



# ISLAMIC HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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*“And what reason have you that you should not fight in the way of Allah and of the weak among the men and the women and the children, (and of) those who say: ‘O Lord! Cause us to go forth from this town, whose people are oppressors, and give us from Thee a guardian and give us from Thee a helper’.”*

***Holy Qur’an: Chapter 4, Verse 75***



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# Chairman's Statement

## *Bismillahi-Rahmanir-Rahim*

*Assalamu alaikum  
warahmatullahi  
wa barakatahu*

**My dear Friends,  
Campaigners and Supporters,**

This year marks the 25th anniversary of IHRC. While we look back at all the challenges and achievements, we thank Allah SWT and all our supporters for all these successes. It is amazing that our humble beginnings could result in such achievements. It was in 2001, when we wrote our first report identifying the Zionist regime as an apartheid and our participation and activities with Rabbis from Neturei Karta at the UN anti-racism conference in Durban S. Africa, resulted in the overwhelming vote by NGO forum in identifying the Zionist Regime as an



apartheid state. Since then, there have been many developments which have clearly exposed the apartheid nature of the regime. This has resulted in UN reports, B'Tselem, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International identifying it as an apartheid state. This means clearly the apartheid state, which has certain legal connotations and responsibility under international law. And this clearly means like S.Africa, apartheid cannot be reformed but has to be removed and replaced as the only way of ensuring creating a healthy environment where Muslims, Jews, Christians and others could build a united future. Until we do so, we will see further abuse being unleashed by the Zionist regime day in day out and especially as we witness in every Ramadan.

All we have to do is continue to stand for justice with our partners from difference communities and recognise the Zionist colonial apartheid regime is on its last legs. We are also facing many other challenges, not the least global Islamophobia and demonisation of Muslims and the promotion and strengthening of the environment of hate. We are witnessing this in UK, France's recent election, India and in many ways it is a global phenomenon, which if not challenged, it will only lead to genocide, in much greater scale than what we witnessed 30 years ago in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Our failure to learn the lessons then is one of the contributors of us sleep walking into possible genocide in the near the future.

We at IHRC are addressing the global need of standing for justice and human rights of all in places like Bahrain Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Nigeria, Libya and beyond, including China and the West. And at the same time, we are raising resources for the victims and their families in Palestine, Yemen, Nigeria, Myanmar as we recognise that it is our responsibility to address the immediate need as well as



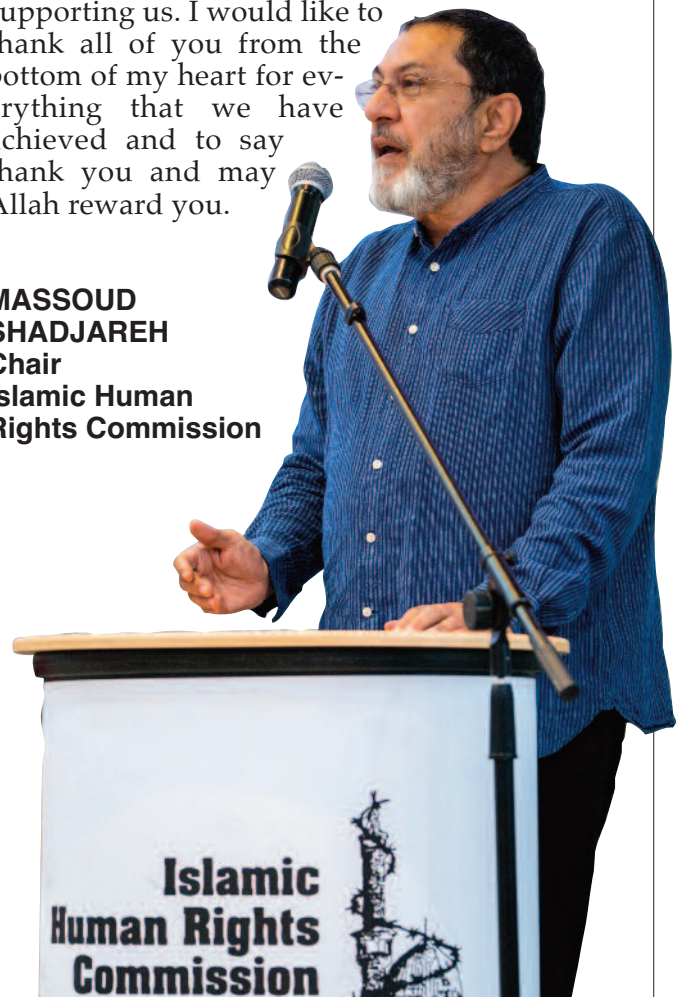
to campaign to stop the injustice and suffering.

Our work at the UN and the EU has ensured that our voice and the voice of justice would be heard in international arenas. We also work closely with our partners both nationally and internationally, especially the Universal Justice Network (UJN), Decolonial International Network (DIN) and now our new partner, Convivencia – a structure which unites Christians, Jews, Muslims and others to stand against colonial apartheid Zionist regime and all forms of racism.

Our high standard research work, which is recognised nationally and internationally is essential to create an understanding of how these injustices have and continue to take place. The whole collec-

tive and extensive work of IHRC would not have been possible, firstly without Allah’s blessing and support, and secondly from all the contributors and volunteers who have faithfully supporting us. I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for everything that we have achieved and to say thank you and may Allah reward you.

**MASSOUD SHADJAREH**  
**Chair**  
**Islamic Human Rights Commission**





# Events and Projects

IHRC holds a variety of events for a wide audience base, from children's books-based arts and crafts sessions and author evenings, to conferences on Islamophobia, and protests and vigils.

Our events are unique in nature. They create a space for decolonial, religious, cultural, academic and political topics to be discussed. It also allows us to highlight the human rights and humanitarian work that we are carrying out in various parts of the world via our research, campaigns, and advocacy departments.

As with the year before, the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to hold many of our events online.

## Al-Quds Day

In another pandemic blighted year the annual demo that sees thousands of people marching in London in support of Palestine and against Israeli apartheid did not go ahead. But that gave us an opportunity to mark the occasion in more creative ways and involve many more people.

Normally, each year millions of people join rallies in cities around the world to voice their support for the Palestinians and repeat their call for an end to the Zionist regime's atrocities and occupation of Palestine. But as people grappled with the effects of the pandemic, IHRC was keen to make sure it was



not at the expense of remembering the Palestinians.

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, this was another chance for activists around the world to be intuitive and come up with various activities to mark the occasion in a safe way.

We repeated our successful global #FlyTheFlag campaign from the year before which saw freedom seeking people from around the world raise the flag for Palestine in the last week before Al-Quds Day on the last Friday of Ramadan.

Along with other organisations IHRC called for people to fly a Palestinian flag in their window or on their car for the last 10 days of Ramadan to show their support for the people of Palestine. The call saw supporters challenging each other to display them in the most daring places, with lots of pictures showing up on social media. IHRC also asked people to share art and poetry from Palestine using social media.







## Islamophobia Conference

IHRC held its 8th annual Islamophobia Conference over the weekend of 11 and 12 December, to address the questions posed by Muslim participation in civic and political life in the so-called ‘West,’ including countries like the UK, the US, the European Union, Australia and Canada. Is it possible to tackle racism, Islamophobia and other injustices by working in the system, or must there be complete or near total refusal to work with governmental and other institutions of the state? What are the dilemmas Muslims face and what lessons can be learned from contemporary movements from various communities.

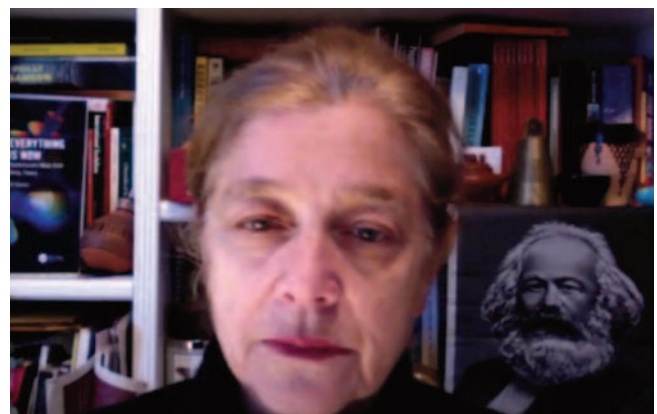
The event featured papers from Dr Abdul Wahid of Hizb ut-Tahrir, Shaykh Saeed Bahmanpour, Dr Amina Inloes, Massoud Shadjareh, Sandew Hira, Amal Abu-Bakare, Professor David Miller, Dr Sadek Hamid, Kasia NarKowicz, Lee Jasper, Arzu Merali, Reederwan Craayenstein, Fahad Ansari, Dr Rob Faure Walker, Sariya Cheruvalil-Contractor, Ramón Grosfoguel, Zareen Taj and Abed Choudhury.



