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Mayor Jozias Van Aartsen  
The Hague  
Netherlands

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Mr. Mayor,

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is an international Jewish human rights organization with a worldwide membership of 400,000. Established in 1977, with headquarters in Los Angeles, it draws the lessons of the Holocaust to the analysis of contemporary issues of prejudice and discrimination.

The Centre is an NGO in consultative status to the United Nations, UNESCO, the OSCE, the Organization of American States and the Council of Europe.

Our membership is shocked at your authorization, on two occasions, of demonstrations in The Hague, - ironically branded as the “City of Peace and Justice” - calling for “the Death of Jews”.

The World Mayor Association in Hanover established a code for their candidates, led by the duty to protect all their citizens. I, therefore wonder, Mr. Van Aartsen, how you feel about endangering your Jewish citizens?

Attached is my 25 July letter to Prime Minister Rutte summing up our distress that the Mayor of the Dutch capital has opened his city to public demonstrations by terrorist wannabes - the first occasion on 4 July, perhaps ingenuously? The second on 24 July, inexcusably.

Now emboldened, there is little doubt that so-called ISIS will convene for a third time, to the cries of “Maut al-Yahud” (Death to the Jews) and “Khaybar Khaybar” (the genocidal chant extolling Mohammed's massacre of the Jews in Arabia).



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Mr. Mayor, will you stop that third time and those that will follow before enthusiastic young demonstrators turn words into actions, threats into violence.

Mr. Mayor, as head of the municipal police, how are you dealing with the Arabic speaking police officer who betrayed his duty to translate the murderous slogans against your Jewish citizens, captured on the film link attached to my letter? How can any of your citizens now trust in the protection of their city's law enforcement?

Mr. Mayor, it may be argued that your authorization of these gatherings puts you in violation of the Netherlands' anti-terrorism legislation.

The Dutch people today, sadly, face two acts of terrorism. The first are those who brought down the Malaysian aircraft over Ukraine. The Second is the potential danger at home from ISIS.

Mr. Mayor, you can stop the second, if you so wish. If you do not, you will share responsibility, for the consequences.

Most respectfully,

Dr. Shimon Samuels  
Director for International Relations

Attached: 26 July 2014 Letter to Prime Minister Rutte

CC:

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Ronald Plasterk, Minister for the Interior of the Netherlands