



**The Muslim Council of Britain**

**Submission to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights  
2010 annual report on hate crimes – ‘Hate Crimes in the OSCE Region:  
Incidents and Responses’**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Muslim Council of Britain is a national representative Muslim umbrella body with over 500 affiliated national, regional and local organisations, mosques, charities and schools. The MCB is pledged to work for the common good of society as a whole; encouraging individual Muslims and Muslim organisations to play a full and participatory role in public life.

The MCB is deeply concerned with the rise of Islamophobia and in particular the links between extremist right wing groups in the UK with like-minded groups on the continent. The MCB and its affiliates in 2010 have been directly affected by (i) demonstrations by extremist right wing groups, notably the English Defence League, outside mosques (ii) affiliated mosques subject to attacks and physical damage (iii) hate mail.

The MCB is deeply aware that much work needs to be done by civil society (i) to arrive at a rigorous definition of Islamophobia / anti-Muslim hate crime (ii) to establish incident recording and follow-up networks, including consistent coding schemes (iii) to secure and collate evidence from 'victims' that can substantiate the essential elements of the offence (iv) to build capacity that would enable incidents to be pursued with the prosecuting authority or to consider private prosecution (v) to establish networks to critique Islamophobic comments in the media or by politicians (and also to commend positive references to Islam and Muslims). Its work plan in 2011-2012 include activities to facilitate and where appropriate lead projects and activities in these five areas. In this regard, the MCB places importance on collaboration with ODIHR and benefiting from its networks and expertise.

This submission comprises three sections:

- a brief comment on relevant UK legislation
- a collation of Islamophobic incidents brought to the MCB's attention in 2010
- some examples of hate mail received by the MCB in 2010

## 1. Relevant UK legislation

**The Equality Act 2010** has placed an onus on public bodies to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation on the basis of a person's protected characteristics i.e. age, disability, gender, religion or belief.

However in a statement in Parliament in March 2011, the Home Secretary noted that there was need for "freeing up public bodies to take responsibility for their own performance in delivering equality improvements and to publish the right information so that the public can hold them to account. This approach will be better for equality because it will focus on the delivery of results, not the performance of bureaucratic processes"<sup>1</sup>. The self-regulation nature thus raises questions on the effectiveness of the public duty provisions.

**The Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006** made it an offence in England and Wales "for a person to use threatening words or behaviour, or displays any written material which is threatening... if he intends thereby to stir up religious hatred".

However this does not cover the use or publication of abusive and insulting words – unlike the law relating to incitement to racial hatred. This lacuna has been exploited by the extreme right wing - for example the following two statements have not appeared to fall within the ambit of 'stirring religious hatred':

*From the BNP website (7th Jan 11pm): "British National Party leader Nick Griffin has called upon supporters to rally tomorrow in Oldham in a demonstration against Muslim paedophile grooming gangs, no matter what the weather."*

*Statement by an EDL leader in an interview on the BBC (1st Feb 2011): "If I ask you Do you know anyone who's hooked on heroin sold to them by Muslim gangs? You probably don't, I do. Do you know any beautiful girls who you went to school with who are now wearing a burqa that don't see their family. You probably don't, I do. Do you know anyone who's been murdered by a Muslim gang? You probably don't, I do. Do you know any 15 year old girls that you know, that you've grown up that have been raped or pimped. You don't. I do"*

## 2. Collation of Islamophobic incidents brought to the MCB's attention in 2010

These have been categorised as follows:

- Abuse, physical damage, violence
- Alarmist and intimidating statements

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<sup>1</sup> House of Commons statement

<http://services.parliament.uk/hansard/Commons/bydate/20110317/writtenministerialstatements/part007.html>

This collation is based on notifications to the MCB and details obtained from UK Islamophobia watch sites.<sup>2</sup>

## 2.1 Abuse, physical damage, violence

3rd December 2010

"Three people have been arrested and released on bail by police investigating an arson attack on a Stoke-on-Trent mosque on December 3."

