

## **“Yes, the Suicide Bombers Are Muslims!”**

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***“Na’am ... al-Intihariyyoun Muslimoun!”***

In spite of all the terrorist acts perpetrated by Islamists during the last few years, we still hear the worn-out cliché of Western politicians and media pundits telling us that ***“Islam is a religion of peace.”*** We may excuse them for not knowing the many details of Islamic history. Most likely they have never studied the sacred texts of Islam: the ***Qur’an and Hadith***. But how can they cover their eyes and not reflect on the events that took place recently in London, Glasgow, and Yemen? Have they developed powerful mental habits that blind them to the signs of danger that are emanating from the global Islamic jihad?

As I was glancing at the headlines of Arabic online news media, I noticed an article contributed by a Yemeni intellectual, to the 2nd of July issue of ***Elaph***. In Arabic, the headline read: ***“Na’am ... al-Intihariyyoun Muslimoun!”*** What a powerful and succinct Arabic description of a shocking reality: ***“Yes ... the suicide bombers are Muslims.”*** The Yemeni author wanted to say to the vast readership of ***Elaph***: ***“let’s not deny it. Those who plan to kill thousands and seek to sow terror at international airports, don’t come from Mars, they are Muslim terrorists!”***

Here are excerpts from this article, followed by my analysis and comments.

*“I don’t know what went on in the head of the suicide bomber who killed a group of innocent tourists and their Yemeni guides near the **Temple of the Queen of Sheba in Ma’rab**. However, I am convinced that this murderer is a product of that Arabic school of thought which has glorified suicide bombers like him. They accomplish these horrific acts after being assured of their entry to heaven, by the fuqaha and the propaganda of the Arab media. Tourists have come to our lands seeking relaxation and rest, not suspecting that a suicide bomber was lurking somewhere ready to bring about their sudden death.*”

*“Only two days ago, London was saved from bombings that would have caused the death of hundreds of innocent people. And would you believe it, some Arabs in the media began to cast doubts about the whole operation, or making fun of it? Others blamed the attempted bombings in London on the British hatred for Muslims and Arabs, and hurled insults on Western governments that had opened their doors to these immigrants who had flocked to the West seeking work; branding the host countries as **kafirs and exploiters**.*”

*“Not one Arab source was heard to denounce the terrorist plot in London, not even to show some kind of civility. I know that there are some who smile at the news of an explosion in a Western capital, and listen to some fatwas that seek to explain such acts as reactions to the Western exploitations of the Muslim lands.*”

*“This is a dangerous state of affairs, and if left unchecked, could cause our coming*

*generations to pay a steep price for such a policy. Yes, it is Muslim Arab governments that have used these radicals for their own purposes. We all know those who support the radical criminals, and cover up their Irhab. There is no sense trying to dialogue with them. Guantanamo is the place for them. They should spend the rest of their lives there.*

## **Analysis**

The Yemeni intellectual was moved to write this piece in the aftermath of three terrorist acts, one in his homeland that resulted in the killing of several European tourists who were visiting an ancient shrine or temple built by the Queen Sheba, a contemporary of King Solomon. A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden SUV into the bus that had carried them to the historic site. Soon after this attack in far-away southern Arabia, two car bombs failed to explode in London, followed by the attack on the Glasgow International Airport, indicating a common thread. These criminal acts were all mounted by Muslims.

## **Comments**

No matter how hard the Western disciples of political correctness may try, it is impossible to deny a direct connection between acts of terrorism and Islam. Muslim teachers have glorified suicide bombings that are undertaken in the *Path of Allah*. They base their teachings on a variety of Qur'anic texts and Hadiths. Such acts of Islamic "heroism" are celebrated as the sure path to the Paradise of endless pleasures!

This is why this honest and realistic Yemeni heralds his testimony for all to hear: ***"Na'am ... Al-Intihariyyoun Muslimoun!"*** These Arabic words are weightier than the translation I've given them. I can paraphrase them as follows: ***In spite of what you say, you so-called spokesmen of the Arab world, let's admit this stark reality, these suicide bombers are Muslims. They are not Christians, or Jews, or Buddhists, or Hindus, they are Qur'an-believing and reciting Muslims.***

Having followed the events in the UK, I learned that those *'Intihariyyoun'* did not come from the underprivileged classes of Arab-Muslim societies. On the 4th of July, the French daily, **Le Figaro**, reported about the "brain" that had masterminded the attacks in London and Glasgow. He was a physician from the Middle East, Dr. Muhammad Jamil Abdelqader Asha. His parents came to Jordan from the West Bank city of Hebron. His father went to Saudi Arabia as a teacher where Muhammad was born in 1980. The family returned to Jordan, and settled in Amman, where their son studied at a special school founded by Queen Noor, for the education of boys coming from families with modest means. Muhammad Asha was an excellent student, and eventually got a scholarship to the Medical School of the Jordanian University. One of his professors in Amman regarded him as a genius. He continued his medical studies at the University of Birmingham, and specialized in neurosurgery. After completing his studies, he obtained a high position at North Staffordshire hospital of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Things began to change in his life. Last year, while visiting Jordan, he gave the impression that he had espoused radical views. Even his looks changed, as he was sporting a long beard similar to the one that Islamists grow! Even back in Birmingham, his wife Maroua Dana began to wear the burqa. On Saturday evening, 30 June, 2007, he was arrested on a British expressway M-6, as he was returning to Birmingham.

Shocking, indeed! A brilliant man, who enjoyed all the privileges that a young Jordanian could ever dream of, and who became one of the chief neurosurgeons at a British hospital, turned into a messenger of death! How could that be?

But is it really that unbelievable? Have we forgotten the story of Muhammad Atta, the leader of the nineteen suicide bombers that brought down the World Trade Center in New York, and parts of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.? He was an above average Egyptian student at the University in Hamburg, Germany, specializing in urban development. But he underwent a complete change of mind and heart after attending the Jerusalem Mosque in Hamburg. The notes he used the night before 9/11/01, as he harangued his co-conspirators, were suffused with Qur'anic quotations that promised the plotters inexpressible joys and pleasures, once they had performed their horrific suicidal attacks on the symbols of the Infidel.

I cannot help but think that there must be a demonic force that altered the personalities of both Muhammad Atta, and Muhammad Asha, changing them from normal human beings into masters of death and destruction. We don't have yet the full details of the pilgrimage of Dr. Asha, but I won't be surprised if his *metanoia*\* took place due to the influence of powerful preachers of hatred against all non-Muslims. A hatred that made it *halal*\*\* for him, and his fellow Islamists, to plot to bring about the destruction of the very people who had welcomed him and entrusted him with the noble task of healing the sick!

The repercussions of what has come to be known as the "doctors' plot" continue. I hope to deal with them in future articles, after reading and digesting more reports and op ed articles appearing in the Arab online media.

\**Metanoia*: a Greek word that signifies a complete change of mind and perspective on life.

\*\* *Halal*: an Arabic word that designates what is legal and permissible, the opposite is *Haraam*.