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# A Response at Last

Muslim insurgency, political Islam, Jihad, terrorism, extremism: these topics dominate today's political landscape and receive unrivaled media attention. Unfortunately, one often finds that discussions of such issues are full of misleading information biased towards the enemies of Islam. In addition, the news that is provided to the world is usually distorted or patently false.

It is usually the case that those who speak the least are those whose say matters the most. That is especially true when we talk about the Taliban and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

It has been the general policy of the IEA to keep a low media profile and concentrate on working hard toward its goals, rather than spend a lot of time responding to media inaccuracies. While we believe that this policy had some good aspects, we also realize that it is the right of the Muslim Ummah to have access to the truth. As a result of our reluctance to speak out, the allegations of the enemies of Allah have gone largely unchallenged. Until now...

We hold the belief that our responsibility to Allah and the Muslim nation is to put the facts straight. With that in mind, we have produced this magazine, which will, in shaa' Allah, be our link with the rest of the world, and especially, with our beloved Islamic Ummah.

And as we begin this endeavor, we hope that our readers will appreciate what we have done and make an effort to assist us in the production of future issues. Contributions, suggestions and comments all help us to better serve our readership and the cause of Islam. ■

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