<http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=4974>

25th November 2010

"A 15-year-old girl has been arrested on suspicion of inciting religious hatred after allegedly burning an English-language version of the Qur'an – and then posting video footage of the act on Facebook. The teenager, from the Sandwell district of Birmingham, was filmed on her school premises burning the book."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/25/girl-arrested-allegedly-burning-quran>

22nd November 2010

"Masked men threw bottles of beer and urinated on a mosque following a march against Muslim extremism. Bacon was also left on cars near Kingston Mosque during the attack by a group of 10-15 youths on Sunday. Kingston Mosque claimed baseball bats were also used in the incident on East Road, but this was not confirmed by police."

[http://www.surreycomet.co.uk/news/topstories/8680008.UPDATE\\_Beer\\_thrown\\_at\\_mosque\\_following\\_protest\\_march/](http://www.surreycomet.co.uk/news/topstories/8680008.UPDATE_Beer_thrown_at_mosque_following_protest_march/)

13th November 2010

"An imam in Portsmouth has said he is saddened his mosque has been targeted twice in two days after remembrance poppies were burnt in London.

A poppy was painted on the front of the Jami mosque, on Victoria Road North in Southsea, on Friday and on Saturday 100 people staged a demonstration outside."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-11751268>

9th October 2010

EDL attacking Big John's in Leicester

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxdTEVzrs&feature=related>

20th September 2010

"Twenty-one grave stones have been damaged in a section of a Leeds cemetery used by Muslims. West Yorkshire Police is appealing for information after plaques and headstones on some of the graves at the city's Harehills Cemetery were damaged."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-11377917>

18th September 2010

"Racists have been blamed for firebombing a car and scrawling a Nazi swastika on a Burnley shop as the elderly Asian Muslim owner slept upstairs, in the early hours of September 18."

Muslim News, 29th October 2010, p.15

15th Sept 2010

"Six Tyneside men arrested after Koran-burning jape was posted on YouTube - the six, all from Gateshead, were arrested after filming themselves apparently burning copies of the Koran on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks."

<http://freethinker.co.uk/2010/09/23/six-tyneside-men-arrested-after-koran-burning-jape-was-posted->

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<sup>2</sup> These include the Salaam blogs <http://blogs.salaam.co.uk/article.php?story=201102091042579> and <http://blogs.salaam.co.uk/article.php?story=2009111015080338>. Valuable resources are also the websites of I-Engage [www.iengage.org.uk](http://www.iengage.org.uk) and the Muslim News [www.muslimnews.co.uk](http://www.muslimnews.co.uk). The MCB acknowledges these sources and has used some of the authors' comments in the citations in this section.

[on-youtube/](#)

1st September 2010

The Muslim News reports (24th Sept 2010): "A drunk Worcester man who unleashed a tirade of racial abuse at Asian workers ... was arrested on June 27... On September 1, Worcester Magistrates Court heard how 20-year old Miller ... punched the cab demanding driver Muhammed Rizwan 'get off' and face him."

11th August 2010

"A FAMILY told today how they are living in fear of a gang of young racist thugs who have been laying siege to their home for months. Abdur Rahim, 32, and his heavily-pregnant wife Nazama, who are originally from Bangladesh, have suffered a campaign of vandalism and harassment since the beginning of the year. The gang throws stones, smashes windows and vandalises taxi driver Mr Rahim's car outside his Broomhouse home. In one of the latest incidents at the weekend, a stone crashed right through the window, leaving a golf ball-sized hole..."

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/Terrified-family-tormented-by-vandals39.6468316.jp>

23rd July 2010

"Two Muslim women have claimed they were refused a bus ride because one had her face covered by a veil. The students, both 22 and from Slough, Berkshire, boarded a Metrolink bus from Russell Square to Paddington, London. But they said when they presented their tickets on Tuesday, the driver told them they were a 'threat' to passengers and ordered them off the bus."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-10728912>

23rd July 2010

"The Muslim Safety Forum (MSF) condemns the Islamophobic attack on the North London Central Mosque on Monday 19th July 2010 by two men who stuck a pig's head on the Mosque gates... Fatima Khan, Vice Chair and lead on the Islamophobia workstream for the MSF stated, "this latest attack of sticking a pig's head on the gates of the mosque and taking photos of the crime shows a new found confidence amongst these criminals."

