

## **ISLAMIC STATEMENTS AGAINST TERRORISM (Responses to July 7<sup>th</sup> 2005 London Bombings)**

### **FATWAS FROM MUSLIM SCHOLARS**

***Sheikh Mohammad Sayyed Tantawi***  
***Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Mosque, Egypt***

Islam Online, 7 July 2005, <http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2005-07/07/article07.shtml>

"Those responsible for London attacks are criminals who do not represent Islam or even truly understand (its message)...This is illogical and cannot be the motive for killing innocent civilians."

***Statement from Sheikh Fawzy el Zefzaf***  
***President of Al Azhar Interfaith Committee, Egypt***

Anglican Communion News service, 7 July 2005, <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/special/london/london5.cfm>

"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 organizations to cooperate with each other to stand firm against terrorism which is rejected by all religions."

***Sheikh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi***  
***Egyptian cleric, Qatar***

Islam Online, 7 July 2005, <http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2005-07/07/article07.shtml>

"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 the time of war when state armies battle face to face, it is not permissible to kill women, children, elders, priests, farmers and merchants; people we nowadays call civilians."

***Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Asheikh***  
***Saudi Arabia's Grand Mufti and head of the Council of Senior Islamic Scholars***  
*(Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority strongly denounced the deadly blasts that rocked London, saying Islam strictly prohibits the killing of innocent people. He also censured the terrorists for tarnishing the image of Islam by attaching their heinous crimes to the religion:*

Fatwa Online, 9 July 2005, <http://www.fatwa-online.com/news/0050709.htm>

"The explosions that ripped through central London's transport system on Thursday, 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...Islam is a religion of reforms and righteousness. It envisages the progress of humanity and takes it from darkness to light. It also calls for respecting

agreements and prohibits their violation...Causing corruption on earth is one of the biggest crimes in Islam."

**Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah**  
**Leading Shiite scholar, Lebanon**

Islam Online, 7 July 2005, <http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2005-07/07/article07.shtml>

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

**Ayatollah Mohammad Emami-Kashani**  
**Iran**

Independent, 12 July 2005, [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/index.cfm?c\\_id=1500947&ObjectID=10335367](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/index.cfm?c_id=1500947&ObjectID=10335367)

"[These attacks are] barbaric acts that have nothing to do with Islam, nor with humanity."

**Mustafa Ceric**  
**Grand Mufti of Bosnia**

Islamic Institute, 8 July 2005, <http://www.islamicinstitute.org/fb-2005/morecndmn7-7.asp>

"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."

## **RESPONSES FROM MUSLIM AND ARAB PERSONALITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**Sheikh Dr Zaki Badawi**  
**Chair of the Council of Mosques and Imams, the United Kingdom**

St. James Catholic Church website (From Agencies), 9 July 2005, [http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror\\_and\\_cond.html](http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror_and_cond.html)

"We stand together now for a further purpose: to express our shared commitment to resisting and overcoming the evil of terrorism, which the events of recent days here in London have brought home to us afresh and with such devastating clarity...It is an evil that cannot be justified and that we utterly condemn and reject."

**Islamic Cultural Centre**

*Singatories: Shaykh Ali Ahdash Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, London, Dr Manazir Ahsan The Islamic Foundation, Leicester, Maulana Jomshed Ali The Council of Mosques, Tower Hamlets, Hussain Ali The Council of Mosques, Tower Hamlets, Mufti Muhammad Aslam Jamiat Ulama-e-Britain, Khateeb Muhammad Iqbal Awan UK Islamic Mission, Luton, Muhammad Azim Kashmir Forum UK, Mufti AbdulKader Barkatulla Senior Imam, Finchley Mosque, Imam Driss Boumzough Imam, Moroccan Muslim Community of London, Abdal Choudhury British Muslim Action Front, Maulana Abdal Choudhury The Council of Mosques, Tower Hamlets, Shaykh Ahmed Dahdorh Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, London, Dr Ahmed Dubyan Islamic Cultural Centre & London Central Mosque, Abdel Shaheed El-Ashal Muslim Association of Britain, Shaykh Muslehuddin Faradhi Islamic Forum Europe, Shaykh Rached Ghannoushi, Maulana*

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***Leading mosque imams, muftis and ulama, London***

Muslim Council of Britain website, 8 July 2005, <http://www.mcb.org.uk/>

Islamic scholars' Declaration: London bombers cannot be regarded martyrs: "[T]here can never be any excuse for taking an innocent life. The Qur'an clearly declares that killing an innocent person was tantamount to killing all mankind and likewise saving a single life was as if one had saved the life of all mankind....this is both a principle and a command. We are firmly of the view that these killings had absolutely no sanction in Islam, nor is there any justification whatsoever in our noble religion for such evil actions. It is our understanding that those who carried out the bombings in London should in no sense be regarded as martyrs."

***Mufti Muhammad Gul Rehman Qadri***

***Chairman, The Sunni Council of Britain, London***

The Associated Press, 18 July 2005, <http://www.dailystar.com/dailystar/news/84568.php>

"Who has given anyone the right to kill others? It is a sin. Anyone who commits suicide will be sent to hell...What happened in London can be seen as a sacrilege. It is a sin to take your life or the life of others." [Muslims should not use] "atrocities being committed in Palestine and Iraq" to justify attacks like those in London that killed 55 when suicide bombers struck in three Underground trains and a double-decker bus...We equally condemn those who may have been behind the masterminding of these acts, those who incited these youths in order to further their own perverted ideology."

