**MUSLIM VOICES AGAINTS IS/ISIS/ISIL**

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**Muslim Religious Scholars (Ulama)**

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| **No.** | **Name** | **Snippets / Key Ideas** | **Source** |
|  | Ulama Council of Indonesia | * IS is not Islamic. * Muslims should reject IS. | <http://news.liputan6.com/read/2087796/mui-tidak-perlu-fatwa-isis-sudah-haram> (Bahasa Indonesia)  <http://video.uk.msn.com/watch/video/tanpa-fatwa-haram-isis-sudah-haram/2l8iigwei> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Scholars of Al-Azhar University, Egypt | * IS is a terror group. * Declaration of Islamic state by IS is illegitimate. | [http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/politics/2014/07/syria-iraq-isis-caliphate-egypt-azhar-reaction.html#](http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/politics/2014/07/syria-iraq-isis-caliphate-egypt-azhar-reaction.html) (English) |
|  | Association of Muslim Scholars in Iraq | * Declaration of Islamic state by IS is not appropriate and does not fulfil the conditions required by the syari`ah. * Issued fatwa calling upon Iraqis to fight IS. | <http://kohram.in/isis-khilafatnot-in-the-interest-of-iraq-and-its-unityiraqi-sunni-scholars/> (English / Arabic)  <http://www.almoslim.net/node/213696> (Arabic)  <http://www.alalam.ir/news/1602739> (Arabic) |
|  | Shaykh Yusuf Al-Qaradhawi and the International Union of Muslim Scholars | * Declaration of Islamic state by IS is a fantasy and theologically void. | <http://www.almoslim.net/node/213696> (Arabic)  <http://kashmirwatch.com/world.php/2014/08/02/muslim-scholars-condemn-isis-measures-against-iraqi-christians.html> (English)  <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/news/middle-east/12567-prominent-scholars-declare-isis-caliphate-null-and-void> (English)  <http://www.milligazette.com/news/10657-muslim-scholars-condemn-isis-measures-against-iraqi-christians> (English) |
|  | Syrian Islamic Council & Organisation of Syrian Muslim Scholars | * Declaration of Islamic State by IS is not valid. * IS is extremist and takfiri group. | <http://ulemasuriya.wordpress.com/> (Arabic)  <http://islamsyria.com/portal/article/show/5529> (Arabic)  <https://www.facebook.com/syrian.islamic.council/posts/816676748352261> (Arabic) |
|  | Shaykh Dr. Ahmad bin Faris Al-Salum | * IS is not a legitimate caliphate. * IS is just a Muslim group, like any other Muslim groups. * IS is extremist group. | <http://www.arrahmah.com/news/2014/01/09/nasehat-ikatan-ulama-suriah-untuk-mujahidin-isis.html> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Imams in the UK united against IS | * IS is evil, does not represent Islam. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Bd0Y6qWmlA> (English)  <https://www.facebook.com/imamsonline> (English)  <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-28270296> (English) |
|  | Association of Syrian Muslim Scholars | “The group called ‘the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant’ (ISIL) have added to the Syrian community a number of evils and tribulations, most notably by:  1) Intruding into the Syrian nation by calling themselves ‘the State’ without any real existence of components that make it a legitimate or actual state and without consulting the Scholars and those recognised leaders with executive authority.  2) Claiming that they exclusively follow the correct methodology (Manhaj) and their disparagement of all those who oppose them.  3) Their excessiveness in Takfīr (accusing others of disbelief) and testing others in this. The act of accusing others of disbelief and treachery with death threats has become widespread amongst their followers.  4) Accusing those who oppose them of treason and disloyalty to Jihād, even if the latter is someone who has preceded them in Jihād and surpasses them with knowledge.  5) Refusing to refer their conflicts or disagreements to legitimate courts, except to those that are under their control and in conformance to their viewpoint.  6) Occupying other fighters from fighting the regime to battles against ISIL’s desire for allegiance and to expand their ‘state’, in addition to ISIL’s continued attempts to seize economic and military supply routes from the Mujahideen.  7) Intentionally harassing different rebel factions and spilling the blood of protected individuals impermissibly, with great disregard.  8) Arresting Mujahideen, scholars and callers to Islam, journalists and activists, interrogating them and impeding humanitarian relief efforts and Islamic work by ‘doubting correct methodology ‘Manhaj’.  9) Creating differences and transferring them to military fronts, causing discord and splitting.” | <http://www.islam21c.com/politics/association-of-syrian-scholars-on-isils-actions/> |
