

## Two devout Muslims given HSAC posts

The Obama administration has appointed two leaders of the Muslim community to positions on the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Kareem Shora, Executive Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) was sworn in by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on June 5. Two days later Napolitano swore in Arif Alikhan, then-deputy mayor of Los Angeles, as assistant secretary for the Office of Policy Development at DHS. The news of Shora's appointment as Senior Policy Advisor was lauded by ADC in its newsletter:

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination (ADC) offers its most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Kareem Shora, ADC National Executive Director, for his ten years of exceptional service to ADC and to the Arab-American community. Shora, who earlier this year was sworn-in by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC), has been appointed as Senior Policy Adviser for the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and will be leaving ADC as of October 23. ADC congratulates Kareem on his new position, wishes him the very best, and knows he will continue to be successful in the future.<sup>1</sup>

Shora was born in Damascus, Syria, and as head of the Arab-American Anti-



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Discrimination Committee, has consistently worked against government attempts to reign in terrorist threats from Muslim sources.

In August, 2007, New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly warned that law enforcement studies have revealed clusters of Muslim individuals throughout the Northeast United States who are "on a path that could lead to homegrown terror."

The report by the NYPD intelligence division, entitled "Radicalization in the West and the Homegrown Threat," plots "the trajectory of radicalization" and tracks the path of a non-radicalized individual to an individual with the willingness to commit an act of terror.

"The threat is real; this is not some bogey man we are creating here. There are individuals who are proselytizing, inciting angry young men to go down this path," said Jenkins, who reviewed and contributed to the NYPD report.<sup>2</sup>

Kareem Shora called the report "un-American:



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The leader of an American Arab civil rights group labeled the NYPD report as "unfortunate stereotyping" and at odds with federal law enforcement findings that the threat from homegrown terrorists was minimal.

"It is completely un-American; it goes against everything we stand for," said Kareem Shora, executive director of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. "We do not want to alienate any segment of any community, and by using that language you are actually aiding the extremists in their recruiting efforts."<sup>3</sup>

Senator Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), has worked with terrorism experts and law enforcement investigative agencies to discover the real threat of domestic terrorism. *Fox News* reported on Lieberman's and other's efforts, concluding that "the Internet is fast becoming the dominant tool for the training and recruitment of terrorists. Some lawmakers are attempting to shut down such sites and those with the most extreme propaganda tapes, often made by Al Qaeda's media arm, As-Sahab."

"I am continuing to work to try to bring down the terrorist Web sites on the Internet," Lieberman said. "I think the critical role... [is] reaching out to try to stop the problem in local areas before it starts."

1 American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, <http://www.adc.org/index.php?id=3512>, October 15, 2009.

2 "Exclusive: U.S. Studying Two Dozen 'Clusters' of Possible Homegrown Terrorists," ABC News, <http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/08/exclusive-us-st.html>.

3 Ibid.

Kareem Shora's response:

"We have a First Amendment and we champion the Constitution, and so in no way, shape or form should we engage in censorship of the Internet," said Kareem Shora, national executive director for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

"But the community recognizes that the Internet can be a dangerous tool for youth," he said, "so we're working on that by giving constructive alternatives to the youth."

Arif Alikhan has been affiliated with Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), speaking at its April 11 fundraiser for innovative leadership development among youth. Called "Be the Change," the fundraiser provided young Muslim leaders "with unique opportunities to develop skills in political and media engagement, inter-faith dialogue, and coalition building."<sup>1</sup>

MPAC characterized the 1983 Hezbollah bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut as a "military" operation as opposed to a "terrorist" attack, based on the fact that it was an attack against a military installation and not an attack against civilians. MPAC has consistently defended Hezbollah and Hamas, in spite of their continued attacks against civilians, and describes as a "role model," Sami Amin Al-Arian, head of Islamic Jihad Network, a terrorist organization based in Damascus.

Al-Arian has admitted he conspired to provide goods and services to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad after it was designated a foreign terrorist organization.<sup>2</sup>

### **COMMENTARY**

Kareem Shora has a blog spot on Obama's Web site, "Organizing for America" (<http://my.barackobama.com/page/community/blog/kareemshora>), on which Shora disseminates his appeals to hinder true homeland security, and which demonstrates Obama's unqualified support for him.

Neither Shora nor Alikhan have been accused of direct involvement in terrorism, but their associations should raise concerns. Yet after searching a large number of mainstream media sources I could not find a single reference to their appointments to HSAC. These included *USA Today*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Seattle Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Dallas Morning News*, NBC News, ABC News, CBS News, CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News. The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Web site had a short reference but the link did not lead anywhere.

One would think that at least one of the major media outlets would have picked up on this important news. Yet the only sources are Muslim and patriot Web sites. This suggests collusion within the mainstream media to keep Americans in the dark about the anti-Christ, pro-Islam agenda of this administration.

If anyone appointed to such an important post had even cursory ties to say, the John Birch Society, the media would have been calling for resignations at the highest level. But these associations don't seem to matter to the Obama administration or to the mainstream media.

Shora's carping against government attempts to reign in domestic terrorism is identical to that of the Communist Party in its heyday. Terrorists and their sympathizers have found that the Communist Party's decades-old ploy of appealing to the Constitution and "Americanism" to mask their anti-American and anti-Christ agenda throws people off the track. They weasel their way into these positions to stonewall all anti-terrorism programs.

In essence, the pro-Muslim-rights message can be boiled down to this:

"We are against terrorism, but if terrorism exists it is because you are doing wrong. If you work to stop terrorism you are contributing to its proliferation. Stop trying to stop terrorism and you may be spared. But keep trying to stop it and things will get worse."

So innocent people are allowed to be butchered and these are the kinds of platitudes we get from the Muslim organizations that claim to be working for peace and co-existence (sound familiar to you who were around in the 50s?)

Where is the outrage that terrorists who use the name of Allah should engender in any truly peaceful member of the Muslim religion?

Sure, there are peaceful Muslims in the mainstream; there are those who may be good Americans (or Europeans, or Canadians). But they have no voice in the organizations in the forefront of activism in non-Muslim countries. In truth, they are targeted by fundamentalist Muslims' attempts to "purify" Islam.

And while we are often treated (on the Internet; not in the mainstream media) to scenes of rioting and screaming anti-American, anti-Christ, and anti-Jewish slogans by Muslim mobs in the West, never do we see Muslims vociferously (or otherwise) calling for an end to Islamic terrorism.

Kareem Shora's actions to thwart any strong efforts to combat terrorism, and Arif Alikhan's nefarious terrorist connections should disqualify both from having any input on homeland security.

These men's words are those of their ancestors who opposed Nehemiah's attempts to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and the temple. They feigned support but worked behind the scenes to destroy what God had ordained.

I have no doubt that these Muslim fifth columnists are secretly scoffing as they work to undermine the security of this nation, just as Tobiah the Ammonite scoffed at Nehemiah's rebuilding of the wall:

Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, "Even that which they build, if a fox goes up, he shall even break down their stone wall." (Nehemiah 4:3)

Obama has put the foxes in charge of the henhouse. ❖

1 "Be The Change – Join MPAC for a Fundraiser to Support our Young Leaders Programs," MPAC Web site, <http://www.mpac.org/article.php?id=805>.

2 "Al-Arian's "Extraordinary" Claim Unproven," Investigative Project News, <http://www.investigativeproject.org/1020/al-arians-extraordinary-claim-unproven>