

Muslim Leaders Worldwide Silent About Pakistani Cleric's Call to Nuke France

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The Muslim hysteria over President Macron's insistence that in France French values, including the freedom of expression, must not be compromised, is not diminishing. It's become quite a spectacle for the non-Muslim world to observe. Muslims first began with demands for an apology from Macron himself, which was not forthcoming. Then the focus shifted to the French, 68 million of them (but we should not count the French Muslims; for surely they remain exempt from Muslim animus and threats) and the calls came from Muslims around the world for a boycott of French goods. Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Turkey were among the Muslim states calling for such a punishment; in a fine frenzy, Turkish President Erdogan himself, and not merely a government spokesman, proclaimed that Turkey would be imposing such a boycott. So far, so over the top.

But things got crazier still when former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed offered his own take on the matter. Mahathir at 95 has not slowed down. He is still his same old avuncular smiling self, a vicious antisemite, and hater of Infidels, whose charm escapes me and you, but not the world's Muslims. Mahathir claimed that Muslims would be well within their rights to "kill millions of French people." They have *the right to kill millions of French people. Tiens!*

It seemed to most of us that no one could top that, but we failed to reckon with Pakistani cleric Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi, who posted a video on his YouTube channel, which MEMRI reported

on [here](https://www.memri.org/tv/pakistan-khadim-hussain-rizvi-calls-jihad-atom-cartoons-france) <https://www.memri.org/tv/pakistan-khadim-hussain-rizvi-calls-jihad-atom-cartoons-france> and Robert Spencer [here](#):

In a video posted on his official YouTube channel on October 24, 2020, Pakistani politician and Islamic scholar Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi urges the Pakistani government to declare Jihad against "those who slander the Prophet Muhammad." He urges the government to "use the atom bomb" and "[Let] everyone die." He continues to say that he is declaring Jihad against those who slander the Prophet. Rizvi is the founder of the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan political party in Pakistan, which was established to combat any change to the country's blasphemy laws.

Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi: "Today, France is challenging you [government of Pakistan]. Why have you kept the tenth atom bomb [hidden] inside? Use that atom bomb outside. Use that atom bomb outside. Declare a Jihad. [Let] everyone [in France] die. There would be no shame before the Prophet on the Day of Judgment.

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"If you want dignity in this world and in the Hereafter, if you want the Islamic nation to survive, then declare on [the

Prophet's birthday] that Islam orders Jihad against those who slander the Prophet Muhammad. I am declaring Jihad."

Hussain Rizvi has a vast following in Pakistan, where he is not only a cleric but the founder of a political party. His words carry weight, even if his charges are absurd. Just how is France challenging the "government of Pakistan"? Neither Macron, nor anyone else in France, has said a thing about Pakistan. Nor has he said anything about the Prophet Muhammad. Macron has repeatedly said only this: we will uphold our own values, including freedom of speech, freedom of expression, in our own land. For Allama Khadim Hussein Rizvi, France must submit to Islam, to its definition of blasphemy, and to the punishment it proscribes – death – for such a crime. Indeed, collective punishment is called for. One man, President Macron, was insufficiently submissive, and for that, 68 million French men, women, and children deserve death: "Let everyone die."

We are waiting for the reaction of all the putative "good" Muslims – the bar is now being set quite low, for the good ones are merely those who aren't calling for crippling boycotts or mass murder. What have those good Muslims – the "moderates" – said in the weeks that have passed since this extraordinary declaration of Jihad by Rizvi ("I am declaring Jihad") on all of France, because according to him Islamic dignity demands it ("if you want dignity in this world and in the Hereafter"), because the very survival of the Islamic nation ("if you want the Islamic nation to survive") depends on Pakistan punishing the people of France by dropping nuclear weapons on them. Let such an insult to the Prophet Muhammad pass, and the faith of 1.6 billion people may not survive.

No word of reproach for Rizvi's call for mass death has come from Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan. He's been far too busy, declaring that Pakistan will strengthen its hold militarily on territory in Kashmir, and denouncing India "as a

fascist state, inspired by the Nazis.” It’s unclear why India deserves this description, but it likely has to do with Khan’s frustration that the Indian government removed the special autonomy status for Jammu and Kashmir, and has been encouraging Hindus to repopulate Kashmir. It was from Kashmir that hundreds of thousands of Kashmiri pandits, who had lived there for centuries, fled persecution and murder by Muslims in the 1980s and 1990s. Kashmiri Pandits were killed, their properties looted and burnt, temples were desecrated, many women were kidnapped, gang raped, and murdered. If anyone on the subcontinent is “inspired by the Nazis,” it’s not the Hindus. Several weeks have gone by since Rizvi’s remarks, and Khan has not said a word about the cleric’s call for the mass murder of the French.

Nor has any other Muslim leader or cleric been brave enough to denounce Rizvi. From the Arab League, nothing. From the Organization of the Islamic Conference (O.I.C.) not a peep. For those other Muslims may claim otherwise to the Infidels, but they know that Rizvi is not a lone fanatic. There are many Muslims who have whipped themselves up into a frenzy, and who, just like Rizvi, believe that the French – all of them – deserve to die. And what are Pakistan’s nuclear weapons for if not to destroy the Infidels? “Take them [the nuclear weapons] outside” cries Rizvi, don’t leave them “inside,” put them to work, use them especially on those who have offended the dignity of the Prophet. Any Muslim leader has to worry about assassination were he to criticize Rizvi; better to pass over his remarks in silence.

And that’s where things stand. Can Muslims get any crazier or more murderous than Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi?

Alas, probably yes.