

## Reports of FBI Visits Prompt Reminder of Legal Rights

Anaheim, CA: A CAIR message states: The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-LA) has said that CAIR offices nationwide have been receiving an increasing number of reports of FBI agents, along with local law enforcement and Department of Homeland Security officers, visiting and interviewing American Muslims, particularly members of the Pakistani community. Reports received by CAIR-LA describe visits by the FBI as "community outreach" visits.

Considering recent events, and the increase in FBI/Joint Terrorism Task Force-related (JTTF, including officers from the Department of Homeland Security and local police or sheriff departments) incidents reported to our office, it is important that Muslims understand their rights when visited by FBI/JTTF at their home or workplace:

1) Understand that your providing information to the FBI or any law enforcement, absent a subpoena, is strictly voluntary. You are not obligated under law to answer any of law enforcement's questions, other than giving your name and sometimes your address.

2) You may choose to have an attorney accompany or represent you for any interview or questioning. We strongly recommend you consult with an attorney regarding the risks and benefits of being interviewed by law enforcement in your specific case. CAIR-LA may provide legal assistance, or can refer you to an attorney.

3) If an FBI/JTTF agent shows up at your home or workplace, and they do not have a search or arrest warrant, you have no obligation to let them in.

4) If they do have an arrest or search warrant, you can still exercise your right to remain silent. Comply with all directives and do not physically resist an officer. Be polite and respectful at all times. Remember that you retain the right to remain silent and do not have to comment or respond to any inquiries. You also have the right to an attorney.

5) If an agent or officer says they have some questions for you, you have the right to refuse to speak to them and/or you may tell the agents or officers that you will have your attorney contact them if they wish to speak to you. Again, CAIR-LA may provide legal assistance, or can refer you to an attorney.

6) Note that anything you say to an agent or officer can be used against you in a court of law, and lying to an agent or officer is a criminal offense.

7) Should you decide to speak to agents alone despite the risks, note that you may set the conditions of the interview, including choosing when and where the interview is to take place, having a third party present such as a family member or community leader, and deciding what questions to answer, and refusing to sign any documents. You may cancel the interview at any time.

8) Be sure to get the names, agencies, badge numbers, and business cards of ALL agents or officers.

## SAN Executive Director Hamid Khan Announces Departure



South Asian Network (SAN) Executive Director Hamid Khan has announced that he will be leaving the organization in the fall of 2010 after twenty years of exemplary leadership. The Board and staff have expressed their strong appreciation for Khan's exemplary vision and longtime commitment to SAN.

"Though we will sorely miss Hamid, he leaves an organization that is strong, stable, and deeply connected to the South Asian communities of Los Angeles and Orange counties," said Sumun Pendakur, Board Secretary of the South Asian Network. "All of us at SAN know that Hamid will continue to utilize his leadership and talents in exciting ways to serve the community. And we look forward to this new chapter for the South Asian Network."

Prakash Ghimire, SAN staff member of 5 years, agreed: "Hamid has been instrumental to SAN and the community - we are sad to see him leave but are committed to build upon his legacy."

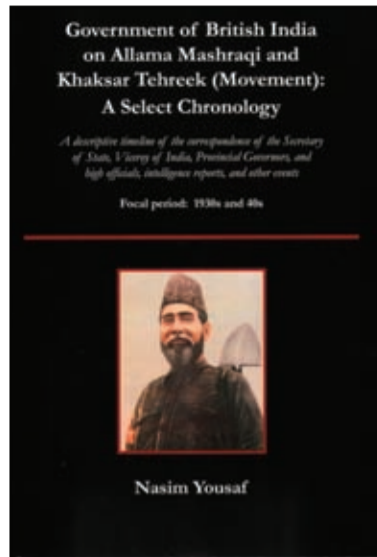
The South Asian Network is a community-based organization dedicated to advancing the health, empowerment and solidarity of persons of South Asian origin in Southern California.

Khan was a founding member of SAN in 1990, when a group of South Asian colleagues came together to explore the idea of creating an organization that would address a broad array of social, economic and political issues affecting persons of South Asian origin in Southern California. Under Khan's leadership, SAN has greatly increased services to South Asian community members; initiated dynamic new programs in areas such as health, immigration, and civil rights; and significantly expanded staff and budget. Khan was profiled in the Los Angeles Times last year for his transformative leadership, passion, and commitment to advancing social justice.

The SAN Board of Directors has initiated a transition team to conduct a nationwide search for a new Executive Director. For additional information, please visit [http://southasiannetwork.org/Employment\\_ED.htm](http://southasiannetwork.org/Employment_ED.htm). The board is now accepting applications for the Executive Director position through July 1, 2010.

9) Contact your attorney and/or CAIR-LA to report the interview/incident and to discuss next steps. If you feel that your civil rights were violated, you may also file a complaint with the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

## Historian Nasim Yousaf's Book Published



Nasim Yousaf (right) and his book

A book entitled, "Government of British India on Allama Mashraqi and Khaksar Tehreek (Movement): A Select Chronology" has been published and released in the USA. This work of 544 pages is a major contribution toward the historiography of the independence movement and the emergence of two sovereign states — Pakistan and India — in 1947.

