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FORUM AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA & RACISM

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18/01/2005	Vandals daub swastikas on mosque	BBC Online	Worshippers discovered the Nazi symbols painted on the Capital Cinema Mosque, Alum Rock Road, Birmingham, when they arrived for prayer at the weekend. President of the mosque Shafdar Hussain said he was "very disappointed" over the attack as relations within the community were very good. MP Liam Byrne, (Labour, Hodge Hill) said he saw the graffiti on Saturday evening and was outraged. He told BBC News on Tuesday he is now calling on the government to fast-track new legislation they detailed last week which aims to tackle Islamophobia and make it an offence to incite religious violence. "The sooner we get this law on the statute books the better as there is no place in this city for such racial intolerance," he said. "My office informed the council first thing on Monday morning to get it removed and I have been in touch with Mr Hussain. "I was stunned when I saw it. It is unacceptable." West Midlands Police said the incident had not been reported to them.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/west_midlands/4185459.stm
18/01/2005	Rise in race crimes against Muslims 'due to war on terror'	Independent	Racist crime in England and Wales reached record levels last year, prompting fears of an outbreak of Islamophobia sparked by the war on terror. Figures published by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) today show prosecutions of racially aggravated offences have increased by 2,500 since race-hate laws were introduced in 1999. In the past two years, those prosecutions have jumped by more than 20 per cent. Today's report confirms fears raised by Muslim and Asian leaders that there is a link between the war on terror and a rise in racist incidents. Last year, the Director of Public Prosecutions warned that a growth in race-hate crime and a sharp rise in the number of young Asian men being stopped by the police threatened to alienate Britain's Muslim communities. That picture is supported by prosecutions of religiously aggravated crime, which has more than doubled in the past year with Muslims identified as the victims in half of all cases. One of the 49 cases involved a passenger in a minicab who subjected the Muslim driver to racially and religiously abusive language. After pleading guilty to religiously aggravated common assault, he	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=601971 http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4184931.stm
15/01/2005	Man admits racist killing of refugee who defied Saddam	Independent	A man admitted to a racist attack on a Muslim man who had fled Iraq.	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=601125

14/01/2005	Muslim schools angry & deeply upset about citizenship warning	BBC Online	<p>The head of the government's education watchdog prompted an angry reaction from Muslim leaders yesterday after claiming that the growth of Islamic faith schools posed a challenge to the coherence of British society.</p> <p>In a deliberate intervention criticised as "irresponsible" and "derogatory" by senior Muslim representatives, the chief inspector of schools David Bell claimed that a traditional Islamic education did not equip Muslim children for living in modern Britain.</p> <p>Diversity and acceptance of different cultures was potentially a great strength, Mr Bell claimed, but it could also undermine "our coherence as a nation" if taken to extremes.</p> <p>Mr Bell used a speech about citizenship to the Hansard Society - an educational charity which promotes effective parliamentary democracy - to explore how youngsters determine their "national identity" through the teaching of citizenship in schools. He turned to the fast-growing independent faith school sector - which includes about 100 Muslim, 100 evangelical Christian and 50 Jewish schools, broadening his argument to say: "Faith should not be blind. I worry that many young</p> <p>The new figures on independent faith schools are contained in Ofsted's new annual r</p> <p>In his speech Mr Bell said that "traditional Islamic education does not entirely fit pupil</p> <p>Last night Dr Mohamed Mukadam, chairman of the Association of Muslim Schools, a</p> <p>Iqbal Sacranie, secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain, said: "The issue of</p> <p>Dr Mohammad Naseem, the chairman of Birmingham's Central Mosque, said: "Musli</p> <p>But Idris Mears, of the Association of Muslim Schools, said: "One of the things the As</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/4180845.stm http://www.guardian.co.uk/religion/Story/0,2763,1392831,00.html http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/4184319.stm
14/01/2005	British Muslim Wins Hajj Discrimination Case	Islam Online	<p>A Leeds industrial tribunal has ruled in favor of a British Muslim worker unfairly sacked by his employer after taking a six-week leave to perform hajj. The Telegraph reported on Saturday, January 15. The court gave Mohammed Sajwal Khan, 43, £10,000 in compensation, saying his dismissal was violating the Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) regulations. In March, Leeds-based NIC Hygiene Ltd fired Khan from his £8,000-a-year job after he used his 25-day holiday entitlement and another week's unpaid leave to take on the spiritual journey. The bus cleaner had requested the leave but when he received no response, the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) advised him to submit a written request. The company failed to respond and his manager said if he heard nothing he could assume it was all right. However, upon his return from Saudi Arabia Khan was suspended without pay and later sacked. Khan, from Bradford, had worked for NIC Hygiene Ltd since 1996. Every able-bodied adult Muslim who can physically and</p>	http://www.islamonline.net/English/News/2005-01/16/article07.shtml
13/01/2005	Muslim flag waving banned	This is london	<p>Police have banned Muslims from carrying national flags at a series of celebrations later this month.</p> <p>They claimed the waving of flags during the Eid-ul-Adha celebrations in Southall would increase tensions and said offenders may be arrested for breaching the peace. The move has been criticised by the Muslim Council of Britain, which said there was no legal justification.</p>	http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/londonnews/articles/PA_LONPOLICEFlagswed11flagban?source

13/01/2005	176 protests over Muslim Prayer centre proposal	Barnsley Today	Proposals to convert a detached bungalow on Dodworth Road into a Muslim centre with prayer hall, creche, meeting room and library have prompted objections from 176 people. An almost equal number, 174, wrote in support of the scheme. If approved, the centre would give the borough's 440 Muslims a permanent meeting place for the first time since another centre was burned down in a suspected arson attack five years ago. The controversial scheme has attracted attention from the far right BNP - activists delivered 700 leaflets urging residents to oppose the plans. Barnsley Respect, a political party formed from the anti-Iraq war movement has also been active urging residents to welcome the scheme. Opponents say the centre will cause traffic, parking and noise problems and it is unsuitable for a residential area. Some also fear it will attract vandals. Paul Harris of the BNP said: "We've had a lot of people ringing supporting us after we posted leaflets. It should be away from residential areas, this is dividing the community." Naeem Jarral, aged 45, of Barnsley Community Centre, insisted residents had nothing to fear. He expected	http://www.barnsleytoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=86&ArticleID=917507
13/01/2005	Muslim's 'beard sacking claim' rejected	Ilford Recorder	A Muslim who claimed he was sacked by Virgin Trains for refusing to shave off his eight inch long beard has lost his employment tribunal claim. Mohsin Mohmed, 23, of St Alban's Road, Seven Kings, alleged he was given an ultimatum to choose between his facial hair and his £17,000-a-year job as customer services assistant at Euston Station. But a panel at Woburn Place Employment Tribunal rejected the claims of race and religious discrimination and upheld his sacking in February last year. It accepted the evidence of David Adams, a senior member of Virgin's staff at Euston, that Mr Mohmed was dismissed purely for poor performance. Mr Adams told the tribunal: "The length of beard was never the issue.	http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/content/redbridge/recorder/news/story.aspx?brand=RECOOnline&category=newsilford&tBrand=northlondon24&tCategory=newsilford&itemid=WeED13%20Jan%202005%2010%3A56%3A10%3A263
08/01/2005	Terror suspects' trials are 'unfair', say judges	Independent	The secret hearings into the jailing of 11 alleged foreign terrorists are unfair to the defendants, the senior judges overseeing the hearings have admitted. The judges have claimed the men - all detained without charge as alleged members of al-Qa'ida under emergency powers - are at a clear disadvantage because they have been unable to see the secret evidence and allegations used against them. Their admissions, revealed last week in a series of previously closed court judgments released under the Freedom of Information Act, will be seized on by campaigners who say the detainees have been illegally and unjustly jailed. In December, nine Law Lords made an unprecedented attack on the Government's decision - in the wake of September 11 - to imprison 14 alleged terrorists without charge by suspending parts of the Human Rights Act. David Blunkett, the then Home Secretary, claimed the men are all threats to national security. Judges on the Special Immigration Appeals Commission have largely backed the Government because the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 requires the test of "reasonable suspicion" - not the sta	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=599119
07/01/2005	Belmarsh: Lawyers withdrew from hearings	Independent	The controversial system of using government-appointed lawyers to represent foreign terror suspects was close to collapse last year after barristers refused to take part in secret hearings, according to court documents seen by The Independent. Last month, the House of Lords ruled that the indefinite detention of the men without trial was unlawful, prompting a senior barrister to resign as a government-appointed "special advocate". Now it emerges that two other "special advocates" representing Abu Qatada, accused of being "al-Qa'ida's spiritual representative in Europe", told a court that they would not act for Mr Qatada during the secret hearings. Mr Qatada had made it clear that he thought that the proceedings were unfair because he was not allowed to know the case against him. Mr Justice Collins, hearing Mr Qatada's appeal over the Home Secretary's decision to have him detained under emergency anti-terror laws, was so alarmed by the barristers' withdrawal that he asked the Solicitor General, Harriet Harman, to intervene to try to change the lawyers' minds. The papers show that Ms Harman refused. Mr Justice Collins tried to persuade the barristers to fall in line by telling them that the He added: "Our further attempts to persuade the special advocates to change their m Last night Mr Chamberlain confirmed that he and Mr McCullough had refused to take	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=598460

04/01/2005	British Palestinian aid groups' accounts closed	Guardian	Two British organisations set up to help the Palestinian people have had their bank accounts abruptly closed without explanation, the Guardian has learned. Neither is proscribed by the government, and both claim that their targeting is political. The groups, Friends of Al-Aqsa (FoAA) and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, have been asked to find alternative banking arrangements, even though neither appears on watch lists held by the Home Office or the Bank of England. The head of FoAA has also had his personal and business accounts closed. Ismail Patel, chair of the Leicester-based FoAA, said he returned from holiday this week to find a letter from the Royal Bank of Scotland saying a review had been conducted and the bank was no longer willing to provide him with facilities. He was given 30 days to transfer his three accounts. "It came out of the blue. There's nothing I can think of that I've done differently," he said. "I was shocked by the letter." Mr Patel said he had held his personal and business accounts with the bank for more than 20 years and the FoAA account for 10, without incident. He had never even been overdrawn or had any com	http://money.guardian.co.uk/news_/story/0,1456,1382497,00.html
04/01/2005	Asylum seekers unite to fight racial abuse	Guardian	Women involved in a support project in Manchester tell stories of harassment and how they cope while awaiting visa application decisions A group of Asian asylum seekers are meeting at Nabila Ejaz's terrace house in east Manchester, immaculate with its wooden floors and modest furnishings, to share their stories about the appalling racial harassment they have suffered. They have come together as part of the Routes project, which was set up two years ago to offer practical support to asylum seekers in the city. It is not a problem solely confined to the north-west: across the country, the charity Refugee Action says, asylum seekers are facing daily attacks by racists. Its research has shown that 40% of its clients are anxious about racial harassment and one in five has experienced it. One in three said they were too afraid to step outside of their homes after dark. Nabila, who is a widow, was struck in the face with a toy gun by teenage racists near her home and she became too afraid to go out. Her husband was murdered in Pakistan seven years ago by his political enemies. She was dispersed to east Manchester from London just over a ye	http://www.guardian.co.uk/Refugees_in_Britain/Story/0,2763,1382854,00.html
22/12/2004	Muslims offered new space after being told by planning inspector they could no longer meet at a house.	Muslim News	News that a Muslim community has been offered space in Truro Cathedral after meetings were banned at a house has been hailed as a sign of "peace and reconciliation". The cross-faith partnership prompted scores of letters of support after Muslims in Cornwall were told by a planning inspector last November they could no longer meet at a house on the outskirts of Truro. Since then the group has been trying to find a suitable temporary building to be used for education, and has finally agreed with Truro Cathedral to use a room in its offices. Truro Diocesan spokesman Jeremy Dowling said the public response had been positive and suggested goodwill. "We have had a lot of letters welcoming it and saying it was a clear sign of peace and reconciliation at a time not easy for relationships between the two religions," he said. "There have been a couple of cross letters, but with over 60 in favour and two anonymous letters not happy with the situation we feel the public is behind us."	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=8574
21/12/2004	Muslim schoolgirl defends right to religious dress	Guardian	A school behaved unlawfully by barring a Muslim girl who wanted to wear traditional "head-to-toe" dress in the classroom, three appeal judges were told today. Cherie Booth QC introduced her client, Shabina Begum, 15, to the judges, saying she was sitting at the back of the court wearing the jilbab covered by a cardigan. Miss Booth said the case involved "fundamental issues" about the nature and interpretation of Miss Begum's rights to education and freedom to practise her religion. "Her rights to manifest her religious beliefs should be respected," she said. Six months ago, a high court judge, Mr Justice Bennett, dismissed the girl's application for judicial review, ruling that she had failed to show that the "highly successful" 1,000-pupil Denbigh high school in Luton, Bedfordshire, with 79% of its students Muslims, had excluded her or breached her human rights. Miss Booth said the judgment of Mr Justice Bennett was saying that the school, which sent her home after she refused to wear authorised school uniform, is entitled to "pick and choose" which religious beliefs it accepts. She said: "The school is saying it is not willing to accept your particular relig	http://education.guardian.co.uk/faithschools/story/0,13882,1377601,00.html http://www.hindustantimes.com/news/5983_1163330,00430005.htm

21/12/2004	Five and a half years for boy who blinded Muslim	Telegraph	A boy of 13 who left a Muslim university graduate blind and in need of permanent care after beating him over the head with a broom was detained for five and a half years yesterday. The boy ran away laughing after knocking Yasir Abdelmouttalib to the ground and beating him as if "using an axe to chop wood". Unable to fend off the blows, Mr Abdelmouttalib, 22, lay slumped helplessly on the ground as the boy hit him four times on the head, legs and back. For weeks after the attack in June Mr Abdelmouttalib required surgery for a fractured skull, needed a tracheotomy to breathe and was fed through tubes. He remains in hospital, cannot walk and has only just started talking coherently. The boy, now 14, who was found guilty of one count of grievous bodily harm with intent, showed no emotion as judge Nicholas Madge accused him of destroying the life of Mr Abdelmouttalib and his family. "You attacked him with a broom, first swinging it like a softball bat, then raising it above your head and bringing it down vertically on him," he said. "Witnesses described it as a ferocious attack. One referred to the anger in your eyes, another said you were usi	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/12/21/nabd-el21.xml&sSheet=/news/2004/12/21/ixhome.html
20/12/2004	10 Muslim men held under 'odious law'	Independent	A leading QC appointed by ministers to act in secret court hearings for terror suspects is quitting in disgust, describing the law allowing foreigners to be detained indefinitely as "an odious blot on our legal landscape". Ian Macdonald, a Special Advocate before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC), is to resign tomorrow from his role defending the suspects. He says the Government's anti-terror legislation, which has kept the suspects in prison without trial for up to three years, is "contrary to our deepest notions of justice". His decision to step down increases the pressure on ministers to release the 10 Arab and North African men currently held. Last week the House of Lords declared that their detention was illegal. The The Independent on Sunday has learnt that the men's cases are expected to be reviewed next month by a special tribunal chaired by a High Court judge, Lord Justice Ouseley. But one of the best-known of the detainees, a Palestinian refugee called Abu Rideh, who is now in Broadmoor high-security hospital, could be released on bail long before that hearing. By coincidence,	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/politics/story.jsp?story=594576
20/12/2004	Man released after airport alert	BBC Online	A Libyan oil worker questioned over a security alert which shut down Durham Tees Valley Airport, near Darlington, has been released without charge. The 35-year-old man was arrested after concerns were raised when he checked in for a flight to London Heathrow at 0630 GMT on Saturday. About 200 people were evacuated and all flights were cancelled for two hours. A controlled explosion carried out by the Army on the electrical engineer's bags revealed no trace of explosives. The baggage had been taken to a safe place until a bomb disposal squad from Catterick, North Yorkshire, arrived and carried out the explosion. The man, who has been studying in Britain for six months, was arrested under the Terrorism Act. He was questioned overnight at an unnamed police station, causing him to miss a planned flight from Heathrow to Tripoli on Saturday. A spokesman for Durham Police said: "A 35-year-old male who was arrested under the Terrorism Act as a result of an incident at Durham Tees Valley Airport." Airport commercial manager Richard Whitehouse said about 750 passengers had been affected by the incident but flights	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/enland/4110039.stm
17/12/2004	Prison officers taunted black inmates as 'monkeys'	BBC Online	A report has revealed "widespread" racism at a young offenders' institution in west London. The report revealed that black and Asian inmates were victims of racial taunts by prison officers at Feltham Young Offenders' Institution. It is published by the Hounslow Racial Equality Group and is based on findings from Feltham inmate focus groups. They were submitted after Asian inmate Zahid Mubarek was battered to death by his racist cellmate Robert Stewart. The report said: "We were made aware that racial abuse from some of the white prison officers was common practice. "Black and ethnic minority inmates were called 'monkeys', 'black bastards' and told that 'they should be sent back to their own country'."	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/enland/london/4105235.stm

16/12/2004	leading British Muslim Charity says so-called War on Terror is demonising Islamic aid agencies.		Interpal's managing trustee Dr Isam Mustafa said he plans to highlight the double injustice at a conference to be held at the British Library on Thursday under the banner Partners for Peace and Development in Palestine."Interpal, for example, not only works in the hugely difficult circumstances facing the Palestinians in the Occupied Territories and elsewhere, it has also to face unjustified allegations abroad about the nature of its charitable work," he said."And accusations are heaped on even when the professionalism of its operation has been rightly acknowledged by the Charity Commission here in the UK."Interpal is non-profit British charity that has focused on the provision of relief and development aid to poor and needy Palestinians around the world, primarily in Palestine and the refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon. But in August 2003, Interpal was subject to classification as a "specially designated global terrorist" (SDGT) entity by the US government. Twenty-seven other Muslim charities were included in the US government's classification. Following the designation, the British Charities Commis	http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/FE726878-18A3-4655-84FA-70FD89170E69.htm
16/12/2004	British Muslims: Discrimination is rife	Al Jazeera	The number of British Muslims who say they experience discrimination has nearly doubled in the past four years, according to a survey.	http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/3B6D0DA6-70DE-4A84-BAD2-99DD4B40C3D0.htm
16/12/2004	Law Lords rule 'terror detentions' discriminatory and disproportionate	IRR	The nine Muslim men who brought the challenge to the detention powers have been imprisoned at Belmarsh prison, dubbed 'Britain's Guantanamo', for three years without charge or any prospect of imminent release. Three of the detainees have been diagnosed as severely mentally ill. Gareth Peirce, lawyer for some of the detainees, told the Independent recently that these men had 'reached a life-threatening condition in Belmarsh and have been driven to severe mental illness'.	http://www.irr.org.uk/2004/december/ak000012.html
14/12/2004	RACISTS IN VICIOUS ANTI-MOSQUE FIGHT	This is wales	Racists have launched a vicious hate campaign in Swansea to protest against the opening of a new mosque. Thousands of leaflets have been pushed through letter boxes in the Sandfields area of the city to whip up anti-Muslim sentiment, it is claimed.The area has been targeted by doorstep campaigners from the British National Party because of plans to open a new mosque in St Helen's Road.Activists from the party found out about the plan to convert the old St Andrews United Reformed Church from a leading Islamic website.The building is currently derelict after it was gutted by arsonists two years ago. Conversion into a mosque would save it from being pulled down.Planning permission from the council would not be needed because the building would be retained as a place of worship.According to the BNP website more than 70 far right extremists have already met in the city to discuss their plan of action.The Post can reveal that only last month party chairman Nick Griffin and the national treasurer John Walker visited the city to canvass the area.The Swansea branch of the pressure group Unite against fascism has now laun	http://www.thisissouthwales.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=161822&command=displayContent&sourceNode=161500&contentPK=11486969
14/12/2004	BNP leader held by police over remarks he made about Islam	Guardian	The leader of the British National party was arrested yesterday over remarks he made about Islam in an undercover documentary which exposed racism in his party. Nick Griffin was seized at dawn at his farmhouse in mid-Wales on suspicion of incitement to racial hatred and was questioned for several hours at Halifax police station, West Yorkshire, before being freed on police bail. After his release he claimed that the arrest was "an electoral scam to get the Muslim block vote back to the Labour party". He said the order to arrest him had come from the "top" and alleged the government was trying to demonise the BNP ahead of next year's election. A spokesman also suggested Mr Griffin had been targeted because he planned to stand in the constituency of the home secretary, David Blunkett, at the general election. Mr Griffin's arrest came two days after the founding chairman of the BNP, John Tyndall, 70, was arrested over a speech he was allegedly caught making in an undercover BBC film, Secret Agent. In Secret Agent, reporter Jason Gwynne infiltrated the party with the help of a renegade former organiser in Bradford	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1373951,00.html

