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Statement Regarding Baab-Ul-Ilm Centre in Leeds

Speaking up against injustice and suffering is a religious imperative:

"Believers! Be upholders of justice and bearers of witness to truth for the sake of Allah."

Holy Quran 4:135:

The Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ) stands steadfast with its Member Jamaat, Baab-Ul-Ilm Centre (Leeds Jamaat) and their Resident Alim, Sheikh Jaffer Ladak, in light of the article published in The Times newspaper on 7 March 2024. The Baab-Ul-Ilm Centre promptly issued a statement which CoEJ had the opportunity to review before its publication:



Statement: Allegations Regarding Police Complaints and Hate Crimes

1. To date we have not received notification from the police regarding any complaint.
2. It is absurd and baseless even to suggest that we would commit hate crime against any faith, race, or group of people. The allegations against us fail to demonstrate association with a proscribed organisation or that speeches were outside the remit of English Law. Such unfounded accusations are ignominious Islamophobia.

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