

English Defence League Media Briefing

Liverpool Demonstration

3rd June 2017



The English Defence League will be holding a national demonstration in Liverpool's city centre on the third of June, 2017. The focus of this demonstration is to publicly highlight several specific local and national issues:

1. Local-level issues.

Proposed ban on public demonstrations by groups and organisations, deemed to be “far-right”.

In February 2016 in a letter to the then Home Secretary, Theresa May, Liverpool's Mayor, Joe Anderson, sought powers to enforce a total ban on what he deems to be “far-right” public demonstrations.

His proposition is a clear attack on freedom of speech, expression and assembly, and will be arbitrarily applied to those perceived to be “far-right”, for which he provided no practical definition. Despite other groups from across the political spectrum, known for causing public disorder (including the use of violence against opponents, members of the public, and police officers) such as Antifa, Irish Republican sympathisers, and far-right Islamist groups also holding public demonstrations across the UK, it appears that Joe Anderson's requested ban would not cover these groups.

This is an attack on civil liberties and an attempt to demonise groups such as the English Defence League. If indeed, this is a means to curb anti-social behaviour, public disorder and violent actions, then Anderson is guilty of hypocrisy, given he is not seeking to ban left-wing groups from protesting, despite the disorder they cause. Anderson has only to look at the violence initiated by Antifa, the Socialist Workers' Party and others across the country to see his leftist agenda. We do not believe preventing violence is his real intention, given the proposed bans fail to target his political allies.

We should like to note that we do not identify as a far-right group. Being opposed to a fascist ideology does not make a group “far-right”, nor extremist; *we are simply right*. Our opponents do not get to define us.

Links between Islamist terrorists and Liverpool, and John Moores University.

In March, 2015, four Islamist militants were revealed to be former students of John Moores University:

Raphael Hostey, aka Abu Qaqa, from Manchester – alleged senior commander, fighter and recruiter. Hostey was a graphic design student at the university when he left to fight for ISIS in Syria in 2013. It is believed he was killed in an air-strike in Syria in May, 2016.

Abid Naseer, from Pakistan – arrested during a counter-terrorism raid at the university in 2009, extradited to the USA, and subsequently convicted for his role in planning terror attacks in Europe, including plots to detonate bombs in shopping centres in Manchester and Liverpool. Three other men were also arrested during the university campus operation and deported.

Mohammed Javeed, from Manchester – mechanical engineering student, left to fight for ISIS in Syria in 2013. Reported missing and believed to have been killed in fighting.

Anil Khalil Raoufi, from Manchester – mechanical engineering student, killed in fighting in Syria in 2014.

We acknowledge that John Moores University has no direct culpability in the radicalisation of these men, nor condone their views and actions. The apparent coincidence is, surely, greater than a random distribution.

Along with the arrest and conviction of **Mohammed Ali**, in 2015, for attempting to purchase ricin from an undercover FBI agent, these cases show that Liverpool is far from immune from the ongoing Islamist threat in the UK.

‘Militant’ and other left-wing groups.

Militant is a Trotskyist organisation that has had strong links to Liverpool City Council from 1979 and has had a significant impact on local politics. Its dominance in the Labour council for most of the 1980s has defined the political atmosphere of the city, especially among the so-called “millennial generation”.

So strong is the radical left-wing sentiment in the city that trade unions have even seen fit to call upon members to demonstrate against the English Defence League. This is counter-intuitive, given we are concerned for the people of Liverpool and the threat posed to us all by Islamism, as well as the curbs to civil liberties, which affect members of trade unions as much as anyone.

Liberal Democrat councillor, Richard Kemp, has accused Labour Mayor, Joe Anderson, of “*reawakening Militant*”.

Trade unions do not speak for all members on matters of politics, morality and ethics, which are subject to individual life experiences and worldview. We oppose this self-indulgent call by union leaderships seeking to impose their political preferences on union members to further the activists’ political agenda.

