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Rep. Michael Rogers,  
Chair, House Permanent Select Committee On Intelligence  
2112 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Your scheduled Keynote Address to the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD) May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Representative Rogers:

I am writing today to urge you to withdraw as keynote speaker for the ICRD 2014 Faith-in-Action Award Dinner intended to honor Imam Faisal Abdul Rauf and his wife Daisy Khan. I understand that to do so on short notice is potentially inconvenient, but warranted, considering the risk that your appearance may lend credibility to an ongoing hostile influence operation against the interests of the United States.

The ICRD has extensive and worrisome ties to members of the international Muslim Brotherhood.

Its Vice President for Preventative Engagement, AbuBaker Al-Shingieti previously served as a spokesperson for the Sudanese regime of indicted war criminal Omar Bashir in the 1990s, during the height of Sudan's support for international terrorism, including for Osama Bin Laden. This connection is surely especially troubling at a time when the Sudanese government has recently convicted a young pregnant woman of apostasy and adultery and sentenced her to death for refusing to recant her Christian faith and for her marriage to a Christian husband, an American citizen.

In addition to serving the Sudanese regime, Al-Shingieti served as regional director for the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), an organization subject to a Federal grand jury probe for terrorism finance due to its Muslim Brotherhood connections and ties to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

ICRD has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IIIT, for the purpose of furthering their joint efforts. That MOU was signed by ICRD President Douglas Johnston and IIIT President Jamal Barzinji. A federal law enforcement officer has testified that Jamal Barzinji has been connected to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad organizing and fundraising efforts in the United States. A FBI memo acquired under the Freedom of Information Act indicates that IIIT has been known as a Muslim Brotherhood organization by law enforcement for decades.

Mr. Al-Shingieti is also the President of the American Muslims for Constructive Engagement (AMCE), an organization whose Directors, Steering Committee, and Advisory Council includes leaders of multiple organizations named





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in the Holy Land Foundation-Hamas financing trial as unindicted co-conspirators and members or affiliates of the North American Muslim Brotherhood.

The AMCE appears to have been formed as a committee to support the Memorandum of Understanding between the ICRD and IIIT. ICRD President Douglas Johnston has said the purpose of the AMCE is to achieve the goal of, "the deliberate appointment of qualified American Muslims to key advisory bodies and policy-relevant positions in the government in order to shape U.S. policy choices..."

While there is certainly no objection to qualified Americans, of any religion, serving in U.S. policy-making, it appears that members of the Muslim Brotherhood, a subversive foreign organization with intimate ties to terrorism, may be using the ICRD as a venue for an on-going influence operation to manipulate U.S. policy. Your attendance at this event would risk further legitimizing this effort to the detriment of U.S. national security.

Attached is a fact sheet containing links to necessary documents that substantiate concerns raised in this letter. I would welcome an opportunity to speak with you personally regarding these concerns.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Gaffney, Jr.  
President and CEO,  
Center for Security Policy



## **Fact Sheet for Rep. Michael Rogers, RE: ICRD Keynote Address :**

ICRD Promotion of Rep. Michael Rogers' Key Note Address-

[https://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50967/p/salsa/event/common/public/index.sjs?event\\_KEY=77400](https://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50967/p/salsa/event/common/public/index.sjs?event_KEY=77400)

### **AbuBaker Al-Shingeiti-**

Vice President of Preventive Engagement for ICRD-

<http://icrd.org/aa/>

Spokesman for Sudan- <http://www.nytimes.com/1994/08/16/world/carlos-the-terrorist-arrested-and-taken-to-france.html>

Regional Director of IIIT-

<http://www.iiit.org/NewsEvents/News/tabid/62/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/141/Default.aspx>

President of the AMCE- <http://www.amceweb.net/2.html> On the AMCE website, Mr. Al-Shingeiti is listed as "Dr. Abubaker Al-Shingieti (IIIT/ICRD)."

### **International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)-**

Memorandum of Understanding between ICRD and IIIT-

<http://www.iiit.org/Portals/0/agreements/ICRD.pdf>

Signed by ICRD President Douglas Johnston and IIIT President Jamal Barzinji.

