

Monday 2nd July, 2007

FAIR CONDEMNS BOMB PLOTS & URGES UNITY

FAIR strongly condemns the atrocious and heinous plots to bomb London & Glasgow over the last few days. We express our outrage and utter disgust at the nature of these attacks and renew our call for immediate cooperation to eradicate all forms of violent radicalism and terrorism both in the UK and abroad.

We strongly denounce all forms of violence against innocents and any attempt to link such acts to religion are deeply abhorred by the overwhelming majority of Muslims everywhere. Furthermore, as law-abiding Muslims and loyal British citizens we unequivocally reject all acts of violence and terrorism to spread fear or harm whether to individuals, societies or properties.

We pay tribute to the courage displayed by the emergency services to avert what could have been an inhumane disaster.

FAIR commends the new government's response in handling the crisis and supports the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, for responding in due proportion.

FAIR also welcomes the PM's comments where he said "we've got to separate if you like those great moderate members of our community from a few extremists who wish to practice both violence and inflict maximum loss of life in the interests of a perversion of their religion."

FAIR also welcomes the positive comments made by the senior Police Officers warning against a backlash towards minority communities.

Those who perpetrate such heinous crimes know full well the vulnerability to which they expose Muslim communities living in the West. We urge that those communities not be singled out in any backlash and, furthermore, we call on journalists to refrain from inflammatory reporting which only serves to increase hate crimes and animosity towards the vast majority of peaceful and loyal British Muslims. At the same time setting in motion a wave of intolerance that could seriously damage community cohesion.

FAIR is appealing for anyone with information to come forward to help the police with their inquiries.

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We have several projects to address each of these areas.

1. Faith & Positive Images
2. Equality Casework Monitoring
3. Media & Popular Culture Watch
4. Policy Research & Lobbying

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