

ISLAMOPHOBIA: MOSQUES & ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS

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AWARENESS MONTH



Mosques are places of worship for Muslims but also centres for the community to gather, connect and collaborate. Community and inter-faith events are often held in mosques.

Following the Raise the Colours campaign and the Unite the Kingdom rally, British Muslims have faced increased hostility and challenges because of their faith.

This hostility has not only been directed towards individuals, but has also seen mosques face threats, attacks and acts of intimidation.

WHAT DO THE STATISTICS SAY?

25 Mosques were attacked in 27 incidents across the UK between August and October 2025. [1]

As of June 2026, Amnesty International UK has warned that '**Islamophobic violence in the UK has reached emergency levels**, as Muslims across the country face an escalating wave of hate crimes and targeted attacks.' [2]

"There is an escalating pattern [of] racist and Islamophobic violence that demands an urgent response from the government and law enforcement.

When homes and mosques are firebombed and communities are left feeling terrified, we have reached a point of genuine emergency."

(Ilyas Nagdee, Amnesty International UK's Racial Justice Director)

MOSQUE ATTACKS IN 2025

41%

involved crosses, Union Jacks, St. George's flags, or the use of Christian slogans and symbols to intimidate

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incidents occurred in just 13 days between 25th August and 6th September 2025

26%

were violent, or destructive, including smashed windows, assaults, and an arson attack in Peacehaven, East Sussex

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UK ECONOMY

Muslims are the largest givers to charity of all social groups. Reports have found that British Muslims donate four times more to charity than the national average.

A report from the Ayaan Institute found that British Muslims donate at least £1bn a year to charity, projected to reach £4bn by 2051.

Not only that, but Muslims also devote significant time and effort to charitable and community endeavours, often facilitating and organising community work through their local mosques, such as food banks and soup kitchens, like Masjid Al-Falaah in Birmingham.

PROTECTION OF MOSQUES AND ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS

The government has committed more funding to protecting UK Muslims.

In March 2024 the government made £29.4 million available to protect Mosques, Muslim faith schools and other community organisations following the rise in hate crimes. [4]

This funding can be used for measures such as CCTV, alarm systems and secure fencing.

However, the three-stage application process makes securing funding challenging. [5]



Increased attacks on mosques are tangible evidence of the rise of Islamophobia

[1] A Summer of Division Report, British Muslim Trust (2025)

[2] Press release, Amnesty International (2026)

[3] The Guardian; Aamna Mohdin and Jayni Makwana (2026)

[4] British Muslim Charitable Giving Report II: The Impact of the Cost-of-Living Crisis, Muslim Charities Forum

[5] Aiding the Ummah: Analysing the Muslim Humanitarian Charity Sector in the UK, Ayaan Institute (2023)