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## Reports and Events Update

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### **Muslims meet Blair- Last minute plea against invading Iraq**

"Please think hard and reconsider your position on invading Iraq. There is still time to return from the brink. You can help save not only the already blighted Iraqi people but also the whole world from the recurring collateral damage that such a war is going to inflict on the lives of people and the future of the world order."

This is the sincere plea that the Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain, Iqbal Sacranie, made when he, along with a number of other Muslim community figures, met Prime Minister, Tony Blair, on Thursday 6 March 2003.

A press statement, released on 5 May underlined the MCB's position on the war which is in total solidarity with the millions and millions of people who have marched and continue to march, in this country and across the globe, to voice their rejection of a war which is seen as an undisguised attempt to impose a neo-colonialist world order and occupy the nations and resources of the earth. The problem of the despotic Iraqi regime can be resolved entirely peacefully. Furthermore, "the Prime Minister needs to concentrate his energies in persuading the United States, the main sponsor and supporter of Israeli militarism, to force Israel to comply with all the relevant UN resolutions on Jerusalem and Palestine and vacate its occupation of Palestinian territories and immediately cease forthwith the brutalisation of Palestinian people. A similar resolve is required for holding a UN supervised plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir. These actions will usher a new era of peace and stability in the world." said Iqbal Sacranie.

The Secretary General presented the Prime Minister with copies of a newly released film and a book on the Israeli invasion of the Jenin refugee camp in April 2002. (Refer to "Jenin Week" item below). The Prime Minister thanked the Secretary General for the documents and he acceded that the Palestinian issue had reached a point of urgency which the world community could no longer ignore and that it was the number one issue which had to be addressed.

For full details see press release at [www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)

### **Census news - 1.6 million Muslims**

Statistics released on 13 February indicate that the British Muslim population is 1.6 million, including about 40,000 Scottish Muslims. The response rate to this voluntary question was 92.7% indicates its wide acceptability and the importance of religion as a basis of identity. The Office for National Statistics reports that Islam is the most common religion after Christianity in England, with Muslims making up 3.1% of the population. These statistics on the size of Britain's faith communities have been made available for the first time in 150 years. "This is a landmark event and social history in the making", noted Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary General of The Muslim Council

of Britain.

The census output is a strong signal to central and local government, social services and employers in particular that the needs of all sections of Britain's multicultural society must be fairly and equitably addressed. It is now for example possible to institute measures to ensure the effectiveness of equal opportunity and social inclusiveness policies that extend to the faith communities. The timely report released last week by Warwick University's Professor Muhammad Anwar, "British Muslims and State Policies", provides further examples of how service providers can now make use of the census data on religion.

For an account of the Muslim community's campaign for a religion question in the Census and the Census press release please refer to [www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)

## **Jenin Week**

Monday 4 March 2003 saw the opening of the "Jenin Week" organised by the Palestine Return Centre in co-ordination with the Muslim Council of Britain, with the launch of the documentary film "Jenin", produced by the Palestine Return Centre and directed by Iyad Daoud, as well as the book "Searching Jenin" edited by the Palestinian journalist Ramzi Baroud and published in the USA. The opening event took place at the House of Commons and was attended by a large number of British Parliamentarians, academics, and Arab diplomats. Further events include showings in Galway, Dublin, Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh, ending at Imperial College on 11 March.

The session was chaired by Mr. Richard Burden, chairman of the Britain-Palestine all Party Parliamentary Group. The opening speech, presented by Majed Al Zeer, the Palestine Return Centre's Director, laid special emphasis on the need to document the crimes perpetrated against the Palestinian people. Mr Al Zeer pointed out that Jenin week is an important initiative by Palestinian activists aimed at commemorating the innocent victims of Jenin in the face of attempts to cast the terrible massacre into oblivion and prevent any investigation into what took place in the Jenin Camp.

