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### **SHEIKH KHALID BIN MAHFOUZ**

On 2 December 2007, the *Sunday Tribune* published an article entitled 'Even Pakistan is a small world for Fianna Fáilers'. That article wrongly alleged that Sheikh Khalid Bin Mahfouz is the brother-in-law of Osama Bin Laden. .

*The Sunday Tribune* accepts that there is no truth whatsoever in this allegation. Sheikh Khalid bin Mahfouz is not related in any way to Osama Bin Laden. Moreover, Sheikh Khalid and his family have publicly condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We are happy to report that Sheikh Khalid has successfully brought claims against other publishers in relation to similar unfounded defamatory remarks, donating the substantial damages he received in these actions to the charity UNICEF, as detailed at the bin Mahfouz family website at [www.binmahfouz.info](http://www.binmahfouz.info). We apologise to Sheikh Khalid for the distress and embarrassment the publication of this article has caused.