We say to workers and employees who are members of trade unions: adhere to your own politics and defend your own personal beliefs, whatever they may be, rather than be dictated to by organisational elites that are attempting to exercise control beyond their remit.

The left plays into Islamist hands

Islamists play into the hands of the extreme left

Islamists do not distinguish between political groups and do not discriminate in their choice of victims of terrorist attacks. All non-believers are deemed equally guilty of rejecting Allah.

Antifa is a militant, anarchist-communist group, well known for its violent and disruptive tactics. Ironically, made up for the most part of middle-class students. Its members claim the public-friendly label of being “anti-fascist”. However, this claim does not hold up to scrutiny; not only do they insist on using many of the same tactics as fascists – intimidation, violence, attempting to silence opposing political views, intense opposition to liberals, conservatives, and other centrists – they also do not stand with us in opposing a bona-fide fascist ideology rising in this country: Islamism.

For daring to question, and protest, against the far-right, authoritarian, theocratic ideology that is Islamism, Antifa make the preposterous claim we are fascists or Nazis ourselves.

The English Defence League strongly opposes Nazi ideology and fascism in all its forms. We are a non-racist movement, committed to democracy, open to all, and argue that Antifa undermine any credibility they claim to have when they resort to unfounded allegations, childish name calling, and extremist rhetoric. These are nothing more than slogans and will not discourage us from standing up for what we believe in and raising public awareness of the dangers of Islamism.

2. National-level Issues

Islamist terrorism increase

We have all noticed the increase in terrorist-associated activities in the UK, which has been most disturbingly demonstrated by the attack at Manchester Arena on 22 May. The English Defence League is unapologetic in its support of the victims and their families, as well as the city of Manchester that has suffered such a terrible loss. This is something that should never have been allowed to happen.

Sympathies for terrorist activities are not held solely by a “tiny minority” of Islamic extremists. In an ICM poll carried out for Channel 4’s documentary, *What Muslims Really Think* last year, survey results showed that while support for terrorist actions and suicide bombing was indeed low (4% of respondents in both cases), when asked if violence against those who mock their prophet is justified, 18% of Muslims responded positively. When asked if violence organised by groups to protect their own religion was justified, this number rose to 24%. These are alarming figures when extrapolated to a Muslim population of over 3 million.

However, it is not only within the Muslim community that terrorist activities find sympathisers.

Various left-wing organisations continue to justify acts of terrorism and the terrorists themselves, whilst simultaneously claiming to condemn such actions. Trevor Kavanagh, writing in *The Sun* this week points out this even occurs within the political establishment: *“...the Labour Party, which campaigns for women’s liberation and gay rights, has embraced and encouraged Muslim leaders who preach the opposite.”* Jeremy Corbyn, Labour leader in the forthcoming general election, has a history of sympathies with IRA terrorists, Hezbollah and Hamas.

Many on the Left and jihad apologists suggest that UK foreign policies are to blame for the terror in this country. It is an appeal for worldwide Muslim solidarity and indicates an allegiance first of all to the *Ummah* (the world’s Muslims) instead of to the citizens of this country. This echoes what the terrorists themselves say.

One of the London Transport bombers of 7 July 2005, Shehzad Tanweer, justified his action by saying: *“And know that if you fail to comply...this war will never stop, and that we are ready to give our lives, one hundred times over, for the cause of Islam.”*

The international scene

Islamists continue trying to emulate Mohammed and his Medina-era jihad. On 25 May, in Marawi, Philippino jihadists kidnapped a priest, 15 parishioners, burned down the cathedral and so far 21 people have been killed.

We also sadly note the murder of at least 28 Christians in Egypt by jihadists on Friday, 26 May.

The international nature of terrorism indicates that what we do locally resonates throughout the world. We know from supportive correspondence that our protests and resistance in Liverpool and elsewhere are a contribution to the fight against this worldwide jihad.