## Genocide Memorial Day 2021

This year’s Genocide Memorial Day was held online on Sunday 16 January and focused on the problem of sanitising genocide and genocidal acts.

Wherever and whenever genocidal acts have been committed the perpetrators have made great efforts to conceal, justify or dress up their crimes. Slavery was justified as the white man’s burden, a humanitarian and even divinely mandated mission to civilise



people who were sub-human. Colonialism sought legitimacy on the same basis. In their home countries, the champions of these projects were decorated as heroes and histories were woven to beatify them. Even today, bloody imperial adventures such as the occupation of Afghanistan are defended under false pretexts of liberating women, nation building and promoting social progress. Israel continues to justify its brutal occupation of Palestine with the unqualified support of the west on the grounds that it is defending itself and fighting terrorism.

Genocide Memorial Day takes place on the third Sunday of January each year. It was started by IHRC in 2010 to commemorate past and ongoing genocides, and to raise awareness around genocide prevention. Since then events have taken place all over the world. For the GMD project, the act of remembrance is not limited by the background of either the victims or the perpetrators of any of the genocides.

This year's speakers were Prof Richard Falk, Prof Penny Green, Imam Dawud Walid, Prof Ramon Grosfoguel, Prof Ilan Pappé, Dr Bilal Ware and Bosnian survivor of the Srebrenica genocide Hasan Nuhanović.

## **PROTESTS AGAINST CITIZENSHIP BILL**

IHRC was part of a coalition of Black, Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, East & South East Asian, Latin American and anti-racist organisations who organised two national protests in London in January and February against the government's plans to introduce legislation designed to make easier the stripping of nationality from those with foreign ancestry. Dubbed the 'Citizenship Bill', the Nationality and Borders Bill would the Home Secretary the right to strip Britons with foreign ancestry of their nationality without notice. Approximately six million people in Britain - those born overseas or who have a parent born abroad - could be affected if the law comes into force. The Bill also targets migrants by giving Border Force officers powers to turn refugees away from the UK while at sea, and makes it a criminal offence to knowingly arrive in the UK without permis-

sion. At the demonstrations, IHRC chair Massoud Shadjareh joined the likes of ex Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn and civil rights campaigner Lee Jasper to speak out against the government's plans.

## **Children's Rights to Express Solidarity with Palestine**

May 2021 saw Israel launch another invasion of Gaza after Palestinians resisted the confiscation and demolition of their homes in Jerusalem. The deadly bombardment killed 253 Palestinians, including 66 children, and forced tens of thousands to flee their homes.

As children in the UK expressed support for Palestinians they were targeted. Some students were disciplined for wearing keffiyehs and holding Palestine flags during Israel's 11-day assault on Gaza in May. UK Education Minister Gavin Williamson even gave guidance to schools about how they should handle student protests in a move that sought to censor discussions on Palestine and control political conversations on the issue in schools. Several schoolteachers as well as some headteachers disciplined children for expressing solidarity with Palestinians.

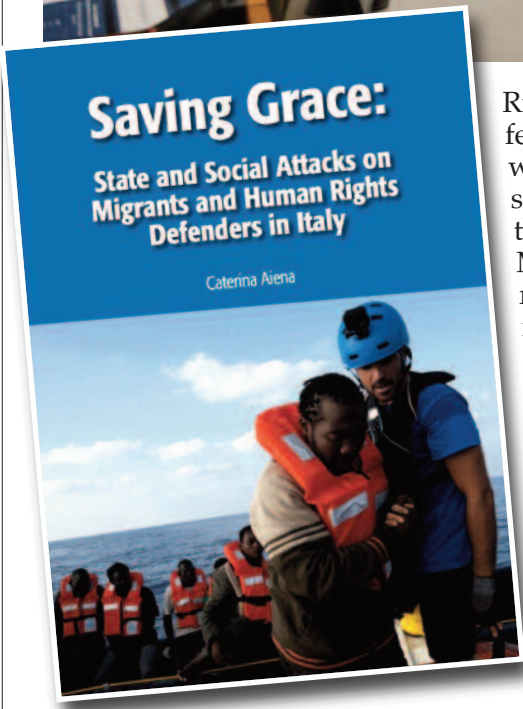
IHRC held a webinar of Thursday, 27 May to deal with the issue and to empower the children and the parents involved by looking at the concerns from legal, human rights, academic as well as educational perspectives. The event was chaired by Mick Napier (Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign). He was joined by Haim Bresheeth (author and academic), Massoud Shadjareh (IHRC), Mudassar Arani (Solicitor) and Raza Kazim (Teacher).

## **Launch of report on migrants and their supporters in Italy**

The launch of the report 'Saving Grace: Attacks on Migrants and Human Rights Defenders in Italy' took place online on 29 June 2021.

Participating in the event were the report's author Caterina Aiena, Michael Phoenix from the Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human





Rights Defenders, as well as representatives of the NGOs, Mediterranean Saving Humans, Proactiva Open Arms, Sea-Watch, and Palermo Manifesto.

Caterina Aiena's compelling report, based on IHRC fieldwork, is a robust analysis of international laws and obligations and contains practical recommendations.

In this hard hitting report Aiena lays out the operation and operationalisation of racism in political discourse and policy in Italy with specific reference to what has been dubbed the 'migrant crisis' accelerated by but not caused by the mass migrations that took place in and around 2015. This report seeks to expose both the perniciousness of the narratives employed, their utilisation of anti-Muslim and other racist and xenophobic tropes that now attach not simply to migrant, and other minoritised communities, but also activists and civil society working either in sea rescues (in full concordance with international law).

This event was organised as part of IHRC's work at the UN and the EU.

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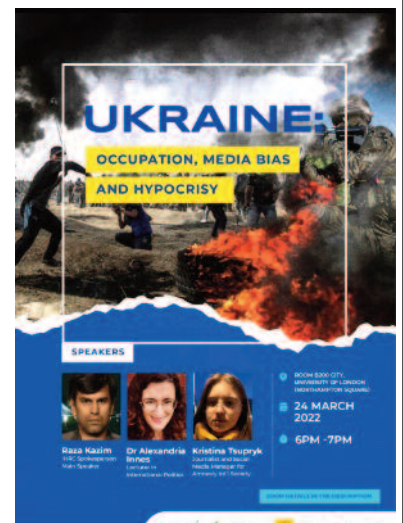
In March this year IHRC announced a new initiative focused on bringing together a group of individuals aged 18-25 to further their knowledge of current affairs. Each month, the group will discuss and analyse a relevant topic and at the end of each session will focus on related actions. The programme will consist of 6 in-person sessions



## Ukraine: Occupation, Media Bias and Hypocrisy

On 24 March 2022, we hosted a discussion at City University in London on the global response to the Russian invasion asking why Syria, Palestine and others have been left behind.

The conflict in Ukraine is the largest humanitarian crisis we have seen in Europe since WW2. It has sparked an immediate global mobilisation of sanctions, action and condemnation. Something we have not seen for preexisting crises in the Middle East and beyond. Coincidence? Hypocrisy?





# Campaigns

## Justice for Zakzaky

2021 was a pivotal year in the campaign to secure the release from illegal internment of Sheikh Ibrahim el-Zakzaky and his wife Mallimah Zeenah by the Nigerian authorities.

The couple were freed on 28 July 2021 after a six-year ordeal that began when they were shot during a Nigerian army massacre of supporters of the Islamic Movement in 2015 in which over 1000 innocent people are believed to have been killed.



Since their arrests, IHRC has campaigned relentlessly for the Nigerian authorities to free the couple. With the pair now free, our focus has shifted to moving them out of Nigeria to seek much needed specialist medical treatment. The Nigerian government refuses to restore the couple's passports and the couple are embroiled in another court battle to secure them.

We continue to follow closely the preliminary investigation into the Zaria massacre by the International Criminal Court.

An IHRC fund set up to help the victims of state violence against supporters of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria is going from strength to strength. So far, IHRC has raised approximately ..... to look after Nigeria's

neediest. However, many people are still waiting for urgent support, and IHRC is aiming to increase its fundraising target to £200,000 annually. The new funds will expand the existing programme to reach more families of unlawfully killed civilians in Nigeria. The list of documented unlawfully killed civilians stretches to at least 1,300 victims, with about 3,000-4,000 individual family members who desperately need support. A further 5,000 orphans belonging to 650 families also need urgent assistance.

