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The head of the Charity Commission recently made a startling admission. Islamic charities, he said, were the “most deadly” problem the Commission faces. William Shawcross said it was “ludicrous” that people with convictions for terrorism were perfectly free to set up charities, and were not automatically disqualified. <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/apr/20/islamic-extremism-chariti...> [5]

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A known Islamist has been selected to stand for the Conservative Party in an east London borough.

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**Would-be assassin of Lars Hedegaard may have been holy warrior in Syria - Ingrid Carlqvist**

**A 26-year-old Lebanese man accused of an attempt on the life of Danish journalist and *Dispatch International* editor Lars Hedegaard in February 2013 was arrested in Turkey recently. According to**

**press reports, he is connected with extremist Islamic circles in Denmark and Sweden and has probably taken part in the fighting in Syria.**

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## [Sharia adherence excludes non-Muslim customers](#) [9]

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Over the last week or so, we've seen several new exemptions made to accommodate both sharia finance principles and halal food.

It was revealed this week that Subway, one of the largest fast food outlets in Britain, has decided to exclude pork and ham from its menu in around 200 of its stores. Furthermore, what meat remains will be exclusively halal - meat from animals slaughtered in accordance with sharia law.

In a statement, a Subway spokeswoman said "All halal meats are certified by the appropriate halal authorities."

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## [Sharia Family Law and Women](#) [10]

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Islamic sharia law represents a serious and growing threat to the safety and equality of women, and indeed children. The evidence for this assertion can be seen in both Islamic doctrine, and in the practice of Islamic family legal throughout states governed by sharia law. There are four main areas of sharia law that expressly discriminate against women in family law. As with the laws of Britain, family law and criminal law frequently interact and when sharia criminal punishments are applied to matters involving marriage for example, women risk terrible and lethal punishments - including

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## [What's Wrong with Sharia Compliant Finance?](#) [11]

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Sharia Compliant Finance ('SCF') is a growing area of finance which many UK banks and financial institutions have

bought into uncritically. The UK Government has also jumped on the bandwagon and announced that the UK will be the first non-Muslim country to issue lunch a sharia bond. Last year London was the first city outside the Islamic world to host the World Islamic Economic Forum and the government released a document in which David Cameron says: “The future of Islamic Finance in the global economy looks bright.

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## [Halal](#) [12]

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Halal food, food prepared according to sharia law, has become a staple of the Western diet – and much of this food is sold unlabelled. Halal is a multi-billion dollar global industry involving agriculture and farming, food processing, catering, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, tourism and trade.

Sharia Watch UK is concerned about the growth of the halal food industry for the following reasons:

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## [We Must Object to the Aim, Not Just the Method](#) [13]

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Islamic State (or ISIS or IS) is without doubt a particularly vile Islamist group. Disavowed by Al-Qaeda for being too extreme, the group emerged in early 2013 and is led by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Baghdadi recently declared himself leader of a new caliphate which so far covers parts of Iraq and Syria. Islamic State intends to stretch its caliphate much further – including in to parts of Europe.

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## [Jihad - The British Connections](#) [14]

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The latest story in the on-going revelations about Europeans heading off to far away lands to fight for jihad involves two British schoolgirls travelling to Syria to become ‘jihadi brides’.

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## [The Law Society and Sharia](#) [15]

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Earlier this year, the Law Society (the “trade union” for solicitors in England and Wales) issued guidance to its members on how to draw up wills in accordance with sharia law.

The guidance can be found [here](#) [16]

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## [Sharia Punishment: Why is ISIL killing Muslims?](#) [17]

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After the beheading of the two American journalists, James Foley and Steven Sotloff, President Obama made a claim very similar to the one Islam’s apologists constantly repeat with every horrific crime committed by an Islamic terrorist group. He said: “ISIL is not Islamic”, and backed up his claim with two statements:

No religion condones the killing of innocents

The vast majority of ISIL's victims have been Muslim

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## [Aina Khan: What she isn't saying](#) [18]

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A concerned lawyer has contacted Sharia Watch having read an article concerning pro-sharia lawyer and practitioner Aina Khan. Khan is a frequent advocate of the sharia system in the UK and regularly claims that she is concerned only about the rights of women who find that their marriages are not registered under English law. She says she is trying to obtain rights for such women, and she uses sharia to do so. But, as this lawyer points out, there are remedies within English law for unmarried partners who face problems regarding property or child custody.

He wrote:

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## [Shariah and child abuse - is there a connection?](#) [19]

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What is Shariah Law? To answer this question, one must understand that Shariah Law stems from the justification of the acts of physical and sexual violence of one man some 1400 years ago.

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## [Sharia Punishment: Death for blasphemy](#) [20]

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As I mentioned in a previous article, I will be addressing, in a series of articles, different forms of violence that we witness today, and will try to find its roots in the Islamic scriptures and early history of Islam.

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## [Sharia Punishments: Amputation](#) [21]

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With every religiously motivated crime committed by the so-called Islamists, we hear the very same response from Islam's apologists: "They are a tiny minority that have either misunderstood Islam, have interpreted the scriptures out of context, or have hijacked Islam to fulfill their political ambitions". That would not be too hard to believe if it referred to some isolated incidents here and there, occurring from time to time. Obviously that is not the case; we are facing unmistakable patterns of medieval like violence and brutality.

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