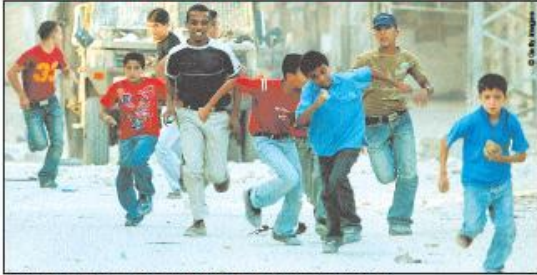


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This year's newsletter focuses on the terroristic actions of the Israeli authorities and links it to current discourses on terrorism.

Inside, we look at the [second annual Islamophobia Awards](#) , as well as other events across the year, including IHRC's support of the anti-war protests and movement. The newsletter gives updates on the newly launched [British Muslims Expectations of the Government](#) series, as well as the solidarity work IHRC has undertaken relating to Palestine, including its report on [House Demolitions and other atrocities](#)

The newsletter looks at the rise of Islamophobia in the UK and Europe, as well as matters relating to discriminatory policing. Key issues include the war on human rights by the USA administration as well as in the UK, as well as Muslim Profiling. IHRC's briefings and reports took on the project of [Hijab and Democracy](#) looking at the various bans and discriminatory policies sweeping Europe on the issue.

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It is the nature of all faiths, the source of all wars, that the weakest are the most vulnerable. The victims of terrorism are the weak, the innocent, the children.

The Islamic Human Rights Commission has been working to bring attention to the plight of these children and to demand that the international community stand up to the terrorists.

We are not just a religious organization, we are a human rights organization. We believe that every child has the right to a safe and secure future. We believe that every child has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. We believe that every child has the right to be protected from violence and fear.

On 12 September 2004, in the town of Bakaia, in the West Bank, a group of 15 children were killed. They were in a school, and they were being taught by their teachers. They were not soldiers, they were not terrorists, they were just children. They were just like you and I.

The Israeli army had entered the school, and they had opened fire. They had shot at the children, and they had killed them. They had taken away their lives, and they had taken away their future. They had taken away their innocence, and they had taken away their hope.

When a child is killed, it is not just the child who is lost, it is the family, it is the community, it is the future. When a child is killed, it is a tragedy that will never be forgotten. When a child is killed, it is a crime that will never be forgiven.

We demand that the international community condemn the terrorists. We demand that the international community stand up to the terrorists. We demand that the international community protect the children.

- To champion the rights and duties owed to human beings.
- To promote a new social and international order, based on truth, justice, righteousness and generosity, rather than selfish interests.
- To demand virtue and oppose wrongdoing in the exercise of power from whatever base the power derives - i.e. political, judicial, media, economic, military, personal, etc.).
- To gather information about, and to publicize, atrocities, oppression, discrimination, and other abuses of divinely-granted rights.
- To campaign for reforms, and to support the victims of such crimes.
- To campaign to bring the perpetrators and their accomplices to justice.
- To cooperate with other groups and individuals where such cooperation is likely to further the achievement

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