UK anti-Semitism at record levels

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Statistics released by the Community Security   Trust in
the United Kingdom have revealed that anti-Semitic
attacks hit
record   levels
during 2006, and peaked during the Israeli-Hizbullah conflict in
        July and August of last year. Mark Gardner, who belongs to the organization
                            that advises Jewish communities in Britain on security issues, states
that   the United Kingdom is still an excellent place for
Jewish people to practice   their religion, but he wonders
what the future holds for the next   generation.

Quote: *""These are the worst figures we have had in
the 23 years since we have been monitoring it," said Mark Gardner of
            the Community Security Trust, which advises Britain's estimated 300,000 Jews
                        on safety issues. "British Jews are stupidly blamed and
randomly   attacked over international tensions for which
they bear no   responsibility," Gardner said. British
Jewish leaders say attacks have   risen steadily since
2000 with Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks warning that   "*
a tsunami of anti-Semitism
" was sweeping across Europe.

Earlier in the month it was revealed anti-Semitic attacks had fallen
                by a couple of percent, but with a record-high experienced in the Autumn of
                        2006, perhaps this "fall" was just trends returning to their
                        normal high levels. And with a British Parliament committee
condemning the   international boycott of the Hamas
terrorist organization, it's no wonder   Britain is becoming
a hostile place for Jews. A new organization called
"Enough!" has been launched in Britain on the 40th anniversary of
            the Six Day War, comprising of companies, charities, trade unions and faith
                    groups, calling on Israel to end the "occupation" and the
                    "oppression" of the Palestinians.

Quote: *"Among the charities that make up the coalition is
 War on Want, which is currently being investigated by the UK Charity
            Commission for abusing their charity status in highly politicised and*

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*controversial campaigns against Israel. Other groups include the
Palestinian   Solidarity Campaign, a socialist group whose
patrons include Jenny Tonge,   who was disposed in
2004 as a Liberal Democrat Member of Parliament for
sympathising with suicide bombers and last year was forced to stand down as
a trustee of Christian Aid after her remarks about the "financial grips
of the pro-Israel lobby."*

Surprisingly, even the Quakers, a pacifist Christian denomination, has
joined the organization. Other faith groups affiliated with Enough! are Pax
Christi, the Amos Trust
and several Islamic political organizations   including the
Muslim Council of Britain - which calls on British Muslims to
support jihad. These words are from the director of campaigns and policies
of the British charity
War   on Want
, John Hilary. Note, not one word of condemnation for Palestinian
terrorism.

Quote: *"The immediate focus of the coalition [Enough! ed.]
is to mark this year's 40th anniversary of Israel's military occupation of
the West Bank and Gaza Strip. However, Palestinian groups trace their
suffering back further to the 1948 nakba, or catastrophe, when
750,000 were   driven into exile in order to make way for
the founding of the Israeli   state. Both anniversaries are
equally important. For those of us who bear   the weight
of British imperial history, there is another reason for marking
2007. This year also sees the 90th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration,
in which Britain, for its own political ends, committed itself to a Jewish
national home in Palestine. Britain and France had
promised   self-determination to the peoples of the former
Ottoman empire, but the   British government chose to
deny the people of Palestine this right.*

With opinions like these, it is no wonder the United Kingdom has such a
problem with anti-Semitism.

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