29th May 2010

Scunthorpe's Muslim community leaders have expressed their outrage after 11 Muslim graves in Brumby Cemetery were vandalised for the second time in 21 months and the third time in four years.

<http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=4698>

14th May 2010

Ian Davison was jailed for 10 years for "producing a chemical weapon, preparing for acts of terrorism and having terror handbooks." At the trial it was revealed that Davison "was in contact with a Nazi in Serbia and the pair discussed poisoning water supplies used by Muslims." Davison's son received a two-year sentence for his supporting role.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/wear/8682132.stm?ls>

17th April, 2010

"Three men were arrested after a pig's head was thrown into a car park of mosque on April 17. Worshippers called police after a car drove past Langley Green Mosque and a pig's head was slung over the fence..."

Source: The Muslim News, 28 May 2010, page 11

10th April, 2010

"Vandal carried out two attacks in one night on a Manchester mosque on April 10... the vandalism is the latest in a series of Islamophobic attacks on the mosque in Liverpool Road, Eccles... 'at about 2 am... two men got into the grounds. One is on film throwing bricks which had been taken from a wall of a neighbouring building..."

Source: The Muslim News, 28 May 2010, page 1

4th April, 2010

"Police were searching for a gang of 20 Derby men after an attack on a Muslim couple on a train to Nottingham. Abida Malik said the men called her and her husband Asif Ahmed terrorists. One man put Mr Ahmed in a headlock saying he was making a citizen's arrest...Abida Malik, who wears the hijab - or headscarf - was travelling home after a wedding in Leicester with her husband".

Source: The Muslim Weekly, Friday 16th April 2010, page 3

3rd April 2010

"About 2,000 members of the English Defence League (EDL) descended on Dudley town centre in the West Midlands to demonstrate at plans for a new mosque.

Some of the protesters broke out of a pen in a car park, breaking down metal fences and throwing the metal brackets at officers, who were armed with riot shields and batons."

<http://www.birminghampost.net/news/2010/04/03/edl-dudley-march-protesters-fight-among-themselves-as-2-000-descend-on-town-97319-26170561/>

Around 2,000 Anti Islamic English Defence League (EDL) members, protesting against the plans of building of a mosque in Dudley, West Midlands on April 3, chanted, "if you build your f@king mosque, we'll burn it down" and other anti-Muslim slogans.

<http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=4617>

20th March 2010

A scuffle began outside the Oddfellows Arms in Oldham Road, Middleton, at about 11.30pm on Saturday. Witnesses said EDL supporters were behaving aggressively and abusing customers. ...The first man was white, about 5ft 6in tall, in his late teens or early 20s, with a chunky build. He had short black hair and was wearing a blue EDL T-shirt with "No Surrender Al-Qaeda" and an England badge on the front.

[http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/5077173.Man\\_at\\_pub\\_stabbed\\_by\\_league\\_supporters\\_/](http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/5077173.Man_at_pub_stabbed_by_league_supporters_/)

March 18/19 2010

Twenty to thirty Muslim graves were vandalised in a Leeds cemetery on March 18/19. The Muslim community in the area said the attacks were Islamophobic. "I was annoyed and upset when I heard about the desecration of the graves. I asked myself why anyone would do this," Chairman of al-Hassan Education Centre, Akhlaq Mir, told The Muslim News.

"It was an Islamophobic attack as only the Muslim section of the cemetery was damaged. The Christian section was left untouched," Mir argued.

<http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=4599>

[Salaam Blog 4th May]

27th Feb 2010

"A Newbury based imam was so routinely subjected to Islamophobic and racial abuse by local youths that he suffered from insomnia and depression. "

<http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/archives/paper.php?article=4541>

24th Jan 2010

"Seventeen people were arrested at an English Defence League (EDL) rally in Stoke-on-Trent after trouble broke out....Its members waved placards proclaiming 'Patriotism is not racism' and 'Terrorists off our streets'."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/staffordshire/8476873.stm>

