

Islamic conversion efforts in Sweden¹

On November 14th 2008 a news item was posted on the Al-Hesbah online forum entitled: "15 thousand Swedes have converted to Islam since the publication of the offensive caricatures"². According to the report, 15,000 Swedish citizens between the ages of 20-40, converted to Islam after the publication of the caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad in September 2005³. This data was provided during a press conference held by the Young Muslim Delegation from Sweden whilst visiting Egypt. The report states that the number of people converting to Islam is on the rise, due to the immigration of Muslim workers of various citizenships to Sweden - their number is estimated at 103,000. According to the report, several Islamic centers are operating in Sweden - in Stockholm and in Malmö, amongst other places. The online surfers responded with satisfaction to this report, and one of them claimed that whenever the Islamic religion is under attack, the number of its followers increases.

¹ In this respect see the reports on the ICT website about the Islamization processes in the Netherlands and Germany, which constitute a part of the propaganda efforts of Global Jihad.

² <http://www.al-hesbah.info/v/showthread.php?t=198906>

³ The "Affair of the Caricatures" is the name of the breakdown in the relations between Denmark and the Islamic world, starting following 12 caricatures depicting the Prophet Muhammad. The caricatures appeared on September 30th 2005 in a Danish newspaper, and afterwards were published in over 20 papers around the world. The outraged responses to the publication of the caricatures exceeded all expectations and spread beyond Denmark and the European continent.