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Qur'an,
Al-Ma'idah, 5:32

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Introduction

THIS BOOKLET IS A selection of statements issued by Muslim scholars and Muslim organisations condemning terrorism. Many of the statements were made after the 9/11 and 7/7 attacks which were perpetrated in the name of Islam. Although countless Muslim voices – scholars, associations and laypeople – immediately condemned the attacks and rejected that these had any association with Islam, many, if not most, of these statements were not reported in mainstream Western media and so the false accusation that Muslims do not condemn terrorist acts was born.

The voices in this booklet have been selected because of the need to show that religion does not condone terrorism; in fact it is quite the opposite and this is what the statements of Islamic leaders and religious bodies the world over show. Some of the statements are fatwas – religious edicts issued by a Mufti, a legal scholar; the others are the immediate reactions to these horrific crimes.

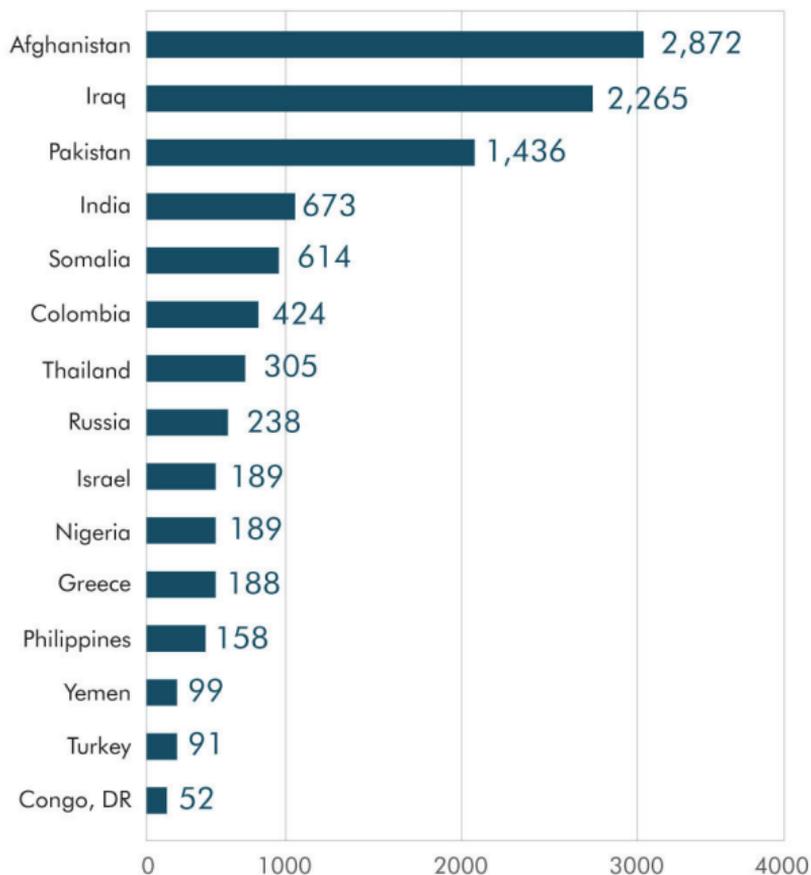
The selection has been limited to what has appeared in English (much more is available in Arabic and other languages spoken by Muslims), and is just a fraction of what is available.

Before we list them, a few misconceptions need to be addressed.

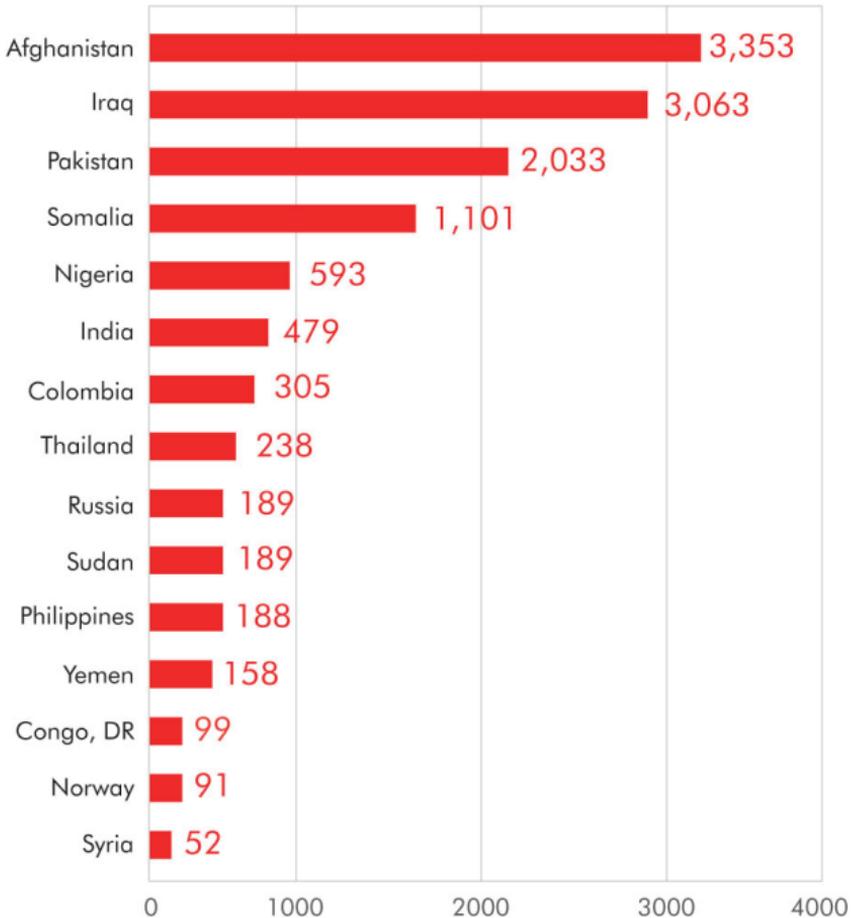
Fact: 94% of terrorist acts in the U.S.A. and 99.3% in Europe are carried out by non-Muslims.

Myth: A myth which pairs conveniently with ‘Muslims do not condemn terrorism’ is: ‘most terrorists are Muslims.’ According to the American Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Attacks, Top 15 Countries (2011)



Deaths, Top 15 Countries (2011)



Pg. 9 of http://www.nctc.gov/docs/2011_NCTC_Annual_Report_Final.pdf

between 1980–2005 only 6% of the total terrorist acts committed in the United States were done in the name of Islam¹.

In Europe the figure is even lower. According to Europol, between 2006–2008 only 0.4% of terrorist acts in the EU were carried out in the name of Islam, and between 2009–2010 that figure rose to only 0.7%. It is worth noting that most terrorist attacks in Europe are the work of extremist nationalists².

Fact: Most victims of terrorism globally are Muslim.

Whereas the above numbers discuss terrorist acts in the U.S.A. and Europe only, a study published by the Combating Terrorism Centre of the United States' Military Academy at West Point gives us the following global picture for terrorist acts in 2011:

Over 10,000 terrorist attacks occurred in 2011, affecting nearly 45,000 victims in 70 countries and resulting in over 12,500 deaths. More than 5,700 incidents were attributed to Sunni extremists, accounting for nearly 56 percent of all attacks and about 70 percent of all fatalities. Among this perpetrator group, Al-Qaeda (AQ) and its affiliates were responsible for at least 688 attacks that resulted in almost 2,000 deaths, while the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan conducted over 800 attacks that resulted in nearly 1,900 deaths. Secular, political, and anarchist groups were the next

1 http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/terrorism-2002-2005/terror02_05 and <http://www.loonwatch.com/2010/01/not-all-terrorists-are-muslims/>.

2 <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2011/07/201172482841769458.html>.

largest category of perpetrators, conducting 2,283 attacks with 1,926 fatalities.

About the victims of the attacks, the report states:

- In cases where the religious affiliation of terrorism casualties could be determined, Muslims suffered between 82 and 97 percent of terrorism-related fatalities over the past five years.
- Muslim majority countries bore the greatest number of attacks involving 10 or more deaths, with Afghanistan sustaining the highest number (47), followed by Iraq (44), Pakistan (37), Somalia (28), and Nigeria (12).
- Afghans also suffered the largest number of fatalities overall with 3,245 deaths, followed by Iraqis (2,958), Pakistanis (2,038), Somalis (1,013), and Nigerians (590).

Most victims of terrorist acts are Muslim. There are also other terrorist attacks which claim even more Muslim lives, but do not fall under the definition of terrorism used by this report, which is the same definition used by the US government's database on terrorist acts – WITS. The definition is: “premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents.”

This definition excludes violence perpetrated by governments on their own, or foreign, soil³.

3 http://www.nctc.gov/docs/2011_NCTC_Annual_Report_Final.pdf and <http://www.loonwatch.com/2012/06/most-victims-of-islamic-terrorism-are-muslims-and-why-america-is-to-blame-for-it/>

Why is violence linked only to Islam?

Violent fanaticism can be found everywhere and is not only rooted in religion. The publication '*Body Count*'⁴ quantifies the human death toll of religious and political violence throughout the last two millennia and relates these to religio-cultural civilizations. In our current climate and media reporting it seems that only in the case of Islam is the religion itself held directly responsible for the actions of its fanatics.

In fact, there seems to be an orchestrated campaign against Islam, distorting and vilifying as many aspects of the religion as possible. According to Lady Warsi, the UK Conservative Chairperson, "Islamophobia has passed the dinner-table test and become widely socially acceptable in Britain."⁵ In America things are far worse with presidential candidates saying things such as: "I believe Shari'ah is a mortal threat to the survival of freedom in the United States and in the world as we know it." Newt Gingrich said this in a speech to the American Enterprise Institute in Washington in July 2010.⁶

On August 26, 2011, a thorough report entitled *Fear, Inc., the Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America*, was issued by the Centre for American Progress⁷. It explores the growing vocal and radical calls against Islam in the USA:

4 <http://rissc.jo/index.php/english-publications.html>.

5 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jan/20/lady-warsi-islamophobia-muslims-prejudice>

6 <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/22/us/politics/in-shariah-gingrich-sees-mortal-threat-to-us.html?pagewanted=all>

7 <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/08/islamophobia.html/>

This report shines a light on the Islamophobia network of so-called experts, academics, institutions, grassroots organisations, media outlets, and donors who manufacture, produce, distribute, and mainstream an irrational fear of Islam and Muslims.

The report found that much of the hate against Islam is spread by a handful of proclaimed “experts”. They are:

- Frank Gaffney at the Center for Security Policy
- David Yerushalmi at the Society of Americans for National Existence
- Daniel Pipes at the Middle East Forum
- Pamela Spencer, of Jihad Watch and Stop Islamization of America
- Steven Emerson of the Investigative Project on Terrorism

It also lists seven foundations who have donated no less than \$40 million to Islamophobic think tanks over the past ten years. They are:

- Donors Capital Fund
- Richard Mellon Scaife foundations
- Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation
- Newton D. & Rochelle F. Becker foundations and charitable trust
- Russell Berrie Foundation

- Anchorage Charitable Fund and William Rosenwald Family Fund
- Fairbrook Foundation

Condemning Terrorism

The above remarks are not meant to deflect from the fact that there are terrorist attacks carried out in the name of Islam. What the following statements show is that the individuals who carry out such attacks do so from a distorted understanding of Islam that bears no relation to the religion itself, as 1,400 years of its history can attest. The leading scholars of Islam all condemn acts of terror and do so because of Islamic principles.

N.B.: This booklet does not cover condemnation of acts of terrorism carried out by non-Muslims, on both Muslim and non-Muslim targets.

The statements are presented in chronological order.

We wish to acknowledge the following two web sites:

1. <http://www.theamericanmuslim.org/>
2. <http://kurzman.unc.edu/>

2001

Scholars and Leaders of Islamic Movements Condemn 9/11 Attacks

Scores of Muslim scholars and intellectuals from different countries condemned the attacks which targeted New York and Washington on September 11. Al-Quds Al-Arabi published the full-text of their communiqué which was issued Wednesday September 12, 2001:

Translation:

In the Name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful

A Clear Criterion by the Scholars and Leaders of Islamic Movements on the Attacks which Targeted the U.S.:

The undersigned, leaders of Islamic movements, are horrified by the events of Tuesday September 11, 2001 in the United States which resulted in massive killing, destruction and attack on innocent lives.

We express our deepest sympathies and sorrow. We condemn, in the strongest terms, the incidents which are against all human and Islamic norms. This is grounded in the Noble Laws of Islam which forbid all forms of attack on innocents. God Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an: ﴿ *No bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another* ﴾ (Al-Isra, 17:15).

We also decry the targeting of the faith of Islam and its followers before the investigation determines the culprits. The condemnation should be limited to them – whoever did it – and not extended to others [meaning the Muslims of the world].

With the obscurities surrounding this incident and the multitude of parties with interest in such horrendous acts, the undersigned hope the investigators and the media will exercise caution. Do not hurry to pronounce a guilty party until you are sure of the forces behind this horrific and painful act.

We wish to convey our sincerest condolences to the families of the innocent victims and the American people.

