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In Britain There Are a Number of Organizations Affiliated with Iran Which Deal with Exporting the Islamic Revolution. They Spread Shi'ite Islam, Glorify the Islamic Revolution's Ideology, Disseminate Hatred for Israel and the United States and Promote Iran's Political Agenda.



Sheikh Shabbir Hassanally, the most prominent figure in the English branch of the Iranian World AhlulBayt Islamic Assembly, one of the organizations affiliated with Iran, speaks at a conference held in London in February 2011 to mark the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution. He said he hoped the "cancerous tumor" [i.e., Israel] occupying Palestine would soon be removed. Left: The Iranian flag (YouTube).

Overview

Britain as an arena for exporting Iran's Islamic Revolution

1. The desire to export the Islamic Revolution to the entire Muslim nation, and even to all humanity, is **an integral part of the ideology of the Ayatollah Khomeini**, author of the Islamic Revolution in Iran. **His heir, Ali Khamenei, also aspires to export the Islamic Revolution** throughout the Middle East and to other locations. With Iranian leadership, they will work to **destroy what they consider the root of all evil: the great powers, which in their view corrupt the world, especially the United States (the Great Satan) and its ally Israel (the Little Satan).**

2. **In keeping with its policy of exporting the revolution, including to the Arab countries, Iran spreads radical Shi'ite Islam and hatred for the United States and its allies, the Jewish people in general and Israel in particular.** To that end Iran devotes great resources, and many agencies within the Iranian regime, **including the Quds Force**, are thus involved Iran regards those activities as furthering its strategic interests, especially **its desire for regional hegemony and for waging a global campaign against the West and Israel.**

3. In our assessment, for a variety of reasons Iran regards **Britain as an important site for exporting the revolution to the West.** It is one of America's main allies and **the conditions there are favorable for waging the battle of hearts and minds:** there is a large Muslim community and widespread media coverage, and British agencies are tolerant of that sort of activity. In addition, the Tehran **is deeply hostile to Britain** and the presence of many **anti-Israel organizations and networks in Britain** have made it the most important international center for the campaign to delegitimize Israel.

4. In Britain there are at least four organizations/institutions dealing with the dissemination of Shi'ite Islam, the ideology of Iran's Islamic Revolution and the Iranian regime's political agenda. **Two of them are in fact British offshoots of the Iranian regime and two are local British organizations affiliated with Iran.** The first two are headed by senior Iranian clerics, representatives of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. One of the local branches is headed by a man of Iranian descent living in the West and the other by a Pakistani Shi'ite. **The organizations represent themselves as independent**, but an inspection of their ideological, political and religious positions, and an examination of their activities, **indicate that they act as proxies for the Iranian regime and in our assessment are handled by Tehran to promote Iran's interests in Britain and the West in general and for exporting the revolution.**

5. The following are brief descriptions of these organizations and institutions operating in Britain which have close links to the Iranian regime. For full details see the Appendices:

1) **The World AhlulBayt Islamic Mission (AIM) in Britain** is an Iranian organization dealing with spreading Shi'ite Islam and the ideology of the **Ayatollah Khomeini to dozens of countries around the globe.** The organization, whose activities are directed by the office of the Supreme Leader Khamenei, is headed by **Hojjat al-Islam Muhammad Hassan Akhtari**, a cleric and one of

Hezbollah's co-founders. The dominant figure in the British AIM is **Sheikh Shabbir Hassanally**, who attracts support for the ideas of the Islamic Revolution and spreads hatred for Israel and the West. The British AIM is a participant in the campaign to delegitimize Israel and collaborates with far left British activists and groups as well as with groups and networks affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood.



2) **The Islamic Centre of England (ICEL)** is an organization affiliated with Iran, established in 1996 by the **Ayatollah Mohsen Araki**, who was Khamenei's representative in Britain. Its current head is the **Ayatollah Abd al-Hassan Moezi**, said to be Khamenei's representative. The organization spreads the ideology of Iran's Islamic Revolution and promotes Tehran's political agenda. The Islamic Centre of England also participates in the campaign to delegitimize Israel, including Iranian-oriented Jerusalem Day events.



3) **The Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC)** was established in London in 1997. Its stated objective is to promote the human rights of Muslims living in Britain.

In reality, it is active in the campaign to delegitimize Israel, including organizing Jerusalem Day events in London and participating in the anti-Israel BDS campaign. The IHRC is chaired by **Massoud Shadjareh**, a human rights activist of Iranian descent affiliated with the Iranian regime who moved his activities from UC Berkeley to London.



4) **Innovative Minds (Inminds)** is an organization operating in Britain since 2001 which maintains close ties to the IHRC and is affiliated with Iran. It is headed by **Abbas Panjwani, a Pakistani Shi'ite** living in Britain. The organization focuses its activities on BDS as part of the overall campaign to delegitimize Israel, and participates in Jerusalem Day events. To justify its boycott of Israel it uses fatwas issued by Shi'ite clerics.