In his speech, MCB Secretary General, Mr Iqbal Sacranie congratulated the Palestine Return Centre on its leading role in shedding light on the ongoing plight of Palestinian refugees and its firm commitment to their right to return to the homes from which they were forcibly exiled. The Muslim Council of Britain, the largest umbrella organisation of Muslim institutions in Britain fully endorsed the rights of the Palestinian people and stood by them in their struggle for freedom from occupation. He called on the British government to observe the fundamental principles of justice and fairness in its treatment of the causes of the Palestinian conflict. He further pointed out the glaring discrepancy between the British and American governments' war on terrorism and their continued support for Israel in spite of its ongoing campaign of terrorism against the defenseless Palestinian people with its blatant disregard of numerous Security Council and UN Resolutions.

The young Palestinian director of "Jenin", Mr Iyad Daoud, said: "Jenin is not only an expression of a wounded innocent humanity, and not merely an example of terrifying war crimes... It is also a breathtaking tale of the human being's uncompromising commitment to his land and right, whatever the price, and no matter how long the epic may last..." The film, Mr Iyad noted, conveys a clear message: "that the Palestinian people is not a death lover or an explosives expert, but a people who had to defend itself against genocide."

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### **North West of England visit**

The MCB Secretary General, Iqbal Sacranie, visited a number of Muslim organisations in towns across the North West of England including Preston, Blackburn, Bolton and Bartley between 7 February and 9 February 2003.

He attended a national anti-war conference in Blackburn entitled 'Terrorism - A challenge for the Muslim World and Justice - A challenge for the West' which was attended by more than a thousand people on 7 February 2003. The event was organised by the the UK Peace Mission and Stop the War Coalition in partnership with Indian Muslims Forum UK, the Friends of Pakistan Forum and QAAF. Speakers on the day also included Lord Nazir Ahmed of Rotherham, Pervaiz Awan and Jes Edward, Stop the War Coalition, Dr Shakoor, Phil Young and Rev Canon Jude Harrison of St Alban's RC Church, Blackburn.

Speaking at the event, Iqbal Sacranie said, "This war will be a tragedy that none of us want to see happen and its effect would vibrate in different parts of the world. On this issue people of all faiths and no faith are united in their total opposition to this unjust war. Peace will only come about if there is justice when dealing with both domestic and international crises. The message we have relayed to the government is that there is no support for this war full stop." Cllr David Foster said, "I will truly hang my head in shame if Tony Blair takes this country into this war." Yusuf Bhailok, former MCB Secretary General also spoke and stated "If Britain had not played a role in supporting the US I don't think we would be in this position."

The Secretary General also addressed a public meeting organised by the Al-Hikmah Centre, Batley on Saturday 8 February 2003. The meeting was chaired by Mr Ebrahim Dockrat, Chair of Al-Hikmah Centre. The other guests included Mr Mike Wood the local Member of Parliament, and representatives from the Islamic Human Rights Commission. Mr Mike Wood stressed that there was no justification whatsoever for embarking on a war with Iraq and that it was of paramount importance that the Blair government worked with the United Nations to achieve peaceful resolution. The Secretary General emphasised that pressure should be brought upon MPs who did not openly oppose the war as they have a duty to listen to their constituents. The fact remains that the vast majority of the British public are not convinced that this is a just war or that peaceful

measures to avoid a conflict have been fully explored.

The Secretary General also met officials of the Bolton Council of Mosques and attended a number of meetings in Blackburn and Bolton. The Secretary General was accompanied by Mr Yousuf Bhailok, former Secretary General and Mr Mohammad Mangra, the Senior Coordinator at the Bolton Council of Mosques.

### **Meeting with Jack Straw**

During the Secretary General's visit to Blackburn, (see item above) accompanied by the Chairman of the Lancashire Council of Mosques, Ibrahim Master; former MCB Secretary General Yousuf Bhailok and Councillor Afzal Malik, Iqbal Sacranie also attended a short meeting with the Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw.

Mr Sacranie informed the Foreign Secretary that the Muslim community across the United Kingdom, and in particular those in the North West of England, fully shared the views of the vast majority of the British public and are in total opposition to a military strike on Iraq. He also mentioned that the local Muslim community in Blackburn had urged him to convey their serious alarm that the Prime Minister is one of the very few leaders to give full support to President Bush's proposed military strike on Iraq.