14/12/2004	Daily Telegraph columnist Charles Moore angers Muslims	Guardian	The Daily Telegraph columnist Charles Moore was criticised by Muslim organisations yesterday for an article which began by asking if the prophet Muhammad was a paedophile. He went on to argue that people were entitled to pose the question, because of the story that Muhammad married one of his wives, Aisha, when she was nine. He said such a right would be lost under plans to introduce laws banning incitement to religious hatred. The Muslim Association of Britain called for his sacking and said the paper should have known better, in the light of the Salman Rushdie affair. Iqbal Sacranie, secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain, said Mr Moore's opening line was "breathtakingly provocative". It was "shocking to see the name of the prophet appearing in conjunction with the world paedophile". The Islamic Human Rights Commission called for the Telegraph to be boycotted. Mr Moore, a former editor of the paper, was unrepentant last night, saying the strong reaction showed that a law banning incitement to racial hatred would contribute to the "suppression of free speech". He said the MAB's reaction was	http://media.guardian.co.uk/site/story/0,14173,1373076,00.html
14/12/2004	Lord Falconer of Thoroton adds to growing concern that Muslim communities being unfairly targeted by over-aggressive policing as part of the "war on terror"	Independent	Too many Black and Asian people are being stopped and searched by the police, the Lord Chancellor has warned. The comments by Lord Falconer of Thoroton will add to growing concern that Muslim communities are being unfairly targeted by over-aggressive policing as part of the "war on terror". The Lord Chancellor told The Independent that the high numbers of stop and searches could not be explained by local, social or demographic conditions. He said: "It's absolutely critical that people believe that the law is enforced race blind. We have accepted that the disparity in numbers needs to be reduced because the disparity - between the black and ethnic minority groups that are stopped and the whites that are stopped - is much too high to be explained simply by different conditions in different places." He said the National Criminal Justice Board, of which Lord Falconer is chairman and the Home Secretary David Blunkett is a member, was now taking this issue "extraordinarily seriously" and that it was important to "publish the statistics" to show exactly how great the disparity had become. "You have to make it clear what the position is. You h	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=592939
14/12/2004	Anti-terror laws should be repealed because they unfairly targeted Muslims	BBC Online	The laws were "ineffective" and led to the Muslim community being stigmatised, human rights lawyer Imran Khan told the home affairs committee. "The whole of the Muslim community is now tarnished with the word terrorism," Mr Khan said. The committee is looking at the impact of terror on community relations. There were already enough laws to fight terror, said Mr Khan who spoke for the Forum Against Racism and Islamaphobia. Mr Khan said: "The most symbolic thing the government can do is say this piece of legislation is not working. It's creating problems for a particular community so let's take it away." He also claimed the legislation did more harm than good by alienating Muslim communities from the authorities that rely on them to provide intelligence. In a submission to the committee, the forum said Home Office figures showed that since 11 September 2001, 609 people were arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000. Some 99 people were charged under the Act and 15 people convicted. "With an exception of the few, nearly all those arrested under the anti-terrorism legislation have been Muslims and most of those convicted have been Temples had been daubed with graffiti and prayers interrupted: "We have gangs of y	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/4096245.stm

14/12/2004	Muslim graves are vandalised	Halifax Today	A pig's head on a stake was stuck on a Muslim grave and about 14 headstones were daubed with paint which was removed by Calderdale Council after police had taken photographs. Chief Inspector Bill Hall, of Calderdale Police, said: "The graffiti on the tombstones was reported directly to Calderdale Council on Friday and they informed us. "It was mainly words painted on the headstones. We have been working closely with the council to find all the relatives and make sure they are aware of what has happened." He said the area was cleaned up after evidence, including photographs, was collected. "We've collected paint samples from the tombstones and have carried out house-to-house inquiries," said Chief Insp Hall. "Over the weekend there were police community support officers on patrol at the cemetery speaking to people visiting or walking dogs who may have seen something." The secretary of the Madni Mosque, Haji Muhammad Sultan, said the incident was deeply distressing and he appealed for people of all faiths to show respect for the dead. He said the recent attack in Halifax on Roman Catholic priest Michael Ingwell, meant that feelings in the community were running high and he urged	http://www.halifaxtoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=700&ArticleID=904714
09/12/2004	Police chief facing inquiry over 'machine gun Muslims' remark	Guardian	senior police officer in Manchester was under investigation last night after allegations that he called for machine guns to be set up to stop Muslims entering the city for their most important religious festival of the year. Superintendent David Keller, a sub-divisional commander based at Longsight police station, south Manchester, is alleged to have made the remarks at an internal meeting on November 24. Sources told the Guardian the remarks were made during a discussion about arrests at a recent Eid celebration in Manchester. The investigation will examine whether Mr Keller said the best way to deal with people wanting to enter Manchester for Eid celebrations was that machine guns should be put on the motorway to "shoot them before they get a chance to come into our city centre". Tom Moran, of the Police Superintendents' Association, which is supporting the officer, said Mr Keller did not believe his remarks were racist or directed at Muslims and that he had been misconstrued. The Independent Police Complaints Authority will supervise the investigation, which will be carried out by the internal affairs branch of Greater Manct	http://www.guardian.co.uk/race/story/0,11374,1369668,00.html
08/12/2004	Muslim women experience poor quality maternity care	MIDIRS	A new report by The Maternity Alliance reveals that many Muslim women are receiving inappropriate maternity care, putting them and their babies at risk. The most common complaint is that staff and hospitals fail to respect Muslim women's privacy, causing acute discomfort and embarrassment during pregnancy and childbirth. For example, some Muslim women do not want to be treated by male staff but their wishes are overlooked or not accommodated because of a lack of female staff. Other problems include poor communication between health professionals and Muslim parents, a severe shortage of interpreters and a lack of appropriate, easy-to-understand information about pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period. The Maternity Alliance's report, Muslim Women's Experiences of Maternity Services, finds that many of the problems reported are caused by a basic lack of understanding amongst NHS staff about Islamic beliefs and practices, exacerbated by insufficient resources within hospitals and too few staff. However, the poor quality and insensitive care received by some Muslim parents also appears to be a result of discriminatory attitudes held by some NHS staff. Many women interv	http://www.midirs.org/midirs/midweb1.nsf/Z45/0BDA27560DC008F980256F64003A04D0 http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/4079121.stm
07/12/2004	Iraqi woman attacked in street	BBC	An Iraqi woman was struck across the face with a toolbox and her hijab was tugged in a racist attack in Kilburn, north-west London. The 25-year-old was attacked on Kilburn High Road on 5 December. As she turned, her attacker spat on the ground and shouted racial abuse before hitting her with the toolbox and attempting to pull off her hijab. Police say several members of the public tried to stop the man but he managed to get away. A CCTV still of a suspect has been issued. Det Con Terry Limby said: "This was an unacceptable racial assault which took place without warning and provocation."	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/4074647.stm

05/12/2004	BNP rally brings poisonous anti Islam message to Pollokshields	Sunday Herald	At the rally, a show of hands reveals that this is the first BNP event ever attended by about 60% of those in the room. Griffin says party membership has grown from 1300 when he took over five years ago to 8000 today. The BNP have also made small electoral increases, and now have a number of council seats, primarily in the north of England. One of the first speakers is a former young Conservative, reflecting the party's attempt to scrub out its street-fighting past and replace it with a more acceptable image. "Fundamentalist Islam" is the party's main target, and Griffin raises the spectre of Britain developing the kind of violent ethnic strife which is now gripping the once liberal bastion of Holland. Another speaker, to cheers and applause, says of Muslims: "They are not our people, and they never will be our people." He equates the killing of Kriss Donald with the Moors Murders. A litany of violent black-on-white crime is recounted. "Are we going to allow Kriss Donald to die in vain?" a speaker asks. The crowd shout back: "No!" The party wants all imams – Muslim preachers – to be "Western born and have Westernised moderate attitudes",	
02/12/2004	Family of Turkish asylum seeker, believe that earlier medical intervention might have saved her life.	IRR	The family have since alleged that repeated requests that she be allowed to see a doctor were ignored. Some hours later, the family were all moved to the Port of Dover detention centre where they spent the evening. The following day, at 9.40am they were taken back to the Immigration Service at Dover, where it was identified, that Elmas was suffering from medical problems. But she was not taken to hospital until she collapsed at 5.20pm, while in the custody of Migrant Helpline - some nineteen hours after arriving and first asking for help. After a series of operations, Elmas died three days later from septicaemia. The inquest, which was due to start on 1 October 2004, into her death has been delayed indefinitely as the coroner has been unable to find suitable court space to hold it. There is also some confusion as to who was responsible for Elmas Ozmico's treatment. There will be seven interested parties represented at the inquest when it finally resumes, including the family who will be represented by INQUEST Lawyers Group, the Immigration Service, Migrant Helpline and the hospital trust.	http://www.irr.org.uk/2004/december/ha000004.html
02/12/2004	UK police turning case against Muslim law student in Muslim race case are making a mockery of justice	Mathaba News	Thames Valley police is turning the case against a young Muslim law student into a mockery of justice. Abdu-l-Muqtadir Mustaqim, who alleges police brutality during an arrest back in August was charged with possession of a lock knife and disorderly behaviour under section 5 of the Public Order Act. The knife charge has since been dropped when the prosecution had to admit that the lock knife was an ordinary pocket knife. Mr Mustaqim, son of Islamic Party of Britain general secretary Dr Sahib Mustaqim Bleher, attended Milton Keynes Magistrate's Court today for a pretrial review, but the case had to be adjourned once more for a week because the prosecution entered further evidence at the last minute. A new review date has been set for next week, making this the seventh court session before the main trial set for December 13 and 14. When Mr Mustaqim was arrested, handcuffed and kept in police cells without feeding for over ten hours, the police originally alleged that his vehicle did not have a valid tax disc, then tried to find faults with his documents, subsequently alleged an illegal tyre, and moved on to stolen vehicle parts. After they	http://mathaba.net/x.htm?http://mathaba.net/0_index.shtml?x=86021

01/12/2004	Angry scenes as terror police raid homes	Independent	Police were jostled and jeered in the early hours today after three houses were raided in an anti-terror operation. Uniformed police were standing guard today outside two redbrick terrace houses in Rusholme, Manchester, following the raids shortly before 8pm last night. A third property was also raided but its location has not been revealed. Angry scenes erupted in the early hours of this morning as the local Somali community clashed with police who removed a disabled woman from a house on Heald Place to enable forensic officers to search. Around 40 local Somali men and women jostled officers as the woman, aged around 65, was removed from the property and escorted to a friend's house by taxi. Neighbours said officers, some of them armed, burst into the houses at around 7.50pm last night. Residents claimed two men, named locally as Mohammed Omar, 30, and Omar Omar, 18, were arrested although this was not confirmed by Greater Manchester Police. A second redbrick terrace house on Great Western Street, less than two minutes' walk from the Heald Place property, was taped off and two police officers stood watch outside.	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=588567
01/12/2004	Race hate gang beat asian Muslims in street	Muslim News	THREE young Muslim men were brutally beaten by a gang of 15 youths in what police described as a "dreadful racial attack". Cousins Yasar Amjad and Usman Anjum and friend Shahid Iqbal were walking to the shops in suburban Heald Green, Stockport when the gang began verbally abusing them. They tried to ignore the jabs but were pelted with beer cans, before being surrounded by the gang. Usman, a trainee doctor at Manchester Royal Infirmary, who moved to Britain only two months ago, was kicked and punched to the ground. And when Yasar, a 16-year-old pupil at Manchester Grammar School, went to help his cousin, he was punched and kicked in the head. Shahid, 29, was then dragged into the brawl on Finney Lane before the trio managed to run into the nearby Co-op store. The owner locked the shop doors and closed the shutter, with the gang continuing to shout obscenities from outside. The three were later taken to Wythenshawe Hospital where they were treated for cuts and bruises. Usman also suffered a broken nose. Police are treating the attack, which happened around 9.45pm on Friday, as racially motivated. Usman said: "They	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=8480
30/11/2004	Boys, 14, beat Muslim student in racist attack, then police quiz beaten man about link to Islamic Extremists	Guardian	Yesterday the trial ended of three 14-year-old boys accused of a vicious attack on the 22-year-old university graduate as he waited for a bus in Willesden, north-west London, one Friday afternoon in June. The jury heard how three boys taunted and spat at Mr Abdelmouttalib through the bus window and how, when he remonstrated, one boy took ferocious revenge. Mr Abdelmouttalib, a tall, slight figure, was repeatedly punched and kicked and struck in the head with a heavy roadsweepers' broom. One teenager was convicted at Harrow crown court of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and will be sentenced on December 20. Two others, who denied taking part in the attack, were acquitted. Mr Abdelmouttalib was unable to give evidence. He remains in hospital, brain damaged and paralysed. He has lost most of his sight. He told the Guardian that he still retained his spirit: "Everything has changed, but they will not defeat me ... I was an active man. Now I can't do anything. I can't read, my memory is failing. I had to stop my studies." He hopes to do a PhD one day. "But who can tell? My life is in the hands of Allah." His speech is	http://www.guardian.co.uk/race/story/0,11374,1362326,00.html

25/11/2004	Hoax terror letter targets Muslims	Dehavilland	Police in south-east London have launched an inquiry after finding a letter bearing the logo of the Greater London Assembly (GLA), which urged local residents to check up on their Muslim neighbours. The hoax calls on "people of Arab origin" or "Islamic belief" to report to their local police station or town hall to provide their fingerprints and give a retina scan. The fake letter, which also claimed to have the backing of Southwark Council and the Metropolitan Police, provides false information about a heightened terrorist threat. Mayor Ken Livingstone condemned the letter, describing it as "a cruel hoax" designed to "whip up ill-feeling" against London's Arab and Muslim communities. "The people behind this deserve only contempt," he said. "While there is a real and serious terrorist threat to London, I must stress that there has been no change to the level of that threat." Southwark Council and local police have begun sweeps of local housing estates to track down copies of the letter. In the three years since the September 11th terrorist attacks, Britain's ethnic communities have often found them	http://www.dehavilland.co.uk/webhost.asp?wci=default&wcp=NationalNewsStoryPage&ItemID=7158267&ServiceID=8&filterid=10&searchid=8
24/11/2004	Arab loses eye in attack by soldiers outside London nightclub.	Evening Standard	Five members of the Household Cavalry have been arrested over an attack in which a wealthy Arab lost an eye. An army spokesman confirmed that five members of the Household Cavalry were arrested and released on bail. "They are back at work," he said. One of his attackers thrust a bottle into the 23-year-old victim's face, causing such serious injuries that he lost the sight of his left eye. The soldiers were held by police after Adnan Said was assaulted outside a nightclub in Knightsbridge. The Syrian student was set upon outside the Wellington Club where he was heading with friends and family. Mr Said is now being treated at the Western Eye Hospital in Marylebone. His uncle Wafic Said, 65, is a Syrianborn billionaire who is now a citizen of Saudi Arabia. In the late Eighties he brokered a \$20 billion arms deal between the Thatcher government and Saudi Arabia. Five troopers were arrested after Friday's incident, which is being treated by police as grievous bodily harm. The soldiers, aged between 18 and 23, have been released on bail and remain on duty at Knightsbridge Barracks. Today Mr Said described his ordeal - and said he believe	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=8462
22/11/2004	Report: Islamophobia makes British Muslims feel increasingly 'isolated' in their own country	Independent	Muslims in Britain are suffering soaring levels of Islamophobia and discrimination based on their faith, rather than the colour of their skin, a report published today says. Experts warned that significant numbers of British Muslims, particularly young men, are being marginalised by the inequalities they suffer compared with white and other ethnic groups. Of British Muslims, 80 per cent said they had suffered Islamophobia. The report, by the Open Society Institute, found that since the 11 September attacks 80 per cent of Muslims said they had been subjected to some form of Islamophobia. Two thirds of British Muslims felt they were perceived and treated differently from other groups, and 32 per cent said they had been discriminated against at British airports because of their religion. Between 2001 and 2003, the number of Asian people stopped and searched under the Terrorism Act rose by 302 per cent, compared with 230 per cent for black people and 118 per cent for whites. The report warned: "The high number of stop-and-searches, and the gap between the number of searches and actual arrests, charges and convictions, is lead	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/this_britain/story.jsp?story=585399 http://washingtontimes.com/upi-breaking/20041122-092047-5746r.htm
19/11/2004	Teens jailed for racist killing	BBC	Michael Evans and James Carney ran off laughing after the assault on 2 April this year, an Old Bailey jury was told. Their victim, Akberali Mohamedally, 80, suffered irreversible brain damage after the attack in a subway in Northolt, west London. Evans, 17, and Carney, now 20, both from Northolt, were cleared of murder but convicted of manslaughter.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/4025329.stm

19/11/2004	Prison Service blamed for death of inmate	Independent	Zahid Mubarek might be alive today if the Prison Service had not missed 14 opportunities to save him from his racist, psychopathic cellmate, an inquiry heard yesterday. The 19-year-old was beaten to death with a table leg by Robert Stewart on the day he was to be released from Feltham young offenders institution. The prison officer who placed them in a cell together had no information about Stewart's violent history. A nurse who diagnosed him as a psychopath suggested no treatment was necessary. His repeatedly aggressive and racist letters were not intercepted and when he began to dismantle and make weapons out of the table in the cell days before the murder, officers failed to notice. The catalogue of failures was revealed on the first day of an inquiry in London, chaired by Mr Justice Keith, into how Mubarek came to die in custody and whether it was as a result of incompetence or racism amongst the staff. The hearings, the first to be held into a racist killing in custody, have been compared to the inquiry into the death of Stephen Lawrence. Mubarek's mother and father, Sajida and Amin - who have fought a four-year legal battle for the	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=584398
19/11/2004	The aftermath of 9/11 has made life more difficult for UK Muslims	Al Jazeera	The UK government must combat Islamophobia and pursue a more Muslim-friendly foreign policy if British Muslims are to fully integrate into society, a new report says. Released on Thursday by the London-based Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC), the report states that most British Muslims suffer from negative media coverage, lack of legal protection from discrimination, and a lack of respect by government and society at large. The study, which is based on the feedback of more than 1000 British Muslims, also challenges the widely held assumption that the loyalty of British Muslims to the state is open to question. Over the past few years certain sections of the British media and some British politicians have blamed Muslims for their alleged lack of affiliation to the UK, and charged them with ingratitude to the government and wider society. However, the IHRC survey found that most British Muslims see no contradiction between Islam and good citizenship, and argue they are loyal to the state because of their religion.	http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/AB1A491A-35AE-469E-94E6-AF99334F03E6.htm
17/11/2004	Egyptian asylum seeker wins case to stay in UK despite efforts of Prime Minister to deport him.	Guardian	The Guardian revealed yesterday how Mr Blair intervened in the case in an attempt to deport Mr Youssef, despite being told by the then home secretary, Jack Straw, and Foreign Office officials that the man was at risk of being tortured. Mr Youssef's lawyer, Irene Nembhard, of Birnberg Peirce, said: "Most worrying was that the evidence suggested that the prime minister was determined to see Mr Youssef returned to Egypt without displaying an equal concern to ensure that if returned, he would be protected from torture and inhuman or degrading treatment".	http://www.guardian.co.uk/Refugees_in_Britain/Story/0,2763,1352800,00.html
17/11/2004	Muslim man shot in back	BBC	Police say a man shot dead in Greater Manchester was visiting relatives to celebrate a Muslim festival. Zulfkar Hussein, 46, from Halifax, West Yorkshire, was shot in the back at a block of flats in Rochdale on Sunday. A 35-year-old man arrested in connection with the shooting is still being questioned by officers.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/4018947.stm
11/11/2004	Muslim Dress Code Stirs Controversy in Britain	Islam Online	The need grew for national rules to organize Muslim dress in British schools after a local school enforced a ban on "jilbab", drawing the ire of British Muslims, according to a British daily. "The current situation is causing chaos. Islam is a diverse faith and some people feel their faith requires them to wear the jilbab," The Independent quoted Inyat Bunglawala, spokesman for the Muslim Council of Britain as saying. Bunglawala was commenting on the controversy that raised following three Muslim students were withdrawn from schools in Tower Hamlets, the London suburb of highest Muslim intensity in the country, after receiving letters banning them from wearing jilbab in schools. "We feel that those who wish to wear jilbab should be able to do so. It seems the Government needs to set out precisely what is and is not acceptable," Bunglawala was quoted by the British daily as saying Tuesday, November 9. Other Muslim students protested the letters, requesting to be moved to other schools. Jilbab is an ankle-length dress which covers the whole body except for face and hands. The British move echoes one by France which has triggered a co	http://www.islamonline.net/English/News/2004-11/10/article06.shtml

10/11/2004	Council told Mosque 'would not affect house prices'	This is Lancashire	A MOSQUE in Clitheroe would not damage house prices in neighbouring streets, Ribble Valley councillors will be told. Next Tuesday's meeting of the council's policy and finance committee will decide whether to sell land at the former council depot in Kirkmoor Road, to the town's Islamic Education Trust. Councillors deferred a decision at a meeting on September 21 because they wanted to assess the suitability of the site for development and the impact of any development on residents. The site has been valued at £400,000 and the parcel of land requested by the Islamic Education Trust at £50,000	http://www.thisislancashire.co.uk/lancashire/clitheroe/news/NEWSCROE1.html
09/11/2004	Muslim Schoolboy 'faced racist bullying'	BBC	A Muslim schoolboy was called "mud face", punched and spat at by his fellow pupils, a court has heard. Mikhail Smethurst was bullied by students and teachers at St Christopher's School in Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, his mother Aliya claimed. She is claiming damages against the former head teacher Diane Symes and the school's trust, St Christopher's. Mrs Smethurst said Mikhail, then aged six, returned home with different bruises almost daily. The court heard Mikhail was scared of going to school, refused to eat and had nightmares. Mrs Smethurst said her son was told to dress as a black cloud during a school play, while his classmates played the part of white clouds. The 36-year-old mother-of-three from Pakistan said: "The truth is that he had balls of mud thrown at his face which had stones inside. They said to him that it would make him more brown and it is good for his complexion." Paul Gilroy, representing Ms Symes and the trust, said Ms Smethurst had a "history" of complaining". He asked: "Something goes wrong and you wheel in the lawyers and threaten legal action, don't you?" He referred to a series of newspaper reports and a The hearing continues.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/somerset/3994193.stm
09/11/2004	Britain's Muslim communities increasingly seen as pariahs	Guardian	Britain's Muslim communities are increasingly seen as pariahs. Their reputation has begun to resemble that of Catholics in 17th-century England. A Home Office survey in 2001 reported that 86% of Muslims felt the ignorance of others created a major problem for them. And a YouGov poll in 2002 showed that 84% of the public conceded that their suspicions of Muslims had grown after 9/11. Islamophobic and anti-Arab outbursts, such as those by Robert Kilroy-Silk and the former British Council official Harry Cummins, may be rare but they are also episodes from which generalisations are drawn on all sides. Meanwhile, the evidence points to a range of social and economic problems which deserve credible public policy responses. There are three main drivers of isolation and potential radicalism among British Muslims. First, most of these communities are characterised by patterns of social and economic exclusion. Certainly among Pakistanis and Bangladeshis (estimated to be two-thirds of the Muslim population of 1.6 million) there are obvious risks in the compulsory education system and in employment. For example, around 40% of Pakistani children attain five GCSE passes. Absolute earnings for Pakistani and Bangladeshi men are £150 per week less than the Second, British Muslims experience high levels of social isolation. The Cattle report Third, in common with other socially excluded groups, British Muslims have begun to	http://www.guardian.co.uk/analysis/story/0,,1346627,00.html
08/11/2004	Stay-at-home protest as schools ban Islamic dress	Times	PARENTS and pupils in one of Britain's largest Muslim communities have clashed with their council after the introduction of a ban on girls wearing strict Islamic dress to school. At least three girls are staying away from classes in protest at the ban in the London borough of Tower Hamlets. Others face possible expulsion by continuing to wear the clothing in defiance of the restriction. Schools in the borough, following council guidelines, have banned pupils from wearing the jilbab, a long dress that leaves only the face and hands uncovered. Headscarves are allowed. Muslim girls in Tower Hamlets have been wearing the jilbab to school for a number of years. Many pupils and parents are angry that the ban has been implemented during Ramadan, the Islamic holy month. The council argues that the move is necessary to comply with school uniform rules and for health and safety reasons. It is claimed that pupils wearing the jilbab may trip over the garment or catch it in machinery during science lessons.	http://www.timesonline.co.uk/newspaper/0,,176-1348170,00.html