|  | Group of South African Muslim scholars denounce IS | “Cowardly evil man using religion as an excuse for violence again! ISIS and their beliefs have no place in a civilized world.  A torturous spate of terrorism that continues by the ISIS has brought Muslim Ummah in general into disrepute. There is no gainsaying the fact that the Muslims on the whole oppose and condemn terrorism in unequivocal terms and are not ready to accept it even as remotely related to Islam in any manner.  A group called ISIS, presently, killing thousands of Muslims in Iraq in the name of Jihad. Some media try to label them as Sunni Muslims and propagating as a conflict between Sunni vs. Shia. But in fact, they are not Sunni Muslims. They are Khwarijites who are the Wahabis – so called Salafis, considered as one of the misguided groups by majority traditional Sunni Muslims.” | <http://www.vocfm.co.za/scholars-declare-isis-bogus/> (English) |
|  | Prof. Dr. Mehmet Gormez, Religious Advisor to President of Turkey and Head of Religious Affairs Directorate | * IS’ acts i.e. attacking civilians and destroying places of worships and historical monuments, bring disrepute to Islam. * IS commits takfir and practices sectarianism. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMxTymkOuxA> (Arabic / Malay)  <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/22/us-iraq-security-turkey-religion-idUSKBN0FR16120140722> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Abdul Muhsin Al-Abbad | * Claim of caliphate by IS is a fantasy. * Muslims are not obligated to pledge allegiance to Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi. * Muslims are prohibited to follow individuals whose real identity is not known. * IS is a deviant group for committing takfir and atrocities against innocents. | <http://al-abbaad.com/index.php/articles/125-1435-09-28> (Arabic)  <http://muslim.or.id/manhaj/nasehat-syaikh-abdul-muhsin-al-abbad-tentang-isis-dan-khilafah-khayalan-mereka.html> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Shaykh Salih Al-Suhaymee | * IS is a takfiri and kharijite group. | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dzxyd07C3No> (Arabic)  <http://www.islamagainstextremism.com/articles/nycmqzd-shaykh-salih-al-suhaymee-on-isis-daish-and-the-alleged-k> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi | “The Khilafah state (ISIL) declared is illegitimate… supporting the group was 'haram' or forbidden by Islamic laws.” | <http://www.joshualandis.com/blog/sheikh-muhammad-al-yaqoubi-interviewed-by-syria-comment/> (English)  <http://m.ibtimes.co.in/top-5-world-muslim-leaders-who-staunchly-reject-isis-caliphate-603844> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee | “The group ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and Syria) is fighting the group ISIJ (Islamic State in Iraq and Arabian Peninsula) while the group ISIJ is fighting Al Qaeda! And I don’t know who Al Qaeda is fighting! Killing and fighting! This is their condition. We ourselves have seen this with our own eyes. Meaning we are not absent from what occurs on the scene. …. As for these individuals (Meaning: ISIS, ISIJ, Al Qaeda and all other terrorist groups) they are only callers to Fitna (disorder and mayhem). And that which they call Jihad, is in reality disorder and mayhem. Whether they like it or not we say it loudly it is disorder and mayhem.” | <http://mtws.posthaven.com/isis-is-a-terrorist-organization-explained-by-shaykh-muhammad-bin-haadee> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Abdul Aziz Al-Tarifi | * Joining IS is prohibited. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qfsQV7wye4> (Arabic / Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Shaykh Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Fawzan | * IS is not true jihad group but agent of foreign power. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbas0z7V140> (Arabic)  <https://twitter.com/Abdulazizfawzan> (Arabic) |
|  | Shaykh Shawqy Allam, Grand Mufti of Egypt | * IS is a criminal group. * IS has brought shame to Islam. * Media should not called the group as Islamic State. | <http://english.ahram.org.eg/News/108319.aspx> (English)  <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/islamic-authority-extremists-no-islamic-sta> (English) |
|  | Mohamad Hasbi bin Hassan, President of the Singapore Association of Muslim Scholars | * IS is a deviant and kharijite group. * Its struggle is political power, not religious. * Muslims are prohibited from joining IS. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLDnFf5z1gQ&feature=youtu.be> (Malay) |
|  | Ustaz Firanda Andirja | * Islamic state proclaimed by IS does not meet the requirement of the syari`ah. * IS is a takfiri kharijite group. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ8KMwxX15I> (Bahasa Indonesia)  <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vr78s2zw5mc> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Shaykh Ahmad Al-Kubbaisi, an Iraqi scholar | * IS is a deviant group. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UQSlFgx0Eg&feature=youtu.be> (Arabic) |
|  | Shaykh Salah Al-Din bin Ibrahim Abu Arafa, Imam of Bayt Al-Maqdis | * IS’ struggle is for political power, not for religion. * Calls upon IS to stop deceiving Muslims | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtgGDq7tbwk&feature=youtu.be> (Arabic) |
