

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

It is with a heavy heart I announce the passing of **Egypt Police Force Officer Nagwa Abdel-Aleen**.

The news of a woman law enforcer killed in the line of duty in Egypt shines a bright light on the safety and protect of all the citizens we are tasked to guard.

Though details are still coming in on this tragic occurrence Officer Abdel-Aleem was on duty guarding a Christian service during this, one of the holiest weeks in the Christian Calendar.

Palm Sunday is believed to be the day beginning the last week of Jesus' physical presence on earth. He entered into Jerusalem on a donkey. Palm branches were laid at His feet and He began His journey to the cross. Many believers gather together to celebrate.

I tell the history of this week for those who may not know the purpose of the observance and the level of terror the bomber was attempting unleash.

Attacking a place of worship on this day is truly an act of terror because churches, synagogues and mosques are considered sacred ground.

Nagwa, our brave sister, placed herself physically between the bomber and his access to the congregants and in doing so lost her life yet saved countless others.

Officer Nagwa Abdel-Aleem is commended for her boldness, courage and sacrifice.

Her two sons, also police officers, lost their lives in this attack too.

Please pray for their family and for their colleagues as they prepare to memorialize them and lay them to rest. Their family paid a high cost.

Pray for peace in Egypt and throughout the world. Pray for our brothers and sisters who are standing in the gap globally to protect the people they serve.

Of those of you who are observing Holy Holidays this week Happy Good Friday, Happy Easter (Resurrection Day) and Happy Passover. Please remember Nagwa and her sons in your holiday remembrance practices.

Blessing for Peace and Safety to us all,

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