



Brixton Mosque – Press Release

Not for Allaah!

The London Bridge Attack

Brixton Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre denounces the savage terrorist attack on London Bridge on Saturday 3rd June 2017 which has resulted in the death of 7 people and fifty-nine other people seriously injured. Such attacks are not to be deemed as being “for Allaah”.

These savage attacks on innocent people are totally contrary to the fundamental teachings of Islam, and Islam is free from such criminal and heretical acts. These attacks are neither jihad according to the fiqh of Islam nor are they actions in line with the Prophetic example of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam*).

We at Brixton Mosque stand firm when it comes to addressing the problem of extremism, be it on our own doorstep in Brixton, London generally, Birmingham, Manchester or wherever the fanatical Takfiri-Jihadi resides. The Salafi ethos of Brixton Mosque has been crucial in repudiating the Khawarij and Jihadi-Takfiri methodology over the last twenty years.¹ Indeed, the Salafi Muslims scholars have condemned the ISIS methodology in detail, taking the lead in countering ISIS.²

It is also evident that the ‘Prevent’ strategy needs to be changed wherein there is a more thorough and nuanced definition of extremism which does not conflate strict adherence to the Qur’an and Sunnah with ISIS heresy and terrorism. Such definitions only serve to alienate communities rather than bring them together during these difficult times.³

The public relations team are available for further discussion and are ever-willing to assist serious and credible researchers and journalists.

¹ However, it has been unfortunate to observe over the last few years in the UK attempts to criminalise those very Muslims who have been at the forefront of directly challenging the Takfiri ideology, via referring to the Salafis for example as being “non-violent extremists” and the Salafi method as in some way providing “mood music” to ISIS heresy and extremism?!

² See for example the following document, *The ISIS Papers: A Compilation of the Statements of the Salafi Scholars Regarding ISIS/ISIL*:

<http://www.salafimanhaj.com/?p=318>

³ For example, the newly concocted term of “non-violent extremism” is not only patronising but also demonstrates a distinct lack of engagement with those Muslims best equipped in society to undermine the corrupt, wicked and evil ideology upheld by deviant and heretical sects such as ISIS. Furthermore, such a conflation demonstrates an acute ignorance of the Usul of Ahl us-Sunnah and Salafiyah, which is the complete antithesis to the Khawaarij teachings of ISIS.

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