24 Jumada Al-Akhirah, 1422 AH / September 12, 2001 AD

Signatories:

1. Mustafa Mashhur, *General Guide, Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt*
2. Dr. Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, *President, Sunnah Research Centre, University of Qatar, Qatar*
3. Qazi Hussain Ahmed, *Ameer, Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, Pakistan*
4. Dr. Hasan Howeidi, *Sous-Guide, Muslim Brotherhood of Syria, Syria*
5. Ma'moun Al-Hodaibi, *Sous-Guide, Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt*
6. Mufti Rahman Nizami, *Ameer, Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, Bangladesh*
7. Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, *Founder, Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), Palestine*
8. Abdullah Ali Mutawi, *President, Al-Islah Social Reform Organisation, Kuwait*
9. Abdullah bin Hussain Al-Ahmar, *President, Higher Council of*

the Yemeni Islah Reform Movement, Yemen

10. Sheikh Faysal Mawlawi, *General Secretary, Islamic Movement of Lebanon, Lebanon*
11. Abdulmajeed Dhneibet, *General Observer, Muslim Brotherhood of Jordan, Jordan*
12. Sadiq Abdelmajid, *General Observer, Muslim Brotherhood of Sudan, Sudan*
13. Sadreddine Bayanuni, *General Observer, Muslim Brotherhood of Syria, Syria*
14. Dr. Ussamah Takriti, *President, Islamic Party of Iraq, Iraq*
15. Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah Al-Khatib, *Scholar, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt*
16. Prof. Khurshid Ahmed, *President, Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, Pakistan*
17. Yassin Abdel Aziz, *Vice President, Higher Council of the Yemeni Islah Reform Movement, Yemen*
18. Mahfoudh Nahnah, *President, Movement for a Peaceful Society, Algeria*
19. Rashid Ghannoushi, *President, Nahda Renaissance Movement, Tunisia*
20. Fazil Nour, *President, PAS - Parti Islam SeMalaysia, Malaysia*
21. Fathi Yakun, *Islamic Intellectual, Lebanon*
22. Ibrahim Al-Misri, *Editor-in-Chief, Al-Aman Weekly, Lebanon*
23. Abdurashid Turabi, *Ameer, Jamaat-e-Islami Kashmir Azad, Pakistan*
24. Muhammad Hidayat Nur Wahid, *President, Adalah Party, Indonesia*
25. Abdelkarim Khatib, *President, Parti Marocain pour la Justice et le Developpement, Morocco*

26. Dr. Abdessalam Harras, *President, Social Action Party, Morocco*
27. Dr. Hibr Nur Eddayim, *Sous-Observer, Muslim Brotherhood of Sudan, Sudan*
28. Khalid Mishaal, *Islamic Resistance Movement " Hamas", Palestine*
29. Dr. Abdel Aziz Rantisi, *Islamic Resistance Movement " Hamas", Palestine*
30. Rashid Haj, Ameer, *Jamaat-e-Islami Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka*
31. Dr. Ahmed Ali Al-Imam, *President, Fiqh Council of Sudan, Sudan*
32. Ahmed Risouni, *President, Mouvement pour L'unite et la Reforme, Morocco*
33. Ahmed Rawi, *President, Union of Islamic Organisations of Europe, United Kingdom*
34. Muhammad Abdelwahab Dayyumi, *General Secretary, Islah Reform Movement, Yemen*
35. Sheikh Amin Bam, *General Secretary, Ulema Council of South Africa, South Africa*
36. Salem Saqqaf Al-Jafri, *Director, Al-Khayrat School for Fiqh and Law Research, Indonesia*
37. Sheikh Raed Salah, *President, Islamic Movement of Palestine 48, Palestine*
38. Idris Kittani, *President, Islamic Intellectual Club, Morocco*
39. Abd Rab ar-Rasool Sayyaf, *Ameer, Ittihad-e-Islami Afghanistan, Afghanistan*
40. Engineer Muhammad Shah, *Former Prime Minister, Ittihad-e-Islami Afghanistan, Afghanistan*

41. Alifeddine Turabi, *Publisher, Kashmir Al-Muslimah Magazine, Pakistan*
42. Hilmi Amin, *Muslim Scholar, Indonesia*
43. Abdelghaffar Aziz, *Director of External Affairs, Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan, Pakistan*
44. Haj Tayyib Aziz, *President, Shura Council of the Movement for a Peaceful Society, Algeria*
45. Hajj Abdulhadi Awang, *Prime Minister, Terengganu State, Malaysia*
46. Mawlana Abu Al-Kalam Yusuf, *Sous-Ameer, Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, Bangladesh*

September 12, 2001

<http://web.archive.org/web/20010920150230/http://msanews.mynet.net/MSANEWS/200109/20010917.15.html>

Original Arabic:

<http://81.144.208.20:9090/pdf/2001/09Sep/14%20Sep%20Fri/Qudso2.pdf>

The American Muslim Political Coordination Council (AMPCC):

American Muslims utterly condemn what are apparently vicious and cowardly acts of terrorism against innocent civilians. We join with all Americans in calling for the swift apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators. No political cause could ever be assisted by such immoral acts.

September 11, 2001, Washington D.C.

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

The American Muslim Alliance (AMA) Condemns Terrorist Attack:

Dr. Agha Saeed, the National Chair of the American Muslim Alliance: “These attacks are against both divine and human laws and we condemn them in the strongest terms. The Muslim Americans join the nation in calling for swift apprehension and stiff punishment of the perpetrators, and offer our sympathies to the victims and their families.”

September 11, 2001, Newark, California

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

AMC Deplores the Attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon:

The American Muslim Council (AMC) strongly condemns this morning's plane attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon and expresses deep sorrow for Americans that were injured and killed. The AMC sends out its condolences to all victims of this cowardly terrorist attack. There is no cause that justifies this type of immoral and inhumane act that has affected so many innocent American lives. The AMC supports all efforts of the investigation in order to track down the people responsible for this tragic act of terrorism.

September 11, 2001, Washington D.C.

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

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<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

American Muslims for Jerusalem Condemn the Terrorist Attacks:

Joining the Muslim community around the country, the Washington-based American Muslims for Jerusalem (AMJ) is appalled and strongly condemns the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, and other parts of the country. AMJ sends out its deepest condolences to the families of the victims of these cowardly attacks.

September 11, 2001, Washington D.C.

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

ISNA Condemns Terrorist Attacks:

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) joins Muslim Americans and all Americans in expressing its deep sorrow over the apparently deliberate air-crashes in New York and Washington, D.C. that have led to the loss of countless innocent lives.

ISNA joins Muslim organisations throughout North America in condemning these apparent terrorist attacks and calls upon Muslim Americans to come forward with their skills and resources to help alleviate the suffering of the affected people and their families.

ISNA condemns these apparently senseless acts of terrorism against innocent civilians, which will only be counter-productive to any agenda the perpetrators may have had in mind. No political cause could ever be assisted by such immoral acts.

We join with all Americans in calling for the swift appre-

hension and punishment of the perpetrators, and call upon our justice system to maintain strict standards of justice and fairness in these trying times.

We also urge the media to exercise restraint, and to act responsibly when reporting on these terrorist attacks. Until the perpetrators are brought to justice, all media reports should be accurate, restrained and sensitive. Let us pray to God that He may Guide us all to keep firm in following our principles and offer relief to the victims of violence wherever they may be.

Signatories:

American Muslim Alliance, American Muslim Council, Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers, Association of Muslim Social Scientists, Council on American-Islamic Relations, Islamic Medical Association of North America, Islamic Circle of North America, Islamic Society of North America, Ministry of Imam W. Deen Muhammad, Muslim American Society, Muslim Public Affairs Council

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AMOI09-335>

The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA):

ISNA condemns in the strongest possible way the heinous and horrific acts of terrorism that occurred in New York City and Washington, D.C., this morning.

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AMOI09-335>

Islamic Shura (Consultative) Council of Southern California (ISCSC):

On the behalf of all Masajid (Mosques) and the Muslim

community in Southern California, the ISCS joins Muslims around the country to condemn the latest cowardly acts of terrorism against innocent civilians.

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

The Minaret of Freedom Institute, President Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad:

For American Muslims the unprecedented coordinated attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon is a triple tragedy. As Americans, our country is under attack. As Muslims, the tragedy of attacks on noncombatants is anathema to us. Finally, as the “usual suspects” in a situation of this type we must be concerned with a new acceleration of persecution against us and our families.

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

Shari'ah Scholars Association of North America (SSANA) Condemns Terrorist Attacks:

The Shari'ah Scholars Association of North America (SSANA) strongly condemn this morning's plane attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon and expresses its deep sorrow for Americans that were injured and killed. SSANA sends out its condolences to all victims of this cowardly terrorist attack. There is no cause that justifies this type of immoral and inhumane act that has affected so many innocent American lives. SSANA supports all efforts to investigate and immediately capture the evil persons responsible for these immoral and cowardly acts. Certainly, there is no justification for these acts from either an Islamic perspective or, in truth, from the perspective of any other moral and freedom-loving

people. These acts diminish the freedom of all Americans, including American Muslims. Our condolences go out to all of the victims of these inhumane acts.

September 11, 2001, Detroit, MI

<http://www.islamicity.com/articles/Articles.asp?ref=AM0109-335>

Dr. Abdelouahed Belkeziz, Secretary-General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference:

Following the bloody attacks against major buildings and installations in the United States yesterday, Tuesday, September 11, 2001, Dr. Abdelouahed Belkeziz, Secretary-General of the 57-nation Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), stated that he was shocked and deeply saddened when he heard of these attacks which led to the death and injury of a very large number of innocent American citizens. Dr. Belkeziz said he was denouncing and condemning these criminal and brutal acts that run counter to all covenants, humanitarian values and divine religions, foremost among which is Islam.

September 12, 2001, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Syed Mumtaz Ali, President of the Canadian Society of Muslims:

We condemn in the strongest terms possible what are apparently vicious and cowardly acts of terrorism against innocent civilians. We join with all Canadians in calling for the swift apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators. No political cause could ever be assisted by such immoral acts.

September 12, 2001 (via archive.org).

<http://web.archive.org/web/20010915155615/http://www.muslim-canada.>

Islamic Council Condemns Attacks in the U.S.:

The President of the Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV), Mr. Yasser Soliman, said today that Muslims are shocked and appalled at yesterday's attacks in New York and Washington. He said the Islamic Council of Victoria unreservedly condemns the actions of those responsible for the loss of life that has resulted from the attacks. "Terrorism, the killing of innocent people, is a crime against God and against humanity."

September 12, 2001

<http://web.archive.org/web/20021013224159/http://www.icv.org.au/ps20010912.shtml>

Sheikh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, Chairman of the Sunnah and Sirah Council, Qatar:

Our hearts bleed for the attacks that have targeted the World Trade Centre (WTC), as well as other institutions in the United States despite our strong oppositions to the American biased policy towards Israel on the military, political and economic fronts. Islam, the religion of tolerance, holds the human soul in high esteem, and considers the attack against innocent human beings a grave sin, this is backed by the Qur'anic verse which reads: Whosoever kills a human being [as punishment] for [crimes] other than manslaughter or [sowing] corruption in the earth, it shall be as if he has killed all mankind, and whosoever saves the life of one, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind. (Al-Ma'idah, 5:32)."

September 13, 2001

<http://web.archive.org/web/20011126104902/http://www.islamonline.net/English/News/2001-09/13/article25.shtml>

Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens), prominent British Muslim:

I wish to express my heartfelt horror at the indiscriminate terrorist attacks committed against innocent people of the United States yesterday. While it is still not clear who carried out the attack, it must be stated that no right thinking follower of Islam could possibly condone such an action: the Qur'an equates the murder of one innocent person with the murder of the whole of humanity. We pray for the families of all those who lost their lives in this unthinkable act of violence as well as all those injured; I hope to reflect the feelings of all Muslims and people around the world whose sympathies go out to the victims at this sorrowful moment.

On singing an a cappella version of "Peace Train" for the Concert for New York City:

After the tragedy, my heart was heavy with sadness and shock, and I was determined to help in some way. Organisers asked me to take part in a message for tolerance and sing "Peace Train." Of course, I agreed ... As a Muslim from the West, it is important to me to let people know that these acts of mass murder have nothing to do with Islam and the beliefs of Muslims.

September 13, 2001 (Press release via archive.org, October 22, 2001)

http://web.archive.org/web/20040515132957/mountainofflight.co.uk/pages/news/2001/sept132001_press.html

Sheikh Muhammad Sayyid Al-Tantawi, Imam of Al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo, Egypt:

Attacking innocent people is not courageous, it is stupid and will be punished on the Day of Judgement ... It is not courageous to attack innocent children, women and civilians. It is courageous to protect freedom, it is courageous to defend oneself and not to attack.

September 14, 2001

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/1544955.stm>

Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual guide of the Hizbullah movement in Lebanon:

Beside the fact that they are forbidden by Islam, these acts do not serve those who carried them out but their victims, who will reap the sympathy of the whole world ... Islamists who live according to the human values of Islam could not commit such crimes.

September 14, 2001, Agence France Presse

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Fatwa from 'Abdul-'Aziz bin 'Abdullah bin Muhammad Aal Al-Sheikh, the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, President of the Committee of Major Scholars and the Centre for Knowledge-Based Research and Verdicts

As for the very dangerous occurrences that have happened in the United States of America, on account of which thousands of souls have passed away; Islamic Shari'ah (legislation) does not sanction such actions which are not from this religion. These actions do not agree with the spirit and foundations of Shari'ah from numerous angles.

September 15, 2001

<http://www.sunnahonline.com/ilm/contemporary/0020.htm>

Hamza Yusuf, American Muslim leader:

Religious zealots of any creed are defeated people who lash out in desperation, and they often do horrific things. And if these people [who committed murder on September 11] indeed are Arabs, Muslims, they're obviously very sick people and I can't even look at it in religious terms. It's politics, tragic politics. There's no Islamic justification for any of it ... You can't kill innocent people. There's no Islamic declaration of war against the United States. I think every Muslim country except Afghanistan has an embassy in this country. And in Islam, a country where you have embassies is not considered a belligerent country. In Islam, the only wars that are permitted are between armies and they should engage on battlefields and engage nobly. The Prophet Muhammad said: "Do not kill women or children or non-combatants and do not kill old people or religious people," and he mentioned priests, nuns and rabbis. And he said: "Do not cut down fruit-bearing trees and do not poison the wells of your enemies." The Hadith, the sayings of the Prophet, say that no one can punish with fire except the lord of fire. It's prohibited to burn anyone in Islam as a punishment. No one can grant these attackers any legitimacy. It was evil.

September 15, 2001 San Jose Mercury News (via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20010920073355/http://wwwo.mercuryCentre.com/local/Centre/islo916.htm>

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September 16, 2001, full-page ad in The Washington Post

<http://www.cair.com/AmericanMuslims/AntiTerrorism/CAIRFull-PageAdvertisement.aspx>

Ayatollah Ali Khamene'i, supreme jurist-ruler of Iran:

The killing of people, in any place and with any kind of weapon, including atomic bombs, long-range missiles, biological or chemical weapons, passenger or war planes, carried out by any organisation, country or individuals is condemned ... It makes no difference whether such massacres happen in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Qana, Sabra, Shatila, Deir Yassin, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq or in New York and Washington.

September 16, 2001, Islamic Republic News Agency (via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20010920073203/http://www.irna.com/en/hphoto/010916000000.ehp.shtml>

League of Arab States:

The General-Secretariat of the League of Arab States shares with the people and government of the United States of America the feelings of revulsion, horror and shock over the terrorist attacks that ripped through the World Trade Centre and Pentagon, inflicting heavy damage and killing and wounding thousands of many nationalities. These terrorist crimes have been viewed by the League as inadmissible and

deserving all condemnation. Divergence of views between the Arabs and the United States over the latter's foreign policy on the Middle East crisis does in no way adversely affect the common Arab attitude of compassion with the people and government of the United States at such moments of facing the menace and ruthlessness of international terrorism. In more than one statement released since the horrendous attacks, the League has also expressed deep sympathy with the families of the victims. In remarks to newsmen immediately following the tragic events, Arab League Secretary-General Amre Moussa described the feelings of the Arab World as demonstrably sympathetic with the American people, particularly with families and individuals who lost their loved ones. "It is indeed tormenting that any country or people or city anywhere in the world be the scene of such disastrous attacks," he added. While convinced that it is both inconceivable and lamentable that such a large-scale, organised terrorist campaign take place anywhere, anytime, the League believes that the dreadful attacks against the WTC and the Pentagon unveil, time and again, that the cancer of terrorism can be extensively damaging if left unchecked. It follows that there is a pressing and urgent need to combat world terrorism. In this context, an earlier call by [Egyptian] President Hosni Mubarak for convening an international conference to draw up universal accord on ways and means to eradicate this phenomenon and demonstrate international solidarity is worthy of active consideration. The Arabs have walked a large distance in the fight against cross-border terrorism by concluding in April 1998 the Arab Agreement on Combating Terrorism.