|  | Shaykh Khalid Mulla, Grand Sunni Mufti of Iraq | * IS is responsible for killing hundreds of Muslim scholars in Iraq and thousands of ordinary Muslims. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvNupoSw_u8&feature=youtu.be> (Arabic / English) |
|  | Dr. Muhammad Asri Zainal Abidin, Former Mufti of Perlis and professor of Islamic studies, University of Science Malaysia | * Some of IS’ practices i.e. implementation of hudud in conflict zone is dubious from theological viewpoint. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZQvz60gVkQ> (Malay)  <http://drmaza.com/home/?p=2742> (Malay) |
|  | Shaykh Waleed Basyouni | * IS is similar to past kharijite. * IS does not represent jihad and Islamic caliphate. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjPk37AUQDA> (English) |
|  | Dr. Ahmad Al-Naqib | * IS is a takfiri group. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LWst-izBsg> (Arabic) |
|  | Shaykh `Adnan Al-`Ar`ur | * IS is a kharijite takfiri group. * The identity of its leaders is not known. * Their struggle is not jihad. * Pledging allegiance to them is void. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIHYNFaEeXU> (Arabic) |
|  | Shaykh Dr. Ahmad Al-`Arifi | * IS is lenient in matters of takfir and shedding Muslim blood. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQTmFiWXRTw> (Arabic) |
|  | Imam Omar Suleiman | “Why we collectively condemn  The Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) cared for the innocent men, women, and children that belonged to the "other side" even as he suffered from injustice himself and the loss of his family and closest companions. Despite losing Khadijah (ra), Hamza (ra), etc. he never became bitter or unethical. Protecting civilians from all sides is also part of Jihad. The oppression of Bashar and Al-Maliki doesn't justify the taking of a single innocent life be it a Muslim, Christian, Yazidi, etc. So I openly condemn #ISIS and speak out against them for the havoc they are wreaking upon the people of Iraq and Syria.  I've read all the conspiracy theories about where they come from and it is definitely strange how they appeared out of nowhere and starting attacking other groups fighting the Assad regime and are suddenly the richest terrorist organization in the world. It's also perplexing how the American government helped fund them in Syria but is now bombing them in Iraq. None of it makes much sense at all. But any sane Muslim with a basic understanding of Islam should be disgusted by the taking of innocent life by this group just as we are disgusted by Israel's massacre of innocent Palestinians, America's droning of innocent people around the world, etc. Be just even if it be against your families and against yourselves.  And to the #ISIS fanboys that keep tweeting curses, insults, and pictures of beheadings to me (whose names always seem to end with Al Amreeki for some reason), your rhetoric further reinforces to me and everyone else that this group is the manifestation of the khawarij in this era. May Allah guide all of you back to the Sunnah. Ameen” | <https://www.facebook.com/imamomarsuleiman/posts/819108761442500> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Abdullah Rahhal | * IS is fighting against Mujahidin group in Syria and collaborating with Syrian regime. * IS’ practice deviated from Islam. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1QkSLhXsZ4> (Arabic / Malay) |
|  | Shaykh Abdul Aziz Aal Al-Shaykh, Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia | * IS is Islam’s enemy no. 1. | <http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2014/08/19/375882/isil-enemy-numberone-of-islam/> (English) |
|  | Imam Syed Soharwady | “The atrocity that is being carried out by ISIS is quite horrible. It's quite inhumane. It's terrorism and in Canada they have successfully recruited more than 100 people to go and fight for them in Iraq and Syria…. I want to create awareness about the nature of their work — they are using Islam, they are quoting Qur'an, they look like Muslims, they pray like Muslims but they are not Muslim. They are deviant people, and they are doing exactly everything which goes against Isla… "This is not jihad, this is terrorism… My focus is Muslim youth, yes, but at the same time creating awareness to all Canadians that we condemn these people as strongly, maybe more strongly, than any other Canadian because they are creating a negative image of my faith — they are creating a negative image of all Muslim communities — and they are betraying us.” | <http://news.ca.msn.com/top-stories/isis-betraying-muslims-says-calgary-imam-before-hunger-strike> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Khaldoun Oraymet, secretary-general of Lebanon's Supreme Islamic Council. | “What ISIL is doing is in complete contradiction of the principles of the Islamic caliphate: a righteous caliphate which preserves the rights of all