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## AIFL SHARES THE GRIEF OF THE ISRAELI PEOPLE AT THE MURDER OF THE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS

The Board of Directors of the AIFL released the following statement:

The America-Israel Friendship League shares the grief of the people of Israel and the families of the innocent students who were brutally kidnapped and murdered, apparently by Islamist fanatics. The bestial acts exceed any possible justification, even in the name of religion, for acceptance by the civilized nations of the world.

The perpetrators, together with their sponsors, must be held accountable. These students were murdered for one reason only - they were young Jews who were easy prey for criminals. The people and the State of Israel have long shown restraint in incurring innumerable criminal acts amounting to war crimes from the Islamic terrorists responsible for this outrage. Their criminal conduct emanates from a culture of hate, where mothers teach it, the children learn it and carry out these dastardly acts against Jewish children and other civilians. This is hardly a people worthy of statehood.

The crimes committed are not solely the concern of Israel and the Jewish people. All of civilized society must take note that the time has come to face the facts which confront the civilized world. All free peoples and believers in decency must resolve to deal with the circumstances which threaten freedom everywhere. We call on President Obama to recognize the new reality of increased terrorism and to lead in the reinforcement of our national resolve to face squarely the rising worldwide threat of Islamic radicalism. The UN Security Council should also convene to condemn these murders.

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