

How the Muslim Brotherhood fits into a network of extremism

Andrew Gilligan in the S [The Sunday Telegraph](#) has found a number of clear overlaps between the Brotherhood's UK operations and those of organisations linked to Hamas, which is banned as a terrorist organisation throughout the Western world. In particular, it is striking how often they appear to share premises.

One person involved in counter-extremism said: "When you start forensically going through the names and locations, there's no way the Brotherhood can keep up the denials."

The Sunday Telegraph has established that the main hubs for the Brotherhood's operations in Europe are Westgate House, a serviced office block at the Hangar Lane roundabout in Ealing, west London, and Crown House, about half a mile north of it on the North Circular Road.

The two buildings contain at least 25 organisations linked to the Brotherhood, or to Hamas. A third building very close by – Pinnacle House on Old Oak Common Lane – houses Interpal, another major charity which has had close links to the Brotherhood and Hamas. Interpal is banned by the US government as a terrorist organisation.

The Brotherhood's objective is to replace secular democratic government with an Islamic caliphate under sharia law. Members swear an oath of allegiance declaring that "the Quran is our constitution" and "to die for the sake of God is our greatest objective".

The Brotherhood's leaders insist that it works democratically – albeit to secure the replacement of democracy – and says the

British Government review is a form of “pandering” by Britain to Gulf dictatorships.

Hamas’s 1988 founding charter states that it is “one of the wings of the Muslim Brotherhood in Palestine”, but the British government has tended to treat Hamas and the Brotherhood as unconnected. The organisations based at Crown House comprise broadly the Brotherhood’s UK outreach wing.

Other extremist organisations based at Crown House, though not formally linked to the Brotherhood, include the Islamic Education and Research Academy (IERA), which sends extremist preachers around British universities and mosques.

Both Westgate House and Crown House have other tenants and there is no suggestion that all their tenants are Islamists or extremists.

But you need to follow my link and read it all.