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## **UKRAINE: OSCE and CoE demand Russia stops attacks on places of worship**

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**Russia must stop aggression and destruction of religious sites  
and places of worship – joint statement by Special  
Representatives of OSCE and CoE**

The European Times (13/04/22) – <https://bit.ly/3Egweju>

VIENNA/STRASBOURG, 13 April 2022 – As the Russian military

attack against Ukraine continues, we mourn the victims of war and lament the millions forced to leave their homes and their country behind, seeking shelter and safety within Ukraine, in Europe and beyond. Children, women and the elderly are particularly vulnerable. Many victims of the war suffer from profound psychological trauma.

We are appalled at the destruction of religious sites and places of worship: churches, synagogues and mosques. They are vital to the country's diverse religious communities, more than ever in times of crisis.

The Council of Europe was established in the aftermath of the Holocaust and World War II and the OSCE was created at the height of the Cold War, with the promise of maintaining peace and security for the European continent.

As representatives of both organisations committed to promoting peaceful dialogue, we call on Russia to stop the destruction of religious sites and places of worship, which, together with the indiscriminate killing of tens of thousands of civilians, constitute crimes against humanity.

***Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Antisemitism***

***Ambassador Mehmet Paçacı, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims***

***Professor Regina Polak, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of other Religions***

***Daniel Hölting, Council of Europe Special Representative on Antisemitic, anti-Muslim and other forms of religious intolerance and hate crimes***

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