

FACE THE FACTS

AUSTRALIAN ISLAM MONITOR

SHARIA LAW COMING OUR WAY



PART ONE

We were warned five years ago but the politicians ignored the warning.

The Australian legal system is making room for the Islamic legal system of sharia law. For Muslims, sharia law dictates every aspect of their daily life and they have long been pressing for it to operate openly in Australia. Muslims believe that sharia is divinely sanctioned law, and therefore takes precedence over human-made Australian law, and the followers of Islam want sharia courts to be able to operate with legal standing in Australia. No longer would there be one law for all in Australia.

In April 2016 Channel 7 reporter Brian Seymour revealed that Islamic sharia law is in action in Fairfield, New South Wales. Although news, the fact that sharia law is applied in Australia is not new, as it has been operating behind closed doors for some time.

Australia's peak Islamic body (AFIC) has been lobbying and pushing for sharia law for years, but our elected politicians have sidestepped the matter. Only a few politicians (Cory Bernardi, George Christensen) have been prepared to talk about creeping sharia; and they have been vilified for raising the issue.

In 2011 the Federal Government rejected the submission for sharia law by the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) to its multiculturalism inquiry. But the door had been opened for separate Islamic laws; and the divisive pol-



Channel 7 News: Sharia court Fairfield New South Wales

icy of multiculturalism has given silent approval to practices that are dividing the country.

The opening for Islamic sharia law began with the seemingly harmless demand for halal meat, which required the slaughtering of livestock by Muslims according to Islamic practice. Then the government ordered a review of tax law amendments which might be required to allow Islamic finance. In 2009 the Assistant Treasurer, Tasmanian Labor Senator Nick Sherry, directed the Board of Taxation to undertake a "comprehensive review of Australia's tax laws to en-

sure that, wherever possible, they do not inhibit the expansion of Islamic finance, banking and insurance products".

With these two measures sharia law had its foot in the door of Australia's legal system.

Two years later Labor Attorney-General Robert McClelland declared: "There is no place for sharia law in Australian society." Yet the Attorney-General was silent on the matter of Islamic sharia finance and no move was made to stop the religious slaughter of livestock.

In the federal Parliament, Liberal Senator Bernardi has been the most vocal opponent of what he sees as "soft sharia", which is the thin end of the wedge in the process of gradualism. Gradualism is a well-documented strategy used in democratic countries to eventually bring in a parallel Islamic justice system - which would weaken our rule of law and treat women as second-class citizens.

Senator Bernardi said, "In other nations we've found that an accommodation of sharia finance leads into an accommodation of any number of other areas where sharia is implemented, such as in property disputes, such as in marital separations".

Outside the Parliament, the Q Society has been making similar remarks for years about the creeping

application of Islamic sharia law within Australia. Like any other group which raises concerns about Islamic sharia law and multicultural policy, the Q Society has been called "ignorant", "racist", "bigoted" and "Islamophobic". In the Parliament, it was the Green, Labor and "moderate" Liberal parliamentarians who used such slurs.

We should all be concerned about the spread of Islamic sharia law in Australia. In 2011 Australia's leaders were clearly told by the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) that they want to apply Islamic sharia law in Australia. Despite rejection, their demands have continued without relent.

AFIC says government involvement in Islamic finance and halal food certification supports its argument that sharia law is compatible with Australian law.

"It seems that in two areas, namely Islamic finance and halal food, the Australian Government has been actively involved,"

the AFIC submission stated, adding that "A halal certificate is a written fatwa and, by co-signing the certificate, it indicates that the Australian Government has been already involved in sharia matters."

The AFIC submission also states: "Multiculturalism should lead to





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From the Heart of the Multi-cultural Suburbs

I've lived in my neighbourhood for ten years. In this time, I've watched the mosque up the road apply to the Council for an extension. When Council approval was not granted, they promptly bought the empty former Salvation Army building across the road. It looks like this building was for their women because only men can go to the mosque. The building was priced at \$1.6 million. Where did the money come from to buy the building?