04/11/2004	Racists target Islamic High School for Girls	South Manchester reporter	RACISTS are forcing south Manchester's only Muslim school for girls to spend over £24,000 on security. After repeated attacks on its premises the Manchester Islamic High School For Girls on High Lane, Chorlton, plans to install spy cameras inside and outside the building, erect a metal fence and gate, put barbed wire on walls and replace a large waste bin torched by vandals. Head Aminata Sessay said the expenditure was "necessary because of a spate of attacks by vandals.She said: "We have had racist graffiti painted on the building telling us to go home and supporting the BNP. "We have windows smashed and the school broken into by people who rampaged through the classrooms and we have had cash and computers stolen."On one occasion when the school was being used for evening classes vandals pushed a sword through a gate they were trying to force."Another headache is the need for urgent fire safety work. Officers from the Greater Manchester Fire Service who inspected the school in July found it did not meet current safety standards. They found, for example, that the lessons bell also serves as the fire alarm bell. Staff were told the school needed new fire doors, a complete re	http://www.southmanchesterreporter.co.uk/news/index/articles/article_id=15173.html
28/10/2004	Mosque windows smashed,religious artwork destroyed and Koran thrown to the ground.	Manchester Online	VANDALS attacked a mosque in Salford - smashing windows, destroying religious artworks and throwing the Koran to the ground.Officials at the Eccles and Salford Islamic Centre believe the gang was disturbed by the Imam, who returned to the mosque unexpectedly. Otherwise the damage could have been worse.The attack happened late on Friday night. Secretary general Ali Anees says the incident has caused distress in the community. He is appealing for people living nearby to be on the look-out in future.	http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk/news/s/134/134697_mosque_hit_in_vandal_attack.html
28/10/2004	Council defends 'mosque' closure	BBC	The centre was used by up to 40 worshippers who gathered there for weekly prayers. The council's decision to force the centre to move was upheld by a government planning inspector last November. Kamarl Mear, from Perranporth, said the Muslim community felt very disappointed with the council. "We need to have a place to practice our worship. It's part of our religion," he said. "Everywhere in the world there are mosques and people have the right to pray in the mosque. We are losing our rights here." Carrick Council took enforcement action because it said the mosque was unsuitable in a residential area. Muslim leaders say they feel let down by the council, but the local authority insists it has worked with the Muslim community to try and find a new home.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/cornwall/3957457.stm
27/10/2004	Youths 'desecrated Muslim graves'	BBC	Three boys shouted religious abuse and smashed Muslim gravestones at a London cemetery, a court has heard. More than 40 graves at Charlton Cemetery were knocked over, broken or had photographs removed on 17 March. A jury at Inner London Crown Court, heard on Tuesday, the graves, all for Turkish Muslims, were targeted by the youths because of their religion. The three youths, aged 14, 15 and 17, admit some criminal damage but deny the attack was religiously motivated. Carl Hackman, prosecuting, said: "This case involves the deliberate and systematic desecration of gravestones belonging to certain members of the community, namely Muslims." The court heard the three entered the cemetery in south-east London after employees had left for the day and then smashed and knocked over headstones. A hammer was used to break pictures left on the graves in memory of loved ones, the court heard. The cemetery which was set aside for people of that faith," Mr Hackman said. The jury was shown a 10-minute video of the damaged graves. Mr Hackman said: "As you can see, there can be no question that the damage was delit	

26/10/2004	U.K.: Report Says Britain's Muslims Most Underprivileged Religious Group	Rferl	<p>The latest British statistical report "Focus on Religion" states that Muslims are the most underprivileged religious group in the country. Muslims number some 1.6 million in the U.K. The report reveals, among other things, that they have the highest rates of unemployment and the worst health of any religious group.</p> <p>The report -- published for the first time by the Office for National Statistics -- comes as no surprise to the Britain's Muslims. They say they asked the government for help some time ago, but little has been done to make things better. The latest report simply confirms what Muslims in Britain say they know already -- they are largely excluded from British life. Members of the younger generation say they feel especially frustrated. Khilood Ali is a young woman of Iraqi origin. "Me as a Muslim, I don't see any role here in Britain for Muslims. And it's just [as hard] for any refugees or people who need help to live like an equal here with the Britain people," Ali said. Khilood says the statistics show just numbers, and do not measure the frustration that many of her fellow Muslims feel. "It's not nice for a country to get all th</p>	http://www.rferl.org/featuresarticle/2004/10/B8D771B8-64FE-49F8-96B5-90B1235AB6F5.html
25/10/2004	Islamophobia linked to war on terror, says prosecutor	Independent	<p>An explosion in racist crime and a sharp rise in the number of young Asian men being stopped by the police threatens to alienate Britain's Muslim communities, the Director of Public Prosecutions has warned.</p> <p>Ken Macdonald QC, speaking to The Independent after his first year in charge of prosecutions, said that the war on terror had sparked a growth in Islamophobia and led to a more divided society. He warned: "Terrorism is creating divisions between our diverse societies. We have to be careful that we respect diverse cultures and we prosecute cases without discrimination.</p> <p>"What the figures are showing is that a large number of young Asian men have been stopped by the police." He added: "This is a period of heightened security around the issue of terrorism and that's a position that has to be managed. It would be dangerous for us to alienate whole communities, we just have to tread carefully."</p> <p>Home Office figures show that stop and searches of Asians under anti-terror laws have soared by 302 per cent in a year. At the same time the figures for race hate crime revealed an increase of 50 per cent in the past two years with 2,000 more case</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=575260
22/10/2004	Third arrest over Kurd man's murder	News Shopper	<p>A THIRD person has been arrested in connection with the murder of a man outside a community centre. The 17-year-old was detained in connection with the death of 30-year-old Kurd, Saman Mohammed, who was found with serious stab wounds yards from his house outside Changes in Common on Herbert Road, Plumstead, on October 10. He died an hour later in hospital. The youth has been bailed to appear at a south London police station in November. A second 17-year-old from Plumstead appeared charged with Mr Mohammed's murder at Camberwell Youth Court on October 19 and a 16-year-old has been released without charge.</p>	http://www.newshopper.co.uk/news/lewgreennews/display.var.539222.0.third_arrest_over_kurd_mans_murder.php

14/10/2004	'Our betrayal of these men has made them sick'	Independent	<p>Psychiatrists and psychologists are a bit like economists - to get two to agree on anything is usually impossible. Yet today, 11 psychiatrists and one psychologist have united in declaring that indefinite detention under the 2001 Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act has had a severe adverse impact on the mental health of all detainees they interviewed. All the detainees are clinically depressed and a number are suffering from severe post-traumatic stress disorder. To understand why so many have developed such severe mental illnesses it is important to appreciate the trauma they had usually suffered before even being detained in the UK. Three of the detainees had experience of previous detention and torture but all had been in situations of political instability and unrest. Most had fled to the UK in the belief that our justice system would protect them from the persecution they had faced in their own countries, and it is deeply ironic they should have found themselves incarcerated as a direct result of seeking to come here. This betrayal has undoubtedly contributed to their severe mental illnesses. Plus the prison has no facilities. The other theory is that Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East is pushing those of Far better weapons to use against terrorism are democracy and the rule of law. If the</p> <p>Professor Raj Persaud is consultant psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital, London</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/health_medical/story.jsp?story=571943
08/10/2004	Muslims are the principal targets of a new racism	World Crisis	<p>The UK government's asylum and citizenship policies have resulted in an upsurge in racially motivated violence and police harassment. In public debate, however, government anti-asylum policies are rarely discussed in the context of a restructured labour market. On the contrary, the 'asylum crisis' has somehow come to symbolise a disintegrating social order. And so we have a new enemy within. In typically indiscriminate fashion, Muslims and those who look like Muslims are the principal targets of a new racism. But since we are being 'swamped' or submerged by a refugee 'tidal wave', this is a discourse that enables all non-Western foreigners to be drawn into a great big racist melting pot. The new racism reserves its most poisonous venom for Muslims, but is, as IRR director A. Sivanandan has pointed out, also a more widely targeted 'xeno-racism'. In July figures released by the Home Office showed a 300 per cent rise in the number of Asians stopped and searched under anti-terrorism legislation. This was despite the fact that the 609 arrests made under the Terrorist Act 2000 led to the conviction of just three Muslims. In the meantime</p>	http://www.world-crisis.com/analysis_comments/873_0_15_0_C/ http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1324962,00.html
07/10/2004	Muslim reservist loses Iraq legal case	Guardian	<p>Muslim reservist who refused to take part in the war in Iraq because of his religious beliefs today lost his appeal against an RAF prosecution for going absent without leave. Leading Aircraftsman Mohisin Khan, of Ipswich, Suffolk, absented himself from duty between February 24 and March 5 last year on the grounds of conscientious objection. His absence resulted in his arrest, charge and punishment by the RAF, and he was fined nine days' pay and seven days' privileges. Mr Khan was last year mobilised, with others, to return to the regular forces and supplement service personnel in the conflict. The high court was today told the 25-year-old held a "genuine and deep belief" that the approaching war was both wrong and contrary to his religion. He said he did not want to be asked to fight against fellow Muslims, and felt he could not condone any military action against another state that had not come by way of "self-defence". However, Lord Justice Rix and Mr Justice Forbes, sitting in London, ruled that there was no interference with his rights "by reason of the appellant's recall, arrest, prosecution or conviction". They backed a decision by the</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,1321847,00.html

06/10/2004	Belmarsh - Britain's Guantanamo Bay	BBC	In December 2001 nine foreign nationals were removed from their families by police and taken to Belmarsh Prison in south east London. They have been held there ever since and still do not know why. The detainees are unable to see the intelligence evidence against them and are confined to their cells for up to 22 hours a day. Their solicitors say they have been "entombed in concrete". The men are being held under anti-terror laws brought in following September 11, which allow the home secretary to detain without trial foreign nationals he suspects of terrorism, but cannot deport because it would endanger their life. To date a total of 17 foreigners have been detained, 11 of whom are still being held - mainly in Belmarsh. It has prompted human rights organisations to brand it "a Guantanamo in our own back yard". "The similarities are striking and appalling," says human rights organisation Liberty. "The lack of rights afforded to the men in both places undermines fundamental civil liberties." The conditions the detainees are kept under at Belmarsh have been likened to the extreme regime at the US military prison in Cuba, where more than 6000 prisoners are held. This is something the Home Office has denied, saying the prisoners are being treated properly. "The men are held in small cells for 22 hours a day, how is that proper treatment?" said Liberty.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/magazine/3714864.stm
06/10/2004	Asbo Boy, 14, Must Halt Violent Race Hate Campaign	Scotsman	A teenage boy has been given an indefinite anti-social behaviour order after waging a race hate campaign against a Muslim family, it emerged today. Aaron Blinko, 14, threw bottles and stones at the family's 12-year-old son during a series of attacks that spanned several months. The teenager, of Culcheth Lane, Newton Heath, Manchester, hurled racist abuse at the family, shot at them with a ball-bearing gun and smashed the windscreen of their car. He also threw fireworks at the youngster and threatened to attack him when he refused to buy a bag of marijuana. Magistrates in Manchester imposed the order at a hearing on September 28. The blanket ban forbids Blinko from using racist, insulting or offensive language or behaviour in public, including the use of the word "Paki", anywhere in the UK. He is also banned from carrying or using any weapon, including a ball-bearing gun, or any article capable of being used as a weapon. He cannot throw stones, fireworks or other missiles. Breach of the ASBO could result in a fine of up to £5,000 or detention or jail up to five years. He has previously been found guilty of possession of cannabis and cocaine.	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3590950
06/10/2004	Ruling Due in Muslim Reservist's Case	Scotsman	A Muslim reservist airman who refused to take part in the Iraq war because of his religious beliefs is learning today the outcome of his landmark legal battle over his prosecution by the RAF for going absent without leave. Leading Aircraftsman Mohisin Khan, 25, from Ipswich, Suffolk, absented himself from duty on the grounds of conscientious objection. Mr Khan, an aircraftsman and medic, had been mobilised with others last year to return to the regular forces to supplement service personnel in the Iraq war. But he held a "genuine and deep belief" that the pending war was wrong and contrary to his religion. He said he did not want to be asked to fight against fellow Muslims and felt he could not condone any military action which was not by way of "self-defence" against another state. Two High Court judges in London heard in July that his absence resulted in his arrest, charge and punishment by the RAF. He was fined nine days' pay and seven days' privileges. His challenge before Lord Justice Rix and Mr Justice Forbes, who give their decision today, was over a decision by the RAF's Summary Appeal Court to uphold his conviction for the offence. The action was contested by Philip Havers QC on behalf of the RAF Prosecuting Authority.	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3589008

05/10/2004	Appeal begins for terror suspects held in 'UK's Guantanamo'	Independent	<p>Nine foreign terror suspects who have been held in British prisons without charge for nearly three years began an appeal for their release yesterday in a direct challenge to the Government's emergency anti-terrorism legislation.</p> <p>Lawyers for the detainees told a panel of nine law lords that the emergency measures, rushed through Parliament in the aftermath of the 11 September attacks in America, were an affront to democracy and the internationally accepted notion of justice. If the law lords rule in favour of the detainees, the Home Secretary, David Blunkett, will be forced to release all 11 foreign suspects, including two who were arrested later and are not part of the appeal.</p> <p>The judges, who usually sit in panels of five, were told by Ben Emmerson QC, barrister for seven detainees, that it was "unacceptable to lock up potentially innocent people without trial or without any indication when, if ever, they are going to be released". He said government powers to detain foreigners without limit under anti-terror laws threatened the values they were designed to protect.</p> <p>The nine men were arrested just after the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act came into force. Mr Emmerson said the men he was representing had been kept in custody for nearly three years. He said they had been given no idea when, if ever, they would be released, they had no legal representation. The barrister said: "Despite the complexity of some submissions in this case, the ultimate principle is that the law must be applied."</p> <p>Mr Emmerson said: "There is an inevitable temptation for parliaments and governments to take short-term measures in the name of security, but the fundamental issue was whether a government could lawfully detain people without trial or without any indication when, if ever, they are going to be released."</p> <p>Mr Emmerson said that the emergency law had been "wrongly adopted, and permitted the government to detain people without trial or without any indication when, if ever, they are going to be released."</p> <p>Lord Goldsmith, the Attorney General, and Christopher Greenwood QC, the barrister for the government, said the law was necessary to protect the country from terrorism. The man, known only as "D", was one of 12 foreign nationals being held without trial. There has also been growing evidence that the detainees have been suffering mental health problems. The House of Lords hearing is due to last for three more days.</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=568964
04/10/2004	Arson attack on Asian restaurant	BBC	<p>An Asian restaurant has been targeted by arsonists after a blaze was started with a home-made incendiary device, police say. Firefighters were called to the Jinnah restaurant, on the A64, at Barton-le-Willows - between York and Malton - at 3.20am on Saturday. The fire caused a small amount of damage and live-in staff were not hurt. Police want to hear from anyone who passed the scene between 2am and 3am.</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north_yorkshire/3711218.stm
30/09/2004	Police step in to ease fears of backlash	Ilford Recorder	<p>POLICE have boosted patrols in case of a backlash against the Muslim community over the heightening tension in Iraq. Officers have been redirected from the Redbridge community team to monitor Muslim targets as the fate of British hostage Ken Bigley hangs in the balance. Redbridge Police and Muslim community leaders met on Monday to discuss their fears. Chief Insp Carl Lindley said: "The Metropolitan Police in Redbridge is providing resources to ensure public safety and to reassure the entire community. We are ready to respond to any potential problem borough-wide." Insp Nigel Nottidge said no specific intelligence had been received of planned attacks. Stepping up patrols was proactive policing, which would reassure the Muslim community, he added. Concerns over a backlash have been further fuelled by the election of a BNP member on to neighbouring Barking and Dagenham Council, said Bashir Chaudhry, of the League of British Muslims UK in Eton Road, Ilford. We all have sympathy for the Bigley family," Mr Chaudhry said.</p> <p>"Hopefully it will all end well, but if it does not, everyone will be concerned that the fa</p>	http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/content/ilford/news/story.aspx?brand=RECOnline&category=newsilford&tBrand=RecOnline&tCategory=newsilford&itemid=WeED30%20Sep%202004%2012%3A27%3A02%3A090

30/09/2004	Concern at the tenor and pitch of Outrage! campaign adds to rising wave of anti-Muslim hysteria.	Guardian	<p>I have always, and will always, oppose every form of oppression. That is why I fight for lesbian and gay rights, and differ with many religious leaders - including Dr Qaradawi - on this. But it is also why I will never go along with those who try to single out a particular religion, in this case Islam, as uniquely evil, and why I will maintain a dialogue with all of London's communities and faiths.</p> <p>Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London</p> <p>As anti-racists and long-standing campaigners we strongly oppose all incitement to violence, whether against women, lesbians and gay men, black communities or anyone else. But we must express our concern at the tenor and pitch of the campaign by Outrage! and others, in relation to Yusuf al-Qaradawi, which we believe fits in with what is a rising wave of anti-Muslim hysteria.</p> <p>In western Europe and the US there is a powerful and dangerous campaign to insist We know that religious leaders of many other faiths would not agree with our stand of Milena Buyum (National Assembly Against Racism), Takhsin Begum (NUS Black LG</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/letters/story/0,,1315826.00.html
30/09/2004	Tory Davies sparks halal row over Muslim MP's opposition to hunting	The Western Mail	<p>Mr Davies criticised Muslim MPs for opposing hunting while supporting the halal method of preparing meat.</p> <p>"The chief whip has spoken to David about what he said and advised him of the sensitivities. "It is important that we send out the right messages. We have many Muslim supporters and we're very conscious of that, and David is too." First Minister Rhodri Morgan said, "All of us have to be aware of what can cause an ethnic minority or a religious minority to feel it is being discriminated against.Labour's Mr Griffiths said later, "David Davies' attempts to bully minorities in this country are disgraceful. "But I want him to know that there are politicians who are not afraid to stand up to him and these offensive tactics."To compare halal and fox hunting is an insult not only to Muslims but to all sensible citizens in our country and he should know that this offensive bullying will not work."To compare an established religious practice with a blood sport calls into question the attitude of the Tory party towards Muslims in Wales and Britain."</p>	http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/newspolitics/tm_objectid=14695825&method=full&siteid=50082&headline= assembly-s-top-tory-backs-his-halal-row-spokesman-name_page.html

28/09/2004	Storm as Welsh Tory blasts Muslim MPs	IC wales	<p>LEADING Welsh Tory was branded Islamophobic last night after claiming Muslims should support fox hunting because halal meat is also threatened by animal rights.</p> <p>David Davies, AM for Monmouth, asked Muslim MPs who voted for a hunting ban to change their stance, because government advisers have also called halal slaughter cruel.</p> <p>Ministers have ruled out a ban on halal and kosher slaughter, which states animals should be killed with a single cut to the throat while conscious.</p> <p>But Mr Davies yesterday said Muslim MPs should join pro-hunting protesters outside Parliament, some of whom clashed violently with police last week, to defend minority rights.</p> <p>Halal and kosher meat is exempt from rules on stunning animals before slaughter.</p> <p>In a June 2003 report, the Farm and Animal Welfare Council said it "considers that slaughter without pre-stunning is unacceptable and that the Government should repeal the current exemption".</p> <p>It can take up to two minutes for an animal to bleed to death, the council found.</p> <p>In April, Agriculture Minister Ben Bradshaw said, "We accept that there are deeply held beliefs on both sides of aspects of this argument.</p> <p>"A ban could in any case simply result in kosher and halal meat being imported."</p> <p>Mr Davies has written to Khalid Mahmood, Labour MP for Birmingham Perry Barr, and</p> <p>Mr Davies said he knew of no Jewish MPs who had voted for a ban, but would write to</p> <p>He said, "Hunting and halal are both long-standing traditions, passionately defended</p>	http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0200wales/tm_objectid=14682384&method=full&siteid=50082&headline=--storm-as-welsh-tory-blasts-muslim-mps-over-hunting-name_page.html
28/09/2004	Racist attack leaves student living in fear	Student news	<p>A racist act left a fourth year student fearing for his safety last week. The Muslim student, who wishes to remain anonymous, found meat products left on his doorstep. Bacon was posted through his letterbox, while Spam, black pudding, and other meats were found outside the door.</p> <p>Police believe the attack was premeditated, as the consumption of pork and blood products is explicitly prohibited by the Islamic religion. The victim told Student: "I was just leaving to go to a lecture when I saw the bacon. "I thought it was a joke to begin with, but when I opened the door, I didn't know what to think. "When I came back from the lecture I locked the door and have done ever since. "Its awful, I feel scared in my own house."</p> <p>Sohaib Saeed, president of the university's Islamic Society, told Student of his disgust at recent similar occurrences in the city. He was particularly angered by the vile nature of the attack, saying: "This is another example of the Islamophobia we're seeing more and more of. "This attack wasn't sophisticated or clever, it was pure and simple dirty racism. "Nothing can excuse this sort of behaviour."</p> <p>The attack was not an isolated incident, with several prior events in the city indicating</p> <p>Others had their houses daubed with offensive graffiti. The professor blamed the right</p> <p>"Although I would still like to think that the vast majority of students - and the broader</p> <p>"The Students' Association would be keen to hear from groups within the student bod</p>	http://www.studentnewspaper.org/view_article.php?article_id=20040927152437