September 17, 2001

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Sheikh Muhammad Yusuf Islahi, Pakistani-American Muslim leader:

The sudden barbaric attack on innocent citizens living in peace is extremely distressing and deplorable. Every gentle human heart goes out to the victims of this attack and as humans we are ashamed at the barbarism perpetrated by a few people. Islam, which is a religion of peace and tolerance, condemns this act and sees this as a wounding scar on the face of humanity. I appeal to Muslims to strongly condemn this act, express unity with the victims' relatives, donate blood, money and do whatever it takes to help the affected people.

http://web.archive.org/web/20010918200837/http://www.icna.org/wtc_islahi.htm

Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Sheikh Muhammad Sayed Tantawi:

Al-Azhar is against terrorism, regardless of its source or target. The killing of innocent men, women and children is a horrible and ugly act that is against all religions and against rational thinking.

September 13-19, 2001, Al-Ahram Weekly On-line, Issue No. 551
<http://web.archive.org/web/20010915023839/http://www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2001/551/f02.htm>

The Muslim Brotherhood:

The Muslim Brotherhood said that they were “horrified” by the attack on the U.S. and they expressed their “condolences

and sadness”. In a statement received by Al-Ahram Weekly On-line, the Brotherhood said that they “strongly condemn such activities that are against all humanist and Islamic morals.” The statement added that they “condemn and oppose all aggression on human life, freedom and dignity anywhere in the world.”

September 13-19, 2001, Al-Ahram Weekly On-line, Issue No. 551
<http://web.archive.org/web/20010915023839/http://www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2001/551/fo2.htm>

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Hanooti, Palestinian-American Mufti and member of the North American Fiqh Council:

The people who attacked the WTC and Pentagon and hijacked the fourth plane that crashed in Pennsylvania are criminals who deserve the severest punishment as the Qur'an elaborates. They are murderers and terrorists. If there were any person who felt happy for that incident we would not be able to equate them with those criminals, but we can say that no one with faith and ethics would accept the murder and targeting of innocent people.

September 20, 2001, “Fatwa Session on Latest Tragic Events,” IslamOnline, (via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20011118161246/http://www.islamonline.net/livefatwa/english/Browse.asp?hGuestID=pdwD2E>

Mehmet Nuri Yilmaz, Head of the Directorate of Religious Affairs of Turkey:

Any human being, regardless of his ethnic and religious origin, will never think of carrying out such a violent, evil attack. Whatever its purpose is, this action cannot be justi-

fied and tolerated.

September 21, 2001, "A Message on Ragaib Night and Terrorism,"
(via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20011215192150/http://www.diyagnet.gov.tr/duyurular/regaibing.htm>

Abdal-Hakim Murad, British Muslim author:

Targeting civilians is a negation of every possible school of Sunni Islam. Suicide bombing is so foreign to the Quranic ethos that the Prophet Samson is entirely absent from our scriptures.

September, 24, 2001, "The Hijackers Were Not Muslims After All: Recapturing Islam from the Terrorists"

<http://masud.co.uk/ISLAM/ahm/recapturing.htm>

Sheikh Saleh Al-Luheidan, Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council, Saudi Arabia:

And I repeat once again: this act that the United States was afflicted with, with this vulgarity and barbarism, and which is even more barbaric than terrorist acts; I say that these acts are from the depths of depravity and the worst of evils.

September 2001, The Position of Saudi Muslim Scholars Regarding Terrorism in the Name of Islam, (Saudi Arabia, 2004), pages 27-28

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Sheikh Muhammad Sayed Tantawi, the grand imam of Al-Azhar:

Sheikh Tantawi denounced the attacks on the U.S., describing them as "acts of terror directed against innocent people ...What happened in the U.S. is an aggression on innocent

children, men and women. It was a mean and hideous act. It is the right of any country, Muslim or non-Muslim, to defend itself against such aggression.”

September 20-26, 2001, Al-Ahram Weekly On-line, Issue No. 552
<http://web.archive.org/web/20010924102356/http://www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2001/552/p4fall3.htm>

Abdel-Mo'tei Bayyoumi of Al-Azhar's Islamic Research Academy:

There is no terrorism or a threat to civilians in jihad.

September 20-26, 2001, Al-Ahram Weekly On-line, Issue No. 552
<http://web.archive.org/web/20010924102356/http://www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2001/552/p4fall3.htm>

Sheikh Yusuf Qaradawi, Qatar; Tariq Bishri, Egypt;
Muhammad S. Awwa, Egypt; Fahmi Huwaydi, Egypt;
Haytham Khayyat, Syria; Sheikh Taha Jabir Al-Alwani,
U.S.A.:

All Muslims ought to be united against all those who terrorize the innocents, and those who permit the killing of non-combatants without a justifiable reason. Islam has declared the spilling of blood and the destruction of property as absolute prohibitions until the Day of Judgment ... [It is] necessary to apprehend the true perpetrators of these crimes, as well as those who aid and abet them through incitement, financing or other support. They must be brought to justice in an impartial court of law and [punished] appropriately ... [It is] a duty of Muslims to participate in this effort with all possible means.

September 27, 2001

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/Qaradawi/>

**Dr. M. A. Zaki Badawi, principal of the Muslim College,
London, England:**

Neither the law of Islam nor its ethical system justify such a crime.

September 28, 2001, Terrorism has no place in Islam, Arab News, (Jiddah-Riyadh-Dhahran, Saudi Arabia)

<http://archive.arabnews.com/?page=5§ion=0&article=9314&d=28&m=9&cy=2001>

Mufti Nizamuddin Shamzai, Head Mufti at Jamiat-ul-Uloom-ul-Islamia Seminary, Binori Town, Pakistan and a leader of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) party, Pakistan:

It is wrong to kill innocent people ... It is also wrong to praise those who kill innocent people.

September 28, 2001, The New York Times, p. B3

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/28/world/nation-challenged-hunted-new-push-get-bin-laden-agree-quit-afghanistan.html?pagewanted=2>

Nuh Ha Mim Keller, American Muslim author:

Muslims have nothing to be ashamed of, and nothing to hide, and should simply tell people what their scholars and religious leaders have always said: “First, that the Wahhabi sect has nothing to do with orthodox Islam, for its lack of tolerance is a perversion of traditional values; and second, that killing civilians is wrong and immoral.”

September 30, 2001, Making the World Safe for Terrorism

<http://masud.co.uk/ISLAM/nuh/terrorism.htm>

Organisation of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers:

The Conference strongly condemns the brutal terror acts that befell the United States, caused huge losses in human lives from various nationalities and wreaked tremendous destruction and damage in New York and Washington. It further reaffirms that these terror acts run counter to the teachings of the divine religions as well as ethical and human values, stresses the necessity of tracking down the perpetrators of these acts in the light of the results of investigations and bringing them to justice to inflict on them the penalty they deserve. It also underscores its support of this effort. In this respect, the OIC expresses its condolences to and sympathy with the people and government of the United States and the families of the victims in these mournful and tragic circumstances.

October 10, 2001, Final Communiqué of the Ninth Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers
<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysian Islamic activist and former deputy prime minister:

Never in Islam's entire history has the action of so few of its followers caused the religion and its community of believers to be such an abomination in the eyes of others. Millions of Muslims who fled to North America and Europe to escape poverty and persecution at home have become the object of hatred and are now profiled as potential terrorists. And the nascent democratic movements in Muslim countries will regress for decades as ruling autocrats use their participa-

tion in the global war against terrorism to terrorize their critics and dissenters. This is what Muhammad Atta and his fellow terrorists and sponsors have done to Islam and its community worldwide by their murder of innocents at the World Trade Centre in New York and the Defense Department in Washington. The attack must be condemned, and the condemnation must be without reservation.

October 11, 2001, Growth of Democracy is the Answer to Terrorism, International Herald Tribune, (via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20011122022534/http://www.iht.com/articles/35281.htm>

Salih bin Muhammad Lahidan, Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council, Saudi Arabia:

Killing the weak, infants, women, and the elderly, and destroying property are considered serious crimes in Islam ... Viewing on the TV networks what happened to the twin towers ... was like watching Doomsday. Those who commit such crimes are the worst of people. Anyone who thinks that any Islamic scholar will condone such acts is totally wrong ... This barbaric act is not justified by any sane mind-set ... This act is pernicious and shameless and evil in the extreme.

October 13, 2001, The Washington Post, p. B9

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Sheikh Rached Ghannouchi, Chairman of Tunisia's an-Nahda Movement, in exile in London, England:

Such destruction can only be condemned by any Muslim, however resentful one may be of America's biased policies supporting occupation in Palestine, as an unacceptable at-

tack on thousands of innocent people having no relation to American policies. Anyone familiar with Islam has no doubt about its rejection of collective punishment, based on the well-known Qur'anic principle that “no bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another.”

October 13, 2001, The Washington Post, p. B9

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Tahirul Qadri, Head of the Awami Tehrik Party, Pakistan:

Bombing embassies or destroying non-military installations like the World Trade Centre is no jihad ... [T]hose who launched the September 11 terrorist attacks not only killed thousands of innocent people in the United States but also put the lives of millions of Muslims across the world at risk ... Bin Laden is not a prophet that we should put thousands of lives at risk for.

October 18, 2001, United Press International

<http://archive.newsmx.com/archives/articles/2001/10/17/195606.shtml>

Sheikh Salih Al-Suhaymi, religious scholar, Saudi Arabia:

Based upon what has preceded, then we say that that which we believe and hold as our religion concerning what happened to the World Trade Centre in America – and in Allah lies success – that the terrorist attacks that took place and what occurred of general (mass) killing, then it is not permissible and Islam does not allow it in any form whatsoever.

October 18, 2001

<http://www.fatwa-online.com/news/0011018.htm>

Fifteen American Muslim organisations:

We reiterate our unequivocal condemnation of the crime committed on September 11, 2001 and join our fellow Americans in mourning the loss of up to 6000 innocent civilians.

Signatories:

Muslim American Society (MAS), Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Muslim Alliance of North America (MANA), Muslim Student Association (MSA), Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP), United Association for Studies and Research (UASR), Solidarity International, American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice (AMGPJ), American Muslim Alliance (AMA), United Muslim Americans Association (UMAA), Islamic Media Foundation (IMF), American Muslim Foundation (AMF), Coordinating Council of Muslim Organisations (CCMO), American Muslims for Jerusalem (AMJ), Muslim Arab Youth Association (MAYA)

October 22, 2001 (via archive.org)

http://web.archive.org/web/2001121152646/http://www.icna.org/wtc_pr.htm

Syed Shahabuddin, Indian Muslim author:

Islam prohibits terrorism as well as suicide. Jihad is neither and has no place for taking innocent lives or one's own life. No cause, howsoever noble or just, can justify terrorism. So while one may sympathize with the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people and support their claim to a state of their own, while one may appreciate the democratic awakening among the people of many Muslim states and uphold

their demand for withdrawal of foreign presence from their soil and support their struggle for revision of the terms of trade for their natural resources, no thinking Muslim can go along with the use of terrorism for securing political goals.

November 1, 2001, Global War Against Terrorism – the Islamic Dimension, Milli Gazette, New Delhi, India

<http://www.milligazette.com/Archives/01112001/34.htm>

President Muhammad Khatami of Iran:

[T]he September 11 terrorist blasts in America can only be the job of a group that have voluntarily severed their own ears and tongues, so that the only language with which they could communicate would be destroying and spreading death.

November 9, 2001, Address to the United Nations General Assembly (via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20011203012207/http://www.president.ir/cronicnews/1380/8008/800818/800818.htm>

Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdullah Al-Subail, Imam of the Grand Mosque of Mecca and member of the Council of Senior Islamic Scholars:

Any attack on innocent people is unlawful and contrary to Shari'ah, Muslims must safeguard the lives, honour and property of non-Muslims who are under their protection and with whom they have concluded peace agreements.

December 4, 2001, SPA

<http://www.saudiembassy.net/files/PDF/Reports/KSAEXTREMISMReportApr07.pdf>

2002

Kuala Lumpur Declaration on International Terrorism:

In the name of Islamic solidarity, we, the Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), have gathered in Kuala Lumpur to state our collective resolve to combat terrorism and to respond to developments affecting Muslims and Islamic countries in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

April 1-3, 2002, Adopted at the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on Terrorism

<http://islam.about.com/gi/o.htm?zi=1/xJ&zTi=1&sdn=islam&cdn=religion&ctm=15&f=21&su=p284.13.342>

[ip_&tt=2&bt=0&bts=0&zu=http%3A//www.oic-oci.org/english/conf/fm/11_extraordinary/declaration.htm](http://islam.about.com/gi/o.htm?zi=1/xJ&zTi=1&sdn=islam&cdn=religion&ctm=15&f=21&su=p284.13.342)

Dr. S. Parvez Manzoor, Swedish-based Muslim author:

If these acts of terror indeed have been perpetrated by Muslim radicals or fundamentalists, they have reaped nothing but eternal damnation, shame and ignominy. For nothing, absolutely nothing, could remotely be advanced as an excuse for these barbaric acts. They represent a total negation of Islamic values, an utter disregard of our fiqhi (jurisprudential) tradition, and a slap in the face of the Ummah. They are in total contrast to what Islamic reason, compassion and faith stand for. Even from the more mundane criteria of common good, the maslaha of the jurists, these acts are treasonous and suicidal. Islamic faith has been so callously and casually sacrificed at the altar of politics, a home-grown politics of parochial causes, primeval passions, self-endorsing piety and messianic terror.

May 2002, Interview with the International Forum for Islamic Dialogue, London (via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20020503073116/http://www.islam21.net/pages/keyissues/key7-3.htm>

57 leaders of North American Islamic organisations, 77 intellectuals, and dozens of concerned citizens:

As American Muslims and scholars of Islam, we wish to restate our conviction that peace and justice constitute the basic principles of the Muslim faith. We wish again to state unequivocally that neither the Al-Qaeda organisation nor Usama bin Laden represent Islam or reflect Muslim beliefs and practice. Rather, groups like Al-Qaeda have misused and abused Islam in order to fit their own radical and indeed anti-Islamic agenda. Usama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda's actions are criminal, misguided and counter to the true teachings of Islam.

