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The Truth: Sheikh Feiz Mohammad's comments regarding Geert Wilders

Over the last couple of days it has been reported in several media outlets that I had recently threatened and called for the beheading of the Anti- Islam Holland MP Geert Wilders. Online recordings of my comments were also made public.

These articles and recordings are somewhat sensationalist and based on limited information. My comments have been taken out of context and serve only to further cause division between myself and the community.

In order to put these comments and recordings into perspective the following points must be considered:

- 1) These comments made by me are more than 2 years old and are in no way a response to a recent SBS interview with Geert Wilders in which he outlines his plan to visit Australia.
- 2) At no point did I refer to Geert Wilders by name and no specific threat was ever made towards him
- 3) These comments were made while I was living overseas more than 2 years ago and were a response to the highly defamatory and xenophobic documentary called 'Fitna' which Geert Wilders released more than 2 years ago. Like many law abiding Muslim citizens worldwide, I was deeply offended by this racist and controversial documentary and felt compelled to comment and discuss such a documentary with my students.
- 4) These comments were made online to a specific audience whereby I was addressing a religious question regarding treason in Islam and the repercussions under Islamic Shariah law. It must be noted that in the context of this topic, any capital punishment in Islam can only exist when there is a caliphate or a nation run by Islamic Leaders. This was clearly stated in my comments and in the available recording.
- 5) Although capital punishment still exists in modern western societies such as the USA, it is illegal in Australia. We do not have an Islamic caliphate in Australia and my comments are purely based on previous Islamic history and law.
- 6) I personally do not condone violence of any sort whether it be physical or in the form of verbal abuse as is the case with Geert Wilders and his violent and divisive opinions.

It must also be noted that Geert Wilders plans to visit Australia to further spread his message of hate and his comments claiming that I, in some way am threatening him, is nothing but a cheap publicity stunt to promote his cause and vilify me.

Australia and its people are a great nation. The success of multiculturalism in this country is a great example for the world to envy and follow. Racists like Geert Wilders only seek to divide a community and destabilise a country like Australia by preaching a doctrine of fear and hate.

Geert Wilders is shallow in his thinking and craves attention by demonising Islam. He has been barred from entering many countries and has also been strongly condemned by the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon.

In a modern integrated world where people share many similarities, Geert Wilders is of great concern to us all. He is truly backward in his thinking and should be condemned by the Australian Government.

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