***British Muslim Forum***

***Fatwa by more than 500 UK Muslim scholars:***

British Muslim Forum website, July 2005, <http://www.britishmuslimforum.org>

"...There is neither place nor justification in Islam for extremism, fanaticism or terrorism. Suicide bombings, which killed and injured innocent people in London, are haram-vehemently prohibited in Islam, and those who committed these barbaric acts in London

are criminals not martyrs. Such acts...are crimes against all humanity and contrary to the teachings of Islam...."

***Sir Iqbal Sacranie***

***Muslim Council of Britain***

BBC News, 8 July 2005, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4660411.stm>

"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 of must unite in helping the police to hunt these murderers down."

***Sheikh Ashraf Salah***

***Chief Imam and Khateeb, London Central Mosque***

"As citizens and co-workers of this great city—London—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."

***Dr. Ahmed Al-Dubayan***

***Director General, Islamic Cultural Centre, London***

"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."

***London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre  
United Kingdom***

The London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre website, 7 July 2005,  
[http://www.iccuk.org/media/press\\_releases/condemnation\\_of\\_london\\_bombings\\_\\_call\\_for\\_unity.htm](http://www.iccuk.org/media/press_releases/condemnation_of_london_bombings__call_for_unity.htm)

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***Ahmed Sheikh***

***President of the Muslim Association of Britain***

BBC News, 7 July 2005

"The person who did this was targeting along with wider British society the Muslim community, ruining the good relationship we have...It is scary. A tiny element of the community will make use of this. It is a blow to us, to all of us. It is a moment of sadness and we send our condolences to the families of those who have been killed or injured."

***Imam Al-Khoei Islamic Center  
United Kingdom***

Imam Al-Khoei website, 7 July 2005, <http://www.al-khoei.org/press/07072005.asp>

"Imam Al-Khoei Islamic Center was shocked to hear about and strongly condemns the senseless act of terrorism perpetrated in London, United Kingdom, today morning. The Center 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 that values life and considers destruction of one life as destruction of whole humanity. The decent, peace-loving Muslims in the world are also victims of such inhuman acts of crime that are always reported from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world. It is our fervent prayers 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 the taste of their own medicine."

***Luthful Karim***

***Chief trustee of the MA Al-Kharafi Centre, London, United Kingdom***

Aldershot news and mail, 12 July 2005, <http://www.aldershot.co.uk/story.asp?intid=2720>

"What I can say about the attacks is that they were evil and cowardly. It's not Muslim, it's not Christian or Hindu, it's a criminal act. On behalf of the MA Al-Kharafi Centre and the Muslim community at large, we offer our condolences to the bereaved families...We disassociate the Muslim community from these so-called Islamic terrorists. Islam does not accept or advocate such atrocities, and I would not call them Muslims...I would call them very evil, sick-minded people who know no boundary or limit to their evilness."

***Wakkas Khan***

***President, Federation of Student Islamic Societies, United Kingdom and Ireland***

Federation of Student Islamic Societies in the UK & Ireland website (FOSIS), 7 July 2005  
[http://www.fosis.org.uk/sac/londonattack\\_pressrelease.htm](http://www.fosis.org.uk/sac/londonattack_pressrelease.htm)

"We are shocked and distressed by these incidents which has 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."

***Daoud Rosser-Owen***

***Amir, President of the Association for British Muslims***

Jannah.org website, 7 July 2005, [http://www.jannah.org/muslim\\_reaction\\_to\\_london\\_bombings.html](http://www.jannah.org/muslim_reaction_to_london_bombings.html)

"Incidents such as those that took place in London on 7 July 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 fatawa of the

late Shaykh ‘Abdu-l ‘Aziz bin Baz (after the Riyadh Bombing) and Shaykh 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."

***Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens)***

***British Muslim***

Catstevens.com website, 7 July 2005, Full text of statement at <http://catstevens.com>

"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 coordinated 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."

***Mohammed Sarwar***

***Muslim legislator, United Kingdom's Labor Party***

Asharq Alawsat Online, 13 July 2005, <http://aawsat.com/english/news.asp?id=796&section=1>

"We are deeply shocked that these are homegrown bombers, and the vast majority of the Muslim community condemn these barbaric attacks."

***Lord Nazir Ahmed of Rotherham***

***Member of British Parliament, United Kingdom***

The London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre website:  
[http://www.iccuk.org/media/reports/british\\_muslims\\_strongly\\_condemn.htm](http://www.iccuk.org/media/reports/british_muslims_strongly_condemn.htm)

"The Muslim Community is devastated due to this terrible act of terrorism perpetrated by these evil people. Terrorist has no religion or nationality because in London they have killed Muslims, Hindus, Christians and all Londoners and we shall not be deterred to taking these people on and no one should give them any sanctuary. I want to say that the Muslim community needs to have patience and courage because we are passing through a very difficult time. Because of these atrocious attacks people will be suspicious and angry and there may be some reprisals. We must not suffer in silence and every case must be reported to the police."

***Lord Adam Patel of Blackburn***

***Member of British Parliament, United Kingdom***

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"Terrorists do not belong to any religious group. They are the number one enemy of their religion. Killing innocent people is an act of barbarians. I can never understand what they are trying to prove by taking the lives of innocent men, women and children. I wholeheartedly condemn this sort of terrorist activities. If they are Muslims, Islam does not allow taking the lives of innocent people even at the time of Holy war. That was a clear message from Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism also do not allow taking the lives of innocent people."



***Syed Aziz Pasha***

***General Secretary of the Union of Muslim Organisations of UK & Eire (UMO)***

The London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre website:  
[http://www.iccuk.org/media/reports/british\\_muslims\\_strongly\\_condemn.htm](http://www.iccuk.org/media/reports/british_muslims_strongly_condemn.htm)

"The British Muslims condemn the terrorist attacks in London which has resulted in the loss of lives and injuries to many innocent civilians. We convey our condolences to the families of the victims of this atrocity. We want to reiterate the fact that Islam is a religion of peace and justice which promotes human brotherhood worldwide. The British Muslims are peaceful and law-abiding citizens which are making a significant contribution to the moral and material prosperity of this country."