6. In addition to the organizations in London noted above, **PressTV, the Iranian English-language television channel also operates in Britain.** Currently employing a staff of at least ten, it began its operations in London in 2006. Its broadcasts reflect the political and propaganda positions of the Iranian regime, including Holocaust denial. A senior member of the staff named **Roshwan Muhammed Salih** was interviewed in 2009. He said that the channel wanted to provide a forum for "legitimate" actors, those with whom the Western media do not deal, such as Hamas, Hezbollah and the forces opposing the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan (Hurryupharry website). The channel also provides a stage for anti-Israel British activists, including those affiliated with the far left who participate in the campaign to delegitimize Israel.¹ After Press TV violated British broadcasting laws in 2010, **its license was revoked** by the British Office of Communications (Ofcom). Nevertheless, **Press TV continues functioning**, although with limitations.²

7. In conclusion, the Iranian regime operates a series of organizations and activists in London dealing with exporting the Islamic Revolution. Their activities include anti-West, anti-Israel incitement and propaganda, converting Sunni Muslims to Shi'a, promoting Iranian-initiated anti-Israel events (Jerusalem Day) and participating in the activities of the organizations waging the campaign to delegitimize Israel (BDS, GM2J marches from neighboring territories to Israel's borders). The activities of the Iranian-affiliated organizations in Britain contribute to radicalizing the local Muslim population, which in any case is exposed to the activities and influence of the Muslim Brotherhood. So far the pro-Iranian human element in Britain has not been exploited for terrorist purposes, although past experience in other countries has shown that it might just be a matter of time.

¹One of the activists is George Galloway, an anti-Israel British MP and head of an organization called Viva Palestina, which focuses on sending convoys to Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Galloway hosted a program on Press TV to promote propaganda for the World March to Jerusalem on March 30, 2012.

²Sky TV satellites stopped broadcasting Press TV programs, but the broadcasting staff of the British branch continues producing programs.

The British Branch of the Islamic Ahl Al-Bayt World Assembly

Overview

1. **The Islamic Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly³** is an Iranian organization which spreads Shi'ite Islam and Khomeini's ideology in dozens of countries around the world. Its activities are directed by the office of the Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei as part of a **deliberate policy to export the Islamic Revolution**. The Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly is headed by **Hojjat al-Islam Muhammad Hassan Akhtari, a former Iranian ambassador to Syria**. Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly has a **branch in England** called **AhlulBayt Islamic Mission (AIM)**, founded in 2003. It spreads Shi'ite Islam and Khomeini's ideology. It has its own website (aimislam.co.uk) and organizes seminars and lectures.



Iranian president Ahmadinejad speaks at an Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly conference in Tehran, September 2011 (YouTube)



The AhlulBayt Islamic Mission homepage. The main posting dealing with Imad Mughniyeh, former head of Hezbollah's military-terrorist wing (AhlulBayt website)

2. The **Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly** is headed by **Hojjat al-Islam Muhammad Hassan Akhtari**, born 1942, graduate of the Theological Colleges of Najaf. In 1985

³The meaning of the term **Ahl Al-Bayt** is the "family of the prophet Muhammad." It has great significance in Shi'ite Islam, in that the **Shi'ites** regard Muhammad's family as the legitimate heirs of the Islamic nation, as opposed to the **Sunnis**, who claim that the **sahaba**, Muhammad's companions at the inception of Islam, are the rightful heirs to Islamic leadership, not necessarily his descendants.

replaced Ali Akbar Mohtashamipour, one of the founders of Hezbollah, as Iranian ambassador to Syria. During his residence in Damascus he continued supporting Hezbollah's efforts to promote its extensive social activities in Lebanon's Shi'ite community, part of Iran's policy of exporting the revolution. He negated he legitimacy of the State of Israel and denied the Holocaust in an interview with the Italian Corriere della Sera (December 14, 2008).



Hassan Akhtari (Al-Sharq Al-Awsat, May 15, 2012)



Ahl Al-Bayt World Assembly conference held in Tehran, September 2011. Right: Picture of Supreme Leader Khamenei (YouTube)

3. The British branch of Ahl Al-Bayt World Assembly, the AhlulBayt Islamic Mission, often collaborates with another pro-Iranian organization operating in Britain, the Islamic Centre of England (See below). Both organizations are linked to the Iranian regime and hold conferences in Britain to spread the ideology of the Islamic Revolution and promote Iran's political agenda.

Using the Internet to Spread Iranian Propaganda

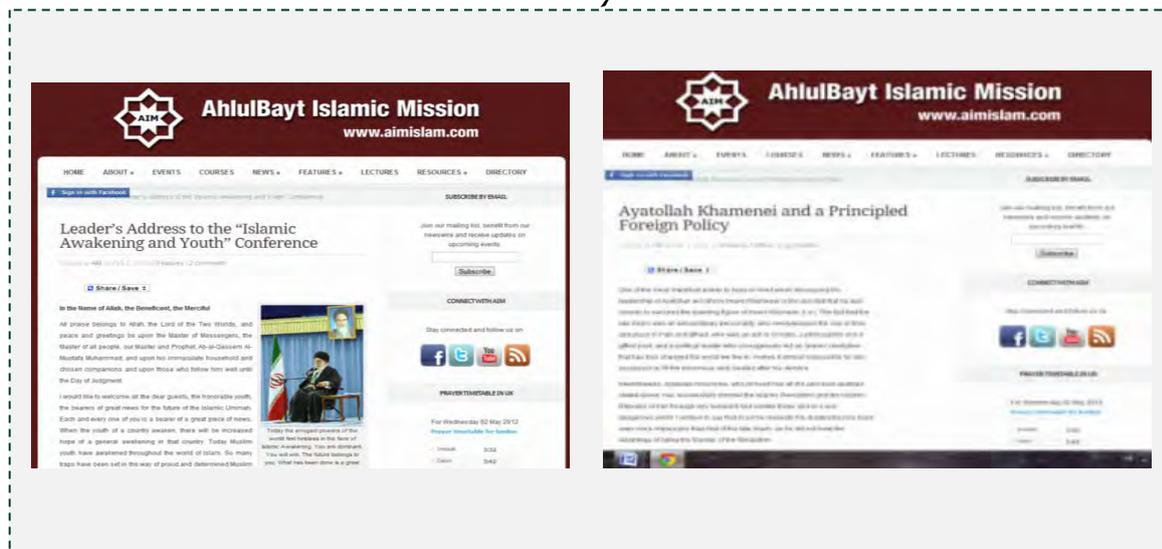
4. AIM exploits the Internet to disseminate Iranian ideology and propaganda. Some examples follow:

