

Statement of the
ASEAN Regional Forum
On the Republic of Korea hostages in Afghanistan
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The Foreign Ministers of the participating countries of the ASEAN Regional Forum express our solidarity with the people and government of the Republic of Korea and condemn the hostage taking of their nationals in Afghanistan and deplore in the strongest terms the brutal murder of two hostages.

We call for the immediate, unconditional and safe release of all hostages.

We share the grief and sorrow of the family and friends of the murder victims and the concern and heartache of the loved ones of the remaining hostages.

We express the hope that the hostages and their families will find the strength to face this ordeal, while at the same time expressing the hope that they will soon be reunited.