Sacrifice Speech

‘O you who believe! Stand out firmly with justice as witnesses for God’s sake, though it be against your own selves or own your parents or your kindred, and be he rich or poor, for God is closer (in all respects of ancestry and affection) than you to them both. Therefore follow not your inclination, lest you may deviate, (from the truth) and if you may swerve (from the truth) or turn aside, then Verily God is All-Aware of what you do.’ (4:135) Surat al-Nisa

Amidst the growing tensions in the Eastern Province, there lies numerous buried truths. The most ferocious is the cyclical, Shia genocide. The Shia population has been under threat for over 1400 years. Because we simply do not conform. The Shia’s have been burdened with the ultimate sacrifice. Sacrifice, proposed of mounded, weighty syllables. Have we forgotten the meaning of sacrifice when the growing numbers have blurred our sight? Have we overlooked our own attachment to life when we recall the endless noughts? What are we sacrificing? Hope, innocence, youth, life. We may not be able to divert our course of sacrifice, but we have a moral obligation to speak out. Shia’s are no less human than any other race or ethnicity. What happened in the land of Karbala was enough! Every crying child, remember Ali al-Asgar. Every request rejected, remember Rukaya. May your words be as gallant Abbas. May your actions be as defying Zaynab. May your legacy of devotion live eternally like that of al-Sajjad. It is when we are awakened by the reality that we may be able to inhibit such sacrifices. Be a pinnacle of truth hood, devour all your energy to speak out. For the truth.

‘That abode in the hereafter, We assign it for those who intend not to exult themselves in the earth, nor (to make) mischief (therein); and the end is (best) for the pious ones.’ (28:83) Surat al-Qasas

Notes:

I would suggest beginning and ending with these Qur’an verses that I have chosen. It would be better to have the Qur’an verses recited in Arabic by a good reciter, perhaps Abdul-Basit and a text in the background with the English translation. I am assuming you will be adding image during the speech. Subtitles should be added to explain each image, e.g. sectarian hate crime in Bradford (regarding the graffiti which says ‘Shia Kafir’)