1) **Glorification of the Ayatollah Khomeini, leader of the Islamic Revolution, and his successor, Ali Khamenei:** In October 2011 the AIM website posted the English translation of a communiqué sent by Khamenei in which he discusses the duty of the hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) and describes the West as "arrogant" and its power as waning. It also posted the full translation of a speech given on February 2, 2012, in which Khamenei encouraged Muslim youth to act against the regimes in the Arab countries in view of the Arab Spring and the failure of the west.

2) **Support for the regime of Syria, Iran's ally, and defaming its rivals:** The site posted an article claiming that the Americans and Israelis were behind the riots in Syria. It stated that the riots were an integral part of the campaign against Iran to topple it as the central power in the Middle East. It also claimed that one facet of the West's campaign against Bashar Assad was representing him as a monster who slaughtered innocent civilians. In addition, it accused the Arabic media, especially Al-Jazeera TV and Al-Arabiya TV, of collaborating with the West to overthrow Assad's regime.

3) **Invective against the British government and the Western media:** An article was posted on the website attacking the decision of OFCOM, the regulatory agency charged with judging what news Britons are able to view, to ban the news broadcasts of Press TV, described as "anti-imperialist"⁴ (See Appendix V). Another article claimed that **The New York Times published lies about Iran's nuclear program, and that all the items published about the program were biased and baseless.**

⁴<http://www.aimislam.com/press-tv-ban-censorship-as-a-badge-of-honor/>



English translation of the speech given by Leader Khamenei encouraging Islamic youth to strengthen the "Islamic awakening" in the Middle East (February 2012).

Article praising the Ayatollah Khomeini (April 2011)

5. AIM also exploits YouTube to promote Iran's political agenda. For example, it has posted videos dealing with the oppression of Shi'ites in Bahrain and demonstrations in London against the Bahraini regime where people spoke in support of Khomeini. One of the videos quoted the Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi, a former member of the Iranian parliament under Khomeini, as saying the Muslims, both Shi'ite and Sunni, should help and support the Bahraini people in every way possible. Shirazi is a Holocaust denier, and claimed in September 2010 that the Jews invented the Holocaust to represent themselves as victims (Wikipedia, YouTube).

Sheikh Shabbir Hassanally, Prominent AIM Figure

6. A prominent figure in AIM is **Sheikh Shabbir Hassanally**. He is a cleric who appears as AIM spokesman at various conferences and occupies himself with anti-Israeli incitement in the spirit of Iranian policy. At an AIM conference in February 2001, held in collaboration with the Islamic Centre of England, he spoke standing next to an Iranian flag (See picture). **He praised the Islamic Revolution in Iran and described it as "a divine gift" for Muslims.** He also **expressed his hope that the "cancer [i.e., Israel] occupying our beloved Palestine will soon be removed," and approved of the murder of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat [who earned Hassanally's animosity by signing a peace treaty with Israel]** (YouTube website).



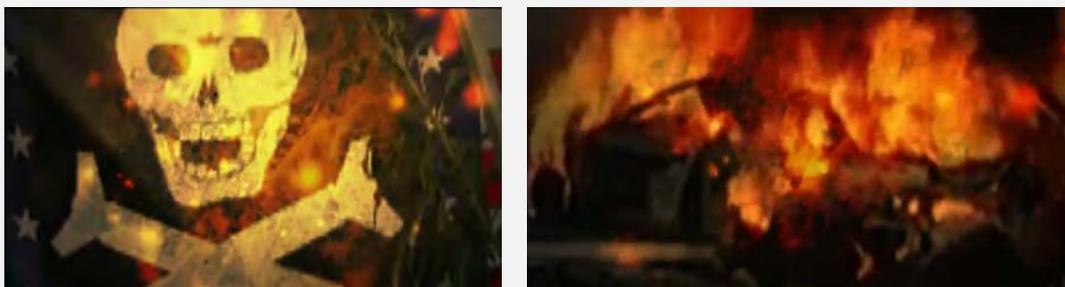
Sheikh Shabbir Hassanally defames Israel at a conference in February 2011. Left: the Iranian flag (YouTube)

7. Sheikh Hassanally has a blog where he posts videos of AIM conferences in London and videos supporting Bashar Assad's regime. **On March 31, 2011, he posted a video entitled "Get Out Of My Life – Persian -- Arabic and English – Message to Global Arrogance and Global Zionism,"** introduced as "A very simple message to global arrogance (led by the American government) and global Zionist from the free people of the World." **It ended with "America, you are Satan"** (Shabbir.hassanally.net website).

8. Pictures from the video:



The picture voiced over with the Dead or Alive song, "Get out of my house, get out of my life."



The burning car is supposed to symbolize the destruction wrought by the United States and Israel around the globe. The video has pictures from the Israeli operations in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip and from the war in Iraq.

