

THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN



Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street

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Dear Prime Minister

I am writing on behalf of the Muslim Council of Britain, the largest umbrella body of Muslim organisations in the UK.

There have been reports that the Home Secretary, Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, was the only senior cabinet minister not invited to the state banquet held for President Trump.

Whilst we are all aware of the Islamophobia that President Trump has propagated and tolerated at the highest levels of his administration, both in rhetoric and in policy, it is very welcome that you have often challenged this Islamophobia when affecting British citizens. This includes when you said it was “wrong” to criticise Sadiq Khan over his response to the London Bridge terrorist attack, when you said “you did not agree” with the ‘Muslim ban’ and when you highlighted that “retweeting from Britain First was the wrong thing to do”.

We would therefore like to request clarification as to whether it was actually the case that our Home Secretary - a man of Muslim heritage - was the only senior cabinet minister not invited to the state banquet, and if so why? Furthermore, we would like to understand whether any representations were made from our government challenging any such request from the President of the USA if that was the case.

There are fears that our nation is willing to give up our principles of fairness and equality for all, in order to placate President Trump, even going so far as to exclude our Home Secretary, solely due to his Muslim heritage. In this letter, we are seeking to clarify whether this was actually the case.

I looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harun Rashid Khan', written in a cursive style.

Harun Rashid Khan
Secretary General