

Hizb ut-Tahrir proscribed as a terrorist organisation.

Statement from the Home Office today. It is not before time, but the fact is that they will continue their activities under another name or umbrella. And while the police (and not just in London, Police Scotland and the forces of big cities in England and Wales are as useless) decline to properly police (including banning marches) the Hamas/Palestine/anti-Israel marches every week nothing will change.

They should have been proscribed years ago. Doing so now is confusing activity with action. Nevertheless...

Today, we took action to proscribe Hizb ut-Tahrir as a terrorist organisation.

The encouragement and promotion of Hamas' unlawful attacks, and the group's antisemitic ideology, are appalling.

Being a member and inviting support for the group will be a criminal offence.

– Home Office (@ukhomeoffice) [January 15, 2024](#)

James Cleverly, the current Home Secretary [said this](#):

I have made the decision to ban Hizb ut-Tahrir in the UK. Their promotion and encouragement of the abhorrent attacks perpetrated by Hamas goes against everything our country stands for. Belonging to and inviting support for this group will be a criminal offence.

And the first comment was this:

Hamas are a proscribed terrorist organisation already, and you allowed 100,000 people to march through London every weekend for two months chanting support for them. Laws are pointless without enforcement.

He says more in [The Telegraph here](#)

Not everybody responded to the attack of October 7 with sorrow and horror. The [Hizb ut-Tahrir group](#)'s revolting response was lavishly to praise it. Hizb ut-Tahrir is an international Sunni Islamist political organisation with a footprint in at least 32 countries. It has had a presence in the UK since the 1980s. Its stated long-term goal is to establish a Caliphate ruled under Islamic law. They have consistently called for Muslim armies to rise up and carry out similar acts to Hamas' attack on October 7.

The UK Government has concluded that Hizb ut-Tahrir is promoting and encouraging terrorist activity. Its online praise for the October 7 attack included references to Hamas as "heroes" and encouraged further such terrorism. Hizb ut-Tahrir globally has a long history of praising and celebrating attacks against Israel and attacks against Jews more widely. An article attributed to the group's Egyptian branch on October 8 referred to the killing of Jewish tourists by an Egyptian police officer as "a simple example of what should be done towards the Jews".

This vicious antisemitism is the underpinning of its philosophy. The way Hizb ut-Tahrir has behaved at demonstrations since Hamas's terrorist attack on Israel has only served to worsen community tensions. They are also hideously homophobic.

Hamas is already proscribed in this country, and I have decided to proscribe Hizb ut-Tahrir as well. Hizb ut-Tahrir is banned in many countries around the world, including Germany, with restrictions also placed on its activities in Austria. This is not the first time we have considered taking this step. Tony Blair pledged to proscribe Hizb ut-Tahrir in 2005 and successive governments have considered it since. But today we take decisive action to protect our national security.

Hizb ut-Tahrir will become the 80th terrorist organisation—proscribed under the Terrorism Act 2000.