AIM Involvement in Anti-Israel Activities in London

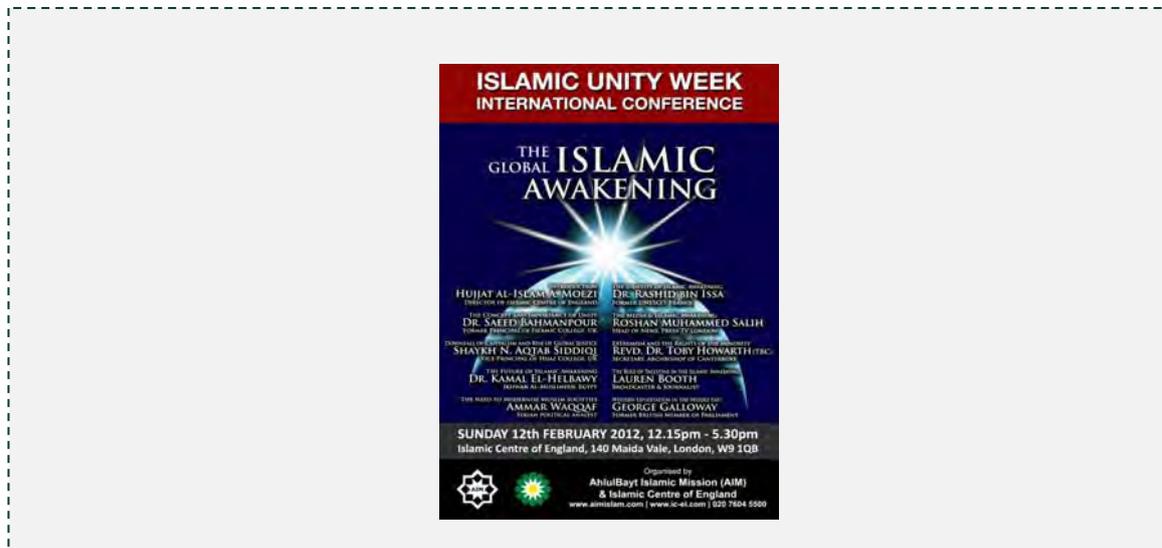
9. **London is a European and in fact world center** for the campaign being waged to delegitimize Israel, into which AIM is integrated. AIM takes part in the annual **Jerusalem Day** events, initiated and sponsored by Iran. During the events in London last year, held on August 21, 2011, **repeated calls were heard for the destruction of Israel, there were accusations that Israel had committed war crimes, demonstrations of solidarity with Hezbollah and support for Hamas and terrorism** ["resistance"].



A sign in Trafalgar Square, London, August 21, 2011
(Richard Millet's Blog website)

10. **Sheikh Shabbir Hassanally**, the most prominent figure in AIM, **was involved in organizing the so-called "Global March to Jerusalem" (GM2J) as part of the events of March 30, 2012. The AIM websites of GM2J are registered in his name. He was also listed as owner of the hosting server of the AIM and Global March to Jerusalem websites. AIM's involvement was a facet of Iran's more extensive involvement in the March 30 events and in general in the campaign to delegitimize Israel.**⁵

11. On **February 12, 2012**, a conference was held in London whose theme was "global Islamic awakening." It was organized by AIM and the Islamic Centre of England, two organizations affiliated with Iran. It was attended by radical Islamists, both Shi'ite and Sunni, as well as British activists affiliated with the left who collaborate with pro-Iranian organizations. One of the speakers was **George Galloway**, a far left anti-Israeli British MP, active in organizing convoys to the Gaza Strip and a WM2J participant. Another was **Lauren Booth**, half-sister to Cheri Blair, who converted to Islam, a television correspondent who broadcasts for Press TV, Iran's English-language channel. She is hostile to Israel and was active in the GM2J. A third was **Roshan Muhammed Salih**, head of news in London for Press TV.



Poster issued by AIM for the February 12, 2012 conference in London.

12. The themes of George Galloway's speech at the conference mentioned above were **hatred for Israel and support for the regimes of Iran and Bashar Assad**. He began his speech praising Allah (which might be an indication he has converted to

⁵For further information see the date bulletin "Iranian Involvement in the Marches to Israel's Borders Planned for March 30, 2012."

Islam), then praised the Islamic Revolution in Iran, denounced the Balfour Declaration [for the establishment of the Jewish national home] as a "crime," and called the establishment of the State of Israel a "white European colonial project." He stressed the suffering of the Palestinian refugees and accused Israel of "cleansing" Jerusalem of Christians and Muslims. He accused the West of exploiting the inhabitants of the Middle East and warned against attacking Iran. He expressed support for the regime of Bashar Assad and ended by saying **Allah was with them because they believed in him** (YouTube website).



George Galloway speaks at the conference (YouTube website)

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Appendix II

The Islamic Centre of England

1. **The Islamic Centre of England** was established in 1996 by **Ayatollah Mohsen Araki**, a senior Iranian cleric who studied and taught in the cities of Najaf and Qom. He was a member of Iran's Assembly of Experts and is a current member of the Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly, which has a branch in London, the AhlulBayt Islamic Mission (AIM). **In the 1990s he was Supreme Leader Khamenei's personal representative in London** and the head of the Islamic Centre of England until 2004, when he was succeeded by **Ayatollah Abdolhossein Moezi** (see below).