23rd Jan 2010

"POLICE have arrested a bus driver who allegedly called a woman passenger a Muslim terrorist and asked her if she had put a bomb on his bus. An investigation was launched by First Buses in Leeds after Turkish-born Hatice McGraffin, 29, claimed a driver made the inflammatory remarks as she boarded her bus on Thursday morning." <http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/Leeds-bus-driver-arrested-over.6008413.jp>

## 2.2 Alarmist and intimidating statements

19th December 2010: Sunday Express headline: "Why are 36% of our universities training Muslim terrorists?". To substantiate this, reporter James Murray cites "M15 chiefs have already warned 39 universities that they have a serious problem with Islamic "violent extremism".  
<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/218274/Why-are-36-of-our-universities-training-Muslim-terrorists->

22nd Nov 2010

While non-Muslim faith schools are apparently facing no obstacle in obtaining voluntary aided status, Muslim faith schools on the other hand are being demonised. The Daily Telegraph reporting: "Muslim children are being taught how to chop off thieves' hands and that Jews are plotting to take over the world!"

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8150247/Muslim-pupils-learn-to-cut-off-hands-of-thieves.html>

18th Nov 2010

Daily Mail headline: "Five Muslim boys and white girl, all 12, excluded over Facebook death threats to classmate who supported British troops"

Why juxtapose 'Muslim' ( faith category) against 'white' (racial category)?

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1330517/Facebook-death-threats-5-Muslim-boys-white-girl-excluded-school.html>

6th Nov 2010

Ms Stuart, of the Centre for Social Cohesion, passed these disparaging and sensationalist judgements on Muslim faith schools: "A whole generation is being brought up to at the very least suspect, and perhaps even despise, the society they will have to live in. This is deeply worrying for the future of community cohesion."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8114452/Ofsted-praises-Islamic-schools-which-oppose-Western-lifestyle.html>

27th October 2010

Julie Birchill in the Independent: "Of course, there is one religion which proscribes its followers under threat of death from rejecting it, and that is Islam. Which just happens to be the one that Lauren Booth (born a Catholic called Sarah) has opted for.....A failed actress, a mediocre hack, it's pretty fair to say we would never have heard of her had her half-sister not married a man who became Prime Minister. And now her meal-ticket is Mohammed...Maybe like a lot of Western cowards, she thinks that if she sucks up to Islamism hard enough she will be spared its rage...What sort of woman freely converts to a religion which supports the oppression, torment and murder of thousands of Christians, homosexuals and spirited women, worldwide, every year?"

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/columnists/julie-burchill/julie-burchill-poor-lauren-booth-ndash-she-would-do-anything-to-get-in-with-the-tough-kids-2117219.html>

19th September 2010

The Mail on Sunday headline: "Britain goes Halal (but nobody tells the public)": "...some of Britain's most revered [sic] institutions are serving up halal meat to diners - without their knowledge....all the beef, chicken and lamb sold to fans at Wembley has secretly [sic] been prepared in accordance with sharia law...animal welfare campaigners have long called for a ban on the traditional Islamic way of preparing meat...we don't permit stoning or polygamy on grounds of religion, say angry animal rights protestors...so why should we allow this?".

This report by Simon McGee and Martin Delgado does not mention two aspects: firstly caterers are acting on grounds of cost-effectiveness rather than preference for halal meat - given that 25% of the lamb is consumed by Muslims; secondly Muslims have never asked for non-Muslims to consume halal meat!

18th September 2010

Daily Express headline: "Muslims plot to kill Pope". The report's opening paragraph read, "Islamic terrorists designed as street cleaners allegedly hatched an audacious plot to blow up the Pope...the threatened attack was foiled at the eleventh hour..."

30th July 2010

Daily Express headline: "NHS pays for Muslim virginity operations". The article states that "AN INCREASING number [capital letters used by the Express] of Muslim brides are having controversial pre-marriage 'virginity repair' operations". The notes that "Taxpayers funded 116 hymen replacements on the NHS between 2005 and 2009, official figures revealed...It means the taxpayer has forked out [sic] up to £400,000 over the four years to fund the half-hour operation." The inference is that Muslims are placing an unreasonable demand on 'taxpayers' - there is no recognition that Muslims themselves are also taxpayers. The article concludes with the finding: "The NHS says it does the operation only for 'clinical need'." So if there are medical reasons, why the fuss?