September 9, 2002, Statement Rejecting Terrorism (via archive.org)
http://web.archive.org/web/20020916085653/http://www.islam-democracy.org/terrorism_statement.asp

Muslims condemn Nigerian Fatwa:

Nigeria's two top Muslim bodies have ruled that a religious edict calling for a journalist to be killed is not valid. Nigeria's second highest Islamic body, the Jama'atul Nasril Islam (JNI), announced that a ruling issued on behalf of Zamfara's state government was not binding and should be ignored. This followed a similar ruling on Thursday from the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) which said that the deputy provincial governor who issued the edict had "no authority" to do so.

Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV):

Australian Muslims are outraged, shocked and saddened by the attacks in Bali.

Irrespective of who the perpetrators turn out to be, Australian Muslims condemn the attacks and disassociate themselves totally from those who committed them.

These attacks against innocent people represent a crime against God and humanity

We declare our sympathy for all the innocent people killed and injured in the attacks, including Indonesians and people of many other nationalities. But our feelings of anger and loss are further magnified by the knowledge that so many of the victims are fellow Australians. We express our deepest condolences to the victims, their families and their friends and we pray to God to comfort the hearts of all those affected.

We pray also that the perpetrators will soon be caught, brought to justice and punished with the full force of the law.

October 13, 2002, Victorian Muslims Condemn Bali Terror Attacks
http://www.icv.org.au/Bali_ICV.htm

Nadhlatul Ulama (PBNU) Calls for Quick Police Action to Catch Perpetrators:

Indonesian Muslims condemn Bali bombing and Nadhlatul Ulama (PBNU) calls for quick police action to catch the perpetrators.

October 14, 2002

<http://www.balidiscovery.com/messages/message.asp?Id=933>

Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC):

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils condemns the cowardly attack on civilians in Kuta, Bali. The Muslim community is deeply shocked and disturbed by the terrible incident and the great loss of life.

October 14, 2002

<http://muslimvillage.com/forums/topic/59-australian-muslims-condemn-bali-terror-attacks/>

Australian Arabic Council (AAC):

The Australian Arabic Council (AAC) unequivocally condemns in the strongest possible terms the horrific and sickening attacks on the island of Bali on Saturday.

October 14, 2002

<http://muslimvillage.com/forums/topic/59-australian-muslims-condemn-bali-terror-attacks/>

Federation of Australian Muslim Students and Youth (FAMSY):

We, the Federation of Australian Muslim Students and Youth (FAMSY), wish to offer our sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the tragedy that has happened in Bali, Indonesia. Our thoughts and prayers go to the victims and their families

October 15, 2002

<http://web.archive.org/web/20031022182903/http://famsy.com/bali.htm>.

Al-Emaan Australian Muslim Community:

Being true to Islam is to abhor violence and murder ... We of the Al-Emaan Australian Muslim community condemn the

cowardly terrorist acts committed in Bali.

October 18, 2002

<http://web.archive.org/web/20021021234728/http://www.smh.com.au/text/articles/2002/10/17/1034561264584.htm>

His Eminence the Mufti of Australia Sheikh Taj Aldin Alhilali:

H.E. Sheikh Alhilali has called on all Muslims to join the Lakemba congregation for prayers for victims of the Bali tragedy at the Lakemba mosque on Sunday 20 October. The prayer service will be joined by the Honourable Philip Ruddock, Minister for Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

October 20, 2002

<http://muslimvillage.com/forums/>

[topic/59-australian-muslims-condemn-bali-terror-attacks/](http://muslimvillage.com/forums/topic/59-australian-muslims-condemn-bali-terror-attacks/)

National Day of Mourning for The Victims Of The Bali Bomb Attack - Auburn Gallipoli Mosque:

Australia's Turkish community will put on the lights this evening (Sunday October 20, 2002) at Auburn Gallipoli Mosque in a night prayer in memory of the victims of the Bali bomb attack.

<http://muslimvillage.com/forums/>

[topic/59-australian-muslims-condemn-bali-terror-attacks/](http://muslimvillage.com/forums/topic/59-australian-muslims-condemn-bali-terror-attacks/)

Sheikh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi: Bali Blasts:

Islam not only prohibits attacking non-Muslims who do not launch attacks against Muslims, but it also urges Muslims to treat those non-Muslims with due respect and kindness,

especially non-Muslims who live along with Muslims within the Islamic territories. It goes without saying that the tragedy that occurred in Bali, in which a bomb blast claimed the lives of more than one hundred tourists, is actually a heinous crime. It is even an act of spreading mischief in the land or hirabah in juristic terms; a crime in Islam for which a severe punishment is specified, without discrimination as to race, colour, nationality or religion of the culprit.

October 15, 2002

<http://web.archive.org/web/20030217192516/http://www.islamonline.net/english/news/2002-10/15/article33.shtml>

2003

The Council of Senior Scholars of Saudi Arabia Condemn Riyadh Suicide Bombings:

Signatories:

1. Abdul-Azeez bin Abdullaah bin Muhammad Aal ash-Sheikh
2. Saalih bin Muhammad Al-Lahaydaan
3. Abdullaah bin Sulaymaan Al-Munee
4. Abdullaah bin Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Ghudayaan
5. Dr. Saalih bin Saalih Al-Fawzaan
6. Hasan bin Ja'far Al-Atamee
7. Muhammad bin Abdullaah as-Subayyil
8. Dr. Abdullaah bin Muhammad bin Ibraaheem Aal ash-Sheikh
9. Muhammad bin Sulaymaan Al-Badr
10. Dr. Abdullaah bin Muhsin Al-Turkee
11. Muhammad bin Zaid as-Sulaymaan
12. Dr. Bakr bin Abdullaah Abu Zaid
13. Dr. Abdul-Wahhaab bin Ibraaheem as-Sulaymaan
14. Dr. Saalih bin Abdullaah Al-Humayd
15. Dr. Ahmad bin Sayr Al-Mubaarakee
16. Dr. Abdullaah bin Alee ar-Rukbaan
17. Dr. Abdullaah bin Muhammad Al-Mutlaq

May 18, 2003

<http://www.fatwa-online.com/news/0030518.htm>

Saudi Arabia's Council of Senior Ulema (religious scholars):
The acts of shedding the blood of innocent people, the bomb-

ing of buildings and ships, and the destruction of public and private installations are criminal acts and are against Islam. Those who carry out such acts have deviant beliefs and misguided ideologies and are to be held responsible for their crimes. Islam and Muslims should not be accountable for the actions of such people. Islamic Law clearly prohibits leveling such charges against non-Muslims, warns against following those who carry such deviant beliefs, and stresses that it is the duty of all Muslims all over the world to consult truthfully, share advice, and cooperate in piety and righteousness. February 11, 2003, Press Release, Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Washington, D.C.

<http://www.saudiembassy.net/files/PDF/Reports/KSAExtremismReportApr07.pdf>

Sheikh bin Baaz of Saudi Arabia Condemns Terrorists, Hijackers & Suicide Bombers as “the Brothers of the devils”:

(Regarding a group called Jamaa’at ul-Jihaad that is involved in terrorism and suicide bombings) “... They are not to be co-operated with, nor are they to be given salutations. Rather, they are to be cut off from, and the people are to be warned against their evil. Since they are a fitnah (sedition) and are harmful to the Muslims, and they are the brothers of the devils (shayateen)!”

May 2003

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=fr3_1219478797

Hizbollah condemns Riyadh and Casablanca bombings:

The leader of Lebanon's Hizbollah resistance movement

condemned this month's suicide bombings in Saudi Arabia and Morocco for having targeted “innocent people,” an Egyptian newspaper reported Sunday. “In principle, we do not approve of this kind of operation ... It is suitable to condemn the root causes which have pushed some to commit acts of this kind. When these actions target innocent people, we must condemn them.”

May 25, 2003

<http://www.aljazeera.info/News%20archives/2003%20News%20archives/May%202003%20News/26%20n/Hizbollah%20condemns%20Riyadh,%20Casablanca%20bombings.htm>

American Muslims condemn Riyadh bombings:

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a Washington-based Islamic civil rights and advocacy group, today condemned the Monday bombing attacks on three housing compounds in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The attacks are estimated to have left dozens of people dead.

May 13, 2003

<http://www.iio.org/article.php/20030513103259572>

Mustafa Ramid, Leader of the Justice and Development Party:

The leader of Morocco's Islamic opposition defined the bombings [in Casablanca] as “a savage terrorist crime ... We condemn it as we condemn the perpetrators and their commanders.”

May 17, 2003

<http://worldpress.org/Mideast/1113.cfm>

Dr. Sayed G. Safavi, Iranian religious scholar and Director of the Institute of Islamic Studies, London, England:

The targeting of innocent persons cannot be allowed. Islam is against any form of terrorism, whether it be carried out by an individual, a group or a state ... For Muslims to kill civilians unconnected with any attack on them is a crime. The principal law of Islam is: don't attack civilians. This includes civilians of any faith, whether Jewish, Muslim or Christian. According to Islam, all people are the family of God. The aim of religion is peace.

June 30, 2003, United Against Terrorism, The Daily Telegraph, London

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/letters/3593198/United-against-terrorism.html>

Statement by 49 Saudi Religious Academics Concerning the Riyadh Bombings

... We condemn the bombings and assert that such acts are expressly forbidden in Islam ...

January 1, 2003

<http://en.islamtoday.net/artshow-417-2972.htm>

Sheikh Khudair renounces his religious edicts:

Dissident Saudi cleric who aired extremist views, repents in public and withdraws edicts backing Al-Qaeda militants.

November 18, 2003

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=7851>

Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Fahd:

Sheikh Al-Fahd withdrew several fatwas (edicts) advocat-

ing militancy, describing them as “a grave mistake” in an interview broadcast yesterday.

November 23, 2003, Riyadh

http://www.saudinf.com/display_news.php?id=1243

2004

Saudi Arabia's Grand Mufti Sheikh Abdulaziz Aal Al-Sheikh reiterates his condemnation of terrorism:

Saudi Arabia's Grand Mufti reiterated his condemnation of terrorism, declaring that Islam does not tolerate the shedding of blood and absolutely prohibits random killing of people, whether Muslim or non-Muslim. The terrorist acts that have taken place in Mecca and Medinah as well as Riyadh, he said, are contrary to the teachings of Islam, and can only have an adverse impact on society. He repeated that Islam repudiates terrorism, which is, he said, an alien phenomenon in a country like Saudi Arabia that unwaveringly implements Shari'ah (Islamic Law). Terrorism, he declared, is a result of deviant ideas that destabilize society, and called for enlightenment of young people to protect them from such deviant ideas.

January 27, 2004, SPA

<http://www.saudiembassy.net/files/PDF/Reports/KSAExtremismReportApr07.pdf>

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR):

The Council on American-Islamic Relations today condemned deadly bomb attacks in Spain that left some 190 people dead. The blasts tore through commuter trains and stations on Thursday morning at the height of Madrid's rush hour.

March 11, 2004, Washington, PRNewswire

<http://www.islamawareness.net/Europe/Spain/cair.html>

Saskatchewan Muslims Condemn Madrid Bombing:

We condemn these horrific attacks in the strongest possible terms. Such acts of terror are crimes against humanity. We call for the quick apprehension of the perpetrators, and pray that they are brought to justice.

March, 2004

<http://www.mpjsask.org/files/Madrid%20Press%20Release.pdf>

Sheikh Dr. Salih bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Imam at the Grand Mosque in Mecca:

Sheikh bin Humaid spoke out against terrorism at Friday prayer today, reiterating that any terrorist act is criminal and contrary to religion. The recent criminal acts in the Kingdom, he said, have targeted Muslims who thought themselves safe as well as non-Muslims, who are under protection through agreements with Muslims. The perpetrators of these acts, members of a deviant group, have killed and intimidated people, destroyed property, and wreaked havoc on earth and therefore they will surely be punished in hell in the hereafter.

June 18, 2004, SPA

<http://www.saudiembassy.net/files/PDF/Reports/KSAExtremismReportApr07.pdf>

Grand Sheik Muhammad Sayed Tantawi:

Sheikh Tantawi said: “What is the guilt of those children? Why should they be responsible for your conflict with the government? You are taking Islam as a cover and it is a deceptive cover; those who carry out the kidnappings are criminals, not Muslims.”

September 5, 2004

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2004/sep/05/israel.russia>

Muslim scholars try to rein in the “Sheikhs of Death”

Denouncing misguided religious fanaticism and terrorism, Muslim scholars and religious leaders who recently attended a major world Islamic conference in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), jointly called for the issuing of a unified fatwa (edict) on pressing issues in order to avoid the misuse of the religion.

Attended by more than 500 delegates, of which one-third were women, the conference was aimed at developing a framework to bring Muslims back to the original source of Islam. The recommendations are to be submitted later this month to authorities to ensure their enforcement in the Islamic world.

November 27, 2004

<http://www.antiwar.com/ips/janardhan.php?articleid=4064>

Grand Mufti condemns attack on U.S. consulate

The Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah Aal Al-Sheikh, condemned and denounced the terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Jeddah on Monday December 6, 2004. In a statement published in the Jeddah-based Al-Medinah newspapers today, Aal Al-Sheikh said that attacking the U.S. consulate, throwing explosives, killing and wounding innocent people, and undermining stability and security utterly contradict the teachings of Islam. He said that all citizens and residents in the Kingdom are entitled to peace and security under the law, and no religious scholar

could condone such criminal, terrorist attacks on innocent people.

December 6, 2004

<http://www.fatwa-online.com/news/0041208.htm>

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The Amman Message:

The Amman Message, proclaimed by 200 Islamic scholars from 50 countries at a conference in Amman, Jordan, posed and answered three essential questions that would address and safeguard the fundamentals of Islamic thought and judgment: “What constitutes a Muslim?”; “Who has the right to issue a fatwa (juridical ruling) and under what conditions?”; “Does anyone have the right to pronounce takfir (declare a person to be an apostate) and under what conditions?” These “Three Points” of the Amman Message were, over the course of one year, endorsed by numerous international scholarly assemblies including the International Islamic Conference in Amman (July 2005), the Organisation of the Islamic Conference Summit at Mecca (December 2005) and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of Jeddah (July 2006). In total, over 500 leading Muslim scholars worldwide unanimously endorsed the Amman Message in a unique, historic and unanimous international Islamic consensus. This was the first time in modern history that Muslim scholars of all denominations have agreed on a doctrinal essence of Islam. The list includes:

- Grand Imam Sheikh Al-Azhar Sheikh Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi
- Grand Ayatollah Al-Sayyid Ali Al-Sistani
- Grand Mufti of Egypt Ali Jumaa
- Sheikh Dr. Yusuf Al-Qaradawi

- A compendium of Shi'i clerics (both Ja'fari and Zeidi)
- The Islamic Fiqh Academy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- The Grand Council for Religious Affairs, Turkey

“Islam recognizes the noble station of [human] life, so there is to be no fighting against non-combatants, and no assault upon civilians and their properties, children at their mothers’ bosom, students in their schools, nor upon elderly men and women. Assault upon the life of a human being, be it murder, injury or threat, is an assault upon the right to life among all human beings. It is among the gravest of sins; for human life is the basis for the prosperity of humanity: Whoever kills a soul for other than slaying a soul or corruption upon the earth it is as if he has killed the whole of humanity, and whoever saves a life, it is as if has revived the whole of humanity. (Al-Ma'idah, 5:32)

July 2005

<http://www.ammanmessage.com/>

Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Sheikh Mohammad Sayyed Tantawi:

Those responsible for the London attacks are criminals who do not represent Islam or even truly understand (its message).

