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Response to Daily Telegraphs claims of London Central Mosque being a 'haven of extremism'

The London Central Mosque Trust Ltd and Islamic Cultural Centre (ICC) has found it deeply offensive and disappointing with the claims and links made by The Daily Telegraph on the 25th April 2011, of The London Central Mosque being a haven for extremism. This seriously undermines the immense effort and work that has been conducted by the Mosque and Centre for the last six decades, serving the British Society at large on numerous levels in creating a harmonious and cohesive community.

Mosques and Islamic Centres across U.K and the world at large are created to cater for all walks of life and are open to all to visit. We believe that it is a God-given right for each and every individual to pray in Mosques and there should be no constraints on this right. This however does not mean the individual has a role by default, of any means in the administrative operations of The Mosque. This is something that has not been clearly defined by our 'trusted' press.

In an age where there has been an increasing rise of Islamophobia and a lamented attack on Muslims from certain pockets of our communities, this distorted and inflammatory rhetoric serves nothing other than creating an atmosphere and environment filled with anxiety, disappointment and injustice.

We ask our trusted press and the community at large to join hands with us to promote an understanding of peace, righteousness and moral etiquettes to build a cohesive society. The ICC also urges all Muslims and Muslim organisations to uphold the Islamic code of conduct and to avoid any unacceptable and inflammatory language in our discourses.

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