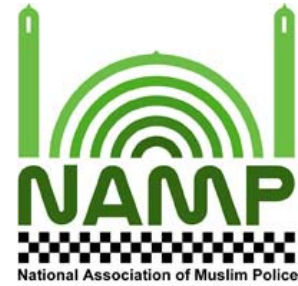


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NAMP submission on Islamophobia

Distinguish Ladies and Gentlemen

There is clear evidence from research conducted by the European Muslim Research Center that one of the major motivating factors for violence against Muslims is the negative and false belief that Muslims pose a security or terrorist threat. The almost daily portrayal of Muslims as terrorists has alienated an already isolated community.

Muslims now make up the second biggest faith group and are the biggest Minority Ethnic community in Europe and there are significant numbers in OSCE participating states; recent estimates indicate that there are some 25 million Muslims in Europe. This shows how many people are potentially affected by Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate crime and why the National Association of Muslim police believes this is such an important issue to tackle.

We are extremely concern with the right wing activity in many participating states; there focus is mainly on the Muslim community because in there view Islamophobia is acceptable in our society. We request that the participating states take a decisive and consistent approach in dealing with these right wing elements. The law enforcement agencies should have intelligence led coordinated approach towards right wing elements. We call on OSCE to show real leadership in dealing with right and extreme right wing organisations.

We are disappointed to learn that the UK has once gain failed to submit Anti Muslim Hate Crime data. We plead with all the participating states to review their recording mechanisms on Anti Muslim Hate Crimes. The data is crucial to our fight against this pandemic. The work of NGOs in the field of Islamophobia and Anti Muslim Hate Crime must be supported by the participating states and we urge participating states to take proactive steps in this area. We would also like to record our heartfelt appreciation to the work of OSCE and in particular the efforts of ODIHR are commendable.

Thank you.