



Statement by the National Evangelical Synod in Syria and Lebanon

We, Presbyterian Churches in Syria and Lebanon, condemn the oppressive aggression carried out in Syria at the dawn of April 14, 2018 by worldly powers. Powers that were supposed to responsibly respect the international law and sovereignty of nations, through their role in the Security Council. But unfortunately, their aggression came through the fabrication of charges, without legal justification. The strike came as an evidence of a desire to destabilize Syria after the National Army and government are close to eradicating terrorism and eventually stop the violence in the country.

The recent aggression is to try to turn the clock back to the midst of the crisis. Moreover, the strike came in contradiction to the desire of the Syrian people in moving to a secure life, built on dialogue and political solutions under the roof of a state and national army. The unjust aggression came, asserting that imperial mindset and tyranny of might, still inhabit and move superpowers, without any recognition of the rights of other nations.

We deplore what Syria has been subjected to, to push the Syrians to surrender to the logic of force that does not respect the sovereignty of States. We demand that international legitimacy be the only place where to appeal to and prevail. Otherwise, we will leave the law of the jungle to control the fate, wealth and capabilities of the people, without any human, moral or legitimate deterrent.

Our Church in Syria and Lebanon appeals to sister Churches in the West, with which we share the Gospel of Christ, to exert maximum pressure on their governments and diplomacy not to repeat those adventures that undermine the chances of stability awaiting our country. We also call on those Churches to raise awareness about the Syrian crisis and what has been achieved in Syria so far to defeat the threat of terrorism that threatens our region and the world at large.

As we declare this, we ask God Almighty to give our leadership, government, and National Army all wisdom and steadfastness in the face of evil forces. We lift our prayers for a strong Syria that upholds the values of peace, human dignity and peaceful co-existence among all its components.

Rev. Joseph Kassab, General Secretary

National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon

