

The Muslim Association of Canada Denounces Calls for Attacks Against Canada

Ottawa, 31 October, 2011- The Muslim Association of Canada issued a strong condemnation of an alleged call for attacks against Canada by the Somalia-based Al-Shabab. "There is no place in Islam for violence against civilians," said Dr Wael Haddara, President of the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC). The Association reiterated its confidence that calls such as this have very little appeal within the Canadian Muslim community. Recent media reports have suggested that a small number of young Canadians may have travelled to Somalia to join such groups, a situation currently being investigated by the RCMP. MAC recognizes the need for continued vigilance against possible radicalization of young people in Canada. In the long term, problems of radicalization can only be solved through a comprehensive strategy that includes increased support for community groups that are working to integrate new Canadians into the social and cultural fabric of Canada.

The Muslim Association of Canada is a grassroots Islamic movement that embodies a holistic understanding of Islam emphasizing God consciousness and good works. By balancing authenticity and creativity we advance an understanding of Islam that is relevant to Canadian society. We serve the Muslim community and society at large through our own initiatives as well as constructive engagement with others. We inspire, enable, and engage people to uphold the fundamental values of faith, justice, and being of benefit to all of humanity.

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