The Islamic Republic of Iran's Influence Network Inside the United Kingdom

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The Islamic Republic in Iran has developed an extensive and sophisticated network of influence channels across Europe, with the United Kingdom emerging as a flashpoint of these efforts. The actions of these malign actors serve to legitimize the Islamic Republic's foothold within the UK across several institutions. Central to the regime's operations is the Islamic Center of England (ICE or ICEL), which serves as the primary hub for advancing its agenda. ICE and its affiliate centers are alleged to disseminate pro-Iranian propaganda, host regime-linked figures (including Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commanders), and shape narratives favorable to Tehran, all while operating under the guise of community, religious, or educational organizations.

Influence Sectors: Three Realms

1. **CULTURAL**: Attempting to radicalize the pre-existing diaspora, UK nationals, and whitewash the actions of the Islamic Republic and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) . These entities typically insert themselves into quiet suburbs claiming to be community centers, but often host regime officials and propagate rhetoric in favor of the "Axis of Resistance", the Iran-controlled network of terror groups in the Middle East. These institutions aim to support the civil/diaspora population, but in reality, act as a siphon of resources and political attention from the issues that consistently impact the diaspora.

2. **POLITICAL**: Seeking to change the rhetoric and policy position of lawmakers within the UK; while forming political institutions that promote the political ideology of the regime (or those who purport it). These entities seek to foster an appeasement policy agenda with Iran, achieving these goals through political avenues such as lobbying, protesting, and cultivating working relationships with several UK officials, lawmakers, and institutions.

3. **EDUCATIONAL**: Striving to manipulate the younger generations of the diaspora to believe the historical falsehood utilized by the IRI to justify their terrorist-like actions across the region. From kindergarten to doctorate-level courses in a university setting, the IRI has installed a robust and deep-rooted educational network in the UK, which traces its curriculum, virtues, and most importantly policy, from educational institutions based in Qom, Iran.

These centers actively promote IRGC propaganda, host IRI officials and IRGC commanders for lectures on fundamentalist ideology, and attempt to influence the British populace to adopt an appeasement policy towards Iran. Whether it is the re-opening of the fraudulent Islamic Center of England, an inability of the Home Office to designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization, or operating a vast network of propaganda centers masquerading as cultural centers, the IRI's influence within the United Kingdom is vast, redundant, and highly effective.

This report identifies key UK-based entities and individuals involved in operating and maintaining this network. These centers were put in the spotlight shortly after the assassination of IRGC Quds Force commander Qasem Soleimani in 2020, where multiple prominent centers and entities hosted memorials, vigils, political rallies, and invited Soleimani's colleagues to give lectures on Islam, Iran, and Israel on UK soil[1]. Many of these centers have also received hundreds of thousands of British Pounds from both individual donors and the British government itself [2] [3]. This analysis seeks to recognize the institutional hurdles that threaten both British national security and the Iranian diaspora in the UK, and what can be done to remove these centers of misinformation from one of the world's most powerful nations. The accompanying chart visualizes the intentionally confusing web of ideologically-driven organizations, facilitating easier identification of these maligned groups. It is through these organizations that the IRI is able to foster support for its destabilizing foreign policy agenda that has ravaged the Middle East. These entities are marked and categorized based on their function and reverberate the same antisemitic, anti-Western rhetoric to garner support for the Islamic regime and its foreign policy goals.

THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF ENGLAND (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Islamic Center of England is the head of the figurative octopus for the IRI in the United Kingdom. The head Imam of the center, Seyed Hashem Moosavi, was personally selected by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and acts in an official capacity as his representative within the UK[4]. The center was established in 1994 by Ayatollah Mohsen Araki, a cleric and member of the Supreme Leader-controlled Assembly of Experts. It is the main artery of information between Tehran and London, allowing the IRI to construct a multifaceted web of institutions and organizations within the UK, all subservient to the Supreme Leader of Iran. Reflecting the level of notoriety ICE has gained, UK government officials have noted the threat it poses. MP Alicia Kearns, then chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, called ICE the "*London Office*" of the regime in Tehran, and former British Security Minister Tom Tugendhat described the links ICE has with the regime as a "vile threat" to the United Kingdom[5] [6]. ICE administers