27/09/2004	Police given extra time to hold 'dirty bomb' suspects	Independent	<p>Anti-terrorist police were granted a further five days yesterday to question four men arrested after a Sunday newspaper claimed they were plotting to detonate a chemical bomb in Britain or the US. The News of the World investigations editor, Mazher Mahmood, said the men had been searching for "red mercury", for which their alleged boss in Saudi Arabia was prepared to pay £300,000. On Friday, police arrested three men at a hotel in Brent Cross and the fourth at his home, also in north London. Searches of various addresses in and around London were not believed to have yielded suspicious material.</p> <p>Under the headline "Blown Apart", the newspaper said it launched its investigation after it was tipped off that a "Mr Big" in Saudi Arabia - "a known al-Qa'ida hotbed" - was looking for materials for a dirty bomb. Mahmood said he went undercover as a "Muslim extremist" and in meetings in London made plans to supply up to a kilo of red mercury which he was told would be used to detonate a bomb in Britain or the US.</p> <p>Red mercury is believed by some to have been made by the Russians in nuclear reactors during the Cold War by irradiating elemental mercury with antimony oxide. The newspaper claimed that as Mahmood moved towards a deal, it called in officers. The expose is among hundreds masterminded by Mahmood who boasts that his investigations. But media experts say his methods are sometimes questionable, and his track record. The CPS decided that Gashi, who secretly filmed the men apparently discussing the</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=566045
27/09/2004	The Prophet Mohammed was a paedophile, says Kilroy-Silk aide	Telegraph	<p>Robert Kilroy-Silk, the television presenter sacked by the BBC for writing disparaging remarks about Arabs, employs an assistant who likens the Prophet Mohammed to a paedophile.</p> <p>Tony Bennett, a member of the UK Independence Party, was hauled before a party disciplinary committee two years ago for writing offensive remarks about Islam in a pamphlet published in 2000. He was banned from holding any UKIP office for two years.</p> <p>Last night Mr Bennett was unrepentant about his comments about Mohammed, insisting that they were "factual".</p> <p>The disclosure that he employs someone with such strident views will be an embarrassment to Mr Kilroy-Silk who has been trying to play down the impression that he is anti-Arab since he was sacked by the BBC in January.</p> <p>In the pamphlet Mr Bennett, a former UKIP parliamentary candidate, described Mohammed as having had a child bride and suggested that he was a paedophile. Mr Bennett last week expanded upon his views, saying: "If you look closely at Mohammed's life in detail, he had many wives and it is an admitted fact that one of them was nine years old when he called her to get married and they had sexual relations." "He had between 16 and 22 wives. In his mid-fifties he called his chosen [child] bride "If that happened in this country today then the person concerned would be charged." "One of the concerning things is that Muslims are required to follow the example of the Prophet." "When you put his life under scrutiny and look at what he did, there were attacks on him." Mr Kilroy-Silk's decision to employ Mr Bennett sits uneasily with his claims that he has never been anti-Muslim. The former television presenter had his BBC1 morning show dropped eight months ago. "Few of them make much contribution to the welfare of the rest of the world," he wrote. When the Commission for Racial Equality complained to the police that his comment was racist, Mr Kilroy-Silk insisted that he had never criticised Muslims. Mr Bennett, who lives in Harlow, Essex, and was sacked by UKIP MEP Jeffrey Titford in 2002, said: "I think everything I've said is factual, although occasionally it strays to opinion and that's</p>	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.ihtml?xml=/news/2004/09/26/nukip26.xml&sSheet=/news/2004/09/26/ixhome.html

27/09/2004	Early school finish angers Muslims	IC Birmingham	<p>A Birmingham headteacher's decision to close a primary school early on Fridays clashes with Muslim prayers, angry parents have warned.</p> <p>Michael O'Keefe, head of Anderton Park Primary in Sparkhill, hit the headlines yesterday after the Evening Mail revealed how he had written to parents threatening them with £20 fines if they failed to pick up their children by 2.20pm. He said the early finish was because of building work at the school and that the lost hours would be made up during the week. But Muslim parents said the time had forced them to choose between collecting their kids on time or attend Friday prayers at mosques. Dad-of-three Mumtaz Hussain, 39, of Ivor Road, Sparkhill, said he was outraged at Mr O'Keefe's insensitivity. The taxi driver, whose three children attend Anderton Park, said: "I think the early finish is disgusting. There has been no meeting with parents to discuss this." The time is very significant for Muslims and creates a big problem for parents. We are forced to arrange for relatives or friends to collect our kids if we attend prayers. "Some women would also rather not collect than Mr O'Keefe was unavailable for comment.</p>	http://icbirmingham.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/tm_objectid=14683597&method=full&siteid=50002&headline=early-school-finish-angers-muslims-name_page.html
23/09/2004	Action urged to combat Islamophobia	Asian Image	<p>Urgent government action is needed to tackle Islamophobia and "institutional disadvantages" suffered by Britain's Muslim community, MPs said.</p> <p>Earlier this month a major report warned persistent and untackled Islamophobia was creating a disaffected underclass and could lead to "time-bombs" of backlash and bitterness. The Commission on British Muslims and Islamophobia think-tank called for implementation of 60 recommendations to end anti-Muslim prejudice identified in its first report. Opening a Westminster Hall debate, Labour's Karen Buck (Regent's Park and Kensington N) said, "Muslims in Britain are now at the sharp end of race hatred and xenophobia." The Muslim Council of Britain has recently described this as a "relentless increase" in hostility towards Islam and British Muslims. "I'll venture that one of the reasons this is so is the extent to which Islam, asylum and immigration and terror have become so conflated in the public mind." There was a "strong perception" among many British Muslims that the international situation was revealing them to be second-class world citizens, Ms Buck said. She outlined a number</p>	http://www.asianimage.co.uk/lancashire/asian_image/news/AINEWS1.html
21/09/2004	Anti-terror measures 'alienate Muslims'	Guardian	<p>The Church of England said yesterday that police counter-terrorism operations were directed disproportionately against Muslims and risked alienating them. In a submission to the Commons home affairs committee, the church's mission and public affairs council supported a proposed law against incitement to religious hatred, including towards Muslims, to preserve community relations. The submission, signed by Dr Tom Butler, Bishop of Southwark, said: "In recent years stop and search powers have been employed disproportionately against Muslims..."</p> <p>"While this situation is not the same as that facing black communities in earlier times, confrontational methods of policing are likely to prove counter-productive, as they risk increasing radicalisation of young Muslims in particular. "It can be argued that counter-terrorist operations directed against al-Qaida could be expected to affect the Muslim population disproportionately, but the scale of the disparity in a number of areas and the lack of objective justifications for it suggest that the explanation is unlikely to be reassuring. "That Muslim communities experience count</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1309011,00.html

20/09/2004	'Anti-terror' detainee to go free	BBC	A foreign national held under the government's emergency anti-terrorism powers since December 2001 is to be released. Home Secretary David Blunkett said the weight of evidence no longer justified detaining the Algerian, known as "D". He was among the first eight foreign nationals to be held without charge or trial under emergency powers introduced after the September 11 attacks. The man had been in a high-security jail since December 17, 2001. "D" was held under a certificate issued by Mr Blunkett under the Anti-terrorism Crime and Security Act and lost a landmark appeal against his imprisonment in October 2003. Then the Special Immigration Appeals Commission backed the Home Secretary's decision to imprison him. The commission described the man as a "practised and accomplished liar". His attempts to distance himself from other terror suspects and assertion that he had nothing to do with the GIA (Groupe Islamique Armee, or Armed Islamic Group) could not be believed, it said. In 1994 he was arrested and prosecuted in France for membership of the GIA. The UK detention was upheld again in July. Mr Bl	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3673668.stm
20/09/2004	RACIST thugs have plastered abusive graffiti over an Asian family's brand-new £250,000 home in a sickening attack.	Edinburgh news	RACIST thugs have plastered abusive graffiti over an Asian family's brand-new £250,000 home in a sickening attack. The shocking incident has horrified neighbours and sparked outrage from community leaders, politicians and racial equality activists. The attack took place at night on the unoccupied four-bedroom detached house, which has just been built in a plush new Miller Homes development in Silverknowes. The racists used black and red spray paint to daub slogans such as "No Pakis" and "Black B*****" on the front, rear and side of the building. Some of the abusive graffiti was misspelt. The initials of the British National Front, an overtly racist minority group, were also spray-painted on the walls of the house. The vandals had tried unsuccessfully to break into the house to continue their mindless attack. The attack has horrified families who have just moved into Silverknowes Gate, an upmarket development of three and four-bedroom properties which runs off Silverknowes Road. Those who have bought homes include at least one other Asian family. Jalal Chaudry, who is chairman of the Lothian Racial Equality in Housing grou	http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/edinburgh.cfm?id=1092702004
17/09/2004	Press reports hostile to refugees	Sunday Herald	SCOTTISH newspapers could be creating an "aggressive, hostile and prejudicial" attitude towards asylum seekers, according to the head of Oxfam in Scotland. The claim comes as the charity launches a campaign to discover the effect that newspaper reporting has on public and political opinion towards asylum seekers in Scotland. "The impact of unbalanced or misleading media reports can be devastating," Mhairi Hearle, head of Oxfam in Scotland, said. "There have been unprecedented levels of media reports on asylum issues in recent years and previous research conducted by Oxfam showed that many of these were not just negative but hostile."	http://www.sundayherald.com/44737
17/09/2004	Kilroy denies racism but bars migrants	Sunday Herald	THE UK Independence Party yesterday said it would put an annual cap of 100,000 on immigration and withdraw from the Geneva Convention on Refugees if it won power. The party's most prominent politician, Robert Kilroy-Silk, announced the policies with a warning that Britain will need a new city the size of Birmingham every 10 years to house migrants unless numbers are curbed.	http://www.sundayherald.com/44751
17/09/2004	Jail option for drunk cabbie beater	Asian News	The bench ordered reports with all options including imprisonment to be taken into consideration in the case of 21-years-old Simon Duxbury, of Bridge Bank Road, Littleborough, who admitted charges of assaulting Rashid Khan causing actual bodily harm and causing £250 worth of criminal damage to a taxi meter. The taxi driver Mr Khan who had remonstrated with the defendant for pulling out his taxi meter and walking off with it, was taken by ambulance to hospital, bleeding heavily and suffering from jaw injuries.	http://www.theasiannews.co.uk/news/index/11378.html

17/09/2004	Suspected West Indian gang attack Somalis	IC London	A TEENAGER was stabbed just inches from his heart when he hurled himself in front of a knife-man to protect a friendThe have-a-go hero sprang into action when a "racist" mob attacked his pal on a packed tram late last Friday.When one gang member pulled out a nine-inch butterfly knife, he threw himself in front of the weapon.The attacker plunged the blade into the teenager's chest just inches above his heart and then slashed him across the face.The 19-year-old was rushed to hospital where he has recovered from the attack and has since been hailed as a hero by police.He told the Croydon Advertiser: "Those guys would have killed my friend. I'd do the same again."The attack happened when the teenager, his two cousins aged 14 and 16 and two friends - all Somalis - were returning on a tram from a football match. As the tram reached Croydon town centre at 11.50pm, they were set upon by the gang who singled out one of the group and punched him in the face. DC Neville Agnew, of British Transport Police, said: "This was a violent, ferocious attack. The blade entered his chest near his left armpit and was just inches	http://icsouthlondon.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0225croydon/tm_objectid=14654020&method=full&siteid=53340&headline=suspected-west-indian-gang-attack-somalis-name_page.html
17/09/2004	25 year old found dead with a fractured skull in Queens Road, central Reading	BBC	Khurrum Liaquat, 25, was found with a fractured skull in Queens Road, central Reading, after a night out on Tuesday. He came to the UK from Pakistan three years ago to study computing and lived with aunts and uncles in Reading. His aunt Shazia Aslam said: "Khurrum was so loved. He was the oldest cousin and all the younger ones looked up to him. They loved him so much." At the time of his death, Mr Liaquat was helping out in the family-run Star takeaway while planning his next step in life, say police. Michael Boswell, 21, from Spencer's Wood, is due to appear before magistrates in Reading on Friday charged with Mr Liaquat's murder.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/berkshire/3664952.stm
16/09/2004	'We will fight 'mosque' plan'	IC Berkshire	Despite there being other buildings in the area used for minority religious groups - the Gospel Hall in Dedworth Road, Christian Scientists at Adelaide Road and the Spiritualist Church at Gloucester Place, local residents are fighting against the building of a mosque.Mr Bowles said: "Medina Dairy employ around 60 people, most of whom are Muslims and require to take prayers several times a day."The Centre will not be totally devoted to prayer, there will be religious teaching spaces, meeting and social spaces as well as an area for prayer, clerical office and Centre management facilities."He said that although the Centre would be open to all Muslims and non-Muslims around Windsor, there would be adequate parking and that no more people would be using it than if it was an office.He also pledged that the dairy owners would meet residents and discuss the project.But there has already been an angry reaction from one resident, Carol Reed.Mrs Reed said: "I can't believe they are seriously considering doing this. It is ridiculous to say a big Muslim centre like this won't cause noise and nuisance in our road. "It is totally unsuitable. W	http://icberkshire.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/sloughandwindsor/tm_objectid=14648824&method=full&siteid=50102&headline=-we-will-fight--mosque-plan--name_page.html
15/09/2004	Investigation into arrest of Muslim student	Guardian	The Independent Police Complaints Commission is prioritising an investigation into the arrest and alleged mistreatment of a Muslim student last month by using its own staff to make inquiries. It is only the eighth matter to be examined directly by the group, which replaced the Police Complaints Authority in April. Abdul-Muqtadir Mustaqim was pulled over by Thames Valley police in Milton Keynes on August 23. He will appear before magistrates in the city this morning, charged with possession of a bladed weapon and a public order offence. The 19-year-old law student told the Guardian that officers initially said they had stopped him because they believed his car was not taxed. When he showed them the valid tax disc they questioned him over a series of other matters before searching and arresting him, allegedly manhandling him despite his lack of resistance. Thames Valley police said they welcomed the investigation, but could not comment further on the case.	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1304757,00.html

13/09/2004	Guantánamo in our back yard	Guardian	<p>It began nearly three years ago in the early hours of December 19 2001. Nine men were removed from their homes across the country by dozens of police officers and taken to Belmarsh and Woodhill high security prisons.</p> <p>Their families were not told where they were until much later. All non-UK nationals - from Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia - the men were certified as "suspected international terrorists" under a new law passed only days before, the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act (ATCSA), whereby the home secretary requires only "reasonable belief" that those detained are a threat to national security. The men cannot be identified because to do so might put their families at risk here and in their home countries.</p> <p>They have been in prison now for years, without charge, without trial and with no prospect of release. To allow for this, Britain had to renege on the section of the European convention of human rights stipulating no detention without trial - the only country out of 40 to have done so.</p> <p>By now, 17 foreign nationals in all have been certified. Of those, 13 are being detained; one has been released on bail but may not leave his home; two have left the country. Gareth Peirce, of Birnberg Peirce solicitors, who represents all but two of the men, says: "Not even their solicitors can establish why these men have been detained - the evidence is circumstantial." These statements link each of the men to terrorist organisations and fraudulent activities. In all, says Peirce, the open evidence amounts to this: "You are someone who is assessed as a suspected terrorist." The Home Office claims that its "suspected terrorist" decisions were based on "details of intelligence." But lawyers and campaigners are horrified at the quality of information presented in the report. According to both Garcia and Peirce, the information given by anonymous MI5 witnesses is unreliable. Meanwhile, Sir Peter Heap, a former British ambassador, has written about the unreliability of the evidence. One source, it is feared, may be the defendants' home governments. Men who have been detained in Guantanamo are not afforded ordinary British judicial procedure. In August, appeal court judge Lord Justice Laws quashed the convictions. This followed an appeal by the detainees, involving a byzantine discussion of what counts as evidence. None of the detainees can understand why he has not at any point been questioned. One of the first to be detained was Mahmoud Abu Rideh, a Palestinian refugee in his late 20s. A father of five, Abu Rideh is diagnosed as suffering from severe post-traumatic stress disorder. "Mr M", a 38-year-old Libyan, was released in March after a Siac appeal found that his behaviour and how they were when I saw them inside was completely different.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/weekend/story/0,3605,1300887,00.html
13/09/2004	Muslim held in terror raid 'suffered 50 injuries'	Guardian	<p>CPS declines to prosecute despite medical report on alleged assault A British Muslim man arrested during a terrorism raid suffered 50 separate injuries after being repeatedly kicked, punched and stamped upon, according to a medical report seen by the Guardian. The Crown Prosecution Service yesterday announced that no one would be charged for allegedly assaulting Babar Ahmad, who was arrested in December 2003 at his south London home. Mr Ahmad was released after six days without charge and made an official complaint about the alleged assault. He claims that as kicks and punches rained down on him he was taunted by an officer saying: "Where is your God now?" But last month he was arrested again, after the US requested his extradition, alleging he ran a support network for terrorists in Chechnya and Afghanistan. Friends and supporters condemned the CPS decision and officers involved in the raid could still face disciplinary charges. Mr Ahmad was yesterday remanded in custody by Bow Street magistrates pending a full extradition hearing. After Mr Ahmad's first arrest he was examined by a consultant in accident and</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/0,12780,1302028,00.html

10/09/2004	UK Muslims are feeling 'under siege'	Gulf News	The September 11 attacks in the United States have left Britain's Muslim community feeling "under siege" and increasingly the target of racist incidents, Muslim leaders around the country say. "Things have turned upside down," said Akbar Dad Khan, a member of the Muslim association Building Bridges in Luton, north of London, and home to a large Muslim population. "The community is feeling that it's under siege." Racism, aggressive behaviour, insulting remarks towards Muslim-looking women and men have increased and have destabilised the community. "According to a study conducted by experts and university professors, who examined relations between the country's various racial groups, anti-Muslim sentiment has increased in Britain since the September 11, 2001 attacks. The study found that Muslims were subjected to verbal and physical attacks and were discriminated against in the workplace. Britain has an estimated two million Muslims, the majority of whom trace their roots to former British colonies in South Asia. Khan lamented the fact that the Muslim community was now seen as suspect and as supportive of terrorism, when, in	http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/Story.asp?Article=91396&Sn=WORL&IssueID=27174
09/09/2004	September 11 attacks fuelling mounting anti-Muslim sentiment	Yahoo News	The September 11 attacks in the United States have left Britain's Muslim community feeling "under siege" and increasingly the target of racist incidents, Muslim leaders around the country say. "Things have turned upside down," said Akbar Dad Khan, a member of the Muslim association Building Bridges in Luton, Bedfordshire, and home to a large Muslim population. "The community is feeling that it's under siege." Racism, aggressive behaviour, insulting remarks towards Muslim-looking women and men have increased and have destabilized the Muslim community. According to a study conducted by experts and university professors who examined relations between the country's various racial groups, anti-Muslim sentiment has increased since the September 11, 2001 attacks. The study found that Muslims were subjected to verbal and physical attacks and were discriminated against in the workplace. Britain has an estimated two million Muslims, the majority of whom trace their roots to former colonies in South Asia. Khan said that the wearing of the headscarf has also become a controversial issue. "The issue of hijab (headscarf) has become centr	http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=1538&ncid=732&e=7&u=/afp/20040909/wl_uk_afp/us_attacks_3years
08/09/2004	four men were arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000 in Southampton	BBC	Four terrorism suspects are being questioned by police in Hampshire after being arrested in raids on Tuesday. The four men were arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000 in Kenilworth Road, Polygon, central Southampton. The men, aged between 26 and 34, are currently being held at separate police stations in Hampshire. A police spokeswoman said they recovered "a substantial amount of paperwork" from the house during a search completed on Tuesday evening. Next door neighbour Dan Romani, 20, described the four men as "the quietest neighbours you could have". Mr Romani, a graphic design student, told BBC News Online: "There were a number of police in full riot gear, including one with a baton for breaking down a door. "It must have been a very smooth process as I didn't hear anything and it didn't even wake my girlfriend up. "I moved in a month ago and they keep themselves to themselves. "They are the quietest neighbours you could have. "I have heard them talking in a foreign language in the hallway, but never in English." Mr Romani said a mat was always kept across the back window of the top floor flat, preventing people from seei	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/hampshire/3634878.stm
07/09/2004	Muslim man victim of a race hate campaign in Basildon	BBC	Over six months, death threats have been sprayed on walls, and windows broken at Sarfraz Sarwar's home, which doubles as Basildon's Islamic Centre.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/3634840.stm