people, and respects all people and the opinions of others who are of different faiths, race, time and place… Al-Baghdadi and ISIL do not meet any of the conditions of the Islamic caliphate, not by any stretch.. Muslims reject what he claims, and his threats will fall on deaf ears.” | <http://al-shorfa.com/en_GB/articles/meii/features/2014/07/03/feature-01> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Zaid bin Abdul Rahman bin Yahya, Head of Al-Noor Centre for Studies and Research and a member of Yemeni Scholars Association | “Those who announced the caliphate are ignorant of sharia policies in Islam, because a caliphate is not established simply by someone announcing it and announcing [the appointment of] someone as a caliph.. What al-Qaeda and its affiliates like ISIL are doing -- killing, shedding innocent blood, and carrying out destruction and devastation -- is incompatible with the meaning of the caliphate, which is to build, construct and preserve the lives of individuals.” | <http://al-shorfa.com/en_GB/articles/meii/features/2014/07/03/feature-01> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Sulayman Al`Alwan | * Al-Baghdadi is not the caliph of Muslims. | <http://seekerset.com/vstream/video/-YDCj-PJwKk/Al-Baghdadi-is-not-the-Khalifa-Shaykh-Sulayman-Al-Alwan.html> (Arabic / English) |
|  | Abdullah Gymnastiar (Aa Gym), founder of Darul Tauhid, an Indonesian pesantren (religious school) and popular Muslim scholar | * Rejects IS for being extreme. | <http://www.tempo.co/read/news/2014/08/05/078597403/Aa-Gym-Perbanyak-Dakwah-untuk-Tangkal-ISIS> (Bahasa Indonesia)  <http://www.tempo.co/read/news/2014/08/28/219602799/Jurus-Aa-Gym-Tangkal-ISIS> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, a radical scholar and mentor of Abu Mus`ab Al-Zarqawi (founder of Al-Qaeda in Iraq) | * IS’ declaration of Islamic state is illegitimate. * Warns against killing fellow Muslims in the name of IS. | <http://jordantimes.com/al-qaeda-jihadists-denounce-islamic-states-caliphate-move> (English)  <http://tawhed.ws/r?i=22081401> (Arabic) |
|  | Mohammad Shalabi Abu Sayyaf, Jordanian Salafist Movement | * IS’ declaration of Islamic state is illegitimate | <http://jordantimes.com/al-qaeda-jihadists-denounce-islamic-states-caliphate-move> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Abu Qatadah, prominent jihadist scholar | * Denounces IS. | [http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/security/2013/11/isis-jabhat-nusra-rift-syria-jordan-1.html#](http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/security/2013/11/isis-jabhat-nusra-rift-syria-jordan-1.html) (English) |
|  | Shaykh Abu Al-`Iz Al-Najdi, member of Syari`ah Committee of Minbar Al-Tawhid Wa Al-Jihad | * Issued fatwa permitting Kurds to retaliate against IS attack for self-defence if the attack is indiscriminate and deliberately targets civilian lives and property. | <http://tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=8223&pageqa=1&i>= (Arabic) |
|  | Sunni and Shiite scholars issue joint fatwa against IS | * IS is unislamic terrorist group and does not represent any groups in Iraq.   “The fatwa was distributed to more than 50,000 mosques and houses of worship in various cities in Iraq so it could be posted on the gates and broadcast through loudspeakers following every prayer of the day…  Support of the security forces, and stripping the ISIL of its facade of faith and Islam, is very important for Iraqis, in order to avoid fitna, and to unify their ranks on the same issue… The fatwa did not attempt to define ISIL to the people, except by what the Iraqis themselves are seeing in reality: the killing of women and children, the slaughter of young people, the blowing up of homes with the occupants still inside and the tearing up of human bodies in marketplaces,… All of these are enough to show everyone that this group is not in any way linked to their faith, or to any specific sect, and it must be fought to save the lives of the innocent.” | <http://mawtani.al-shorfa.com/en_GB/articles/iii/features/2014/06/17/feature-01> (English) |
|  | Yasir Qadhi | “The reality of ISIS is becoming more and more clear, except to those who are deluded and too stubborn to see the truth.  This group is nothing other than a modern reincarnation of the Kharijites of old. As our Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) said, these groups would have the best of speech, but the worst of actions; they would spread bloodshed wherever they go, even as they think they are the best of worshippers.  Anyone who supports or sympathizes with ISIS - unsubscribe from my page now. No amount of the evils of American foreign policy (and yes, there is much that any just person will realize is evil) can justify the murderous rampage of ISIS and its ilk. Muslims and non-Muslims; Sunnis and Shi'ites; women and children; young and old - too many people have been murdered in the most brutal fashion imaginable. Scholars from around the world are becoming increasing vocal in their condemnation of them.” | <https://www.facebook.com/yasir.qadhi/posts/10152426379988300> (English) |
