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WLUML Statement on recent terrorist attacks

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Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML) strongly condemns the terrorist attacks that have taken place in the name of “Islam” in the past weeks.

We mourn our dead in Paris and stand in solidarity with the people of France.

And whilst we mourn the dead, **let us not forget the many other civilians who whilst going about their daily lives have been slaughtered by Islamism, or political Islam – a global killing machine.**

This month alone, the dead comprise 7 Hazara, including a 9 year old girl, [beheaded](#) by ISIS and 19 year old [Rokhshana](#), stoned to death by the Taliban in Afghanistan; a [mass grave](#) of Yazidi women uncovered after ISIS was routed from Sinjar; roadside bombings in [Baghdad](#) and Sadr City, which killed 41 people; twin explosions in Beirut, [Lebanon](#), which killed at least 43 people; a downed [Russian airliner](#) killing all 224 on board; at least 4 killed in suicide attack in [Sinai](#), Egypt; a secular publisher killed and 3 others wounded in [Bangladesh](#); at least 32 people, including four children, killed in a suicide attack in [Pakistan](#); 30 people [killed](#) and dozens injured in twin suicide bomb attacks in Nigeria’s Borno State.

Countless others have also been killed – not by “jihadis” but legally by Islamic states via Sharia laws: 100 have been executed in [Saudi Arabia](#) during a 6 month period with 700 executions in [Iran](#) during the same time-frame. The current President Rouhani, who planned to visit France, has overseen the execution of 2000 civilians during two years in office. Many more languish in prison – people like Raif Badawi and Atena Faraghdani – or face male guardianship rules, compulsory veiling, gender segregation, even bans on laughing out loud or music.

French President Hollande says the Paris attacks are an act of war, but this war has been raging for decades. **People in many countries across the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia have lost a generation and been fighting this movement at great risk to their lives.** This “war” is one of the main reasons for the mass migration.

Despite the devastation, there is hope. Just this week, women came out to oppose Rokhshana’s stoning, tens of thousands came out against the [ISIS](#) beheadings in Afghanistan and Kurdish fighters liberated [Sinjar](#) from ISIS, lowering ISIS’ flag and raising the Kurdish flag.

Protests in defence of the people of Paris are part and parcel of this global protest movement against Islamism’s inhumanity and brutality. Our success will lie in recognising the global resistance against Islamism and seeing how it is intrinsically linked to our own.

We will not win if we place collective blame on migrants or Muslims. Many “Muslims” (or those presumed to be Muslims) are the first victims and on the frontlines of resistance. Also, many migrants are fleeing Islamists or dictators like Assad in Iraq, Syria, Iran, Afghanistan.

Those who kill indiscriminately in Paris or in Raqqa include the European-born. **This is not an “anti-imperialist” movement to be excused and justified nor is this about “identity.” It’s about politics – regressive, fascist politics that needs no justification to kill and slaughter.**

To push back this movement, we must oppose it all – not just jihadis – and not just in Europe. Keeping the people of Europe safe is intrinsically linked to keeping people the world over safe. In this we have many allies amongst the people of Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Iraq to Algeria, who have been standing up to and resisting Islamism for decades.

We call on all individuals and organizations to come together for a global, human resistance to political Islamism, and to fight back on behalf of people everywhere.

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