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Rashid Ghannouchi receives apology from The Independent

Sheikh Rashid Ghannouchi, the leader of the largest Tunisian political party An Nahda, has received an apology from The Independent, the British newspaper.

The newspaper apologised over an article of 28 August 2012 in which it repeated false claims concerning the receipt of unlawful campaign donations from the State of Qatar.

Following the apology, Sheikh Rashid said:

"I am pleased that The Independent has apologised over the wholly false allegation about An Nahda and myself. I welcome that the newspaper has set the record straight and made clear that neither I nor my party have accepted any donation from a foreign state."

The apology, which was published on page 2 of The Independent for 10 October 2012 and on www.independent.co.uk, stated:

"Rashid Ghannouchi

In an article on 28 August we published a suggestion that the party Mr Rachid Ghannouchi leads, An Nahda, which is the leading party in the Tunisian government, had been offered a large sum by the Emir of Qatar before the Tunisian elections. We wish to make it clear that Mr Ghannouchi and his party have not accepted any donation from a foreign state in breach of Tunisian party funding laws. We apologise to Mr Ghannouchi."

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