## Campaign for democratisation and empowerment in Bahrain

IHRC has been highlighting human rights, racist and sectarian abuses taking place in Bahrain since 2006. Our campaign has sought to highlight the abuses of the state against opposition figures who are seeking greater democratization in Bahrain.

Our research and campaign has highlighted, amongst other things, the use of violence and torture against Bahraini pro-Democracy campaigners, the use of citizenship stripping against opposition figures and the use of mercenary forces to quell any popular grassroots movement critical of the government. We have published reports and briefings detailing this and many other human rights abuses by the Bahraini state.

Our campaign has included mobilising campaigners from around the world to speak out against the atrocities being committed by the state. Through our work we hope to hold the Bahraini government accountable for violating the rights of its citizens.

IHRC has raised the issue of the use of torture against Bahraini activists with the UN special rapporteur.

IHRC has been calling for the release of all political prisoners, including Dr Abduljalil al-Singace.

IHRC continues to oppose the continued use of citizenship deprivation by the Bahraini state as a way of punishing opposition figures.

IHRC continues to campaign for greater democratization and empowerment in Bahrain.

## Bosnia

After the break-up of the former Yugoslavia in 1992, the newly declared republic became the subject of irredentist claims by neighbouring Serbia and Croatia.

The subsequent war left an estimated 100,000 people killed and saw unspeakable atrocities including the re-emergence of concentration camps in Europe for the first time since World War Two.



At the height of the bloodletting, over 8000 unarmed men and boys seeking refuge in the UN protected “safe-haven” of Srebrenica were massacred in cold blood by Serb soldiers.

The gruesome episode remains a salutary reminder of the evil depths to which humanity can sink in the name of ethnocentric nationalism. It is also a grim warning of the precarious status of Muslim minorities in Europe, even those that appear to be well integrated.

As the passage of time makes the tragedy more and more distant, IHRC strives to keep the memory of the Bosnia War alive in a number of ways including remembering Bosnia in our Genocide Memorial Day that takes place every year and supplying resources to schools to help them teach students about Bosnia. We also featured an in-depth analysis of the precarious political situation in the country, written by Demir Mahmutcehajic for our in house quarterly magazine The Long View.

## Islamophobia in India

Within India the extremist Hindu Nationalist ideology; the “Hindutva” has risen rapidly within the last few decades, and in 2014 the far-right Hindutva party the BJP won an absolute majority within the Lok Sabha (Indian parliament). This fascist government has promoted hatred of religious minorities, particularly Islam, despite India having the third highest Muslim population of any country in the World. During this time, we have seen racist bills being passed, including the Citizens Amendment Act, which allows people from persecuted religious minorities to immigrate to India, as long as they are not Muslim. We have also seen an increase in Islamophobic mobs attacking, and in many cases killing Muslims. The police and other actors within the state legal system often make an effort to help these Hindutva mobs to either get away with, or get lighter sentences, for these crimes.

Anti-Muslim violence has escalated following the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Act, passed at the end of 2019. It made religion the primary criteria for acquiring Indian citizenship. The Act assures refuge to persecuted religious minorities, except Muslims, from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. This Act, read in conjunction with the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the National Population Register (NPR), is discriminatory and dangerous.

On April 13, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament adopted a report which raised concern regarding India’s human right violations in general and anti-Muslim policies including India’s Citizenship Amendment Act. The report “voices alarm regarding India’s Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is fundamentally discriminatory in nature against Muslims and dangerously divisive.” The report echoed UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and several UN Special Rapporteurs’ comments on India’s deteriorating human rights situation.

IHRC urged people to write to the members of the European Parliament to urge them to ratify the report and take the report’s





concerns into full consideration in their future cooperation plans with India.

In February 2022 IHRC issued an alert calling on the public to support Muslim schoolgirls who were banned from classes in the state of Karnataka because they wear the headscarf. We urged people to write to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation urging them to take action against or put pressure on the Indian government to protect the rights of Muslim girls.

In March this year we submitted a report on Islamophobia in India to the United Nations Universal Periodic Review.

## Kashmir

The population of Kashmir was promised a plebiscite to determine which of the newly formed countries it would prefer to join. However soon after Partition, the ruling monarch acceded to India, dragging Kashmir into an enduring occupation against the will of its people.

In the intervening years, tens of thousands of inhabitants have suffered unimaginable cruelty at the hands of Indian forces for resisting Delhi's rule including extra-judicial assassinations, systematic rape, disappearances, torture and imprisonment.

Recent years have seen the Nazi inspired Hindu-extremist Bharatiya Janata Party revoke the special status of occupied Kashmir as an autonomous state. It is feared the move is the first step in the party's plan to settle scores of Hindus in the Kashmir Valley to reduce its 97% Muslim majority. Critics have condemned earlier proposals which involved building heavily fortified colonies for

Hindus resembled Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories. Today, Kashmir is one of the most militarised places on earth with some 700,000 Indian troops occupying the state of twelve million mainly Muslim residents.

Meanwhile the international community seems to have forgotten about the plebiscite promise and the right of Kashmiris to self-determination.

In March 2022, we asked people to write to Cineworld and Empire Cinemas, demanding that they stop showing the anti-Muslim movie, Kashmir Files, and apologise for showing such an offensive and inflammatory movie. The movie purposely distorts facts in order to spread hatred towards the Muslims of Kashmir.

## Palestine

Ever since its creation on land expropriated from the indigenous inhabitants in 1948, the racist, apartheid state of Israel has been a festering symbol of colonial oppression.

With western powers aiding and abetting Palestinian dispossession and subjugation, it has been left to civil society to fight to uphold the rights of those who find themselves stateless, homeless, bereaved, maimed, imprisoned, assaulted and otherwise brutalised.

Every year we co-organise the Al-Quds Day demonstration in London that draws thousands of people to the capital to protest Israeli occupation and abuses.

We confront head on the efforts of the Zionist lobby in the UK to delegitimise or silence the Palestinian struggle.

We are active in the global Boycott, Di-





vestments and Sanctions campaign that seeks to replicate the success of the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa.

We publish research and organise conferences that contribute to the pressure on politicians to act against Israel.

And we raise money for the victims of Israeli violence.

In February 2022, IHRC condemned the reaction of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, amongst others, to Amnesty International report calling Israel's treatment of Palestinians "apartheid".

The report joined a slew of recent research including that by Human Rights Watch and B'Tselem accusing the Zionist state of treating Palestinians as an inferior racial group and discriminating against them in a manner that meets the definition of apartheid as a crime against humanity in international law.

Ever since at least the UN World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Durban in 2001, human rights groups such as IHRC have identified Israel as an apartheid state that subjects its Palestinian population to a differential set of laws and rights based on their religion and ethnicity.

But instead of accepting or critically engaging with the charge, the response from Zionist organisations has been to spring to Israel's defence in a knee-jerk manner that has come to typify their behaviour whenever Israel is criticised.

Also in February, we produced a video titled, "Apartheid State: Israel's Bullying Environment".

## Rohingya

The Rohingya are a distinct ethnic group, mostly Muslim, who have lived for centuries in the majority Buddhist Myanmar.

In 2017, the Myanmar government initiated a bloody campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Rohingya involving mass killings and systematic rape, forcing some 750,000 across the border into Bangladesh, already home to 300,000-500,000 refugees.

Our 2018 report into the pogrom accusing Myanmar of the crime of genocide, based on evidence compiled from escapee refugees who had escaped the pogrom, was submitted to the International Criminal Court.

In 2019 the International Criminal Court (ICC) began an investigation into Myanmar's forced deportation of Rohingya and related crimes against humanity.

In January 2020 the International Court of Justice (ICJ) imposed provisional measures on Myanmar to prevent genocide while it adjudicates alleged violations of the Genocide Convention. Myanmar has failed to comply with these measures and has also refused to allow the United Nations to investigate grave crimes inside the country.

In April 2022, IHRC urged supporters to write to the UK foreign minister Liz Truss, demanding that the UK formally recognises the treatment of the Rohingya as genocide. This followed the decision by the United States to recognise the persecution of the Rohingya as a genocide.

IHRC raises funds to help Rohingya refugees. In 2021

## Uighurs

IHRC has been highlighting the situation of China's Uighur Muslims since 2008. Our work has focused on the discriminatory policies of state as well as documenting persecution of communities because of their religious and ethnic identities.