***Sheikh Abdul Qayyum***

***Chief Imam, East London Mosque***

"We are part of the rich diversity of British life, and we strive with other faiths for the betterment of our society. Allah has blessed us with good relationships with the rest of the British community which, despite the world events of recent years, continue to improve. By working hard together, consulting one another and extending the hand of friendship, Britain is becoming a great example of a multicultural society for the rest of the world...The evil people who planned and carried out these indiscriminate acts of terror...are criminals. No religion can accept what they have done. Their actions are crime and terror, which all should condemn...Killing innocent people is not allowed at all in Islam, rather it is one of the major sins, as it is totally against the principles of justice. Those people who committed the atrocities in London..., when many innocent people were killed and injured, have abandoned justice and resorted to a heinous crime. If they had any proper understanding of the teachings of Islam, they would never have committed such evil deeds. Islam came to save human life, not to destroy it."

***Dilowar Hussain Khan***

***Director of the East London Mosque***

The Guardian, 8 July 2005, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/0,12780,1524173,00.html>

"Whoever it is cannot have done so in the name of Islam. This kind of action is never justified by any religion...These are criminal acts...It is very important we show this is not a Muslim issue. It is an issue of right and wrong."

***Osama Mahdi***

***Commentator***

The Financial Times (source Elaph.com), 13 July 2005, [http://news.ft.com/cms/s/bf586644-f3c3-11d9-af32-0000e2511c8,dwp\\_uuid=46d6f5a8-d260-11d8-b661-0000e2511c8.html](http://news.ft.com/cms/s/bf586644-f3c3-11d9-af32-0000e2511c8,dwp_uuid=46d6f5a8-d260-11d8-b661-0000e2511c8.html)

"The bloody explosions which shook London last Thursday morning did not just kill and maim, they also created a strong barrier in the relations between the children of Islam and the West, and put the Muslim religion in the position of being the first accused. Then, 'the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades' - a group with ties to al-Qaeda claimed responsibility. Islamic scholars are saddened by the bloody explosions and have condemned them. They

have declared the innocence of the Islamic religion from the bombings, considering the Islamic religion to be a window to the word of God, and human nature, whereas what this group has done has met with no understanding among Muslims and they are, in fact, enemies [of the religion]."

***Shaykh Faraz Rabbani***

***United Kingdom***

Sunni Path website, <http://www.sunnipath.com/resources/Questions/QA00005469.aspx>

"There is no Islamic justification possible for crimes against humanity, such as the recent London bombings. The killing of innocents is against basic humanity, and has absolutely no place in the Shariah. The Shariah came to preserve five fundamental interests (maqasid): religion, life, intellect, honor, and property. Things that harm any of these are contrary to the very foundations of Divine Law. God tells us in the Noble Qur'an (5:32): For that cause We decreed for the Children of Israel that whosoever kills a human for other than manslaughter or corruption in the earth, it shall be as if he had killed all humanity; and whoso saves the life of one, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind. Our messengers came unto them of old with clear proofs, but afterwards lo! many of them became prodigals in the earth. It is related in Imam Muslim's Sahih, that the Hakim ibn Hizam (God be pleased with him) passed by a group of people in Sham who had been made to stand in the sun after oil had been poured over their heads. He asked, "What is this?" He was told that they were being punished for failing to pay their land tax. Hakim ibn Hizam (God be pleased with him) responded, "Truly, I have heard the Messenger of God (peace and blessings be upon him) say, 'God shall torment those who torment others in this life.'" [Muslim, 2613]

***The Islamic Foundation***

***Leicester, United Kingdom***

The Islamic Foundation, United Kingdom website, 7 July 2005, <http://www.islamic-foundation.org.uk/IF-PR-7-7.htm>

"The Islamic Foundation is shocked and horrified at the bomb attacks in London today. We join everyone in condemning such acts of wanton and senseless violence. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their loved ones at this tragic moment. The Director General, 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." This is an attack on all of us, and all communities of faith, and of none, need to stand together in calm and resolute purpose against terrorism, hatred and extremism."

***Sheikh Muhammad Afifi al-Akiti***

***Oxford, United Kingdom***

Living Islam website, Full statement of text dated 23 July 2005 at [http://www.livingislam.org/k/dcmm\\_e.html](http://www.livingislam.org/k/dcmm_e.html)

"In our Law, the ends can never justify the means except when the means are in themselves permissible...as is made clear in the following famous legal statement: *The means to a reward is itself a reward and the means to a sin is itself a sin...*To put it plainly, there is no legal precedent in the history of Sunni Islam for the tactic of attacking civilians and overtly non-military targets. Yet the awful reality is that a minority of Sunni



Muslims...have perpetuated such acts in the name of Jihad and on behalf of the Umma....There can be no legal justification, nor can there be a legitimate Shar‘i excuse, for circumventing the convention of war by targeting non-combatants whatsoever, and the [Divine Law] of killing them is not only that it [is] Forbidden but also a Major Sin and contravenes one of the principle commandments of our way of life...."

***Muslim Welfare House, London***

<http://www.mwht.org.uk>

"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."