[1] https://www.thejc.com/news/manchester-cleric-led-death-to-israel-event-in-iran-regime-hxhmvzse
[2] https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/04/15/irans-nerve-centre-in-the-uk-received-240000-during-covid/
[3] https://www.iranintl.com/en/202312166551
[4] https://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/HJS-Iranian-Influence-Networks-in-the-UK-Report-HR-web-1.pdf
[5] https://www.thetimes.com/uk/religion/article/iran-backed-groups-tehran-charities-watchdog-uk-intimidation-72jz5dw7k
[6] https://www.iranintl.com/en/202303213947

multiple large-scale educational programs including several different student unions, physical educational centers, and direct guidance from Tehran[7][8]. Typically, each city or region will have an ICE annex named after the region it's located in. For example, the ICE annex in Manchester is called the "Manchester Islamic Centre," although others are more obscurely named[9]. The structures, naming scheme, and social media accounts are all similar and registered within the UK Charity Commission, keeping up to date with reporting. Many of the institutions featured in this report and connected with ICE have many of the same trustee's listed publicly by the Charity Commission. ICE was temporarily closed in 2023 due to insurance issues discovered while it was under investigation by the UK Charity Commission for its possible connections to Tehran and its incitement of terrorism within the United Kingdom[10]. It reopened a month later after the rectifying of its conveniently timed "insurance issues" and the appointment of an interim manager by the UK Charity Commission for the remainder of its investigation[11][12].

Cultural Realm: Influencing Hearts & Minds

The Islamic Republic's engagement with the cultural realm aims to mobilize the pre-existing, radicalized factions within the diaspora community and extend its influence to previously unaffected/impartial British nationals who, until now, have remained outside the reach of the regime's influence. These cultural centers enjoy the benefits of being protected by their religious/quasi-religious status and have become deeply rooted in several of the diaspora communities within the UK. The regime's influence within the cultural realm is particularly difficult to combat due to its leveraging minority, Islamic communities and a perception of innocence; appearing as an institution fostering cooperation and community. While a more novel phenomena in the UK/EU, Iran has sought to sow division and influence politics in several regions, including Latin America and have employed a variety of similar tactics to gain an intelligence advantage.[13] It is the utilization of these community centers, like the Kanoon Towhid, that enabled these entities to host IRGC commanders and chant antisemitic, anti-Western rhetoric; and ultimately allowed the IRI to spread its propaganda and its fundamentalist rhetoric to the UK constituency.

MANCHESTER ISLAMIC CENTER (MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Manchester Islamic Center (MIC) has linked itself to not only ICE, but to several other organizations facing criticism over supposed links to Tehran[14]. Key members of the organization were involved in an event where the audience was repeatedly prompted to chant "Death to America, Death to Israel", by senior center staff.[15] The preacher/spokesperson of the center, Farrokh Sekaleshfar, was a keynote speaker at the 2020 mourning of Qasem Soleimani in Qom, Iran, where he praised the clergy and their policies[16]. By-and-large, this center is one of the more well-established, and therefore more deeply

[7]https://en.hawzahnews.com/news/364514/The-activities-of-Islamic-centres-in-the-Occident-have-transformed
[8] https://ic-el.uk/tebyan/
[9] https://micuk.uk/en/
[10] https://www.iranintl.com/en/202305250028
[11] https://www.iranintl.com/en/202305250028
[12]https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-on-commissions-ongoing-inquiry-into-islamic-centre-of-england-limited
[13] https://en.radiofarda.com/a/how-iran-uses-cultural-centers-to-expand-its-influence-in-latin-america/30617121.html
[14]https://micuk.uk/en/
[15]https://www.thejc.com/news/manchester-cleric-led-death-to-israel-event-in-iran-regime-hxhmvzse
[16]https://www.thejc.com/news/manchester-cleric-led-death-to-israel-event-in-iran-regime-hxhmvzse

entrenched, institutions the IRI has installed in the UK. Like ICE, the MIC also operates two educational programs. One is a general Quran educational program and another is in specific Islamic studies[17]. While these programs are not nearly as complex and do not explicitly support the policies of the IRI, they still represent an attempt to grow the regime's anti-West and Jihad-oriented interpretation of Islam to suit their interests and are funded in part by the regime.

TAWHEED NEWCASTLE ISLAMIC CENTER (NEWCASTLE, UNITED KINGDOM)

This center acts as ICE's annex within Newcastle. While this center has systematically removed content from its social media to thwart accusations by the UK charity commission, their connections with ICE remain clear. On the Tawheed Newcastle Islamic Centers website, there is a direct link to the ICE website, and the Tawheed attributes their creation to ICE.[18] The organization took part in the ICE-administered day of mourning for IRGC commander Qassem Soleimani that resulted in ICE's brief closure. The center largely mirrors the actions of ICE and MIC.