Our work has included two reports which detailed many of the troubling policies of the state: from forcing Uighur women to marry Chinese men to a systematic policy of eradicating the Uighur Islamic identity. Our research on this topic has been shared at the UN and EU level and has been used to campaign to raise the profile of Uighur Muslims in China.

China has accepted that there are "re-education" camps in Xinjiang where Uighur Muslims are detained. IHRC is campaigning for all camps to be shut down immediately as they violate the rights and dignity of those detained.

Multiple testimonies attest to the systematic use of torture to extract confessions as well as force individuals to provide names of others practicing Islam.

Uighur families have testified that children have been removed and placed in "re-education" camps. This is being used as a means to re-engineer the Uighur identity.

## Yemen

24 million out of 30 million people in Yemen depend on food aid and medical aid. That is 80% of the population and to make matters worse, aid is not reaching them. This includes more than 12 million children that are malnourished and on the brink of starvation.

In an already crippled country, COVID-19 has decimated an already vulnerable population with four times the deaths from the disease than the global average. The country's humanitarian crisis is said to be the worst in the world due to widespread hunger, disease and attacks on civilians.

According to the UN at least 10,000 children have been killed or maimed since the beginning of the conflict, and thousands more

recruited into the fighting. An estimated 1.7 million children are internally displaced. The damage and closure of schools and hospitals has also disrupted access to education and health services. More than two million children are out of school, leaving them even more vulnerable.

The conflict has displaced more than one million people and given rise to cholera outbreaks, medicine shortages, and threats of famine. The global pandemic that has wreaked havoc even in some of the most industrialised and wealthiest nations is ravaging an already vulnerable population in Yemen. The war-torn country is seeing four times the deaths from the disease than the global average.

IHRC has been campaigning on behalf of the people of Yemen since 2015 when atrocities escalated in the country. Having special consultative status with the economic and social council of the UN, we have been highlighting the plight of the people who are caught in the crossfire of this tragic war.

Currently, the most affected and vulnerable populations in Sana'a and Al-Hudaydah are not being reached effectively. We have been focusing our efforts on the ground, delivering food aid to these two cities.

## Prisoner Packs

The Islamic Human Rights Commission once again distributed prisoner packs for both male and female prisoners in Ramadan.

Muslim prisoners have a difficult time practising their faith in prison. Lack of halal food, inadequate prayer facilities, difficulty in managing fasting as well as discrimination





from other prisoners are just some of the issues faced by Muslim prisoners. This is made worse by the sense of isolation from the Muslim community and their friends and family.

This year we supplied our fellow Muslims in prison with a Ramadan starter pack. Each pack contained items to help them make the most of Ramadan.

## **David Miller**

Following the dismissal in October 2021 of Professor Miller from his Bristol University after a concerted campaign by pro-Israeli groups opposed to his impeccable research in the areas of Islamophobia and Palestine, IHRC initiated a campaign to challenge the decision.

We organised a coalition of groups to write to Bristol University to protest the sacking.

We also coordinated with civil society organisations, scholars and activists from Malaysia who wrote to Bristol University threatening to lobby the Malaysian government to stop sending students there unless it reinstated the lecturer.

The letters said the capitulation to Israeli smear tactics threatened the free speech and safety of Muslim students.

Some 600 Malaysian students are currently enrolled at Bristol University making them the second largest overseas contingent. They and in many cases their government pay millions of pounds in fees.

## **Boycott Israeli Dates**

In March 2022, IHRC wrote to leading British supermarkets reminding them of their obligation under international law to ensure they do not sell dates produced by Israeli companies in occupied Palestinian territories.

It coincided with the approach of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan in which Muslims traditionally close the daily fast by consuming dates, supermarkets and stores everywhere will see an upsurge in sales of the fruit.

We also produced a video and our website urged people to boycott Israeli dates.

Israeli settlements built on stolen Palestinian land have been ruled illegal by the In-

ternational Court of Justice. 60% of Israel's dates are grown in these settlements, it's their most profitable crop contributing significantly to their economic viability. 80% of settlement dates are exported, the UK being Israel's 2nd largest market.



# Publications



## Muslim Experiences of Hatred and Discrimination in Germany

Published in May 2021, this latest contribution to the DHMIR series looks at the rise in Islamophobia in Germany, based on survey work recording Muslim experiences. The research overviews the history of Muslims in Germany, the nexus of contemporary issues they and other minoritized communities face.

Making a series of bold recommendations, this report is aimed at policy makers and those interested in tackling social inequality and injustice.

Using the Domination Hate Model of Intercultural Relations, the authors of this long-awaited analysis of Islamophobia in Germany charts the demise of the ideas of citizenship, equality and new Germanness.

The authors argue that Germany is uniquely poised in Europe to lead other nations in good practice or bad. The current situation is veering dangerously to the bad – with laws, policies and public rhetoric all imbued with and reproducing Islamophobic narrative and practice.

Alongside analysis, the research sets out

a comprehensive set of recommendations looking at media, policing, political narrative, citizenship laws, employment, education and many other aspects of the German state. It also presents fieldwork and statistics based on the DHMIR survey of the experiences of Muslims in Germany.

## Saving Grace: State and Social Attacks on Migrants and Human Rights Defenders in Italy

Published in May 2021, Caterina Aiena's compelling report, based on IHRC fieldwork, a robust analysis of international laws and obligations and practical recommendations, is a must read for anyone interested in the so-called 'migrant crisis'.

Conceived under "Salvini's rule", this report responds to the compelling need of understanding how and when, suddenly, Italy has discovered itself as one of the most racist countries in civilized Europe. Poisoned by incendiary tones and daily brutality by the ever-growing far-right and populist national parties and movements, Italian society unveiled an aggressive and violent face, in contrast to the frame of "Italiani brava gente"

("Italians decent people"), evocative in the collective imaginary of a somewhat "indefinite Italian-styled" humanitarianism and sympathy to the others. The problem of 'racism and hate speech' is a social emergency in Italy. Consistently, Italy has experienced an increase in the number of reported 'hate crimes' based on ethnicity and religion. In this context, NGOs have been increasingly targeted by punitive measures by the political elite and by smear campaigns often exploited by compliant biased traditional and social media. The main objective of this report is to provide a rounded picture of the country and its out-of-sight internal dynamics that have irreversibly modified the cultural fabric and the traditional value system of reference. In addition, this report attempts to lay out the operation and operationalisation of racism in political discourse and policy in Italy, accelerated by but not caused by the mass migrations that took place in the last decade. It also provides a legal overview of Italy's international obligations.

### **Israeli intelligence is not fit for purpose – end security cooperation with the Zionist state**

This November 2021 briefing was prompted by Israel's classification of six Palestinian NGO's as "terrorist" in the Zionist state's unrelenting drive to delegitimise opposition to its human rights abuses.

The affected organisations, Al-Haq, Ad-dameer, the Bisan Center for Research and Development, the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees, Defense for Children International-Palestine and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees are widely seen as the creme de la creme of the human rights community in Palestine.

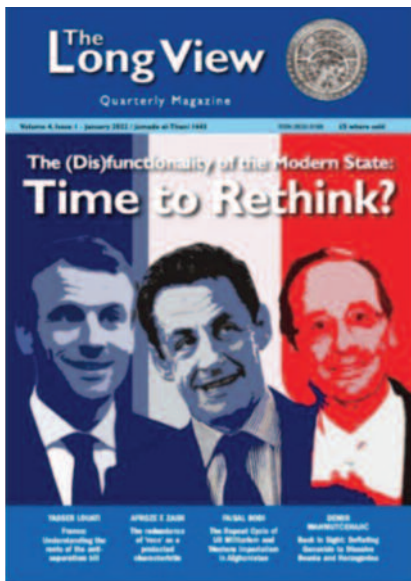
Our briefing argues that based on historical precedents, it is incumbent on governments to resist accepting at face value what Israel deems to be criminal. Far from being based on any evidence, the designation is a stratagem to shield the apartheid state from criticism and tar its critics. The way in which Israel classifies groups and individuals as terrorist or criminal owes more to political expedience than actual fact.

### **United Nations UPR submissions**

In March 2022 IHRC prepared a series of reports for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (41st Session) . The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique process which involves a periodic review of the human rights records of all 193 UN Member States. The UPR is a significant innovation of the Human Rights Council which is based on equal treatment for all countries. It provides an opportunity for all States to declare what actions they have taken to improve the human rights situations in their countries and to overcome challenges to the enjoyment of human rights. The UPR also includes a sharing of best human rights practices around the globe. Currently, no other mechanism of this kind exists.