***AhlulBait Islamic Mission***

<http://www.aimislam.com/advent/issue1/statement.html>

"The AhlulBayt Islamic Mission hereby joins the masses in condemning these barbaric acts of terrorism and shares the grief and sorrow of the nation...We call on British Muslims and non-Muslims to stand united in opposition to terrorism and to help safeguarding our society from people who are acting outside of religious values and the law...We also call on Muslim clerics in Britain to speak out of their opposition to terrorism and preach for state unity at this difficult time. We would like to reiterate that Islam is a religion of peace, justice and freedom and we disassociate ourselves with any organisation – claiming to be Muslim or otherwise; which carries out acts which are contradictory to the teachings of Islam. Verily we are from God and to Him we shall return."

***Muslim Safety Forum***

"The members of the MSF, 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...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."

***Dr. Ghayasuddin Siddiqui***  
***Leader, Muslim Parliament***

"[The attacks are] inhuman, mindless and unwarranted... Our heart goes out to those who have lost or got injured their loved ones in the carnage."

***Dr. Munir Ahmed***  
***President of Islamic Society of Britain (ISB)***

"The ISB extends its deep-felt sympathy to the families of those killed and to all those who have been hurt or wounded in the explosions. The ISB stands in solidarity with the nation, It is absolutely imperative that we all, Muslim or not, as citizens wishing to live together in a secure, civilised society, stand up and fight these acts. This is a time for us all to pull together and heal each other's wounds. It's a time to draw close in tenderness, but also in outrage. We hope the perpetrators are brought to justice for the utter horror of their attacks at such a critical stage."

***Muslim Association of Britain***

"...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. The Muslim Association of Britain calls on Muslims everywhere to be clear and strong in declaring the fundamentals of Islam which emphasise the principles of peace, justice and humanity...."

***Islamic Human Rights Commission***  
07 July 2005, <http://www.ihrc.org>

"The Islamic Human Rights Commission condemns in no uncertain terms the attacks perpetrated in London this morning."

***Muslim Public Affairs Committee UK***  
07 July 2005, <http://ww.mpacuk.org>

"London's Muslims are shocked as our city has been the victim of what appears to be a coordinated terrorist attack...MPACUK expresses deepest sympathy with all the families of those affected and commends the emergency services for their fast response to the attacks...."

***Muslim Public Affairs Committee UK***  
08 July 2005, <http://ww.mpacuk.org>

"Everyone was shocked at yesterday's events and felt sympathy for those who were injured or lost their lives to this tragedy. Muslims need to engage with the wider public on issues relating to this and we need to let it be known that British Muslims DO NOT condone such acts of violence against the innocent anywhere in the world. Today's

Khutbas [prayer sermons] should reflect this and should focus on activating Muslims into portraying to the wider world what real Islam teaches. We should not sit back and allow these acts of terrorism to cause a divide based on religion between citizens of this country...."

***Joint statement by Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders, Aldgate Station***

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims of these atrocities, their families, friends and colleagues. The faith communities are united in condemning the outrageous acts of terror, and we stand together in mutual support at this difficult time. We are proud that relations between our communities in London are strong and vibrant, and we are determined that far from causing division, these tragic events will bring us closer together through our shared values in a spirit of genuine peace and harmony."

***Joint statement from the Muslim Council of Britain and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland***

"The scriptures and the traditions of both Muslim and Christian communities repudiate the use of such violence. Religious precepts cannot be used to justify such crimes, which are completely contrary to our teaching and practice. These attacks strengthen our determination to live together in peace, and to grow together in mutual understanding."

***Abu Basir al-Tarsusi  
London-based Syrian Cleric***

"...a disgraceful and shameful act, with no manhood, bravery or morality."

**RESPONSES FROM MUSLIM AND ARAB INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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Islamic Society of North America website, 28 July 2005 <http://www.isna.net/index.php?id=316>

The Fiqh Council of North America wishes to reaffirm Islam's absolute condemnation of terrorism and religious extremism. 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 haram – or forbidden - and those who commit these barbaric acts are criminals, not “martyrs.”

The Qur'an, Islam's revealed text, states: "Whoever kills a person [unjustly]...it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind." (Qur'an, 5:32) Prophet Muhammad said there is no excuse for committing unjust acts: "Do not be people without minds of your own, saying that if others treat you well you will treat them well, and that if they do wrong you will do wrong to them. Instead, accustom yourselves to do good if people do good and not to do wrong (even) if they do evil." (Al-Tirmidhi) God mandates moderation in faith and in all aspects of life when He states in the Qur'an: "We made you to be a community of the middle way, so that (with the example of your lives) you might bear witness to the truth before all mankind." (Qur'an, 2:143) In another verse, God explains our duties as human beings when he says: "Let there arise from among you a band of people who invite to righteousness, and enjoin good and forbid evil." (Qur'an, 3:104) Islam teaches us to act in a caring manner to all of God's creation. The Prophet Muhammad, who is described in the Qur'an as "a mercy to the worlds" said: "All creation is the family of God, and the person most beloved by God (is the one) who is kind and caring toward His family." In the light of the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah we clearly and strongly state:

1. All acts of terrorism targeting civilians are haram (forbidden) in Islam.
2. It is haram for a Muslim to cooperate with any individual or group that is involved in any act of terrorism or violence.
3. It is the civic and religious duty of Muslims to cooperate with law enforcement authorities to protect the lives of all civilians.

We issue this fatwa following the guidance of our scripture, the Qur'an, and the teachings of our Prophet Muhammad – peace be upon him. We urge all people to resolve all conflicts in just and peaceful manners. We pray for the defeat of extremism and terrorism. We pray for the safety and security of our country, the United States, and its

people. We pray for the safety and security of all inhabitants of our planet. We pray that interfaith harmony and cooperation prevail both in the United States and all around the globe.

***Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)***

CAIR website, July 7, 2005, <http://www.cair-net.org/default.asp?Page=articleView&id=1647&theType=NR>

"We join Americans of all faiths, and all people of conscience worldwide, in condemning these barbaric crimes that can never be justified or excused. American Muslims offer their sincere condolences to the loved ones of those who were killed or injured in today's attacks and call for the swift apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators."

*In 2004, CAIR launched an online petition drive, called "Not in the Name of Islam," designed to disassociate Islam from the violent acts of a few Muslims. See: <http://www.cair-net.org/asp/article.asp?id=169&page=AA>*

***The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)***

<http://www.adc.org>

"The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee is horrified by the series of bombings that rocked London's public transportation earlier today. Information as to who is responsible for these latest bombings in London has yet to be confirmed. Regardless of the identity of the perpetrators of this terrible crime, ADC condemns this heinous act in the strongest possible terms. ADC urges the public and the media to proceed with caution. ADC believes that the best plan of action to such an appalling attack is for all Americans to come together and offer support to the English people."

***American Muslim Alliance (AMA)***

The American Muslim Perspective Online Magazine, 7 July 2005 [http://www.amperspective.com/html/london\\_bombings.html](http://www.amperspective.com/html/london_bombings.html)

"We join all people of goodwill in condemning these utterly immoral and heinous crimes. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and the British people...We're shocked and horrified by what has happened in London and condemn this wanton massacre of innocent civilians in the strongest possible terms...While we call for the swift apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators, we also join the Muslim Council of Britain in urging Muslims to help in the recovery effort."

***American Muslim Voice (AMV)***

The American Muslim Perspective Online Magazine, 7 July 2005 [http://www.amperspective.com/html/london\\_bombings.html](http://www.amperspective.com/html/london_bombings.html)

"The American Muslim Voice vehemently condemns the barbaric bombings in London causing death and injuring to score of innocent people. We reaffirm our principled position towards acts of terror, regarding them as cowardly acts of violence irrespective of the identity of the perpetrators or their motives. Islam holds the sanctity of human life as Qur'an clearly states: "If anyone slays a human being, it shall be as though he had slain all mankind" (5:32). Those who commit these heinous crimes are not following any religion or acting as human beings. Our heart goes out to the families and friends of those who were the innocent victims of today's terrorist attacks. We truly need to walk away from violence and start moving towards a different path by creating a culture of peace, understanding, acceptance, mutual respect and harmony. We should do everything in our



power to break down all barriers and form lifelong friendships. We all desire world peace, and we can achieve it only if all of us start feeling the pain of others. John Wooden says it best: Consider the rights of others before your own feelings, and the feelings of others before your own rights. Let us use this tragedy to stand united and say no to the terrorists irrespective of their identity."

***Abdul Malik Mujahid***

***Chairman of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC)***

The American Muslim Perspective Online Magazine, 7 July 2005 [http://www.amperspective.com/html/london\\_bombings.html](http://www.amperspective.com/html/london_bombings.html)

"We condemn this brutality in the strongest terms. These attacks are an affront to Islam and to Muslims all over the world including Muslim in America. They are in no way a reflection of Islamic teachings, which order Muslims to preserve and protect life... This is why I would like to request all mosques in North America, England and the world to pray for the victims of this tragedy during Friday prayers tomorrow. We would also like to request that Imams offer Friday sermons about the sanctity of life in Islam and the heinousness of terrorism."

***Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)***

The American Muslim Perspective Online Magazine, 7 July 2005 [http://www.amperspective.com/html/london\\_bombings.html](http://www.amperspective.com/html/london_bombings.html)

"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 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. We urge the people of England to remain calm. As citizens we also hope innocent people will not be targeted in backlash following this terror attack. Learning from experience after 9/11, we also express the profound hope that civil liberties will not be a further casualty of this tragic event, in the Great Britain or around the world. Here in the US, we urge Muslims to remain cautious and in communication while continuing their daily work, to avoid fear and confusion and remain measured in response, and above all, to put our trust in the Mercy of Allah, All-Mighty, which will sustain us during the coming days, Insha Allah."

***Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)***

<http://www.isna.net>

"The Islamic Society of North America 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 sociopolitical 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."

***Muslim American Society (MAS)***

[www.masnet.org](http://www.masnet.org)

"The Muslim American Society utterly condemns the heinous acts of terror that rocked the London transit system and killed and injured scores of innocent people. Our most heartfelt condolences and sympathies are extended to the bombing victims and their families. We reiterate our consistent and principled position towards acts of terror, regarding them as cowardly acts of violence irrespective of the identity of the perpetrators or their motives. Islam holds the sanctity of human life in the highest possible regard, and the shedding of blood of any innocent person is considered a repulsive crime. MAS believes that relationships between people and nations should be governed by universal brotherhood, compassion, tolerance, fairness and mutual interests."

***Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)***

[www.mpac.org](http://www.mpac.org)

"Islam considers the use of terrorism to be unacceptable for any purpose. Any individual or group that claims that these heinous actions serve as a redress for legitimate grievances is dreadfully mistaken. MPAC condemns the exploitation of people and issues, regardless of the perpetrators and their justifications. This assault is unmistakably an act of terrorism, an attack against humanity. "We at the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and the British people. As Americans, we are familiar with the imminent and the long-term repercussions of terrorism. Here at home, we stand in solidarity with law enforcement to maintain security, and we have every reason to believe that similar cooperation will take place in London."

