

# KEEP MOSQUES INDEPENDENT

*A JOINT RESPONSE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S  
PROPSOAL TO REGISTER, INSPECT, CONTROL AND  
MONITOR OUR MOSQUES AND MADRASSAS*



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## Context

The Government proposal to register Out-of-School teaching settings, as part of the PREVENT strategy will undoubtedly be selectively applied upon Mosques/Madrassas based upon a preconceived prejudice, that is built around politicised notions of “extremism” and “radicalisation.”

It has been revealed by the application of PREVENT in recent years that besides the rhetoric of preventing violence to protect the country, the reality of PREVENT is that it targets normative Islamic beliefs and practises. From asking for a prayer room at school, to organising protests in support of Palestine, to simply Google Searching “Khilafah” or criticising Western Foreign Policy; all of these are real examples of Muslim children being targeted and referred to the Government’s CHANNEL program where they are profiled as potential extremists.

The policy to register and inspect Mosques, is designed to push secular liberal British values in our institutions so that our children grow up with a “British” version of Islam and are loyal to Britain.

This state sanctioned intervention in our Mosque/Madrassas is designed to de-politicise Islam so that the future generation of Muslim children, no longer understand Islam as a deen and a comprehensive way of life, but as a secular religion where Islam is reformed like Christianity was to a personal faith, rather than a full way of life that offers an ideological alternative for society. We must reject state intervention in our Mosques so that our children continue learning the deen as our parents taught us.

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“So I can announce this today: If an institution is teaching children intensively, then whatever its religion, we will, like any other school, make it register so it can be inspected. And be in no doubt: if you are teaching intolerance, we will shut you down.”

David Cameron at the Conservative Party Conference on 7th October 2015

## CALL TO ACTION!

- 1 Sign the petition on [www.keepmosquesindependent.org](http://www.keepmosquesindependent.org)
- 2 Raise awareness of the Government’s proposal to register Mosques and warn the dangers of this policy to your friends and family
- 3 Encourage your Mosque to join the “Keep Mosques Independent” campaign



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## JOINT STATEMENT - SIGN ON [KEEPMOSQUESINDEPENDENT.ORG](http://KEEPMOSQUESINDEPENDENT.ORG)

1. That Cameron has misrepresented what occurs at mosques and maddrassas to pander to the right-wing of his party. Sadly in the current growing anti-Islamic environment it's become a trend amongst politicians to whip up support from within their party as well as amongst certain sections of society by exaggerating and playing to people's fears of Islam and Muslims.

2. That such statements are irresponsible and will foster fear and hatred towards Muslims and their institutions. This may result in mosques and maddrassas being attacked and thus endangering the safety of those children and adults who attend these places.

3. We believe that the British government are unduly encroaching upon the legitimate right of Muslims to teach their children their faith. This has been done lawfully for decades in the UK. Our teachers have to be DBS checked and they undergo training in safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults

4. Sadly with the fiasco over the Trojan horse issue which the select committee of the House of Commons found to be non-existent except one incident of one teacher who made an inappropriate remark in the staff room, we feel that such a measure of forcing mosques and maddrassas to be registered will be utilised by certain agenda driven politicians to push forward a "state sanctioned" Islam. Again this is unacceptable and is akin to the type of actions totalitarian governments like China undertake towards its religious minorities. Expecting them to register and then have their seminaries and places of worship constantly monitored.

5. We therefore believe that mosques and maddrassas should remain independent and free to teach Islam in a lawful manner as they currently are. We reject any proposals to register mosques and maddrassas, believing it to be a waste of time and playing politics with the Muslim community to appease anti-Islamic sentiments amongst certain sections of society. It's not appropriate nor necessary and Muslims have been teaching Islam in a lawful and productive manner for many years in the UK. Any improvements to the process should be developed by the Muslim community themselves.

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