### **UK**

The main cross-cutting issue of concern for IHRC is the instrumentalization and reproduction of Islamophobic and racist narratives by the elite members of the government, institutions, media and think tanks which are then implemented in policy and law. This report specifically highlights a number of areas where we feel the UK government has undercut previous gains or entrenched further draconian measures. This includes but is not limited to the introduction of further legislation both within and outside the counter-terrorism framework that criminalises discrete groups; undermined the independence of commissioners and review bodies and processes by appointing figures who have openly questioned human rights and equalities norms and / or made discriminatory and or racist statements; re-produced policy and narratives that are discriminatory and exclusionary. Additionally, we note that these measures are shrinking civil society space at an alarming rate and excluding, demonising and in some cases attempting to criminalize wide-ranging civil society voices, particularly but not solely from Muslim communities.



## Human Rights and Racism in the Netherlands

This submission argues highlights the three issues relating to racism that have dominated human rights concerns in the Netherlands in recent years.

1. Police violence and ethnic profiling
2. The campaign against the abolition of Black Pete.
3. Violence and islamophobia

## Bahrain

Pursuant to the 2017 UPR, concerns persist about Bahrain's continued violations of human rights. Bahrain's government has continued its campaign of repression against its own citizens in the last eleven years from the start of the Bahraini national protest movement, driven by calls for the respect for human rights, democratic reforms and an end to corruption. The current report is concerned with human rights violations in the following areas: State's violence and impunity, ad-hoc measures enforced through violence and human rights violations that have been entrenched into Bahraini law with the objective of suppressing any form of dissent, the not fit for purpose oversight mechanism through the MOI Ombudsman's service that has failed to hold police accountable, and the de facto immunity from prosecution of the senior-level officer cadre.

## India

Since the 2017 UPR, India's ideologically driven Hindu supremacist ruling party, the BJP, has continued its discriminatory and delegitimising policies against the country's Muslim minority by means of enacting legislation, vilification, and promoting hatred and violence at national and regional levels. The accelerating Islamophobia threatens genocide against Muslims with the aim of engineering a Hindu rashtra (nation). This submission highlighted the raft of laws that India has brought in over the last four years that are clearly intended to undermine the rights of the country's Muslim minority.

## The Long View

IHRC's quarterly magazine, The Long View, moved into the fourth year of publication. As the name suggests, the essays commissioned for this journal aim to look in depth and look forward. The Long View attempts to provide a space for thinkers to analyse in the long term and (kick)start or continue conversations on the same. Essays this year covered major themes such as Islamophobia, War on Terror, Palestine and Muslim engagement in politics.



# Legal and Advocacy

**S**ince 1997, IHRC has been at the forefront of tackling anti-Muslim discrimination and prejudice. From the very outset of our operations we have helped many people. Over the years we have expanded the support we provide.

The IHRC Advocacy team supports people who have been the victims of racial or religious discrimination. We support people to identify relevant issues / who to complain to, draft the complaint itself, and give representation, where this is necessary.

IHRC Legal was launched in 2014 to help people with employment discrimination and immigration matters. We advise on the full range of immigration applications to the Home Office and also any matters relating to discrimination. IHRC Legal is regulated by the UK government regulator, Office of Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC).

This being the seventh year of operations, we have seen a caseload of mainly UK immigration law work with excellent outcomes. The overwhelming majority of our cases resulted in positive outcomes for our clients.

IHRC Legal has helped 189 individuals (adults and children) who did not have status in the UK, obtain permission to remain in the UK.

IHRC Legal has helped 31 destitute individuals (adults and children) who had leave to remain in the UK, but did not have permission to access public funds/benefits, remove the aforementioned restriction from their leave to remain.

IHRC Legal has successfully applied for Home Office fee waivers amounting to £411,466 on behalf of 234 individuals (adults

and children). This means that our clients have not had to pay thousands of pounds in exorbitant Home Office fees when applying for or renewing their leave to remain in the UK.

Despite IHRC Legal assisting many families apply successfully for fee waiver, the costs of preparing and submitting applications can be prohibitive for some individuals, particularly those who are destitute and do not have status in the UK (thereby preventing them from working or claiming benefits).

## Case Study:

This year we supported Ahmed.

Ahmed came to the UK in 1998 and claimed asylum as he could not go home due to the political situation there. This was refused but he was later granted discretionary leave to remain (DLR) in 2011.

Ahmed is not married and does not have any family in the UK. Ahmed has been diagnosed with cancer and will need surgery. He has been unable to work owing to his deteriorating health.

Due to his health problems and financial difficulties, Ahmed was not able to raise the Home Office fees of £2612 and so his leave to remain lapsed: this means he is no longer allowed to work, access benefits or receive healthcare for free.

Ahmed was directed to IHRC Legal. We submitted a fee waiver application and leave to remain application as soon as possible, stressing his health and financial difficulties. The Home Office granted his fee waiver – which meant he did not have to pay them



£2612. They also granted him his leave to remain application – which meant he could access life-saving treatment for free.

## Case study

IHRC has been supporting the case of a Jewish asylum seeker who is fighting to be recognised as a refugee and call out the systemic racial bias of the Zionist state.

The Haredi rabbinical student, known only as MF for his own protection, fled Israel after being beaten, spat on by Israel police officers and also sprayed with skunk water for taking part in anti-Zionist protests. As a conscientious objector he would face arrest, imprisonment and further violence were he to return to Israel and refuse to be conscripted into the country's armed forces.

MF was initially refused asylum in the UK. He appealed against a Home Office decision to refuse asylum. A tribunal accepted that were the 22-year old to be returned to Israel, he would be subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment and risk suffering a relapse of his mental condition. However, they did not recognise him as a refugee.

Although the decision means MF can now safely remain in Britain for a limited period of time (he has not been granted asylum), he believes that in allowing his appeal on the basis of his poor health the Tribunal failed to address the persecution he faced and skirted the real reason he opposes conscription.

"While I welcome the Tribunal's decision to allow me to remain in the UK, I am saddened that it centred its decision around my mental health rather than the persecutory nature of Zionism," he said.

As an apartheid state that systemically persecutes Palestinians, MF claims he would risk being complicit in war crimes were he to serve in the military. Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, the International Human Rights Clinic at Harvard Law School, as well as the Israeli NGO B'tselem and Palestinian NGOs Al-Haq, Al Mezan, and BADIL, have all explicitly described Israel as an apartheid regime that systematically carries out human rights abuses against Palestinians.

MF's lawyers have now lodged an appeal against the decision, asking judges to re-

assess MF's specific asylum claim and to consider the wider issue of Israeli apartheid, a legal concept codified in the 2002 Rome Statute and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.

IHRC supported MF identify appropriate legal counsel. They also raised funds for his appeal and raised awareness of his case. IHRC continue to support MF, and will fight to make the UK government recognise the need to grant asylum to those fleeing persecution in Israel.

## Nazim Ali case

IHRC has been supporting the case of Nazim Ali since 2017. His case has seen police investigations, private prosecutions, complaints mechanisms, tribunal hearings and two high court cases. Despite the multiple victories by Ali, his case continues.

IHRC believes his case could set a chilling precedent, one which will silence pro-Palestine activism for fear of regulatory action.

We continue to support Ali to make sure those fighting for Palestinian rights are not silenced.

## Legal fund

IHRC Legal, in collaboration with IHRC Trust, has established the "Legal Fund", which invites donations (including Zakat and Sadaqah) to allow us to help some of the most vulnerable in society regularises their immigration status.

Currently, the Legal Fund is able to offer, subject to funding, grants to individuals who have no income or are on low income, and they

- Do not have leave to remain in the UK, but have reasonable prospects of succeeding with an application to the Home Office, and their immigration case is not covered by legal aid; or
- Have leave to remain but are subject to a condition preventing them from accessing public funds/benefits

The Legal Fund will seek to cover the costs of:



- Immigration application fees (where a fee waiver does not apply)
- IHRC Legal's professional legal fees
- Other disbursements, where appropriate, such as expert reports, translations etc

The aim of the grant is to help individuals on low incomes submit meritorious applications to the Home Office so that they can regularise their stay in the UK, work, access public services (education, healthcare etc) and claim public funds. Those already with leave can apply to remove restrictions on their status ("no public funds") so that they can supplement their income with benefits. This being particularly pertinent during Covid-19 pandemic and/or during an economic downturn.

