



Hamid Slimi. Photo: screenshot YouTube Faith of Life Network

## SENIOR CANADIAN IMAM: “THERE IS NO SUCH THING RADICAL ISLAM” OR “MUSLIM TERRORISTS”

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Slimi opposes the use of the term “radical Islam” explaining that “there is no such thing ‘radical Islam’; it’s either Islam or no Islam.”

He further argues that there are no Muslim terrorists. Those who commit terrorist attacks on behalf of Islam are not Muslims, but those who renounced the teachings Islam, thugs, people with illegal drugs and alcohol problems, violence history and serious mental health issues.

The following is Slimi’s **posting** on **Facebook** on June 15, 2016:

*“President Obama is 100% right [in refusing to call the Orlando massacre Islamic terrorism], because he’s intelligent, educated & understands the consequences of foolish & irresponsible statements.*

*“**There is no such thing “radical Islam”**; it’s either Islam or no Islam. Those who do those horrific terrorist acts are called Secessionist (Khawarij) who have renounced Islam’s teachings which more than 1.7 billion people follow or at least believe in.*

*“Those who use the words “radical Islam” deep inside believe Islam is radical by nature but it isn’t. **All these guys who are committing those acts have no Islamic background, they are simply thugs and people with illegal drugs & alcohol problems in addition to criminal backgrounds and domestic violence history and very often coupled with serious mental health issues.***

*“The common thing between them is not Islam but rather the fact that they are more than confused and they lost their humanity, faith and hope in life.*

*“They may carry Muslim names or claim to do things on behalf of Islam but they are definitely out of the straight path of Islam for the latter leads only to peace and welfare of humanity.”*

In his book “**Terrorism: An Islamic Perspective**” Slimi **implied** that Israel is carrying out state-terrorism while the Palestinians are unjustly called terrorists.

“Nobody wants to talk about terrorism of nations against nations as it happened in Bosnia, Kashmir, Kosova,

Chechnya or Palestine,” wrote Slimi. “The media is silent about this kind of state terrorism. Many politicians have lost their credibility because of their double standards and hypocrisy. When the oppressed masses finally demand their rights, they are branded as terrorists.”

He also asserted that Jihad is only defensive war according to Islam. “We can define Jihad also as ” a defensive reaction, or measure, against an outside aggression that attacks directly the main necessities of life in Islam: one’s faith, one’s life/ health, one’s mind, one’s progeny, and one’s property,” Slimi explained. “Jihaad is a defensive measure in all cases not an offensive one.”

### **ICNA Canada: Jihad has an offensive role in fighting heresy in the world in order to bring about an Islamic global dominance**

ICNA (Islamic Circle of North America) Canada is the biggest Islamic national-wide organization in Canada that strives “to build an Exemplary Canadian Muslim Community” by “total submission to Him [Allah] and through the propagation of true and universal message of Islam.” Dr. **Iqbal Massod Al-Nadvi** is the Amir (President) of Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Canada and is also serving as Chairperson of Canadian Council of Imams.

An online book posted on ICNA’s official website states among other things the **following**:

*“This Hadith tells about the procedure of Jihad. According to procedure, first of all, **polytheists and infidels should be invited to Islam, and if they reject the invitation, then Jihad be made against them.** Jihad is such an action that if at its initial stage, that is to say at the stage of invitation, some people accept the guidance, then the people who will participate in Jihad will get the reward of good deeds done by those who would join the fold of Islam...*

*“If it comes to Jihad against infidels, polytheists and the people of the Book (Ahl-ul-Kitab) then before waging war against them, they should be invited to Islam...*

*“The objective of Jihad. **This objective warrants that one must struggle against Kufr (disbelief) and Shirk (polytheism) and the worship of falsehood in all its forms. Jihad has to continue until this objective is achieved.** This contention is supported by a Hadith, to the effect that **Jihad will continue till the Day of Resurrection...** The Arab pagans have only the choice to either embrace Islam or face war. In the latter case, it is incumbent on the Muslims to wage Jihad against them to wipe out Kufr and Shirk and raise the banner of Tauhid everywhere.*

*“This Hadith strongly refutes the people who distort the Islamic concept of Jihad and hold that Islam preaches defensive war only. It is an apologetic approach because defensive war has to be fought in any case by every nation and country. Thus, it is a compulsion and needs no justification.*

*“The real distinction of Islam lies in its enjoining Muslims to wage war for upholding the truth beside fighting for their own defense.*

*“The domination of Kufr, Shirk and falsehood is darkness, heresy and tyranny, and the objective of Islam is to purge the world of all these evils.*

*“It aims at liberating man from the worship of man, set them on the path of worship of Allah, and to provide a just and equitable society to mankind.*

*“Wherever in the world there is tyranny, ignorance and heresy, Muslims are bound to fight such evils and finish them by means of Jihad.*

*“There is also a third form of Jihad which is waged against countries where Muslims are victims of aggression, suppression and cruelties of the non-Muslims. It is incumbent upon Muslims to liberate their brethren in Faith from the clutches of the non-Muslims by means of Jihad...*

*“It is evident from this Hadith that so long as Kufr [disbelief] is present in this world, it is necessary to wage Jihad against it to finish it off, and so long as all the disbelievers do not openly accept Islam and adopt the Islamic way of life, Muslims are duty-bound to make Jihad against them...”*