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THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRESS RELEASE

Attention: News editors. Social affair, Ethnic media, interfaith media, and community writers

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TONY ABBOT'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY ADVENTURE

Islamic Council of Western Australia is not impressed with Abbot government's double standards in its foreign policy agenda recently branded as the so-called 'Abbot doctrine'. Tony Abbot came to power through promoting fear and hatred of asylum seekers, ethnic minorities and indigenous Australians. The Abbot government's extreme right wing agenda naturally reflects this world view but in a very confusing and extreme nature compared to the Howard or even Hawke-Keating years.

Australia is fighting an undeclared covert and overt military war against the Islamic State (IS) declared Islamic Caliphate in Iraq and parts of Syria evidently reported in the mainstream Australian media. We are informed that Abbot government is currently sending 600 Australian troops and offering tax payer-funded military training and four RAAF F-18 super hornet fighter jets at the estimated tax payer cost of \$400 million per year to provide air support to PKK armed groups. This is an escalation to a new war and must be condemned by all peace loving Australians because Abbot government is promoting more ethnic conflicts and laying the seeds of future religious and sectarian wars in the region.

PKK is a proscribed terrorist organisation under Australian law and was rightly so banned because of its atrocities. Sending Australian SAS military trainers to a terror entity like PKK clearly exposes the Abbot government's double standards and lack of moral ethics in international affairs.

Sending medicine, food and clothing under auspices of the international Red Cross is a noble humanitarian act but not adding fuel to age old sectarian conflicts. This Syrian-Iraq civil war has already killed nearly 200,000 civilians. Australia should never take sides in this civil conflict and its role can never be morally justified. The West Australian Muslim community condemns Abbot Government and its feeble labor opposition leader Bill Shorten for escalating the civil war. The Abbot government and his war mongering advisors should be working towards peace making amongst nations not war. Tony Abbot's new foreign war adventure will end in a dismissal failure. Lessons of the past wars have not been learnt.

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