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Dear Mr Hardie

RE: RENAMING SO CALLED ISLAMIC STATE/ ISIL AS DAESH

I have recently written to the Government and to the BBC urging them to change their official policy to refer to the so called "Islamic State", ISIL/ISIS as "Daesh".

Over 120 MPs from across the political spectrum signed these letters because many feel that the use of these titles give legitimacy to a terrorist organisation.

In light of this, I would appreciate it if you could also consider changing your policy to better reflect this organisation's true nature. The term "Daesh" is used by many countries around the World, including France and Turkey and most countries in the Middle East.

You would have seen comments by the Prime Minister in Parliament that he is happy for people to use the term Daesh. In the debate today on Britain and International Security, all MPs from across the Chamber were using the term "Daesh" to refer to this terrorist organisation.

Peace loving Muslims from around the World find the use of the term so called "Islamic State" offensive and would be happy with the word "Daesh".

You have the opportunity to lead the way on this issue and I hope that you can officially adopt "Daesh" as your term for them.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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