

CSCA Supports Fatwa Prohibiting Terrorism and Suicide Bombing

CSCA would like to express its support for the important work of Shaikh ul Islam Dr Tahir ul Qadri, founder of Minhaj-ul-Quran, who will relate a comprehensive fatwa (religious ruling) that prohibits terrorism and suicide bombing.

The fatwa announcement is scheduled to take place at a Press conference at One Birdcage Walk, SW1H 9JJ on Tuesday 2nd March at 10am and includes an open Q&A session.

The original 600 page Fatwa document was written by Dr Tahir ul Qadri and is one of the most comprehensive documents of its kind to be published in the UK. It contains extracts from the Holy Quran and writings from other traditional scholars. In the document, Dr Qadri makes the case that attacks against innocent citizens are "absolutely against the teachings of Islam and that Islam does not permit such acts on any excuse, reason or pretext." The fatwa document was launched in Pakistan in December 2009 and published in the UK in January 2010. An English language summary and introduction to the fatwa will be made available to people who attend the press conference.

Shaykh Mohammed Hisham Kabbani who has been a long term supporter of Dr Qadri's work is delighted with Dr Qadri's progress in having the voice of moderate Muslims and traditional Islam being heard more widely. Shaykh Kabbani said "this scholarship is a landmark in enabling Muslims living in the UK to be able to silence the small minority of people who think it is ok to commit violent acts in the name of Islam. We are happy and honoured to be working with Dr Qadri and Minhaj-ul-Quran to support the UK Muslims in countering the radical Islamist rhetoric in the world."

Notes:

Dr Muhammed Tahir-ul-Qadri , who now lives in Canada was a former minister in Pakistan is highly recognised and respected as a leading authority on Islamic jurisprudence and has hundreds of thousands of followers around the world. Dr Qadri founded Minhaj-ul-Quran <http://www.minhajuk.org/site/> which has a presence in 80 countries and cultivates Sufi teachings of peace and moderation through grass-roots projects.

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Shaykh Muhammed Hisham Kabbani is one of the world's most renowned scholars of Islamic history and the science of Islamic spirituality. As deputy leader of the Naqshbandi Haqqani Sufi Order, Shaykh Kabbani also serves as a guide and teacher to approximately 2 million Muslims throughout the world, including the United Kingdom, Southeast Asia and the United States. He is the Chairman of the Centre for Spirituality and Cultural Advancement, a registered charity dedicated to enabling Muslims and non-Muslims alike to access the practical application of the Islamic science of self-purification. This spiritual discipline eliminates the aggressive or animal qualities of human nature by concentrating the practitioner on their inward relationship to God rather than the outward emphasis of trying to change others. The result is greater social cohesion, mutual respect of people with racial, religious and social differences as well as decreasing the tendency towards extremism and/or violence.

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