IMAM REZA CULTURAL CENTRE (BIRMINGHAM, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Imam Reza Cultural Centre (IRCC) was created for the publication and promotion of Islamic culture, using its space to hold religious celebrations and funerals.[19] Their website is only available in Persian, and uses the same livestream/playback feature as other centers mentioned in this report. Interestingly, the Manchester Islamic Center features the IRCC, who themselves are linked to ICE, on its homepage as an affiliated center[20]. The IRCC was also heavily criticized for receiving UK Charity Commission funding, which was subsequently reported to have been used to fund several commemorative rallies for IRGC commanders Qassem Solemani and Abu Mahdi Al-Mohandis; two internationally recognized terrorists[21]. These events not only propagated typical anti-Western and anti-semitic rhetoric, but also utilized charity commission funding to set the conditions to hold the event; this is a system that is repeated across the United Kingdom.

AL-MAHDI ISLAMIC CENTRE OF GLASGOW (GLASGOW, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Al-Mahdi Islamic Centre of Glasgow represents ICE's Scottish hub of influence. It has a similar offering of religious and educational programs as ICE does. The center came under significant media scrutiny when it was uncovered that they openly displayed regime flags and imagery of Ali Khamenei[22]. The center was also one of 11 voting locations for the regime's elections in 2024 following the death of Ebrahim Raisi[23]. The center was also subject to criticism when it was exposed that they were, allegedly, one of the institutions that received over 372,000 pounds for a climate change initiative they participated in despite connections to Tehran[24 25]. The Al-Mahdi center is also featured on the Manchester Islamic Center's website as an affiliated organization under ICE[26].

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[17] https://micuk.uk/en/education/
[18] https://www.tnice.co.uk/
[19]https://ircc-bham.com/farsi/%d8%af%d8%b1%d8%a8%d8%a7%d8%b1%d9%87-%d9%85%d8%b1%da%a9%d8%b2/
[20] https://micuk.uk/en/
[21]https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/revealed-six-uk-iran-centres-which-backed-irgc-get-700k-handouts-crlkvzjx
[22]https://archive.ph/21vj7
[23]https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf
[24]https://www.iranintl.com/en/202312166551
[25]https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-22929
[26]https://micuk.uk/en/

Political Realm: Exporting the Revolution Abroad

The political realm focuses on reshaping political discourse and policy-making to align with Tehran's interests. Typically, this is perceived as an appeasement position on the IRIs crimes and whitewashing of their terrorist practices; and it is through this realm of lobbying organizations, proxies, and sympathetic groups, that the regime is able to promote an apologist-oriented narrative. These entities work to soften the stance of British lawmakers, steering them away from sanctions, terrorism designations, or condemnations of Iran's human rights abuses; facilitating the growth of the Islamic Republic's influence operation across Europe. By cultivating relationships with sympathetic politicians, advocacy groups, and generally the shift to liberalism most of the western world is experiencing, the regime seeks to position itself as a victim of Western aggression and advocating for diplomatic engagement [Nuclear Deal] over punitive measures [Maximum Pressure/sanctions]. This influence extends beyond formal government channels, infiltrating think tanks, academic institutions, and media outlets to disseminate pro-regime narratives. The regime's political allies in the UK leverage their thinly veiled status as "human rights centers" and "Islamic Missions" to masquerade as civic, societal orientation organizations, but instead promote the notion that Iran is essential for regional stability, thereby ensuring UK policy remains favorable to Tehran's strategic interests.

AL-TAWHEED CHARITABLE TRUST (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Al-Tawheed Charitable Trust (TUCF) is one of the charitable fundraising arms of the Islamic Center of England, which themselves are directly administered by the Supreme Leader Khamenei. As a fundraising entity, the TUCF holds fundraisers, engages with the diaspora, administers several student/youth associations, and hosts events that praise the policies and fundamentalist ideology of the Islamic Republic and like-minded IRGC commanders[27]. Over the past several years, they have repurposed an old Methodist Church in Hammersmith called the Kanoon Towhid, into a Islamic community center in which they [TUCF] have hosted lectures by several IRGC/IRI officials including Seyyed Hashem Mousavi, the Supreme Leader's official UK representative, clearly indicating a connection between Iran and the TUCF [28]. These lectures often featured anti-semetic, anti-western rhetoric, like, "Death to Israel, Death to the United Kingdom", chants, and related symbology[29][30]. Eventually, the TUCF was investigated over the mounting political pressure and possible connections with the Islamic Republic[31].