**If you wish to donate to the Legal Fund please visit <https://donations.ihrc.org.uk>. If you wish to be considered for a grant or wish to refer a case for consideration, please contact IHRC Legal at [legal\[at\]ihrc.org](mailto:legal@ihrc.org) or 020 8904 4222.**



# Bookshop and Gallery



**A**s the lockdown eased in 2021 we slowly resumed our usual repertoire of events which had been restricted to an online presence during the previous two years.

The bookshop and gallery hosts a variety of events for a wide audience base, from children's books-based arts and crafts sessions and author evenings, to conferences on Islamophobia, and protests and vigils.

We provide opportunities for new and upcoming authors & artists to be launched and promoted via our events. Our events are unique in nature where we have created a space for decolonial, religious, cultural, academic and political topics to be discussed. It also allows us to highlight the human rights and humanitarian work that we are carrying out in various parts of the world via our research, campaigns, and advocacy departments.

## Author evening with Leroy Logan

We were delighted to host Leroy Logan to discuss his book *Closing Ranks: My Life as a Cop*, on 14 September 2021. In *Closing Ranks*, Leroy describes his 30 eventful years in the Metropolitan Police. Born in 1957 to Jamaican parents, Leroy is a proud Londoner, a staunch Gooner, an advocate for good relationships between the police and Britain's minority ethnic communities, a mentor to young people, and an advisor on knife crime. *Closing Ranks* is a history lesson in race relations in modern-day Britain

## Author evening with Dr Rob Faure Walker

On Tuesday 12 October 2021, IHRC hosted an author evening with Dr Rob Faure Walker for his book "The Emergence of Extremism: Exposing the Violent Discourse and Language of 'Radicalisation'"

## Vaccination Hesitancy: Q&A Session

Join us for a Q&A session to discuss vaccine hesitancy from a medical and Islamic perspective.

Speaker: Dr Tawfique Chowdhury (Consultant of Emergency Medicine and Chairman of Mercy Mission Worldwide)

The event is organized by Islamic Human Rights Commission and Bradford Foundation Trust



WHEN: Thursday, 14 October 2021, 3pm (UK time)

WHERE: IHRC TV, Facebook and YouTube - see website below for links to join the live Q&A

How to send in your questions


- Email [events@ihrc.org](mailto:events@ihrc.org) (put 'vaccine q&a' in subject line)
- Via the IHRC Instagram page: @ihrcbookshop
- Send in your questions during the live event on FB or YT

For more information, visit: [www.ihrc.org.uk](http://www.ihrc.org.uk)



## AUTHOR EVENING

with **Dr Rob Faure Walker**



**THE EMERGENCE OF EXTREMISM**


Tuesday, 12 October 2021, 6.30pm BST

Live on **IHRC TV** [www.ihrc.tv](http://www.ihrc.tv)

YouTube Facebook


Purchase **THE EMERGENCE OF EXTREMISM** from [shop.ihrc.org](http://shop.ihrc.org)

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## AUTHOR EVENING

with **Samia Khatun**



Hosted by Talha Ahsan

Thursday, 18 November, 2021, 6.45pm (UK time)

**IHRC Bookshop**  
202 Preston Road, Wembley, HA9 8PA


**FREE EVENT**  
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The idea that the expression of radical beliefs is a predictor to future acts of political violence has been a central tenet of counter-extremism over the last two decades. Not only has this imposed a duty upon doctors, lecturers and teachers to inform on the radical beliefs of their patients and students but, as this book argues, it is also a fundamentally flawed concept. Informed by his own experience with the UK's Prevent programme while teaching in a Muslim community, Rob Faure Walker explores the linguistic emergence of 'extremism' in political discourse and the potentially damaging generative effect of this language. This is a critique of the most pernicious aspects of the global War on Terror, those that are embedded in our everyday language and political discourse.

### Q&A on Vaccination Hesitancy

On 14 October 2021, IHRC teamed up with Bradford Foundation Trust for an online Q&A discussion on vaccine hesitancy from a medical and Islamic perspective. Vaccine hesitancy is described as "a delay in acceptance, or refusal of vaccines despite the availability of vaccine services". We were joined in this online event by Dr Tawfique Chowdhury, the Chairman of the Mercy Mission movement. He is a world-renowned Islamic speaker who is presently the Executive Director of the Andorra Hospital – Malaysia's first private Maternity and Pediatric Hospital. Dr Tawfique was recently ranked amongst the top 500 most influential Muslims in the world by TheMuslim500.

### Author evening with Samia Khatun

On 18 November 2021, IHRC hosted Samia Khatun to discuss her book 'Australianama', which looks at Australia's inability or unwillingness to understand Muslim, and indigenous issues that affect these communities as well as to highlight the contradiction of living as a Muslim, or immigrant in Australia at the same time when Australia was involved in bombing Muslim countries.

### Author evening with Mostafa Salameh

In this online event Mostafa Salameh presented his book, Dreams of a Refugee: From the Middle East to Mount Everest. Dreams of a Refugee is the extraordinary story of Mostafa Salameh, born in Kuwait to Palestinian refugees. After a childhood in the camps and a series of low-paid jobs, Mostafa was given a rare opportunity to travel to London, working in hospitality at the Jordanian Embassy. From there he moved to Edinburgh, where he took up a life of parties and nightclubbing. Religion played no part in his thinking.

All this was to change. One night, Mostafa awoke having dreamt that he was standing at the top of the world reciting the adhan, the Muslim call to prayer. He took this as a sign that he needed to accomplish something previously unimaginable for a person in his position – to climb Everest. Despite having no prior mountaineering experience







rience, Mostafa sought help from friends and sponsors and, having failed twice, finally summited Everest on Jordanian Independence Day, May 25th 2008. He went on to become the first Jordanian to climb all 'Seven Summits' and reach the North Pole. In early 2016 he skied to the South Pole, via a new route, completing the elite 'Explorer's Grand Slam' and joining a club of only thirteen adventurers ever to have achieved this feat.

### Author evening, Dr Saeed R. Ameli & Dr Saeed A.Khan

On 14 December 2021, IHRC hosted an event on the report "What's Going on Here: US experiences of Islamophobia between Obama and Trump" authored by Dr Saeed R. Ameli & Dr Saeed A.Khan.

The impetus of this book was to look at this broader issue of Islamophobia and the opportunity to compare two recent administrations, the Obama administration and then the Trump administration. And to try to map Islamophobia through the policy and rhetoric of these administrations and try to square the Islamophobia within that period within the broader arch of American history.

### Author evening with Dr Bilal Ware

Dr Bilal Ware joined us on 21 December 2021 to discuss his book, The Walking Qur'an. Spanning a history of one thousand years, the book charts the profound significance of Qur'an schools for West African Muslim communities. Such schools peace-

fully brought Islam to much of the region, becoming striking symbols of Muslim identity. Ware shows how in Senegambia the schools became powerful channels for African resistance during the eras of the slave trade and colonisation. While illuminating the past, Ware also makes signal contributions to understanding contemporary Islam by demonstrating how the schools' epistemology of embodiment gives expression to classical Islamic frameworks of learning and knowledge.

### Author evening with Imam Dawud Walid

On the evening of 22 December 2021, IHRC hosted an author evening with Imam Dawud Walid for his book Blackness & Islam. The event was moderated by Talha Ahsan.

Muslims speak of Islam in egalitarian terms: the religion of peace, the religion that seeks to elevate man over his base desires, the religion that does not discriminate based on race and ethnicity. Despite the egalitarian spirit of Islam, the lived reality of many Muslims is very different. This work seeks to clarify and debunk some traditions which support their racist positions and presents biographies of early Muslims who were Black.

# Social Media and Productions



**D**uring the covid pandemic, IHRC took an early and pre-emptive approach to Covid-19, with a proactive understanding that its social media and on-line strategy would need to quickly adapt and expand to fill the gap of an office and bookshop that would be closed for a prolonged period of time.

As we came out of the tight restrictions of the lockdowns, IHRC maintained its improved social media and online strategy to cater for the new hybrid-approach to events and sales, to maximise reach and potential.

This was most evident in our Al Quds Day campaign which combined the return of the street protest, with all the best interactive and online elements of our lockdown campaigns; we kept the online #FlyTheFlag campaign, and the bus rally as well as successful physical protest.

We rebranded our logo for this new age with a new and modern take on our traditional logo.

We relaunched our website[i] to provide a clearer structure of our work and enable researchers, students and experts to navigate

our archive in a more user-friendly way.

From April 2021 to April 2022 IHRC put out 87 professionally edited videos and 28 livestreamed events. We also focused on pictorial and still infographic content on Instagram, with carousel posts and stories. And we launched on tiktok, with viral content on both platforms.

