



Minutes of the Regional Middlesex Ansarullah Q & A seminar on "Muslim Extremism"  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at the Hillingdon Community Centre, Royal Lane, Hillingdon

**Distinguished members of the panel:**

Dr CH. Ijaz Ur Rehman Saheb (chair), Naib Sadr (Awwal) Ansarullah UK

Professor Mirza Naseer Ahmad, Lecturer Jamia

John McDonnell, MP for Hayes and Hillingdon

Maulana Mashood Rana Saheb, Regional Missionary

Sohail Qureshi Saheb, Regional Nazim

The programme started with a short introduction by the chairman in which he thanked all those present for attending the event. He outlined the format that the event would take and explained that it was not a debating session but rather one that gives people the opportunity to ask questions on the topic of the day.

This was followed by the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Khalid Butt Saheb, with English translation by Abdus Salam Sookia.

The Regional Nazim and host of the event, Qureshi Saheb, gave a brief introduction of the Ahmadiyya Community and its work around the world. He also described some aspects of the life of its founder.

This was followed by the keynote speech given by Professor Saheb on the subject of "Muslim Extremism". In his learned discourse, he proceeded to describe in detail the misconceptions that the world at large has towards Islam. He explained what the true Islamic teachings were, as opposed to the views expressed in the media, which is a far cry from the religion of Islam.

The next event was the question and answer proper. In all 7 questions on different topics from Jihad in Islam to the situations of Palestinians and Iraqis were asked by members of the audience. These were read out by the main event organiser, Haider Hameed Saheb. All questions were expertly addressed by Professor Saheb, with the occasional remark or clarification made by Dr Ijaz Ur Rehman, when appropriate.

The last formal item on the programme was a vote of thanks by John McDonnell MP who emphasized the importance of holding these gatherings. He commended the Ahmadiyya Community for the proficient way in which it holds these types of meetings, not with a view to converting people but rather to promote peace and harmony within the community, by dispelling the myths about Islam.

The attendance, excluding children, was 85, of which 25 were non-Ahmadi guests.

The programme was brought to a close by silent prayer, followed by a dinner.

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