



**THE CENTRE FOR
SOCIAL COHESION**

Clutha House
10 Storey's Gate
London
SW1P 3AY
Tel: 0207 222 8909
mail@socialcohesion.co.uk
www.socialcohesion.co.uk

**The Centre reveals Abu Qatada's talks on Jihad
Centre for Social Cohesion Press Briefing 18 June 2008**

The Centre for Social Cohesion has obtained and translated several Arabic-language recordings of talks given by Abu Qatada in the UK which demonstrate how he has repeatedly called for jihadist attacks on non-Muslims. Other preachers such as Abu Hamza and Abdullah Faisal have been convicted and jailed by British courts for giving similar talks.

Abu Qatada's sermons:

In one lecture 'Wajib al-Muslim' ('The Duty of Muslims') obtained by the CSC, Abu Qatada explicitly calls on Muslims to murder non-Muslims, saying that:

"Our countries have been infiltrated by kaffirs [non-Muslims]. It is *farid* [duty] for us to turn our swords on to them and kill them."

He adds:

"We must fight the kaffirs. We can't reason with them. We can't reach a compromise and we can't be friends."

In another recorded speech entitled 'Seerah' ('The Path') he launches a tirade against Christians and Jews while outlining his apocalyptic visions of the future, describing Christianity and Judaism as "devil worshipping" and saying:

"There will be a great battle against the *wathaniyah* [Jews and Christians] where the saviour will come back to this earth, the king with an army in the sky, killing the Jews, wipe them out, and rid of the planet of the Jews. Esa [Jesus] will return and spread peace; the majority that remain are those who believe in Esa."

He then tells his listeners that:

"In Jewish law, when a Jew enters a village in war or peace it is his duty to rape the land, take kill the men and turn the women into slaves. He will take the land and the money and that is what that religion says. This war is for existence, to exist or not exist."

In a third speech, titled 'Tark Shahwaat' ('The Path of Desire'), he openly encourages his listeners to undertake jihad, saying that the only way for Muslims to "have a khilafa is through jihad", saying that "a Muslim seeks death and longs for it" and that a "love of life" has corrupted Muslims:

"The dunya [love of life] is what is separating Muslims. For it they are fighting us and because of this, it is dividing [Muslims] and spreading immoral behaviour."

Further information on these and other pro-jihadist talks which are available online in the Centre's latest publication 'Virtual Caliphate: Islamic extremists and their websites'. The report is available online [here](#) and an executive summary is available [here](#).

Summary:

Abu Qatada has been detained for six years without trial while awaiting extradition to Jordan. This does not only undermine British traditions of liberty and justice but it is also un-necessary. On the basis of these and other recorded talks, the CSC believes Abu Qatada should be put on trial in a British court for supporting, encouraging and funding terrorism in the UK and abroad.

Press enquiries: 0207 222 8909 / 07538 248610 / pressoffice@socialcohesion.co.uk

The Centre for Social Cohesion is an independent think tank

***The Centre for Social Cohesion * Clutha House * 10 Storey's Gate * London * SW1P 3AY*
*0207 222 8909 * mail@socialcohesion.co.uk ***