



Press Release

A rap song in conflict with Islamic teachings and values

Following the recent article published by the Guardian Unlimited: "Islamic rappers' message of terror" which appeared on Friday 8th February 2004, regarding the release of a rap song - dirty kuffar, by an unknown artist, through the internet inciting and praising violence.

It is in these moments that one can really tell the true and honest Islamic attitude from the objectionable and questionable immoral ones. It is with great sadness and a great deal of surprise to hear that someone is using music as a means to promote violence and misunderstanding. The London Central Mosque and the Islamic Cultural Centre do condemn this type of negative message, approach and attitude towards the host community of United Kingdom and the non Muslim communities worldwide.

Dr. Ahmed Al-Dubayan, the director general said: 'Islam is a very transparent religion and the United Kingdom has an open speech policy, a true Muslim should come forward and say what he/she thinks following the teachings of Islam which commands its followers to always use the best means to communicate with others. It is in such times that Muslims need to open up more to present Islam as it has always been; a religion of understanding, peace, tolerance and a mutual positive interactive help between the Muslim communities wherever they are and the host communities. Doors are always open for constructive dialogue. We are part of this community and it is our duty to help find better ways to cooperatively interact in promoting good ethics, family values, fighting street crimes and so on... but these doors are never opened for those who create elements, such as this song or any other type which promotes hatred, violence and wrong-doing.

It is worth knowing that with the advance of technology and the making music has become very easy and very affordable, that we should not run into conclusion or accusations before reaching the real sources behind such irresponsible production whose goal is clearly to try to destroy any chance of promoting peace and living in harmony among the different faith communities.

This is our chance to prove these ill-intentioned people that the British Muslim Community and all other different religious groups will do everything possible to stop anyone that will jeopardise the peacefully living-together communities.

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