Ongoing rape jihad

Muslim rape gangs have received heightened media attention recently due to the grooming/abuse gang trials in Oxford, Canterbury and most notably in Huddersfield, along with the Sunderland “Justice for Chelsey” demonstrations. Since the Rotherham abuse scandal made national news in 2012, we have finally seen a small proportion of the gangs there brought to justice. This is, however, just the tip of the iceberg: many gangs remain at large and rape jihad is still an ongoing issue both in the UK and across Europe.

This issue is undoubtedly related to Islamism, and not only because it is sanctioned scripturally, or by certain Islamic authorities; there is a pervasive ethnic gang-culture and rampant racism within Pakistani communities in the UK. This is a problem very much overlooked because of political correctness stifling any exposure and debate.

However, not only are many of the Muslim gangs still at large, with no threat of prosecution, but they are still active and expanding. This problem is now exacerbated by the recent arrival of migrants from the Middle East, who bring cultural baggage with them, and sexual offences will only increase with more migration. In mainland Europe, this has happened at epidemic levels in Germany, Norway, and Sweden. Although it is a difficult reality for people to face, the more Islam there is in western countries, the more rape jihad and terrorism occurs. This is an issue which must be discussed openly if anything is to be done to stop it.

We will continue to draw attention to the problem of rape jihad, regardless of criticism aimed at us.

The European refugee crisis

Although the English Defence League is not a political party we acknowledge there are positive benefits to immigration; however effective regulation of immigration and working border controls are necessary to protect the public. This is particularly true in the light of the huge influx of asylum seekers from the Middle East to Europe. Several countries in mainland Europe, most notably France and Germany, have seen large demographic shifts that are detrimental to social cohesion and dangerous for long-term cultural survival. France has seen fit to have soldiers routinely patrolling the streets, something which we have seen in England after the recent Manchester Arena terrorist atrocity. Jewish schools and synagogues already have armed soldiers patrolling them as a matter of course due to the anti-semitism rife among the newly arriving asylum seekers. Terrorist attacks are more frequent, especially in France where we have seen the most horrific:

The Nice lorry attack - 86 killed, 434 wounded

The November 2015 Paris attacks - 130 killed, 368 wounded

The Charlie Hebdo offices attack - 17 killed, 22 wounded

These are staggering numbers of deaths seen in our near neighbour. The Charlie Hebdo attack, and 22 further terrorist attacks in France alone, left 242 people dead, and 858 wounded.

The majority of European countries were built on Judeo-Christian traditions and this is reflected in our cultural and social identity. However, pride in our culture has been almost entirely abandoned, with politicians (including local politicians, as in Liverpool), the media and other opinion-formers actively promoting measures that can lead only to its destruction, in order to help others “feel more at home”. This is proving to have disastrous social consequences, such as increased crime, particularly sexual offences, distrust between people, fear of consequences relating to speaking out against immigration and Islamism, community divisions, and a loss of the moral fabric that has provided security for us for generations.

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EDL media channels:

EDL website: <http://www.englishdefenceleague.org.uk>

EDL mission statement: <http://www.englishdefenceleague.org.uk/mission-statement/>

EDL statement on refugees:

<http://englishdefenceleague.tumblr.com/post/137175398104/islam-refugees-and-the-edl>

EDL’s anti-sharia strategy: <http://www.englishdefenceleague.org.uk/990-2/>

EDL’s data base of Muslim grooming/sexual abuse gang convictions:

<http://www.englishdefenceleague.org.uk/islam/grooming-gangs/>

EDL Facebook national page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EnglishDefenceLeagueOFFICIAL>

Liverpool national demo Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/430656450625273/>

EDL Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EDLofficialpage>

EDL Radio: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/the-english-defence-league-show>

EDL YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTp9cur8fT1AeSPkdZ0oig>

EDL Tumblr: <http://englishdefenceleague.tumblr.com>

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