

# THE Sun

## SAYS

**Police disgrace**

**BRITAIN has bent over backwards to accommodate different cultures and religions.**

But tolerance must be a two-way street — or it is soon exhausted.

The vile Islamic extremist dressed as a suicide bomber should have been arrested on the spot...

Along with his rent-a-mob pals carrying placards glorifying in the beheading of non-Muslims.

Yet police didn't lift a finger. They didn't even take his name.

Why the hell not? What hope does that give us for our security?

Why did officers allow such blatant incitement to terrorism?

Good, honest citizens are seething at the injustice of it.

After furious protests police conceded they might arrest the "suicide bomber" if they find him.

Today his name is known — so let us hope the police feel his collar.

And let us hope too the Islamic moderate majority give up his cronies — as Muslim Sun writer Anila Baig urges on Pages 4 and 5.

The mob's murderous slogans might once have been dismissed as the empty rhetoric of hot-headed youths. But all that changed on 7/7, just seven months ago.

Some people have short memories. But they must be in no doubt... other mass murders are being plotted **TODAY** by British Muslim extremists.

The police's failure is bad enough. But Government ministers were woefully lacklustre in voicing their condemnation.

Tony Blair must order police to throw the book at the hate-filled supporters of al-Qaeda who made a mockery of our tolerance.

Mrs Thatcher used police to face down union thugs during the miners' strike. It was ugly, dangerous and costly. But she knew Britain's free speech and rule of law are worth defending.

Whatever the cost.

**Help, Gordon**

**MORE and more old folk die from the cold each winter in Britain.**

A scandalous toll which will soar once British Gas imposes its colossal new price hike and half a million people turn the heating off.

The firm has to keep pace with the soaring cost of gas, of course.