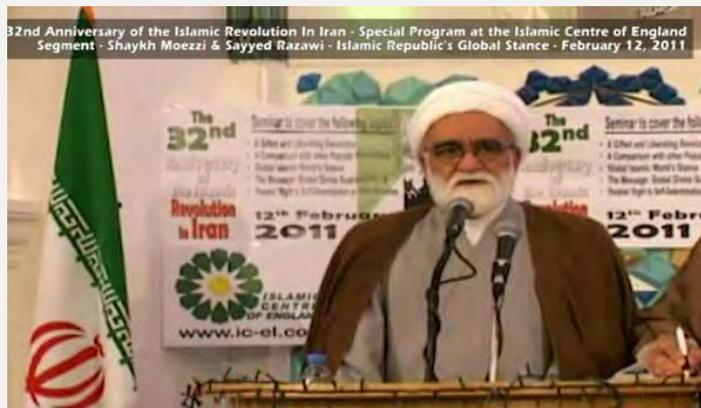


Ayatollah Mohsen Araki, the founder of the Islamic Centre of England (fa.wikipedia.org)

2. The Islamic Centre of England describes itself as **an educational, cultural, and spiritual institution for the Iranian community living outside of Iran**. In practice, however, it is involved in **exporting Iran's Islamic ideology and political agenda**. The Centre cooperates with the pro-Iranian **IHRC** (See below) in organizing Iran-sponsored **Jerusalem Day** activities in Britain, part of annual Jerusalem Day events around the globe.

Ayatollah Abdolhossein Moezi

3. **Ayatollah Abdolhossein Moezi is the director of the Islamic Centre of England**. During a conference held by that organization in June 2011 he was referred to as **Ayatollah Khamenei's representative in England** (YouTube). Moezi was granted the title of Ayatollah this past year. In June 2011 when the conference was held he was still Hojjat-ol-Eslam, one rank below Ayatollah.



Ayatollah Abdolhossein Moezi, the head of the Islamic Centre of England, giving a speech (in Farsi) at a conference held on February 12, 2011 to mark Islamic Revolution Day. Left: The Iranian flag (YouTube)

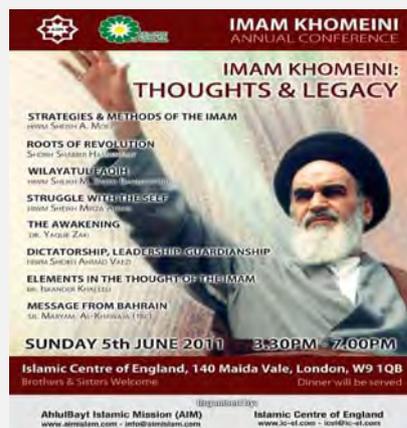
4. Remarks made by Ayatollah Moezi:

1) Speaking at a conference held by the Islamic Centre of England in June 2009 to commemorate Khomeini's life and work, Moezi praised Khomeini and referred to him as a source of inspiration for the world's oppressed Muslims, and as the one who revived the Islamic community by reestablishing Islam as a proactive religion opposing injustice and oppression (lc-el.com/en website).

2) Moezi was the first speaker at a seminar held on February 12, 2011 to mark the anniversary of Iran's Islamic Revolution. He said that the Islamic Revolution in Iran was a miracle. He added that the recent events in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya were proof that an event like the Islamic Revolution could occur again in other countries. **He thanked Ayatollah Khamenei** for his leadership and for Iran's success in overcoming difficulties (lc-el.com).



Invitation to the annual Imam Khomeini conference on June 3, 2012. The opening address was delivered by Sheikh Moezi (shafaqna.com)



Invitation to a June 5, 2011 conference about Khomeini's legacy, where Sheikh Moezi was one of the speakers. He spoke about "strategies and methods of the Imam". Some of the speakers spoke in Farsi (forum.internet-haganah.com).

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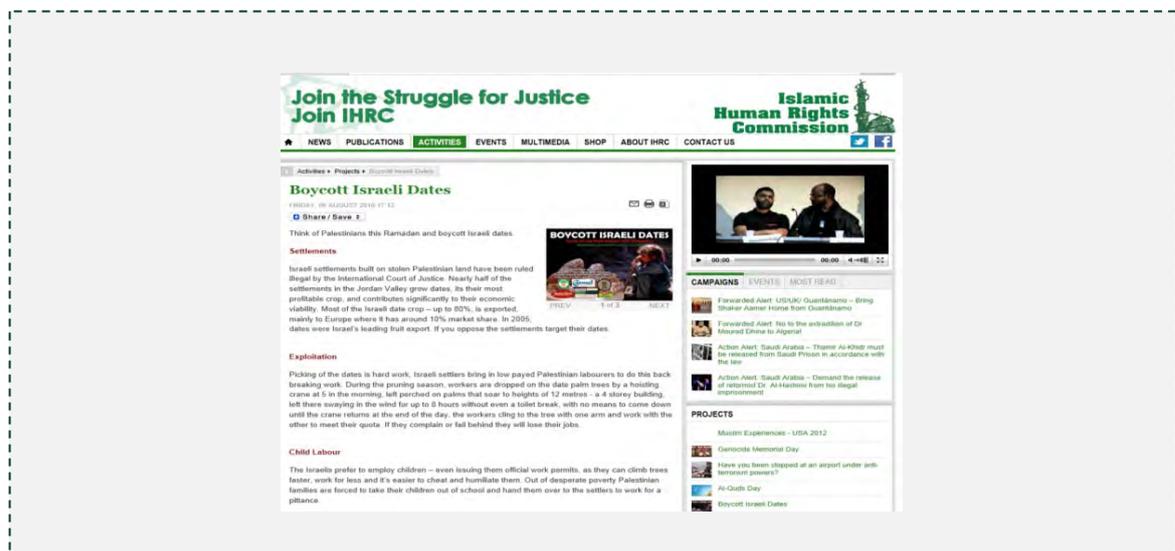
Appendix III

The Islamic Human Rights Commission

Overview

1. **The Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC)** is an Islamic organization affiliated with Iran, established in London in 1997. Its stated objective is to promote the rights of Britain's Muslims, which includes fighting Islamophobia and promoting anti-terrorism legislation. Its activities include writing papers, submitting reports to various countries and international organizations, monitoring the media, mapping war crimes, and publishing research on hate and discrimination. The IHRC (ihrc.org) **has the of a consultant for the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs** (en.wikipedia.org).