07/09/2004	29-year-old Iraqi murdered in Swansea	BBC	<p>Police are appealing for witnesses to the murder of a 29-year-old Iraqi in Swansea in what they believe was a racially-motivated attack.</p> <p>The man was assaulted early on Monday in Kingsway, in the city centre, and died later in hospital.</p> <p>South Wales Police believe the assault, outside The Potter's Wheel pub, was carried out at about 0136 BST by a white man.</p> <p>The victim is not being named until his next of kin have been informed.</p> <p>Police said the attacker was accompanied by two other white men.</p> <p>All are described as in their early 20s.</p> <p>Det Chief Insp Layton Bennetta said: "This was an unprovoked attack which is being treated as a racist incident."</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/-/1/hi/wales/3632436.stm
07/09/2004	BBC criticised for endangering the lives of two Libyans	BBC	<p>The BBC has been criticised by the media watchdog Ofcom for endangering the lives of two Libyans who appeared in a documentary series.</p> <p>Ofcom upheld a complaint from tour guide Muhunnud Al-Mungoush who appeared on Holidays in the Axis of Evil, last year, without his consent.</p> <p>They also upheld a complaint from singer Enes Senussi, whose song was used in the same programme.</p> <p>The BBC was accused of putting the lives of the men "at risk".</p> <p>Mr Al-Mungoush claimed that as a result of the programme he was interrogated, beaten up and lost his job.</p> <p>Ofcom ruled that two journalists had "misled" Mr Al-Mungoush when they posed as tourists.</p> <p>Mr Al-Mungoush said he agreed to be filmed for a holiday video as he showed them around, but said he would not have given consent if he had known it was to be used as footage for a BBC programme.</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/3632512.stm
06/09/2004	Conservative Home Secretary attends 'Islamophobic' book launch	Independent	<p>Tories fine to attend 'Islamophobic' book launch over chairing it. Simon Woolley, director of Operation Black Vote, warned parties that it would be "political suicide" for them to associate themselves with the book. "A more racist, hate-filled book would be hard to find. Moxon's poisonous rant is designed to sow fear, terror and distrust between the white and ethnic communities." He added: "Any political party that links in with this man is on extremely dangerous ground. This is nothing more than an Islamophobic rant."</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/politics/story.jsp?story=558659
06/09/2004	Mosque hall blaze was arson, say police	IC Birmingham	<p>A banqueting hall at a Birmingham mosque was destroyed in an suspected arson, just two months after it opened.</p> <p>More than 35 firefighters had to tackle the blaze at the Regents Hall, next to the Hussainia Mosque, in Regent Park Road, Small Heath.</p> <p>The building, which had been bought and run by charity organisation Idaara Maarif e Islam, opened to the public in July and a dozen events had been due to be held this month. West Midlands Fire Service's fire investigation officers have inspected the debris and police forensic team will examine the site later today. The fire happened on Friday and Syed Sakhawat Hussain Shah, the charity's chairman, said yesterday: "So much time and money was spent on opening this hall by the local community, that the end result is a shock for us all."</p>	http://icbirmingham.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/post/tm_objectid=14609757&method=full&siteid=50002&headline=mosque-hall-blaze-was-arson--say-police-name_page.html
06/09/2004	Racist hurts abuse at Muslim during prayer	This is Wiltshire	<p>A RACIST who hurled verbal abuse at members of Melksham's Bangladeshi community has been invited to learn more about the Asian culture by the people he insulted. Mark Weston, 26, stormed into the town's Bangladeshi Community Centre while Muslims were in the middle of prayer, and shouted racist abuse at 42-year-old Abul Shamsuddin as his two young children watched. In a second incident last July Weston, who lives in a flat above the community centre, hurled abuse at 35-year-old Nazim Uddin as he walked through Melksham town centre, calling him 'rag head'.</p>	http://www.thisiswiltshire.co.uk/wiltshire/melksham/news/MELKSHAM_NEWS_LOCAL2.html

03/09/2004	ARSON ATTACK: Asylum seeker tells of fire bomb terror	Peterborough Today	<p>A TERRIFIED asylum seeker has spoken of his terror after a petrol bomb was thrown at his flat in an attack that firefighters say could have caused "catastrophic" loss of life. The arsonist hurled the fire bomb at the window of Mohammed Bakhtiar's ground-floor flat of a block at Tyesdale, Bretton, Peterborough, which houses more than 100 people, many of them asylum seekers.</p> <p>The impact and explosion caused the window to smash and flames shot into the 19-year-old Iraqi's front room.</p> <p>As thick black smoke poured up the side of the building and into the rest of the flats, the automatic fire alarm was triggered, sparking panic.</p> <p>Dozens of scared residents had to negotiate the labyrinth of narrow winding corridors to escape the choking fumes.</p> <p>Mr Bakhtiar, whose flat window was also shattered by jobs just a day before Monday's bomb attack, has been living in Peterborough for two and a half years, and works for the Bourne Salads factory, in Spalding Road, Bourne. He said: "I was in the building's security office when a friend ran towards me waving his arms and saying my flat was on fire." I am now scared to stay here and am going crazy because</p>	http://www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=845&ArticleID=848017
03/09/2004	Terror laws target wrong suspects, says study	Guardian	<p>Most of those convicted under anti-terrorist laws in the last three years are non-Muslim, despite the fact most of those arrested have been Muslim, says the most detailed study yet of how the legislation has been used.</p> <p>The report, published today by the Institution of Race Relations, examines all arrests made since September 11 2001 for which data is available.</p> <p>It accuses police of discrimination, and is likely to fuel concern about the disparity between the hundreds of arrests made and the handful of terror-related convictions.</p> <p>The findings show that only three of the 15 people convicted under anti-terror laws in the past three years are known to be Muslim - and two of those have been granted leave to appeal. In comparison, at least two-thirds of the 287 arrests examined - out of 609 - were Muslims. The report says this discrepancy provides evidence of "excessive and discriminatory use of arrest powers".</p> <p>It adds: "Since arrests under anti-terrorist laws attract widespread media coverage while convictions of non-Muslims in court have not been widely reported, most people are left with the impression that the criminal justice system is successfully protecting the public."</p> <p>"The reality is that large numbers of innocent Muslims are being arrested, questioned</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/0,12780,1296315,00.html
02/09/2004	Calls for dismissal of Sunday Telegraph editor	Dehavilland	<p>The Muslim Council of Britain has called for the dismissal of Dominic Lawson, the editor of the Sunday Telegraph, after four "rabidly anti-Muslim" articles appeared in the paper in July this year. Dr Abdul Bari, deputy secretary-general of the MCB, said Islamophobia was "fast becoming a respectable vice in certain sections of the media". The MCB welcomed the British Council's decision to sack Harry Cummins, a senior press officer, who wrote under the pseudonym Will Cummins. Mr Cummins was replaced a month ago by the Guardian's diarist, Marina Hyde.</p>	http://www.dehavilland.co.uk/webhost.asp?wci=default&wcp=NationalNewsStoryPage&ItemID=6036107&ServiceID=8&filterid=10&searchid=8

02/09/2004	British Council official sacked over anti-Islam articles	Guardian	<p>A British Council official who assumed a pseudonym to write Sunday Telegraph articles attacking "the black heart of Islam" has been sacked.</p> <p>The government-funded body, which recently commissioned a handbook on Islam "to prevent ignorant comments about Muslims being made in [the] national press", said yesterday it had dismissed Harry Cummins, a senior press officer, after an internal investigation.</p> <p>The author's identity was unknown to all but the Sunday Telegraph's executives until it was revealed by the Guardian's diarist, Marina Hyde, four weeks ago, prompting a flood of complaints to the council from Muslim groups. In his four articles, bylined Will Cummins, he compared Muslims to Nazis and argued that Muslim voters have a "global jihadi agenda". One of his articles stated: "All Muslims, like all dogs, share certain characteristics." Another argued: "It is the black heart of Islam, not its black face, to which millions object." The author also compared voters in Leicester and Birmingham to the Janjaweed militia who have committed atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan and claimed that Islam was "sanctified by the principle ... that any civilisation is justified in its violence".</p> <p>The dismissal was welcomed by the Muslim community, which said the comment pie</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1295363,00.html
01/09/2004	inquiry into claims of racially-motivated assaults by prison officers at Leeds Prison.	BBC	<p>It has been alleged that Asian and black inmates were verbally abused, unfairly denied access to facilities and punched and kicked by prison staff. The allegations surfaced in April, after an Asian prisoner, Shahid Aziz, was found dead in his cell at Leeds. Lawyers for some of the prisoners want the commission to set up an inquiry. Ethnic minority inmates said they had been victims of assaults.</p> <p>Five provided details of alleged attacks by a small number of prison officers.</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/west_yorkshire/3616512.stm
01/09/2004	UK keeps man's Guantánamo claims secret	Guardian	<p>The government has refused to give the family of a British prisoner at Guantánamo Bay details of the ill-treatment he alleges he suffered at the hands of his US captors, blaming the Data Protection Act, the Guardian has learned. During a welfare visit in July, Martin Mubanga told a Foreign Office official of two incidents of mistreatment. But the Foreign Office has angered the family of the 31-year-old Londoner by claiming that the the Data Protection Act means it has to keep secret what Mr Mubanga alleges he suffered. British detainees already released from Guantánamo have alleged incidents of torture and ill-treatment so serious that the International Committee of the Red Cross said they would amount to war crimes, if true. The latest row came as a US lawyer who had been due to see Mr Mubanga pulled out of the planned visit, blaming draconian conditions placed on him by the Pentagon.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/quantanamo/story/0,13743,1294661,00.html
01/09/2004	Abu Hamza de-arrested but still detained	Independent	<p>The Muslim cleric Abu Hamza is no longer being questioned by UK authorities on alleged terror offences after being de-arrested today.</p> <p>But he remains detained at the high-security Belmarsh prison, where he has been since May following an extradition request from the United States. Hamza was arrested at the prison in south-east London on Thursday under the Terrorism Act 2000 and taken to Paddington Green police station for questioning on suspicion of being involved in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.isp?story=557098
01/09/2004	'I dared to seek for the truth in a false world'	Socialist Worker	<p>Babar Ahmad was arrested a month ago. He is in custody facing extradition to the US, where he faces Guantanamo-style "justice". Babar was first arrested in December when he was released after a week in custody. A doctor who examined him says Babar was badly beaten while he was in custody. Babar Ahmad has never been charged with any crime.</p>	http://www.socialistworker.co.uk/article.php4?article_id=2161

01/09/2004	Pastor renews attack on Islam	Evening News 24	The 62-year-old said: "As the third anniversary of September 11 approaches, I re-issue my Path to Paradise: Christ or Muhammad? as an epilogue to our recent Islam debate. "We dare not lose sight of the fact that our controversy with Islam is not only about free speech, civilised values and democracy."Since authentic Christianity gave birth to these things, their survival cannot be guaranteed with it."Thus the chief crisis we face is the widespread collapse of Christian conviction in the West."He said the decay of civilisation as a result of that meant there was "no defence against militant Islam."He added: "The only antidote to this evil religion and its barbaric ethos is the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ."	http://www.eveningnews24.co.uk/content/News/story.asp?datetime=01+Sep+2004+13%3A14&tbrand=ENOnline&tCategory=NEWS&category=News&brand=ENOnline&itemid=NOED01+Sep+2004+13%3A15%3A41%3A060
31/08/2004	U.K.: British Muslims Blame Media For Fostering Hostile Attitudes	Rferl	Muslims in Great Britain blame the media in the country for the lingering hostility, fear, and suspicion they feel exists toward their community. They accuse some media outlets of not drawing precise enough distinctions between the mainstream law-abiding Muslim majority and the few militants or terrorists.	http://www.rferl.org/featuresarticle/2004/8/F2D18373-9BBD-4626-8F70-15262805545B.html
31/08/2004	Police free terror raid suspect	BBC	The man was held by armed police at this house A 19-year-old man, arrested in Birmingham under the Terrorism Act, has been released without charge, West Midlands Police say. The man, who has not been named, was detained by armed police in a swoop on a house in Gleave Road, Selly Oak, at 0400 BST on 19 August.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/west_midlands/3611674.stm
31/08/2004	Prisoner 'A': no charge, no trial, no conviction and no release date. Welcome to Britain's war on	Observer	In the first interview with a detainee under the government's emergency powers, Martin Bright reveals the life of a father trapped in legal limbo An Algerian in his late thirties walks nervously into a prison chapel at Woodhill high-security jail in Milton Keynes. For some reason, the authorities have decided that a Christian place of worship is the best place for this devout Muslim to tell his story. But the venue is the least of the problems for Mr A, who has been certified by Home Secretary David Blunkett as a terrorist: an Islamist extremist with links to Chechen rebels, Algerian armed groups and at least one known al-Qaeda suspect held in Britain. We cannot name Mr A because his anonymity is protected by a court order to guarantee the safety of his family in Britain and Algeria. Along with 11 other foreign detainees incarcerated under the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act, he exists in a penal no-man's-land and can be kept in jail indefinitely. He is charged with no offence by a British police officer, convicted of no crime by a jury, but judged such a risk to the public by MI5, the security service, that he can be detained until Blunkett judges it safe to release him. The paradoxes of his situation are multiple. He has been detained without trial precisely because he is innocent. Last October, SIAC decided that Mr A had procured material for Arab Islamists fighting in Iraq. He comes from near the eastern Algerian coastal city of Annaba, close to the Tunisia border. Incredibly, his family in Algeria does not know he is in prison. He still speaks to them. He knows that he will be questioned by the authorities when he arrives in Algeria, but he is not. Yet supporters of the detainees point out that in their 30 months of detention no other detainee has been released. Two months ago each man received a letter from the Home Office asking if he would accept a deal. Mr A says he is grateful to the British people who have campaigned for the detainees. He says he would still like to see his children grow up in Britain, but knows that the offer is not. 'I cannot see my family destroyed under my eyes. I divorce you, Britain,' he says, before hanging up.	http://observer.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,1292998,00.html
31/08/2004	OBJECTIONS TO MOSQUE PLANS	This is Leicestershire	Neighbours are objecting to plans for a £1 million mosque and community centre. A petition with 57 names has been collected by residents of Duxbury Road and Bridge Road, Leicester, who do not want the building on the site of the former Avalon Centre. Bulldozers have started clearing the site. Objectors said the plan would lead to increased traffic and noise nuisance from the call to prayer. Leicester City Council planning officers have recommended the proposal, by the MKSI Community of Leicester, is rejected.	http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?command=newPage&nodeId=132383&contentPK=10864003

31/08/2004	Pay out over prison racist	Asian News	<p>A COMPUTER engineer who was slapped and racially abused by a prison officer has been given £17,500 by the Home Office.</p> <p>Shahid Farooq, aged 25, from Werneth, Oldham, Greater Manchester, was granted the out-of-court settlement following the opening of a civil case at Manchester county court which heard he had been attacked by a prison officer at Hindley remand centre near Wigan in August, 1997.</p> <p>He spent two months at the centre, where he says the assault took place on his last day as he went to collect his clothes before the court hearing which freed him. He said: "As I went to get my clothes, the man behind the desk just attacked me and began shouting racist abuse and threatening me. I think he was trying to get me into a back room, but didn't manage to because other prisoners protested."</p> <p>"The worrying part about it was that he did this in front of other officers and Group 4 workers, too. I was petrified and even today I worry about what he could have done if there had not been so many other people around at the time."</p>	http://www.theasiannews.co.uk/news/index/11324.html
31/08/2004	Ethnic groups missing crime advice	IC Network	<p>Crucial crime prevention messages are failing to reach ethnic minority groups on Teesside, a survey has revealed.</p> <p>The study by Safe in Tees Valley says more should be done to provide crimebusting advice to ethnic minorities who feel most at risk.</p> <p>A total of 944 homes were surveyed and 64pc of ethnic minority respondents believed that improving home or vehicle security would do little to prevent them becoming victims of crime.</p> <p>The study also revealed that fewer than one in three residents from minority ethnic communities could recall any crime prevention campaign compared to one in two who classed themselves as "white British".</p> <p>Mobeen Mehdi, a spokesman for the Muslim community in Middlesbrough, agreed with the findings of the study.</p> <p>He said: "In my opinion the police need to understand our community a bit better, but we both need to help each other."</p>	http://icteeside.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0001head/tm_objectid=14586176&method=full&siteid=50080&headline=ethnic-groups-missing-crime-advice-name_page.html
27/08/2004	Victims of police are urged to speak out	Eastern Eye	<p>A commissioner from Britain's senior police watchdog has urged Muslims to come forward with their concerns about anti-terror policing.</p> <p>Mehmuda Mian Pritchard, (pictured) from the Independent Police Complaints Commission, said that while there was a lot of "anecdotal" evidence about alleged police abuse, not enough victims were speaking out.</p> <p>Mehmuda told Eastern Eye: "In the light of recent terror raids, Muslims need to be aware of their rights, and nobody should feel their life or liberty is in jeopardy. We want to work with the community to ensure they are not alienated."</p> <p>Although recent statistics showed a shocking 300 per cent rise in stop-and-search of Asians, predominantly Muslims, the IPCC say there has been no corresponding rise in complaints - indicating that many people have lost confidence in the authorities.</p>	http://www.easterneyeuk.co.uk/iframe_story.asp?NID=793
26/08/2004	Most terrorist convictions are non-Muslim	Muslim News	<p>Despite the sweeping Police raids against Muslims, the majority of convictions in the UK under its anti-terrorist laws since 9/11 have been white loyalists and racists.</p> <p>According to Home Office figures, 609 arrests of so-called terrorist suspects have been made over the past three years, but up until 30 June 2004, they have led to only 15 convictions. The majority were quietly released without charge in contrast to the high-profile raids. It has now been found by a study of eleven of the convictions by the Institute of Race Relations (IRR) that only three were Muslims and of these two have been given leave to appeal against their convictions.</p>	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=1640 http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/22796.html

26/08/2004	Refugee 'robbed' of Oxford place	BBC	<p>A teenager from Rotherham who has achieved six grade As at A level may not be able to take up a place at Oxford because of her refugee status.</p> <p>Vildane Berani, 18, came to Britain when she was 13 after fleeing from Kosovo with her parents.</p> <p>As the Home Office has yet to decide whether she can be granted British citizenship she would have to pay fees as an international student at Oxford.</p> <p>That would mean fees of up to £30,000 for the first three years alone.</p> <p>The final three clinical years of her course could cost even more.</p> <p>Ms Berani told the BBC there was "no way" her family could afford this.</p> <p>As a British citizen she would be required to pay tuition fees of around £1,125 a year.</p> <p>"Even with home fees I would need quite a lot of help and international fees are very expensive," she added.</p> <p>"When I came here I was 13 so my memories are of Britain rather than Kosovo."</p> <p>Her MP - the Europe Minister Denis MacShane - said Ms Berani's story of coming to the UK and then being offered a place at Oxford "was almost a fairy tale".</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/south_yorkshire/3598594.stm
24/08/2004	Police assault British Muslim in custody for calling them racist	Mathaba News	<p>After having arrested the son of Islamic Party general secretary Dr Sahib Mustaqim Bleher for calling a police officer racist when they couldn't find anything wrong with his car, Milton Keynes police abused the 19-year old law student Abdu-l-Muqtadir Mustaqim when holding him in custody for more than 8 hours without feeding him or giving him water.</p> <p>When Abdu-l-Muqtadir was finally released and charged with using offensive language in public as well as possession of an offensive weapon, a small ornamental Arabian-style pocket knife his father had gifted him for his 10th birthday and which he kept in his car's glove compartment, he was severely bruised in the face, the wrists and the shins and is currently being assessed at Milton Keynes General Hospital's accident and emergency department.</p>	http://mathaba.net/x.htm?http://mathaba.net/0_index.shtml?x=67725
24/08/2004	Council bans call to Muslim prayers	Guardian	<p>Members of a Lancashire mosque were yesterday wondering why ice cream vans could play their tunes on the streets of Blackburn while the calls that summon Muslims to prayers were banned.</p> <p>Members of Blackburn with Darwen borough council have rejected a request by the Nurul Islam mosque to broadcast the adhaan through the mosque's loudspeakers. The congregation had submitted a petition with 182 signatures, and said the calls would be heard only in Audley Range, where most residents are Asian.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,1289280,00.html
24/08/2004	Met Commissioner declines to apologise over Qaradawi controversy	Muslim News	<p>The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police has declined an opportunity to express any remorse for the offence caused by his controversial comments expressed during last month's visit to Britain by eminent Egyptian Islamic scholar, Dr Yusuf al-Qaradawi, The Muslim News has exclusively learnt.</p> <p>At a meeting with the Muslim Safety Forum on Monday night, Sir John Stevens failed to apologise for making a highly partisan statement in which he said he threatened to withdraw police participation at a youth conference, where the scholar was due to speak. But he did accept that there should be more consultations with the Forum in future on sensitive issues.</p>	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/index/press.php?pr=188
23/08/2004	Row over a Channel 4 documentary which critics claim portrays Asian Muslims in Bradford as paedophiles	BLINK	<p>411 emails to channel 4 to scrap documentary go unheard. The scale of the outrage is far larger than protests over many other TV shows, but the station remained unmoved. The C4 spokeswoman dismissed the concern. She said: "It is not a huge number of people in comparison to those who will watch the programme. Lee Jasper, secretary of the National Assembly Against Racism, said: "It is unbelievable that Channel 4 have responded to what is a quite unprecedented number of complaints about the programme in this way.</p>	http://www.blink.org.uk/pdescription.asp?key=4306&grp=1&cat=197

23/08/2004	Muslims seek apology from Met Commissioner over Qaradawi	Muslim News	<p>Sir John Stevens is holding a meeting Monday evening with the Muslim Safety Council during which the Metropolitan Police Commissioner is expected to clarify his controversial comments expressed during last month's visit to Britain by eminent Egyptian Islamic scholar Dr Yusuf al-Qaradawi, The Muslim News has exclusively learnt.</p> <p>During the visit, the Commissioner was accused by Muslim leaders of making a highly partisan statement after admitting he came under pressure from the pro-Israeli lobby to prosecute Dr Qaradawi. "The anger that was created by the comments made by the individual is considerable. I have had personal telephone calls from eminent members of the Jewish community," he said. Sir John went on to threaten the police participation in a youth conference, where the scholar was due to speak. "I don't want my officers on the same stage. I, for one, will not associate myself with the comments this man has made in relation to all sorts of issues," he said.</p> <p>Although the Crown Prosecution Service subsequently announced that they had no case against Dr Qaradawi, several Muslim organisations were understood to have w</p>	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/index/press.php?pr=187
21/09/2004	Islam is not an exotic addition to the English country garden	Telegraph	Islamophobic Article	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2004/08/21/d_o2101.xml
20/08/2004	My week as a terror suspect	BBC	<p>Dragged out of bed and off for questioning, it was seven days before police accepted he was not a terrorist and allowed him to return home, to a community which continues to regard him with suspicion.</p> <p>While in custody Riaz, who says he still does not know why he was arrested, also became a new dad. Fatherhood aside, the 30-year-old's story is not that unusual.</p> <p>According to the Home Office 609 people were arrested under anti-terror legislation between 11 September and 30 June of this year; 99 were charged with such offences.</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/magazine/3580002.stm
20/08/2004	Jailed Muslims angry over pork on menu	Big News Network	<p>British prison officials have issued a written apology to suspected Muslim terrorist Abu Hamza and others for offering pork as a prison dinner, The Sun reports. Prison governor Geoff Hughes sent a letter of apology to all inmates, saying the mistake should never have happened.</p> <p>Spicy pork chops were described as suitable for Halal diets. Clearly that is nonsense, he wrote.</p>	http://feeds.bignewsnetwork.com/?sid=579435513f039eac
19/08/2004	Solicitor alleges police Islamophobia	Guardian	<p>The solicitor representing six of the eight men remanded yesterday on terrorism-related charges has filed a formal complaint with police alleging they treated her in a racist and Islamophobic manner. Muddassar Arani claimed yesterday that officers at Paddington Green police station in London had told her clients that they would be better off with another lawyer and passed them business cards for other firms even when they expressed their satisfaction with her services. On other occasions detectives told the men that they could be interviewed without their lawyer present if they preferred. She also alleged that officers from SO13, the anti-terrorism branch, had told her they were searching her clients because they had "so many consultations" with her, and they had not allowed her to explain to the men that charges were about to be put to them.</p> <p>"They said, 'Change your solicitors, you'd be better off with somebody else,'" Ms Arani said.</p> <p>"They also said, 'We think you are not being given independent legal advice,' and, 'You can speak to us without your lawyer.'</p> <p>"They wouldn't do that to a white lawyer who [represented] more than one of the defendants. She said her clients had filed a formal statement saying they were happy to be represented by her.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1285903,00.html