July 7, 2005

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050815073744/http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2005-07/07/article07.shtml>

Yusuf Al-Qaradawi:

We were dumbfounded by the grave news of the London bombings which killed tens and wounded hundreds of innocent people who committed no crime. Even at times of war when state armies battle face to face, it is not permissible to kill women, children, the elderly, priests, farmers and merchants; people we nowadays call civilians.

July 7, 2005

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050815073744/http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2005-07/07/article07.shtml>

Leading Lebanese Shiite scholar Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah:

These crimes are not accepted by any religion. It is a barbarism wholly rejected by Islam.

July 7, 2005

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050815073744/http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2005-07/07/article07.shtml>

Sheikh Fawzy El-Zefzaf, President of Al-Azhar Interfaith Committee:

We received with great sadness the news of the terrorist attacks in London this morning. Islam and all other religions denounce such attacks on innocent civilians in any form. We give our full hearted condolences to the families of the victims. We also appeal to all Islamic and non Islamic organisations to cooperate with each other to stand firm against terrorism which is rejected by all religions.

July 7, 2005

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050909233153/http://anglicancommunion.org/acns/special/london/london5.cfm>

The London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre :

The London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre condemn the London bombings and call for unity.

Our thoughts, our prayers and condolences go out to all the victims of these terrible terrorist attacks. As citizens and co-workers of this great city, we share the concerns and fears of fellow Londoners. We use the same transport and live and work in the same buildings and any attack is an attack on us all.

Islam expressly condemns the use of violence against civilians and innocents. We call on the Muslim community to be fully cooperative in this situation, so we may all live in peace and harmony and continue to make London the vibrant, tolerant and peaceful city it is.

July 7, 2005

http://web.archive.org/web/20050712003152/http://www.iccuk.org/media/press_releases/condemnation_of_london_bombings__call_for_unity.htm

British Muslims utterly condemn acts of terror:

The Muslim Council of Britain utterly condemns today's indiscriminate acts of terror in London. These evil deeds make victims of us all. It is our humanity that must bring us shoulder to shoulder to condemn, to oppose and to overcome those who would spread fear, hatred and death.

Our sympathies and our prayers are with the victims, their families and friends. We extend our support and gratitude to the emergency services, the police and all the frontline services charged with our collective security.

“The evil people who planned and carried out these series of explosions in London this morning want to demoralize us as a nation and divide us as a people. All of us must unite in helping the police to capture these murderers. Yesterday we celebrated as Londoners, euphoric that our great city had secured the Olympic Games. Today we watch aghast as we witness a series of brutal attacks upon our capital city. We were together in our celebration, we must remain together in our time of crisis,” said Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary General of the MCB.

“We must and will be united in common determination that terror cannot succeed. It is now the duty of all us Britons to be vigilant and actively support efforts to bring those responsible to justice,” he added.

July 7, 2005

http://web.archive.org/web/20051025183205/http://www.jannah.org/muslim_reaction_to_london_bombings.html

Imam Al-Khoei Islamic Centre:

The Al-Khoei Islamic Centre was shocked to hear about, and strongly condemns, the senseless act of terrorism perpetrated in London, United Kingdom, this morning.

The Centre sends its condolences to the bereaved families and hopes those responsible for this dastardly deed will be caught and brought to justice soon.

This act of violence is in no way justifiable, nor is it in accordance with the teachings of Islam which values life and considers destruction of one life as destruction of the whole of humanity. The decent, peace-loving Muslims in the world are also victims of such inhuman acts of crime that are al-

ways reported from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world.

It is our fervent prayer that the deviant groups who misuse religion to peddle their own perverted ideologies to harm ordinary innocent people going about their daily business will get a taste of their own medicine.

July 7, 2005

<http://web.archive.org/web/20051102072530/http://www.al-khoei.org/press/07072005.asp>

The Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS):

The Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) is extremely disturbed by the attacks which hit London transport links this morning. We are extremely saddened by the extent of injuries and deaths that this has caused. Fosis President Wakkas Khan commented: “We are shocked and distressed by these incidents which have hit our country's capital and our thoughts and prayers are with all those who suffered injuries and the families of those who have lost their lives. We continue to condemn in no uncertain terms all such cowardly acts of violence.” We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Muslim students, to offer our support and assistance to the emergency services who have reacted swiftly and efficiently.

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The Islamic Forum Europe (IFE):

The Islamic Forum Europe (IFE) has reacted with shock

following this morning's explosions across London tube stations and buses. The president of the IFE, Musleh Faradhi, said: "Our immediate concern is for all those who have been hurt and killed. Many people across London will be anxiously trying to contact family and friends to make sure their loved ones are safe." The IFE extends its resources and support to help all those in need, in particular the emergency services who are undoubtedly overwhelmed with the pressures coping with the effects of this morning's blasts.

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The UK Islamic Mission:

The UK Islamic Mission unequivocally condemns these barbarous acts of criminality perpetrated in the heart of London. It appears that these incidents were coordinated and indiscriminate, which has resulted in the loss of innocent lives and caused an untold number of injuries. We continue to monitor the developments very closely and are ready to offer our help to all the emergency services. Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and families of the bereaved and injured.

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The members of the Muslim Safety Forum [MSF]:

The members of the Muslim Safety Forum [MSF], including the Muslim Directory, watched with dismay, shock and

deep sadness the events that unfolded today in London. As Londoners, our first thoughts are with those who have been injured or lost their lives and with their families. Following early indications that the blasts this morning are likely to have been a coordinated terrorist attack, the MSF would like to express its total condemnation of such terrible acts and gross violations of the law of humanity. The MSF would like to re-iterate that the true message of Islam is one of peace, justice and the love of humanity. Islam holds the sanctity of human life in the highest possible regard and shedding the blood of an innocent person is seen as a most heinous and repulsive crime. The MSF would like to assure the people, police and emergency services of London that regardless of who perpetrated this terrible crime, the Muslim community, who number over 1 million in London, will do its utmost to help in whatever way possible.

The MSF is an umbrella organisation made up of national and regional Islamic organisations including: Muslim Directory, MAB, IHRC, IFE, MCB London Affairs Committee, YMO UK, Muslim College, FAIR, Amal Trust, The London Central Mosque, London Muslim Centre, Muslim Parliament, FOSIS, ISB, Muslimate UK, Avenues School, Somali Muslim Community, UKIM, MPAC, Stop Political Terror, Ershad Centre, BanglaMedia, Iqra Trust, Association of Muslim Police, Al-Khoei Foundation, UMO, Muslim Welfare House, Women's Relief.

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Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri and Minhaj-ul-Qur'an International (MQI) UK:

Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri and Minhaj-ul-Qur'an International (MQI) UK and its associate organisation Minhaj Welfare Foundation (MWF) condemn the series of barbaric attacks in the capital of the U.K. in the strongest terms possible. The founding leader of MQI and MWF Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri expressed his shock and grief and condemned the dreadful attacks in the UK. MQI UK expressed their sympathy and grief with the families of all victims of this indiscriminate act. Our prayers are with the victims and their families ... The Muslim community of the U.K. is uniting in its condemnation of these attacks. This attack has a message to convey which is disunity and disorder; however, all communities within the U.K. have to stay calm and united in such a difficult and testing time. Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri and MQI also convey their appreciation of the efforts of the well-prepared emergency services operating in London as well as the police and other security services.

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Yusuf Islam:

I am horrified at the nightmarish acts of carnage we have just seen inflicted on London and its people in what authorities are describing as co-ordinated terror attacks. What on earth these murderers think they can gain by blowing up innocent men, women and children is impossible to imagine. No doubt the fatalities will include people of all religions

and races without discrimination. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all those who have suffered loss or injury. After such devastating barbarity the most important thing now is vigilance and clear thinking. All right minded members of society should realise this is an act of vile madness and should not respond to it in a reflex action. It is possible that the perpetrators may have links to Al-Qaeda and carry foreign or Arabic sounding names, but may I remind the press and all people with a voice, that such a discovery would not make all the rest of British Muslim citizens and workers, who are unanimously opposed to such extreme ideologists, brandable or guilty. The present state of the world would move that much closer to bedlam if everybody loses balance at times like these. No. But it must be the job of the police and authorities to identify clearly the guilty parties associated with these attacks and deal with them as swiftly as possible. We all want to know who they are.

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Gul Muhammad, the Secretary General of the British Muslim Forum:

The BMF stands united with the British people. We unequivocally condemn the barbaric attacks inflicted upon London. Such acts of violence and terrorism are cowardly and inhuman and totally unacceptable. The perpetrators of such insane acts must be sought and brought to justice and appropriately punished for their vile acts. We call upon the authorities, the media and the public at large to react to this

tragedy sensibly and with dignity.

At this moment our prayers and thoughts are with the innocent victims and their relatives. We are united with all society in grieving over those who have lost their lives in such a brutal and senseless manner and we pray for the speedy recovery for all those who were injured.

We would also like to express our admiration to all those brave members of the emergency services and security personnel who are doing a marvellous job.

The British Muslim Forum calls upon all Imams in mosques across Britain to condemn acts of violence and terrorism on the Friday prayers and to pray for peace and security throughout the world and particularly in London.

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The Muslim Welfare House, London:

The MWH has been shocked and deeply disturbed by the seemingly orchestrated acts of terror across London this morning. We reiterate our position as wholly and utterly opposed to all acts of terrorism and hold that the perpetrators of this barbaric crime should be sought and brought to justice. The harrowing images of innocent commuters caught up in this tragedy serves to reinforce our will to continue to work against the destructive and dogged determination of terrorist elements. In these efforts we reach out to others in society, including friends from other faith communities, strengthened by a common religious opposition to terrorism and a common desire for peace and calm.

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H.R.H. Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Saudi Ambassador to London:

On behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, I wish to assure the people of the U.K. that our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the terrible crimes that took place in London this morning. In Saudi Arabia we have suffered at the hands of terrorists and we stand by the U.K. in every effort to bring the perpetrators of terrorism to justice. Saudi Arabia has always and continues to condemn all terrorism wherever it may be and whatever its cause.

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Daoud Rosser-Owen Amir, President of the Association for British Muslims:

Incidents such took place in London on July 7 are absolutely to be condemned by Islam and Muslims. They are in flagrant violation of the Shari'ah and all the Laws of God. They constitute "banditry" (qat'u-t tariq) under the laws against "outrages" (baghy), and are capital crimes. It is the duty of believers to help hunt down the perpetrators and have them suitably punished. We endorse and re-iterate the fatwas of the late Sheikh 'Abdu-l 'Aziz bin Baz (after the Riyadh bombing) and Sheikh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi and other eminent scholars after September 11, 2001. The perpetrators of these acts cannot be Muslims, for in committing them

they have exited Islam. Muslims, however, must resist any attempts to identify them with these outrages. This equally applies to the London bombings. No evidence whatsoever has been produced by the Americans or the Spaniards to identify the perpetrators of the atrocities in New York and Madrid. Until they publish in extenso all the evidence they have that identifies the culprits, we are obliged to refuse to accept their assertions and innuendoes. The onus is on the authorities to clearly identify the culprits and prosecute them openly in courts of law. Anything short of this is injustice, and we Muslims are required to resist injustice. It is therefore an absolute obligation on the government and agencies of the United Kingdom to be transparent and lawful in their dealings with the Muslim communities and with the perpetrators of the London incidents.

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Dr. Waleed Kadous, the Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network (AMCRAN):

Dr. Waleed Kadous, the Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network (AMCRAN) joins other civil rights and Muslim organisations in condemning the apparent acts of terrorism in London. “Such attacks are barbaric and totally inconsistent with any kind of civil tradition, whether it be secular or religious,” AMCRAN co-convenor Dr. Waleed Kadous, said. “Such disrespect for life is a symbol of barbarity. Regardless of who committed these acts, we unequivocally and unambiguously condemn these attacks. We would

like to express our condolences to the people of London, and let them know that we stand with them, and that we will support them in the pursuit of those involved in these criminal acts and their punishment under the law.”

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The Islamic Foundation, United Kingdom:

The Director General of the Islamic Foundation, Dr. Manazir Ahsan said: “We deplore these barbaric acts and hope that the perpetrators are identified and brought to justice quickly. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all the victims and their families.”

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<http://web.archive.org/web/20060219230445/http://www.islamicinstitute.org/fb-2005/morecndmn7-7.asp>

Sheikh Ashraf Salah, Imam of London Central Mosque:

We are so sorry that this attack is attached to Muslims. We cannot imagine that a true Muslim who understands properly the teachings of Islam can commit this terrible crime against civilians and the innocent.

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The Islamic Forum of Europe, Dr. M. A. Bari, Chairman of the Mosque:

We are just shocked and horrified by what has happened.

The first of the bombing happened right on our doorstep, at Aldgate, close to the largest Muslim community in the country. We have all been affected by these indiscriminate attacks.

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Muhammad Amin, Secretary of the Mosque Committee:

Muhammad Amin, Secretary of the Mosque Committee issued a statement on behalf of all four mosques in the city: Jaimia Ghouseia, Gladstone Street; Faidhan-e-Madina, Gladstone Street; Islamic Centre, Cromwell Road; Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Community, in Burton Street. It read: “The Muslim community are extremely sad and pray for all those who have lost their lives or been injured in this terrible incident. We are united with the rest of the country and indeed the world in condemning the terrorists who committed this atrocity.”

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<http://web.archive.org/web/20060219230445/http://www.islamicinstitute.org/fb-2005/morecndmn7-7.asp>

A joint statement from the Muslim Council of Britain and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland:

“... Utterly condemns the perpetrators of what appears to be a series of coordinated attacks in London this morning that have led to several fatalities and a large number of casualties.”

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Sheikh Abdul-Qayyum, Imam of East London Mosque:

The evil people who planned and carried out these indiscriminate acts of terror in London are criminals. No religion can accept what they have done. Their actions are crime and terror, which all should condemn. They should be brought to justice and they should be punished without asking what is their race or religion.

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Mufti Naim Ternava of Kosova [BIK]:

We received with deep sadness the news of yesterday's attacks against the capital of your country, in which many innocent people lost their lives. In these very difficult moments for you and your people, Kosovars express their solidarity with the families of the killed and wounded; we wish them a speedy recovery from these attacks.

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The Federation of Islamic Organisations in Europe:

This heinous attack, which shook the world, runs in the face of all religious ethic, and human values and must be condemned in no uncertain terms ... Muslims in Britain as well as across Europe, stand shoulder to shoulder with their respective country-folk in order to achieve the best interest

of European societies and safeguard their respective safety security and prosperity.