KANOON TOWHID (HAMMERSMITH, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Kanoon Towhid is a repurposed Methodist church that serves as an Islamic community center in an unassuming West London neighborhood. The former church acts as a base of operations for several IRI affiliated entities, creating a "safe-space" for them to share their policies and ideas with the greater

[27] https://www.iranintl.com/en/202308207936
[28] https://www.thetimes.com/uk/article/inquiry-into-british-charity-linked-to-iran-that-celebrates-hate-preachers-mtv68cdk2
[29] https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-68288598
[30] https://www.thejc.com/news/irgc-chiefs-tell-uk-students-to-join-apocalyptic-war-on-jews-ar6e2eoe
[31] https://www.gov.uk/government/news/regulator-to-investigate-al-tawheed-charitable-trust-over-event-held-at-its-premises

London community and, specifically, young adults/children of Shia origin. It was at the Kanoon Towhid where ICE/TUCF held several events which commemorated IRGC commander Qassem Solemani, featuring "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" chants, and also hosted several IRGC commanders claiming the, "holocaust was a lie and fake", according to the BBC [32][33]. Specifically, former IRGC General Saeed Ghassemi spoke at the Kanoon Towhid, who himself has been quoted disguising himself as a member Red Crescent while an active combatant in Yugoslavia, and last year stated on Tehran TV that Israel must be "annihilated", [34][35][36]. It is frequently used as a meeting spot/HQ for several student associations closely affiliated/funded by the TUCF and ICE, like the Union of Islamic Student Association in Europe (UISAE) and the Islamic Students Association of Britain (ISAB)[37][38]. These unions, directed by Mohammad Hussain Ataee Dolatabadi, frequently meet with their counterparts in Qom and have attended conferences in Iran in which they directly spoke with IRGC commanders and the Supreme Leader[39]. One of the center's trustees is Seyed Hashem Moosavi, who is the personal representative of Ali Khamenei in the UK and the current director of the Islamic Center of England[40].

THE AHLUL BAYT ISLAMIC MISSION (AIM) (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Ahlul Bayt Islamic Mission (AIM) based in Cricklewood, West London, acts as a community engagement/education center and advocacy group that has taken partisan positions in public statements, though those pages were later deleted from AIM's website[41]. The London office of Ahlul Bayt is administered and operated by the World Ahlul Bayt Foundation, which is currently directed by Hojjat al-Islam Muhammad Hassan Akhtari, supposed co-founder of Hezbollah and close ally of the Supreme Leader[42][43][44]. AIM also held large-scale, politically motivated events, whitewashing the crimes of figures such as Qassem Soleimani and Ruholluah Khomeini[45]. Specifically, in 2020, AIM hosted an event in which Khomeini's legacy was reframed to being that of a hero and guide for children to look up to[46][47]. Moreover, AIM is partisan, stating their outright political views on twitter and their website, before being quickly removed days later,

[32] https://www.thejc.com/news/irgc-chiefs-tell-uk-students-to-join-apocalyptic-war-on-jews-ar6e2eoe
[33] https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-68288598
[34] https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-68016330
[35] https://www.voanews.com/amp/ex-general-says-irgc-was-in-bosnia-disguised-as-aid-workers/4880301.html
[36] https://www.memri.org/reports/former-irgc-general-saeed-ghasemi-israel-collective-must-be-annihilated-they-artificially
[37] https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-68288598
[38] https://www.thejc.com/news/irgc-chiefs-tell-uk-students-to-join-apocalyptic-war-on-jews-ar6e2eoe
[39] https://twitter.com/JasonMBrodsky/status/1687095844699320321
[40] https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf
[41] https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf
[42] https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/20353/
[43] https://www.thetimes.com/uk/article/scholar-spreads-iranian-propaganda-in-britain-3q90fvzxd
[44] https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/20353/
[45] https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf
[46] https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf
[47] https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10225708405477973&set=pb.1265312578.-2207520000.&type=3

"Bearing this in mind and upon understanding the jurisprudential verdicts of our righteous scholars, particularly that of Ayatollah Khamenei, we believe it is necessary to vote in the elections in order to bring a Corbyn led government to power this coming Thursday"

—AIM (2020)[48]

The link, however, still exists, along with their temporary titles that highlight their contents[49]. The organization also operates an E-commerce site to generate funding. Their leader/most prominent figure is Sheik Shabbir Hassanally; who is most well known for supporting regime policies, publicly comparing Israel to cancer, and commemorating the murder of Anwar Sadat, former President of Egypt and major participant of the Camp David Accords.[50]

CAMP WILAYAH (KINGS LANGLEY, UNITED KINGDOM)

Camp Wilayah is a youth summer camp hosted and operated by AIM just outside of London, and describes itself as an, "Amazing place to...make new friends, learn and build on Islamic Values..." (AIM. 2020)[5152]. However, on the Camp Waliyah info page, it states that the camp is segregated by gender and requires compulsory Hijab for all female campers[53] [54] [55]. In regards to the camp, former British government extremism advisor Lord Walney stated:

"We cannot allow propaganda and influence from this theocratic dictatorship to be spread to children in the UK...

