



Committee against Islamophobia in France
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Hatred of Islam killed in Norway

Horror. Nightmare. Desolation. Norway, usually peaceful, has been through terror on Friday, July 22, 2011. First when a car bomb exploded in the center of Oslo, down the office of Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg, then after a cold, methodical, frightening two hour massacre on the island of Utoeya where young people, from all backgrounds, gathered for the Labour party's conference.

This terrible scenario came out of Behring Anders Breivik's mind, a 32 year-old Norwegian, notoriously reactionary, Islamophobic, xenophobic and ultra nationalist. Hatred of the other, the one who does not look like him, was the motive for this blue eyed blond.

This terrorist wanted to serve a cause: restart the Crusades, against Marxism and against Islam. According to him, Islam and Muslims have no place in his country. And to alert his countrymen and the whole world on this supposed danger, he took the lives of nearly a hundred persons. Coldly. An important step has been taken: by his gesture, Behring Anders Breivik has blown up a psychological lock in the inherently hateful and racist behavior.

Tomorrow in our country, people who like Breivik, openly or secretly ruminate their hatred, will say it's possible. This acting out, the "eradication", the "cleaning", are at hand. Maybe some are already preparing for it.

What other massacre, what unspeakable act do we have to wait to openly fight Islamophobia here in France? We solemnly call on the representatives of the different political parties, the leaders of all media, the intellectuals to stand against this plague that is undermining the values of our Republic, the national unity and everyone's security. We call on all our fellow citizens who clearly see the danger in letting Islamophobia insill into our daily life to join our struggle.

Two years ago, in Dresden, Germany, Marwa Al Sherbini was savagely murdered by Alex Wiens because she was a Muslim. Since last Friday, Norway has been crying its children. Today, the European climate is deleterious and nauseous because of the division fed by some public figures. Don't forget it, tomorrow, the same carnage can take place in our country.

The CCIF, on behalf of all its members, hopes the Norwegian victims may rest in peace. We send to their parents, their families and to all Norwegians our deepest condolences and our wishes for courage and patience through this painful plight. For our citizens, we still hope for a surge of awareness and responsiveness.

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