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Muslims against Terrorism



"By God, he is not a true believer, from whose mischief his neighbors do not feel secure."

Prophet Mohammed (Bukhari, Muslim)

[How the Quran Looks at War](#)

Insights from Imam Tamman Adi of the Islamic Cultural Center of Eugene, Oregon

[Al-Azhar condemns suicide attacks](#)

Grand Sheikh Mohammed Sayed Tantawi of the Al-Azhar mosque of Cairo - which is seen as the highest authority in Sunni Islam - said groups which carried out suicide bombings were the enemies of Islam. Speaking at the conference in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, Sheikh Tantawi said extremist Islamic groups had appropriated Islam and its notion of jihad, or holy struggle, for their own ends.
BBC News, 11 July, 2003

[Memo to Osama bin Laden:](#)

"I would rather live in America under Ashcroft and Bush at their worst, than in any "Islamic state" established by ignorant, intolerant and murderous punks like you and Mullah Omar at their best."
A thought-provoking, controversial, pre-war article by Muqtedar Khan, Ph.D., February 12, 2003

[Qaradawi Rejects Al-Qaeda's Killing of Innocents](#)

Prominent Muslim scholar Dr. Youssef Al-Qaradawi has condemned Al-Qaeda for their fuel tanker suicide bombing of a centuries-old Jewish synagogue on the Tunisian island of Djerba in April 2002.

[CAIR: Video shows Bin Laden's complicity in 9-11 attacks](#)

(Washington, DC, 12/13/2001)



"Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord, and that He will indeed reckon your deeds."

From the last sermon of Prophet Mohammed



Whoever does good equal to the weight of an atom shall see it...



...and whoever does evil equal to the weight of an atom shall see it. (Quran 99:7-8)

[Prohibitions on Terrorism, and Exhortations to Living with Mercy, Compassion and Patience in the Qur'an](#)

[Murdering innocent people in the name of religion is unacceptable](#)

"Islam is not the source of terrorism, but its solution", says author Harun Yahya.

"It is time that we Muslims acknowledge that the freedoms we enjoy in the US are more desirable to us than superficial solidarity with the Muslim World. If you disagree, then prove it by packing your bags and going to whichever Muslim country you identify with."

Dr. M. A. Muqtedar Khan

Ed Bradley: Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't it the responsibility... Does not Islam, does not Allah require that Muslims police their own religion and rid themselves of extremists?

Hamza Yusuf: Yes, absolutely. It's an obligation for Muslims to root them out. And I think it is a *jihad* now for the Muslims in the Muslim country to rid themselves of this element.
CBS's *60 Minutes*, September 30, 2001

"Who has the greatest duty to stop violence committed by Muslims against innocent non-Muslims in the name of Islam? The answer, obviously, is Muslims."
Ingrid Mattson, Vice President, Islamic Society of North America



"Our nation must be mindful that there are thousands of Arab-Americans who live in New York City, who love their flag just as much as [we] do. And we must be mindful that as we seek to win the war, that we treat Arab-Americans and Muslims with the respect they deserve. I know that is your attitudes as well. Certainly the attitude of this government, that we should not hold one who is a Muslim responsible for an act of terror. We will hold those who are responsible for the terrorist acts accountable and those who harbor them."

President George W. Bush, September 13, 2001



"Hijacking Planes, terrorizing innocent people and shedding blood constitute a form of injustice that can not be tolerated by Islam, which views them as gross crimes and sinful acts."

Shaykh Abdul Aziz al-Ashaikh, Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of the Senior Ulama, on September 15th, 2001

"The terrorists acts, from the perspective of Islamic law, constitute the crime of hirabah (waging war against society)."

September 27, 2001 - Fatwa, signed by:

Shaykh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Grand Islamic Scholar and Chairman of the Sunna and Sira Council, Qatar

Judge Tariq al-Bishri, First Deputy President of the Council d'etat, Egypt

Dr. Muhammad s. al-Awa, Professor of Islamic Law and Shari'a, Egypt

Dr. Haytham al-Khayyat, Islamic scholar, Syria

Fahmi Houaydi, Islamic scholar, Syria

Shaykh Taha Jabir al-Alwani, Chairman, North America High Council

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

Zaki Badawi, Principal of the Muslim College in London. Cited in *Arab News*, September 28, 2001.

