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Dear Ms. Karam,

Pastor Niels Gärtner of the Moravian Mission Society informed me about the attack by radical Jewish settlers on the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center. The fact that violent settlers show such disregard for the property of Christian institutions cannot be justified in any way. What leaves me especially shocked, however, is that hatred and violence do not even stop at social institutions and that the most vulnerable members of society are being subjected to fear and intimidation.

Protecting the poor, the vulnerable, and those on the margins of society is among the core values that both Jewish and Christian ethics have always emphasized. The attack on Star Mountain by radical Jewish settlers is a betrayal of this tradition. Regardless of all political conflicts, such a violation of the humanitarian foundations of our religions is unacceptable.

My thoughts and prayers are with the young people who receive support at Star Mountain, with their parents, with the caregivers and staff, and of course with you, who bear responsibility for the center's work. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to you and all the employees of Star Mountain for carrying out such important and valuable work for the development of these young people every single day, despite the immense challenges you face. In an exemplary way, you are living out the calling that Christ has given us.

In light of the current situation, I would like to assure you and Star Mountain of

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the support of the Evangelical Church of Westphalia (EKvW). Our Ecumenical Affairs Department has already approved a financial contribution toward the security measures now required on the grounds of Star Mountain. We will report on the work of Star Mountain and on the incidents of the past week through our media channels, and we will seek to use our influence both within and beyond our church. And, of course, we will continue to bring Star Mountain and the people who make it such a meaningful place before God in prayer.

Warm regards, and may God bless you and Star Mountain.



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