

# Press Release

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## **BHMF Condemn Anti-Muslim Bigotry by the Daily Mail**

**The Brighton & Hove Muslim Forum Condemn The Daily Mail article published on the 20<sup>th</sup> February titled 'Jolly Jihadi Boy's Outing to Legoland' by Ruchard Littlejohn.**

BHMF like many other organisations in the UK, find this hate filled article both offensive and derogatory filled with bigotry and Islamophobia. The language Richard Littlejohn deploys is exactly the same as those used by racists and the far-right.

BHMF agrees with the statement made by the Muslim Council of Britain that *"As a cross section of Britain's Muslim community, along with many of our fellow Britons, we state clearly and loudly that Mr Littlejohn's article is the worst form of bigotry. This goes beyond causing offence."*

For many weeks the Daily Mail has maliciously attacked Shaikh Haitham al-Haddad and the Muslim Research and Development Foundation. Such articles containing similar bigotry directed at other minority groups in the UK, ethnic or racial, would have been openly condemned. This is a reminder of why a self-regulator with strong powers is fundamental to restrain those filled with hate.