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CIVVIH Resolution on Syria victims and Cultural Heritage

The conflict in Syria has reached unprecedented levels of violence in cities since last century world wars. The number of victims and refugees has dramatically increased and the society is losing its cohesion. Cultural diversity is being targeted.

CIVVIH condemns destruction of cultural heritage and particularly antique and traditional historic cities.

CIVVIH wishes to express its deep appreciation and respect to the women and men who in Syria still daily strive to safeguard their cultural heritage, our common heritage too.

CIVVIH particularly wishes to convey its sincere condolences to the family and colleagues of Khaled al Assaad, former director of antiquities in Palmyra and other expertshorribly assassinated by fanatics.

CIVVIH supports all actions undertaken by the board of ICOMOS to celebrate the memory of Khaled al Assaad and for safeguarding cultural heritage in Syria.