|  | Muslim Scholars of Halab | * Issue fatwa denouncing IS as criminal group and calling upon its fighters to defect. | <http://halabnews.com/news/42813> (Arabic) |
|  | 47 Saudi scholars | * Issue joint statement against IS’ meddling with jihad in Syria. | <http://almoslim.com/node/198272> (Arabic)  <https://www.facebook.com/eskat.daesh/posts/251093895067398> (Arabic) |
|  | Ayatullah Ali Khamenei, Supreme Religious Leader, Islamic Republic of Iran | * Denounces IS for takfir and terrorism | <http://iranprimer.usip.org/blog/2014/jun/26/irans-leaders-iraq-crisis-and-isis> (English) |
|  | Australian National Imam Council | “Since the ISIS group was established we have been very clear about denouncing their lies and betrayal of our faith.” | <http://islaminaustralia.com/2014/09/15/anic-rejects-isis-claims-and-violence/> (English) |
|  | Shaykh Hamza Yusuf | * Denounces IS | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJo4B-yaxfk> (English) |

**Muslim Intellectuals, Leaders and Organisations**

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| **No.** | **Name** | **Snippets / Key Ideas** | **Source** |
|  | Abu Muhammad Al-Jawlani, Emir of Jabhah Al-Nusrah, Syria | * Denounces IS and call its members to defect. | <http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2014/02/pro-al_qaeda_saudi_c.php> (English) |
|  | Farouq Abu Hamam Al-Suri, military commander of Jabhah Al-Nusrah | * IS fights against mujahidin in Syria and practices permissive fighting tactics. | <http://seekerset.com/vstream/video/THtBFlviVY8/Testimony-of-Shaykh-Farouq-Abu-Hamam-al-Suri-against-the-Islamic-State-of-Iraq-and-Sham.html> (Arabic / English) |
|  | Shaykh Abdullah Muhammad Al-Muhaysini, key Jabhah Al-Nusrah ideologue | * IS members should defect. | <http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2014/02/pro-al_qaeda_saudi_c.php> (English) |
|  | Dr. Ayman Al-Zawahiri, Emir of Al-Qaeda | * Al-Qaeda disowns IS. | <http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2014/02/al_qaedas_general_co.php> (English)  <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/02/al-qaeda-disowns-isil-rebels-syria-20142385858351969.html> (English) |
|  | Abu Tholut, a leader of Indonesian JI | * IS is a deviant group for shedding Muslims’ blood and not respecting ulama’s authority. | <http://www.tempo.co/read/news/2014/08/27/078602736/Terpidana-Teroris-Abu-Tholut-Menolak-Faham-ISIS> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Shaykh Al-Habib Al-Loz, member of Tunisian Nahdah Party | * Declaration of Islamic state by IS is a fantasy and illegitimate. * Muslims are not obligated to pledge allegiance to IS. | <http://awdnews.com/top-news/9257-tunisian-muslim-leader-denounces-islamic-state-in-iraq-and-syria-caliphate-as-un-islamic.html> (English) |
|  | Indonesian Mujahidin Council, a front of Indonesian Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qaeda’s sympathiser | * Rejects any link and affiliation with IS. * IS is a deviant and kharijite group. | <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3RVHswC0z4&feature=youtu.be> (Bahasa Indonesia)  <http://www.republika.co.id/berita/nasional/politik/14/08/14/naa9gv-majelis-mujahidin-tegaskan-isis-sesat-dan-menyesatkan> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Dr. Sa`ad Al-Din Ibrahim, prominent Egyptian Sociologist and human rights advocate | * IS is equivalent to Nazi and is damaging Islam. | <https://sg.news.yahoo.com/reason-behind-isis-beheadings-terror-171219785.html> (English) |
|  | 25 Iraqi tribal leaders take up arms against IS |  | <http://en.alalam.ir/news/1623289> (English)  <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/08/iraq-sunnis-ready-fight-group-201482771434297157.html> (English) |
|  | Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, former Prime Minister of Malaysia | “This is a very dangerous development because these people are violent and we have seen pictures of them executing people and being very violent….There is no place for violence in Islam, Islam is a religion of peace but some people have interpreted Islam in the wrong way.” | <http://m.themalaymailonline.com/malaysia/article/dr-m-condemns-isis-says-islam-religion-of-peace?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=facebook> (English) |
|  | Hizb Al-Tahrir, a global radical Muslim | * Issued statement to reject declaration of Islamic state by IS, “The issue of the Khilafah is too great for its image to be distorted or for its reality to be changed merely by an announcement here or an announcement there" | <http://www.hizb.org.uk/current-affairs/media-statement-regarding-isiss-declaration-in-iraq> (English)  <http://www.khilafah.com/index.php/news-watch/middle-east/19152-leading-members-of-hizb-ut-tahrir-reject-isis-declaration-of-khilafah> (English)  <http://www.hizb-australia.org/culture/political-analysis/item/1327-regarding-what-has-been-declared-by-isis-about-the-establishment-of-the-khilafah> (English) |
