

# The Hague City Council is concerned about Salafist activities

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– <https://bit.ly/2IVbsLK> and <https://bit.ly/2Gy97kL> – A majority of the City Council of the Hague, the Netherlands, wants to discontinue the annual average €10.000 subsidy for volunteer activities of the Salafist As Soennah Mosque. According to the mayor of The Hague, Major Pauline Krikke, the mosque will no longer qualify for subsidies from the City as it has come under scrutiny after it was revealed that the mosque received financial support to the tune of more than [130.000 Kuwait Dinar](#) (more than € 350.000) from *Al Najat*, a Kuwait charity organization that supports jihadists in Syria. According to a documentary of the Dutch media producers *Nieuwsuur*, the mosque also [received funds](#) from the Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS)\*. The Dutch Intelligence Agency (AIVD) had warned the City council of these financial transactions. Members of the mosque council were also recorded expressing pro-jihadi sentiments and advising female genital mutilation.

The mosque was mentioned [in the Dutch media](#) several times during this past year when one imam, Fawaz Jneid, was alleged to have called the Rotterdam Major, Ahmed Aboutaleb, an apostate Muslim, in addition to preaching against homosexuals, and cursing both film maker Theo van Gogh and Dutch politician Ayaan Hirsi Ali. There is currently a restraining order against Jneid for the region around the As Soennah Mosque in The Hague.

Since Jneid's departure from the mosque, tolerance is preached

openly. New allegations, however, suggest that behind closed doors, opinions and practices are contradictory.

The As Soennah Mosque is the most influential Muslim centre in the Netherlands.

(\* ) The Revival of Islamic Heritage Society was listed on **11 January 2002** pursuant to paragraph 8 (c) of resolution 1333 (2000) as being associated with Al-Qaida, Usama bin Laden or the Taliban for “participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf or in support of”, “supplying, selling or transferring arms and related materiel to” or “otherwise supporting acts or activities of” Usama bin Laden, Al-Qaida (QDe.004) and the Taliban.

*Source: UN Security Council Committee:*

[https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1267/aq\\_sanctions\\_list/summaries/entity/revival-of-islamic-heritage-society](https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list/summaries/entity/revival-of-islamic-heritage-society)

(\*\* ) See more information in NL Times: <https://nltimes.nl/2018/03/26/rotterdam-mayor-called-enemy-islam-controversial-imam>

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