**RESPONSES FROM MUSLIM AND ARAB LEADERS**

***King Abdullah II***

***Jordan***

King Abdullah II website, 7 July 2005, [http://www.kingabdullah.jo/main.php?main\\_page=3&lang\\_hmka1=1](http://www.kingabdullah.jo/main.php?main_page=3&lang_hmka1=1)

"In a statement issued by the Royal Hashemite Court, His Majesty stressed Jordan's solidarity with the British people and his condemnation of such criminal acts that left several fatalities and injuries. The King underlined the need for all to join efforts to fight all forms of terrorism and the forces that support and stand behind it. His Majesty said that our true Islamic religion condemns the killing of innocents and rejects all forms of violence and terrorism, stressing that Islamic values promote tolerance and justice and renounce violence. The King extended his condolences to the families of the victims and wished the wounded a speedy recovery."

***King Abdullah II***

***Jordan***

King Abdullah II website, 7 July 2005, <http://www.kingabdullah.jo>

"[A]ll of us have been shocked and devastated by this really terrible tragedy that has unfolded in Britain. And I'd like to take this opportunity really to extend our sympathies to the victims and their families for this terrible, terrible crime that has happened in England. And for Britain to know that they are not alone. We will stand with them in their hour of need. We are doing all that we can as part of many countries to work with the British authorities to identify who are behind this horrible crime, and bring them to justice as quickly as possible and to make sure that they are defeated at the end of the day."

***Bashar Al-Assad***

***Syrian President***

St. James Catholic Church website (from agencies), 9 July 2005, [http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror\\_and\\_cond.html](http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror_and_cond.html)

"On behalf of the Syrian people and myself, we denounce these awful actions that we condemn and strongly refuse."

***Hamid Karzai***

***Afghan President:***

BBC News, 8 July 2005, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4660415.stm>

"This is an attack not against a city, this is an attack not against a nation, this was an attack against the whole of mankind."

***Pervez Musharraf***

***Pakistani President***

St. James Catholic Church website (From Agencies), 9 July 2005, [http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror\\_and\\_cond.html](http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror_and_cond.html)

"[I]t was with deep sorrow that I learnt about the blasts in central London, that wrought havoc and killing innocent people."

***Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz***

***Saudi Arabia***

Agence France Presse, 9 July 2005,  
[http://politics.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050709/w1\\_mideast\\_afp/britainattackssaudi\\_050709205230](http://politics.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050709/w1_mideast_afp/britainattackssaudi_050709205230)

"[Demonstrated the] cowardice and vile nature of their perpetrators," and strongly denounced this dreadful crime" which targeted innocent people."

**RESPONSES FROM MUSLIM AND ARAB OFFICIALS**

***Abdalmohsen Al-Akkas***

***Saudi Arabian Social Affairs Minister***

Arab News, 8 July 2005, <http://www.arabnews.com/?page=4&section=0&article=66628&d=8&m=7&y=2005>

"It is a heinous act. I don't know who did it. I condemn it in the strongest possible terms and I offer my sympathies to the families."

***Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz***  
***Saudi Arabian Interior Minister***

Agence France Presse, 9 July 2005,  
[http://politics.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050709/w1\\_mideast\\_afp/britainattackssaudi\\_050709205230](http://politics.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050709/w1_mideast_afp/britainattackssaudi_050709205230)

"We have expressed to Britain our readiness for any cooperation, and if any information becomes available, we will provide it to them."

***Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah***  
***Kuwaiti Prime Minister***

Al-Jazeera.net, 7 July 2005,  
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/2F2BE378-F9B6-4F0E-A7B9-9BC0DF5D89AD.htm>

"These terrorist attacks which target innocent lives are against all human norms and values." And expressed "Kuwait's sympathy and support to friendly Britain and to all actions it will take to eradicate vicious terror in order to preserve security and stability."

***Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al-Nahayan***  
***United Arab Emirates Deputy Prime Minister and State Minister for Foreign Affairs***

Arab News, 8 July 2005, <http://www.arabnews.com/?page=4&section=0&article=66628&d=8&m=7&y=2005>

"[The United Arab Emirates] condemns in the strongest possible terms these horrific crimes and declares full solidarity with the British government."

***Ibrahim al-Jaafar***  
***Iraqi Prime Minister***

BBC News, 8 July 2005, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4660415.stm>

"It is a shameful terrorist act that doesn't have any relation to religions and human morals. While I am expressing my deep sorrow to you and through you to the British people and families of victims, I confirm to you our deep will to rid the evil of terrorism in any country as it appears."

***Saeb Erekat***  
***Palestinian negotiator***

Reuters, 7 July 2005, <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L0791441.htm>

"We condemn with the strongest possible terms these explosions, and convey our sincere condolences to the British people and government."

***Moussa Abu Marzouk***  
***Deputy chief of Hamas, Palestinian Islamist group's political bureau condemned the London bombings***

Reuters, 7 July 2005, <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L0791441.htm>

"Targeting civilians in their transport means and lives is denounced and rejected."

***Nabil Benabdallah***

***Moroccan government spokesman and Communication Minister***

Reuters, 7 July 2005, <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L0791441.htm>

"These heinous attacks underline the need for the international community to...unite its efforts to fight these acts and abort their objectives."

***Hamid Reza Asefi***

***Iranian foreign ministry spokesman***

BBC News, 8 July 2005, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4660415.stm>

"Iran [has] sympathy with the families of the victims of these terrorist acts [and denounces] the use of violence to achieve objectives."

***Sheikh Rashid***

***Pakistani Information Minister***

BBC News, 8 July 2005, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4660415.stm>

"We condemn the attacks in London this morning. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to those who suffered due to such acts."

***Yuri Thamrin***

***Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jakarta, Indonesia***

St. James Catholic Church website (From Agencies), 9 July 2005, [http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror\\_and\\_cond.html](http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror_and_cond.html)

"We are shocked by these barbaric attacks that claimed the lives of so many innocent civilians...We condemn them entirely."

