The past few days have seen worrying outbreaks of racist attacks following the murder of the soldier in Woolwich. This vengeful lynchmob mentality should be of concern to everyone, as it just causes violence to escalate.

It should be clear that blaming all Muslims for the actions of two dickheads is idiotic - unless all white people are going to accept responsibility for the murder of a 76 year old Muslim man in Birmingham on April 29th. He was stabbed to death by a white man in an apparent racist attack. Clearly the killer was also a dickhead who in no way represents the majority of white people.

Racist and fascist groups like the BNP and EDL have been revelling in this racist backlash as it gives them a new opportunity to push their poison. According to an eyewitness account reported in the New Statesman, when the EDL wheeled into Woolwich for their protest on Wednesday, they met in a pub and ordered a round of sambucas. Is that a sign of righteous anger or ghoulish celebration over a man’s death?

We say far-right nationalists and religious fundamentalists are two cheeks on the same arse. The violence and stupidity of one fuels and justifies the other. The tit-for-tat violence that the EDL are advocating is exactly what caused 30 years of killing in Northern Ireland. It must be stopped before it gets out of hand.

We urge you to stand against the EDL and all those spreading racist bullshit.

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