2. In practice, however, one of the focuses of the IHRC's activities is the campaign to delegitimize Israel, in which it collaborates with organizations affiliated with Iran, far left elements, and anti-Zionist organizations operating in Britain. The IHRC participates in the campaign to boycott Israel (BDS) and organizes the Jerusalem Day march in London.



The IHRC calls on its website readers to boycott Israel (Ihrc.org.uk website)

3. Behind its human rights veneer of serving as an advisory body to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the IHRC supports such terrorist organizations as Hezbollah and Hamas and is involved in strong anti-Israeli incitement. Speaking at a demonstration held in London in July 2006, IHRC leader **Masoud Shadjareh** called on the demonstrators to support

Hezbollah. In **May 2009** the IHRC issued a press release after a U.S. court found activists belonging to the Holy Land Foundation (HLF), a U.S.-based organization involved in transferring funds to Hamas, guilty of supporting Hamas. According to the release, the HLF had been **taken hostage by American Zionism** (lhrc.org.uk website). **Sympathy for Hezbollah** was expressed during the Jerusalem Day events organized by the IHRC in London in **2011** (See below). The IHRC, which ostensibly supports Muslim human rights, strongly opposed France's veil ban, saying it was a sign that France was taking another step towards fascism.⁶

IHRC Chairman Masoud Shadjareh



IHRC chairman Masoud Shadjareh (inminds.com, 2002)

4. **Masoud Shadjareh**, of Iranian origin, the leader of the IHRC, is a veteran human rights activist. **He sympathizes with the Iranian regime**, which abuses the human rights of the Iranian people. In 1971 he moved his center of activity from the University of California, Berkeley, to London.

5. **In 2002 he was quoted as saying that the two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians is not a solution at all, adding that Zionism is a racist ideology (Terrorism-information website).** In November 2010 the Venezuelan embassy in London hosted an event titled **“The Outbreak of the Intifada: Turning Back the Empire.”** The participants included Shadjareh, anti-Israeli radical leftists and radical Islamists involved in anti-Israeli activities (IHRC website).

⁶ “France’s Niqab ban another step towards state fascism, says IHRC” (IHRC website April 11, 2011).



The event hosted by the Venezuelan embassy in November 2010. Left to right: Masoud Shadjareh, far left activist George Galloway, Hamas and Muslim Brotherhood activist Dr. Azzam al-Tamimi (ihrc.org.uk)



Masoud Shadjareh at a conference of the Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly, held in Tehran in September 2011, interviewed on a just Islamic society driven by concern for the oppressed. One of the speakers at the conference was Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (www.youtube.com).

Organizing the International Jerusalem Day Events in London

6. The IHRC plays a major role in organizing the international Jerusalem Day events in London, one of similar events held in Iran and elsewhere in the world, initiated, organized and sponsored by the Iranian regime. The 2011 Jerusalem Day events were held in Britain on August 21. Some of the more prominent participants were radical Islamic organizations affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, far left organizations, two Lebanese-oriented organizations operating in Britain, and two anti-Zionist Orthodox Jewish organizations. During the main rally, held in London's

Trafalgar Square, the participants **carried posters saying “Death to Israel” and waved Hezbollah flags and posters.**



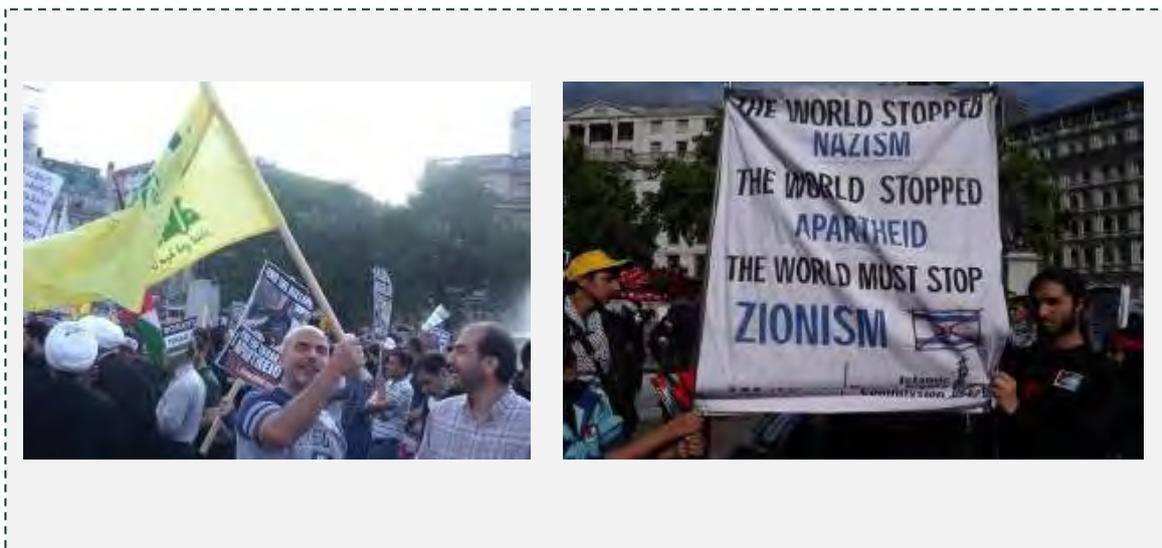
The IHRC issues an “event alert” on its website, calling on its readers to take part in Jerusalem Day (ihrc.org.uk)

