

HIS BEATITUDE HAS TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN IGNATIOS OF CENTRAL AFRICA FOLLOWING HIS RESCUE

The entire fullness of the ancient Patriarchate of Alexandria was moved by the rescue of His Eminence Ignatios of Central Africa following the tragic air disaster which occurred yesterday, 15th April 2005 in the Congo.

As soon as it became possible, His beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa communicated telephonically with His Eminence Ignatios, emphasizing to him that "God wanted you to continue your multifaceted missionary work which is undertaken in a vast area of Africa".

His Beatitude also expressed his deep sorrow on the loss of so many innocent lives in the air crash.

His Eminence Ignatios Metropolitan of Central Africa thanked the Venerable Primate of the Alexandrian Church for his paternal interest and concern and the support at this difficult hour, promising that he would now continue with even more strength his service to the missionary effort in the Patriarchate on the African continent.