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The Black Church Stands up for the Syrian People *Stop the Violence on the People of Syria*

Who: The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a coalition of 34,000 African American churches spanning 15 denominations and representing 15.7 million African Americans will be protesting in front of the Syrian Embassy in support of the Syrian people.

What: NBCI issued a press release on February 20 calling for an end to the violence in Syria. This protest is in direct response to the lack of action taken by the Syrian government.[1] We are standing to condemn these acts of violent repression against the innocent families of Syria and Egypt and supporting a peaceful resolution to these conflicts.

When: Wednesday, July 25 at 12 pm

Where: Outside the Embassy of Syria
2215 Wyoming Avenue
Washington, DC 20008

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of NBCI says “NBCI calls the violence in Syria and Egypt appalling. We as religious leaders cannot stand by and see these appalling acts of violence unfold before our eyes against innocents who simply want the opportunities of freedom and to control their own destiny without the interference of government. Violence is immoral and always wrong under every circumstance. Civil discussion, negotiation and prayer can solve every human conflict. We signal the great humanity that we have for each other by engaging in these non-violent acts. Violence won’t solve problems. Iraq is a perfect example of this.”

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About NBCI

NBCI is a faith-based coalition of African American churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI’s mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. For more information, visit our website: www.naltblackchurch.com.

[1] Press Release: NBCI Calls for a Halt to Violence against Innocents in Syria: *Violence is an Act of War in this Case*, Feb. 20, 2012