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

Mufti Nizamuddin Shamzai, Pakistan. Cited in the *New York Times*, September 28, 2001.

"What these people stand for is completely against all the principles that Arab Muslims believe in."

King Abdullah II, of Jordan; cited in the *Middle East Times*, September 28, 2001.

The above statements by high ranking international Muslim scholars and leaders appeared in an advertisement placed by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, in the *New York Times*, October 17th, 2001 (p. A 17)

"I'm a Muslim. I've been a Muslim for 20 years. I want the world to know the truth about Islam. I wouldn't be here to represent Islam if it were the way the terrorists make it look...Islam is for peace."

Former World Heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, at the telethon benefit concert, September 21, 2001.

"Those terrorists must be reading a completely different Quran than the rest of us. This isn't about Islam. It's about terrorism."

US Marine Corps Captain Aisha Bakkar-Poe.

"Terrorists claiming to act in the name of Islam is like a knife through my heart - that people would practice Islam, but do deeds like what they've done. It's not true faith. Some people twist religion to the way they think."

US Army Captain [Arneshuia Balial](#), a convert to Islam since 1987.

[Islam and the Theology of Power](#)

"Supremacist puritanism in contemporary Islam is dismissive of all moral norms or ethical values."

By Khaled Abou El Fadl, UCLA School of Law.

[Terrorism and Islamism - Politics in the name of the Prophet](#)

The West, in ignorance and suspicion, has confused and simplified the many kinds of political Islam, and presumed a false link between terrorism and the religion of Islam.

By Eric Rouleau

[The threat of Islam or the threat to Islam](#)

"Violent, extremist Islamists invoke on their own head the true jihad. Challenging all the peoples of the Earth, and first of all traditional Islam, professed by the overwhelming majority of the Islamic world, these forces put themselves in opposition to Islam. And reacting against them is a religious, moral, social and political duty of each Muslim."

A speech by Sheikh-ul-Islam, Talghat Tajuddin, Supreme Mufti, Representative of the Central Spiritual Board of Muslims for Russia and the East-European countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States

Moscow, June 28, 2001

[Religion of the Jahiliya - Jihadism is Kufr, not Islam](#)

A completely new religion seems to be catching the imagination of many people in Pakistan. Its followers don't, of course, consider it a new religion. Indeed this religion insists that it is Islam, in fact it calls itself true Islam or real Islam. But it can at best be described as Jihadism as its central belief system is based on a wilful misinterpretation of the Islamic concept of Jihad.

By Sultan Shaheen.

[Britain's terror connection](#)

U.K. crackdown on radical Islamists is driving network further underground.

Olivia Ward, Toronto Star, November 18, 2001.

[Britain's terror connection - a Muslim speaks out](#)

Abubakar N. Kasim decries those who "spoil the image of Islam" and "mislead the public by their hateful actions".

[Fanatics and terrorists misguided](#)

"America's fight against terrorism is justified by the Quran", says Imam Tammam Adi, Director of the Islamic Cultural Center of Eugene, Oregon

["Islam Denounces Terrorism"](#)

by Harun Yahya

December, 2001 (First Edition, AmalPress)

200 Pages/210 Photographs | A4 Full Colour

[An Interview with Osama Bin Laden](#)

extracts from a translation carried by the *Dawn* newspaper of Pakistan.

[Bin Laden's violence is a heresy against Islam](#)

"Mainstream theologians have come out unanimously against the terrorists. What we must now ask them is to campaign more strongly against the aberrant doctrines that underpin them", writes British Muslim convert scholar, Abdal-Hakim Murad.

[A Memo to American Muslims](#)

"The worst exhibition of Islam happened on our turf."

In the wake of September 11, Dr. M. A. Muqtedar Khan calls for soul searching, reflection and reassessment among US Muslims.

