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Interpal's humanitarian efforts maligned

Representatives of The Muslim Council of Britain met with Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on 10 September 2003 in light of the renewed misinformation campaign against its affiliate, Interpal, a reputable British charity working in Gaza and the West Bank since 1994. Following earlier allegations by pro-Israeli groups in 1996, the Charity Commission looked into the workings of the charity and found it to be: '...a well run and committed organisation which carries out important work in a part of the world where there is great hardship and suffering...'

They discussed the serious concerns in the Muslim community with regard to the freezing of Interpal's assets. "If Interpal is in breach of the Charity law then fairness dictates that all relevant facts should be presented to the charity and an opportunity given to them to explain their actions. Instead, however, it appears that our Israeli friends only have to put in a request to our American friends, who then ask HMG, and we oblige by taking precipitate and unilateral action against the charity. That is as iniquitous to our traditions of justice as it is demeaning to our national dignity," said Iqbal Sacranie, MCB Secretary-General.

The delegation comprised Iqbal Sacranie, MCB Secretary General; Sabah Al-Mukhtar, Chair of The MCB International Affairs Committee; Sadiq Khan, MCB Legal Affairs Committee member; Chowdhury Mueenuddin, Chair of Muslim Aid and Dr Musharraf Hussain, Chair of Muslim Hands.

The MCB also raised the issue of the continued unlawful incarceration by the USA of the British detainees at Guantanamo Bay as well as the British responsibility in implementing long outstanding UN resolutions on Palestine.

MCB Meets Attorney General over Guantanamo Bay detainees

Representatives from The Muslim Council of Britain met the Attorney-General, Lord Goldsmith, on 9 September 2003 to express the deep-seated concerns in the British Muslim community over the treatment of the British detainees at Guantanamo Bay and to press the government to secure their return to this country to face any possible legal action.

"We are very worried about the personal welfare and legal rights of these British citizens, many of whom have been detained by the United States for over 18 months now without access to lawyers of their choice or any sight of the evidence against them. Our government should be fulfilling its duty of protecting the rights of all its citizens." said Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary-General of the MCB.

The delegation emphasised the need for the UK government to fulfil its duty of protecting and the rights of all its citizens and conveyed the immense concerns felt in the community on this subject,

urging the Attorney-General that the British detainees should be repatriated to the UK. The delegation underlined the inhumane treatment according to the detainees which contravenes all international conventional and human rights. The Attorney General confirmed that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials have met the detainees and that the conditions have improved recently.

The Attorney General assured the delegation that he is negotiating with the Americans and his position is that the detainees should get a fair and just trial. He stressed that he could not divulge further details in view of the negotiation taking place and that an announcement will be made shortly from his office.

Members of the delegation included Iqbal Sacranie, MCB Secretary General; Sabah al-Mukhtar, Chair of the International Affairs Committee; Mahmud Al-Rashid, Chair of Legal Affairs Committee; Khalid Sofi, Secretary of Legal Affairs Committee and Sadiq Khan, Legal Affairs Committee member.

MCB meets BOD Delegation

MCB office bearers led by their Secretary-General, Iqbal Sacranie, met with a delegation from the Board of Deputies of British Jews led by their President Henry Grunwald QC at the MCB's Stratford offices on 12 September 2003. The meeting, the second of its kind, falls within a framework of ongoing efforts to promote bi-lateral relations between faith communities in the UK. Iqbal Sacranie said that the meeting was conducted in a spirit of cordiality and understanding.

During the meeting the two organisations reviewed the positive areas of cooperation over the years particularly with regard to the religion question in the 2001 census, religious and racial incitement legislation, chaplaincy, interfaith relations, halal and kosher meat campaign etc. They agreed to increase efforts to promote better understanding and remove tensions especially at the community level, and also in universities and colleges.

Among the key issues discussed at the MCB-BOD meeting was the urgent need for greater coordination by the two faith communities to counter the proposed ban on halal - shechita meat in Britain. They appreciated the workings of both of their sub-committees and the manner in which they have closely cooperated. The leaders reaffirmed their absolute objection to the FAWC proposals and viewed them as a violation to their fundamental right practice their own religions.

