

Wifaqul Ulama Expanded Media pack for Press briefings

British Muslims & their stance on Ahmadis

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullāhi wa-barakātuh

This statement is being issued on the 07th of April 2016 and supersedes all previous statements on the subject.

Unequivocal support for pluralism & rejection of intimidation and violence:

We begin with stating our general agreement with the "[Position Statement](#)" of the [Muslim Council of Britain \(MCB\)](#) issued on their website on the 6th of April 2016 and reiterate:

We unequivocally condemn the murder of Asad Shah and affirm the right of Ahmadis to their freedom of belief and reject any attacks on their property or persons. We subscribe to pluralism and peaceful coexistence and acknowledge the rights of all to believe as they choose without coercion, fear and intimidation.

Normative Islam’s position on finality of Prophethood:

We further state and affirm the twin fundamental pillars of Islamic creed which are belief in One God and that Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) is the final Messenger of God. Our position with regards to finality of Prophethood is based upon numerous clear and unambiguous verses of the Islamic scripture (Qur’aan) such as:

[33:40] Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of God and last of the prophets. And ever is God, of all things, Knowing. [Al-Qur’aan]

Rights of Scholars to define the boundaries of Normative Islam & Consensus:

Muslims have subscribed to this creed for over 1400 years, uninterrupted. It is also an agreed upon tenet of both Sunni and Shia doctrines.

This unanimous tenet of Islamic creed was challenged by [Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani \[1835-1908\]](#) when he claimed to be a Prophet, Messiah, Mary, Krishna etc. There are divisions between the followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani over his exact claims and his stature ranges from being a Prophet to a Mujaddid (reformer). Muslims (worldwide) absolutely rejected his claims in his lifetime and have done so ever since. This global consensus was reconfirmed by the [Muslim World League in their April 1974 \(Makkah\)](#) meeting. Muslim Scholars from all over the world, and all schools of thought, unanimously agreed upon the position that (due to irreconcilable differences in creed) “Qadianees or Ahmadees are outside the fold of Islam”. This has been subsequently

confirmed in later resolutions. This scholarly consensus involved detailed research into the beliefs of the Ahmadiyya and its compatibility with normative Islam.

We (as British Muslims) affirm this fundamental creed of normative Islam. Alongside this we maintain respect for the right to have beliefs that differ from our position.

It must be noted that similar to Christians, followers of Judaism and other faith, Muslim scholars also have the right to define the boundaries of normative Islam and reached a consensus on this issue.

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's usurping of rights to represent Normative Islam:

It is unfortunate that followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani have tried to link the unequivocal stance of Muslims with regard to finality of Prophethood with terrorism, extremism, Al-Qaeda, Osama Bin Ladin etc when the theological position of normative Islam clearly predates all of these issues, personalities and organisations (proscribed or otherwise).

The followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani have also tried to link this issue with Pakistan. In reality, the claims of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani and unanimous disagreement with it predate the creation of Pakistan. The global consensus agreed upon by Islamic Scholars at Muslim World League in April 1974 (Makkah) also firmly place the issue outside the judicial boundaries of Scholars of Pakistan, although they (in line with global Muslims scholars) affirm this position. We are unable to comment on the political situation in Pakistan, various groups and organisations working for and against the followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani and refer our readers to the Pakistani consulate in London for updates.

The followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani have also tried to link this issue with radicalisation, discrimination, sectarianism, bigotry and increased hatred in Britain, a cursory view of the timeline presented by us also put this theory to bed. They like to portray themselves as the victims of supposed “hate campaign” by British Muslims. In the current climate of rising Islamophobia, it is politically expedient for the followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani to do so. The Qadiyani (Ahmedi) community in Britain is adaptive enough to employ tactics to gate-crash media events and portray themselves as vanguards of Islam when reality is the exact opposite. British Muslims neither condone nor practise any discrimination across the land and throughout their Mosques, places of worship and businesses i.e. there are no checks being carried to only serve worshippers & customers who subscribe to normative Islam. In fact, British Muslims are accommodating and welcome people of all faiths and none. Both Sunni and Shia Muslims are unanimous in their belief with regards to the finality of Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) while the followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani with their splits and dogmatic differences with each other are unanimously considered outside the fold of Islam, they are not even a “sect” so how can the true believers in normative Islam be guilty of sectarianism?

When the entire issue is researched without bias, it becomes abundantly clear that it is Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani who claimed the mantle of a "Prophet" or “reformer” and when rejected labelled those who disagreed with him as being outside the fold of Islam. His revelations are

contained in a book entitled "Tadhkirah" which was first printed in 1906, 2nd edition (1965), 3rd edition (1969) and 4th edition in 2004. This 4th edition is considerably edited but on page 519 in the revelation which descended upon Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani he states, "God Almighty has conveyed it to me that every person to whom my call is conveyed and does not accept me is NOT a Muslim and is accountable to God for his default!"

Due to the continued activities of the followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani in trying to present themselves as vanguards of "Islam", it is imperative upon Muslim scholars and community leaders to continue to raise awareness about their group and its activities.

We are within our rights to continue to advocate and raise awareness about the fact that they neither represent Islam nor the views of Muslims (British or otherwise). We neither call for violence nor extremism and categorically condemn all forms of repression and oppression towards the Ahmadis. They are free to follow Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani (and his successors) as long as they make their position clear that they don't represent Islam or Muslims.

The term "Khatm-e-Nubuwwat" & Britain:

It should be noted that the term "Khatm-e-Nubuwwat" literally means closure of the station of Prophethood. Contextually it implies that Prophethood ended with the passing away of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) and no man has the right to claim prophethood or claim to receive revelation etc.

There are various organisations advocating the fundamental belief of "Khatm-e-Nubuwwat" around the world using this term but are not connected to each other.

There are organisations such as "Khatme Nubuwwat Academy London" who are involved in advocacy and raising awareness about Ahmadis in UK. We urge our readers to contact them for further information.

Khatme Nubuwwat Academy London has assured us that they have never issued any pamphlets or publications calling for violence against the Ahmadis. The followers of Mr Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani reported the presence of 'Hate Leaflets in Kingston Town Centre (London) but Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) found nothing during their investigations. Khatme Nubuwwat Academy London is a registered British charity and has no links with any other organisation elsewhere, it is committed to advocacy of true creed of normative Islam.

Lastly, the official statements by Khatme Nubuwwat Academy London are issued on their website. Social, print or broadcast media statements ascribed to them don't necessarily represent their views unless affirmed by them officially via their site.

Thank You.

"Khatm-e-Nubuwwat" in a nutshell (presentation):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46zKGMcwn6o>