The Bush agenda of regime change through the invasion of Iraq will result in the destruction of the country's infrastructure and a huge loss in terms of civilian population. The delegation restated that a pre-emptive strike against Iraq and a forceful 'regime change' would be illegal and could have catastrophic consequences for international peace and security. The delegation also stressed that the government and the Labour Party in particular will lose the support of many of its constituents including the Muslim community if it continues to pursue this agenda. The Foreign Secretary understood the concerns of the community but emphasised that the government's aim was to disarm the Iraqi regime and prevent the use of Weapons of Mass Destruction. (WMD).

### **Britain's biggest ever demonstration**

The MCB affiliate the Muslim Association of Britain in association with the Stop the War Coalition and CND organised a national demonstration against the war on Iraq in line with similar events in major cities all over the world. The London demonstration entitled 'Don't Attack Iraq & Freedom for Palestine' took place on Saturday 15 February 2003.

Over two million people marched through the streets of London to Hyde Park while over 100,000 marched through the City of Glasgow. The event has been titled 'Britain's biggest ever demonstration' and will go down in history as a day to be remembered. Speakers at the event included the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Bianca Jagger, Tony Benn, Ken Livingstone, the Mayor of London and the MCB Secretary General, Iqbal Sacranie.

The organisers of the march were praised for the excellent coordination of the event and the peaceful nature in which it was carried out.

### **British Muslims protest linkage between Eid and terror**

The Muslim Council of Britain issued a press statement on 11 February 2003 expressing grave concerns regarding the briefing issued by the Police linking the auspicious day of Eid with a possible terror attack in the UK. The MCB statement urged police press officers to exercise due care and common sense in their briefing about security threats.

One message received by the MCB stated: "Dear Friends I have seen your excellent press release about the appalling statement made this week by the Metropolitan Police.... It's important that non-Muslims should speak out on such matters as well."

Full details of the press release can be found at [www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)

### **Community cohesion meeting at Conservative Party HQ**

The MCB's Mohibur Rahman, Yousuf Bhailok and Inayat Bunglawala were among six Muslim invitees to the Conservative Party HQ in Smith Square on Wednesday 26 February 2003 to discuss the issue of Community Cohesion. They met with Francis Maude MP and Dominic Grieve MP and took the opportunity to express the concerns of British Muslims regarding the Conservative Party's stance on asylum seekers, the proposed war against Iraq and the pro-Israeli rhetoric of a number of senior Tory figures.

### **Muslim Relief Organisation**

The Secretary General of the MCB, Iqbal Sacranie and Yousuf Bhailok, former Secretary General were speakers at a meeting of the Muslim Relief Organisation (MRO) at Lister School, Plaistow, East London on Sunday 16 February 2003. The Muslim Relief Organisation was formed in 2002 in the wake of the massacre of over two thousand Gujarati Muslims in March/April 2002. The attendees were shown video footage of the orphans and widows who had been deprived of their main breadwinners together with examples of the work the Muslim Relief Organisation has done to try and help them rebuild their lives. Iqbal Sacranie praised the MRO's efforts in helping the Gujarat victims and called on the Muslims present to work together for the common good. Councillor Karim Sheikh, the former Mayor of Newham, greatly appreciated the work of the MCB and appealed to all those present to provide their moral and financial support to the organisation.

### **Council of Imams & Muslim leaders oppose war**

On 2 February 2003, The Council of Imams and Muslim Leaders, London and Southern Counties, a number of whom represent bodies affiliated to the MCB, met and released a press statement underlining the opposition by British Muslims to a war on Iraq on moral, spiritual and practical

grounds. The statement, signed by Imam Qasim Ahmad, Imam Abduljalil Sajid, Moulana Essa Mansuri, Ghulam Nabi Falahi and Mufti Yousuf Danka showed that war would achieve nothing but instead create regional instability and the cost of human suffering and environmental damage will be overwhelming. Furthermore, the statement added that "War on Iraq will fuel frustration, extremism and fanaticism and may even create new blocs that would increase the likelihood of continuing violence that will lead to terrorism." The statement called upon all sensible British people to make every effort to halt such a war through diplomacy and non-violence means and to work peacefully together to remove the root causes of war and terrorism.

