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## Growing support amongst Muslims for adoption of 'Sharia Law' within Great Britain



**Sharia Law at work!!**

**Four out of 10 British Muslims want Islamic sharia law adopted into parts of the country, according to a new survey. Sharia law is used in large parts of the Middle East, including Iran and Saudi Arabia. Sharia Law may be defined thus: "Sharia is the Arabic word for Islamic law, also known as the Law of Allah. Islam classically draws no distinction between religious and secular life. Hence Sharia covers not only religious rituals, but many aspects of day-to-day life, politics, economics, banking, business or contract law, and social issues. Most of the time the term 'Sharia' is used to exclusively refer to law based on Islamic legal theory at the level before the 19th century, to the exclusion of reformed Islamic legal theory."**

An ICM opinion poll found a fifth of Muslims sympathised with the 'feelings and motives' of the July 7th 2005 suicide bombers who killed 52 people on London's transport network last year.
Half of the 500 surveyed concurred with the view that interracial relations with white Britons had worsened since the attacks, with many feeling more alienated from mainstream white society. But the vast majority (91 per cent) said they still felt loyal to Britain.

Sadiq Khan, Labour MP for Tooting said the poll findings were 'alarming'. 'This poll confirms the widespread opposition among British Muslims to the so-called war on terror,' he said.
David Davis, Conservative Home Affairs spokesman, said the poll demonstrated the battle for the hearts and minds of the Muslim community had a 'long way to go'.
He counselled it was 'absolutely vital' that the voice of 'moderate' Islam was heard wherever possible.

The poll findings come as thousands of Muslims staged a protest in London against the publication of cartoons depicting the prophet Mohammed as a terrorist.