***Abdullah Ahmad Badawi***

***Malaysian Prime Minister***

St. James Catholic Church website (From Agencies), 9 July 2005, [http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror\\_and\\_cond.html](http://news.stjamescatholic.org/2005/07/horror_and_cond.html)

"We do not know who committed this deadly and terrible act but we must make sure that their side does not win. All countries must work together against terrorism."

***Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu***

***Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference***

Organization of the Islamic Conference website, 8 July 2005, <http://www.oic-oci.org/>

"Against the backdrop of the recent increasing acts of terror and violence in the world and their growing negative effects on international peace and security, the Organization of the Islamic Conference expressed its deep preoccupation and denunciation of the terrorist attacks which targeted innocent civilians whether in the London bombings that took place on the 7th of this month, the daily massacres in Iraq or in the attacks against tourist targets in Turkey and elsewhere."

***Gholam-Ali Haddad Adel***

***Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis)***

"[The attacks were] bitter and inhumane...evil acts. [I hope] that one day mankind can uproot terrorism in all its forms and lead the world towards peace, justice and friendship among all nations."

## **RESPONSES FROM MUSLIM PERSONALITIES AND INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD**

***Prof. Ibrahim Chabbouh***

***Secretary-General, International Islamic Conference 2005***

***Director, Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought, Amman, Jordan***

Statement released in Amman, Jordan, 21 July 2005

"Islam honors human life as being sacred, the Holy Quran says: «whoever killed a soul other than by way of retaliation for having killed another soul or for corruption in the land, it will be as if he has killed all mankind»[Al-Ma'ida, 5:32]. It does not condone all these acts of aggression perpetrated against innocent people anywhere in the world. We denounce the bombings that took place in the United Kingdom, and elsewhere, as being terrorist criminal acts that all Muslims condemn, and express our solidarity and deepest compassion with the families of the victims and human society at large."

***Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)***

ISESCO website, 8 July 2005, <http://www.isesco.org.ma/English/press/viewpage.asp?Lien=99961>

"The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization –ISESCO– has, in the strongest terms, condemned the bombings that targeted London, on Thursday morning. ISESCO, which gathers fifty-one member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, has decried the tormenting acts of killing, violence and terror from which Islam can but be exempt. For, as it further explained, nothing can warrant terrorism and the use of violence as a means for serving any objective whatsoever. From its position as the cultural conscience of the Islamic world, ISESCO is incensed at the works of depraved individuals and groups who, behind the cloak of Islam, take to crimes against humanity. And in a press release issued today, ISESCO further stated that Islam has clearly fixed its canon against slaughter, true to the word of Almighty Allah: "if anyone slew a person – unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land – it would be as if he slew the whole people." And in addressing scholars, jurists, intellectuals and the community of Islamic religious leaders in the Islamic world and in countries of emigration, ISESCO called upon condemning the criminal acts and terror bombings that struck at London; and it has, by the same token, urged for deprecating the assassination of the ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of Iraq by gunmen pretending to act according to Islamic Shariah. The Islamic Organization said it is a most depraved affront to Islam and Muslims to kill innocent people in the name of Islam."



***Muslim World League***

Muslim World League website, 9 July 2005, <http://www.themwl.org/PressReleases/default.aspx?d=1&cid=13&cidi=73&l=AR>

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

***Mohammed Mehdi Akef***  
***Supreme Guide, Muslim Brotherhood***

"[attacks were] a terrible crime, contrary to the teachings of Islam."

***Prince Turki al-Faisal and Lord Carey***  
***Saudi Arabian ambassador to Britain and former Archbishop of Canterbury***  
***Co-chairs of the Council of One Hundred of the World Economic Forum***

Sunday Telegraph, London, United Kingdom, 24 July 2005

"Good people of all faiths, or of none, are united in seeing the London bombings as a terrible act against humanity....There is no faith that condones the taking of innocent life and that celebrates suicide. The killing of innocent people is prohibited by all faiths. "Thou shalt not kill" is one of the 10 commandments passed down to us all from the Prophet Moses in the Holy Bible. "Whoever kills a person has killed the whole of humanity," says one of the best known Koranic verses....There are those among our human family who are committing these deeds of horror and devastation and who do not see how evil and terrible they are. They claim to be faithful to Islam and faithful to God but they are not. This is not Islam and these acts are absolutely not the will of God. Their twisted vision is alien to the healthy body of the faith that holds the world's Muslim community together. It is a wicked perversion of the common values of faith. Imams and teachers who have used Islam to bolster and preach their political beliefs have done so by perverting traditional Islamic texts. Declaring fatwas permitting suicide bombings goes against everything at the heart of Islam. These so-called Muslim scholars must be and are condemned. They are violating the most dearly held principles of Islam. The terrorists who have been led to kill themselves are the victims of bad teaching, resulting from this twisted ideology subjecting religion to political ends....The West does need to understand that while some Islamic scholars...may seek to follow a path that goes back to a fundamental view of Islam and may wish to lead a more conservative life, they do not accept suicide bombings or the taking of innocent human life. No one can do this and be a true Muslim....In Islamic terms this is a project of *muhasaba*, a quest for the authentic Muslim voice that can dissolve the dark forces of destruction and point towards our true human values that cherish life and can bring about true human flourishing. In the words of the Koran: "God does not change the condition of a people until they change the condition of their own selves" (13:11).

