

## Croydon Circle

### The Media Moulding Of The People – Is There Truly Free Press

Quran = “I herald the truth against the falsehood”

The two paths have been made clear to us.  
The Path of truth and the path of falsehood.

We the muslim umma have the truth and the kuffar the falsehood.  
But today the Islamic umma lives in its darkest hour, an hour where the truth and the falsehood are unclear – the truth and the falsehood has become misty

The enemies of Islam have gathered their wealth and established a media network and industry to deceive the world with lies and falsehood – to pollute the minds of mankind.

And we top the list in this western media onslaught.  
Their aim to demoralise and intimidate us into submission and surrender.

This is clear to see, especially during the recent events in Iraq, where one of the key objectives was to win the hearts and minds of the muslims.

So we hear clear cut lies and falsehood such as a war on Iraq is justified due to its weapons of mass destruction – while in 1997 Madalene Albright states that sanctions are justified and satisfying objectives by preventing weapons of mass destructions being obtained by the Iraqi regime.

On both cases heavy media was used to propagate each case. First the case of sanctions which was made acceptable and now the case of war.

Its not just war.

The muslims community in this mosque has been subjugated to the western media and its propaganda. On BBC2's newsnight. A Programme that emphasised the threat of radical muslims in this mosque calling for and recruiting terrorists. A lie which has been supported by muslims from this community – turning to the kuffar and there media to attack muslims who want and work for the return of Islam as a complete way of life.

Lies – deceit – slander this their way.

And this is of no surprise to us as it was reported that an internal memo, written by the director of news Richard Sambrook was circulated throughout the BBC, was putting

the staff under pressure to keep any dissent over Iraq off the air. The memo went on to say that staff should be careful and that voices should articulate the Bush/Blair line.

This is not an isolated incident

Douglas MacArthur a General in the United States Army said “one can not wage war under the present conditions without the support of public opinion, which is tremendously moulded by the press and other forms of propaganda.”

So much for investigative reporting and pursuing the truth.

But this is not only restricted to the war on Iraq there are thousands of examples.

Just to give you one more example, a study on media reporting during the Falklands crisis found that of the 390 bulletins recorded between 1 May and 14 June 1982, 141 were about the families of the soldiers in Britain, 71 dealt with families waiting at home, 51 with partings and reunions and 18 with memorial services, ‘but during the whole period of the fighting we find only one case of a bereaved relatives doubts over the campaign.’ But later that same day those negative remarks were edited out and replaced with interviews with soldiers wives being asked how they spend their time.

This is not truthful reporting this is selective reporting .....

Selective reporting from western nations that pride themselves on the pillars of freedom – Free Press, Free Speech are phrases that are used to show muslims living in Britain how lucky we are to live here in the comfort of their civilisation – but is there no such notion of free press in the west.

Rather we find journalists are .....

- **Fired for telling the truth**....Job description is lie and not tell the truth--- look what happened to journalist **Peter Arnett** a Pulitzer Prize winner who was **fired** for **saying the American-led war effort initially failed because of Iraq's resistance**
- **Pentagon threats to reporters**....remember **Kate Adie**, the veteran **BBC war correspondent**? She said: "**I am enormously pessimistic of the chance of decent on-the-spot reporting, as the war occurs,**" she told Irish national broadcaster, Tom McGurk on the RTE1 Radio "Sunday Show." The war author Phillip Knightley, reported that the **Pentagon has also threatened** they: "**may find it necessary to bomb areas in which war correspondents are attempting to report from the Iraqi side.**"
- **Pentagon vets journalists**, She (Kate Adie) also warned that the Pentagon is vetting journalists according to their stance on the war.

This is the way they treat reporters, who's job description is to report the truth where it happens, when it happens. But again the truth is sacrificed for falsehood.

And the whole notion of news reporting that is credible, reliable and factual is an illusion – there is no free press – there is no truthful and honest reports – and those who try to provide them are quickly sidelined.

No surprise then that there are over forty acts in parliament controlling the media. Controlling the information that the mass public has access to.

And this media control plays a big impact on the ordinary person. The person who does no more investigating than putting on the TV.

According to a New York Times/CBS News survey,

- **42 per cent of the American public believes that Saddam Hussein is directly responsible for the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon.**
- And an ABC news poll says that **55 per cent of Americans believe that Saddam Hussein directly supports al-Qaida.** What percentage of America's armed forces believe these fabrications is anybody's guess.

And this is how they make their people deaf, dumb and blind to the truth.

The Muslims have been in this position numerous times before, and I have picked an incident to really illustrate this

**In the wake of defeat at Badr Quraysh gathered to take revenge..this is the background to the battle of Uhud**

**At-Tabarri narrated that Quraysh in order to guarantee success they enlisted help of the tribes of Banu Kinaana and Banu Tihama**

**It is said Abu Sufyan devoted 1000 camels and 50 thousand dinars for the war effort**

**They also enlisted the help of Abu 'Azza the poet to recite propaganda against the Prophet (saw).**

And this propaganda was used to incite greater hatred for Islam and the prophet (saw) and to rally more support around the Quraysh and war against Islam.

**Abu Azza** was one of the poets in Mecca who used to write satire criticizing the Muslims. After the battle of Badr, which the Muslims won, the Muslims took

some prisoners of war. Amongst these prisoners were some rich elite's of Mecca, like Abbas and **Abu Lahab**, who ransomed themselves to be freed. The prisoners who were poor, but were literate, the Prophet (SAW) asked them to teach ten Muslims children of Medinah how to read and write. **Abu Azza** was an educated person, but he pleaded to Muhammad (SAW) to let him go. He said that he, **Abu Azza**, was a very poor man with lots of children. Muhammad (SAW) asked **Abu Azza** to promise that he would not write anymore satire and that he would not fight Muslims in the future. **Abu Azza** agreed to the terms.

The following year, when the battle of Uhud occurred, he was captured as a prisoner of war once again. This time around, **Abu Azza** The Prophet (SAW) replied, *"I will not let you go to your tribe and boast amongst them that you fooled Muhammad (SAW) twice."* The Prophet (SAW) continued, *"A believer never gets bitten from the same hole twice."* Muhammad (SAW) sentenced **Abu Azza** to be killed.

This is how our beloved prophet (saw) dealt with source of this propaganda against him, his deen and the Islamic State. To wipe it out intellectually and physically if need be.

Ok. But it is argued that muslims have there own media and that this should be utilised properly to counter the western dominance and fabrications. But this argument is false.

Firstly our media has limited impact because they call for the same solutions that cause the corruption in the media, so they tell the people more human rights, more womens rights, more democracy – fundamentally more freedom.

And again this is deliberate – this is to secure the rulers – this is to maintain their wealth and their palaces – which in turn means that our media is controlled to produce deceit and falsehood

Secondly, the media obstacles which have been established by the west have to be physically removed.

As in the incident that I highlighted earlier, our beloved prophet (saw) told us “A believer never gets bitten from the same hole twice.”

So our response is clear.

Never should we stop speaking the truth in this atmosphere of falsehood. We must stand with courage and honour so that the truth shines from us.

And we should be without doubt that only following the re-establishment of the Islamic State will a just media funded and supported by the Islamic State carry the

truth to the world – and remove physically if necessary those who wish to promote falsehood.

Aqoolu qawli haaza wa astaghfirullah al azeem