

# Statement on ‘Fitna’

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In this short message I display some facts and my opinion. The text is not complete, can contain mistakes and I am not to be taken responsible for that.

- I don't agree with a propaganda movie, in which one minority in the Netherlands is displayed as evil together with their its religion.
- In the Netherlands you can be punished for insulting people. Also insulting muslims can lead to conviction. However, it is NOT possible to punish somebody for insulting a second person if the insult did not take place (yet). It is also NOT possible to say in advance that something cannot be said. In turn, if something is said, prosecution can follow. Hence, no prosecution of insulting the islam can take place without an insult. NOTE: Insulting the islam is thus possible and forbidden at the same time!
- Many dutch people do NOT agree with Geert Wilders and his movie. Just as many muslims do not agree with suicide attacks, extreme muslims and rage-preaching imams.
- Dutch companies do not represent the dutch state in any way. In fact, many companies would change their home basis when they could, due to taxes.
- In the Netherlands muslims can also say what they want and possibly insult other groups in dutch society. However, any person will be prosecuted along same laws, being muslim does not change the way of prosecution.

- Preaching violence against everything that is dutch only makes the situation harder in the Netherlands; it is understood by many as a confirmation of the image that Geert Wilders gave in his movie.
- Dutch law is NOT the sharia. As it looks now, this will not change in short time.
- In the Netherlands many muslims live happily together with many non-muslims. Mutual respect is the main ingredient for a peaceful society.
- I have respect for muslims, christians, hindus, buddhists, ..., as long as they leave me and my values as they are.
- I don't have respect for people, of whatever religion they might be, who think other people have less value, who kill other people, who steal other people's land, who judge other people on irrelevant grounds (this concerns discrimination), and so on.
- I am proud of dutch history. As any history, there are 'dark spots': dutch were trading slaves, many dutch collaborated with the germans in WW II, dutch killed quite some indonesians, and the list continues ... Still I am proud.