I used to walk at night free from fear. The last time I walked past the mosque on a Friday night, it was swarming with Muslim men. I overheard a conversation about "jihad". I'm not kidding you. Also, now we have a Muslim councillor who ran for Council in the last election. Guess what his name was before it became "Adam"? His name was Abdul and he also had a lovely beard but shaved it off to appear more Western friendly.

I also now have a family up the road who sings in a frightening Arabic wail every Friday night for prayers. This wailing has started over the last six months. After they

have done that, they start screaming at one another again. There are not a lot of happy families up the road. I see women covered from head to toe in black garb while their husbands wear shorts and tee-shirts in the heat of summer. Of course the women are never alone, but are closely supervised by their bearded men.

I'm very, very concerned about the change I have seen in ten years. What will it be like in another ten years?

I will NOT be silent on questioning this 'faith' called Islam, when I have now witnessed another hateful attack [Brussels] by people of this faith. ENOUGH. I won't pussy foot around anymore. Make your comments if you want, call me a 'hater' if you want, but I didn't strap bombs to myself and kill over 30 people in an airport and more on a train. I'm really, really angry over political correctness and people who silence open criticism of this 'faith'.

The editors have withheld the sender's name and address from publication.



Sharia Law In the Australian News

(Mann for Metro.co.uk 9 December 2015.)



A British sharia court in operation.

The following few headlines suggest that sharia law exists in Australia, and that behaviour which is outside Australian law is being overlooked.

'Growing number of Muslim men and multiple wives exploiting loophole for taxpayer handouts'

by Mark Dunn Herald Sun 5 March 2010.

Centrelink investigated up to 20 cases of multiple relationships, including polygamy, over 2008–09. The general manager admitted the agency was making payments to people in multiple-couple relationships.

Polygamy is illegal in Australia, but some Muslim men have married several wives in their country of origin or at local mosques so they are not recognised under Australian law by Australian state-based births, deaths and marriage registries.

Second, third and fourth wives are regarded as being either in a de facto relationship or as single parents and thus eligible for Centrelink payments. The Marriage Act recognises polygamous marriage provided the marriage was contracted in a country where polygamy is legal.

'Man accused of beating NSW child bride'

by Ava Benny-Morrison AAP 25 February 2015.

A 15-year-old Sydney girl was beaten by her husband after she became a child bride, police allege. The girl allegedly married her then 18-year-old husband in a backyard, Islamic ceremony in Sydney's west last year.

Under sharia law husbands are allowed to physically punish their wives.

'Sex with a child OK in Victoria if married'

by Ean Higgins, The Australian 24 March 2014.

The Victorian government is under pressure to scrap an antiquated legal loophole that states an adult can lawfully have sex with a child as young as 12 so long as they are married.

The underage marriage issue arose when a 26-year-old man, who was visiting on a student visa, was arrested in NSW after he unwittingly told authorities he had married a 12-year-old girl.

'Sharia Law: A year long investigation by 7 News.' www.facebook.com/7newssydney/videos/1253103994713731/

Islamic activist group Hizb ut-Tahrir discovered the old law following this alleged child bride case in NSW, and is claiming that in Victoria it would not have been a crime.

'Kids opt out on anthem'

by Lachlan Moorhead, Cranbourne News 21 October 2015.

Islamic students at Cranbourne Carlisle (Victoria) Primary School were given the choice of leaving the room to avoid singing the Australian National Anthem.

The Principal said the school demonstrated "tolerance and understanding of the heritage and cultures of others".

But not, it seems, for the heritage and culture of Australia.

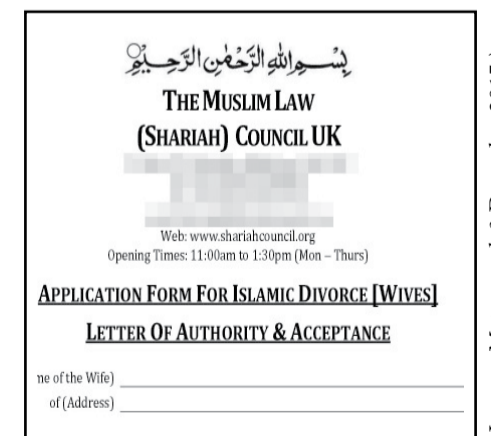
'Sharia law used to settle divorces in Muslim community'

by Jaacquelin Magnay and Gina Rushton, The Australian 23 December 2015.

Muslim communities in Australia have been quietly practising sharia law by negotiating divorces which disadvantage women in custody and property arrangements. The women agree so that they can then initiate a religious divorce before Islamic imams. The Family Court registers the agreement between a couple believing it has been jointly agreed, and there is little scrutiny of the cultural pressure that has been exerted on the women.

If a Muslim man refuses to give his wife a religious divorce, even though the couple may be divorced under Australian law, she is unable to remarry or travel to many Islamic countries and can be ostracised in the Islamic community.

The husband is not penalised, as he can take up to four wives under Islamic sharia law.



An example of British Sharia Council's divorce paper.

More about sharia in Australia, next issue

What the ...?

The leader of the Australian Greens party tries to sell the Greens gender education policy at an Islamic sharia law enforcement event.



Bill Leak The Australian 19 May 2016



“The Greens are set to become highly influential political extremists hellbent on imposing radical change across all levels of society.”
Janet Albrechtsen, The Australian 28-29 May 2016

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legal pluralism [as shown in Islamic finance and halal certification] and twin tolerations.”

AFIC claimed that, while there are Muslims who believe Islam cannot be changed, sharia can be adapted to the Australian context so it is compatible with local values. But it added that if Australia “demands a compromise from Islam, which should be open to other values, [there should also be] a similar demand of Australia.

“It is not only Australian Muslims who should reconcile these identities, but also all Australians”.

Australia has to change its fundamental laws and values to accommodate a pushy minority.

No other group of migrants has made such demands. Muslims account for only 1.7% of Australia’s

population, according to the 2006 census and yet 98.3% of the population are expected to change in order to accommodate them.

For the most part the average Australian Muslim family lives peacefully within the laws of the land. So AFIC does them no favours by agitating for special treatment and the repressions of sharia, particularly as it discriminates against women. In 2001 the European Court of Human Rights determined that sharia law is “not compatible with democracy”. The court was ruling on a ban by the Turkish Constitutional Court of the Islamist party Refah on the grounds that “democracy is the antithesis of sharia”. Surely Turkey understood the threat of sharia better than most.

AFIC’s claim that sharia is flexible contradicts evidence from across the world that sharia is not compatible with fundamental concepts that underpin our democracy - such as freedom of speech and equality under the law. As we have seen in Australia and overseas, any

criticism of Islam is silenced or condemned because sharia does not allow the freedom of speech we take for granted. Criticism of Mohammed, for instance, is punishable by death under sharia law. Women are treated as second-class citizens: granted a smaller share of inheritance, and unequal when it comes to marriage, divorce and custody of children. Yet Islamic divorces are conducted by imams at western Sydney mosques, and it is no longer politically correct to criticise Islam. Sharia law is creeping into the lives of Australians.

Senator Cory Bernadi has said that “time and time again we see conservative voices that seek to protect our traditions and way of life shouted down by people who don’t agree”. He added that the debate then descends into “character assassination, vitriol and misrepresentation”.

It is the aim of Islamic groups to see sharia law established in Australia. Sharia is a legal system that will seriously undermine Australian

Did you know ...?



★ That as part of the Labor Party’s 2016 federal election campaign Bill Shorten and the Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multiculturalism wrote an open letter to the Islamic community. The letter can be viewed online: www.alp.org.au/openletter_islamiccommunity

“Labor stands shoulder to shoulder with Australia’s Islamic community and ... we are committed to tolerance, social cohesion, mutual respect and multiculturalism.” ... “Labor will continue to work with you to stop misinformation, bigotry and prejudice directed at the Australian Islamic community.” ...

“We are keen to engage with you and your organisation, to listen to you about how we can further these goals together.” ...



★ That in March 2016 Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was praised by the Islamic Council of Victoria for his “fresh tone” on the threats of terrorism. The council boycotted a meeting with former prime minister Tony Abbott in August 2014 after he urged the Islamic community to join “Team Australia”.