On the burning question of Palestine, the leaders articulated their respective views. The MCB team outlined its vision of a solution to the conflict based on relevant UN resolutions and international law particularly with respect to Jerusalem, refugees, and settlements. The BOD stressed the right for Israel to exist in safe and secured borders. Although both organisations have differing views as to the way forward in Palestine, they agreed that there should be a peaceful solution to the conflict in order that the two communities can live amicably side by side.

The meeting ended with The MCB-BOD leaders agreeing to maintain contacts and hold regular meetings.

Bombings in Mumbai

The Muslim Council of Britain strongly condemned the bombings in Mumbai, India, on 25 August which have caused a large loss of innocent life. Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary General of The MCB said: "We express our sorrow and condolences to the families of all the victims of this tragedy. We urge the government of India to fully investigate who was behind the indiscriminate attacks and bring those responsible to justice. At the same time, we call on the Indian authorities to vigorously uphold the law and ensure that yesterday's atrocity is not exploited by any extreme divisive elements to sow further discord. There have been too many similarly 'terrorist happenings' in India in the past in which accusations were immediately hurled at phantom 'Islamic terrorists' and the matter left there without any proper investigation and judicial determination. We do not want repetition of these scandals and we demand an open and transparent enquiry into India's terrorist virus," said Mr Sacranie.

Protest Picket against Modi

A protest picket was held on Sunday 17 August outside the Wembley Conference Centre directed at the participation of the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Narinder Modi, in a meeting convened by 'Overseas Friends of BJP'. The picket was formed and called for by Muslims from all parts of the UK, with some Hindu and Sikh participation including MCB affiliates, the Indian Muslim Federation, the Council of Indian Muslims, the Islamic Society of Britain and the Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS). MCB Secretary General Iqbal Sacranie said: "The MCB is committed to working for social harmony between faith groups, but the invitation of a politician responsible - in the view of British diplomats in India - for state-sponsored violence and ethnic cleansing can fracture such efforts."

Members of the Dawood family visiting Gujarat from Bately last February tragically lost their lives in the anti-Muslim massacres, in a death toll that reached at least 3000. Mr Modi's track record of inciting communal hatred raised worries that he would make statements that would adversely affect community relations in the UK.

Muslims mourn the loss of an Eminent Leader

Muslims all over the world condemned the attack that took place on Friday 29 August against the eminent Muslim leader Ayatollah Sayyid Muhammad Baqir Al-Hakim. Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary General of The Muslim Council of Britain said "The terrorist attack in Najaf which resulted in the gruesome murder of Ayatollah Sayyid Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim and over a hundred other worshippers at gates of Imam Ali's haram, is unequivocally condemned by The Muslim Council of Britain. This event, following attacks on the Jordanian Embassy and the UN Offices in Baghdad, has the potential of plunging the country into chaos. Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Hussein Ali Seestani and Ayatollah Muhammed Baqir al-Hakim's brother, Sayyid Aziz al-Hakim, have both said that the occupying forces should allow the Iraqi people to provide security rather than insist on doing an incompetent job. It is now time that the occupying forces heed the advice of the Iraqi leaders and the international community to make serious amends to their policies and genuinely involve the global

community in creating circumstances which will serve as a guarantor of the security of the long suffering people of Iraq." May Almighty Allah bless the souls of all those who died in tragic circumstances and grant them the best place in Janat al-Firdous – Amen.

Zacchaeus 2000 Trust

The MCB is one of the UK's 65 leading NGOs supporting the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust which met with Tony Blair on Wednesday 17 September 2003 at the House of Commons. They urged him to examine the minimum level of income needed to prevent ill health, to provide decent living standards and to improve life expectancy for the UK's poorest citizens. The Trust is campaigning for the establishment of an independent and transparent 'Minimum Income Standards Commission' which will be able to measure the Government's success in eradicating poverty and the saving in the health service from reducing poverty related ill health.