The publication presents a timeline (focusing on the 1930s and 1940s) of the Government of British India's materials as well as historically important events and news relevant to Mashraqi and his Khaksar Tehreek. It contains descriptive information on the secret and private correspondence of the Secretary of State for India, Viceroy of India, Provincial Governors, and other high officials. It also includes descriptions of classified and confidential documents and intelligence and Provincial Governors' fortnightly reports.

The book is among the most comprehensive chronologies ever compiled on the subject and is a vital resource for faculty members, researchers, students, film/documentary makers, and general interest readers to learn about Mashraqi,



his ardent fight against the British Raj, and his pivotal role in bringing freedom to British India. It has been compiled and edited by historian and scholar Nasim Yousaf (grandson of Allama Mashraqi), whose research focuses on Mashraqi and the Khaksar Tehreek.

Mr. Yousaf has written extensively on this topic and has also presented papers at relevant academic conferences in the USA. His research challenging the traditionally held belief that the partition of British India was inevitable and exposing a complex picture of the partition episode was recently published in Harvard Asia Quarterly (Spring 2009). His works have compelled historians to revisit the history of the region and correct many important fallacies.

The said book is complimentary to the other chronologies already published by Mr. Yousaf and should be used in conjunction with those works: (1) "Pakistan's Freedom & Allama Mashraqi: Statements, Letters, Chronology of Khaksar Tehrik (Movement), Period: Mashriqi's Birth to 1947"; (2) "Pakistan's Birth & Allama Mashraqi: Chronology & Statements, Period: 1947 - 1963."

For additional information and updates, please visit the website dedicated to the great Allama: <http://www.allamamashraqi.com>

## Pakistani-American Moves Supreme Court to Get Verdict Implemented

**Islamabad:** A US national of Pakistani origin, Raza Waheed Mian, last Friday filed an application requesting the Supreme Court to get its orders regarding the payment of \$3.5 million to Mian by the government of Pakistan implemented.

The applicant submitted that in its verdict on July 2, 2009, the SC had directed the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to resolve the dispute amicably, which the SBP's lawyer had agreed to.

The application added that the lawyer was also asked to submit a report in this regard on the next hearing of the case, but the SBP did not submit the requested report and even the court did not take up the case for hearing despite its being placed on the cause list.

Quoting one of the objectives of the new judicial policy in his application, Mian said priority should be given to disposal of trade, commercial and investment cases, adding that banking, tax, duty and levy cases should be decided within six months.

He requested the court to hear his cases at the earliest and direct the SPB to pay the dues with interest.

Mian said that despite the court's orders that the appeal should be heard on a priority basis, the appeal was listed for hearing on March 25, 2010, an over eight month-hiatus from the date of last hearing.

"I planned accordingly and came to Pakistan, but the appeal was discriminately dropped from

## LA Synagogue Asked to Drop Anti-Islam Speaker

Anaheim, CA: The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-LA) has called on Sinai Temple in that city to drop an anti-Islam speaker who was scheduled to appear at the synagogue.

CAIR-LA said the speaker, Brigitte Gabriel, heads the hate group ACT! for America and has stated that Muslims should not be allowed to hold public office, that an American Muslim "cannot be a loyal citizen," and that Islam is the "real enemy." She has also claimed that Arabs "have no soul" and that Muslims worship "something they call 'Allah,' which is very different from the God we believe [in]."

SEE: A Case Study in Sincere Hypocrisy: Brigitte Gabriel

<http://www.loonwatch.com/2009/04/a-case-study-in-sincere-hypocrisy-brigitte-gabriel/>

Video: Brigitte Gabriel Says Arabs Have No Soul

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaocTdWotJ4>

One of ACT! for America's Florida representatives recently bragged in a YouTube video that he desecrated the Qur'an, Islam's revealed text, and urinates in the washing stations Muslims use to perform their ritual ablutions (wudu) for prayer. Gabriel has not repudiated those in her group who produced and distributed the video.

SEE: ACT! for America Fla. Rep Brags of Desecrating Quran

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xn5UfW6G0c4>

"Religious leaders and houses of worship should promote tolerance and mutual understanding, not the type of hatred and bigotry spread by fear-mongers like Brigitte Gabriel," said CAIR-LA Executive Director Hussam Ayloush. "Sinai Temple has the right to host an anti-Muslim bigot, but we hope the synagogue would also feel a sense of responsibility to act in a manner that does not harm relations between faith communities or give aid and comfort to those who demonize a religious minority."

Sinai Temple Rabbi David Wolpe, when contacted by CAIR-LA, said he wasn't aware of the Islamophobic comments made by Gabriel and that the event could not be canceled on short notice. The rabbi also said he was going to ask Gabriel about her hateful comments on Islam and Muslims. A meeting is being set up between the rabbi and Southern California Muslim leaders to clarify the synagogue's position on inviting the anti-Muslim speaker and how the synagogue can work to bring area Muslims and Jews together.

the final cause list without giving any reason, though the other cases before and after the appeal were fixed according to the sequence of the proposed list," the applicant added.

He said he had submitted several applications to the chief justice of Pakistan for fixation of the case, but no action was taken on any of them. "I believe that those applications were intercepted and not put before the CJ," he added.