Mr Turnbull said that the Islamic community was “an integral part of Australian family that’s bound together by the shared values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law ...”
AAP 7 March 2016

law and the fundamental concepts upon which it is based. The majority of our political leaders and elites have failed to speak out about it, and they have consistently ignored the concerns of citizens.

All the major political parties have treated their voters with contempt and have allowed an alternative legal system to gain a hold. A legal system that undermines our democracy, our freedoms and our gender equality. In the face of this abject failure to secure the interests of Australia and its citizens alternative political parties have been formed to oppose Islamic sharia law. While these minor parties may lack political and parliamentary experience, they are listening to the voice of the people and could do no worse than our present set of politicians.

We must not bow to a pushy minority’, Miranda Devine The Daily Telegraph Miranda Devine Blog, 18 May 2011.
“The truth behind sharia courts in Britain and are they actually helping Muslim women?” Tanveer Mann for Metro.co.uk 9 December 2015.



Some Sense From Sweden



For all socially conservative political punters who are opposed to the divisive policy of multi-culturalism, the following description might seem familiar. Here is a free spirited translation for your benefit.

- Sverigedemokraterna = **Swedish Democrats**
- Trygghet & Tradition = **Security and Tradition**
- Hur samhället ser oss = **How society sees us** (Upper class dudes and dandies...)

- Hur feminister ser oss = **How feminists see us** (Palaeolithic cave dwellers...)
- Hur liberaler ser oss = **How liberals see us** (The new political inquisition)
- Hur socialister ser oss = **How socialists see us** (The Masters of the evil force)
- Hur vi ser oss själva = **How we see ourselves** (Saint George slaying the dragon)
- Hur vi är = **How we really are** (Ordinary good people of course)



Mene Mene's View

The Man in the Mirror

As Australia prepares to go to the polls on 2 July 2016, think about what you - the man in the mirror - can do to send a message to the politicians who have failed to address Islamic jihad in Australia. The present lot of politicians are too weak and self-serving to make a stand on the issue. The major parties: Labor, Liberals, Nationals and Greens have failed the people miserably.

Every time an act of violent Islamic jihad takes place the politicians, police, intelligentsia, bureaucrats, religious authorities, journalists, lawyers and judges hail from their position of authority that the atrocity was "not Islamic" and had "nothing to do with Islam".

We have all heard excuses from politicians and media to explain to us why Islamic jihad is "not Islamic". They tell us violent jihad is caused by poverty, marginalisation, colonisation, racism, alienation - everything but the truth.

It gets worse. Some academics want you to think that Islamic jihad it is your fault, no matter how absurd their argument. It's your fault. caused by your actions, your historical deeds.

Politicians and experts claim jihad is caused by climate change, poverty and lack of education and jobs. They argue that acts of violent Islamic jihad are not Islamic but a mental illness or a vehicular accident or work place violence. But non-Muslims living in poverty or with mental illness do not commit violent jihad. Jihad IS Islamic and can only be carried out by the followers of Islam.

The story that violent Islamic jihad is "not Islamic" should not be the solution to the problem! While that myth is being peddled our freedom of speech, democracy and liberty are being robbed from us.

Had enough? Put an end to political correctness. Bring on a responsible parliament that will protect Australians and put Australians first.

This election day vote 1 ALA - IGNORE Liberal, Labor, the Nationals and Greens.

Mene Mene has spent a lifetime auditing, and is now verifying the facts. Mene Mene concludes that when in doubt, trust the infallible - it's free and has stood the test of time.

Your News and Views

“ I enjoy reading this paper. Nedlands, Western Australia

“ ... we are all completely horrified, astounded and disgusted at the things we have read in your paper. We have for some time now all been aware of much of what you have informed us of but did not dare to imagine that the hand of the Islamic faith had reached so deep into, no let me say infected, our society. ...

Unless the general population finds a voice and speaks out and stands up for our great nation it will be doomed and gone forever as we know it. God help us all, as the government seemingly has no intention of stemming the degradation and degeneration of our society and Christian way of life. ...



Please continue to send out your messages and maybe, just maybe others will listen and take notice, enough to consolidate a united voice that our seemingly spineless government will have no other alternative but to listen and take heed.

Maitland, New South Wales

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