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TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

PRESS STATEMENT

Donations for the Turkey-Syria Appeal through the Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund

The number of people who have died as a result of the earthquakes that hit southern Turkey last week is large and the pictures we have seen of the badly damaged infrastructure and those searching for survivors are heart-breaking. Many have lost their homes in traumatic circumstances and now face needing to survive in the depths of winter. It is another devastating humanitarian crisis on a significant scale.

The Disasters Emergency Committee ('DEC') launched its Turkey-Syria Appeal on Thursday 9th February and, to support this, the Bailiff has decided that the Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund Turkey-Syria Appeal should be opened. The Bailiff hopes islanders will assist the Disasters Emergency Committee in its efforts to provide medical treatment and other essentials of life to the desperate and traumatised people affected by this natural disaster.

"The Bailiff's Fund facilitates donations to be made locally, enabling there to be some record of the continuing generosity of the people of the Bailiwick. Whilst people can donate directly to those organisations offering aid to those affected by the earthquake, I believe that it is also appropriate to pool donations from those who prefer to use this Fund so that all the monies raised can be passed to the DEC to assist those people in Turkey and Syria who so desperately need our help. We know that any donation, however small, will be well-received through the DEC's partner charities and will be put to good use." Richard McMahon, Bailiff

The Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund

The Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund has existed since 2001. The purpose of the Fund is to act as a focus for Guernsey donations in support of fund-raising initiatives promoted by the Disasters Emergency Committee, an English registered charity. The Disasters Emergency Committee unites a number of leading independent humanitarian agencies in the United Kingdom in their efforts to maximise donations from the British public in order to contribute to an effective humanitarian response to major disasters overseas.

The Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund provides a facility through which donations by Islanders can be channelled to the Disasters Emergency Committee. It is not intended to discourage would be donors from making donations to local or other charities of their choice. The intention of the Bailiff's Fund is to provide a convenient easy way of donating and to assist donors who are uncertain whether to make a donation to one charity rather than another.

How to give

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Turkey-Syria Appeal through the Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund can do so as follows:

- **By bank transfer:**

Bank:	NatWest Bank, Guernsey
Sort Code	60-09-20
Account Number	70956421
Reference:	Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund Turkey-Syria Appeal

- **In person at the bank counter:**

Any branch of NatWest in the Bailiwick for the account of
Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund Turkey-Syria Appeal, number 70956421

- **By post:**

Cheques may be made payable to Bailiff's Disaster Relief Fund Turkey-Syria Appeal and sent to The Bailiff's Chambers, Royal Court House, St. Peter Port, GY1 2NZ

Please note that donations can also be made directly through the Red Cross, UNICEF and the Disasters Emergency Committee websites.

Please note that the Ukraine Appeal Fund remains open therefore, donations can still be taken for this Appeal. Details of the Ukraine Fund can be found on The Royal Court website:

<https://guernseyroyalcourt.gg/>

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