<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/190036/NHS-pays-for-Muslim-virginity-operations>

19th July 2010

Daily Mail headline: 'Muslim bus drivers refuse to let guide dogs on board'. Later the story explains that it was children on the bus who were frightened - 'Mr Herridge, who lives with wife Janet, 69, in Tilehurst, Reading, said that on the first occasion two years ago, he got off at the request of a Muslim driver because some Muslim children on board were 'screaming' because of the dog.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1295749/Muslim-bus-drivers-refuse-let-guide-dogs-board.html>

18th July 2010

Rod Liddle in the Spectator: "Must admit I'm thoroughly enjoying the government's fury that decent, white, Christian, blind people keep getting chucked off buses because Muslims object to them. Apparently there is something in the Koran warning that if you brush up against a blind person, or get his saliva on your hand, it is haram – which means no virgins for you, matey..."

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/rodliddle/6152068/not-on-my-bus.shtml>

11th July 2010

Daily Mail news item headline: "Council forces [sic] schools to rearrange exams and cancel lessons to avoid offending Muslims during Ramadan".

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1293833/Council-forces-schools-rearrange-exams-cancel-lessons-avoid-offending-Muslims-Ramadan.html>

6th July 2010

Daily Express Front Page Headline: "MUSLIMS FORCE POOL COVER-UP - Windows frosted to protect modesty of just a few swimmers".

The article used words and expressions like "the bizarre council diktat is the latest example of bureaucrats taking an extreme decision to avoid upsetting a minority group"; "Residents are outraged"; "Regular users of the pool are furious"; "It seems they are not bothered about what we find offensive, as long as the Muslim community is kept happy". Only further down the article does the reader learn: "A spokeswoman for Walsall Council said the complaints had come mostly from the Muslim community but non-Muslim women had also objected". The Daily Express included a telephone poll: Should Muslims get special treatment?

<http://www.dailyexpress.co.uk/posts/view/185172>

16th April 2010

"Dressed in a burkha and fishnet stockings and brandishing an alcopop, this is BNP parliamentary candidate Charlotte Lewis as she lets her hair down at a Halloween party.

The pictures were posted on Miss Lewis' Facebook page where she also posted racist messages, including one calling for foreign 'Paki' criminals to be executed...."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/election/article-1266437/Revealed-The-burkha-fishnet-stocking-clad-BNP-candidate-called-foreign-criminals-executed.html>

29th May 2010

"...-right activists are planning to step up their provocative street campaign by targeting some of the UK's highest-profile Muslim communities, raising fears of widespread unrest this summer...EDL spokesman Guramit Singh says its Bradford demonstration 'will be huge'. He adds: 'The problem with Bradford is the security threat, it is a highly populated Muslim area. They are very militant as well. Bradford is a place that has got to be hit'."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/may/28/english-defence-league-guardian-investigation>

20th May 2010

"A spokesman for the EDL[English Defence League] said the group would be protesting over a proposed new mosque in Walsall on June 19.<http://www.birminghammail.net/news/top-stories/2010/05/20/english-defence-league-discussing-walsall-demonstration-97319-26480564/>;

14th May 2010

BNP: "The Conservative Party has taken a giant leap forward in its plans to complete the Islamification of Britain with the appointment of Pakistani-origin Sayeeda Hussain Warsi as their new chairman..."

<http://www.bnp.org.uk/?q=news/tories-appoint-first-muslim-party-chairman>

5th May 2010

Melanie Phillips: "'We have something in common', said the New York taxi-driver to me after I had given him the address in the city where I was going. 'The same bastards want to hurt your country and mine'."

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/melaniephillips/5973374/more-in-common-than-we-like-to-think.thtml>

BBC reports that South East Cambridgeshire's Labour candidate John Cowan has been suspended for Islamophobic comments - after allegedly saying on an internet forum that he would not want any children of his to marry a Muslim.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/election\\_2010/england/8644018.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/election_2010/england/8644018.stm)

BNP election statement, 23rd April 2010: "there should be absolutely no further immigration from any Muslim countries, as it presents one of the most deadly threats yet to the survival of our nation".

