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The supportive group of the Christian Institute in Holland, Kairos, sent the following message: "We convey our deep-felt sympathy for Ilona and children. May the God of Abraham, David, Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King strengthen you all."