[Call for holy war condemned by Florida Muslim cleric](#)

Osama bin Laden and his call for a jihad, or holy war, against the United States were denounced in a scathing address by the leader of one of Florida's largest mosques.

[Reject call for holy war, Florida Muslim leader says](#)

"How could the Muslim leaders in the U.S. denounce armed forces against the Taliban when you've got Afghans against the Taliban? I see some strong hypocrisy here." Imam Shafayet Mohamed, the religious leader of Darul Uloom in Pembroke Pines, South Florida's largest mosque.

[Muslims in America ignore Osama Bin Laden's call for holy war.](#)

Bay Area Muslims think more peaceful measures should have been taken by the U.S., but say the suspect has no legitimacy

By Sandy Kleffman and Sonia Krishnan, Contra Costa Times, October 8, 2001

[Looking for Answers In Islam's Holy Book](#)

Despite Contradictions, Koran Favors Peace Over War, Scholars Say

'Osama bin Laden and other Muslim extremists "pick and choose" passages from the Koran to support a global jihad, or holy war, against the United States and other countries', said Barbara Stowasser, a Koranic scholar and director of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University

By Bill Broadway, Washington Post, Saturday, September 29, 2001

[Experts Say bin Laden Is Distorting Islamic Law](#)

Leading American scholars and practitioners of Islam said yesterday that Osama bin Laden had twisted and debased Muslim theology in a videotaped statement in which he called on "every Muslim" to "rush to make his religion victorious" by emulating those who attacked the United States on Sept. 11.

By JACQUES STEINBERG, New York Times, October 8, 2001

[American Muslims Have a 'Special Obligation'](#)

An American Muslim leader asks: Who has the greatest duty to stop violence committed by Muslims in the name of Islam? - Muslims!

By Ingrid Mattson Vice President, Islamic Society of North America

[Prominent American Muslims denounce terror committed in the name of Islam](#)

Transcript of CBS's 60 Minutes interview on Sept 30, 2001 between Ed Bradley and Shaykh Hamza Yusuf of California
Imam Siraj Wahaj of Brooklyn
Imam Farid Esack, Visiting Professor in Religious Studies at the University of Hamburg
Imam Faisal Abdur Rauf of Lower Manhattan
Dr. Vali Nasir, Professor of Political Science at the University of San Diego.

[African Islamic Professor Condemns Terrorism, Praises Muslim Charitable Organizations](#)

Professor Doctor Abdallah Dumbuya, a Gambian scholar with a double Doctorate degree in Islamic Jurisprudence and Sciences, has strongly condemned organisations and groups using Islam as a justification for terrorism and violence.

[Rallying to make a difference](#)

Hundreds of families and community leaders, Muslim and non-Muslim, attend a Dallas rally against terrorism, sponsored by the Council on American-Islamic Relations
By Katherine Morales, The Dallas Morning News, October 21, 2001

[Muslims in the American armed forces speak out against acts of terrorism.](#)

AFRTS video report. Requires RealPlayer.

[The American Muslim Council Supports President Bush's Campaign Against Terrorism](#)

Text of Press Release (Washington DC, 10/08/2001)

[Canadian Muslim Scholars Reject "Misguided" Calls for Jihad](#)

(Ottawa, Canada) - The Canadian office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR CAN) and the Canadian Muslim Civil Liberties Association (CMCLA) today denounced a series of recent statements made by Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda network that state that Muslims should wage a "jihad" against Americans.

[Koran a Book of Peace, Not War, Scholars Say](#)

Osama bin Laden, who is widely assumed to be the force behind the September 11 hijackings in the United States, cites the Koran, Islam's most holy book, as the inspiration for terrorist attacks. But Muslim scholars around the world who are reviled by such actions explain that the Koran preaches peace.
Peter Standring, National Geographic Today, September 25, 2001

[More Muslim Responses to September 11](#)

[Peace, The Greater Jihad](#)

a poem by Yahya.

Islam For Today has only three photos like this...



Dallas Muslims rally against terrorism, October 20, 2001

And sadly umpteen like this...



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