Appointment of Prison Service Adviser

HM Prison Service is currently advertising for a full time Muslim Adviser. The Adviser's role is to help ensure that the faith needs of Muslim prisoners are properly met. The position is within the Chaplaincy HQ Team. Responsibilities include appointment of, and practical advice and support to, prison imams. The closing date for applications is 10th October 2003. For further information see the recruitment section of the HM Prison Service web site, www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk

New discrimination legislation takes effect in December

From 2nd December 2003, new Employment Equality Regulations come into force, making it unlawful to discriminate against workers because of religion. A draft 'Code of good practice' has been issued by ACAS. Under the new regulations, it will be unlawful, for example, to discriminate against female employees choosing to wear the head scarf (unless an organisation can justify its decision on operational grounds). Some employers have already taken steps: Since 2002 the Metropolitan Police Service has amended its dress code to allow female Muslim officers to wear the hijab.

For further information see www.acas.org.uk

A note for your 2004 Diary

The next Annual General Meeting of the MCB shall take place on Saturday 22 May 2004 at the Brent Town Hall, insha'Allah.

Affiliate News

Muslim Youth Helpline (MYH) collect national award

At a ceremony in Central London held on the HMS President moored on the Thames, volunteers of the Muslim Youth Helpline were awarded the Young Partners Award, sponsored by the National Council of Voluntary Youth Services. Nominees included St. John's Ambulance and Voices for Children in Care. The event held on Friday 29 August 2003 was attended by young people and youth projects from across the UK and for the very first time, a Muslim youth organization was nominated, short-listed and finally won this prestigious annual award. Amar, Zahra, Haidar and Sameera represented the helpline's 30-strong team of youth volunteers as their self-less contribution to Muslim and wider community was officially recognized for the very first time.

Mohammed Sadiq Mamdani, Director of MYH said: "We are delighted to have been selected for this award. This award is recognition of the efforts young people from the Muslim community are making to support their peers and promote good citizenship in the community. Often, this is made very difficult by stereotypes and negative media representation, which disenchant Muslim youth and make them feel unwelcome. This award means a great deal to our youth volunteers, as they feel accepted and valued as equals within the fabric of British society".

For media enquiries, please contact the MYH Office on 0870 774 3518 or e-mail info@myh.org.uk. Service Information: Helpline: 0808 808 2008 (freephone from all UK landlines) General Enquiries: 0870 774 3518 Fax: 0870 774 3519, E-mail: help@myh.org.uk, Website: www.myh.org.uk

Islamia School "Night of Remembrance"

On 20 October 2003, MCB affiliate, Islamia School, founded by Yusuf Islam, is celebrating its 20th anniversary. To mark the occasion a special "Night of Remembrance" charity event will be held at London's Royal Albert Hall. Performances will be held by Yusuf Islam, other artists, and special guests including Imam Hamza Yusuf and Prince Naseem Hamed.

To view full event details at www.nightofremembrance.org and at www.islamia.org.uk.

MAB Demonstration

MCB Affiliates, the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB) in association with the Stop the War Coalition, CND and Friends of Al Aqsa are planning a massive demonstration to take place on 27 September 2003. The "Freedom for Palestine" and "End the occupation of Iraq" March will renew the commitment to creating a just and peaceful world.

Committees Update

Media Committee (MC)

Letter to Daily Mail

Inayat Bunglawala, Secretary of the MCB Media Committee wrote to the Daily Mail on 12 September

20003 regarding the extensive coverage given by the Daily Mail to the fringe Muslim group, al-Muhajiroun and their deeply offensive 'Magnificent 19' poster campaign. Given their lack of grassroots support and proportionally miniscule membership, Inayat writes that the conferences organised in London, Leicester, Manchester and Bradford were later clearly exposed as publicity stunts.

