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Italy to train Muslim imams on constitution to 'create climate of tolerance' and fight radicalisation

Interior ministry funding courses for preachers from Islam and other 'unofficial' religions

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Children hold signs saying, 'peace', 'love' and 'open the mosques' *Reuters*

Muslim imams in **Italy** are being enrolled on courses aiming to “create a climate of tolerance” and fight radicalisation by learning about the country’s constitution.

The interior ministry is funding the training, aiming at non-Catholic religious leaders and those from other countries planning to work in Italy.

It will start in February in Ravenna, a northern Italian city from where an aspiring jihadi foreign fighter was deported to Tunisia last week.

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officially recognised by the Italian state – including Islam – were welcome to join.

Professor Giovanni Cimbalò told *La Repubblica*: “The aim is to foster a dialogue between religions and cultures, contributing to the construction of a peaceful and non-violent society.”

He said the course would respect the diverse denominations within Islam, as well as across Christianity and other religions.



An estimated 1.6 million Muslims live in Italy, yet there are only eight official mosques (Reuters)

Attendees will be taught about the Italian constitution, including freedom of religion and speech, as well as the “rights and duties inherent in our democratic societies”.

More practical instruction will focus on the process of setting up new places of worship, **following protests over the closure of makeshift mosques** last year.

Despite having an estimated 1.6 million followers in Italy, Islam is



but right wing parties have claimed this makes religious sites hard to monitor and increases the risk of radicalisation.

The new courses, to be taught at six universities including Pisa and Florence, are part of a €92,000 (£80,000) interior ministry programme to improve integration and prevent extremism.

It comes amid heightened security in Italy, which has come under the spotlight following revelations the Berlin Christmas market attacker was radicalised in its prisons.

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Tuesday, while enhanced monitoring of jails continues.

The role of Islam in Italian society has been a hot topic following terror attacks across Europe and the refugee crisis, which saw more than 330,000 migrants from Africa, the Middle East and Asia arrive by sea in Italy over the past two years.

In January 2016, the **government announced a new council of “Italian Islam”** claiming to bring the religion into compliance with the country’s “Christian and humanist tradition”.

Former interior minister Angelino Alfano said the Council of Relations with Italian Islam would be an advisory body aiming at furthering integration.

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wineries will be destroyed, all the great foods that use pork will be gone and illegal. You and your grandchildren will be praying 5 times a day, Sharia law will be common place and mosques will dominate the skyline.

Italy will not be Italy any more. Goodbye, It was nice knowing you.

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How are the going to do that and STILL follow the Qu'ran, which is filled with orders to slay the kafir or infidel?

'The Religion of Peace'

Quranic verses that dictate beheading Kaffirs

5:33- The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land: execution (by beheading), or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter;

8:12- I will instill terror into the hearts of the unbelievers: smite ye above their necks and smite all their finger-tips off.

47:4- Therefore, when ye meet the Unbelievers (in fight), strike off their heads; at length; then when you have made wide Slaughter among them, carefully tie up the remaining captives: thereafter (is the time for) either generosity or ransom: Until the war lays down its burdens.

9:123: Oh ye who believe! Murder those of the disbelievers and let them find harshness in you.

2:191- Kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from wherever they drove you out.

5: 45-- We ordained therein for them: Life for life, eye for eye, nose for nose, ear for ear. Tooth for tooth, and wounds equal for equal.



.The 'Religion of Peace'? Judge for yourself:

"Kill the unbelievers wherever you find them." Koran 2:191

"Make war on the infidels living in your neighbourhood."Koran 9:123 "

When opportunity arises, kill the infidels wherever you catch them." Koran 9:5

"Any religion other than Islam is not acceptable."Koran 3:85
"The Jews and the Christians are perverts fight them."... Koran 9:30

"Maim and crucify the infidels if they criticize Islam" Koran 5:33

"Punish the unbelievers with garments of fire, hooked iron rods, boiling water melt their skin and bellies." Koran 22:19

"The unbelievers are stupid urge the Muslimsto fight them." Koran 8:65

"Muslims must not take the infidels as friends."Koran 3:28

"Terrorize and behead those who believein scriptures other than the Qur'an." Koran 8:12

"Muslims must muster all weapons toterrorize the infidels." Koran 8:60

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If they think these "Imams" are a problem, why don't they deport them? Are they insane? You don't "educate" invaders and colonists, you forcibly repel them.

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Why do they need to be taught about a country's constitution



that they will need to be tolerant, it is not their bloody country to begin with!

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Better ban islam and deport all muslims.They already started to ruin Europe.

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We ought to offer training about the UK's constitutional and institutional anti-Catholicism to Church of England priests.

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Rules of the game. Rule 1: Everything must revolve around Islam and its followers. rule 2: Refer to rule 1. Rule 3: Get your wallets out.

There it is in a nutshell.

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Aye peace, love and tolerance when it suits them. You'd think Italy would have better things to worry about.

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Peter Franks

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It's us who are the idiots. If I lost my job I wouldn't have a clue how to scrounge £50k a year in benefits and a paid for mansion in Fulham or St Johns Wood.

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