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Statement of Claremont McKenna College faculty members on terrorism in Israel

On October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorists committed a heinous massacre of Israeli civilians, killing over 1300 hundred people, wounding over 3400 people, and kidnapping over 150 hostages whose lives and wellbeing are currently in grave danger. The innocent victims included 70 Arab Israelis and a number of foreign nationals. This atrocious act was also the largest mass murder of Jews since the Holocaust.

The terrorists targeted the Re’im music festival, as well as the Be’eri kibbutz and the Kfar Aza kibbutz, among other communities. Their victims included children and babies who were gruesomely killed. The crimes committed by the terrorists also included torture and sexual violence. The brutality of these acts is unthinkable.

This attack had no military purpose, but was specifically designed to target and kill as many innocent civilians as possible. It shocked and deeply traumatized the entire world’s Jewish community, including here, in Claremont, and shocked people of good will of all faiths around the world.

Claremont McKenna College has a policy of not issuing statements. Therefore we, as members of the faculty take it upon ourselves to condemn this horrific act in the harshest words possible. This was a demonstration of pure evil at work – may it never happen again! We grieve for the deceased victims and pray for peace, recovery and safe return of those alive.

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