

Proscription of Hizb ut-Tahrir

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Hizb ut-Tahrir has been proscribed as a terrorist organisation. Belonging to or inviting support for the group is now a criminal offence.

On Monday 15 January, The Home Secretary, James Cleverly, laid before Parliament a draft order to proscribe Hizb ut-Tahrir under the Terrorism Act 2000.

The order was approved on Thursday 18 January and came into force on Friday 19 January.

It is now a criminal offence to belong to, invite support for, and display articles in a public place in a way that arouses suspicion of membership or support for the group.

Hizb ut-Tahrir has now been added to the list of proscribed terrorist groups or organisations. It is the 80th organisation to be proscribed in the UK.

Who is Hizb ut-Tahrir?

Hizb ut-Tahrir is an international Sunni Islamist political organisation founded in 1953. Their long-term goal is to establish a Caliphate ruled under Islamic law. Their headquarters are in Lebanon, and they operate in at least 32 countries including the UK, United States, Canada and Australia.

Hizb ut-Tahrir has a history of praising and celebrating attacks against Israel and attacks against Jews more widely.

The proscription of Hizb ut-Tahrir includes the global organisation, as well as all regional branches, including Hizb ut-Tahrir Britain.

Several countries have banned Hizb ut-Tahrir, including Germany, Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan and several Central Asian and Arab countries. Austria banned symbols of the group in May 2021.

Home Secretary, James Cleverly said:

“Hizb ut-Tahrir is an antisemitic organisation that actively promotes and encourages terrorism, including praising and celebrating the appalling 7 October attacks.

“Proscribing this terrorist group will ensure that anyone who belongs to and invites supports for them will face consequences. It will curb Hizb ut-Tahrir’s ability to operate as it currently does.

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