### **Iraq: liberation or colonisation?**

Dr Abdul Jalil Sajid, Member of the MCB Central Working Committee, chaired a debate titled "Iraq: Liberation or Colonisation?" at SOAS on Monday 10 February. Mike O'Brien, the Foreign Office Minister for the Middle East and South Asia and Azzam Tamimi of the MCB affiliate the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB) and Director of the Institute of Islamic Political Thought, UK spoke and participated in a question and answer session. Over 300 students were present at the debate organised by Union of Muslim Students and the SOAS Islamic Society.

### **Redbridge Against the War Coalition**

Inayat Bunglawala, Secretary of the Media Committee, was one of the speakers at a well attended meeting of the Redbridge Against The War Coalition at Ilford Town Hall on Wednesday 12 February 2003. Over 250 local people attended to hear arguments against Britain taking part in a US-led war with Iraq.

Another of the speakers, George Galloway MP, praised the British Muslim community for their active involvement in the anti-war movement and said that the Feb 15 London demonstration - co-organised by the Muslim Association of Britain - promised to be a historic event and urged everyone to attend and also to bring along their friends.

### **Meeting with Karachi's Deputy Mayor**

A meeting between Karachi's Deputy Mayor, Mr Muhammad Tariq Hassan, and members of the Muslim Council of Britain's London Task Group, Mr Tanzeem Wasti and Dr Zahoor Qurashi took place on 7 March 2003 at the GLA Headquarters. The meeting was s part of a fact-finding tour of the capital organised by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Mr Tanzeem Wasti, Chair of the Muslim Council of Britain's London Task Group, said: "We are delighted to have met with Mr Hassan to establish contacts and strengthen bridges between London's Pakistani and Muslim communities and Karachi, Pakistan's commercial and industrial hub. Discussing issues that affect London's Pakistani population and finding out about the rapid development of Karachi has greatly enhanced understanding between our two cities and their communities."

The Deputy Mayor of Pakistan also met with London's Deputy Mayor, Nicky Gavron who said "There are many similarities between our cities, which each have huge and growing populations and thriving commercial sectors. Both have new strategic authorities. We have shown the Deputy Mayor how we run things in London and have learned a great deal from his experience in the process."

### **Pork in "Halal" chicken**

The Muslim Council of Britain issued a press statement on 27 February concerning a report on the BBC1 Programme "The Food Police" which showed that a large amount of chicken which is labelled "Halal", imported from Holland, contains extracts of pork and beef and has high levels of water content reaching between 30% and 50%. Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary General of The Muslim Council of Britain said "We intend to take this matter up with the Trading Standards Agency, Meat Hygiene Service and the Food Standards Agency and urge them to tighten the labelling laws and impose greater control over the production process of Halal foods. This clearly contravenes the Food Safety Act 1990, the Trade Description Act and associated legislation."

A number of emails from concerned Muslims following the statement underline the fact that urgent action is required to investigate meats on the market for Muslim consumption. The Muslim Council of Britain requests that organisations verify and authenticate the procedures and practices of processing to ensure an end-product which fulfils Halal criteria in a wholesome environment that protects both public health and the welfare of animals and is fit for consumption by Muslims. Individuals should also double check with their Halal food suppliers.

For further details, refer to [www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)

### **Remembering the victims of Bali bombing**

On Wednesday 12 February 2003, Dr Abdul Raheem Khan, Vice Chair of the Membership Committee, attended a special service held at Southwark Cathedral in memory of those affected.

### **Reception for new Saudi Ambassador**

On Tuesday 18 February, Unaiza Malik, MCB Assistant Secretary General, and Dr Abdul Raheem Khan attended a reception held at the House of Lords in honour of Prince Faisal Al Turk, the new Saudi Ambassador in the UK. The event was hosted by Baroness Uddin and attended by a number of Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Parliamentarians.