19/08/2004	Muslims in Scotland face racism	Scotsman	<p>MUSLIM students across Scotland are being subjected to a spate of appalling racial attacks.</p> <p>A senior academic has said that in the past few years a number of Muslim doctorate students studying at Edinburgh University have suffered racial harassment including obscene graffiti, packages of excrement and in the case of one, a brick being thrown through a bedroom window while he slept with his wife and young baby. In a letter written to his departmental head earlier this year, William Roff, professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies at Edinburgh University said: "Four of my Malaysian students have been subjected to racist violence directed against them. One was hit in the face by a stone and nearly lost an eye when he had emerged from Friday prayers at a mosque in Dundee.</p> <p>"Another, living in Tillicoultry with his young family, had obscene graffiti scrawled on the house and excrement pushed through the letterbox. A third lived with his wife and young children on an Edinburgh housing scheme, where they were so harassed by vituperation and threats of violence that they were forced to move into central Edinburgh.</p>	http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=960242004
17/08/2004	Anger over Algerian terror suspect cases	BBC	<p>The men were arrested in Edinburgh in December 2002 on suspicion of planning a terrorist attack but later released.</p> <p>They protested their innocence at a news conference and insisted they have no links with terrorism.</p> <p>The men said they are innocent asylum seekers who are being unfairly treated because they are Muslim and claimed that the UK Government is putting lives at risk by relying on inaccurate intelligence information.</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/3571570.stm
17/08/2004	Terror police accused of abuse	Guardian	<p>Terrorism suspects who must be charged or released today after two weeks of questioning have been psychologically abused by police, their solicitor has claimed.</p> <p>The men were arrested in a series of high-profile raids by M15 and anti-terrorism officers and have been held at the top-security Paddington Green police station in London.</p> <p>Mudassar Arani, a solicitor for seven of the nine Muslim men, accused the police of keeping them in solitary confinement for 12 days, and stopping three of the suspects from reading the Qur'an by removing their spectacles.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/0,12780,1284659,00.html
16/08/2004	£17,500 payout over remand centre abuse	Manchester Online	<p>A COMPUTER engineer who says he was slapped and racially abused by a prison officer has been given £17,500 by the Home Office.</p> <p>Shahid Farooq, 25, from Werneth, Oldham, was granted the out-of-court settlement following the opening of a civil case at Manchester county court which heard he had been attacked by a prison officer at Hindley remand centre near Wigan in August, 1997. Ms Arani said: "These are psychological tricks they are using to crack them. "It's an abuse; detention is not there to psychologically break them. They have been in solitary confinement for 14 days. It is tough to survive that."</p>	http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk/news/s/126/126712_17500_payout_over_remand_centre_abuse.html
16/08/2004	British terrorist suspect list deeply 'flawed'	Observer	<p>Sources who have viewed the British Intelligence list of 100 'Islamic Activists' say that, although it includes some 'serious players', it is deeply flawed. They say many of the individuals are marginal figures or are not involved at all. The view will raise fears that poor intelligence could lead to operations that will damage community relations while serving no useful counter-terrorist purpose. 'A lot of the names there are pretty historic,' said one person who has seen the list. 'Even if the people named are still involved, they are only acting in very minor support activities. Often they are now family men who had a bit of an adventure in their youth. They are decent citizens now. Many of those on the list are Britons of Pakistani origin who fought for Islamist militant groups in Kashmir, the disputed Himalayan mountain state, several years ago and have since ceased their involvement with radical Islamist activism. Hundreds of British citizens are believed to have fought in Kashmir and then returned to the UK. Such activities were not illegal at the time.</p>	http://politics.guardian.co.uk/attacks/story/0,1320,1283628,00.html

16/08/2004	Muslims launch campaign against victimization	Muslim News	<p>Over 500 people held a vigil outside the Home Office on Friday evening in the first public demonstration held by British Muslims against the disproportionate use of anti terror laws against their community, reports The Muslim News.</p> <p>The protest, organized Stop Police Terror to highlight the case of Babar Ahmad in his plight to fight a US extradition warrant, evolved into a wider campaign against the Renewed Victimisation of the Muslim Community.</p> <p>Human Rights lawyer, Gareth Peirce, told the hundreds at the vigil that they were "brave" to demonstrate dissatisfaction against unjust laws. "It is important to protest, it is necessary to protest, and hope this is a beginning of more protests," she said. "All Muslims held at Belmarsh are innocent. There is no other reason for their detention except that they are Muslims. More laws are being created – this is a shame of our country," Peirce said.</p>	
12/08/2004	"Dark Age" for Muslims in Britain?	Milli Gazette	<p>London: A well known civil liberties lawyer recently warned of an impending "dark age" of Injustice for Muslims in Britain. Addressing Muslim News (a monthly newspaper) fourth Annual Awards for Excellence in London last month, Ms Gareth Peirce, who also represents a Guantanamo Bay detainee, Moazzem said, "We have lost our way in this country. We have entered a new dark age of injustice and it is frightening that we are overwhelmed by it".</p> <p>Ms Peirce, who was awarded the Annemarie Schimmel Award for championing a Muslim cause, said, "I know I am representing innocent people; innocent people who know that a jury they face will inevitably be predisposed to find them guilty.</p>	http://www.milligazette.com/Archives/2004/16-31May04-Print-Edition/1605200471.htm
12/08/2004	Wedding puts Scotland Yard on terror alert	Hindustan Times	<p>The fear of Al-Qaeda bombing targets in London caused havoc to the wedding plans of a young Muslim couple. Rehan Miah and his bride Nozma Khanom had hired a vintage Douglas DC3 Dakota at £1500 an hour and planned to get married in mid-air in the presence of 30 guests.</p> <p>The plane was scheduled to fly over Canary Wharf, the latest business hub in London. St Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben and Tower of London are suspected to be high on the list of targets Al-Qaeda hopes to destroy.</p> <p>Scotland Yard went into action the moment it learnt that a plane with 30 Muslims on board was to fly over London and its route would take it past suspected targets of terrorists. A Special Branch officer was sent to Biggin Airport to quiz everyone concerned.</p> <p>Each of the 30 guests was vetted and the air crew and airport authorities were interrogated by the officer. The officer explained that the Yard had been given a very short notice of the flight plan and in the present state of alert on terrorism, precautionary checks were imperative.</p>	http://www.hindustantimes.com/news/5983_941504_00430005.htm
12/08/2004	Police worker's 'racism' claims rejected	News & Star	<p>a UK national of Iranian origin, outlined his allegation as he fought to persuade the tribunal that he should be allowed to pursue the race discrimination claim. The tribunal rejected his plea, though Mr Sait will be allowed to pursue a separate claim for unfair dismissal.</p> <p>Tribunal chairman Ralph Barton pointed out that the race claim was submitted too late and had lacked sufficient specific detail.</p> <p>Mr Sargon told the hearing that he left his job with the force in October last year because he felt he had no other option after suffering years of harassment, bullying, and discrimination</p>	http://www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/viewarticle.aspx?id=123262

11/08/2004	British courts back indefinite detention	Al Jazeera	<p>The British government has received judicial support for its controversial policy of detaining foreign terrorism suspects without trial.</p> <p>The High Court in London rejected an attempt by 10 detainees to win their freedom on Wednesday, upholding a ruling that Home Secretary David Blunkett was justified in accessing the men as a risk to national security.</p> <p>That decision was made by the Special Immigration Appeals Commission, or SIAC, a legal tribunal which rules on the status of foreign nationals facing detention or deportation.</p> <p>In a lengthy written ruling, a trio of judges turned down the appeal against the SIAC decision. If it had been successful the men's lawyers could have asked for their cases to be reconsidered.</p> <p>The 10, none of whom have been named, have been detained for more than two and a half years under the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act, passed soon after the September 11 attacks on the United States in 2001.</p>	http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/DE589D3D-EE24-4305-B8BB-914325D77550.htm http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=550499
11/08/2004	Branson firm 'sacked Muslim for having beard'	Independent	<p>Mohsin Mohmed, 22, from Ilford, east London, is taking Virgin Trains to an employment tribunal after losing his job as a customer services assistant at Euston station in London.</p> <p>Virgin denies the claim of discrimination and claims that Mr Mohmed was dismissed after his probationary period for poor performance.</p> <p>Mr Mohmed, who is Muslim, is said to have told rail bosses his faith required him to have a beard at least one fist's length, about four inches.</p> <p>According to his claim, he had been told to crop the beard in September last year by his manager David Adams, a month after starting his £17,000-a-year job. Mr Mohmed alleges that Mr Adams regularly harassed him and that he had explained how he trimmed his beard on a number of occasions to the minimum required by his religion.</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=550178
10/08/2004	How racists forced storeholder to shut up shop	Independent	<p>storekeeper who has suffered up to 4,000 race attacks in 13 years has finally had enough. Ian Herbert visits the Ryelands estate in Lancaster to investigate the story of Mal Hussain</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=549843
10/08/2004	Foreign-sounding passengers stopped on tube	Guardian	<p>The mayor of London has accused immigration officials of harassing black people after it emerged that they were questioning tube passengers speaking non-European languages.</p> <p>Civil liberties groups, immigration campaigners and the Liberal Democrats yesterday attacked the practice, describing it as potentially racist. They also suggested it would damage the capital's tourist industry.</p> <p>Home Office guidelines explicitly prevent police from stopping people because of their accent or appearance. Last month the government promised a new stop-and-search action team to combat discrimination after figures showed that police are still disproportionately targeting black and Asian communities.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/transport/Story/0,2763,1279667,00.html
09/08/2004	Muslims put faith in written word to fight prejudice	Guardian	<p>Anti-Muslim prejudice has worsened since the September 11 attacks on the US, according Fadi Itani, an organiser of the project. "There is a real sense of our communities being under attack," he says. "The attack is on everything, our institutions, scholars, individuals, and the religion itself." For Mr Miah, a community worker from south London, Islamophobia has touched his nearest and dearest: "Following 9/11 my mum found it extremely difficult going out. She was spat at and called names. To combat the hostility, Muslims were working together in pursuit of a radical cause. Using some money, a lot of devotion and even more energy, they hope to outsmart their enemies and change Britain by packing the first of £1m worth of books, DVDs and videos about Islam and sending them to 300 public libraries across the country.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1278927,00.html

09/08/2004	How fear preys on Britain's Muslims	Observer	<p>A car chase was followed by two Asian men being forced out of their vehicle at gunpoint and into protective chemical-proof clothing - all in full view of flabbergasted locals. The two men pulled from the gold-coloured Mercedes were in fact suspects, apprehended by security services on suspicion of terrorist activities. With the country on high alert, the arrests of the two men, along with 11 others in raids across the country last week, seemed to suggest that the authorities were indeed gaining an upper hand on the security threat to the country.</p> <p>But among some British Muslims, particularly young men, these arrests are merely another example of what they perceive as police victimisation and an attack on Islam. Though initially supportive of the fight against terrorism, many British Muslims of all ages are growing disillusioned after seeing more and more of their number arrested in high-profile raids only to be released without charge.</p>	http://observer.guardian.co.uk/focus/story/0,6903,1278602,00.html http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2004-08/08/article05.shtml http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/3549050.stm
06/08/2004	Muslims condemn man's detention	Guardian	<p>Moderate Muslim groups yesterday condemned the detention of a man in Britain on a US extradition warrant that alleges he used the internet to raise funds for the execution of acts of terrorism in Chechnya and Afghanistan.</p> <p>Babar Ahmad, 30, was arrested in Kensington under an extradition warrant issued by Bow Street magistrates court.</p> <p>He was taken to a central London police station where he remains in custody. Mr Ahmad, of Tooting, south London, is due to appear at Bow Street today.</p> <p>Muslim groups branded the arrest victimisation. Mr Ahmad had claimed police who raided his home in December mocked him, saying "where is your god now" as they searched for evidence linking him to terrorism and allegedly smashed his prayer room. Eventually they released him without charge.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1277589,00.html
06/08/2004	Rev Dr Alan Clifford, pastor of Norwich Reformed Church backs BNP anti-Islam comments	EDP24	<p>Police are to investigate the comments of a Norfolk religious leader who branded Islam evil.</p> <p>The Rev Dr Alan Clifford, pastor of Norwich Reformed Church, said in a newspaper article he backed the views of BNP leader Nick Griffin, who was shown in a TV documentary telling party members Islam was a "vicious, wicked faith."</p> <p>Dr Clifford said: "The more moderate followers of Islam need to be challenged if they do settle in the West they need to do more to discard elements of the Koran that espouse violence. Terrorists are able to use parts of the Koran to justify their violence.</p> <p>"The only antidote to this evil religion is the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ."</p>	http://new.edp24.co.uk/content/news/story.aspx?brand=EDPOnline&category=News&Brand=EDPOnline&Category=news&itemid=NOED04%20Aug%202004%2020%3A29%3A07%3A007
06/08/2004	Muslims question police record	Magenta News	<p>COMMUNITY leaders have hit out at the Metropolitan police -- and questioned their record on catching 'real' terrorists.</p> <p>They spoke out after the Blackburn family of a man arrested, and a Little Harwood man whose house was searched, claimed the police had got it wrong. Just 97 of the 562 people arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000 have been charged with an offence, with 280 released without charge.</p>	http://www.magentanews.com/cache.asp?n=215426 http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2004-08/05/article06.shtml
06/08/2004	A plot, or not? Why Heathrow bomb plan was a media dream	Independent	<p>It began with tales of a "terror alert in US and Britain" and culminated in a "plot to bomb Heathrow". In the past few days anyone following the American and British media or listening to US security chiefs would be in little doubt the two countries were facing an imminent attack by al-Qa'ida. New information is, however, emerging that calls into doubt the level of threat. Senior British counter-terrorist sources yesterday denied they had found any specific plot to attack Heathrow or any other British airport.</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=548407 http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3537462.stm

06/08/2004	British Council official in anti-Muslim row	Guardian	<p>Muslim groups and individuals have flooded the British Council with complaints after learning that one of its senior press officers allegedly wrote controversial Sunday Telegraph articles attacking "the black heart of Islam".</p> <p>The government-funded body, which recently commissioned a handbook on Islam "to prevent ignorant comments about Muslims being made in [the] national press", has suspended Harry Cummins while it investigates the claims, which were first disclosed in the Guardian Diary.</p> <p>He denies writing the articles, which have prompted calls for the Press Complaints Commission to intervene.</p> <p>They appeared under the byline "Will Cummins", which the Sunday Telegraph later described as a pseudonym.</p> <p>Muslim organisations say the comment pieces incite racial and religious hatred, and the British Council describes the articles as deeply offensive.</p> <p>But the Sunday Telegraph has refused to rule out publishing further contributions from the author of the articles. Its editor, Dominic Lawson, told the Guardian that he did not regret printing them.</p> <p>The allegation is deeply embarrassing for the British Council, which works to improve Last year, Mr Cummins helped to promote a seminar "to debate press freedom and r</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1277423,00.html http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1277423,00.html
05/08/2004	'Stop and search' riling Welsh Muslims	Western Mail	<p>WELSH Muslims last night said their communities were living under a cloud of suspicion as fears of a terrorist strike on Britain intensified.</p> <p>They have complained about increasing use of stop and search powers by police in Wales and in some cases have tried to disguise their background.</p> <p>Their comments came as armed police held 12 men from across Britain on suspicion of involvement in terrorism. The Islamic Human Rights Commission responded by warning that this type of operation can heighten Islamophobia. A cross party group of parliamentarians also yesterday demanded that a law which allows foreign terror suspects to be jailed indefinitely without trial should be "replaced as a matter of urgency".</p> <p>A Cardiff Muslim councillor, Mohammed Sarul Islam, said Muslims in the city felt they had been unnecessarily stopped and searched by the police. He said one Muslim taxi driver, Abdul Munim Gafur, had been stopped so many times he decided to shave off his beard.</p> <p>Mr Gafur, who did not file an official complaint against the police, said life was intolerable when he wore a full beard. He said that by January he had been stopped. He said, "Passengers were swearing at me, punching my face and pulling my beard. But the father-of-three, who came to Britain from Bangladesh in 1976, said, "I'm not h</p> <p>South Wales Police were unable to address Mr Gafur's specific complaints last night. Under measures introduced following the 1999 inquiry into the police's investigation of Inayet Bunglawala of the Muslim Council of Great Britain responded to Tuesday night. He said, "This is the latest in a series of high-profile raids since 9/11 where a large gr</p> <p>"More than 500 people have been arrested and yet less than 100 have been charged. "There is now a growing bitterness in the Muslim community. It seems the vast major</p> <p>"I think the police have a lot more to do in terms of working with the Muslim communi</p> <p>Sajid Ghaffar, a business consultant in Cardiff, said Welsh Muslims felt they had a gr</p>	http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0200wales/tm_objectid=14497727&method=full&siteid=50082&headline=increasing-use-of-stop-and-search-riling-welsh-muslims-name_page.html

05/08/2004	Church leader criticises Islam	Evening News 24	<p>A RELIGIOUS leader from Norwich was today widely condemned after he branded the Islamic faith "evil".</p> <p>Rev Alan Clifford, pastor of the Norwich Reformed Church, waded into the controversy surrounding anti-Muslim remarks made by the British National Party in an undercover BBC documentary.</p> <p>Today, religious and race leaders in Norwich condemned his backing of claims that Islam is "a monster in our midst".</p> <p>BNP leader Nick Griffin was shown in the TV documentary telling a rally of party members that Islam was a "vicious, wicked faith" that "has expanded through a handful of cranky lunatics" and "is now sweeping country after country".</p> <p>He later repeated the remarks and refused to apologise during an interview on BBC2's Newsnight.</p> <p>While trying to distance himself from the BNP, who he describes as "abhorrent", the Norwich evangelical pastor echoed its leader's views on Islam in a letter to the Evening News.</p> <p>He stated: "However unpalatable or non-PC the truth is to many people today, we need to know the facts about Islam.</p> <p>"While the racism of the BNP is abhorrent, Nick Griffin's recent Newsnight remarks re "The only antidote to this evil religion is the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ."</p> <p>Dr Clifford today told the Evening News he stood by his decision to align his own view "I'm quite clear to disassociate myself from the racism of the BNP. However, not ever "The views about Islam made by Nick Griffin gained widespread publicity and I happed "Anyone who knows anything about the history of Islam knows it has devastated larg</p>	http://www.en24.co.uk/content/news/Story.asp?Brand=ENONLINE&Category=NEWS&ItemId=NOED04%20Aug%202004%2013%3A02%3A21%3A350
04/08/2004	9/11 laws discriminate against Muslims, say MPs	Times Online	<p>Counter-terrorism laws passed in the wake of the September 11 attacks should be urgently replaced because they discriminate against the Muslim community, MPs said today.</p> <p>The all-party Joint Committee on Human Rights said that there was "discrimination inherent" in the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act, which allows foreign nationals who are suspected international terrorists to be interned indefinitely.</p>	http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-1201991_00.html http://argument.independent.co.uk/commentators/story.jsp?story=547978
04/08/2004	Police quiz 12 men after terror raids across UK	Independent	<p>Anti-terrorism police arrested 13 men suspected of planning terror acts in raids across England yesterday. The men, in their 20s and 30s, were arrested in north-west London, Hertfordshire, Luton, Bedfordshire, and Blackburn, Lancashire.</p> <p>Today police said one of the men arrested in Willesden, north London, had been "detained" and released without further action.</p>	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/crime/story.jsp?story=547714
04/08/2004	British Media is Anti-Arab and Anti-Muslim'	Mathaba News	<p>These days we often hear of Islam, War on Terrorism, Anti-Semitism, Immigration, Minorities, Political Asylum, Western Societies, etc...These expressions constitute part of the complex scene when we talk about Britain. Arabs look at these things differently. "Blair and Iraq", "We may not find WMD", "Time for Tony Blair to Admit"...Abdel Latif El-Mahi speaks:</p>	http://mathaba.net/news/print.shtml?cmd%5b40%5d=i-42-f9ba21de1cffed057190b5fc6142e1f6
04/08/2004	First man in Britain evicted for being racist	Daily Mirror	<p>A YOB who terrorised a family is the first person to be thrown out of his home for racial abuse. John Ward, 61, was prosecuted under new anti-social behaviour laws after he attacked, threatened and abused Somali neighbour Amina Mohamed, 32, and her seven young children. Once he left her nine-year-old daughter sobbing after he ripped off her religious headscarf and threw it down.</p>	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/allnews/tm_objectid=14489477&method=full&siteid=50143&headline=reclaim-our-streets--get-out-name_page.html