7. There were various speakers at the Trafalgar Square rally. Among them were **Masoud Shadjareh, IHRC head**, and other anti-Israeli activists. The following are remarks from two of them:

1) **Lauren Booth**, half-sister of Cherie Blair (wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair), journalist and broadcaster, **works for Press TV, Iran's English TV channel**: In her speech she denounced what she referred to as “Israel's crimes” and shouted “Liberate Al-Quds.” **She supported Hamas and its so-called “right” to carry out terrorist attacks**: “And I want to remind everybody here who Hamas is. They are the elected government that the Gaza people elected **and they have a right to resist an occupation**. This is a right under international law, and **I say we back your resistance!** (Crowd cheers). **You resist! Do not stay in your homes and die under those bombs!** For we are not cowards, **we are Muslims!** And you will not kill us anymore without feeling the vengeance of the people that you oppress! (Crowd cheers and shouts “Allahu Akbar”) (YouTube).

2) **Dr. Abd al-Wahid, representative of the radical Islamic Liberation Party in Britain:**⁷ He spoke in **praise of jihad** and said that the Prophet Muhammad had encouraged jihad against despots. He spoke in **support of the “resistance fighters”** [i.e., terrorists] who were waging jihad against Israel to “liberate” their lands, but also said that in the end “Palestine” would eventually be “liberated” only by the regular armies of one or more of the states bordering Israel: “It needs one of those states, some of those states, around **to release their armies to liberate that land and then truly**, by Allah truly, then that region will see peace like it had in the past” (Hurryupharry website).

Solidarity with Hezbollah: Pictures from the Trafalgar Square Rally (from Richard Millet’s blog and YouTube)



⁷ **The Liberation Party (Hizbut Tahrir) is a radical Islamic party which is anti-Israeli, anti-Zionist.** It was founded in East Jerusalem in 1953 and supports the return to the Islam of the first generations through the reeducation of the masses. It is in favor of a return to the Caliphate. The party has branches throughout the Arab-Muslim world and in Western countries. It does not have a terrorist wing but has served as a hothouse for radical Islamic activists who were its members and transferred to activities in violent networks.



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Innovative Minds (INMINDS)

1. Innovative Minds (INMINDS) is an organization affiliated with Iran and has been operating in Britain since 2001. It works to promote the ideology and political agenda of the Iranian regime and to improve its image.



Part of a page from the INMINDS website about the art of the Islamic revolution. The text below the title reads: "Undoubtedly the single most significant success for the Muslim Ummah this century is the Islamic Revolution in Iran." Below is a picture of a vampire and the Capitol building in Washington, DC, with a caption reading "The Vampires of the West and East all feed on the Muslim Ummah." (INMINDS website)

2. INMINDS works intensively to promote **the economic boycott of Israel (BDS) as part of the campaign being waged to delegitimize Israel**. It organizes conferences and makes videos of BDS conferences which it uploads to its website. The organization also tries to dissuade reputable artists from performing in Israel. It has a close relationship with the IHRC, also affiliated with Iran, and participates in Jerusalem Day events, initiated and organized by the Iranian regime.



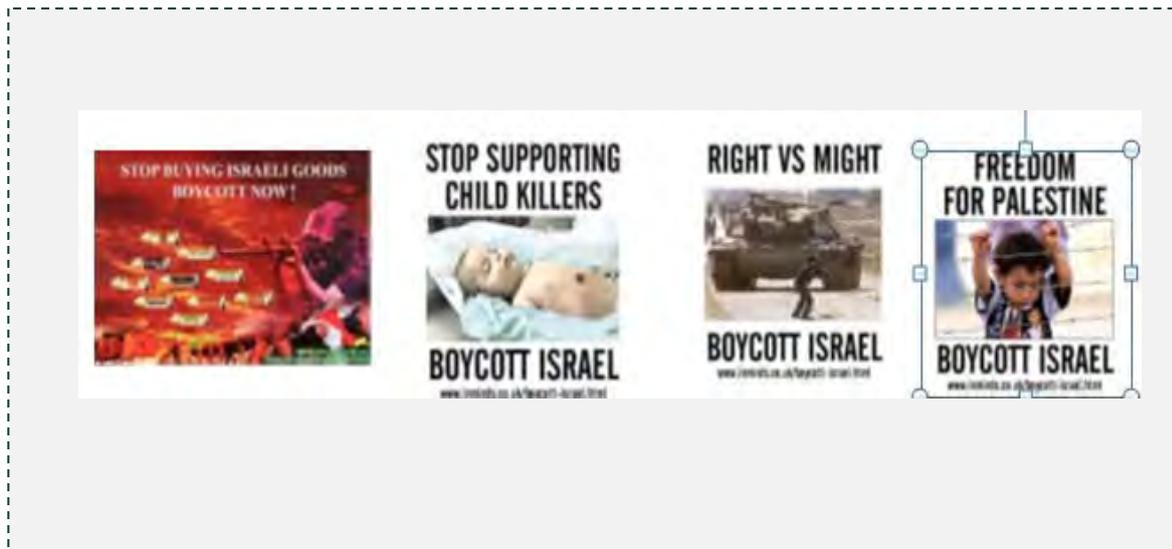
Posters calling for a boycott of Israel and participation in Jerusalem Day events (INMINDS website)

