

**Shaykh Mashhūr Hasan Āl Salmān**  
*(hafīdhahullāh)*

# ISIS ARE NOT SALAFI<sup>1</sup>

**“ISIS IS AN OPEN WAR AGAINST THE SALAFI DA’WAH. ISIS FOUGHT, SLAUGHTERED AND KILLED SOME OF OUR SENIOR BROTHERS IN MOSUL AND IN THE REGION OF SALĀHUDDEEN... ISIS IS PURELY A POLITICAL MOVEMENT FOUNDED AND BORN WITHIN OBSCURE CIRCUMSTANCES DUE TO REASONS WHICH ARE CLEAR... ISIS IS A POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND NOT A RELIGIOUS ONE, LET ALONE IT BEING A “SALAFI” MOVEMENT. ISIS DO NOT KILL, THEY SLAUGHTER VIA THE HAND, KILLING PEOPLE LIKE SHEEP AND THEY TAKE DELIGHT IN THIS – HOW CAN THIS BE THE SALAFI DA’WAH?! [TO SAY THAT ISIS ARE SALAFI] IS A LIE AND FALSIFICATION. HOWEVER, THE ONE WHO HAS WRATH AND ANIMOSITY IN HIS HEART AGAINST THE SALAFIS WILL TRY TO GET THE LEADERS IN AUTHORITY TO RALLY AGAINST SALAFIS...”**

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Question:

“Some people say that ISIS grew from the fruits of Salafiyyah. Is this correct?”

Answer from Shaykh Mashhūr:

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<sup>1</sup> From the Q&A session of our Shaykh dated 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014, after 42:28 minutes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITkmiwCuZvk&list=UU5zBCGzT2TI-CQgkNUpTHvA&index=1>

Summarised translation by 'AbdulHaq al-Ashanti

I do not know which country this question came from? Does it not show (from the website)? **ISIS is an open war against the Salafi da'wah. ISIS fought, slaughtered and killed some of our senior brothers in Mosul and in the region of Salāhuddeen, so I do not know where such words emanate from.** ISIS make takfeer of our Shaykhs, so what is their [ISIS'] position towards those [Salafi] Imāms? Either they praise them and take [knowledge] from them [the Salafi scholars] in which case we judge them according to their Usūl [i.e. that of the Salafi scholars]. Or they [i.e. ISIS] free themselves from them, at which point how can we ascribe them to this da'wah [Salafiyyah].

What are the criteria to ascribe them then to this da'wah? ISIS is an invented movement with a political role which is dangerous to the utmost, and it does not do anything to rid the lands of the Two Holy Sanctuaries from the hands of the Rāfidah, so I do not know how it can claim to represent the "Sunnah". **ISIS is a political movement and not a religious one, let alone it being a "Salafi" movement.** This is heedlessness, an error and a grave mistake [to assert that ISIS is Salafi], ISIS is purely a political movement founded and born within obscure circumstances due to reasons which are clear.

The head of ISIS is majhūl [unknown] and no one knows him, a large and expansive "state" and it has no trustworthy Islamic reference points? Young in age and foolish-minded, who issues their fatāwā? **Who are their 'Ulama? Where are those who acknowledge them? They [ISIS] say that all of the armies of the Muslim countries are apostates and that whoever works with the government system of Muslim countries in the capacity of the army or security are disbelievers and apostates! Who agrees with them in such a fatwa? Who issues such a fatwa? Who from the 'Ulama of the Salafi da'wah says this? The 'Ulama of the Salafi da'wah inculcated within us that we are to be cowards when it comes to shedding blood and making takfeer.** These are the words of Imām Ahmad, Imām Ahmad used to say "I am a coward in regards to matters related to blood [life and taking it]." **ISIS do not kill, they slaughter via the hand, killing people like sheep and their take delight in this – how can this be the Salafi da'wah?! [to say that ISIS are Salafi] is a lie and falsification, however the one who has wrath and animosity in his heart against the Salafis will try to get the leaders in authority to rally against Salafis via ascribing ISIS to them [the Salafis]. Allāh's Refuge is sought.**