03/08/2004	Muslim 'moles' condemned	Asian News	MUSLIM community leaders have attacked a drive by Britain's secret police to recruit north west Asians as spies and informers. The internal security service, MI5, is to set up "intelligence cells" aimed at bringing the so-called war against terrorism into the region's towns and cities where Muslim communities exist. MI5 officers will work closely with special branch police officers attached to local police forces. The cells are also likely to be responsible for recruiting Muslims as informants for MI5. The MI5 website already encourages Muslims to help in the fight against terrorism and calls on Arabic speakers to join the agency.	http://www.theasiannews.co.uk/news/index/11295.html
03/08/2004	British Council anti-Islam probe	BBC	The British Council has suspended a press officer in an investigation into allegedly anti-Muslim newspaper articles. Harry Cummins has denied writing a series of opinion columns in the Sunday Telegraph under the pseudonym Will Cummins. Muslim groups had protested to the newspaper's editor about the articles. They said the author had described Muslims in derogatory terms and said Islam had a "black heart". The British Council has moved swiftly to distance itself from the articles. The organisation, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, was set up to develop closer cultural relations between the UK and other countries. A spokesman, Christopher Wade, said the organisation disassociated itself from the "deeply offensive" content of the articles.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/3532390.stm
02/08/2004	Asian muslim professionals are tiring of the way their community is portrayed	Times	A UNIQUE survey carried out for The Times presents a revealing picture of how high-achieving Asians think Muslims are portrayed in sections of the British media. More than 1,000 professionals from law, medicine, banking, IT, business, science and academia took part in the study by Rehna Azim of 'Britains Asian Assets'. The poll, which examines, among other things, reading habits, the media, TV and culture, marks the conclusion of T2's four-part series on Muslim Britain. It reveals how Asians in Britain are tiring of negative portrayals of their community, the importance given to religious zealots such as Abu Hamza, the former leader of the Finsbury Park mosque in North London, and the failure of the British Muslim community to put forward more liberal and articulate opinions that reflect the majority views of Britain's two million Muslims.	http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,7-1196470,00.html http://www.britainsasianassets.com/Baa%20Web%20Pages/results.html
02/08/2004	Race-Hate Attack Warning	Scotsman	Ethnic minority communities have been warned by police about an escalation in race-hate attacks in the south Belfast area. They have been urged to be vigilant over the weekend as the police have received intelligence that racist groups plan violence in the area. Police patrols have been increased in the area, which has the highest proportion of ethnic minority families in Northern Ireland. Inspector John McCracken said the community should not panic. "This message is not meant to alarm people. It is simply a proportionate response by police in response to ongoing problems with-race hate crime in the south Belfast area." There have been around 90 race-related incidents in south Belfast since the beginning of the year. Ten days ago, a Bangladeshi family escaped injury after two petrol bombs were hurled at their house at Fane Street in the Lisburn Road area. The couple and their five-year-old daughter managed to flee the flames after the devices exploded. The following day, three Nigerian men fled their home after a suspicious object was found at the back of their home in Coolfin Park. It was later found to be a firework.	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3278383

01/08/2004	Terror cartoon plunges Blunkett into race row	Independent	Leading Muslim figures have voiced their displeasure at a Home Office terrorist document including a cartoon depicting a man with a beard and dressed in traditional Arabic garb as instructing others about suicide bombing. The cartoon was used to illustrate the threat of attacks such as chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological ones, and was part of a slide presentation for police, emergency planners, firefighters and NHS officials.	http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/politics/story.jsp?story=546797
30/07/2004	Blunkett takes to city streets to heal rift over Muslim terrorist gaffe	Muslim News	The Home Secretary sparked widespread anger last November when he said Sajid Badat, who was arrested in Gloucester, posed "a very real threat to the life and liberty of our country". He then went on to make a direct link between Badat and al-Qaeda. Since those off-the-cuff remarks - Badat was yet to be charged - Mr Blunkett has tried to heal the rift through numerous phone calls and contact with Muslim elders and imams. Yesterday's visit to the Friendship cafe in Barton Street, just a few hundred yards from where Badat was arrested, was part of that healing process.	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=7832
29/7/2004	Conservatives' slammed for supporting Anti-Muslims Campaign	Islam Online	A British Muslim group accused the Conservatives of backing a fierce anti-Muslim press campaign targeting the community figures and organisations. "We note with disappointment again the role of the Conservative Party" in the "hunting season that has been declared on Islam and Muslims", the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB) said on its web site. "The right-wing really needs to get its act together. They have to ask themselves who is feeding them these stories about the Muslim community almost on a weekly basis now, all which later turn out to be deliberate cons," said the Muslim group.	http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2004-07/29/article04.shtml
29/7/2004	Islamophobic article alleging Islamic colleges' terrorist link	Times	An article in The Times sensationalised the information that the rector of a British college is also vice-president of the Pakistani party Jamaat-e-Islami. It claims that another college's Arabic courses are 'influenced' by Dr Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, although it does not clarify this or provide any evidence. Both colleges provide courses which have been endorsed by British universities.	http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-1194816,00.html http://www.islam-online.net/English/News/2004-07/29/article04.shtml
28/07/2004	BBC drama about a terrorist attack is scaremongering the public	Scotsman	THE BBC has defended its decision to screen another drama about a terrorist attack hitting the heart of London. In Dirty War, unveiled yesterday as part of the autumn line-up, more than 200 casualties are caught up in a rush-hour terrorist attack outside Liverpool Street station. The programme focuses on how the emergency services and government react to the impact of a so-called dirty bomb. The 90-minute drama, followed by a studio debate, comes after Panorama screened in May a fictionalised account of a series of suicide bombs on the London Underground which revealed the capital's emergency services were ill-equipped for a terrorist attack.	http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=862342004
26/04/2004	String of Islamophobic Articles by Telegraph writer-Will Cummins	Telegraph	Misleading, inaccurate and Islamophobic articles. A persistent attempt to incite Islamophobia	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2004/07/25/do2504.xml&sSheet=/news/2004/07/25/ixhome.html http://www.opinion.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2004/07/18/do1802.xml&sSheet=/opinion/2004/07/18/ixopinion.html http://www.opinion.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2004/07/11/do1102.xml http://www.opinion.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2004/07/04/do0401.xml

26/04/2004	Fury grows after Dungavel suicide	Scotsman	<p>An Asylum seeker has committed suicide at the controversial Dungavel detention centre, sparking fears that tensions there could erupt into violence.</p> <p>The 23-year-old man, believed to have been from south-east Asia, was found in the former prison before 10pm on Friday after hanging himself. He was taken to Hairmyres Hospital in East Kilbride, where he later died.</p> <p>The man was said to be one of 30 asylum seekers sent to Dungavel from Harmondsworth detention centre in London, which was temporarily closed following riots last week.</p> <p>His death has raised fears of a fresh wave of violence among fellow detainees who were being held at Harmondsworth when trouble erupted following the suspected suicide of another asylum seeker.</p> <p>Human rights lawyer Aamer Anwar, who has clients in the detention centre, said more were now threatening to take their own lives.</p> <p>He said: "This just shows how barbaric the whole system is, that a young man has taken his own life. These people have committed no crime apart from being foreigners and the Home Secretary David Blunkett has blood on his hands.</p> <p>"This is another reason why Dungavel should be shut down. They should open the former prison, near Strathaven in Lanarkshire, has the capacity to hold almost 1400. In 2002, refugee campaigners demanded an inquiry after a Nigerian asylum seeker hanged himself. It became notorious last year following publicity over the Ay family - a Kurdish mother and her children. The case provoked calls from politicians, church leaders and human rights groups for the centre to be closed. Many Dungavel inmates are regularly on suicide watch and there have been a number of suicides.</p>	http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=850732004
26/04/2004	UK Predominantly Muslim School To Be Christian-Run	Islam Online	<p>Though recently praised as a beacon for comprehensive system, the British government plans to split a predominantly Muslim school into two city academies, one to be run by a Christian foundation, a British leading newspaper said Saturday, July 24.</p> <p>The North Westminster Community School (NWCS) was recently praised in a report by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) for the way it welcomes refugees and gives them a start in life, reported the Independent.</p> <p>The school, which caters for 2000 pupils, third of them refugees, also "provides very well for students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development," it added.</p> <p>This did not prevent the government from expanding its controversial city academies program and divide the school into two academies.</p> <p>Under the proposal being put out for consultation by Westminster City Council, the school will be split into two.</p> <p>Half of it will become a city academy specializing in the media and run by the United Learning Trust, an offshoot of the Church Schools Foundation, according to the Independent.</p> <p>The other half, to be known as the Westminster Academy and run by a property company, will be run by Bernard Regan, Westminster representative of the National Union of Teachers, opposed to the plan. Teachers also say the decision to turn NWCS into two academies appears to mark a shift in the government's policy on faith schools.</p>	http://www.islamonline.net/English/News/2004-07/24/article05.shtml
25/07/2004	Islamophobic article by David Selbourne in The Telegraph	Telegraph	<p>It includes negative actions of Muslims and suggests that Islam is not a religion of peace, balance and compassion, as many of its adherents claim.</p>	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/07/25/nhack25.xml&sSheet=/news/2004/07/25/ixhome.html

23/07/2004	The BNP is now riding a broader wave of respectable Islamophobia	Guardian	<p>The Islamophobia embraced by the BNP as a surrogate for its formally disavowed racism is by no means confined to the wasted landscapes of former working-class communities. It is deeply rooted and widespread, as was revealed by the success of Ukip (just listen to Robert Kilroy-Silk assert that "Muslims everywhere behave with equal savagery").</p> <p>Indeed, Islamophobia is the only form of prejudice to which the middle class can readily admit: a religion which is perceived as advocating repression of women and hatred of gays renders acceptable forms of prejudice that would be unthinkable if directed against any other social group.</p> <p>Officially, all right-thinking people have forsworn racism, now believed to fester principally among the no-hopers on rough estates. But Islamophobia is the half-open door through which it makes its triumphal re-entry into respectable society. In recent articles in the Sunday Telegraph, Will Cummins has urged the Conservative party to espouse a more aggressive stand against Islam. "Do the Tories not sense the enormous popular groundswell against Islam? Charges of 'racism' would inevitably be Perhaps this accounts for the extraordinarily easy time Newsnight's Gavin Esler gave David Blunkett's desire to protect people from the incitement of hatred on the basis of The threat we now face is not simply the brutal behaviour of a minority of poor white Secularism, which liberals are so proud of, is not the opposite of the archaic superstition</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,3604,1267508,00.html
20/07/2004	Muslim Reservist Starts Landmark Awol Legal Battle	Scotsman	<p>A Muslim reservist airman who refused to take part in the Iraq war because of his religious beliefs today launched a landmark legal battle over his prosecution by the RAF for going absent without leave.</p> <p>Leading Aircraftsman Mohisin Khan, 25, from Ipswich, Suffolk, absented himself from duty on the grounds of conscientious objection.</p> <p>Mr Khan, an aircraftsman and medic, had been mobilised with others last year to return to the regular forces to supplement service personnel in the Iraq war.</p> <p>But he held a "genuine and deep belief" that the pending war was wrong and contrary to his religion.</p> <p>He said he did not want to be asked to fight against fellow Muslims and felt he could not condone any military action which was not by way of "self-defence" against another state.</p> <p>Two High Court judges in London heard today that his absence resulted in his arrest, charge and punishment by the RAF. He was fined nine days' pay and seven days' privileges.</p>	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3225963
19/07/2004	counter-terrorism minister scaring public about terror attack by Al Queda	Telegraph	<p>Hazel Blears, minister for counter-terrorism is hyping up the publics fear of an Al Queda attack by saying every home should store emergency supplies, including tinned food, bottled water and medication, in case of a terrorist attack.</p>	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/07/19/nterr19.xml
19/07/2004	City firm faces fresh claims of racism	Guardian	<p>A Muslim former employee of a financial multinational is suing the company, alleging he was racially abused for more than two years after the September 11 attacks before being driven out of his job.</p> <p>Yaldrem Majeed, 35, was an assistant vice-president for Citigroup, and claims he was driven to sue after the firm ignored his complaints, according to court documents seen by the Guardian.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/race/story/0,11374,1264109,00.html http://icthewharf.icnetwork.co.uk/business/business/tm_objectid=1444894&method=full&siteid=71670&headline=bank-in-race-hate-dispute-name_page.html
16/07/2004	TV film exposes BNP's Islamophobia	Al Jazeera	<p>BNP inciting Islamophobia distorting image of Islam</p>	http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/66EB1FAE-E44A-4FC0-82DA-D12AD5085041.htm

16/07/2004	Muslims challenge Home Secretary 'terror' jailing	BBC	<p>Muslims in Luton march to express support for peace</p> <p>The decision by Home Secretary David Blunkett to keep two Muslim men in jail without trial is to be challenged on Thursday when he visits Luton.</p> <p>Members of the Muslim community want to question him about two who were arrested two and half years ago during raids on two houses in the town.</p> <p>The group insist the pair are peaceful members of their community. They have been held under anti-terrorism laws.</p> <p>However, they have never been charged with any offence.</p> <p>The town's Muslim community recently staged a march against terrorism in a bid to demonstrate that their faith is based on peace and harmony.</p> <p>Akbar Dad Khan, of Building Bridges, said the event was organised to show the vast majority of Muslims "condemn extremism, violence and terrorism".</p> <p>"We also want to show that Luton is not a hot bed of militants as some media reports suggest," he said.</p> <p>"We have decided that it is not enough just to be silent we want to express our opposition to terrorism in a public way - 99.9% of Muslims in Luton oppose terrorism" But he said he was concerned about the men's fate.</p> <p>The group is due to meet David Blunkett when he visits Luton on Thursday evening.</p>	<p>http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/beds/bucks/herts/3896087.stm</p> <p>http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/beds/bucks/herts/3899267.stm</p>
14/07/2004	Muslim man attacked	Scotsman	<p>DETECTIVES in Aberdeen were yesterday trying to trace a group of six people, believed to include two or three women, after an Asian man was brutally assaulted in a suspected racist attack in the city centre.</p> <p>The victim, who is originally from Bangladesh, was left lying in a pool of blood in Union Street after he was assaulted by one of the group, using an unidentified weapon.</p> <p>The man was knocked over and kicked on the head while he lay on the pavement.</p> <p>Inspector Hamish Sandison, of Grampian Police, said yesterday that the attack happened at 3am on Sunday as two Asian men, aged 35 and 26, were confronted by six people, possibly including two or three females, on the south pavement of Union Street, near Bridge Street.</p> <p>He said: "An altercation occurred and one of the males in the group assaulted the younger of the two Asians with a weapon, knocking him to the ground and kicking him about the head while he lay there.</p> <p>"The assailant and the group of people he was with then walked away, leaving the victim lying on the pavement and bleeding profusely from his head."</p> <p>He added: "It has not yet been ascertained if the motive for the assault was racist. The victim was taken by ambulance to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and admitted. His in</p>	<p>http://news.scotsman.com/aberdeen.cfm?id=799992004</p>
12/07/2004	Spies to monitor city Muslims	Australian News	<p>BRITAIN will deploy teams of intelligence officers and surveillance experts in cities where it is feared that extremists are radicalising Muslim youth, according to The Times</p> <p>The internal security service, M15, would fan officers out from its London HQ in a bid to snuff out any incipient terrorist threats within urban Muslim communities, the paper said, citing "government sources".</p>	<p>http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,10112959%255E1702,00.html</p>

12/07/2004	Muslim names harm job chances	Guardian	<p>Job applicants from minority communities, particularly Muslims, are still suffering widespread and overt discrimination from virtually every sector of the market, according to investigators.</p> <p>Research into jobs advertised in commerce, sales, the media and leisure found that candidates with English-sounding names were nearly three times as likely to get an interview as those with names indicating that they might be Muslim. Applicants with names indicating they might be black Africans were half as likely to gain an interview as those with English names.</p> <p>Investigators from BBC Radio Five Live sent off carefully-worded job applications using six fictitious names for 50 jobs.</p> <p>These were sent to a variety of employers who had placed advertisements in newspapers and on recruitment websites.</p> <p>The applications, submitted over a year, were written so as to ensure all the candidates appeared to have comparable qualifications and experience.</p> <p>The jobs were in various parts of the country, as were the addresses given.</p> <p>Researchers found that the white candidates - John Andrews and Jenny Hughes - w</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/race/story/0,11374,1259075,00.html http://icbirmingham.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews
08/07/2004	'It's not about the truth. Someone had to pay'	Guardian	<p>For the last week Tahira Tabassum has been innocent in secret after being accused and tried in public. A gagging order meant the media could not report her acquittal on charges of failing to tell the authorities her husband was planning a suicide bombing.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/guardianpolitics/story/0,3605,1257278,00.html
08/07/2004	Minister quits event over cleric	Guardian	<p>Revered Sheikh Qadawari made out to be radical by unfair Media Islamophobia with wording used such as 'firebrand', 'radical' etc, and his words being taken out of context.</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uklatest/story/0,1271,-4285027,00.html
07/07/2004	Terror suspects in court appeal	BBC	<p>Ten terror suspects being held in the UK without trial are appealing against their detention.</p> <p>Lawyers are expected to tell the High Court that evidence from the suspects could have been obtained by torture.</p> <p>They are appealing against a decision by the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) last October that the government was right to hold the men.</p> <p>The commission said there was "sound material" backing the view that the men were a risk to national security.</p> <p>Five of the men said the SIAC ruling marked "a new dark age of injustice".</p> <p>Outside the court, members of civil rights pressure group Liberty held up banners in protest.</p> <p>In a press statement, Shami Chakrabarti, director of Liberty, said: "This is Britain's Guantanamo Bay. These men are being held on the say-so of unknown intelligence operatives.</p> <p>"If they have committed a crime they should be put on trial, otherwise they should be released."</p> <p>The 10, some of whom have been in jail since December 2001, are among 13 suspects held at Belmarsh high security prison in London.</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3872223.stm

06/07/2004	Blunkett targets terror cash	Guardian	<p>Home Secretary David Blunkett was meeting with his European counterparts to discuss a crackdown on terrorists' "cash couriers".</p> <p>Mr Blunkett was hosting the second day of a meeting with home affairs ministers from France, Germany, Italy and Spain - the so-called "G5".</p> <p>The high-level summit at Hassop Hall, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, will be asked to back proposals that the cross-European police agency Europol should step up work on counter-terrorism and organised crime.</p> <p>One initiative considered by the ministers will be that the agency should "map" networks of cash couriers which support terror groups.</p> <p>Mr Blunkett will suggest the five nations give their full backing to a crackdown using phone data records to track the couriers.</p> <p>The five nations will also be asked to look at considering wider use of DNA evidence to improve Europe's security</p> <p>"We have a national DNA database in the UK but some countries do not have one," said a Home Office spokesman.</p> <p>"The ministers will be considering the issues for establishing those databases throughout Europe."</p> <p>Mr Blunkett would not propose the creation of a European DNA and fingerprint datab</p> <p>"The issue is that if Europol could have access to all the databases that exist it could</p>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uklatest/story/0,1271,-4281201,00.html
06/07/2004	Zionist MP calls for revered Muslim scholar to be banned from Britain	The Muslim News	<p>An MP called on the Home Secretary David Blunkett to ban the forthcoming arrival in Britain of a Muslim cleric who is a spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood organisation.</p> <p>Louise Ellman, Labour member for Liverpool, Riverside, has told Mr Blunkett in a letter that it would be "an outrage" to allow Dr Ysuf al-Qaradawi into this country to speak at a conference in London on July 12 on Muslim women's dress.</p> <p>Mrs Ellman said that al-Qaradawi, an Egyptian based in Doha, Qatar, had praised Palestine suicide bombers and had been banned, since 1999, from entering the United States.</p> <p>She claimed that he encouraged women and children suicide bombers, sought the destruction of Israel, believed that husbands should be allowed to beat "disobedient" wives, was a major shareholder in a bank alleged to be part of al Qaeda's fundraising network, and was spiritual leader "of the largest and oldest Islamist extremist movement".</p> <p>Mrs Ellman said: "It would be an outrage if someone with such close links to these movements were allowed to come here. It would create enormous security problems at a very sensitive time."</p> <p>She added that al-Qaradawi was due in Britain "over the next few days", adding: "It w</p>	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=7689 http://www.guardian.co.uk/religion/Story/0,2763,1259033,00.html

02/07/2004	Islamophobia to Blame for Stop and Search Increase'	Scotsman	<p>Police have been accused of falling foul of Islamaphobia after worrying stop and search figures.</p> <p>The number of overall searches increased dramatically, with the amount of Asians targeted up by more than 300%, according to new figures. The alarming results are the first to be published by the Government since 2001 when new police powers under the Terrorism Act came into force.</p> <p>Asian leaders condemned the figures as proof that Islamaphobia is rife in Britain. Massoud Shadjareh, spokesman for the Islamic Human Rights Commission derided the rise.</p> <p>He said: "We are quite appalled. This proves what we have been saying for the last couple of years, that there is a lot of Islamophobia and Islam profiling when dealing with terrorism."</p> <p>The figures also showed black people are six times more likely to be stopped than white people.</p> <p>Ministers are expected to respond to the figures by announcing new moves to address ethnic minorities' disproportionate chances of being stopped. One initiative will be setting up a new action team to research how powers are used and advise police forces.</p> <p>The Home Office statistics show stop and searches under terror legislation more than doubled in the last year. The figures showed a total of 21,577 searches were made under anti-terror law in 2003-04. Asians suffered the highest increases, rising from 744 searches in 2001-02 to 2,989 in the same period, stop and searches under the Terrorism Act rose from 6,629 to 14,000.</p>	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3156119 http://uk.news.yahoo.com/040702/140/ex6fl.html http://icberkshire.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0200berkshireheadlines/page.cfm?objectid=14405766&method=full&siteid=50102 http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=7779 http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/3936103.stm
01/07/2004	No Action over Kilroy Article	Scotsman	<p>No action will be taken against former TV presenter Robert Kilroy-Silk for possible incitement to racial hatred after he attacked Arabs in a newspaper article, the Crown Prosecution Service said today.</p> <p>Police had referred the case after Mr Kilroy-Silk described Arabs as "suicide bombers, limb-amputators and women repressors" in a column in the Sunday Express in January.</p> <p>But the CPS today advised the Metropolitan Police that the article did not constitute an offence under the Public Order Act and no action should be taken.</p>	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3152257 http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3150787
01/07/2004	Abu Hamza remanded in custody	BBC Online	<p>Muslim cleric Abu Hamza, arrested on US terror charges, has been remanded in custody after appearing in a London court via a video link from prison.</p> <p>Mr Hamza, 46, faces nine charges, including hostage taking and supporting al-Qaeda, if the US successfully extradites him from Britain.</p> <p>He is being held at Belmarsh prison in London and appeared on a screen at Bow Street Magistrates' Court.</p> <p>District Judge Nicholas Evans remanded Mr Hamza in prison until 23 July.</p> <p>His hearing is scheduled to begin at that date at Belmarsh prison. But his defence counsel, Ali Bajwa, told the court they will ask for an adjournment to gather more defence evidence.</p> <p>Mr Bajwa said: "There is likely to be an application to adjourn unless the application is refused, on 23 July."</p> <p>Hugo Keith, representing the US government, said the American authorities had submitted its allegations against the cleric.</p> <p>The US alleges Mr Hamza acted as an intermediary with a terrorist group which took 16 tourists hostage in the Yemen six years ago.</p> <p>It also claims he provided support for terrorists, particularly al-Qaeda, and attempted to establish a terror training camp in Oregon.</p> <p>Under current UK law, Britain must seek US agreement that no death penalty will be imposed on Mr Hamza, who gained UK citizenship through marriage in 1981, did not speak during his hearing.</p>	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3856445.stm

