

Open Letter

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We, the undersigned Muslim community organisations, commend the government for mobilising specialist police forces to protect mosques, Muslims, and all minority communities in response to the riots. The initial days of the unrest were marked by significant challenges, and many critical questions remain to be addressed.

We also acknowledge the swift legal actions taken against some of those responsible for the violence, as well as the prioritisation of police support for mosques.

This is a pivotal moment to bridge divides, unite against racism, Islamophobia, and hate, and foster stronger community relations. In this spirit, we urge the government to take the following action:

1. Officially adopt the APPG definition of Islamophobia. The normalisation of Islamophobia has been a key driver of these riots
2. Initiate an independent review into far-right no activities and the role of social media platforms, mainstream media, and political narratives in perpetuating hate
3. Engage with legitimate, democratically elected national representatives of Muslim communities, particularly the MCB.

It is imperative to establish a strong, collaborative relationship between the government and the Muslim community. We advocate for healing between all communities and ensuring that every group feels represented and heard.

Name of Institution	Representative
8th Braid Salaam Scouts	Zahid Ali
Abdullah Quilliam Masjid	Mohamed Didi
Abrahamic Foundation	Nasir Akhatr
Afghan Community Edinburgh	Zabihullah hamedee
Ahl al bait society	Azzam mohamad
Aisha Mosque Madrassah	Haroon Rashid
Al Hashim Academy	Khabbaab Ahmad
Al Hashim Academy	Raja Imaad Ishaq
AlArab in UK	Adnan Hmidan
Arab Lawyers Association (UK)	Mr Sabah Al-Mukhtar
ArRahma Foundation	Mohammed Ishaq
BASMA	Hassan Shirwani
British Muslim Heritage Centre	Anis Gouisseem

Cambridge Street School	Suleman Collector
Cheadle Masjid	Nasar Malik
City Youth Zone	Abu Umaymah
Clare Hill Centre	Abdul Ahmed
Close to Next Gen	Hafiz Muhammad Shoaib
Community Policy Forum	Zahid Ali
Council for Mosques (Bradford & District)	Rashad Bokhari
Creed & Culture	Omar Dacosta-Shahid
Dunfermline Central Mosque	Salman Tahir
Eden Academy Coventry	DR Mohammed Moslehuddin Farid
Finsbury Park Mosque	Mohammed Kozbar
Glasgow University Muslim Students Association	Ayham Deen
Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre	Dr Abdul Haqq Baker
Hanfia Masjid	Mohammed Imran
Huda Masjid & Community Centre	Nasri Meraneh
Huda mosque	Hamid
Huddersfield Council of Mosques	Mohammed Abubakar
Ihsan Way	Ashraf Attia
Ilm Foundation	Jebar Ahmed
Iqraa Arabic School	Salah Chergui
IslamicFinanceGuru	Ibrahim Khan
Islamophobia Response Unit	Majid Iqbal
Ittihad leadership and management Ltd	Mohammad Sajjid Sarwar
Jami Mosque and Islamic Centre Birmingham	Bosorul Hoque
Jamia Masjid Noor	Abdul Majid Ali
Khanqah Hanafia UK	Mufti Yousaf Baig
Lorna Young Foundation	Ian Agnew
Madina Mosque	Khalid Sharif
Masjid Abu Bakr Trust	Usman Khan
Masjid Al khazra	Imam Ahmed
Masjid Umar	Usman Khan
Masjide Saliheen	Huzaiyah Kazee

MEND	Azhar Qayum
Misbah ul uloom	Abdullah Ismail
Muslim Association of Britain	Ragad Altikriti
Muslim Census	Sadiq Dorasat
Muslim Communities Development Trust	Mohammed Aziz
Muslim Community Association (MCA)	Hamid Azad
Muslim Council of Wales	Azim Ahmed
Muslim Professionals Forum (MPF)	Khaled Noor
Muslim Student House Masjid and Community Centre	Abdullah Saif
Muslim Students House	Baha
Muslim students house	Mohamed Abdullahi
Muslims in Rail C.I.C	Leadership Team
Muslims Voiced - Barnet	Anna
MWAE	Anam
Niyyah	Shinaz
Past Truisms CIC	CHRISTINA LONGDEN
Peace Inclusion	Abdullah Samad
Re-Enlighten	Aamer Chaudry
RENS	Donna Gardner
Sacred (body:mind:space)	Maariyah Adam
Scottish Green Village	Mohsin Baig
Scottish Palestinian Society	Wael Shawish
Southend Mosque UKIM	Shoaib Baloch
The Cordoba Foundation	Anas Altikriti
The Muslim Vote	Abubakr Nanabawa
The Tuition College, Manchester	Asad Zaman
UKIM leeds	Shahzad Hussain
Union of Muslim organisations - Walsall	Mohammed Arif
We Are Bridge	Axa Hynes
West Dumbartonshire Muslim society	K malik
Weston friends of Palestine	Richard Gardner
Witton Islamic Centre	Javid iqbal

Women 4 Palestine UK	Eman El-Bahnassawy
World Care Foundation	Akeel Umar
Zakariyya Jaame Masjid	Edris Seth