

**Shari'a courts in Europe - the case of the UK:
A legal lifeline for communities or a convenient tool for creating
parallel societies?**

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