

Brave Muslim voices

According to the *Sunday Telegraph* (10 July 2005) Tariq Al-Humayd, editor of *Al-Sharq Al Awsat*, a leading Arab newspaper, has attacked ordinary Muslims in Britain for funding terrorists. He said that collections are frequently held in Arab areas of London for jihadi causes disguised as charities. He wrote-

'In London we have seen, and are seeing, the money being collected in the streets, and the conventions under various titles, and everyone is inciting jihad in our Arab countries and cursing the land of unbelief in which they live. When you express amazement at this, they tell you that this is freedom. Has freedom no responsibility? No one answers. When you tell them, "Stop being so tolerant of the incitement that comes from your own country, from your skies and from your internet" they turn away. And what happened? The terror struck London, indiscriminately . . . For the sake of the freedom of all of us, stop the ones who are attacking our freedom.'

The report then mentions Amir Taheri (see Blog FBBB121). Apparently he is a columnist of *Al-Sharq Al Awsat*. The report quotes him as criticising Muslims who equivocate over terrorist attacks. Insinuations that they are provoked by Western actions such as the invasion of Iraq give terrorists the impression that they have tacit support in England. Amir Taheri adds-

'Until we hear the voices of the Muslims condemning attacks of this kind with no words of qualification such as "but" and "if", the suicide bombers and the murderers will have an excuse to think that they enjoy the support of all Muslims. The real battle against the enemy of mankind will begin when the "silent Majority" in the Islamic world makes its voice heard against the murderers, and against those who brainwash them, believe them and fund them.'

No praise is too high for these brave Muslim voices who speak out against their own wrongdoers. What a humiliating contrast to the treacherous voices of home-grown British defenders of the indefensible such as Tony Benn and George Galloway!