

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LIST

BETWEEN:-

ISLAMIC RELIEF WORLDWIDE

Claimant

-and-

GB NEWS LIMITED

Defendant

STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

Solicitor for the Claimant

1. My Lord/Lady, I appear for the Claimant in this matter, Islamic Relief Worldwide.
2. Islamic Relief Worldwide is a United Kingdom-registered charity which operates as an independent non-governmental organisation, providing humanitarian aid and support throughout the world. In this capacity, it acts as an implementing partner for major UN agencies including the UN World Food Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, and government aid departments such as those of Canada and Sweden, in addition to which it is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee and a member of BOND, the UK body for overseas aid charities.
3. The Defendant, GB News Limited, is the operator and publisher of the *GB News* website and associated applications and the publisher and broadcaster of the television channel *GB News*.

4. On 16 February 2025, the Defendant published a broadcast on GB News's "The Camilla Tominey Show" which comprised an interview by Ms Tominey of an individual who was described as a "political strategist and analyst", in which it was stated by the interviewee:

"And when they use the terminology Islamophobia is just to stop you from criticising the Islamists and the Muslim brotherhood or form of radicalism, the fact that the Islamic Relief for instance is registered as a charity here but all the way in Saudi Arabia in UAE and other countries it is banned because of the investigation that showed that this charity is sending money all the way to some terrorist groups in the Middle East... it tells you a lot".

5. An abridged version of the broadcast containing the words complained of was also broadcast by the Defendant and published on the Defendant's website on 16 February 2025 and clips of the Broadcast were also publicised widely across the Defendant's social media platforms and YouTube channel.
6. The Claimant complained that the words spoken in the broadcast would in context have been understood by viewers and readers to mean that not only has Islamic Relief funded terrorist groups in the Middle East, and as such deserves to be banned in the UK, but it is also part of a greater agenda promoting extremism and radicalisation.
7. As the Claimant has made clear to the Defendant, such an allegation is wholly and categorically false. Islamic Relief has not engaged in, or in any way facilitated, the sending of money to any terrorist group or entity. Nor is it part of or involved in the promotion of any agenda aside of its humanitarian mission.
8. Indeed, Islamic Relief is a purely humanitarian organisation, which seeks to uphold the strictest standards in its project implementation, reporting and accountability. It does not finance terrorist groups as alleged, or at all, nor does it promote extremism or radicalisation of any kind. In keeping with this, Islamic Relief is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements and NGOs in Disaster Relief, and follows its code of conduct. The organisation is also certified against the Core Humanitarian Standard, being a globally-recognised, measurable standard comprising nine commitments to ensure that organisations support people and communities affected by crisis and vulnerability in ways that respect their rights and dignity, and promote their primary role in finding solutions to the crises they face.

9. The Claimant sent a formal letter of claim in defamation to the Defendant on 25 February 2025, setting out the falsity of the allegations made by the interviewee.
10. Following pre-action correspondence aimed at resolving the Claimant's claim without the need for litigation, on 26 August 2025, the Defendant made an offer of settlement under Part 36 of the Civil Procedure Rules, an offer which the Claimant accepted.
11. Pursuant to the terms of that settlement, the Defendant has agreed to remove the offending broadcast and associated publications from its website and social media platforms, undertaken not to repeat the false allegations of which the Claimant complains, published a full apology to the Claimant both on "*The Camilla Tominey Show*" and on its website, and agreed to pay the Claimant substantial damages and costs.
12. The Defendant has also expressly accepted, through its apology published on 28 September 2025, that the allegation that Islamic Relief has funded terrorist groups is untrue.
13. On this basis, and on the basis that this statement will be read publicly on its behalf in open court, the Claimant is satisfied that it has secured proper vindication and that the record has been corrected. Accordingly, given the public apology and other steps that have agreed to be taken by the Defendant, the Claimant is content to bring this matter to a close.