### **Hajj documentary**

Channel 4's Hajj documentary series following three British pilgrims established a massive following. Producer Farhana Mir reports that one of the shows drew 1.9 million viewers. She adds

"We would like to thank the MCB for all their help while we were in production with our media requests". For information on the series

see [http://www.channel4.com/life/microsites/H/hajj/indd\\_live.html](http://www.channel4.com/life/microsites/H/hajj/indd_live.html)

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## **Committees Update**

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### **Media Committee (MC)**

#### **MCB action on Guardian picture - apology**

The MCB had received numerous messages complaining of the 'picture' of the blessed Prophet Muhammad on page 4 of the G2 section of The Guardian on 12 February. The matter was taken up with the paper's editor. The Guardian published the following apology on 13 February: "The publication of a "picture" of the prophet Mohammed, page 4, G2, yesterday, caused considerable offence to Muslim readers for which we apologise. In Islam it is absolutely prohibited to sketch, construct or publish a likeness of the Prophet, one of the historical reasons being fear that it would lead to worship of the prophet rather than of God alone."

#### **Article in The Guardian**

On 3 February, "Face to Faith: Three Into One Won't Go", an article written by the MCB Media Committee Secretary, Inayat Bunglawala was published in the Guardian. The article defined the dynamic concept of tawhid: affirmation of the Oneness of God and the Islamic worldview which ensues. "(W)orship should not be directed towards anyone except God alone, and that no one else should be the object of adoration or fear."

For full text, refer to MCB In the Press link above.

#### **Article in The Times**

Inayat Bunglawala wrote an article entitled "Two Million Humble Supplicants At The Court of God" published in the Times on 15 February 2003. The piece described the experience of Hajj as the "most culturally diverse assembly of humanity in one place at any one time". This year more than 2 million Muslims worldwide have made the great pilgrimage to Makkah, 22,000 of which were British Muslims. The article explored the history of Hajj from Abrahamic times, and its poignant significance in today's world.

For full text, refer to MCB In the Press link above.

### **Research & Documentation Committee (ReDoc)**

#### **Interfaith workshop**

Dr Aziz Sheikh led a workshop comprising of 15 Christian religious leaders training at the London InterFaith Centre on Saturday 25 Jan 2003. The subject under discussion was 'What is Islam?'

#### **Census religion question campaign**

Dr Jamil Sherif has written a paper detailing the MCBs involvement with the census religion question campaign. - this is available on the MCB web site

at <http://www.mcb.org.uk/census2001.pdf> .

#### **Research E-Newsletter**

Shabana Khan, Vice Chair of ReDoc, has issued the first research e-newsletter of the group. Its aim is to increase awareness of ongoing research and publications relating to British Muslims.

For further information email [redoc@mcb.org.uk](mailto:redoc@mcb.org.uk).

### **Women & Family Affairs Committee**

#### **Child abduction conference**

A conference entitled "An Insight to International Parental Child Abduction & Related Issues" was held at the Islamic Foundation Conference Centre, Leicester, on 30 and 31 January. The conference was attended by Reefat Drabu, Chair of the WAFA Committee and Jasmine Ansari, Vice Chair of WAFA Committee. The issue of "forced" marriages was discussed and addressed as a major problem.

### **Committee meeting**

The WAFA Committee met on 1 February 2003. Committee members will be meeting with members of the Community Liaison Unit of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to discuss strategies regarding "forced" marriages in the Muslim community.

## **Health & Medical Committee (HMC)**

### **Health issues and the community**

Three London boroughs with high Muslim populations - Newham, Brent and Ealing - have a disproportionate incidence of TB. The MCB's Health & Medical Committee is planning to increase community awareness on this issue. An earlier campaign on the Meningococcal W135 vaccine for Hajjis was effective - no cases were recorded last year, compared to 10 in 2001.

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## **New on the MCB Website**

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- Committees Section updates
- Additions to Library: Articles & Reports

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## **The Quest for Sanity**

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### **Letters of appreciation (cont'd)**

*The book draws on statements of condemnation of the terrorists' attacks from Muslim scholars around the world...All are worthy of note, each adding to a balanced reflection on the 'changed landscape' in which we now live. But the book goes further than that. It is an honest attempt to convey Islam's true message of peace and justice whilst acknowledging that all is not well in the Muslim ummah. In this context especially it is groundbreaking, it opens up channels of communication that demand engagement by all who work towards a peaceful world.*

Heather Wells, Initiative

*..an interesting reading owing to the current geopolitical circumstances of Muslims all over the world.*