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Muslim Association of Britain:

Following early indications that the coordinated blasts in London this morning are likely to have been a coordinated terrorist attack, the Muslim Association of Britain expresses its disgust with the contempt in which the perpetrators appear to hold human life. Islam holds the sanctity of human life in the highest possible regard and shedding the blood of an innocent person is seen as a crime most heinous and repulsive.

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The British Muslim Forum:

The British Muslim Forum (BMF) severely condemns the tragic incidents that took place in the city of London this morning. Our hearts go out to all those who have been affected and we express our sympathy to their families and friends.

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Austrian Islamic League of Culture, Declaration by Profes-

sor Anas Shakfeh, President of the Islamic Congregation:

Europe and people all around the world are shocked by the atrocious attacks of London and the messages about an ever increasing number of innocent victims. The Islamic Congregation in Austria resolutely and sharply condemns these brutal attacks.

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Bosnian Muslim Leader Mufti Mustafa Ceric Condemns London Bombings:

We condemn the terrorist attacks on London. Those who kill innocent people do not deserve to be called people. They are barbarians who deserve our contempt ... We extend our condolences to the families of the London victims with the hope that the murderers will be found and punished.

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Mufti Tomasz Miskiewicz, the Head of the Council of Imams of the Muslim Religious Union in Poland:

Islam condemns terrorism, killings and injustice directed against innocent people. The men who authored this barbarous attack surely do not have any links with Islam.

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Islamic Community of Serbia Chairman, Hamdija Jusufspahic, condemns cowardly act:

The Islamic community of Serbia today most sharply condemned terrorist bomb attacks carried out on Thursday [July 7] in Central London, and it offered its deepest condolences to the people of Great Britain over suffered losses. “We believe that this is a cowardly act of attacking civilians which hit a bottom of morality and showed utter unscrupulousness on part of those who planned and carried out the explosions.”

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Riay Tatory, President of the Union of Islamic Communities of Spain rejects London bomb attacks:

These actions are completely contrary to Islamic values. Terrorist actions like those of 9/11 in New York, 3/11 in Madrid or those committed in London on Thursday [July 7] only cause harm to everybody, starting with the Muslims who live in Europe and elsewhere and do not help coexistence and peace.

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The Islamic Commission of Spain and the Spanish Federation of Islamic Religious Entities:

The Islamic Commission of Spain and FEERI (Spanish Federation of Islamic Religious Entities) have sent a telegram

to the British Embassy in Madrid expressing their solidarity with the British people and the City of London, and expressing also their strongest condemnation of the 7 June [as published] terror attacks in the British capital.

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General Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, the Secretary General of Mecca-based Muslim World League (MWL):

On behalf of the Muslims and the Islamic organisations represented at the MWL, the MWL would like to condemn this criminal act which led to the killing of innocent civilians.

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PAS [Pan Malaysian Islamic Party]

Vice President Ustadz Nasharudin Mat Isa: Ustadz Nasharudin Mat Isa strongly condemned the bombing attacks in London yesterday and described them as inhuman and uncivilized.

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Ayatollah Makkarem-Shirazi:

Islam is the religion of kindness and affection, and does not permit harming of any innocent individual. Those who commit such inhumane acts are not Muslims, even if they call themselves Muslims. They are only defaming Islam and

Muslims with what they do, and are blemishing the beautiful image of Islam.

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Senior Cleric Ayatollah Montazeri Condemns London Bombings:

The killings are definitely not compatible with any logic or any divine religion and are hated by all honest human beings with a conscience ... As I have repeatedly said, and will hereby say again: Islam is 100% against such violence and killings and most of the Muslims in the world hate such crimes. Islam condemns terrorism ... I would like to remind the British people and other nations not to consider these atrocities as a part of Islam and not to fall into the traps of the enemies of Islam who are trying to tarnish the real image of Islam and Muslims and pressure the Muslims residing in Europe or America.

July 11, 2005

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Shri Syed Shahabuddin, President of the All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat (AIMMM):

The All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat (AIMMM) strongly condemns the terrorist attack on London in which many innocent persons have been killed and injured. It is particularly deplorable because it took place at a time when the leading economic powers of the world had gathered on

British soil to plan for the elimination of global poverty and the rising debt of developing countries ... We offer our deep condolences to the next of kin of those killed and sympathy to those who have been injured. We reiterate our absolute and unconditional rejection of such violent acts committed in the name of Islam.

July 8, 2005

<http://web.archive.org/web/20060219230445/http://www.islamicinstitute.org/fb-2005/morecndmn7-7.asp>

Prof. Dr. Ali Bardakoglu, Head of Religious Affairs in Turkey:

The ones who are behind these attacks should never forget that killing one innocent human being is equal to killing the whole of humanity, therefore they will be punished by God.

July 8, 2005

<http://web.archive.org/web/20060219230445/http://www.islamicinstitute.org/fb-2005/morecndmn7-7.asp>

Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed, Secretary General of the Islamic Society of North America:

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) expresses its strongest condemnation of the horrific bombings in London today. We abhor these acts of mindless violence that violate all Islamic principles regarding the sanctity of life and the safety and security of innocent civilians. ISNA urges the swift apprehension of those responsible and offers condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. Irrespective of the socio-political implications, this act violates the Islamic principles of the sanctity of life and the safety and security of

innocent civilians. Attacking civilians who are going about their daily business is a criminal act that violates Islamic principles, and must be condemned by all Muslims. Our hearts go out to the victims and their families.

July 7, 2005

http://web.archive.org/web/20051025183205/http://www.jannah.org/muslim_reaction_to_london_bombings.html

Dr. Khurshid Khan, Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA):

The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) is shocked and horrified at the several attacks on the people of London during the rush hour mass transit. We join everyone in condemning such acts of terror and senseless violence. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their loved ones at this tragic moment. We trust that the authorities will determine those responsible for these barbaric acts and bring them to justice quickly. Islam holds the sanctity of human life at the highest regard, and shedding the blood of innocent people is considered a most heinous crime. As Muslims we condemn the killing of innocent people for any reason. This is an attack on all of us, and all communities of faith need to stand together in calm and resolute purpose against terrorism, hatred and extremism.

July 7, 2005

http://web.archive.org/web/20051025183205/http://www.jannah.org/muslim_reaction_to_london_bombings.html

Islamic Commission of Spain:

... Muslims, therefore, are not only forbidden from com-

mitting crimes against innocent people, but are responsible before God to stop those people who have the intention to do so, since these people “are planting the seeds of corruption on Earth” ... The perpetration of terrorist acts supposes a rupture of such magnitude with Islamic teaching that it allows to affirm that the individuals or groups who have perpetrated them have stopped being Muslim and have put themselves outside the sphere of Islam.

http://www.webislam.com/noticias/43542-text_of_the_fatwa_declared_against_osama_bin_laden_by_the_islamic_commission_of_.html

Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Muslim Council of Britain:

We are simply appalled and want to express our deepest condolences to the families ... These terrorists, these evil people want to demoralise us as a nation and divide us ... All must unite in helping the police to hunt these murderers down.

July 8, 2005

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/4660411.stm

The British Muslim Forum with the approval of over 500 clerics, scholars and Imams throughout the United Kingdom:

We wish to express our sincere condolences to the families of all the victims of the London attacks. We pray for the swift recovery of all those who are recovering from injuries. There are many questions emerging from the London Bombings. One of the most important questions is: What does Islam say about it? To answer this question Muslim scholars, clerics and Imams from all over the U.K. have been consulted to issue this formal legal opinion (fatwa) so that Muslims and

non-Muslims can be clear about Islam's stance on such acts. On behalf of over 500 clerics, scholars and Imams the British Muslim Forum issues the following religious decree:

Islam strictly, strongly and severely condemns the use of violence and the destruction of innocent lives. There is neither place nor justification in Islam for extremism, fanaticism or terrorism. Suicide bombings, which killed and injured innocent people in London, are haraam – vehemently prohibited in Islam, and those who committed these barbaric acts in London are criminals not martyrs. Such acts, as perpetrated in London, are crimes against all of humanity and contrary to the teachings of Islam.

The Holy Qur'an declares: Whoever kills a human being ... then it is as though he has killed all mankind; and whoever saves a human life, it is as though he had saved all mankind ... (Al-Ma'idah, 5:32)

Islam teaches us to be caring towards all of Allah's (God's) creation, not just mankind. The Prophet of Islam who was described as: "A Mercy to the worlds" said: "All creation is the family of Allah and that person is most beloved to Allah who is kind and caring towards His family."

Islam's position is clear and unequivocal: Murder of one soul is the murder of the whole of humanity; he who shows no respect for human life is an enemy of

humanity. We pray for the defeat of extremism and terrorism in the world. We pray for peace, security and harmony to triumph in multicultural Great Britain.

July 2005

http://web.archive.org/web/20060210121139/http://www.britishmuslim-forum.org/the_fatwa.pdf

Fiqh Council of North America:

An association of 18 Muslim legal scholars, fatwa endorsed by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), the Muslim American Society (MAS), the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), the Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers (AMSE), the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), and more than 130 Muslim organisations, mosques and leaders in the United States:

“We have consistently condemned terrorism and extremism in all forms and under all circumstances, and we reiterate this unequivocal position. Islam strictly condemns religious extremism and the use of violence against innocent lives. There is no justification in Islam for extremism or terrorism. Targeting civilians’ life and property through suicide bombings or any other method of attack is haraam – prohibited in Islam – and those who commit these barbaric acts are criminals, not martyrs.

Fiqh Council of North America – Members:

1. Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi

2. Dr. Abdul Hakim Jackson
3. Dr. Ahmad Shleibak
4. Dr. Akbar Muhammad
5. Dr. Deina Abdulkadir
6. Sheikh Hassan Qazwini
7. Dr. Ihsan Bagby
8. Dr. Jamal Badawi
9. Dr. Muhammad Adam Sheikh
10. Sheikh Muhammad Al-Hanooti
11. Sheikh Muhammad Nur Abdallah
12. Dr. Salah Soltan
13. Dr. Taha Jabir Alalwani
14. Sheikh Yahya Hindi
15. Sheikhah Zainab Alwani
16. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah
17. Dr. Mukhtar Maghraoui
18. Dr. Nazih Hammad

July 25, 2005, (via archive.org)

http://web.archive.org/web/20050910181656/http://www.mpac.org/bucket_downloads/fatwa-on-terrorism.pdf

Islamic Society of North America, Anti-Terrorism Anti-Extremism Committee:

Humanity lives today in an interdependent and interconnected world where peaceful and fair interaction, including interfaith and intra-faith dialogue, is imperative. A grave threat to all of us nowadays is the scourge of religious and political extremism that manifests itself in various forms of

violence, including terrorism. In the absence of a universally agreed upon definition of terrorism, it may be defined as any act of indiscriminate violence that targets innocent people, whether committed by individuals, groups or states. As Muslims, we must face up to our responsibility to clarify and advocate a faith-based, righteous and moral position with regard to this problem, especially when terrorist acts are perpetrated in the name of Islam. The purpose of this brochure is to clarify a few key issues relating to this topic, not because of external pressures or for the sake of “political correctness”, but out of our sincere conviction of what Islam stands for.

2005 (via archive.org)

<http://web.archive.org/web/20051104040739/http://www.balancedislam.org/ATAECbrochure.pdf>

Sheikh Abdulaziz Aal Al-Sheikh, Chief Mufti of Saudi Arabia:

The London attacks, targeting peaceful people, are not condoned by Islam, and are indeed prohibited by our religion ... Attributing to Islam acts of individual or collective killings, bombings, destruction of properties and the terrorizing of peaceful people is unfair, because they are alien to the divine religion.

July 9, 2005

<http://www.fatwa-online.com/news/0050709.htm>

Sheikh Muhammad ibn Abdul-Wahhaab Al-'Aqeel, Professor of Aqeedah at the College of da'wah, Islamic University of Medinah, Saudi Arabia:

Terrorism is the terror that is caused by those groups or individuals who resort to killing and wreaking havoc and destruction. Terrorism is therefore, according to the contemporary compilers of modern Arabic dictionaries, killing akin to the riotous killing that is mentioned within the texts of Shari'ah. As the Prophet (p.b.u.h.) mentioned with regards to the signs of the end of time, the spread of al-Harj (riotous killing). The meaning of al-Harj is killing and the increase of blood spilling, which is all from the signs of the end of time. To the extent that the one killing will not know why he is killing and the one that was killed will not know why he/she was killed. Islam is free from this riotous killing, free from this terrorism and free from this kind of corruption. Terrorism is established upon destruction of properties such as factories, farms, places of worship, train stations, airports and the like; Islam is clearly free from such actions that are based upon corruption and not upon rectification. Terrorists usually say that they are going against the state in which they are based within. This is like the mafia or other criminal organisations that are based on killing people, causing fear and taking their monies. Such criminal organisations have leaders, deputies and individuals that are responsible for establishing regulations for the organisation and individuals responsible for carrying out attacks, and all of them are terrorists causing corruption on the earth. However the ugliest face of terrorism is that which is established in the name of religion, all of the religions from the Prophets (peace be upon them) are free from such terrorism, even if some of the followers of the Prophets participated in such terrorist activities, but the Prophets are free from such corruptions.

“The Evils of Terrorism,” lecture translated in “Islam Against Terrorism”, Vol. 20

September 17, 2005

<http://kurzman.unc.edu/islamic-statements-against-terrorism/>

Sheikh Muhammad Afifi Al-Akiti, Malaysian Muslim scholar and research fellow in Islamic Philosophy and theology, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, U.K.:

If you still insist that your [religious or civil] authority should declare war with the non-Muslim state upon which you wish war to be declared, then the most you could do in this capacity is to lobby your authority for it. However, if your anger is so unrestrained that its fire brings out the worst in you to the point that your disagreement with your Muslim authority leads you to declare war on those you want your authority to declare war on, and you end up resorting to violence, then know with certainty that you have violated our own religious laws. For then you will have taken the Shari'ah into your own hands (“Defending the Transgressed by Censuring the Reckless against the Killing of Civilians”, Germany, Warda Publications; and United Kingdom, Aqsa Press. 2005, Sheikh Muhammad Afifi Al-Akiti)

<http://www.warda.info/fatwa.pdf>

Statement by Canadian Imams on Extremism:

Anyone who claims to be a Muslim and participates in any way in the taking of innocent life is betraying the very spirit and letter of Islam. We categorically and unequivocally reject such acts. We will confront and challenge the extremist mindset that produces this perversion of our faith. We

remind Canadian Muslims that no injustice done to Muslims anywhere can ever justify the taking of innocent life. All life, whether here or abroad, is sacred: ... and whoever saves a human life, it is as though he had saved all mankind ... (Al-Ma'idah, 5:32). As religious leaders, we echo the exhortation of the Qur'an for Muslims to be firm advocates for justice, even if it be against their families, their communities or themselves and to insist on Islam as a lived reality that is compassionate, tolerant, just and life-sanctifying.

