

# Extreme Islamist group flexes its muscles in UK

*Two articles in the Sunday Telegraph this morning. Those of us who take notice of such things know they hadn't, and wouldn't go away. Or not of their own accord, will they go away.*

[The Telegraph reveals how Hizb ut-Tahrir](#), an Islamist extremist group which David Cameron and Tony Blair both attempted to ban, has been stepping up its activities in Britain and is behind a campaign urging Muslims to support the "liberation" of Palestinians by "Muslim armies".

Hizb ut-Tahrir Britain, the UK branch of Hizb ut-Tahrir, a global Islamist party which calls for the foundation of an Islamic caliphate and has been banned in some Arab countries, appears to be increasing its presence across the country. Last month it organised pro-Palestine protests in London and Birmingham which featured calls for Muslim-majority countries to deploy their armies to "liberate" the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem and Palestinians in Gaza.

One former counter-terrorism officer said Hizb ut-Tahrir Britain appeared to be becoming "more confident", with its activists brandishing large banners and placards featuring with its name. Of course they are confident; they have been allowed to meet and preach and teach and protest with impunity.

However, the group is not necessarily publicising its involvement in all cases.

Placards calling for the al-Aqsa mosque to be "liberated" by "Muslim armies" were pictured at a pro-Palestine protest in Luton last weekend.

But, while the placards bear a striking resemblance to those

produced by Hizb ut-Tahrir for earlier protests in London and Birmingham, the versions pictured in Luton appeared to have black tape covering the parts of the placards that, in previous protests, had stated "Hizb ut-Tahrir Britain". *Photograph of Birmingham June 2021 from Hizb ut-Tahrir's [2017](#)* – *Universities UK Headquarters: [a National Roadshow tour](#): 2**[Ed Husain's book](#)* today