|  | Leaders of various Muslim organisations in the UK denounce IS | * IS is unislamic and a force of evil. | <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/british-muslims-unite-condemn-evil-isis-181922753.html#9Ux19Qs> (English) |
|  | Rachid Ghannouchi, leader of Tunisian Nahdah Party | * IS’ acts are reckless and sends deceptive message. * “Nations do not arise in this ridiculous way.” | <http://m.ibtimes.co.in/top-5-world-muslim-leaders-who-staunchly-reject-isis-caliphate-603844> (English)  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSQWOUGLhxo&hd=1> (Arabic) |
|  | Organisation of Islamic Cooperation | * Denounces IS for committing atrocities against innocent Christian in Iraq | <http://en.abouna.org/en/content/oic-condemns-isis-forced-displacement-christians-iraq> (English) |
|  | Arab League | * Denounces IS for committing crimes against humanity | <http://news.yahoo.com/arab-league-denounces-crimes-against-humanity-against-yazidis-110733636.html> (English) |
|  | Council of American-Islamic Relations | “American Muslims view the actions of ISIS as un-Islamic and morally repugnant. No religion condones the murder of civilians, the beheading of religious scholars or the desecration of houses of worship. We condemn the actions of ISIS and reject its assertion that all Muslims are required to pay allegiance to its leader. CAIR strongly urges American imams and other community leaders to continue to speak out against American Muslims traveling abroad to join extremist groups and sectarian militias. While ISIS uses romanticized imagery in its propaganda materials, its human rights abuses on the ground are well-documented.” | <http://www.cair.com/press-center/press-releases/12551-cair-condemns-isis-violence-and-rejects-calls-to-join-extremists-fighting-abroad.html> (English) |
|  | Muslim Council of Britain | * IS does not represent Sunni Muslims. | <http://www.morningstaronline.co.uk/a-be79-Britains-Muslim-leaders-condemn-Isis> (English) |
|  | Islamic Society of North America | * Denounces IS for committing atrocities against Christians and Shiites in Iraq. | <http://www.isna.net/isna-denounces-isis-attacks-on-iraqs-religious-minorities.html> (English) |
|  | Muslim Public Affairs Council, United States | “We must come together and speak out against ISIS and their heinous crimes, which they commit in the name of Islam! Join the | <https://www.facebook.com/mpacnational/posts/10152718934688394> (English) |
|  | Detroit Muslim leaders | * IS is a bunch of criminals, not Islamic. | <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/michigan/2014/08/25/detroitmuslimsisis/14604995/> (English) |
|  | 12 Indonesian Muslim organisations reject IS | * IS is not Islamic. | <http://video.uk.msn.com/watch/video/tanpa-fatwa-haram-isis-sudah-haram/2l8iigwei> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Hai`ah Al-Sham Al-Islamiyah | “1. The declaration of the ‘Caliphate’ was by a dissident group that practices Takfīr and sheds blood as religion in and of itself. This methodology is totally perverted from the example of the Prophet salla Allāhu ‘alayh wasalam who taught the Ummah true leadership and how to establish a noble and upright Khilāfah (Khilāfah Rāshida), exemplified by his companions.  2. The absence of the (necessary) elements that compose a ‘state’, both legally and by what is understood through custom. Even if they truly had authority in the land and prevalence they would have appeared in person, thus they are closer to being a gang than a state.  3. The unilateral declaration of Khilāfah without the consultation of scholars or the Muslims in general, due to al-Baghdadi’s group’s belief that they are exclusively the people of Shura while others are apostates or members of ‘Sahwas’. Such unilateral action totally disregards and undermines the authority of the whole Muslim nation. ‘Umar radiy Allāhu ‘anhu said: “Whoever gives the pledge of allegiance to a man without the consultation of the Muslims should not be given the pledge of allegiance, nor should the one who he gave it to out of deception, lest they will both be killed.”[1] Ibn Hajar may Allāh mercy on him said in Fathul-Bāri: “this means, whoever does this, has deceived himself and his companion, subjecting both to the possibility of being killed.”  4. The forcing of people to give al-Baghdadi the pledge of allegiance while it has not been given to them in the first place. They said that “due to the declaration of the Khilāfah it has become incumbent upon all Muslims to swear allegiance to it and to give victory to Ibrahim…” and that “he has become the leader and Khalīfah of Muslims everywhere”! They added, “whoever wants to cause division should be shot in the head, whoever it may be without dignity.”  5. The appointment of a completely unknown ‘Khalīfah’ (apart from his name), not recognised by any scholar nor the masses of his own group let alone the majority of all Muslims, completely disregarding the conditions set out by the scholars that form a leader. This is a form of ridicule towards the Ummah, and is similar to the behaviour of dictatorships.  6. The overturning of al-Baghdadi’s original commitment of allegiance to his leader Ayman al-Zawahiri. Previously al-Baghdadi had said: “We owe it to God that you are our governor and upon us is to listen and obey as long as we live.” Al-Zawahiri had long issued an instruction to abolish ISIS in Syria. Will treachery, betrayal and failed promises be the first thing the “Khalīfah” of the Muslims gets up to?” | <http://www.islamicsham.org/letters/1892> (Arabic) |