It is deeply alarming that schoolchildren are being taken to these camps. This raises further questions about the influence of Iran here in the UK."

—LORD WANLY, TIMES (2025)[56]

HOUSE OF TAHA (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The House of Taha is the ecommerce store of Ahlul Bayt Mission (AIM), which acts in conjunction/behalf of ICE. The House of Taha store sells flags and insignia of iranian-backed militias such as the PMF and Hezbollah, as well as texts from Ali Khamenei and other IRGC commanders[57].

[48] https://www.aimislam.com/statement-uk-general-elections-2019/
[49] https://www.aimislam.com/update-clarification-on-voting-in-uk-general-elections/
[50]https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/Data/articles/Art_20353/E2_120_12_1695082257.pdf
[51] https://www.thetimes.com/uk/crime/article/fears-over-iran-linked-charitys-plans-for-childrens-summer-camp-xttmjmdx5
[52] https://www.aimislam.com/camp/
[53] https://www.aimislam.com/camp/
[54] https://www.thetimes.com/uk/crime/article/fears-over-iran-linked-charitys-plans-for-childrens-summer-camp-xttmjmdx5
[55] https://voz.us/en/world/250516/24536/uk-scandal-over-iranian-regime-s-influence-in-running-children-s-camp.html
[56] https://www.thetimes.com/uk/crime/article/fears-over-iran-linked-charitys-plans-for-childrens-summer-camp-xttmjmdx5
[57]https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf

THE ISLAMIC HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IHRC) (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The IHRC (Islamic Human Rights Commission) is a London-based, non-profit, Islamic Human Rights watchdog organization with several connections to the Islamic Republic of Iran. As an advocacy entity, they position themselves as defenders of Human Rights, assist in immigration services, and conduct research into Islamo-Anglo affairs, as well as operate a bookstore to generate income. The IHRC is large and has a significant budget/revenue stream, as compared with other organizations in this report, of over £400,000[58]. Former director, Saied Reza Ameli, is also the Secretary of the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, who, as secretary, was responsible for the guidelines of the Hijab and Chastity in Iran and played a key role in the brutal crackdown of protestors following murder of Mahsa Amini in 2022; frequently featured on Human Rights Violator reports[59] [60] [61] [62]. The current director, Massoud Shadjareh, has frequently been spotted speaking at memorials for IRGC commander Qassem Soleimani and organizes the IHRC hosted *Al-Quds Day*[63]. The organization was criticized for praising Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman (The Blind Sheikh) after he passed away in 2017[64] and hosting demonstrations for the memorial of IRGC commander Qassem Soleimani. These events culminated in the 2023 PREVENT government review of the IHRC by Sir William Shawcross, in which he said,

> *"IHRC is an Islamist group ideologically aligned with the Iranian regime that has a history of extremist links and terrorist sympathies". The government must ensure there are proper procedures in place to prevent the funding, inadvertent or otherwise, of those who have expressed support for – or justified – violent extremist activity".*
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> **—SHAWCROSS (2023)**[65]

Educational Realm: Instilling Hatred from the Root

The most disturbing of the three is the educational realm, where the Islamic Republic has established several year-long educational centers and schools. From kindergarten to the PhD/Doctorate level, the IRI has effectively created a life-long, Islamic Republic-centric curriculum for children of all backgrounds in the United Kingdom. These centers are the frontline of the IRI's influence operation by planting seeds of suspicion (against their own British government), and establishing historical falsehoods as reality; ushering in a generation of radicalized, ideological based zealots who care not for the wellbeing of their fellow countrymen, but rather seek to export the Islamic Revolution to their new homeland. Some

[58] https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regid=1106120&subid=0
[59] https://www.thetimes.com/uk/article/iranian-linked-to-hijab-crackdown-is-director-of-british-migrant-charity-7729fcrkp
[60]https://www.thetimes.com/uk/article/iranian-linked-to-hijab-crackdown-is-director-of-british-migrant-charity-7729fcrkp
[61] https://sccr.ir/News/18458/2/Supreme-Council-of-the-Cultural-Revolution-needs-fundamental-transformation
[62] https://justice4iran.org/14528/
[63] https://www.arabnews.com/node/1696936/world
[64]https://www.ihrc.org.uk/press-releases/press-release-usa-sheikh-omar-abdul-rehman-world-has-lost-a-man-of-principle-and-unshakeable-faith/
[65] https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/63e26a08d3bf7f172f6ce87f/Independent_Review_of_Prevent__print_.pdf