3. The **INMINDS** website has a database and details on companies that allegedly maintain commercial relationships with Israeli companies. **The organization uses arguments drawn from Islam to justify the boycott**, relying on fatwas given by Muslim clerics about boycotting Israel. Some of them are the Ayatollah Khomeini, Sheik Yousef al-Qaradawi, Sheik Fadlollah, and Ayatollah Ali Hosseini al-Sistani (all Shi'ites with the exception of Al-Qaradawi, who is affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood).

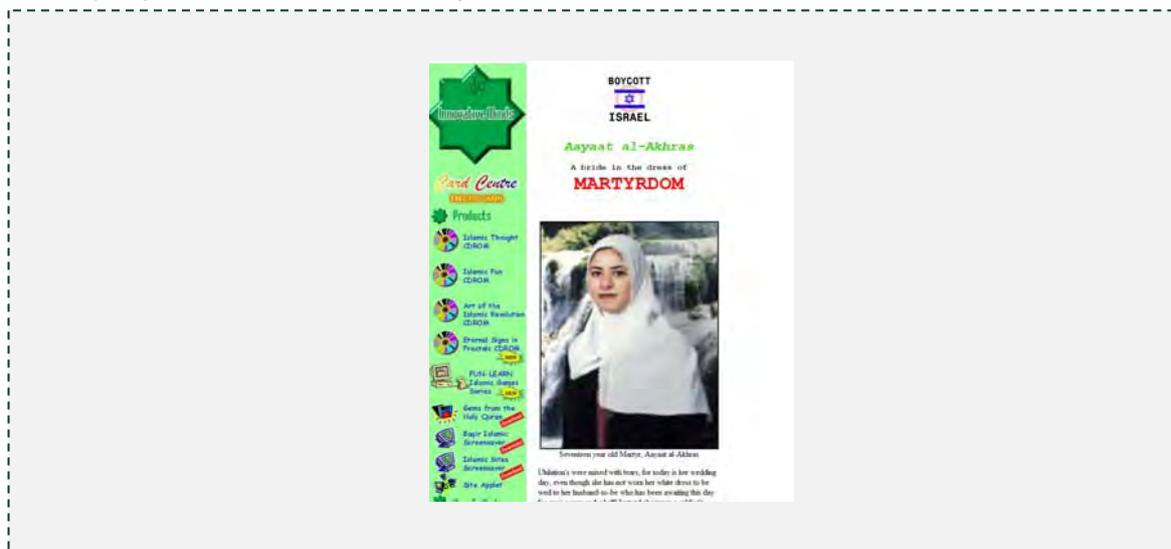


A fatwa issued by the Iraqi cleric Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, used to promote the boycott of Israel. While Al-Sistani is not a supporter of the Iranian regime, the Iranians use his fatwas because many Shi'ites respect him as the most important religious authority in the Shi'ite world.

4. The organization's website provides information about ways to hold protests or strikes to support the boycott of Israel, including details on the legal aspects involved. The organization uploads videos to YouTube and distributes propaganda leaflets to advise viewers and readers how to promote various aspects of the boycott, including in sports, the academic and cultural worlds, and economy. It designs high-quality, visually striking boycott posters which are extensively used during anti-Israeli demonstrations. For example:



5. The INMINDS website features an article **praising female suicide bomber Ayat al-Akhras** (under a graphic reading “Boycott Israel”). The article describes the day the suicide bomber blew herself up as her wedding day (INMINDS website). **Ayat al-Akhras** was a suicide bomber from Fatah's Tanzim **who blew herself up at a supermarket in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Kiryat Yovel** on March 29, 2002. Two people were killed and 22 injured.



Article about suicide bomber Ayat al-Akhras (INMINDS website)

Abbas Panjwani, Head of INMINDS

5. INMINDS is headed by Abbas Panjwani, a **Shi'ite resident of Britain, originally from Pakistan**, who is close to IHRC chairman Masoud Shadjareh (jepa.org). Panjwani can be seen in the following photograph (center), taken during Jerusalem Day events in London in 2006. Next to the poster on “peace” and “freedom” are the Hezbollah flag and a photograph of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah (Hurryupharry website).



Abbas Panjwani (center) at the 2006 Jerusalem Day events in London. The Hezbollah flag and a photograph of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah can be seen near the poster on “peace” and “freedom” (Hurryupharry website)

6. On May 14-15, 2008 Panjwani participated in **an international conference in Indonesia** titled “Freedom and the Right of Return: Palestine and 60 Years of Ethnic Cleansing.” The conference was attended by other British activists taking part in the campaign to delegitimize Israel, including **Dr. Daud Abdullah** (director of the Middle East Monitor, a British anti-Israeli organization) and **Masoud Shadjareh** (head of the Iran-affiliated IHRC). Two members of the **Hezbollah leadership** attended as well: **Sheik Ali Dughmush** (Hezbollah’s head of foreign relations) and **Dr. Mustafa Hajj Ali** (member of the Hezbollah political council) (Deraplankahbiru.multiply website).



Abbas Panjwani (left), with Dr. Daud Abdullah partly visible on the other side (from the blog of a pro-Palestinian Malaysian blogger)

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