**Gordon Brown must ensure OAPs' winter fuel allowance does too.**

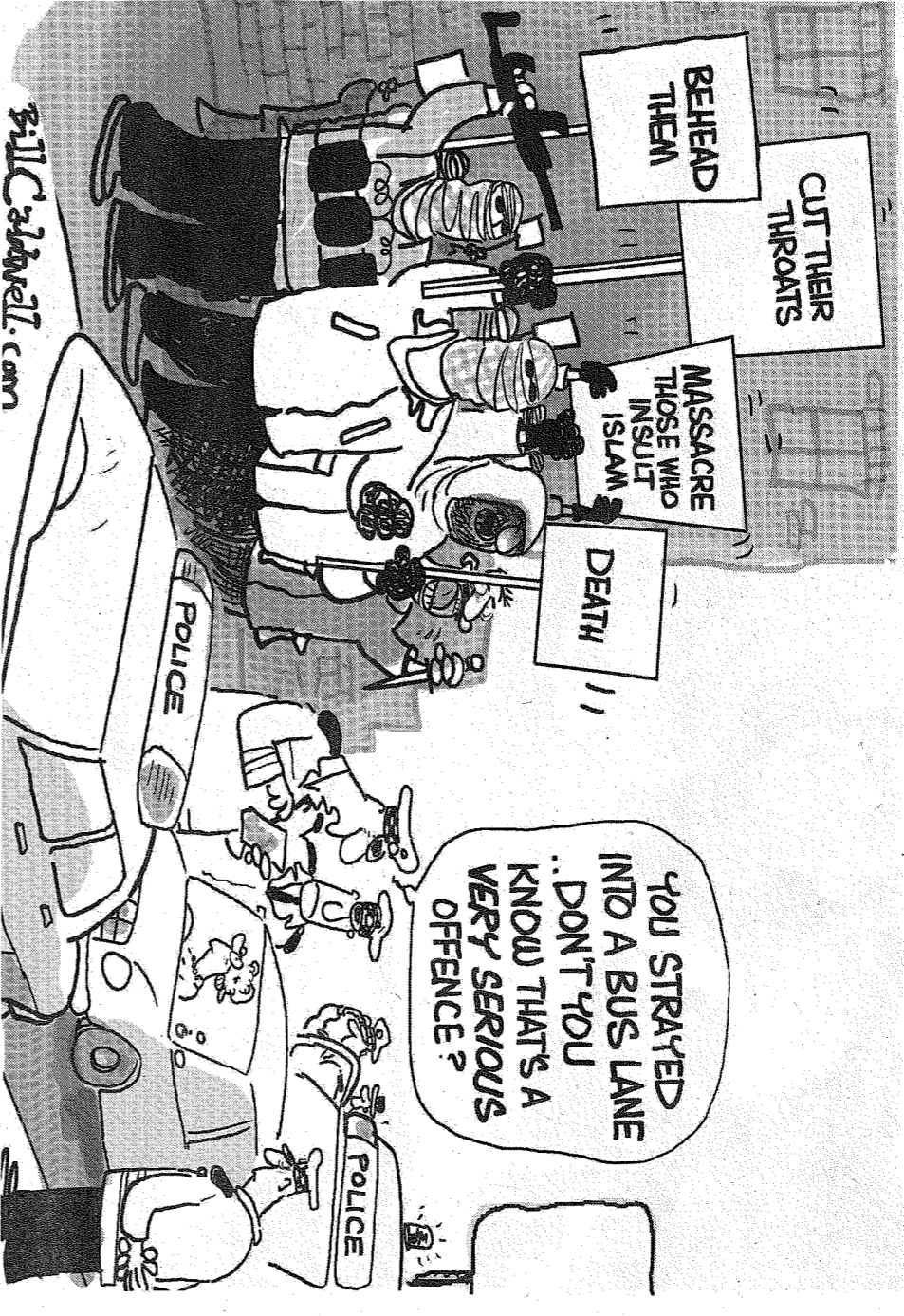
**Mash Harry**

**PRINCE Harry trains to fight insurgents — by fending off flying potatoes.**

A quiet word to the chaps at Sandhurst:

**Iraq's army had Scuds, not spuds.**

# TREVOR KAVANAGH ON MONDAY



## calls for mass murder

### now THAT'S offensive

**I AM dismayed by the way the British Press censored Danish cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.**

Yes, for strict Muslims it is profane to portray the face of the founder of their faith.

But there is nothing in the Koran that outlaws such an image. For centuries he was portrayed in drawings and paintings without causing offence.

The ban was imposed by man, not by divinity, to discourage followers from worshipping the Prophet rather than Allah.

Out of courtesy, we should treat the custom with respect — and Muslims are entitled to be annoyed when we breach it.

But on pain of death? Mass murder? Aren't we entitled to be just a little miffed in response?

Blood-curdling footage of masked gunmen and threats of throat-slitting for non-believers — that's what I call offensive.

I am outraged by vicious placards — all in the same distinctive hand — exhorting murder on the streets of Britain.

And I am alarmed that our police seem paralysed in the face of blatant incitement to



**MILITANT... Islamic protesters march in London on Friday**

violence. Islam is a tolerant faith — or it can be. Its followers are famously hospitable and generous.

Devout abstainers have no objection to those who enjoy a drink. Jews and Christians are acceptable neighbours.

Islam can also be grotesquely intolerant.

At its worst, it treats women like slaves to be beaten and casually divorced.

Even in 21st Century Britain, women pay with their lives in so-called "honour killings" for falling in love with a non-Muslim.

In easy-going Holland, film director Theo van Gogh was horrifically murdered for testing some of these issues in a movie.

Extremists revel in such carnage. Cleric Yusuf al-Qarad-

awi, welcomed to the UK by London Mayor Ken Livingstone, calls for death to homosexuals, along with anyone who converts from Islam to another faith.

These are not idle words. Young gays are today publicly hanged in Iran.

Moderate Muslims understandably resent being tarred with the terrorist brush.

**Honest**

But Arab editor Abd al-Rahman al-Rasheed is admirably honest.

"Not all Muslims are terrorists," he says. "But sadly, the majority of the terrorists in the world are Muslims."

An image of Muhammad with a turban in the shape of a bomb seems mild compared

with terrorists acting in the name of Islam who behead "infidels" on TV and boast that while we love life, they love death.

And for all their sensitivity over the Danish cartoons, Middle East newspapers carry rabid images of Jews, some depicting a Star of David as a Nazi swastika.

Here, commentators justify censorship of the Danish cartoons by claiming they are not very funny.

That's a cop-out. By suppressing these images, we are not only keeping our own citizens in the dark, we are surrendering a hard-won Western tradition of satire which is the true test of free speech.

And as we have seen in riot-torn France and Australia, if it isn't one thing, it will be another.

While we walk on eggshells, how long before increasingly assertive extremists start to demand further accommodation?

What will we do, for instance, if self-appointed religious police start telling non-Muslim women they are immodestly dressed?

Or take physical exception to our unpleasant binge-drinking culture.

Well, at this rate we may soon find out.

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