institutions mentioned in this report offer virtual classes, hosted from Iran and taught by IRI officials. These educational centers, specifically in the collegiate level, also seek to normalize transfers of information/technology via academic channels, as evident in critical drone technology being researched in-part by IRGC officials at UK universities receiving government funding. In essence, dual-use technology that the IRI could not develop domestically is instead researched and developed within the UK via the educational network established by ICE[66][67]. Reportedly, this research could be correlated to the increases in guidance range, accuracy, and ease of manufacturing as Iran began scaling up its kamikaze drone production for Russia's war in Ukraine[68]. The IRI sees no issue in mobilizing students as a means of achieving legitimacy and influence in the academic sphere. From student unions, to former IRI officials, to direct meetings with the Supreme Leader. They are not teaching children about the storied, centuries-long history of innovation, acceptance, and prosperity that the Iranian people embody; rather, they rely on an ideologically charged, xenophobic policy that has time and time again manipulated people into compliance.

THE TEBYAN ISLAMIC SCHOOL (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Tebyan Islamic School is an educational program administered directly by ICE and its director, Seyed Hashem Moosavi, the official representative of Supreme Leader Khamenei in the UK[69]. The Tebyan school is responsible for teaching the Quran, Islamic rulings, and Islamic law, with over 350 students attending the ICE-based institution[70]. Tebyan acts as the primary educational wing for ICE and TUCF and is one of the largest/most professionally operated educational institutions for children the regime operates in the UK, which could be considered a form of organized manipulation of children to adhere to the IRGC's radical Islamic ideology.

THE NAVID AYANDEH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (MABNA) (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The MABNA school is an ICE-directed and administered educational program in which the Islamic Center of England jointly collaborates with the Tazkieh Cultural and Educational Institute based within Iran[71][72]. Classes taught and lectures given at MABNA are, in part, given by individuals within Iran. The MABNA school is also administered by Seyed Hashem Moosavi, director of ICE and official representative of Supreme Leader Khamenei to the UK. Their website maintains a low-profile, featuring no links from ICE's page, which discusses the courses, teaching staff, and connection with Iran[73][74].

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN SCHOOL (IRIS) (LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM)

The Islamic Republic of Iran School based in London is another ICE-affiliated IRI-operated educational center that offers a wide variety of courses. For 4 consecutive years, OFSTED, the UK's watchdog for

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[66] https://www.thejc.com/news/irans-suicide-drones-are-being-developed-at-british-universities-jbt3d17x

[67] https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/feb/14/academics-in-us-uk-and-australia-collaborated-on-drone-research-with-iranian-university-close-to-regime

[68] https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/uk-universities-allegedly-helped-iran-develop-drone-tech/

[69] https://ic-el.uk/tebyan/

[70] https://en.hawzahnews.com/news/364514/The-activities-of-Islamic-centres-in-the-Occident-have-transformed

[71] https://ic-el.uk/mabna/

[72] https://en.hawzahnews.com/news/364514/The-activities-of-Islamic-centres-in-the-Occident-have-transformed

[73] https://mabnatazkieh.com/about-us/

[74] https://en.hawzahnews.com/news/365965/Islamic-Centre-of-England-s-Persian-Learning-School-Registration

school progress monitoring, had rated IRIS' overall effectiveness as inadequate[75][76]. IRIS has hosted and participated in ICE events such as the celebration of the Imam Mahdi's "birth", in which Seyed Hashem Moosavi, Ayatollah Khamenei's official representative in the UK, spoke[77]. Other events gained media attention when staff and students of IRIS were published in an IRGC propaganda video, in which school children pledge their allegiance, and life, to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei[78][79]. The similarities in leadership is a tell-tale sign that these organizations are connected, with Seyeh Hashem Mossavi being a trustee on virtually every one of these organizations listed in this report

THE ISLAMIC COLLEGE (ICL) / THE HAWZA ILMIYYA SEMINARY OF ENGLAND

The Islamic College is the higher-education wing of ICE's education program[80]. They offer a wide variety of advanced courses involving Islamic Law, religious matters, and Islamic culture, in both undergraduate and postgraduate capacities, receiving their accreditation from nearby Middlesex University starting in 2002[81]. Additionally, the ICL offers short-term courses in English, Persian, and Arabic, but received significant scrutiny for promoting a fundamentalist curriculum in which it describes non-muslims as "filth"[82]. Following mounting evidence highlighting the connection between the Islamic College of London and the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2022, Middlesex University quickly adjusted its course and terminated its relationship, certifying the remaining students but no longer offering any accreditation for ICL-affiliated courses[83][84][85][86]. The United States State Department targeted and sanctioned the ICL affiliated Al-Mustafa University in Iran, which the U.S. The Department of State designated the University as a Foreign Terrorist Organization or Specially Designated Global Terrorist for its connection, support, and recruitment for the IRGC-QF (Qods Force), an IRGC special forces group[87]. The state department memo stated:

> *"Al-Mustafa International University is based in Iran and maintains dozens of international branches that facilitate IRGC-QF operations through the recruitment of international students, including Americans...the IRGC-QF has recruited Pakistani and Afghan students at Al-Mustafa International University to join the Zaynabiyoun Brigade and Fatemiyoun Division, two militias fighting on behalf of the IRGC-QF in Syria."* [88]

The Islamic College of London also received a substantial amount of UK Charity Commission funding, nearly 205 thousand pounds[89]. The dean/"principal" is Isa Jahangir, a representative of the U.S.

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[75] https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50232685
[76] https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/27/133385
[77] https://ic-el.uk/blog/2023/03/10/annual-celebration-of-the-birth-anniversary-of-imam-zaman-a-s-at-the-islamic-centre-of-england/
[78] https://www.thejc.com/news/children-chant-massacre-jews-song-at-north-london-school-v7xtksi7
[79] https://www.rferl.org/a/iranian-religious-song-brainwashing-children/31870065.html
[80] https://islamic-college.ac.uk/
[81] https://islamic-college.ac.uk/about/
[82] https://archive.ph/NA4bG#selection-1005.87-1009.222
[83] https://islamic-college.ac.uk/about/
[84] https://antisemitism.org/middlesex-university-reportedly-to-cut-ties-with-islamic-college-over-links-to-iran-and-inflammatory-staff/
[85] https://www.ipso.co.uk/rulings/17343-23/
[86] https://www.thejc.com/news/middlesex-uni-terminates-partnership-with-islamic-college-up3j7t3a
[87] https://2017-2021.state.gov/the-united-states-sanctions-irgc-facilitators-in-iran-and-an-irgc-official-in-yemen/
[88] https://2017-2021.state.gov/the-united-states-sanctions-irgc-facilitators-in-iran-and-an-irgc-official-in-yemen/
[89] https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/revealed-six-uk-iran-centres-which-backed-irgc-get-700k-handouts-crlkvzjx

sanctioned Al-Mustafa University, which was targeted for their role in the recruitment of "fighters" who were sent to Syria in large numbers[90].

IRSHAD TRUST

The Irshad Trust acts as the fundraising wing of the Islamic College and its subsidiary programs, like the Hawza Ilmiyya [91]. It was established in the same year as the Islamic College in 1998, by ICE's then-director Ayatollah Mohsen Araki, who has already been featured in this report[92].
According to the UK Charity Commission, their objective is:

> *"To introduce and promote education in an Islamic environment in the United Kingdom and abroad by establishing colleges with branches in London and elsewhere."*
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> **—UK.GOV (2024)**[93]

Emphasizing the true intent of the institutions as centers of exporting the Islamic revolution, rather than education, religion, and culture centers they masquerade as. Many of the trustees and deputies of ICE are also found in leadership positions within the trust, like Araki and Hujjat-al-Islam Abdul Hussien Moezi, former director of ICE and special representative of Ali Khamenei to the United Kingdom[94]. The trust conducts a considerable amount of business, as seen in their year-to-year reports, which, according to the UK Charity Commission, generates £1,055,504 in donations and spends £1,025,794 on expenses[95]. Nearly 90% or more of their annual revenue comes from *Charitable Events* with individual donations making up the rest; however no definition of the term, public webpage, social media account, or hosted event exists for the Irshad Trust other than the UK Charity Commission page[96].

UNION OF ISLAMIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IN EUROPE (UIDAI)

Based out of the Kanoon Towhid and predating the Islamic Revolution, UISAE is a international union of students who advocate for the views of the Islamic Republic in academia. The Union is directed by Mohammad Hussian Ateei Dolat Abadi, who frequently travels back to Iran to meet, discuss, and plan with Ali Khameneii and IRGC leadership, regarding future steps for UISAE's growth and has been pictured on several different occasions doing so[97]. The union has a .ir domain and a persian language website only, that features information about the union including its connections with Tehran[98]. The UISAE was one of the groups who were originally criticized for hosting IRI officials for lectures and commemorating IRGC commander Qassem Solemani after his elimination in 2022, creating a poster to