|  | Moro Islamic Liberation Front | “The MILF condemns barbarism and savagery whether done by other groups including the ISIS or even by its (MILF’s) own members.” | <http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/world/2014/08/28/philippine-muslim-rebels-oppose-islamic-state-virus/> (English)  <http://www.luwaran.com/index.php/editorial/item/1167-the-isis-and-after-effects-here> (English) |
|  | Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) | “We denounce vehemently the practices of those who use Islam as a pretext to kill and displace en masse Iraqis and Syrians.” | <http://www.thenational.ae/world/middle-east/gcc-ministers-denounce-isil-at-jeddah-meeting> (English) |
|  | 80 Muslim intellectuals and leaders in India denounce IS | “We strongly condemn such barbarism which is against the teachings of Islam. We express our heart-felt sympathies and solidarity with the survivors of those whose near and dear ones have been mercilessly butchered, and the tens of thousands of Iraq’s minorities who have been dispossessed, forced to flee their homes and are now living in extremely difficult circumstances… It is of utmost importance to highlight here that ISIS not only conducts atrocities against minorities, but against everyone who is against their policies, all in the name of Islam. This violence based on the wrong interpretation of Islam is unacceptable… Their brutality is worse than genocide. They are killing women, elderly and children who are respected in Islam. Their conduct is against every teachings of Islam.” | <http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/isis-action-is-worse-than-genocide-muslim-intellectuals/article6333688.ece> (English)  <http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-muslim-intellectuals-slam-isis-brutality-in-iraq-2012096> (English) |
|  | Manitoba Muslims (Canada) | “We, the undersigned Muslim leaders in Winnipeg, unconditionally declare the actions of ISIS against the Iraqi Christians and Yazidis an affront to our faith, and we forcefully condemn any attempts by ISIS to associate their heinous crimes to Islam and to our prophetic tradition.  Islam has made it incumbent on Muslims under Islamic law to protect religious minorities within their countries and grant freedom of religion, security of life, honour, property and intellect to all citizens regardless of race, religion and gender. We are therefore anguished at how Christians and other religious minorities are suffering at the hands of our co-religionists in today’s conflict-ridden world .  We urge and pray that Muslim religious leaders and politicians around the world will continue to speak up and take strong and definitive actions against criminals and terrorists who are committing atrocities in the name of our faith.  We, here in Winnipeg, are blessed to practise our faith in its true spirit and to live in peace and harmony with all our fellow Canadians, regardless of religious background, culture and ideology.  In this spirit, we offer our sincere and humble apology to our Christian and Yazidi brothers and sisters for the pain these misguided Muslims have caused them.  Please know that we stand in solidarity with you and with all the persecuted people around the world.” | <http://iqra.ca/2014/manitoba-muslims-denounce-isis/> (English) |
|  | 200 Muslims in Calgary (Canada) denounce IS | * IS is against Islam. | <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/hundreds-of-calgary-muslims-protest-isis-violence-in-iraq-1.2683589> (English)  <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-kurds-rally-at-city-hall-against-isis-brutality-1.2739107> (English) |
|  | Dein Obeidallah, Muslim comedian and writer | * IS is denounced. | <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/08/12/why-muslims-hate-terrorism-more.html> (English) |
|  | Shahla Khan Shalter, Director, Universalist Muslim , Canada | “..if we become aware of any individual or group, specifically promoting ISIS, their activities shall be reported to the RCMP, for inciting hatred, as ISIS is clearly committing genocide.” | <http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/junaid-jahangir/muslims-against-isis_b_5715563.html> (English) |
|  | Leaders in Iran | * Denounces IS. | <http://iranprimer.usip.org/blog/2014/jun/26/irans-leaders-iraq-crisis-and-isis> (English) |
|  | Satire by Muslim artists on IS | * IS is mocked. | <https://sg.news.yahoo.com/islamic-state-group-becomes-target-arab-satire-061644677.html> (English) |
