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Muslim 'Cartoon' protest slogans threaten violence



A typical scene at recent Muslim protests across the world

There has been widespread condemnation of a demonstration by Muslim protesters who threatened violence during a march in London.

Shadow Home Secretary, David Davis said some of the messages on the placards amounted to "incitement to murder". Mr Davis said that protesters should be dealt with firmly by police. "Clearly, some of these placards are incitement to violence, and indeed incitement to murder - an extremely serious offence which the police must deal with and deal with quickly," he said. "Whatever your view on these cartoons, we have a tradition of freedom of

speech in this country which has to be protected. Certainly there can be no tolerance of incitement to murder."

The protest over cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed saw slogans such as "7/7 is on its way". The police say they are studying photographs of those who attended and that arrests, if necessary, will be made at the "most appropriate time". Police said more than 100 complaints had been received about the protest.

Stopped

On Saturday, Asghar Bukhari, chairman of the Muslim Public Affairs Committee, said the demonstration in London on Friday should have been stopped by police because the group had been advocating violence.

Mr Bukhari told the BBC News website: "The placards and chants were disgraceful and disgusting, Muslims do not feel that way."

Prosecute

Labour MP David Winnick called for people who waved threatening placards to be prosecuted. Mr Winnick is a member of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee. He said, ". . . it is totally unacceptable that, on British soil, there should be thugs demonstrating for people to be beheaded and actually glorifying the atrocities of July 7.

"It is to be hoped that prosecutions will follow very quickly indeed."

He said those responsible who were temporarily in Britain should be deported, even if it meant stripping them of permission previously given to remain in the country.

Police estimated Friday's crowd at between 500 and 700 and no arrests were made.