For the full text please refer to the Media/Letters section at www.mcb.org.uk

Article in the Times

An article by Inayat Bunglawala was published in The Times on 13 September 2003 entitled "Prayer soaks the soul in the divine ocean of light". The piece explores organised worship, specifically the five daily prayers offered by Muslims, and their ability to "emphasise the importance and efficacy of prayer and the remembrance of God in the development of our awareness and capacity to resist immorality."

For the full text please refer to the Library/Articles and essays section at www.mcb.org.uk

Article in the Daily Telegraph

On 17 September 2003, an article "Don't let the evil of extremism taint Islam's good name" by Inayat Bunglawala was published in the Daily Telegraph examining the "symbiotic relationship between the media and al-Muhajiroun with one side needing constant sensationalism and the other publicity to mask the scarcity of their followers." He counterbalances this with the fact that "The overwhelming majority of Muslims have shown themselves to be quite willing to integrate into the mainstream of British society while retaining a strong belief in Islam." The article proceeds to analyse the increasing need for balance in policy formulation in the light of historical and current political movements.

For the full text please refer to the Library/Articles and essays section at www.mcb.org.uk

Radio 4 interview

Inayat Bunglawala took part in an interview for BBC Radio 4's Sunday Programme on 7 August 2003. The discussion was chaired by Edward Stourton. The Orthodox Rabbi Y.Y. Rubenstein also took part in a debate that covered issues such as the dangers of assimilation in an overwhelmingly secular society that is often hostile to faith and the pressures on the culture and faith of young people.

The interview can be listened to at Media/Radio interviews www.mcb.org.uk or directly from <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/realmedia/sunday/s20030907z.ram>.

Letter to Guardian

On 15 August 2003, Iqbal Sacranie, Secretary General of the MCB and Chair of the MCB Media Committee, wrote to the Guardian regarding the proposed trial of the two Guantanamo Bay British detainees described as "kangaroo courts" by 200 MPs in the Guardian leader of 14 August. The letter points out the farcical nature of British policy on this issue and urging that the British Government to take a principled stand on this issue and bring them to trial here in Britain.

For the full text please refer to the Media/Letters section at www.mcb.org.uk

Islam Online Dialogue

On Wednesday 20 August, Inayat Bunglawala took part in an online dialogue on the subject of "Representing Islam & Muslims in the Media". A transcript of the question and answer session can be found at <http://www.islam-online.net/livedialogue/english/Browse.asp?hGuestID=T96V36>

Research & Documentation Committee (ReDoc)

Al-Mustaqilla Interview

Shabana Khan, Deputy Chair of ReDoc, appeared for a 20-minute interview on Al-Mustaqilla, the Arab satellite TV channel on 19 August 2003 discussing the MCB Direct community information service.

Tajdid 2003 Conference

Shargil Ahmed, MCBDirect Project Officer and Aziz Sheikh, Chair of ReDoc, spoke about the MCBDirect project at the Tajdid 2003 conference on Sunday 24 August 2003.

Anti-Discrimination Legislation

Dr Jamil Sherif, Secretary of ReDoc, co-ordinated with the MCB and the DTI by providing advice on supporting the implementation of anti-discrimination legislation: 'Supporting awareness raising and capacity building in advice-giving organisations on the new sexual orientation and religion or belief legislation'

Empowering British Muslims

Aziz Sheikh spoke on 'Empowering British Muslims' at the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, London on Friday 8 August 2003.

Challenging Islamophobia: call for submissions

To consider and address the issue of Islamophobia, the publication of an edited volume is planned: "Challenging Islamophobia: New Perspectives and Contemporary Agendas", with a research-based seminar on this theme to be held in June 2004. Contributions from the social sciences, religious studies and Islamic studies, focusing on Britain in particular, are welcomed, as are studies covering other European Union countries. Some suggested themes that you may wish to consider include:

- Reconsidering definitions, terminologies and typologies of the concept of Islamophobia
- Islamophobia and its relationship to anti-Semitism and anti-racism
- Islamophobia and its relationship to multiculturalism, liberalism and religious "fundamentalism"
- Islamophobia: religious discrimination or cultural racism
- Islamophobia from individual, social, cultural, institutional and political perspectives
- Perceptions of Islamophobia by victims and perpetrators
- Local, national and global histories and forms of Islamophobia
- The projection, internalization and perpetuation of Islamophobia
- The boundaries of public criticism of religion and Islamophobia

Abstracts should be no more than 500 words in length, and the deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 October 2003. To submit abstracts or to request more information please contact either: Christopher Allen: christopherallen@blueyonder.co.uk or 0795 217 3140 Yahya Birt: yahya@islamic-foundation.org.uk or 01530 244944 (Mon and Tues, 9-5)

Health & Medical Committee (HMC)

Health & Wellbeing Clinic

Dr Shuja Shafi, Chair of the Health and Medical Committee (HMC), Dr Abdul Raheem Khan and Dr Majid Katme, members of HMC, attended the launch of the Health and Wellbeing Clinic. The event was organised by The Islamic Cultural Centre, London in collaboration with Roche, a major healthcare company, and took place over a three day period from 4 to 6 September 2003. "The main aim of this event is to raise general awareness of a range of health issues amongst the Muslim Community," said Dr Al-Dubayan, Director-General of the Islamic Cultural Centre and The London Central Mosque.

"The high prevalence of type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and other obesity-related illnesses have long been recognised as major health concerns within the UK," said Prof Aziz Sheikh, Chairman of the Research & Documentation Committee of The Muslim Council of Britain.

Dr Shuja Shafi commented, "Focused events such as this one, held with collaboration between the mosque and a healthcare company, provides an excellent example of what can be done by the PCTs to reach the diverse Muslim community comprising different ethnic groups."

Annual Conference of the Association of Meat Hygiene Inspectors

Between 12 and 14 September 2003, the Annual Conference of the Association of Meat Hygiene Inspectors took place, held at the Adam Harper Agricultural College, Telford. Dr Shuja Shafi presented a paper entitled: "Why we shun the stun?" which described the importance of animal

welfare.

Dr Yunes Teinaz, who has featured on recent BBC Food programme series: "Food Police and Life of Grime" also spoke on the subject of meat crimes.

FSA Open Meeting

Dr A Majid Katme, MCB Spokesman on Halal Food and Meat, attended the Food Standards Agency Open Meeting in London on 19 August 2003 on the subject of water and hydrolysed proteins in chicken.

BBC Radio Interview

Dr A Majid Katme was interviewed by BBC Radio on 24 August 2003 on the subject of food, over-eating and related religious advice. The interview was connected with the publication of a new book entitled "What would Jesus Eat?".

London Affairs Committee

GLA Seminar

A joint seminar programme between The Muslim Council of Britain and the Greater London Authority is due to be attended by between fifty and sixty representatives from London based Muslim organisations. This half day seminar shall be held on 27 September 2003. It will be attended by senior staff and advisors to the Greater London Authority, in which they will introduce the policies and service delivery responsibilities of the Greater London Authority, especially with regard to the Muslim community in London. Similarly representatives from the MCB will address the seminar and outline the benefits and importance of their member organisations can gain through improved contact and working with the Greater London Authority through the London Affairs Committee. For further details, please contact Tanzeem Wasti, Chair of the London Affairs Committee.

Social Affairs Committee (SAC)

Muslim Prison Advisor Honoured

Shiban Akbar and Shahid Kazi attended a dinner reception hosted by the Muslim Prison Chaplains in honour of Maqsood Ahmed who was recently awarded an OBE for his contribution to the Prison Service as the Muslim Advisor. This was held on 27th August at the Regents's Park Islamic Cultural Centre.

There were warm words of appreciation for the dedication and hard work put in by Maqsood Ahmed during his 3 ½ years work. His partnership work with government agencies, Anglican Chaplains, the Chaplain General and the NCWMP of which MCB is a founding member was also commended. A written message by the Anglican Chaplain General, William Noblett, was read out by Peter Wrench, Director of resettlement.

