

## **Mosques headed by radical imams affects West**

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Controversy has erupted in Newmarket over the establishment of a mosque headed by Zafar Bangash.

What has been missing in the debate so far is historical context and case studies to evaluate the impact of such an institution in our back yard.

In other words, Newmarket residents and Canadians as a whole should know how these institutions and individuals have affected South Asia and the Western world.

Mosques and madrassas have existed in South Asia since the beginning of the Islamic invasion.

William Durant, the famous American historian, has written that the Islamic invasion of South Asia was the bloodiest story in history.

An estimated 80 million Hindus were wiped out and 60,000 temples destroyed. Instrumental in this saga was the role of mosques, where radical imams exhorted Islamic armies to eliminate the "idol-worshipping" Hindu civilization.

Muslim warlords such as Ghori routinely quoted Koranic scriptures as they committed mass rape and slaughter on a scale the world has never witnessed.

More recently, Pakistani mosques led by hate-spewing imams have exhorted Muslim jihadists who have ethnically cleansed the disputed state of Kashmir.

The BBC has reported 450,000 Hindus have been driven out of the state by a terrorist campaign of rape and murder.

Mr. Bangash, writing in the Muslim media, has suggested rather than negotiations, jihadists should intensify their terrorist campaign and strike elsewhere in India (the 2006 Mumbai bomb blasts were an example of this).

He is, thus, endorsing and encouraging the expansion of this brutal terrorist campaign, which has convulsed South Asia.

It is sometimes tempting to write off such details as a far-off ethnic squabble but, unfortunately, mosques and madrassas headed by fanatical Islamists impact us in the West.

The Taliban movement in Afghanistan was created by Pakistani intelligence and nurtured by Pakistani imams who hail from the same region as Mr. Bangash.

Hundreds of thousands of graduates from these hate factories fill the ranks of al Qaeda and the Taliban, and have killed Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan.

These graduates are a key element of global jihad.

The establishment of mosques headed by radical imams has had disastrous effects in democracies.

In the UK, undercover reporters infiltrated the Green Lane mosque and found radical imams exhorting terrorism; it is worth noting a huge number of British terror suspects originate from Pakistan and have been indoctrinated by radical Islamic clerics in British as well as Pakistani mosques.

In Canada, many of the 17 Muslim terrorists arrested in last summer's bombing plot regularly attended Scarborough's notorious Salaheddin Islamic Centre, which features the inflammatory lectures of Ali Hindy.

Members of the Pakistani al-Khadr, terrorist family also were members of this institute.

There is ample evidence the proliferation of mosques with radical imams stokes fanaticism and terrorism in Canada.

This is an eerie echo of the brutal al-Khalistan campaigns where some Canadian Sikh gurdwaras were used to preach hate against Hindus and India.

The ultimate result of this was the worst mass murder in Canadian history, the terror bombing of the Air India flight resulting in the death of more than 320 Canadians.

The sad fact of the matter is that toxic venom spewed by Muslim imams such as Mr Bangash have been used for centuries to foment genocide, ethnic cleansing, and sexual violence on a mass scale.

And there is every indication defenders of these practices, so prevalent in Islamic societies in Pakistan and Afghanistan, are being imported en masse here in Canada to stir up hate.

And that is something our pluralistic democracy can do without.

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