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/election\\_2010/8639097.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/election_2010/8639097.stm)

Former Archbishop Lord Carey, 11th April 2010: "The Muslim voice is very strong, so politicians and others are scared of it. We can only deduce that the hostility aimed at her [Mrs Chapman, who was told by an employment tribunal that wearing a cross was not a mandatory requirement of her faith] is because she is a Christian."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1265136/NHS-relax-superbug-safeguards-Muslim-staff--just-days-Christian-nurse-banned-wearing-crucifix-health-safety-reasons.html>

Melanie Phillips's blog, 23rd March 2010: "...as Gordon Brown marches dutifully in lockstep with Obama in the common cause of delegitimising Israel in order to throw it to the genocidal Islamic wolves."

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/melaniephillips/5861291/israel-as-czechoslovakia.thtml>

-Reported in the Daily Mail: "Conservative MP [for Kettering] Philip Hollobone said wearing the garment was the religious equivalent of 'going round with a paper bag over your head'....'There are large numbers of immigrant women [sic] who will not be able to integrate into the British way of life if they cover themselves up.' ...

He said: 'This is Britain. We are not a Muslim country. Covering your face in public is strange and to many people both intimidating and offensive'."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1260041/MP-Philip-Hollobone-quizzed-police-controversial-burkha-comments.html>

'Islamophobia on Tour: Wilders comes to Britain', The Independent, 6th March 2010:" the 46-year-old leader of the Freedom Party Geert Wilders] told a tense and sometimes heated press conference that Islam was a 'fascist' and that the Prophet Mohamed was 'a mass murderer, a barbarian and a paedophile'. He said: 'I have nothing against Muslims, but I have a problem with the Islamic ideology, which I believe is a totalitarian ideology to be compared with other totalitarian ideologies like communism or fascism. I believe Islam is a violent and dangerous religion and even a retarded culture. I think we should stop the Islamisation of our society. Islamism and democracy are incompatible. The more Islamism we have, the more freedom we will lose and this is something worth fighting for....' Mr Wilders' film Fitna, an Arabic word meaning 'strife', is an incendiary anti-Islamic piece of propaganda ...

He was invited to Britain by Lord Pearson, the leader of the UK Independence Party, and the cross-bencher Baroness Cox."

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/islamophobia-on-tour-wilders-comes-to-britain-1917039.html>

Daily Express UK News headline, 25th Feb 2010: FURY [sic] AS COUNCIL 'SECRETLY HIRES POOL TO MUSLIMS'

However in the body of the article this 'fury' on a women's-only slot seems to be based on a rather low-key dissenting voice: "John Fareham, Tory group leader on the council, said:'If it's done when other people want to use the pool I don't think that creates cohesion."

<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/160297/Fury-as-council-secretly-hires-pool-to-Muslims->

MEP Nigel Farage commenting on the proposal for a purpose-built mosque in Camberley: 'I am appalled at such an idea. Many fear it could pose a grave security risk.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1252636/Defence-chiefs-fight-plans-build-giant-mosque-overlooking-Sandhurst.html>

Nick Francis in the Sun, 15th Feb 2010: "In traditional Islamic headgear, Asian ex-gang member Amir poses with his sword and issues the stark warning: 'Britain's underworld belongs to the Muslims'....Through Islam, he says, they have numbers which cannot be matched, and rival gangs are being forced out by ruthless Islamic criminals who only deal with each other....In 2007 white schoolboy Henry Webster was beaten with a hammer by a huge gang of Asian pupils calling themselves the Asian Invasion. The 15-year-old pupil at the Ridgeway School in Wroughton, Wilts, was left brain-damaged...The Sun discovered that most of Britain's prisons are dominated by Muslim gangs..."

