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Condemnations of Suicide Bombings by Muslims Collated by Ihsanic Intelligence (www.ihsanic-intelligence.com)

The following Sunni Muslim scholars, academics, thinker and political leaders have publicly condemned suicide bombing. Their public condemnations have been used as evidences for the conclusions reached in 'The Hijacked Caravan: Refuting Suicide Bombings as Martyrdom Operations in Contemporary Jihad Strategy.'

- Suicide Bombing is anathema, antithetical and abhorrent to Sunni Islam
- Suicide Bombing is a legally reprehensible innovation in the tradition of Sunni Islam
- Suicide Bombing is morally a sin combining suicide and murder
- Suicide Bombing is theologically an act of eternal damnation for all perpetrators

Islamic Scholars

Shaykh Abu Bakr al-'Attas, Lebanon

'Ba 'Alawi Shaykhs, Yemen

Shaykh Dr. Gibril Haddad, Syria

Mufti Taqiuddin Usmani, Pakistan

Imam Faisel Abdul Rauf, USA

Imam Zaid Shakir, USA

Shaykh Abdal-Hakim Murad, Cambridge, UK

Shaykh Dr. Abdalqadir As-Sufi, UK

Shaykh Hamza Yusuf Hanson, USA

Shaykh Nuh Hah Mim Keller, Jordan

Muslim Academics and Thinkers

Professor Syed Hussein al-'Attas, Malaysia

Professor Sari Nusseibeh, Occupied Palestinian Territories

Professor Akbar Ahmad, USA

Professor Ziauddin Sardar, UK

Professor Talal Asad, USA

Fethullan Gülen, Turkey

Bookwright, Denmark

Harun Yahya, Turkey

Enver Masud, USA

Political Leaders

King Abdullah II, Jordan

Prince El-Hassan bin Talal, Jordan

Dr. Mahathir bin Mohammad, Malaysia

7 are descendants of Prophet Muhammad

7 are Oxbridge graduates

7 are converts to Islam

7 are Arabs, 4 are Americans, 3 are Pakistanis, 3 are British, 2 are Turks, 2 are Malaysian

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ISLAMIC SCHOLARS

Shaykh Abu Bakr al-'Attas, Instructor, Muhammad al-Fatih Institute, Beirut, Lebanon

Ba 'Alawi Sheikhs, Yemen

Shaykh Dr. Gibril Haddad, LivingIslam.org & SunniPath.com, Syria

'It remains that the condemnation of suicide bombers of civilians to hell fire is not new nor exclusive to Shaykh Hamza but I have heard it from the Ba 'Alawi Shuyukh as per Shaykh Abu Bakr al-'Attas at the Muhammad Fatih Institute in Beirut.'

Quoted by Shaykh Dr. Gibril Haddad

<http://www.sunnipath.com> – "RE: Accusations on Shaykh Hamza Yusuf"

Mufti Taqiuddin Usmani, former Grand Mufti of Pakistan and Vice-Chairman of the OIC's Islamic Fiqh Council

"Interestingly, prominent Deobandi scholar Mufti Taqi Usmani did not sign the fatwa [forbidding suicide attacks in Pakistan] despite repeated efforts by the government. Officials said he had by and large seen the fatwa in the global perspective instead of seeing it in the context of Pakistan."

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_16-5-2005_pg7_28

Imam Faisal Abdul Rauf, President, American Sufi Muslim Association, USA

"Suicide is strictly prohibited by the Prophet and by the Koran and by Islamic law,. There has been no case in which deliberately taking one's life has been acceptable in Islamic law. Those who engage in that kind of action are those whose options have reached an endpoint; they are losing the battle - their backs are against the wall and they cannot win in another way besides taking their lives."

http://www.teenspeaknews.com/vol5/issue1/articles/living_by_our_beliefs.html

Imam Zaid Shakir, Scholar-in-Residence, Zaytuna Institute, California, USA

"Islam is not a pacifist religion, but it is absolutely against initiating hostility. To kill civilians in warfare is strictly forbidden, suicide is strictly forbidden. There is no tradition of suicide in Abrahamic religion."

http://www.ccmeep.org/2004_articles/palestine/033104_speaker_discusses_how_islam_view.htm

Shaykh Abdal Hakim Murad, Director of the Sunna Project, Cambridge University United Kingdom

"Suicide bombing is so foreign to the Qur'anic ethos that the Prophet Samson is entirely absent from our scriptures."

<http://www.masud.co.uk/ISLAM/ahm/recapturing.htm>

"The genealogy of suicide bombing clearly stretches back from Palestine, through Shi'a guerillas in southern Lebanon, to the Hindu-nativist zealots of the Tamil Tigers, and to the

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holy warriors of Shinto Japan, who initiated the tradition of donning a bandanna and making a final testament on camera before climbing into the instrument of destruction.”

From the most comprehensive article about the origins of suicide terrorism.

<http://www.masud.co.uk/ISLAM/ahm/moonlight.htm>

Shaykh Dr. Abdalqadir As-Sufi, Amir of al-Murabitun Tariqa

“Suicide bombing is a terrorism.”

http://www.shayhabdalqadir.com/content/articles/Art001_17022004.html

“This Islamic Shari’at has been reduced ... by these dreadful extremists who have adopted the policies and practices of atheist nihilism, terrorism and suicide-bombing, and simply placed over them the name of Islam.”

http://www.shayhabdalqadir.com/content/articles/Art035_02022005.html

Fethullan Gülen, Islamic thinker, Istanbul, Turkey

“No one can be a suicide bomber. No one can rush into crowds with bombs tied to his or her body. Regardless of the religion of these crowds, this is not religiously permissible. Even in the event of war—during which it is difficult to maintain balances—this is not permitted in Islam.”

