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MEDIA STATEMENT

Muslim Women's Network UK welcomes Home Office plans to ban Mohamed Hoblos from entering the UK

Muslim Women's Network UK (MWNUK) welcomes Home Office plans to ban Islamic preacher Mohamed Hoblos from entering the UK. We are deeply concerned that Muslim organisations and individuals invited him for a series of talks across multiple cities despite his controversial and harmful views.

Our review of his lectures on YouTube reveals deeply troubling statements. Hoblos has claimed that, in the eyes of God, a person who commits murder, rape—including child rape—and other heinous crimes (even on a daily basis) is better than someone who does not commit such acts but fails to pray. He further reinforces this by stating that even missing a single prayer makes someone worse than a murderer, rapist, paedophile, or terrorist.

Any attempt to justify violence or abuse under the guise of religion is a gross misrepresentation of Islamic teachings. Such rhetoric demonstrates the dangerous influence of charismatic speakers who present their personal fringe views as mainstream Islamic teachings. If left unchallenged, they can mislead and manipulate audiences, particularly those who may lack the theological knowledge or critical thinking skills to assess such claims.

MWNUK CEO Baroness Shaista Gohir said: *"Violence and sexual abuse are serious issues affecting all communities, including Muslim communities. By promoting such views, Hoblos provides a framework for perpetrators to justify sexual violence and child abuse, wrongly believing their actions are acceptable in the eyes of God. At a time when the issue of sexual exploitation and Muslim/Pakistani grooming gangs is being widely debated, his statements only serve to fuel dangerous misconceptions that Islam condones such crimes. This not only harms victims but also reinforces damaging stereotypes about Muslim communities."*

The fact that individuals and organisations chose to platform such a speaker suggests a blatant disregard for the safety and rights of women and girls. If any of these organisations are registered charities, we urge the Charity Commission to investigate their actions, as promoting speakers with such views, risks harming their beneficiaries—many of whom will be women and girls.

Additional Information

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