**Anjem Choudary** (Urdu: انجم چودهرى; born 1967) is a British Muslim [social](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_criticism) and [political](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_criticism) [activist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Activist). He was previously a solicitor and served as the chairman of the Society of Muslim Lawyers, and, until it was proscribed, as the spokesman for Islamist group,[Islam4UK](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam4UK%22%20%5Co%20%22Islam4UK).

With [Omar Bakri Muhammad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omar_Bakri_Muhammad), he helped form an Islamist organisation, [al-Muhajiroun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Muhajiroun). The group organised several anti-Western demonstrations, including a banned protest march in London for which Choudary was summonsed to appear in court. Al-Muhajiroun was disbanded following the UK government's decision to ban it. Choudary was present at the launch of its intended successor,[Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahlus_Sunnah_wal_Jamaah_%28organisation%29), and later helped form [Al Ghurabaa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Ghurabaa), which was also banned. He then became the spokesman for Islam4UK.

A critic of the UK's involvement in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Choudary praised those responsible for the [11 September 2001](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11_attacks)and [7 July 2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/7_July_2005_London_bombings) attacks. He supports the implementation of [Sharia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharia%22%20%5Co%20%22Sharia) law throughout the UK and marched in protest at the *[Jyllands-Posten](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jyllands-Posten_Muhammad_cartoons_controversy%22%20%5Co%20%22Jyllands-Posten%20Muhammad%20cartoons%20controversy)*[cartoons controversy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jyllands-Posten_Muhammad_cartoons_controversy%22%20%5Co%20%22Jyllands-Posten%20Muhammad%20cartoons%20controversy), following which he was prosecuted for organising an unlawful demonstration. He was investigated, but not charged, for his comments in 2006 regarding [Pope Benedict XVI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Benedict_XVI). He receives little support from mainstream UK Muslims and has been largely criticised in the country's media.