

Press release from Lafede.cat

Against violence and fear, commitment to peace and solidarity Barcelona, August 18th, 2017

In relation to yesterday's terrorist attack, on August 17th, at Les Rambles in Barcelona, and the subsequent acts at Cambrils, in which 13 people were killed and more than 80 were wounded, we condemn these horrific events that cause us deep sorrow. We condemn the attacks in Catalunya in the same way as we have condemned previous similar attacks perpetrated elsewhere in the world. We know that its intention is to create terror and confrontation at a global level. Out of responsibility and conviction, our response must always be to denounce these actions and have global solidarity.

We wish to express our condolences and support to all victims, their families and friends; both for those living in Catalonia and for those who visit us coming from other corners of the world. We would like to express our solidarity to them, with the hope, to provide them company in the best possible way, and that they receive the needed support with all the public and private resources required from the city and the country.

In the same way, we would want to show our affection and support, as a federation based at the Raval -neighbourhood where the attacks occurred-, to all the neighbours, business people and workers who experienced the horrible attacks. It's precisely on these difficult moment, that we want our neighbours from other origins and religions to know that we are and will be at their side and we would not hesitate to condemn possible racist or xenophobic expressions that may arise as a result of the recent attacks.

Lafede.cat demands from all institutions, parties and the open civil society, unity and determination both in denouncing the causes of this unjustified terror, and in defending a response that prioritizes Human Rights defence, Peace and Solidarity. We should not forget that violence arises from armed conflicts: arms trade - being Spain among the powerful exporters-, and of economic inequalities and human rights violations. That is why we make a call to prevent fear and to become a tool that fosters hatred and racism, or as an excuse to curtail rights and freedoms.

Catalan citizenship has always made demonstrations on the streets to say No to the War, to reject violence and to be open as a welcoming land. Today, more than ever, Catalonia and all of the global citizens must continue to demand the arrival of refugees and migrants, as a solidarity and worthy action and as universal response to the nonsense terrorism. We do not want this violence to happen anywhere. The world is with Barcelona and the country must respond with generosity. The search and defense of Global Justice are the only brake through to barbarity, the only way out to terror.

For all this, Lafede.cat will jointoday's 18th of August concentration at Plaza de Catalunya at 12:00 , convened by the Barcelona city council and theGeneralitat of Catalonia, with the support of entities and social movements.