New on the MCB Website

- **Media/Press Releases** - 9 Sep 2003, MCB Meets Attorney-General To Express Concerns Over
Guantanamo Bay Detainees
- 5 Sep 2003, UK Muslims To Meet Straw Over Interpal
- **Media/Letters to the Editor** - 21 August 2003, letter to the Daily Telegraph regarding Israel's part in the violence
- 19 August 2003, letter to BBC Today Programme, Reporting from Iraq
- 15 August 2003, letter to the Guardian, regarding Guantanamo Bay, Kangaroo Courts

- **Media/Radio Interviews** - 7 September 2003, BBC Radio 4 Interview 'Citizenship' with Inayat Bunglawala, Secretary, MCB Media Committee
- **Library/Articles & Essays** - 17 September 2003, Article in Daily Telegraph, "Don't let the evil of extremism taint Islam's good name" by Inayat Bunglawala
- **Committees Section** - The password-protected Discussion Forum in the Committees section is regularly updated with minutes of committee meetings
- **The Muslim Council of Britain** has moved its offices to Boardman House, 64 Broadway, Stratford, London E15 1NT, New Telephone: 020 8432 0585/6, New Fax: 020 8432 0587, Email: admin@mcb.org.uk, Web: www.mcb.org.uk
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New on the MCBDirect Website

- Exclusive interview with Sarah Joseph, editor of the new emel Muslim lifestyle glossy magazine
- Feature on 'Discover Islam Exhibition & Open Month at Edinburgh Central Mosque'
- Review of Jeff Mirza's 'Walking with Muslims' at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- Feature item "Are you listening" How can adults hear better, and society benefit from what young people have to say?
- Feature on increasing health awareness in London's Muslim Community
- Review of "Allah Gave Me Two Hands and Feet"
- To advertise community news and events please contact Shargil Ahmed: mcbdirect@mcb.org.uk

Events

Event: Making Science Work for Muslims - Strategies for the Future

Date: 25 September 2003

Time: 7 pm

Held By: Association of Muslim Researchers (AMR) & MCB's Research & Documentation Committee.

Venue: Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, 244 Acklam Road, London W10

Contact: Attendance is free but please complete the registration form on <http://www.mcb.org.uk/seminar.html>

Information: Professor Muhammad Ilyas of Malaysia, renowned astronomer and expert on the Islamic calendar, will speak at this seminar. The meeting will be chaired by Dr AbdulKarim Khalil, Director of the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre

Event: Palestinian Children Week

Date: 17-25 September 2003

Held By: The Palestinian Return Centre (PRC)
Venues: London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham
Contact: PRC, Crown House, North Circular Road, London NW10 7PN, Tel : 0208 4530919
Fax : 0208 4530994, E-mail: info@prc.org.uk Website: www.prc.org.uk

Information: The week will begin with an event in the House of Commons on the 17 September 2003 and finish with an event in the University of London on the 24th September 2003.

Event: "Freedom for Palestine" and " End the occupation of Iraq" March

Date: Saturday 27 September 2003

Held By: Muslim Association of Britain (MAB), Stop the War Coalition, CND, Friends of Al Aqsa

Venue: London

Contact: MAB email: info@mabonline.net website: www.mabonline.net Tel: 0207 272 2888

Information: This massive demonstration is being organised to renew the commitment to creating a just

and peaceful world.

Event: Third Expolslamia Conference

Date: 12 October 2003

Held By: Islamic Forum Europe UK (IFE UK), Young Muslim Organisation UK (YMUK) and Muslimate UK.

Venue Wembley Conference Centre

Contact: <http://www.islamicforumeurope.com/live/ife.php>

Information: The theme this year is Islam For Europe. The conference will be attended by many of today's most well known scholars and speakers including: Shaykh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi (Qatar), Shaykh Abdullah Hakim Quick (South Africa), Shaykh Tariq Ramadan (Switzerland), Shaykh Zia Ullah Khan (Canada) and Imam Anwar Awlaqi (USA).

