEMNS ATTACKS AGAINST WORSHIPPERS IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

The Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) condemns the senseless and deadly acts of violence in which a gunman has reportedly killed 49 worshippers and injured dozens of peaceful people who were at their Friday prayers at the Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Centre in Christchurch, New Zealand.

CFM denounces all forms of hate crimes and violence. The loss of innocent lives does not build lasting peace in the world.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and urge churches in Malaysia to pray for those who are grieving their loss.

May we also remember the Malaysians and others injured and missing in the attacks. We pray that Almighty God grants them His peace and grace as we offer prayers for their recovery.

Today we urge all fellow Malaysians to take this timely opportunity to cherish deeply the unity, peace, and harmony in our nation and to always tirelessly work to ensure sincere mutual respect for all religions and peoples in our beloved nation. Hate speeches stirring up animosity have no place here or elsewhere in our world.

Signed,

Archbishop Julian Leow Beng Kim Chairman and the Executive Committee, The Christian Federation of Malaysia.