You can see a video of our 2021 year in review [here](#).<sup>[ii]</sup>

## WEEKLY VIDEOS FROM IHRC CHAIRMAN

We continued with our regular online content, including weekly video messages from IHRC Chairman Massoud Shajareh, providing unique insights on a range of topical and important issues such as:

- Palestine and being targeted for Palestinian activism <sup>[iii]</sup>
- Environment of Hate<sup>[iv]</sup>
- Afghanistan<sup>[v]</sup>
- Lebanon<sup>[vi]</sup>
- Tony Blair<sup>[vii]</sup>
- Sexual Abuse in the Muslim Community<sup>[viii]</sup>
- Brexit<sup>[ix]</sup>
- Islamophobia and Muslim Identity<sup>[x]</sup>
- Nationality Bill<sup>[xi]</sup>
- Ukraine War<sup>[xii]</sup>



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## TARGETED FOR PALESTINIAN ACTIVISM:

As more students and employees were targeted for their Palestinian activism at work and education we provided informational videos on people's rights and the assistance IHRC can provide[xiii] as well as hosting an online event about this issue.[xiv]

## FUNDRAISING

Videos to promote our fundraising efforts, including for:

- Our Qurbani Appeal[xv]
- Nigeria[xvi]
- Israeli Rabbi Court Case[xvii]
- Ramadan Appeal[xviii]

## ISLAMOPHOBIA CONFERENCE

The Islamophobia Conference was live streamed[xix] across two days. Each of the four sessions was also edited and uploaded as a separate video for reference[xx]

## GENOCIDE MEMORIAL DAY:

Genocide Memorial Day[xxi] was marked by a series of on-demand speeches and memorials as follows:

1. Quran recitation in Arabic and English[xxii]
2. Introduction to GMD from Raza Kazim of IHRC [xxiii]
3. "Settler Colonialism Leads to Genocide: No Exceptions" by Prof. Ilan Pappé[xxiv]
4. "Governmental Whitewashing of the Maafa" by Imam Dawud Walid[xxv]
5. "How genocide in the Americas has been sanitised by state policies" by Prof. Ramon Grosfoguel[xxvi]
6. "Genocide Denial and the Myanmar State" by Prof. Penny Green[xxvii]
7. "Responding to Genocide: Law, Morality and Politics" by Prof. Richard Falk[xxviii]
8. "GMD memorial: Remembering past genocides"[xxix]

## AUTHOR EVENINGS

Our author evenings continued online, including:

- Author Evening with Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan: Tangled in Terror  
<https://youtu.be/VEp7u4hgZUo>
- Author Evening with Ibn Daud: A Handbook of Spiritual Medicine  
<https://youtu.be/2Wt8odWTTjU>
- Author Evening with Imam Dawud







Walid: Blackness and Islam

<https://youtu.be/pN5kML4K1Jo>

- Author Evening with Dr Bilal Ware: The Walking Quran  
<https://youtu.be/bsy6udxrgmE>
- Author Evening with Mostafa Salameh: Dreams of a Refugee  
<https://youtu.be/kKiv7aSF8dc>
- Author Evening with Saeid R. Ameli and Saeed A. Khan, for their book: What's Going on Here?  
<https://youtu.be/SbGE9N41YZ8>
- Author Evening with Samia Khatun: Australianama  
<https://youtu.be/Pk-FCvoirv8>
- Author Evening with Dr Rob Faure Walker: The Emergence of 'Extremism'  
<https://youtu.be/OCM4twY9MgQ>
- Author Evening with Leroy Logan: Closing Ranks  
<https://youtu.be/M9DRxIqmEy0>

## EVENTS

We also held events online as follows:

- Convivencia launch was live streamed

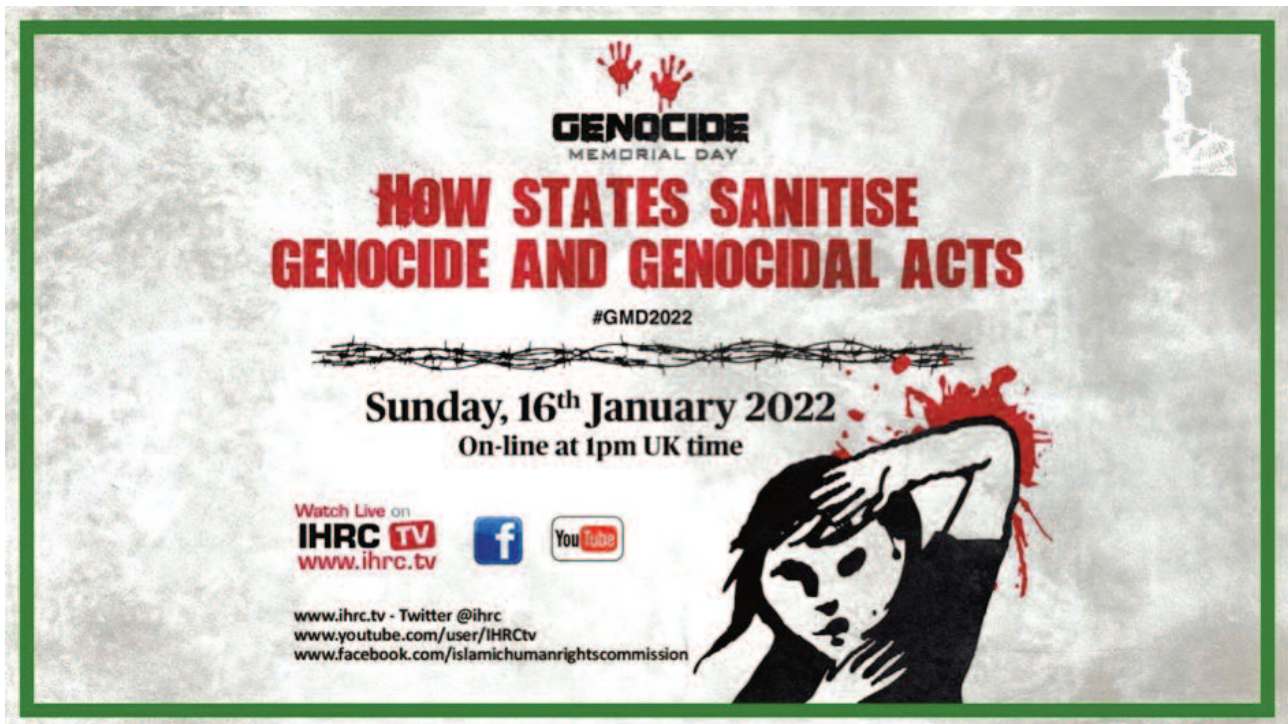
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- Vaccination Hesitancy: Q&A Session  
[https://youtu.be/00Ok\\_2b0Rc4Q](https://youtu.be/00Ok_2b0Rc4Q)
- Attacks on Migrants and Human Rights Defenders in Italy  
<https://youtu.be/TE3KAK3lgPQ>
- How Covid is being used to destroy our NHS  
<https://youtu.be/3i6AmUiKQ1c>
- Ramadan Readings: A series of 9 live events for young people:  
[https://youtu.be/TuzIPUDf\\_2Q](https://youtu.be/TuzIPUDf_2Q)  
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<https://youtu.be/8-POphHGjNY>

## BOYCOTT ISRAELI DATES

Our Boycott Israeli Dates video was the most successful one to date, with tens of thousands of views across our platforms.  
<https://youtu.be/ZsEwkk0—U>





## AL QUDS DAY AND #FLYTHEFLAG

Our online campaign was in two parts: one part for the #FlyTheFlag campaign and the other videos of the physical protest:

### FTF videos:

- Al Quds Day Advert: <https://youtu.be/PVjP-ICKsPA>

- Al Aqsa Under Attack: <https://youtu.be/294O2WdIJ8w>
- Students #FlyTheFlag for Palestine: <https://youtu.be/asAUNuikGuw>
- Archbishop of Palestine says #FlyTheFlag: [https://youtu.be/i\\_XYCZJCylA](https://youtu.be/i_XYCZJCylA)







- Global call to fly the flag:  
[https://youtu.be/g-iYo35\\_2vg](https://youtu.be/g-iYo35_2vg)

• A message from Gaza:  
<https://youtu.be/t7bGsl-rfyo>

### Al-Quds Day:

- Round up video of Al Quds Day  
<https://youtu.be/jd5PsJMxbVg>
- We improved our live stream of Al Quds Day using multiple cameras to give the audience an immersive experience of the day.  
<https://youtu.be/oN6RLYWO69Y>
- Round up video of bus rally:  
<https://youtu.be/iuymBkE88SI>

