

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ORGANIZERS OF THE SEPTEMBER 25 “ISLAM ON CAPITOL HILL” RALLY

September 24, 2009

Gentlemen,

We understand that you expect tens of thousands of Muslims to join the “Islam on Capitol Hill” Rally on September 25.

We are told the gathering will pray “for the soul of America.” Your website proclaims “Our Time Has Come.”

President Barack Obama says Islam and the West “share common principles – principles of justice and progress; tolerance and the dignity of all human beings.” He neglected to provide us with examples of justice, progress, tolerance and respect for the dignity of all human beings in the Muslim world.

Various spokesmen for Islam have informed us that the concept of *jihad* refers to a “spiritual struggle” and has nothing to do with holy war.

Yet we note that, around the world, the overwhelming number of terrorist acts are carried out by Muslims, that many Muslim-American groups have terrorist ties and that justification for acts of violence against “infidels” is found in the Koran.

With this in mind, will you unequivocally denounce each of the following acts which were committed by Muslims, in the name of Islam?

- On September 11, 2001, more than 3,000 Americans were murdered when two planes were flown into the World Trade center in New York. A third plane was flown into the Pentagon. Al Qaeda took responsibility for this infamous crime.
- On March 27, 2002, 30 were killed and 140 injured in the suicide bombing of the Park Hotel in Netyana, Israel. The victims were attending a Passover observance. Hamas claimed responsibility
- On October 12, 2002, a bombing killed 202 people on the Indonesian island of Bali. Various members of the Jemaah Islamiyah group were convicted of involvement in this atrocity.
- On May 8, 2007, six men were arrested for plotting to kill soldiers at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. Three were sentenced to life in prison.
- On November 26-29, 2008, a series of 10 coordinated shootings and bombings in Mumbai, India, left 173 dead. A rabbi and his wife were tortured to death. The only terrorist captured alive said the attack was the work of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba.

- On May 20, 2009, four men were arrested in connection with a plot to bomb a synagogue and a Jewish community center in the Bronx.

Are you willing to join millions of other people of faith in America and denounce these and similar acts of terrorism? While the U.S.-Muslim community loudly proclaims that Islam has nothing to do with terrorism, leaders of the community are conspicuously silent when it comes to rejecting acts of murder carried out by Muslims, in the name of Islam.

Thank you for your attention. We await your response.

The Ad Hoc Committee of Americans for Transparency and Honesty in Religion

Sincerely,

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