

Thursday, July 07, 2005

His Excellency Sir David Manning,
Ambassador of United Kingdom of Washington
British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington DC, 20008

Your Excellency:

With deep sorrow and regret, I write to your excellency, to convey my personal condolence and those of the Muslim community in Virginia for the shocking attacks that cost Great Britain the lives of 40 innocent victims and injuries to hundreds more. As his excellency, Mr. Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, stated today: "We know that these people act in the name of Islam, but we also know that the vast and overwhelming majority of Muslims here and abroad are decent, law abiding people who abhor the act of terrorism every bit as much as we do," These words of understanding and distinction are very much appreciated by all Muslims.

We, Muslims in Virginia and in the United States, stand solidly firm in our condemnation and denunciation of this and all other similar coward attacks on innocent civilians no matter what the motive or the cause is. For Islam never supports such inhumane attacks.

Please convey our heart-felt condolences and sympathy to the British people, the victims, and their families.

Truly yours,

Shaker Elsayed,
Imam, Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center