### Al Quds Day Speeches

- Rabbi Ahron Cohen: "Zionism is totally in opposition to the ideals of Judaism"  
<https://youtu.be/AQb4KkluDZ0>

- Syed Taqi Razvi "Our Lying Prime Minister Supports Israeli Oppression"  
<https://youtu.be/a99CDFyAkj4>

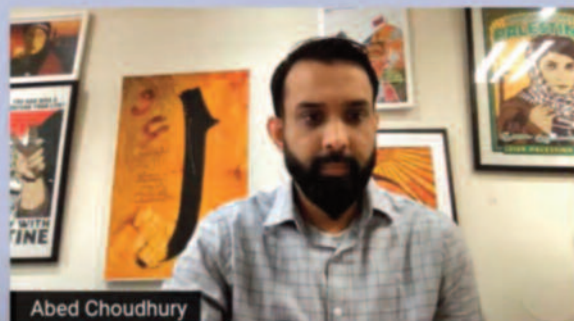
- Father Frank Gelli: "Zionist Injustice and Cruelty Will Not Triumph"  
<https://youtu.be/hDpjnT2sI7M>

- Mick Napier: "We Don't Hate Jews, We Hate Zionism"  
<https://youtu.be/KiqV0sU4uyk>

- Muslim Public Affairs Committee: "Imagine How We Will Feel When Palestine is Free"  
<https://youtu.be/z3G1j83nTGY>



Dr Tawfique Chowdhury



Abed Choudhury



- Prof. Haim Bresheeth: “Jews, Muslims & Christians lived in Peace in Palestine for 1400 years”

<https://youtu.be/5QZFtq9VJk8>

- Ibrahim Abu-Essad: “You can Kill a Liberator, but You Can’t Kill Liberation”

<https://youtu.be/611qOGq3LS0>

- Fight Racism, fight Imperialism: “We Must Fight Imperialism in Britain and Palestine”

<https://youtu.be/T3xGvQrEuZo>

- Palestine Action: “Israeli Weapons Factories Are Here. Britain is Complicit.”

<https://youtu.be/zDWCfQ3Ne3k>

- Massoud Shajareh: Israel is An Apartheid State

<https://youtu.be/Yml1nIwnPpg>

## INSTAGRAM

We started curating Instagram specific content, with a focus on carousel infographics such as:

- Palestine Appeal:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CciQLhwoTMZ/>

- This is how Israel treats Palestinian chil-

dren:

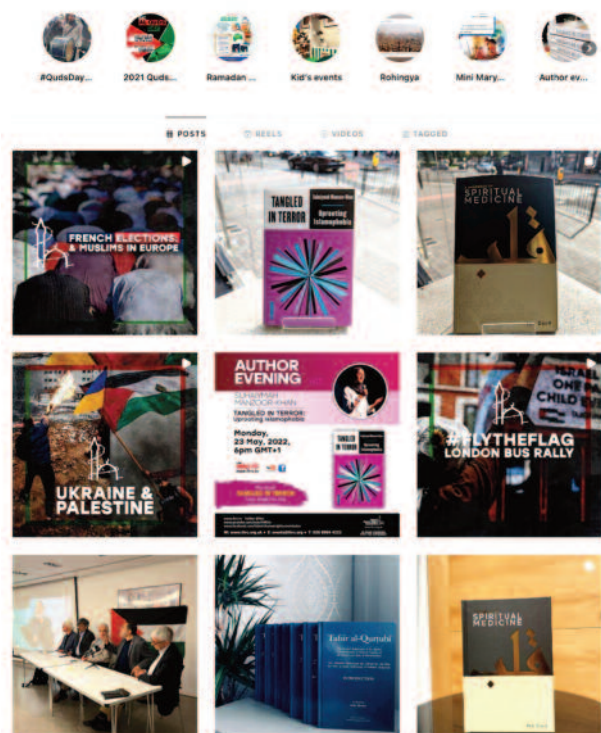
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CccmNffo9WH/>

- Ukraine resources:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CbaIxpC-gQa0/>

- Nigeria Appeal:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Cc0cwAYIrd>







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- Muslim Female Prisoner Campaign:  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CaCKrbzgMDW/>

## TIKTOK

- We launched the IHRC tiktok page with tens of thousands of views in the first month

[https://www.tiktok.com/@ihrc\\_official](https://www.tiktok.com/@ihrc_official)

We also started curating editorial content such as

- An Israeli Jew on the Difference between antisemitism and antizionism

<https://youtu.be/ACHAkA6jwPk>

- Ukraine Vs Palestine:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HK2DmcCM9Q&ab\\_channel=IHRCtv](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HK2DmcCM9Q&ab_channel=IHRCtv)

## Long view conversations

<https://youtu.be/K1dpQUcAKZU>

[1] <https://www.ihrc.org.uk/>

[1] <https://youtu.be/2A6G8z7HNTy>

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# IHRC in the Media

IHRC representatives routinely take part in interviews for news, radio and TV discussion programmes. Articles written by our staff are published in newspapers and journals. Our work is also covered by many media outlets. Below are a small sample of articles in which IHRC was featured this year.

- *The Jewish Chronicle, 19 September, 2021*

<https://www.thejc.com/news/all/group-behind-al-quds-rally-campaigning-to-help-anti-zionist-israeli-asylum-seeker-1.520661>

The organisation behind the anti-Israel London Al Quds Day rally – which has in the past featured flags of the terrorist group Hezbollah - is campaigning to help an “anti-Zionist” Israeli asylum-seeker.

The Islamic Human Rights Commission’s annual march saw in 2018 Hezbollah flags being flown and one speaker saying Israel should be “wiped from the map”.

- *Press TV, 13 October 2021*

Bristol Uni: Muslim groups threaten boycott over David Miller sacking

<https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2021/10/13/668467/David-Miller-sacking>

British Muslim advocacy groups are entering the battle to save the career of the pro-Palestine professor, David Miller, sacked by Bristol University over his criticism of Israel and Zionism.

Miller’s supporters say he was wrongfully dismissed following a relentless pressure campaign by pro-Israel groups.

Speaking to Press TV, the London based Islamic Human Rights Commission explained that the university faces an international boycott.

The IHRC were the first to send a letter with signatures of prominent Muslims from across the globe.

- *The Times, 13 November 2021*

Massoud Shadjareh: ‘Pro-Hezbollah’ group chief seen at Israeli envoy protest

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/massoud-shadjareh-pro-hezbollah-group-chief-seen-at-israeli-envoy-protest-qxlws6x9p>

The leader of a “pro-Hezbollah” group linked to Iran was standing by this week as protesters mobbed the Israeli ambassador at the London School of Economics.

Massoud Shadjareh, founder and chairman of the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC), stood with student activists demonstrating against a talk given by Tzipi Hotovely on Tuesday evening. After the event hosted by the student debating society, Hotovely was rushed to her car by security amid boos and calls of “shame on you”.

- *5Pillars, 8 December 2021*

Tackling Islamophobia has never been more urgent

<https://5pillarsuk.com/2021/12/06/tackling-islamophobia-in-the-uk-has-never-been-more-urgent/>

The Islamic Human Rights Commission’s Faisal Bodi sees the passing of Islamophobia Awareness Month an opportune time to reflect on the alarming rise of this divisive bigotry on our shores.

- *5Pillars, 9 December 2021*

Charity Commission urged to investigate Community Service Trust over ‘pro-Israel activities’

<https://5pillarsuk.com/2021/12/09/charity-commission-is-urged-to-investigate-community-service-trust/>

Pro-Palestine campaigners have called on The Charity Commission to launch an urgent investigation into the activities of the Community Service Trust (CST) after it accused

anti-Israel demonstrators of extremism and intimidation at a recent protest rally.

In a letter organised by the Islamic Human Rights Commission, the pro-Palestinians said the CST attempted to turn what was a peaceful anti-Israel protest against the presence of Israeli ambassador to the UK, Tzipi Hotovely, at a university event in London last month into a panic about anti-semitism.

• **Press TV, 15 December 2021**

Islamophobia awareness conference held in London

<https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2021/12/15/672682/islamophobia-awareness-conference>

The Islamic Human Rights Council based in London has held an Islamophobia awareness conference, bringing together scholars and witnesses of discrimination to discuss the way forward for Muslims everywhere.

• **MiddleEastEye, 8 January 2021**

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