July 21, 2005

<http://www.caircan.ca/downloads/PC-IS-072105.pdf>

Scholars Task Force Against Terrorism – Indonesia:

The religious elite in Indonesia, which is the world's largest Muslim country, have issued a fatwa (edict) against jihadi terrorism. Over the past three years, Indonesia has been stained by a series of terrorist attacks carried out by jihadis. The fatwa revolves around the interpretation of “jihad” (holy war). It is a welcome development and will help clarify the perception of those who associate terrorism with jihad. But terrorism is not just the product of a distorted ideology. Its roots lie also in the social problems of our society, Masdar Farid Mas'udi, Director of the Indonesian Society for Pesantren (religious schools) Development, told IPS.

The new Task Force Against Terrorism, as the group of mainstream religious leaders has been dubbed, includes individual Muslim scholars as well as members of Indonesia's two largest Islamic organisations, the Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) and Muhammadiyah – which have a combined membership of 70 million people – and also representatives of the Indo-

nesia Ulema Council (MUI), the country's highest religious body.

Their mission, as described by Indonesia's Minister of Religious Affairs M. Maftuh Basyuni, is to explain what jihad is and to counter the distorted ideology of radical Islam.

November 2005

http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Southeast_Asia/GK24Ae01.html

Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), Kiai Haj Hasyim Muzadi:

Kiai Haj Hasyim Muzadi, president of Indonesia's largest Muslim organization Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), condemned the use of Islam (and of any other religion) as an ideology to carry out things which are totally against humanity and the essence of Islam. He emphasized: "Terrorism has nothing to do with Islam". Muzadi invited all of Indonesia, the largest Muslim nation in the world, to fight terrorism hand in hand.

October 3, 2005

<http://www.asianews.it/index.php?art=4249&l=en>

The Muhammadiyah, Syafii Maarif, former president of the second leading Muslim organisation in Indonesia:

These bloody actions go against humanity and against the values of Islam. These terrorists define themselves as Muslims but it is unacceptable. No religion could ever excuse such a bloody action against fellow humans The terrorists should cut off their identity of Muslims because their actions only tarnish the good image of Islam.

October 3, 2005

<http://www.asianews.it/index.php?art=4249&l=en>

Egyptian Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Mohammad Sayed Tantawy about the Amman bombings:

Egyptian Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Muhammad Sayed Tantawy, condemned the terrorist acts that targeted Amman hotels. He said in statement issued on Friday evening that the perpetrators who carried such heinous acts were spoilers on the earth and they were stripped of Islamic values and human honour. "Islam disowns them," said Tantawy, adding that Islam protects human life from any aggression.

November 18, 2005

<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/>

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Sheikh Ali Halabi:

The heinous incidents that recently took place in our blessed country, have caused hearts to bleed and eyes to shed tears. Such incidents expose the reality of the criminal misguided ignorant extremists, who attach such atrocities to religion while religion is free from them.

November 18, 3005

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Dr. Amjad Qurshah, Professor of Comparative Religions at the University of Jordan:

The best way to eliminate deviant ideologies is to give Muslim scholars who present Islam in its originality of freedom of speech and freedom to educate the generations and enlighten them with the correct understanding of Islam. If we do not do so, corrupt and extreme methodologies will creep

to their minds.

November 18, 2005

<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/>

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2006

Fatwa by World Islamic Scholars about Danish cartoons:

We appeal to all Muslims to exercise self-restraint in accordance with the teachings of Islam and we reject countering an act of aggression by acts not sanctioned in Islam, such as breaking treaties and breaching time honoured agreements by attacking foreign embassies or innocent people and other targets. Such violent reactions can lead to a distortion of the just and balanced nature of our request or even to our isolation from the global dialogue. The support that we give to our Prophet will not be given by flouting his teachings.

Signatories:

1. Abdullah bin Bayyah, *Professor in King Abdalaziz University Jeddah (Mauritania)*
2. Abdullah Fadaq, *Renowned Islamic Spokesperson (Saudi Arabia)*
3. Abla Muhammad Al-Kahlawi, *Dean of Islamic & Arabic Studies College at Al-Azhar University, Port Said (Egypt)*
4. Abu Bakr Ahmad Al-Milibari, *Secretary General of Ahl Al-Sunnah Association (India)*
5. Abu Bakr Al-Adani bin Ali Al-Mashur, *General Director of Islamic Tarbiya League (Yemen)*
6. Ahmad Al-Kubaysi, *Renowned Islamic spokesperson (Iraq)*
7. Ahmad Badr Al-Din Hassun, *General Mufti of the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria)*
8. Ahmad bin Hamad Al-Khalili, *General Mufti of the Sultanate of Oman (Oman)*

9. Ahmad Nur Sayf, Director of Islamic Sciences & Research Institute (UAE)
10. A'id Al-Qarni, *Renowned Islamic Scholar (Saudi Arabia)*
11. Ali Jumua, *Grand Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Egypt)*
12. Ali Zain Al-Abidin Al-Jifri, *Renowned Islamic Scholar (Yemen)*
13. Amr Khaled, *Renowned Islamic Spokesperson*
14. Anzar Shah Kashmiri, *Head of Ulama of Deoband (India)*
15. Faruq Hamada, *Professor of Hadith Studies, Muhammad V University (Morocco)*
16. Haji Muhammad Shafi Huzami, *Renowned Islamic Scholar of Jakarta (Indonesia)*
17. Hamdan Muslim Al-Mazrui, *Assistant Undersecretary for Islamic Affairs in Ministry of Endowments (UAE)*
18. Hamza Yusuf, *Renowned Islamic Scholar, Director of Zaytuna Institute (USA)*
19. Hasan Al-Saffar, *Shiite Islamic Spokesperson (Saudi Arabia)*
20. Hiba Raouf Izzat, *Lecturer at Cairo University (Egypt)*
21. Ikrimah Sabri, *Mufti of Jerusalem (Palestine)*
22. Jasim Al-Mutawwaa, *Head of Iqra Satellite Channel (Kuwait)*
23. Kaya Hajji Abdullah Faqih, *Head of Langitano Academy, Islamic Scholar, East Java (Indonesia)*
24. Khalid Al-Jundi, *Renowned Islamic Scholar (Egypt)*
25. Larbi Kachat, *Director of Dawah Mosque and Head of the Islamic Cultural Centre, Paris (France)*
26. Muhammad Akhtar Rida Al-Azhari, *Head of Barelwi Ulama (India)*

27. Muhammad Al-Alwini, *Head of European Academy of Islamic Culture & Sciences, Brussels (Belgium)*
28. Muhammad Ali Taskhiri, *Secretary General of the International Assembly for Understanding between the Islamic Sects (Iran)*
29. Muhammad bin Muhammad Al-Mansur, *Islamic Scholar of the Zaydi Branch (Yemen)*
30. Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, *Renowned Shiite Scholar (Lebanon)*
31. Muhammad Rashid Qabbani, *General Mufti of Lebanon (Lebanon)*
32. Muhammad Saeed Ramadan Al-Bouti, *Department Chair of Theology, University of Damascus (Syria)*
33. Muhammad Tahir Al-Qadiri, *Founder of Minhaj ul-Qur'an International Organisation (Pakistan)*
34. Mustafa bin Hamza, *Professor of Islamic Law, Muhammad I University, (Morocco)*
35. Nuh Ali Salman Al-Qudah, *Renowned Scholar of Jordan, Former Mufti of the Jordanian Army (Jordan)*
36. Saeed Abdal-Hafiz Hijjawi, *General Mufti of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (Jordan)*
37. Salman Al-Awda, *General Supervisor of "Islam Today" Institution (Saudi Arabia)*
38. Tariq Al-Suweidan, *Renowned Islamic Spokesperson (Kuwait)*
39. Umar bin Muhammad bin Salem bin Hafeez, *Dean of Dar Al-Mustafa Institute, Hadramawt (Yemen)*
40. Wahba Al-Zuhayli, *Department Chair of Islamic Jurisprudence, College of Islamic Law, Damascus University (Syria)*
41. Yasmin Mahmud Khalil Al-Husary, *Head of Husary Islamic Foundation (Egypt)*

February 20, 2006

http://theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/declaration_of_fatwa_by_world_islamic_scholars_about_danish_cartoons/

Delhi Muslim conference condemns terrorism:

The highpoint of the conference was the issuing of a fatwa, which was read out to the audience. Signed by 34 noted Ahl-i Hadith ulema or scholars from different institutions in the country, it is a response to a question seeking the Islamic opinion on terrorist activities, such as bomb-blasts in public places, attacking of places of worship, hijacking planes and so on, that take a toll of innocent lives. In their fatwa, the ulema insist that “there is no room for this in the Shari'ah’ and that it is to be condemned, no matter what name it is given, and irrespective of whether such actions are undertaken by Muslims or non-Muslims or whether in a Muslim or non-Muslim-majority country. It cannot be legitimized in any way.” The killing of innocent people, no matter what their religion, the fatwa says, is “wrong”. “No group can take the law into its own hand and spread strife. If anyone does so, he should be severely punished”, the fatwa declares.

March 2006

http://theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/delhi_muslim_conference_condemns_terrorism/

Islamic seminary issues fatwa against terrorists:

The 300-year-old Islamic seminary, the Darul-Ifta Firangai Mahal issued a fatwa against terrorists targeting places of worship and killing innocent people.

The Maulana issued an edict based on the Qur'an and authentic Prophets. The fatwa categorically states that: “There

is absolutely no room for terrorism in Islam and murder of one innocent person amounts to the murder of the entirety of humanity.”

He was quoting from the 32nd verse of Surat Al-Maidah in the Holy Qur'an which says Whosoever kills a human being [as punishment] for [crimes] other than manslaughter or [sowing] corruption in the earth, it shall be as if he has killed all mankind, and whosoever saves the life of one, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind.

March 14, 2006

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2006/20060315/main3.htm>

Punjab Chief Mufti issues fatwa against terrorism:

An eminent Mufti from north India has issued a fatwa against terrorism, calling such acts an antithesis of Islam. Condemning the so-called jihadis who were waging war in the name of Islam, Punjab Chief Mufti Fuzail-ur-Rahman Hilal Usmani said on Thursday: “Jihad is for reformation and to establish enduring peace.”

July 28, 2006

http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2006-07-28/india/27792499_1_mufti-muslim-leaders-muslim-organisations

2007

Islamic Society of North America:

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) condemns in the strongest terms the recent acts of terrorism in Glasgow, London and Yemen. We reaffirm our long-standing, unqualified condemnation of all acts of terrorism and all acts of violence committed against the innocent, and our denunciation of religious extremism and particularly the use of Islam to justify terrorism in any of its forms. We sympathize with the victims of these senseless attacks and offer our heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their dear ones.

July 10, 2007 (via archive.org)

http://web.archive.org/web/20070822033342/http://www.isna.net/index.php?id=35&backPID=1&tt_news=884

2008

Maulana Marghubur Rahman, organiser of the Anti-Terrorism Convention and Rector of the Dar ul-Ulum Deoband Madrasa, India:

We condemn all forms of terrorism ... and in this we make no distinction. Terrorism is completely wrong, no matter who engages in it, and no matter what religion he follows or community he belongs to.

Tens of thousands of clerics and students from around India attended a meeting at the 150-year-old Deoband, north of New Delhi on Monday and agreed to take a stand against acts of terrorism.

“There is no place for terrorism in Islam,” Maulana Marghoobur Rahman, the ageing rector of Deoband, told Reuters on Tuesday. “Terrorism, killing of the innocent is against Islam. Islam is a faith of love and peace, not violence.”

February 2008

http://twocircles.net/2008mar11/deobands_anti_terrorism_convention_some_reflections.html

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2008/02/26/idINIndia-32155120080226>

Ulama endorse fatwa against terror:

Nearly 6,000 Islamic scholars gathered in the city on Saturday and endorsed a fatwa that declares that all forms of terrorism are against the spirit of Islam. The endorsement termed the Hyderabad Declaration came at the 29th General Body Meeting of Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind and will be read out at a public meeting on Sunday evening.

November 8, 2008

Australian Muslims strongly condemn Mumbai terrorist attacks:

Affinity strongly condemns the recent carefully planned terrorist attacks in India.

Affinity sincerely sends its condolences to all the victims of terrorism. As Australians, we extend our condolences to all, in particular fellow Australians who have been touched by these cowardly attacks.

Since 9/11, the anti-terror stance of Affinity has been witnessed widely by the Australian public. We have strived to educate Muslims and the wider population about terrorism and collectively work towards the elimination of the common enemy. Once again, we declare our absolute condemnation of terrorism in light of the Mumbai attacks ...

Terrorism cannot be isolated to any single religion or race. The Mumbai attacks targeted westerners and reportedly have been executed by terrorists of Muslim background. It is important to note that amongst the victims were a number of Muslim tourists. These attacks should not be viewed as being fuelled and stimulated by religion. Followers of all faiths must make it known that religion will never be permitted to be used as a tool to cover the evil intentions of terrorist activity. We believe that Islam does not, under any circumstances, permit terrorist activity. Muslims cannot be terrorists and terrorists cannot be Muslim. We even doubt the humanity of terrorists irrespective of how they may be defining themselves.

December 5, 2008

<http://www.affinity.org.au/index.php/news-and-media-releases/media-releases/214-australian-muslims-strongly-condemn-mumbai-terrorist-attacks>

2009

Fort Hood shooting tragedy condemned by Muslims:

(ISNA) The Islamic Society of North America: “ISNA condemns in the strongest terms the attack on soldiers at Fort Hood, resulting in the murder of at least a dozen soldiers and the wounding of many others.”

November 5, 2009

<http://www.isna.net/articles/News/ISNA-Condemns-Attacks-on-Fort-Hood-Soldiers-and-Expresses-Condolences-to-the-Victims-and-T.aspx>

CAIR:

We condemn this cowardly attack in the strongest terms possible and ask that the perpetrators be punished to the full extent of the law. No religious or political ideology could ever justify or excuse such wanton and indiscriminate violence. The attack was particularly heinous in that it targeted the all-volunteer army that protects our nation. American Muslims stand with our fellow citizens in offering both prayers for the victims and sincere condolences to the families of those killed or injured.”

November 7, 2009

<http://islam.about.com/b/2009/11/07/u-s-muslims-condemn-fort-hood-attack.htm>

MPAC:

MPAC and the Muslim American community unequivocally condemn this heinous incident. We share the sentiment of our President, who called the Fort Hood attack “a horrific outburst of violence.”

November 7, 2009

http://theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/fort_hood_shooting_a_tragedy

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC):
The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) is appalled by the attack that took place earlier today against soldiers and others at Fort Hood, Texas.