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/features/2853450/How-Muslims-took-over-the-British-underworld.html>

Damien Davis MP's comments on 28th Jan 2010 after the sentencing of Bilal Khan, "...there are some sensitive issues here, but there do seem to be some people in some communities who don't respect women's rights at all and who - if I may say, without necessarily saying that this is the case on this occasion - who have imported into this country barbaric and medieval views about women and that is something that also needs to be addressed."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/staffordshire/8484863.stm>

"Nigel Farage, the former UKIP party leader, will announce tomorrow [17th Jan 2010] that the party believes the fabric of the country is under threat from Sharia and that forcing women to conceal their identity in public is not consistent with traditional Britishness."

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/politics/article6990402.ece>

Former Archbishop Carey in The Times, 7th Jan 2010: "...the idea that Britain can continue to welcome with open arms immigrants who immediately establish their own tribunals to apply Sharia, rather than make use of British civil law, is deeply socially divisive. The last thing any of us want is ghettos. And while we don't expect groups to assimilate, there must be a willingness on their part to integrate with the rest of British society...But what I am saying is that those who seek to live in this country recognise that they are coming to a country with a Christian heritage and an established Church. Just as we should expect immigrants to subscribe to democratic principles, abide by our laws, speak English, support freedom of speech and a free press, so they should also respect the Christian nature and history of our nation with its broad, hospitable Establishment."

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest\\_contributors/article6978389.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article6978389.ece)

Damian Thompson in the Daily Telegraph, 6th Jan 2010: "Good old George Carey! I never thought I'd write those words, since he talked so much nonsense when he was in office, but in recent years his contacts with the evangelical world have opened his eyes to the shared anti-Christian agenda of multiculturalists and Muslims".

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/damianthompson/100021419/lord-carey-former-archbishop-of-canterbury-shatters-the-anglican-consensus-on-immigration/>

### **3. Some examples of hate mail received by the MCB in 2010**

The senders' details have been made anonymous in the selection below. Some emails have been forwarded by the MCB to the Police for investigation.

I have just watched a video of a woman being whipped in Sudan because she was wearing trousers, I have never seen something this horrific before. Your religion is totally evil, I assume you must worship Satan, and this is where you get your guidance from. I just want all you misogynist bomb wearing antichrists to \*\*\*\* off back where you came from. A decent Christian

Dear Sir or Madam, You have problems: female genital mutilation, gay persecution, stoning women to death for unlawful sex, a woman's evidence in court being worth half of a man's evidence, the insistence on education, housing and benefits (Jews came over to England prior to these freebies btw) and the jihad and taqqiya itself.

You're destroying the country I love. Go back to your country. You don't know the history of Britain and that my father died in the war to keep us free. I'm filled with anger and sorrow that the Muslims are trying to take over the world and the political correct people are allowing cleansing anything non-Islamic. Speak out if you really care (which I strongly doubt). I see everyone has to eat halal food. Next we're going to wear the hijab. All religions got along well before Muslims went there

What was this fundamentalist disrespectful atrocity that your people perpetrated in London today when the whole country were remembering the sacrifices of our past dead... for the freedoms you lot take for-granted today!! plaques saying "British soldiers burn in hell" and the burning of a poppy!! if you lot don't like it then ya know where the airport is!!!! this is bound to create hatred to the full extent against you and you will not be welcome in OUR country anymore.... you think you can fight for your rights in the UK? well your wrong! this is not your country and never shall be your actions show it.. war is declared, and the true peoples of the United Kingdom will no longer put up with your bull\*\*\*\* anymore!!!

Why do you insist on blowing us up??? How would you like it if we went to Mecca, and walked into a mosque with our shoes on? Hmmmmm? Well, I'll have you know that,. Just because you don't have genitals, you don't have to make people suffer! I'll be voting BNP

Dear Islamic Terrorists: You jealous murderers persist in sending your suicide bombers and other lunatics to America. Why? It's not our fault that you have the horrible lives that you have. It is not our fault that you are following the wrong religion. It's a shame that you choose to follow a religion that forces you to become murderers!!! If you were Christian you wouldn't have to be murderers. You were brought up in a repressive society, where you never had the freedom to investigate any other religion, so it is a good idea for you to hear our opinion now.

Don't you terrorists even dare soil the streets of the town Wootton Bassett with your terrorist Muslim nonsense. If you do I will be there, at my 60 years of age, to beat you shower to a pulp.