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**School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) to Pay Ibrahim el-Moussaoui to Train Government and Police  
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**The Centre for Social Cohesion (CSC) can reveal that SOAS, which is part of the University of London, is planning to pay Islamist extremists to teach a course on political Islam between 23 and 27 March 2009. The CSC has been informed by SOAS that the course is aimed at educating Government officials and the Police.**

The list of speakers for the [course](#), for which attendees must pay up to £1890, contains two individuals who support terrorism and suicide bombing:

- Dr. Ibrahim el-Moussaoui
- Dr. Kamal Helbawy

According to CSC Researcher Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens:

“In their willingness to pay extremists like Dr. Helbawy and Dr. el-Moussaoui, SOAS are helping these men present themselves as mainstream figures. It is particularly worrying that the target audience includes Government officials and the Police, who may find themselves paying for advice on tackling terrorism from its very exponents.”

**Dr. Kamal Helbawy**

\*Dr. Helbawy is a leading member of the Muslim Brotherhood, a clerical Islamist organisation. Former U.S. National Security Adviser Richard A. Clarke has stated that Al-Qaeda are “descendants of the membership and ideology of the Muslim Brothers [Muslim Brotherhood].”

\*Dr. Helbawy is a supporter of Hamas suicide operations. In a recent [interview](#) on BBC Arabic, Dr. Helbawy justified the killing of Israeli children:

Dr. Kamal Helbawy: I condemn the targeting of any civilian, but incidentally, I believe that every Israeli civilian is a future soldier.

Interviewer: He is what?

Dr. Kamal Helbawy: A future soldier.

Interviewer: Even if he is two years old?

Dr. Kamal Helbawy: Even if he is a child. A child born in Israel is raised on the belief that [the Arabs] are like contemptible sheep, and that this is a land without a people, and they are a people without a land. They have very strange concepts. In elementary school, they pose the following math problem: "In your village, there are 100 Arabs. If you killed 40, how many Arabs would be left for you to kill?" This is taught in the Israeli curriculum. What would you say about that? Should a child studying this be considered a civilian? He is a future soldier.

**Dr Ibrahim el-Moussaoui**

\*Dr. el-Moussaoui was until recently one of the heads of al-Manar TV, the official media wing of Hezbollah. Al-Manar's official website has [described him](#) as a spokesman for Hezbollah as recently as 21 February 2009. Sky News has also [referred](#) to him as a Hezbollah spokesman.

\*In 2002, *The New Yorker* [reported](#) that Dr. Moussaoui said that Jews were "a lesion on the forehead of history".

\*In 2006, when el-Moussaoui was still head of al-Manar's foreign department, the U.S. Treasury Department [designated](#) al-Manar as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity. The designation states:

"In addition to supporting Hizballah, al Manar has also provided support to other designated Palestinian terrorist organizations, including the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, notably transferring tens of thousands of dollars for a PIJ-controlled charity. PIJ is listed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist and a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Government, and is also named on the European Union's list of terrorist entities."

\*[According](#) to The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, an al-Manar official has stated that the channel aims to "help people on the way to committing what you call in the West a suicide mission. [They are] meant to be the first step in the process of a freedom fighter operation."

\*In November 2008, Germany [banned](#) al-Manar because of its promotion of violence.

\*In 2004, France [banned](#) al-Manar due to its repeated incitements of racial hatred.

\*The channel has also been banned by European satellite providers, Eutelsat, Globecast, Hispasat and New Skies Satellite.

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