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[90] https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/03/04/university-watchdog-engaged-talks-london-college-links-iranian/
[91] https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=2&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&p_p_resource_id=%2Faccounts-resource&p_p_cacheability=cacheLevelPage&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_objectiveId=A15325695&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_priv_r_p_mvcRenderCommandName=%2Faccounts-and-annual-returns&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_priv_r_p_organisationNumber=1056468
[92] https://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/HJS-Iranian-Influence-Networks-in-the-UK-Report-HR-web-1.pdf
[93] https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=2&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&p_p_resource_id=%2Faccounts-resource&p_p_cacheability=cacheLevelPage&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_objectiveId=A15325695&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_priv_r_p_mvcRenderCommandName=%2Faccounts-and-annual-returns&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_priv_r_p_organisationNumber=1056468
[94] https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf
[95] https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/1056468/charity-overview
[96] https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/1056468/financial-history
[97] https://farsi.khamenei.ir/photo-print?id=51630
[98] https://uisae.org/news/915/58-agm-election-results/

"save-the-date"[99] [100]. One lecturer, IRGC General Hossein Yekta, used the platform of the UISAE to address countless students, explaining that universities had become "the battleground" and that they [students], were "soft-war officers", according to the BBC[101]. The culmination of these lectures being Saeed Ghasemi, an IRGC commander who while speaking to the students, denied the holocaust, boasted about his personal training of Al-Qaeda insurgents, and glorified individuals who fight, kill, and die while fighting Jewish people[102].

ISLAMIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF BRITAIN (ISAB)

Based out of the Kanoon Towhid like its affiliated UISAE, the IASB has little to no public information about it when researched. Like UISAE, the ISAB had been affiliated in the event that the USE hosted for IRGC commanders to give lectures to students[103], with the same rhetoric as the UISAE events[104]. In those lectures, the ISAB hosted Ezzatollah Zarghami, who is currently sanctioned by the UK for human rights violations, on a zoom webinar discussing October 7th, Hamas, and their [students] role in the future[105]. The group keeps a much lower profile as compared to USA; as they do not have social media pages, a website, etc, yet are still active through the hosting of events and webinars in conjunction with ICE.

[99] https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Tehran-Calling.pdf
[100] https://www.iranintl.com/en/202312043532
[101] https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-68016330
[102] https://www.jpost.com/international/article-753723
[103] https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/iranian-guards-british-students-jews-violence-b2387276.html
[104] https://www.jpost.com/international/article-753723
[105] https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-68016330

Appendix

NOTABLE INDIVIDUALS (IN PROGRESS)

NAME	INSTITUTION/ROLE	WRONGDOING
Seyed Hashem Moosavi	Islamic Center of England; Director Personal representative of Ali Khamenei to the UK	Personal representative of Khamenei in the UK. Responsible for construction of ICE's network and directly funneling information to Tehran. Sparked, organized, and fielded several rallies and protests which either hosted IRGC commanders or chanted death to America and jews.
Mohammad Hossein Ataee (Ataei) Doaltabadi	Chair of USE (Union of Islamic Students Associations in Europe	Technical Aide to the Supreme Leader; director of education for the IRI's influence network./ Constructed school systems which masquerade as educational programs, burn in reality are indoctrination programs. Likely core in the creation
Saied Reza Ameli	Director of the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC) Secretary of the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution (IR) Member of Supreme Council of Cyberspace (IR) (Supreme Leader Appointment) Ranking Member of the IRGC Officer Corps	Being secretary of the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution, while having a human rights commission based in the United Kingdom.(IR) Recommended for sanctioning by UANI Deputy Commander of Imam Sadeq Brigade in Seyed-al-Shohada Division

Ayatollah Mohsen Araki	Founder and Former Director of ICEL Head of provincial Revolutionary Court, Khuzestan Member of Assembly of Experts General Secretary of The World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought	IRI official, former judge (revolutionary)
Hojjat al-Islam Muhammad Hassan Akhtari	General Secretary of Ahlul-Bayt Mission Global	Co-Foudner/Political Leader of Hezbollah
Isa Jahangir	Principal/Dean of Islamic College of London Representative of Al-Mustafa University	Within the key-leadership of the IRi influence operation. In charge of higher-level, doctorate curricula at the Islamic College.
Sheikh Shabbir Hassanally	Current director of AIM and dominant force of influence within AIM	Some sort of special relationship with the IRGC/Sepah.
Hujjat-al-Islam Abdul Hussien Moezi	Former and 2nd Director of ICE Former personal representative of Ali Khamenei to the UK. Director of the Irshad Trust	Former legal deputy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the IR Ali Kahemenis personal representative to the Red Crescent
Hujjat-al-Islam Mohammad Ali Shomali	Third (former) Director of ICE Former Personal Representative of to the UK for Ali Khamenaei Former Director of the International Institute for Islamic Studies (Qom) Former Director of the Hawza Ilmiyya in London (ICE/Islamic College) (Currently) Director of Risalat International Center for Education and Dialogue	