<http://en.fgulen.com/a.page/books/toward.a.global.civilization.of.love.and.tolerance/jihad-terrorism-human.rights/a1844.html>

Shaykh Hamza Yusuf Hanson, Director, Zaytuna Institute, California, USA

“I have never and I will never agree with suicide bombings. That has never sat right with me, ever. I think it is just so antithetical to the truth of Islam, and I have always had that problem with it. No one can ever find anywhere, in the last thirteen or fourteen years of my public speaking, where I have condoned that. I have never been comfortable with that or comfortable with any types of terror because my understanding of Islam is that it is a chivalrous religion. It is a religion that demands honor in engagement, and my belief is that I would rather die than reduce myself to the level of these types of people because I know they certainly use it against us.”

Formerly at <http://www.zaytuna.org/tragedy.html> (Link)

Shaykh Nuh Ha Mim Keller, Islamic Law specialist, Amman, Jordan

“Suicide operations must be decided according to Islamic jurisprudence, and according to Islamic jurisprudence, they are forbidden. This is because of the following:

- 1) Suicide is forbidden.
- 2) The rulings of Islam forbid the killing of women and children.

<http://mac.abc.se/home/onesr/ez/isl/0-sbm/Transcr.ShNuhs.talk.html>

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MUSLIM ACADEMICS AND THINKERS

Professor Syed Hussein al-Attas, former Vice Chancellor of University of Malaya, Malaysia

“Such suicide bombings are unIslamic. How does anyone justify throwing a bomb into a bus filled with people who are non-belligerent, let alone kill oneself in the process? And we know from the primary sources [Qur’an and Hadith] that women and children, the old and the sick are to be spared during battle. These suicide bombers are different from the Japanese kamikaze, [whereby] the latter would commit an act of selflessness, brought about by desperation against legitimate military targets.”

<http://www.iol.ie/~afifi/BICNews/Afaiz/afaiz4.htm>

Professor Sari Nusseibeh, President of al-Quds University in Jerusalem, Occupied Palestinian Territories

“Morally outrageous ... and also from a political point of view, totally counterproductive because, as I say, it’s premised on the rejection of seeing others as human beings”

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/shows/suicide/transcript.html>

Professor Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies & Professor of International Relations, American University in Washington DC, USA

“Absolutely and utterly alien to Islam itself. Do you know that Islam forbids suicide? Do you know that Islam forbids specifically, categorically the taking of a single innocent life”

<http://www.abc.net.au/foreign/stories/s372713.htm>

Professor Ziauddin Sardar, Visiting Professor of Postcolonial Studies, City University, London UK

“Islam cannot explain the actions of the suicide hijackers, just as Christianity cannot explain the gas chambers, Catholicism the bombing at Omagh. They are acts beyond belief, religious belief, by people who long ago abandoned the path of Islam.”

<http://observer.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,6903,552800,00.html>

Professor Talal Asad, Professor of Anthropology, City University, New York, USA

“The Hanbali school of law (like all Sunni schools) does not authorize the killing of innocents even in war and certainly not the suicidal criminality committed on September 11. I can only repeat unreservedly that no one deserves to be murdered.”

http://www.isim.nl/news1_9.pdf

Bookwright, Translators, Denmark affiliated to al-Murabitun Tariqa

Examination of a ‘fatwa’ in favour of suicide bombing – the same ‘fatwa’ as contended with in ‘The Hijacked Caravan’, but with superior direct analysis of all evidences.

<http://www.bogvaerker.dk/suicide.html>

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Harun Yahya, Islamic Thinker, Istanbul, Turkey

“Some people who are ill-informed on Islam have made utterly erroneous statements to the effect that this religion of peace allows suicide attacks, whereas in Islam killing oneself and killing other people are both prohibited. In the words, “Do not kill yourselves.” (Qur’an, 4:29) God has declared suicide to be a sin. In Islam it is forbidden for anyone to kill himself or herself, for no matter what reason.”

<http://www.harunyahya.com/terrorism3.php>

Enver Masud, CEO, The Wisdom Fund, Washington DC, USA

“What’s wrong with “suicide” bombing? Like tanks, gunships, bunker-busting bombs, F-16s, and cruise missiles, it kills people. That’s what’s wrong. Islam forbids killing except in certain circumstances such as in self defense, or in response to another killing. Even then Islam counsels forgiveness, or compensation for the victim’s family.”

<http://www.twf.org/News/Y2002/0509-Suicide.html>

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POLITICAL LEADERS

King Abdullah II, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

“Always counterproductive, from my point of view, and I think the majority of us believe that they are counterproductive.”

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/middle_east/jan-june02/abdullah_5-10.html

Prince El-Hassan bin Talal, former Crown Prince, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

“So, please do not consider that there are hundreds of millions of would-be “Muslim” suicide bombers. Suicide bombers have nothing to do with Islam. Islam clearly abhors suicide.”

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC07.php?CID=108>

Dr. Mahathir bin Mohammad, former Prime Minister, Malaysia

“Is there no other way than to ask our young people to blow themselves up and kill people and invite the massacre of more of our own people?”

www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,3-857059,00.html