November 5, 2009

<http://www.adc.org/media/press-releases/2009/november-2009/adc-appalled-by-attack-on-fort-hood-community-urged-to-take-safety-precautions/>

The American Muslim Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Council (AMAF & VAC):

The American Muslim Armed Forces and Veteran Affairs Council (AMAF and VAC) condemns in the strongest terms the attack on soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas resulting in the murder of at least a dozen soldiers and the wounding of many others. We express our deepest condolences to the victims and their families. We join the Community of Fort Hood, Texas in their mourning. Islam holds the human soul in high esteem, and considers the attack against innocent human beings a grave sin. This is a criminal act that is now best dealt with by the law enforcement community.

November 6, 2009

<http://www.standpointmag.co.uk/node/2392>

The Universal Muslim Association of America (UMAA):

UMAA strongly and categorically condemns the heinous attack of a deranged individual in the name of Islam, at Ft.

Hood Army Base. We pray for the families of the victims and the departed souls. No religion teaches any sort of violence against innocent civilians. The perpetrators of these vicious attacks have no semblance of being Muslims and do not belong to any civilized society. UMAA believes that the responsible individuals should be punished to the fullest extent of law.

November 2, 2009

http://theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/fort_hood_shooting_a_tragedy

The Association of Patriotic Arab Americans in the Military (APAAM):

At a time of deep sorrow in the midst of this horrific tragedy, our thoughts are first and foremost with the Fort Hood shooting victims and their families.

2009

<http://en.ammonnews.net/print.aspx?Articleno=4600>

The Muslim American Society (MAS):

As an organisation and as Muslim Americans, we stand in condemnation of Thursday's assault in the strongest terms possible, MAS Freedom Executive Director, Mahdi Bray, said Thursday evening at a press conference in Washington, D.C..

November 6, 2009

<http://mikeghouseforamerica.blogspot.com/2009/11/fort-hood-tragedy.html>

The Arab American Institute:

We at the Arab American Institute are horrified by this tragic

and senseless act of violence committed by a disturbed individual. We grieve with the families of those who died and those who were wounded. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

November 2009

<http://en.ammonnews.net/print.aspx?Articleno=4600>

The Congress of Arab-American Organisations:

Arab Americans are as devastated about those killed and wounded and their families as all other Americans are. We stand with President Obama in condemning this horrific incidence of violence. We ask all to remember that when people commit crimes, they do so not because of their religion or culture, but in spite of their religious and cultural upbringing.

November 2009

http://theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/fort_hood_shooting_a_tragedy

The American Society of Muslim Advancement:

The American Society of Muslim Advancement, its staff and supporters extend heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of victims of the Ford Hood tragedy. We pray for the souls of those whose lives were ended so abruptly and extend our heartfelt prayers to friends, colleagues and families who are affected by this senseless tragedy.

November 6, 2009

<http://www.asmasociety.org/emails/asma/20091106-forthood.html>

The Council of Islamic Organisations of Greater Chicago:

Earlier yesterday a United States officer in the military identified as Army Major Malik Hasan reportedly shot and killed 12 American soldiers and wounded 31 others at Fort Hood in Texas. The Council of Islamic Organisations of Greater Chicago strongly denounces this senseless attack at Fort Hood and expresses its heartfelt condolences and prayers of support to for the families of the victims and for the injured veterans.

November 2009

http://theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/fort_hood_shooting_a_tragedy

Islamic Networks Group (ING):

We condemn this heinous attack on fellow Americans that has taken the lives and injured so many. We urge and support law enforcement in their investigation and prosecution of this criminal act to the full extent of the law. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the victims, their families, and the entire local and national community.

November 2009

http://theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/fort_hood_shooting_a_tragedy/

2010

20 North American Imams issue fatwa against terrorists:

We want Muslims around the world who would dare to commit terrorism on our soil to know that we stand together with all Canadians and Americans. We are asking Muslims here not only to condemn terrorism but to also see these events as attacks on themselves.

January 8, 2010

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2010/01/08/canada-muslim-fatwa-attack-canada-united-states.html?ref=rss>

Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri:

Qadri issued a 600-page fatwa on terrorism, which is an absolute scholarly refutation of all terrorism without any excuses or pretexts. He said that “terrorism is terrorism, violence is violence and it has no place in Islamic teaching and no justification can be provided for it, or any kind of excuses or ifs or buts.” Qadri said his fatwa, which declares terrorists and suicide bombers to be unbelievers, goes further than any previous denunciation.

February 3, 2010

<http://www.minhajpublications.com/?p=490>

Anti-terrorism declaration for Somalia by leading global Islamic Scholars

International, renowned, mainstream Muslim scholars from across the world issued a comprehensive religious declaration categorically condemning terrorism in Somalia and calling for peace and reconciliation in that war torn

country. This is the first time that authoritative and globally renowned Islamic scholars have collectively addressed the issue of Somalia.

March 14, 2010

http://www.hiiraan.com/news2/2010/mar/anti_terrorism_declaration_for_somalia_by_leading_global_islamic_scholars.aspx

The Council of Senior Ulema of Saudi Arabia:

The Council of Senior Ulema considers the financing of terrorism a crime aiming to destabilize security, and constitutes a grave offense against innocent lives as well as against properties whether public or private, such as: the blowing up of dwellings, schools, hospitals, factories, bridges, airplanes (including hijacking), oil and pipelines, or any similar acts of destruction or subversion outlawed by the Islamic Shari'ah [law].

April 10, 2010

http://www.saudiembassy.net/files/PDF/Reports/Fact_Sheet_Terror_Financing_Fatwa_April_2010__Jan_2011.pdf

Swedish Fatwa Council:

Moderate Muslims reject all forms of extremism and fundamentalist interpretations of Islamic teachings, laws and practices. Destruction, the spread of fear, terror and killings have nothing to do with Islam.

December 20, 2010

<http://www.thelocal.se/30960/20101220/>

2011

Muslim Brotherhood Condemns Egypt's Coptic Church bomb blast:

In a statement the Muslim Brotherhood vehemently opposed both the attack and threat and called on all Muslims to unite and protect the holy places of all the monotheistic religions, stressing it is a religious duty. It emphasized that Islam is a religion which promotes peace and tolerance. The Muslim Brotherhood described the attack as criminal and heinous.

January 2011

<http://www.ikhwanweb.com/article.php?id=27062>

Refaa Al-Tahtawi, spokesman for Al-Azhar condemns church blast in Alexandria:

Refaa Al-Tahtawi, spokesman for Al-Azhar, Sunni Islam's main institution based in Cairo, appeared on television to denounce the attack, which he said targeted Egyptian national unity. He also appealed to Christians and Muslims for calm.

January 2011

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2011/01/2011111533958901.html>

The Muslim Public Affairs Council:

“We as Muslim Americans are horrified, along with Christians and all people of faith, by this atrocious act,” said MPAC President Salam Al-Marayati. “Whoever committed this evil act, especially during a religious service, can only be described as a heinous criminal.”

January 1, 2011

<http://www.mpac.org/programs/anti-terrorism-campaign/mpac-condemns-terrorist-act-against-egyptian-church.php>

CAIR condemns church attacks in Egypt and Nigeria:

We condemn the heinous attacks on churches in Egypt and Nigeria and repudiate the apparent motive of the perpetrators to harm long-term relations between Muslims and Christians. We offer sincere condolences to the loved ones of those killed or injured and call on authorities in both nations to bring the perpetrators to justice.

January 3, 2011

<http://ok.cair.com/index.php/press/pressreleases/cair-condemns-church-attacks-in-egypt-nigeria->

The Islamic Society of North America condemns New Year's attacks in Egypt and Nigeria:

It is a sad day for all people when a simple act of worship or community celebration is marked by violence and innocent deaths. ISNA asks Muslim community members and organisations in Egypt and Nigeria to lend support to the families who lost loved ones during these attacks and urges Muslim Americans to join them in prayer for God to ease the suffering of all those affected by this terrible tragedy.

January 3, 2011

<http://www.isna.net/articles/Press-Releases/The-Islamic-Society-of-North-America-Condemns-New-Years-Attacks-in-Egypt-and-Nigeria-Sends.aspx>

The London Declaration for Global Peace & Resistance against Extremism 2011; organised by Minhaj-ul-Qur'an

International and held under the auspices of Sheikh-ul-Islam Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri

We, the signatories to this London Declaration for Global Peace & Resistance Against Extremism, affirm that all humans everywhere possess inherent dignity and immutable rights; these include freedom from poverty, oppression, fear and prejudice and freedom of belief, worship and expression.

September 24, 2011

<http://www.peaceforhumanity.co.uk/london-declaration>

Abdul-Azeez ibn Abdullaah Aal Al-Sheikh:

Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah Aal Al-Sheikh, head of the Senior Clerics Commission and the Department of Scientific Research and Fatwas, said that the attack on the church in Alexandria in 2011 was carried out by the enemies of Islam to discredit Muslims in order to turn non-Muslims against Muslims in any way they devise and by any means they create.

January 8, 2011

http://al-shorfa.com/en_GB/articles/meii/features/main/2011/01/08/feature-01

OIC condemns latest violence in Nigeria:

The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, has condemned the latest violence unleashed by the militant Boko Haram group in Damaturu, Potiskum and Maiduguri in North Eastern Nigeria which led to the loss of tens of innocent lives. He therefore conveyed to the families of the victims, the government and people of Nigeria, his heartfelt

sympathy and condolences.

December 26, 2011

<http://www.wam.org.ae/servlet/Satellite?c=WamLocEnews&cid=128-9996682611&p=1135099400124&pagename=WAM%2FWamLocEnews%2FW-T-LEN-FullNews>

Muslim organisations worldwide condemn bomb attacks on three Nigerian churches during a Christmas Mass:

We condemn the unconscionable and inexcusable attacks on Nigerian churches and offer sincere condolences to the loved ones of those killed or injured.

December 26, 2011

<http://www.onislam.net/english/news/africa/455135-world-muslims-condemn-nigeria-attacks.html>

Islamic Supreme Council of Canada founder, Imam Syed Soharwardy:

This is an extremely deplorable crime ... It is not Islam. This is an un-Islamic action.

December 26, 2011

<http://www.onislam.net/english/news/africa/455135-world-muslims-condemn-nigeria-attacks.html>

Muslim Council of Britain Secretary General Farooq Murad:

There is nothing in our faith of Islam that can condone attacks on places of worship or on Christians as we have seen today.

December 26, 2011

<http://www.onislam.net/english/news/africa/455135-world-muslims->

condemn-nigeria-attacks.html

Kamarudin Jaffar, Pan-Malaysia Islamic Party (PAS):
PAS, together with the international community, condemns
the church attacks in the strongest terms possible.

December 26, 2011

<http://www.onislam.net/english/news/africa/455135-world-muslims-condemn-nigeria-attacks.html>

2012

International Union of Muslim Scholars condemns the violence against Muslims and Christians in Nigeria

The International Union of Muslim Scholars condemned the violent attacks against Muslims and Christians in Nigeria. In the statement the Union called on the Nigerian government to provide security and safety for all people in order to prevent strife among religious groups. The statement was signed by the head of the Union, Yusuf Al-Qaradawi and the Secretary General of the Union, Ali Dagi.

January 10, 2012

<http://islamopediaonline.org/fatwa/international-union-muslim-scholars-condemns-violence-against-muslims-and-christians-nigeria>

Muslim leader condemns Jewish killings in France:

France's top Muslim leader, the head of the French Muslim Council, Muhammad Moussaoui said Wednesday that a besieged suspected Islamist who claims to have carried out a string of shootings to avenge Palestinian children had acted against Islam. "These acts are in total contradiction with the foundations of this religion," Moussaoui said. "France's Muslims are offended by this claim of belonging to this religion."

March 21, 2012

<http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2012/03/21/202179.html>

Pakistani clerics condemn use of religion for terrorism:

Around 40 religious leaders in Pakistan launched a front, the National Solidarity Council, on Monday to promote

sectarian harmony and resolve disputes and oppose the use of religion for terrorism.

May 22, 2012

<http://www.siasat.com/english/news/pakistani-clerics-condemn-use-religion-terrorism>

Jama'atu Naril Islam (JNI) under the leadership of His Eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto and President-General, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar condemn attacks on churches in Bauchi:

This is totally unacceptable, as an attack on any place of worship is against the tenets of Islam. We offer our heartfelt condolence to the families of the victims and call on security agencies to rise up to the occasion and bring to an end these dastardly activities of the criminals who are destabilizing our country.

June 4, 2012

<http://www.worldstagegroup.com/worldstagenew/index.php?active=news&newscid=4994&catid=2>

the 1990s, the number of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia has increased in many countries (1).

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the quality of life of people with schizophrenia. This has led to a focus on the development of psychosocial interventions, which aim to help people with schizophrenia to live more independently and to participate more fully in society (2).

One of the key areas of focus in psychosocial interventions is the development of social skills. People with schizophrenia often have difficulties with social skills, which can lead to social isolation and a reduced quality of life (3).

There are a number of different approaches to the development of social skills in people with schizophrenia. These include cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT), social skills training (SST), and supported employment (SE) (4).

CBT is a form of therapy that helps people to identify and change negative thought patterns and behaviours. SST is a form of training that helps people to learn and practice social skills. SE is a form of intervention that helps people to find and maintain meaningful work (5).

Each of these approaches has its own strengths and weaknesses. CBT is often used to help people with schizophrenia to manage their symptoms and to improve their social skills. SST is often used to help people to learn and practice social skills. SE is often used to help people to find and maintain meaningful work (6).

There is a need to evaluate the effectiveness of these different approaches to the development of social skills in people with schizophrenia. This is the aim of the present study (7).

The present study was a randomised controlled trial that compared the effectiveness of CBT, SST, and SE in the development of social skills in people with schizophrenia (8).

The results of the study showed that CBT was more effective than SST and SE in the development of social skills in people with schizophrenia (9).

The reasons for this may be that CBT helps people to identify and change negative thought patterns and behaviours, which can lead to improved social skills. SST and SE may not be as effective because they do not address the underlying thought patterns and behaviours (10).

The present study has a number of strengths. It was a randomised controlled trial, which is the gold standard for evaluating the effectiveness of interventions. It also had a long follow-up period, which allows for the assessment of the long-term effectiveness of the interventions (11).

There are a number of limitations to the present study. The sample size was relatively small, which may have affected the power of the study. The study was also conducted in a single centre, which may have affected the generalisability of the results (12).

In conclusion, the present study shows that CBT is more effective than SST and SE in the development of social skills in people with schizophrenia. This has important implications for the development of psychosocial interventions for people with schizophrenia (13).

Further research is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of CBT in the development of social skills in people with schizophrenia. This research should also evaluate the effectiveness of CBT in the development of other social skills, such as communication skills and problem-solving skills (14).

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