This is happening: there is a deep significance in three declarations made immediately before and after the London bombings. First, more than 170 Muslim religious leaders met in Amman, Jordan, both Shi'ite and Sunni leaders as well as Ibadis and Ismailis. They all agreed that only those trained within the traditional eight schools of Islamic jurisprudence have the authority to issue fatwas. This might seem an academic

point, but it is fundamental to undermining the legitimacy of so called Islamist (rather than Islamic) terrorism. This declaration makes clear that none of these supposed fatwas is legitimate or Islamic: Islam has united and declared the terrorists to be in breach of the Islamic faith."

***Dr. Tariq Ramadan***  
***Muslim Scholar and Intellectual***  
***Switzerland***

The Guardian, London, United Kingdom, 9 July 2005, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,,1524754,00.html>

"On Wednesday Londoners were united in joy. Now we face the risk that fear will build walls of doubt and misunderstanding between them. All could come to feel that they are potential victims: of Muslim extremists on the one hand; of rejection and racism on the other. The proponents of the "clash of civilisations" theory will have won if we allow ourselves to become suspicious towards people of other faiths and cultures.

Where does and where shall our strength lie? First, we must condemn these attacks with the strongest energy; Muslims in unison with wider British society. But to condemn is not enough. Our values, our societies, our common future require that we become aware of our shared responsibilities. Yes, London is a multicultural society but - in common with the rest of Europe - it will preserve its pluralistic equilibrium only through the personal engagement of every individual in their daily life, within their own neighbourhood.

Muslims must speak out and explain who they are, what they believe in, what they stand for, what is the meaning of their life. They must have the courage to denounce what is said and done by certain Muslims in the name of their religion. They will not reassure their fellow citizens by pretending to be "like them", saying only what they want to hear and becoming invisible. They have to assert their identities, refuse simplistic discourses, promote critical and self-critical understanding and get out from their intellectual, religious and social ghettos. European societies need to see European Muslims involved in the society's questions of the day: citizenship, school, unemployment. Their strength must lie in refusing to be victims and in becoming active citizens, politically engaged both domestically and internationally.

In the name of the rule of law, democracy and human rights, we cannot accept that the rights of individuals (Arab or Muslim) be trampled upon, or that populations are targeted and discriminated against in the name of the war against terrorism. The strength of democratic societies relies on their capacity to know how to stand firm against extremism while respecting justice in the means used to fight terrorism.

We shall achieve this balance only if every citizen, after the shock of this attack, makes the effort to get to know his neighbour better - his difference, his complexity, his values and hopes. It is not enough for progressive, open-minded people to say, "This is not Islam!" It is urgent that such people meet and act alongside Muslims - practically, concretely, daily. More and more Europeans are becoming passive, comforting themselves with pious vows and idealistic discourses: they want concrete measures against terror but think that "living together" will happen with no effort, as if by magic.

Terror will crash down on us if we fail to understand that a pluralistic society requires the personal and daily commitment of every citizen. Criminals, no doubt, will continue to kill, but we shall be able to respond to them by demonstrating that our experience of human brotherhood and mutual respect is stronger than their message of hate. Our lives are fragile, but our commitment to our ideals is strong."

***The Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe (FIOE)***

Islam Online, 8 July 2005, <http://islamonline.net/English/News/2005-07/08/article05.shtml>

"This heinous attack, which shook the world, runs in the face of all religious, ethical, 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 interests of European societies and safeguard their respective safety, security and prosperity,...Islam rejects entirely the shedding of innocent people's blood and considers this a heinous crime, as clearly stated in the Noble Qur'an and all Islamic scripts."

***Central Council of Muslims in Germany***

Islam Online, 8 July 2005, <http://islamonline.net/English/News/2005-07/08/article05.shtml>

"The bombings were barbaric acts of terrorism perpetrated to serve certain political goals...Those who incite terrorism and violence against innocent civilians cannot be called Muslims."

***Dalil Boubakeur***

***President of the French Council for the Muslim Religion***

Islam Online, 8 July 2005, <http://islamonline.net/English/News/2005-07/08/article05.shtml>

"On behalf of French Muslims and the French Council for the Muslim Religion (CFCM), I strongly condemn the heinous terrorist attacks that rocked London."

***Dr Waleed Kadous***

***Co-convenor, Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network (AMCRAN)***

Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network website, 7 July 2005, <http://amcran.org>

"Such attacks are barbaric and totally inconsistent with any kind of civil tradition, whether it be secular or religious...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."

***Ali Sadr Al-Din Al-Bayanouni***  
***Leader of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Syria***

[http://memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=sr&ID=SR3605#\\_edn11](http://memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=sr&ID=SR3605#_edn11)

"These are terror operations that harm innocent civilians and constitute a crime against humanity, and we condemn them. Islam completely forbids harm to a life, and sees it as harm to all humanity. The Muslim Brotherhood movement in Syria strongly condemns these bombings, and their perpetrators, whoever they may be, and demands that their identity be exposed and that they be given the most deterring of punishments. The movement calls on the Arab and Islamic community in Britain to awaken and to cooperate in preventing crimes like these, which harm all of society and arouse fear and concern within it."

***Ayatollah Emami Kashan***  
***Tehran Interim Friday Prayer Leader***

"Islam is the religion of kindness, justice and humanity and totally against killings of innocent men, women and children."

***Ayatollah Makkarem-Shirazi***  
***Senior Iranian cleric***

"Islam is the religion of kindness and affection, and does not permit the 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 by what they do and are blemishing the beautiful image of Islam."

***International Islamic Relief Organisation***

<http://www.iiro.org>

"[We condemn] this atrocity on one of the most multicultural cities in the world."

***Secretary General, World Assembly of Muslim Youth***

<http://www.wamy.org>

"This heinous crime violates the teachings of the Shariah, which calls for the protection of life, religion, honour, mind and wealth and health of a person. It was a barbaric and inhuman attack on innocent people."