



## **How can we best tackle radicalisation and radical preachers? A discussion from within Islam with Imam Manwar Ali.**

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**Sheikh Abu Muntasr** (Muhammad Manwar Ali) is an imam and the founder and Chief Executive of Muslim educational charity JIMAS, Suffolk, UK. He has more than 30 years' experience teaching Islam, establishing many study circles across the UK and delivering lectures to thousands of people. Mr. Ali is one of the few scholars in the UK who has directly been involved in Jihad. For 20 years, he recruited and trained fighters and fought, himself, in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Chechnya, Kashmir, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. He quit jihadism in 2000, after a long reflection and the loss of 20 friends in combat. He has appeared in the documentary by Emmy-winning film-maker Deeyah Khan "Jihad - A British Story". In the documentary, he speaks with several other former extremists of their deep regret at the decisions of hundreds of UK Muslims to travel to join Isis in Syria and Iraq, and of their efforts to educate young people away from the same paths they followed as angry young men. Mr. Ali holds two Masters' degrees from the University of London, in Computer Science and in Islamic Studies.