

Muhammad Ali defends Muslims after Trump's immigrant ban plan

"The Greatest" is still renowned today for his epochal victories in the boxing ring and his principled stances on religious freedom and racial justice

ban/bar: to forbid (someone) from doing or being part of something

statement: something that you say or write in a formal or official way

ruthless: having no pity, cruel or merciless

stand up to: to defend against attack or criticism

issued: printed for people to read

thinly veiled swipe: (*swipe*) to hit at someone or something. (*thinly veiled* - does not try to avoid talking about the topic in public)

the wake of: if something happens in the wake of something else, it happens after and often because of it

perverted - to pervert: to change (something) from what is normal or right.

clout: influence

hikers: people who travel on foot for pleasure or exercise

renowned: famous

epochal: highly significant or important; momentous

He added: "They have alienated many from learning about Islam. True Muslims know or should know that it goes against our religion to try and force Islam on anybody."

The 132-word statement, **issued** under the headline 'Presidential Candidates Proposing to Ban Muslim Immigration to the United States', also took a **thinly veiled swipe** at Trump's sweeping proposal for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States", made on Monday in **the wake of** the San Bernardino shooting.

"Speaking as someone who has never been accused of political correctness, I believe that our political leaders should use their position to bring understanding about the religion of Islam and clarify that these misguided murderers have **perverted** people's views on what Islam really is," Ali said.

Even with advanced Parkinson's disease having severely limited his speech and mobility, the 73-year-old icon continues to lend his global **clout** to a number of humanitarian causes.

In March, the Olympic gold medallist called on the Iranian government to release an imprisoned Washington Post journalist, calling the detained Jason Rezaian a "man of peace and great faith" who used his "gift of writing and intimate knowledge of the country to share the stories of the people and culture of Iran to the world".

In 2011, Ali headed a group of prominent US Muslims in calling on Iranian leaders to release a pair of American **hikers** who had been detained near the Iran-Iraq border two years prior.

Known simply as The Greatest, he is **renowned** today as much for his principled stances on religious freedom and racial justice as his **epochal** victories over Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier and George Foreman.

<http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2015/dec/09/muhammad-ali-responds-to-donald-trumps-muslim-ban-plan>

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Muhammad Ali hit out against Islamic extremists and Donald Trump's plan to bar Muslims from entering the United States on Wednesday.

"I am a Muslim and there is nothing Islamic about killing innocent people in Paris, San Bernardino, or anywhere else in the world," the three-time world heavyweight champion said in a **statement**. "True Muslims know that the **ruthless** violence of so called Islamic jihadists goes against the very tenets of our religion."

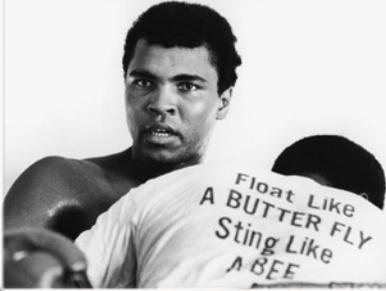
The Louisville-born boxer, who converted to Sunni Islam in 1975, called on Muslims to "**stand up to** those who use Islam to advance their own personal agenda".

"Let's chat about that."

- What is Donald Trump's plan?
- What is Muhammad Ali's response?
- Do you think Donald Trump will receive support in The USA for his comment? Why/not?
- What did Mohammed Ali do in March?
- What happened to the US hikers?



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Mohammed Ali quotes

“Terrorists are not following Islam. Killing people and blowing up people and dropping bombs in places and all this is not the way to spread the word of Islam. So people realize now that all Muslims are not terrorists.”

“I know where I’m going and I know the truth, and I don’t have to be what you want me to be. I’m free to be what I want.”

Coronation chicken is delicious in a sandwich, on a baked potato or great served on its own. This easy recipe can be made quickly and is great to take to a party.

Ingredients (serves 8+)

- 4 chicken breasts (cooked and cold), diced or shredded
- 4 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp mango chutney
- 1 tsp curry powder
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- black pepper (to taste)

- raisins (about a handful)
- 1 lime
- fresh parsley (to serve - optional)
- bread (to serve - optional)

Method

1. Combine all the sauce ingredients and mix them well
2. Add the cold cooked chicken and ensure it is covered in the sauce
3. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve
4. Serve with bread and top with parsley

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Pintxo Competition

Thanks to everyone for coming to our 2nd Pintxo Competition and making it such a great evening! And an extra special thanks to our three judges for donating their time to taste and consider all the competing pintxos - how they must have suffered ;-)

- **Joint 3rd place:** John and Dani
- **Runner-up:** Kez
- **Champion and People's Choice:** Rob with his **Coronation Croissant.**

This is what Rob said about his pintxo:

"I would just like to thank my mom for the original recipe that inspired my winning pintxo. It's a simple yet delicious thing, perfect in sandwiches, baked potatoes and with salads. Called 'Coronation Chicken', it was created for the banquet of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 and can be adapted to all tastes and events. It brings back happy childhood memories of weekend meals with my family. I replaced the chicken with smoked tofu and cauliflower to accommodate ECP's vegetarian friends and served it on mini croissants, hence the name 'Coronation Croissants'.

Try a version of the original recipe on the left or see it online here: <http://www.netmums.com/recipes/coronation-chicken>

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