Suliman Al-Gwaiz, Deputy Chief Executive HSBC Amanah Finance, Dubai

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For the full listing of reviews please see the MCB website

To order copies of The Quest For Sanity (£12.75 each, plus P&P) please contact the MCB on 0208 903 9650 or order online at [www.mcb.org.uk/books](http://www.mcb.org.uk/books)

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## Events

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**Event: Intensive Advanced Seerah Seminar**

Date: 7.00pm Friday 4th April till Monday 7th April 2003

Held By: The Islamic Society of Britain and the Islamic Foundation

Venue Islamic Foundation, Leicester

Contact: For an application form call 01924-500684 or 0151-

7269436 [www.islamicworker.com](http://www.islamicworker.com) Information: The lecturers will include AbdulWahid Hamid, author of the Companions of the

Prophet series; Adil Salahi , Translator of Sayyid Qutb's Fi Zilal al-Qur'an; Salim Kayani, scholar of the Qur'an and student of Mawlana Amin Islahi; Dr Manazir Ahsan, Director-General of the Islamic Foundation. The deadline for applications is March 9th 2003 - places are limited The registration fee is £45. Creche facilities are also available at £5/day.

**Event: Media March**

Date: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Time: 1.30 pm to 4 pm

Held By: Media Watch UK.

Venue Start at Tothill Street, opposite St James's underground, towards Parliament and congregate at Trafalgar Square for rally.

Contact: Dr A.Majid Katme Tel: 0208 345 6220 or Mobile :07944 240 62

Email: [akatme@hotmail.com](mailto:akatme@hotmail.com) Website: [www.mediamarch.org.uk](http://www.mediamarch.org.uk)

Information: March and petition to call for Britain's obscenity laws and related media regulations to be radically strengthened. Speeches will be made at Trafalgar Square by prominent speakers in the media and a representative from the MCB.

**Event: Britain and the inalienable rights for the Palestinian people**

Date: 23 April 2003

Time: 9 am to 7 pm

Held By: The Palestinian Return Centre

Venue Conference Hall, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, London University.

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Information: International Conference covering issues such as the legal meaning of the Palestinian mandate, international responsibility with regard to violating basic human rights, the legal and administrative role played by Britain in establishing Israel. Fees to attend the conference are £30, £20 for students. Closing date for registration 14 April 2003.

**Event: MCB Annual General Meeting**

Date: Saturday 26 April 2003

Held By: The Muslim Council of Britain

Venue London

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Information: All day event

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	Vice Chair	Ms Shabana Khan
	Secretary	Dr Jamil Sherif
<b>Finance &amp; General Purpose Committee</b>	Vice Chair	Dr Akber Mohamedali
	Secretary	Mr Jamil Versi
<b>Legal Affairs Committee</b>	Chair	Mr Mahmud Al-Rashid
	Vice Chair	Mr SabahAl-Mukhtar
	Secretary	Mr Khalid Sofi

<b>Membership Committee</b>	Chair	Mr Ahmed Sheikh Mohamed
	Vice Chair	Dr Abdul Raheem Khan
	Secretary	Mr Mohammed Aslam Ijaz
<b>Social Affairs Committee</b>	Chair	Ms Shibani Akbar
	Vice Chair	Mr Salah El-Hassan
	Secretary	Mr Babak Zadeh Amin
<b>Health &amp; Medical Issues Committee</b>	Chair	Dr Shuja Shafi
	Vice Chair	Dr Abdullah Shehu
<b>Europe &amp; International Affairs Committee</b>	Chair	Dr Kamal El-Helbawy
	Vice Chair	Mr Tanzeem Wasti
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	Vice Chair	Mrs Abdul Wahab
	Secretary	Mrs Jasmine Ansari
<b>Regeneration &amp; Renewal Committee</b>	Chair	Mr Joseph Ahmed-Dobson
	Vice Chair	Ms N Majid
	Secretary	Mr S Butt
<b>London Task Group</b>	Chair	Mr Tanzeem Wasti
	Vice Chair	Dr Abdul Raheem Khan
	Secretary	Mr Harun Rashid Khan

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