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C4 Dispatches

The London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre (ICC) believes that today's broadcast of the Channel Four documentary programme, Dispatches, seriously misrepresents facts about Islam and undermines efforts by mainstream Islamic institutions in Britain who work hard on building bridges between communities and promote tolerance, understanding and inter-faith relations.

"The Dispatches programme paints a picture that in reality does not exist. The isolated extracts from a small number of speakers, whose words appear intolerant and bigoted, are not representative of Islamic teaching. I call upon the media to be more responsible in their reporting of events, to join hands with ICC and various organisations in helping to build bridges between communities as opposed to destroy them and we call upon them to play their part in ensuring that the United Kingdom remains a place where all members of various communities can play a full and active role in society," said Dr Ahmed Al Dubayan Director General of the London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre.

At the same time, the ICC urges all Muslim organizations to be vigilant and ensure that their premises are not allowed to be abused by those who are intent on pursuing divisive agendas. Unacceptable and inflammatory language can never be accepted from any speaker either during talks or on recorded DVDs. It is vital that the sanctity of mosques and Islamic centres is maintained at all times and an Islamic code of conduct upheld.

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