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16<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Sirs

**Re: New Quilliam report: British prisons are incubating Islamist extremism-  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

We write in relation to the above Press Release issued on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and which continues to be active on your website to date.

It is noted that you state that-

*In October 2006, Faraj Hassan Al-Saad, a Libyan detainee then fighting extradition to Italy on terrorism charges, used prison call boxes to appear live on the Islam Channel, comparing British prisons with Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, and describing British courts as a "fascist courts martial". The Islam Channel is itself run by Mohammed Ali Harrath, a convicted Tunisian terrorist who is the subject of an Interpol 'Red Notice'.*

Your comments about the CEO of Islam Channel are not only untrue but defamatory. Although Mr Harrath is subject to an Interpol Red Notice, this does not make him a convicted terrorist. We refer you to the Interpol website where it clearly states in relation to the Red Notice, that 'the person should be considered innocent until proven guilty'. Mr Harrath has not been convicted of any terrorist activity. This defamatory statement is a direct attack on him personally and also on the Islam Channel.

The publication of the Press Release on the internet is accessible to the public and has been distributed widely to your large database and we consider it to be seriously libelous and damaging.

Therefore, we request the removal of the article with immediate effect, an apology and retraction of the Press Release. In addition, Islam Channel and Mr Harrath seek compensation for the damage caused by the publication over the last few months.

We await a response within 7 days.

Yours faithfully

  
**Madeeha Dani**  
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Dear Sirs

**Re: Quilliam calls on Muslim organizations to reject jihadism- 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

We write in relation to the above Press Release issued on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and which continues to be active on your website to date.

It is noted that you state that-

*Organizations active in the UK which have previously hosted Awlaki or helped to distribute his material include:*

*Islam Channel*

*These activist bodies' stubborn refusal to publically condemn Awlaki and distance themselves from his jihadist views risks sending a signal of support to Awlaki and his extremist followers, and a message of hostility towards our country, armed forces and American allies. Past association can only be nullified by public disassociation.*

*1. Some of the UK organizations which have been connected to Anwar al-Awlaki are:*

*Islam Channel – allows UK registered company Qadmoon to broadcast advertisements for recordings by Awlaki and Islam Channel's website also distributes Awlaki material.*

Firstly, Islam Channel is not an activist body; it is a global television channel. The channel contracts with a range of companies who advertise their products, one of these companies so happened to be Qadmoon who were selling a boxed DVD with a lecture of Awlaki. This does not in any way make the channel a supporter of Awlaki. As you know the ASA regulate advertisements and we received no objection from this authority when we were broadcasting the advertisements.


Further, the accusation that the channel distributes Awlaki material on the website is also untrue. The material does not feature on our website and no audio or video is either accessible or downloadable from the website. In relation to links to Awlaki these can be found on various websites all over the internet including facebook, and Amazon who sell his material.

The publication of the Press Release on the internet accessible to the public, which has also been widely circulated to your large database, is considered to be seriously libelous and damaging.

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