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FAIR PRESS RELEASE: FAIR STRONGLY CONDEMNS GEERT WILDER'S FILM "FITNA"

The moral simplicity and pure self-publicising opportunism of Geert Wilder's film is outrageous, and the mental gutter into which he has dragged intellectual discourse a sad reflection of the state into which Islamophobes have sunk.

Projecting himself the upright, respectable citizen, Wilder sees his crusade as a noble cause, an important exposition of some high-minded "truths" regarding Islam, the Qur'an, and Muslims. In reality there is no shortage of fallacious comment, faulty logic, outright lies, and exaggerated distortion.

Wilder's film is little more than an attempt to divide communities through heavily playing on people's deepest fears and emotions, generating anger, and inciting hatred. Like all racists and extremists, he seems oblivious to the fact that his film is also threatening the safety and security of vulnerable groups, damaging community cohesion and threatening national interests.

FAIR is delighted that Muslims have upheld the true message and ethics of Islam by responding peacefully and with measured thought to the film. We strongly urge all right-minded and just people to do the same.

FAIR also thanks all those people in the Netherlands and elsewhere who have rightly condemned the film, including those in the media who have refused to either air it or post it on websites.

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