30/06/2004	Terror suspects sue the Met	Guardian	The wife and brother of Lotfi Raissi, the man falsely accused by the US of training the September 11 hijackers, will serve high court proceedings today on Sir John Stevens, the Metropolitan police commissioner. Sonia and Mohammed Raissi claim that they were falsely imprisoned, unlawfully detained and assaulted by Sir John's officers. They are seeking damages for humiliation and loss of dignity and a "punitive award for the arbitrary, oppressive and unconstitutional conduct of the police". The Raissis were arrested at 3am on September 21 2001 at their homes in Colnbrook and Hounslow. Mrs Raissi was virtually naked and her brother-in-law was forced to strip. They were held in cells at Paddington Green police station and released without charge, Mr Raissi after two days and Mrs Raissi after five. Lotfi Raissi spent five months in Belmarsh high- security prison after the attacks. The US had told him that he was likely to be charged with conspiracy to murder and could face the death penalty. But a British judge refused to extradite him to America. Mrs Raissi said yesterday: "There was not a shred of evidence that Lotfi had ever be	http://www.guardian.co.uk/terrorism/story/0,12780,1250511,00.html
08/06/2004	Muslims fear rise in racial attacks	Leeds Today	LEADING Muslims in Leeds still fear an increase in racial incidents in the wake of the September 11 attacks in the US. Kamran Siddiqi, of Leeds Muslim Forum, said anti-Muslim feeling has risen to a level where Muslims were being targeted, with attacks ranging from verbal abuse in the street to physical assaults. Dr Siddiqi and other senior city Muslims have said the upsurge in Islamophobia has taken place since the September 11 terrorist attacks three years ago. Their fears echo findings of a recent report by the Commission on British Muslims and Islamophobia which warned that untackled Islamophobia could lead to "timebombs" of backlash and bitterness among Britain's Muslim community. Dr Siddiqi said: "There has been a rise in Islamophobia. Racially motivated attacks are increasing across the country and Leeds is no different."	http://www.leedstoday.net/ViewArticle.aspx?SectionID=39&ArticleID=803164
08/06/2004	Neo-Nazi thugs jailed for attacks on Muslim asylum seeker	BBC Online	He said they had shown no remorse for an attack on Iraqi asylum seeker Salar Mohammed, 32. The pair mowed down Mr Mohammed in their Vauxhall Cavalier as he crossed a road in Hull, throwing him into the air "like a rag doll" and breaking his leg in three places. This was just one in a series of violent attacks which brought Hull's racial tensions to boiling point in July last year, the court heard. The judge said: "You have exhibited neo-Nazi tendencies like those shown by some groups that have infected the body politic of this country."	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/enland/humber/3784967.stm
07/06/2004	Protest against plans to allow a town's small Muslim community to pray in chamber	Muslim News	20 protest at plans by council to allow Muslims to use council chamber once a week for prayers. The move follows four rejections of planning applications to use a terrace house in Holden Street as a mosque. The protest began when a cherry-picker adorned with slogans promoting a far-right party started circling the town centre.	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=7456
04/06/2004	Man in Court on Terror Charge	Scotsman	A man charged with having documents which could be used in terrorism was further remanded in custody at the Old Bailey today. The plea and directions hearing was adjourned to June 18 to allow the prosecution and defence more time to prepare the case. Jacques Karim Abi-Ayad, 39, of Gippeswyk Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, appeared in court by video link. He was charged with two offences under the Terrorism Act of making copies of documents and possessing documents which could be used for terrorism.	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3018783
04/06/2004	Right wing protesters waving Union Jack flags clashed with police and Muslims during Friday prayers outside a London mosque today	Scotsman	Around 20 men, claiming to be from a group called the United British Alliance jeered and shouted anti-Muslim slogans from behind fences set up by police outside the Finsbury Park mosque. There were scuffles after a few protesters seemed to infiltrate the street in which	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3019604

03/06/2004	Muslims in Britain feel rise of Islamophobia.	Strait Times	Report: upsurge in Islamophobia attacks on individuals and mosques around the country. The report said many Muslims, particularly the young, feel they do not belong in Britain	http://straittimes.asia1.com.sg/world/story/0_4386_254235_00.html http://www.theasianews.co.uk/heritage/index/11315.html
02/06/2004	A college that paid out record damages to a muslim lecturer in a discrimination case	Scotsman	The head of department had twice been passed over for promotion by the college, and the tribunal unanimously found that his lack of advancement was because of his race.	http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=621242004&20040602120657
01/06/2004	Football association accused of Islamophobia	Muslim News	Football Association (FA) faced accusations of Islamophobia after a multi-faith under-12s boys' team was fined £250 and had points deducted for failing to play during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=1538
01/06/2004	A man threatened to kill all Muslims during a drunken outburst in a busy High Wycombe restaurant	This is london	Turner threatened to kill all the Muslims and those who follow Islam.	http://www.thisislocalondon.co.uk/news/topstories/display_var.495142.0.man_punished_for_drunken_threat_to_muslims.php
28/05/2004	Muslim man barred from taking the job of Chief Executive because he is of Pakistani origin and a Muslim.	IC Birmingham	Aftab Ahmed has begun formal grievance proceedings against Birmingham City Council, claiming he is the victim of racial discrimination. Mr Ahmed, who reached the final stage of a lengthy selection process, was chosen by an appointments panel to head Aston Pride. Already employed by the council he was one of the favourites to get the job. But because the panel's members were split, with five favouring Mr Ahmed and three voting against, the council refused to appoint and the position is being readvertised.	http://icbirmingham.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/post/tm_objectid=14282808%26method=full%26siteid=50002%26headline=aston%2dpride%2drace%2dbias%2dalleqation-name_page.html
28/05/2004	BNP hits city mosque	IC Berkshire	BNP graffiti has been daubed on Birmingham's Central Mosque in a racist attack designed to spark outrage among worshippers. The bold red 'BNP' initials have been sprayed over a white wall at the rear of the mosque in Belgrave Middleway, Highgate. Today religious leaders appealed for calm as police hunted those responsible. Mosque leaders said they hoped the graffiti did not "incite emotional outbursts or feelings of hate" amongst the congregation.	http://icberkshire.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/sloughandwindsor/tm_objectid=14281179&method=full&siteid=50102&headline=yobs-making-lives-a-misery-name_page.html
27/05/2004	Muslim Concern over Hamza's Dawn Arrest	Scotsman	The Muslim community reacted with a mixture of caution and anger today to the 3am arrest of controversial cleric Abu Hamza on an extradition warrant from the United States. Community representatives disowned his firebrand views but referred to large-scale arrests of Muslims which have led to no charges and stressed that his human rights must be respected. Iqbal Sacranie, secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain, said: "It is only fair and appropriate that we should wait for the full process of law to be completed. "Naturally, one is innocent until proved guilty, and especially with the recent cases, where a very large number of people have been arrested and then subsequently released without any charges." Ahmed Versi, editor of The Muslim News, a national newspaper for British Muslims, said the Muslim community would follow the extradition proceedings carefully. He said: "We are totally against his views, as we have shown, but the point of principle is an important one. "There must be proper evidence against him which would stand in a court of law in this country."	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=2983574
27/05/2004	BNP election literature targets Muslims: showing a Union Flag being burnt by men of Arab extraction above claims of an "asylum time bomb".	Scotsman	Glasgow charity Positive Action in Housing said they received 55 complaints about the leaflets, which show a Union Flag being burnt by men of Arab extraction above claims of an "asylum time bomb". Director Robina Qureshi said: "We believe these leaflets are racist lies and propaganda which breach the incitement to racial hatred offences under the Public Order Act. They have been leafleted in all areas including multi-racial areas with visible minorities and refugee communities. We believe they could encourage assaults or breach of the peace which could stir up racism and constitute incitement to racial hatred." The BNP is fielding seven candidates for the six Scotland-wide seats available for the European Parliament elections	http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=604552004

27/05/2004	Increasing xenophobia against Muslims is reason for prejudice against muslim prisoners, campaign group says.	This is London	group campaigning to get Tally Ho bomber Jawad Botmeh moved to a low-security prison say his application was refused because of increasing xenophobia against Muslims in the UK. Supporters claim there was not enough evidence for them to be convicted	http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/topstories/display.var.493727.0.ace_claim_over_bomber_release_call.php
27/05/2004	A Muslim teenager was hospitalized after he and his younger brother were brutally attacked by over 30 white men	Muslim News	In an unprovoked attack,3 muslim men were beaten repeatedly hit over the head and face by the mob using baseball bat and snooker cues. One fell down unconscious and was bleeding profusely, but they all continued to beat and kick him. When police arrived instead of helping by giving first aid to Shahid, they told his parents to shut up or they would arrest them.	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/index/press.php?pr=180
27/05/2004	Muslim girl challenges dress ban	Guardian	A school's refusal to allow a 15-year-old Muslim girl to wear traditional religious dress in the classroom was "a denial of her right to education and right to manifest her religious beliefs", the High Court was told.	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uklatest/story/0,1271,-4138838,00.html
26/05/2004	Muslim man won case against discrimination by Royal Mail	The Sun	Muslim post worker who suffered years of race abuse from colleagues was yesterday awarded £200,000.	http://www.thesun.co.uk/article/0,,2-2004241524,00.html
24/05/2004	Muslim MEP accusing Tory party of racism	Observer	accusing a number of his fellow politicians and senior party figures of racism	http://observer.guardian.co.uk/politics/story/0,6903,1222776,00.html
21/05/2004	Scrapped Documentary showing muslim men abusing white girls was to be used by BNP for campaign	BBC	West Yorkshire Police feared it would increase community tension in Bradford ahead of local and European elections.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/tv_and_radio/3733215.stm
21/05/2004	Filipino refused bail & held in custody when no evidence against him-could be held for months.	BBC	A Filipino living in Belfast who is alleged to have links to a group connected to al-Qaeda has been refused bail	http://www.guardian.co.uk/race/story/0,11374,1221453,00.html
21/05/2004	Police Officers abusing 'Stop & Search' powers	Guardian	Muslims targeted as result of 'Stop & Search'	http://www.guardian.co.uk/race/story/0,11374,1221453,00.html
19/05/2004	C4 give 'publicity coup' to BNP over film showing Asian men as paedophiles targeting white girls	BLINK	CHANNEL 4 have been accused of giving the extreme racist British National Party a 'publicity coup' with a film portraying Muslim Asian men as child abusers targeting white girls	http://www.blink.org.uk/pdescription.asp?key=3396&grp=1&cat=197
18/05/2004	The real enemy that Blair must face	Telegraph	Islamophobic Article	http://www.opinion.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2004/05/18/do1802.xml&sSheet=/opinion/2004/05/18/ixopinion.html
14/05/2004	Muslim groups have demanded that police withdraw an anti-terrorism poster, saying it unfairly links Islam to acts of violence	Guardian	Terror poster depicts a pair of eyes surrounded by a black background, which British Islamic groups say looks like a Muslim woman with most of her face covered	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1216372,00.html
13/05/2004	Worker accuses council of racial discrimination	The Scotsman	CITY council chiefs accused of turning blind eye to racial discrimination against muslim man	http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=545672004
13/05/2004	Carey Lecture on 'Terror Martyrs' Arouses Fresh Controversy	The Scotsman	Causing anger over his statements about muslims not doing enough to combat suicide bombings	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=2917084
12/05/2004	Racial tension increases in the wake of terror raids	IC Surrey	Muslims feeling increasingly threatened, watched & monitored	http://icsurreyonline.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0200surreyheadlines/
10/05/2004	Iraqi 'mown down by hate gang in car chase'	Yorkshire post	Muslim assylum seeker persecuted by gang	http://www.yorkshiretoday.co.uk/viewarticle2.aspx?ArticleID
10/05/2004	Asylum seeker pursues damages	BBC Online	17-year-old asylum seeker unlawfully detained & treated appallingly by immigration officer	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/3694685.stm
07/05/2004	Harassment youths named and shamed	IC Croydon	Two teens harrassing Turkish family	http://iccroydon.icnetwork.co.uk/news/headlines/tm_objectid

06/05/2004	Me a terrorist? I'm just a United fan	Manchester News	Detained for 8 days for having Man united tickets in flat. Police later apologised for his arrest	http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk/news/s/115/115770_me_a_terrorist_i_m_just_a_united_fan.html
05/05/2004	Terror swoop on flats	Tameside Advertiser	Ten people were arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000	http://www.tamesideadvertiser.co.uk/news/index/articles/article_id=4787.htm
05/05/2004	Terror suspect tells of 'torture' that led to death wish	The Guardian	Foreign national detained at Broadmoor without evidence against him	http://politics.guardian.co.uk/homeaffairs/story/0,11026,1209767,00.html
04/05/2004	MPs call for survey of hate crimes	Guardian	Article on scale of Islamophobia	http://www.guardian.co.uk/crime/article/0,2763,1208853,00.html
04/05/2004	Where Islam is Popery and Muslims the enemy within	Guardian	BNP propelling hatred of Islam as new way to win support	http://www.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,3604,1207467,00.html
03/05/2004	Muslim tourist beaten	Muslim News	A Muslim tourist was assaulted and left unconscious by a gang of men during an attack in Worcester on May 3rd. Nauman Zahid, 29, who was visiting from America, was struck with five punches to the head when a gang of around 10 men attacked him from behind in the early hours of Bank Holiday Monday on May 3.	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=1534
02/05/2004	Arsonist target mosque	Muslim News	Cradley Heath Mosque, in Plant Street, Sandwell, West Midlands, was broken into and ransacked between 7 and 9am on May 2, with prayer books scattered on the floors and carpets ripped up and set alight. No one was injured. A number of electrical items were also stolen. Mosque trustee, Imran Majit, said the fire had caused around £5,000 damage. "In some ways we were very lucky. The fire was started on Sunday morning and we had a ladies' prayer meeting at 10am. When they arrived they found the fire burning and they raised the alarm," he told The Muslim News.	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=1535
30/04/2004	Police officer accused of Islamophobia	Muslim News	police officer shouting at a Muslim, "I know your community oppresses women and you can not oppress me."	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=1518
30/04/2004	Labour fails Muslims in Europe elections	Muslim News	Labour selecting less Muslim candidates for European Election	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=1512
30/04/2004	Majority Held in Anti-Terror Raids Freed Without Charge	Scotsman	Muslims being held under anti-terror laws without evidence to charge them	http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=2860976
29/04/2004	ASIAN PUPILS WERE KICKED AND PUNCHED	The Sentinel	Two muslim boys fell victim to an unprovoked racist attack after being kicked and punched by intruders in the grounds of a Stoke-on-Trent school	http://www.thesentinel.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=67725&command=displayContent&sourceNode=67252&contentPK=9764123
29/04/2004	Racist cell murder probe ordered	BBC Online	Muslim convict beaten to death by racist cell mate	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/3668311.stm http://observer.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,6903,1350948,00.html http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/3744249.stm http://www.guardian.co.uk/prisons/story/0,7369,1224682,00.html
29/04/2004	Anti-terror tactics attacked as suspects freed	Reuters	Police using heavy handed tactics in Anti-terror sweep and accused of arresting moderate muslims	http://www.reuters.co.uk/newsPackageArticle.jhtml?type=topNews&storyID=501659&section=news
28/04/2004	Islamophobic Anti-terrorism posters removed over race fears	IC wales	Terror Posters depicting terror image as a Muslim Woman	http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/capitalcity/news/tm_objectid=14188921&method=full&siteid=50082&headline=anti-terrorism-posters-removed-over-race-fears-name_page.html
14/05/2004	Muslim groups infuriated by anti-terrorism poster	Guardian	<i>story also reported in</i>	http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1216372,00.html
28/04/2004	Ignore media, bomber jury told	BBC Online	Biased papers: Jury warned to keep open mind after inaccurate media reports of the trial, which was halted on Tuesday while judge and barristers discussed several newspaper stories.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/3666703.stm
27/04/2004	US Imam expects to be deported this week	The Muslim News	Imam accused of inciting hatred in an article which he denies and he has written to Press Complaint Commission	http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/news/news.php?article=7254
26/04/2004	Trio released after terror quiz	BBC Online	Three people held for a week by Greater Manchester Police on suspicion of terror activities were released without charge at the weekend.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3659311.stm

26/04/2004	Biased pre trial article-"Sister 'encouraged suicide bomb"	BBC Online	Family of Suicide Bomber taken to court for knowing of his plan	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3659885.stm
26/04/2004	Agencies 'brutal' towards Muslims	This is Gloucestershire	The Commission for Racial Equality has called for an end to the over-zealousness of specialist agencies and distorted media reports it says are fuelling Islamophobia.	http://www.thisisgloucestershire.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=139331
23/04/2004	Terror suspect held without trial feared he would stay in prison until he died.	The guardian	Detained at Heathrow in November 2002, M was initially told he would be charged under the Terrorism Act 2000. But, without explanation, officers changed their minds and held him without charge under the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001, which allows the government to hold foreigners without trial and for unlimited periods. M said it was not until seven months after his arrest that he was told that he was suspected of having links to al-Qaida. Upon arrival at Belmarsh, when he was confronted with fellow Muslim detainees who had been held there without charge or trial, it became clear that he would also be held indefinitely. Last month three appeal court judges upheld a decision by the Special Immigration Appeals Commission that M had been held on "unreliable" evidence and that the home secretary had "exaggerated" links to al-Qaida. Mr Blunkett appealed unsuccessfully against the decision. Much of the evidence against M was heard in secret and the commission concluded some of it was "clearly misleading". A Special Branch report was "inaccurate and conveyed an unfair impression". M refused to take part in his appeal	http://www.guardian.co.uk/guardianpolitics/story/0,3605,1201430,00.html
23/04/2004	Minorities 'face jobs struggle'	BBC Online	Black and Asian people are two and a half times more likely to suffer unemployment than their white counterparts TUC reports	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/3650459.stm
20/04/2004	Police quiz 10 terror suspects	BBC Online		http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3641547.stm
20/04/2004	Britain's Muslims fear 'Islamophobia'	MSNBC	Muslim alienation and isolation	http://msnbc.msn.com/id/4765845/
19/04/2004	Government accused of 'creating' terror threat	IC Birmingham		http://icbirmingham.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/tm_objectid=14160618%26method=full%26siteid=50002%26headline=government%2daccused%2dof%2d%2dcreating%2d%2dterror%2dthreat
19/04/2004	Ten arrested after terror raids	BBC Online		http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/3638861.stm
14/04/2004	Probe into suspicious mosque fire	BBC Online		http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/3617845.stm
13/04/2004	Muslims combat negative publicity	BBC Online	Muslim alienation and isolation	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/beds/bucks/herts/3621849.stm
13/04/2004	Cardinal criticises Muslim 'silence'	BBC Online	Anti Islam comments	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3616505.stm
13/04/2004	'Shut mosques' call at UK rally	Gulf News	London protest led by BNP	http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/arc_Articles.asp?Article=78830&Sn=WORL&IssueID=27021
12/04/2004	Warning over terror law proposal	BBC Online		http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/3619989.stm
11/04/2004	Mosque marquee was burnt down.	BBC Online	Burnt tent was to be used for about 2,000 people to have breakfast before entering the mosque.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/3617845.stm
06/04/2004	Arrests after graveyard desecration	This is Local london		http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/topstories/display.var.477455.0.arrests_after_graveyard_desecration.php
06/04/2004	Family to sue over hospital desecration	Guardian Unlimited		http://www.guardian.co.uk/crime/article/0,2763,1186673,00.html
06/04/2004	Blair leads way to woo back Muslims	The Hearold	Muslim alienation and isolation	http://www.theherald.co.uk/politics/13415.html
06/04/2004	Muslims call for laws to curb rogue imams	The Scotsman		http://news.scotsman.com/politics.cfm?id=389272004

06/04/2004	Parents express terrorism fears	BBC Online		http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/3601775.stm
06/04/2004	Inquiry urged on alleged race killing in jail cell	Guardian Unlimited		http://www.guardian.co.uk/prisons/story/0,7369,1185781,00.html
05/04/2004	Too many arrests, too few charges?	BBC Online		http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/3590753.stm
02/04/2004	Ninth terror suspect is arrested	BBC Online		http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3588451.stm
02/04/2004	Terror detectives get more time	BBC Online	Further violation of civil liberties	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3588451.stm
01/04/2004	Mosque full of bombers	The Sun	Islamophobic article	http://www.thesun.co.uk/article/0,,2-2004150508,00.html
31/03/2004	Islamic bomb attack foiled by raids in the heart of suburbia	Telegraph		http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/03/31/nterr31.xml
31/03/2004	BMA sued for failing to back racism cases	Independent		http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/health/story.jsp?story=506508
30/03/2004	PC resigns over racist comments	BBC Online	BBC Documentary, 'The Policeman'.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/southern_counties/3582597.stm
30/03/2004	Appalling' race attack on father	BBC Online	Racist Attack	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/3582075.stm
30/03/2004	Muslims: we are the new victims of stop and search	The Guardian		http://politics.guardian.co.uk/attacks/story/0,1320,1180174,00.html
29/03/2004	Muslim culture has contributed little for centuries, says Carey	BBC Online		http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?sessionid=AHD0E3TKH5UR1QFIQMGSNAGAVCBQWJVC?xml=/news/2004/03/26/narch26.xml&secureRefresh=true&requestid=113926
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