

UN chief condemns attack on church near Cairo, calls for perpetrators to be brought to justice

29 December 2017 – United Nations [Secretary-General](#) António Guterres has condemned the attack that took place earlier Friday outside Mar Mina church in the Helwan district, south of Cairo, Egypt.

In a statement from his spokesman, the Secretary-General [extended his deepest condolences](#) to the families of the victims and to the Government and people of Egypt and wishes a swift recovery to those who have been injured.

According to media reports, at least nine people were killed when gunmen opened fire on a Coptic Orthodox Church on Friday, in the southern Cairo neighborhood of Helwan.

“The Secretary-General calls for those responsible for today’s horrific attack to be swiftly brought to justice,” the statement concluded.