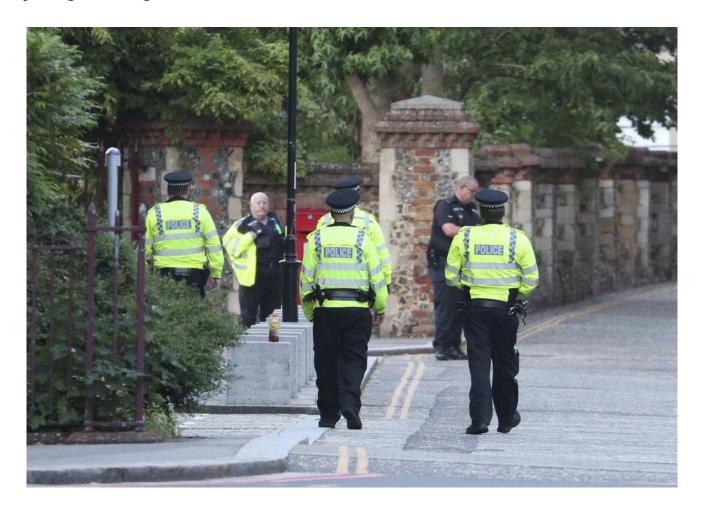
Saudis Offer Condolences On Stabbing In Reading

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Another month, another massacre. This time, a greensward in a park in bucolic Reading, England, where parkgoers were taking in the last rays of sunshine. Out of the shadows stepped a man who stabbed three people to death and severely wounded three others. The police have said he is a "Libyan" and that it was an act of "terrorism," but failed to provide the most important information: that he was an "Islamic" terrorist (although his cousin claimed he had converted to Christianity). American news networks, such as NPR, didn't even identify him as a "Libyan." For them, he was just a "man." He stabbed at his victims' necks, just as the Qur'an instructs must be done with Infidels. No one had the poor

taste to point that out. Did that "man" utter any "allahu-akbars"? The British police haven't said. If he did, would the police have correctly identified that as a "war cry," or would they have said he merely exclaimed "God is great"? You know the answer to that.

The story in the *Arab News*, is <u>here</u>.

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia condemned on Sunday a stabbing attack in the English town of Reading that killed three people and seriously wounded three others.

A 25-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of murder after the stabbings on Saturday in a park in Reading, which is about 65 km west of London.

A security source told Reuters that the man, who remains in police custody, is a Libyan called Khairi Saadallah.

The Kingdom offered its condolences to the families of the victims and to the British government and people. It also wished a speedy recovery for those wounded.

Saudi Arabia affirmed the Kingdom's solidarity with the UK against all forms of violence, terrorism and extremism.

"Condolences." "Speedy recovery." "Solidarity" with the UK "against "all forms of violence, terrorism, and extremism." Uh-huh.

Is this the same Saudi Arabia that produced fifteen of the nineteen terrorists who attacked on 9/11? Is this the same Saudi Arabia that gave birth to, and raised to adulthood, Osama bin Laden? Is this the same Saudi Arabia that has spent more than \$100 billion around the world, spreading Salafism through the mosques and madrasas it has built, and the imams it pays, and the propaganda it publishes and broadcasts? Is this the same Saudi Arabia that deals with particularly annoying journalistic dissent by throwing the offenders into

jail with long sentences, or in special cases, doing something even more dramatic, as when the KSA had Jamal Khashoggi dismembered and his remains dissolved in prussic acid? Is this the same Saudi Arabia that shows its hatred of "all forms of violence" by having public decapitations, not just of murderers, but also of apostates and adulterers — monstrous spectacles to which everyone is cordially invited?

Is this the same Saudi Arabia that keeps assuring the world that its hate-filled textbooks have all been replaced, but somehow the same rants against Christians, Jews, women, homosexuals, and others still keep being found by foreign researchers in those books? "Among the goals of Zionism is a global Jewish government to control the entire world," one excerpt states.

Another example reads: "The hour will not come until Muslims fight the Jews, so that the Muslims kill them, until the Jew hides behind rock and tree, so the rock or the tree says: 'Oh Muslim, oh servant of God, this Jew is behind me, so kill him.'" That last is not the work of some lone Saudi fanatic; it's a famous and multiply-sourced Hadith.

Yes, it is the same Saudi Arabia, reassuring the gullible Infidels, that now sends its condolences to the families of the dead, and its wishes for a "speedy recovery" to the wounded, and that insists it stands foursquare "with the U.K. in being against all forms of violence, terrorism and extremism."

If the Saudis want to demonstrate that their "condolences" to the Infidels should be taken seriously, there are many things they could do besides send these Hallmark cards of pointless prefabricated sorrow. They could, at long last, clean up those murderous textbooks that they have for years refused to change. They could also call for a meeting of the 57 members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, to push for a similar "cleansing" of textbooks — where needed — throughout

the Muslim world.

The Saudis could stop arresting and deporting expats who have done nothing more than hold their own religious services behind closed doors. The Kingdom could emulate the UAE, which has allowed churches and synagogues to open in Dubai, and do the same in Riyadh. The Saudis might — could they dare to be so tolerant? — even extend religious freedom beyond the three Abrahamic monotheisms, and allow Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist services to be held, albeit privately, as well. The UAE is now completing a massive interfaith complex, called the Abrahamic Family House, due to open in 2022, with a mosque, a church, and a synagogue. It's a testament, in stone, to the tolerance the U.A.E. has been promoting. Why should the Saudis not do something similar?

Then, and only then, can we Infidels be expected to believe that these Saudi "condolences" are heartfelt, and that the Kingdom stands foursquare against "all forms of violence, terrorism, and extremism." Otherwise, I'm afraid, the world's Infidels should continue to treat these remarks out of Riyadh as nothing more than "war-is-deceit" assurances, deserving of disbelief and contempt.

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