|  | Jordan Muslims and Christians against extremism | “In view of the escalation of violence in the region and increase in terrorist acts in many neighbouring countries like Iraq and Syria, we must break our silence and say no, no to terrorism and extremism, which will lead only to destruction” | <http://al-shorfa.com/en_GB/articles/meii/features/2014/08/29/feature-02> (English) |
|  | Anbar tribesmen against ISIL | “We can no longer put up with this handful of criminals who want to slit our necks, grab our money and turn us into slaves at the point of their guns, with which they are quick to kill any person for a reason or for no reason… We have decided we had better die fighting than die like sheep, without resistance. [ISIL leader Abu Bakr] al-Baghdadi should know that just as the tribes have never submitted to anybody before, they will not do so with him now. He can ask al-Qaeda, which was here before him.” | <http://al-shorfa.com/en_GB/articles/meii/features/2014/08/29/feature-03> (English) |
|  | Al-Qaeda in Islamic Maghreb split between Al-Baghdadi and Al-Zawahiri | “We confirm we still adhere to our allegiance to our sheikh and emir Ayman al-Zawahiri. This is a sharia-based bay'ah, which we are committed to, and we haven't seen anything that would make us revoke it.” | <http://magharebia.com/en_GB/articles/awi/reportage/2014/08/15/reportage-01> (English) |

**Muslim Countries & State Leaders**

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|  | Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia | * IS embarrasses Islam and Muslims * “We do not tolerate it, we forbid ISIS in Indonesia.” * IS is proscribed in Indonesia. | <http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/asia/2014/08/21/Indonesia-ISIS-is-embarrassing-to-Islam.html> (English)  <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/depok-ice-cream-seller-arrested-flying-isis-flag-outside-house/> (English)  <http://www.merdeka.com/peristiwa/pemerintah-tolak-dan-haramkan-isis-berkembang-di-indonesia.html> (Bahasa Indonesia) |
|  | Malaysia | * Regards IS a security threat. * Arrested individuals who support IS. | <http://www.straitstimes.com/news/asia/south-east-asia/story/malaysia-militants-aimed-create-islamic-state-across-s-e-asia-includ> (English) |
|  | Najib Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia | * Malaysia denounces IS   “Malaysia strongly condemns the actions of the Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq. We are deeply saddened by the crimes committed in the name of Islam, a religion of peace… We deplore those responsible, and call on the international community to act in concert to prevent further violence. We must fight extremism with moderation, and work to rebuild the bonds between communities shattered by war.” | <http://www.themalaymailonline.com/malaysia/article/putrajaya-denounces-islamic-state-militants> (English)  <http://www.umno-online.my/?p=111120&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook> (English) |
|  | Morocco | * Arrests individuals seek to join IS | <http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2014/05/26/Morocco-arrests-3-accused-of-supporting-jihad-in-Syria-.html> (English) |
|  | Saudi Arabia | * IS is listed in Saudi’s proscribed organisations.   “The Ministry of Interior attaches to this first list of parties, groups and currents covered by this communique those that call themselves any of the following: Alqaeda Organisation, Alqaeda in the Arabian Peninsula Organisation, Alqaeda Organisation in Yemen, Alqaeda Organisation in Iraq, **Daesh (The Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant)**, Al-Nusrah Front, Hezbollah inside the Kingdom (of Saudi Arabia), The Muslim Brotherhood Group, Al-Huthy Group. It should be known that this would apply to any organisation that is similar to any of these organisations in thought, discourse or action and to all the groups or currents listed in UN Security Council and other international organisations terrorism list or known to have been involved in terrorism and the use of violence.”  “[a] malicious falsehood and should not be repeated… Saudi Arabia wants the defeat and destruction of ISIS and other terrorist networks. Terrorist networks are as abhorrent to the government and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as they are to the governments and peoples of the rest of the world. That is why we urge the international community to do all in its power to join together to secure an end to the ISIS threat.” | <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/news/middle-east/10189-full-text-of-the-communique-issued-by-the-saudi-interior-ministry-on-proscribed-organisations> (English)  <http://www.aawsat.net/2014/08/article55335787> (English) |
|  | Ali Rouhani, President of Islamic Republic of Iran | * Denounces IS for attacking Shiites and their holy places in Iraq. * IS is takfiri group. | <http://iranprimer.usip.org/blog/2014/jun/26/irans-leaders-iraq-crisis-and-isis> (English) |