



## Media Statement

### AFIC lauds Home Affairs Secretary Michael Pazzullo Anzac Day message on China's aggression

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"The international community has witnessed years of Nazi-style brutality against minorities in China under Xi Jinping's iron-fist rule. China's threats to Hong Kong and Taiwan must be thwarted by the international community, the alternative is too depressing to contemplate." Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

"China is an expansionist state that has illegally annexed East Turkistan and is terrorising its people in their homes and in concentration camps. China has attacked my native India and appears to be on a course to absorb more and more neighbouring territory. We strive for peace and will always do so, but China is not paying any heed. I call on the international community to stand strong in the face of the horrific threats coming from China." Said Imam Abdul Quddoos Al Azhari, National Grand Mufti of Australia and founding member of Australian Dar Al-Iftaa and AFIC's National Sharia Board (ANSB).

"I find the claim to Taiwan, Hong Kong, East Turkistan and Kashmir by the People's Republic of China to be ridiculous, I can foresee the PRC laying claim to every land that the eye can see, their claims are laughable if they were not so associated with economic upheaval and the threat of war." Said Dr Jneid.

"The PRC is sneaking into so many countries with its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and investments in mining in WA and other takeover of properties in Australia and other nations. Many nations have paid the price in losing ports and prime real estate to the PRC. The PRC is using open threats as well as underhanded means to invade and occupy. On this note, I congratulate the Morrison government for quashing the BRI deal with Victoria. Having seen how the PRC has operated with other countries, it is clear to see how this deal would have posed a great threat to Australia's national security." Said Dr Jneid.

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