### **Backgrounder on Jamal Barzinji-**

<http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/725.pdf>

U.S. Customs Service Special Agent David Kane testified, "That Barzinji is not only closely associated with [Palestinian Islamic Jihad] (as evidenced by ties to Al-Arian, including documents seized in Tampa in 1995 reflecting direct correspondence between Barzinji and Al-Arian), but also with HAMAS." See Affidavit- [http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case\\_docs/891.pdf](http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/891.pdf)

IIIT's offices were raided in 2002 as part of an investigation into terrorism finance- [http://www.banking.senate.gov/02\\_08hr/080102/levitt.htm](http://www.banking.senate.gov/02_08hr/080102/levitt.htm)

Convicted Palestinian Islamic Jihad organizer Sami Al-Arian's WISE foundation was considered "an extension and part of" IIIT-

<http://www.investigativeproject.org/redirect/Exhibit325.pdf>

Al Arian was charged with contempt for failure to answer Grand Jury questioning - <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/142.pdf>



According to Al Arian's attorney, the Grand Jury investigation was regarding IIIT see quote from Attorney Jonathan Turley-  
<http://www.counterpunch.org/2008/08/02/the-ongoing-persecution-of-sami-al-arian/>

FOIAed FBI Document Citing IIIT as Ikhwan (Muslim Brotherhood) organization-  
<http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/159.pdf>

### **American Muslims for Constructive Engagement-**

Minutes of the April 2006 meeting between IIIT, ICRD and the IDA (Institute for Defense Analyses) which lays out proposed purpose of the AMCE-  
<http://www.icrd.org/storage/icrd/documents/amcsteps.pdf>

Speech to Norad-NorthCom where ICRD President Douglas Johnston establishes AMCE as the committee proposed in the minutes of 2006 meeting, where he explains the purpose of the AMCE to achieve, "the deliberate appointment of qualified American Muslims to key advisory bodies and policy-relevant positions in the government in order to shape U.S. policy choices..."- <http://icrd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Norad-5-5-11.pdf>

Leadership list of the American Muslims for Constructive Engagement (AMCE)-  
<http://www.amceweb.net/2.html>

### **AMCE members affiliated with organizations connected to the Muslim Brotherhood:**

#### **The Directors and Officers -**

#### **Dr. Zaid Bukari- Vice President of AMCE, President of The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)**

ADL Backgrounder on ICNA anti-Semitism-  
[http://archive.adl.org/main\\_extremism/islamic\\_circle\\_of\\_north\\_america.html?Multi\\_page\\_sections=sHeading\\_1#.U3tQXVhdVDw](http://archive.adl.org/main_extremism/islamic_circle_of_north_america.html?Multi_page_sections=sHeading_1#.U3tQXVhdVDw)

Clarion Project Backgrounder on ICNA, including ties to Jamaat-Al-Islami, the Muslim Brotherhood, and Hamas- <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/islamic-circle-north-america-icna>

ICNA promotion of extremist materials and collection of funds for "Jihad". As late as 2002 a regional ICNA website contained direct links to terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and organizations with ties to the Taliban or Al Qaeda see- <http://www.investigativeproject.org/3562/icna-relief-promotes-jihad-donations>



Also: [http://www.americansagainsthate.org/ICNA-SE\\_Web\\_Links.html](http://www.americansagainsthate.org/ICNA-SE_Web_Links.html)

**Dr. Iqbal Unus- AMCE Secretary/Treasurer, Co-Founder Islamic Society of North America, Member, International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)**

The authoritative Hudson Report on the North American Muslim Brotherhood notes Unus's position as one of three co-founder of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)-

[http://hudson.org/content/researchattachments/attachment/1163/20090411\\_merley.usbrotherhood.pdf](http://hudson.org/content/researchattachments/attachment/1163/20090411_merley.usbrotherhood.pdf)

In his memorandum denying ISNA's request to seal their name in relation to the Holy Land Foundation terrorism trial, Judge Jorge Solis noted: "Government has produced ample evidence to establish the associations of CAIR, ISNA and NAIT with HLF, the Islamic Association for Palestine ("IAP"), and with Hamas."

Judge Solis also notes: "Finally, ISNA was also discussed during the Philadelphia conference. During the conference, Palestine Committee members discussed using ISNA as official cover for their activities. (Gov't. Exhs. 16-59 (Philly Meeting13) at 10; 16-47 (Philly Meeting 1) at 10-11.)

See: [http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case\\_docs/1425.pdf](http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/1425.pdf)

More Background on ISNA-

[http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20080127\\_Extremism\\_and\\_ISNA.pdf](http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20080127_Extremism_and_ISNA.pdf)

**AMCE Steering Committee-** In addition to the Directors and officers the AMCE Steering Committee is represented by:

**Jamal Barzinji-** already noted above.

**Dr. Essam Omeish (MAS)-**

Backgrounder on Dr. Omeish radical statements and ties to Muslim Brotherhood/Hamas organizations see:

<http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/711.pdf>

The Muslim American Society (MAS), was founded as part of the North American Muslim Brotherhood. Convicted Al Qaeda financier, and self-confessed Muslim Brotherhood member Abdurrahman Alamoudi told federal investigators, "everyone knows MAS is Muslim Brotherhood." -

<http://www.investigativeproject.org/3486/under-oath-alamoudi-ties-mas-to-brotherhood>



In a 2008 brief before the Supreme Court, U.S. Federal prosecutors asserted MAS's connection to the Muslim Brotherhood in responding to a joint CAIR-MAS amici brief. The footnote indicates, "MAS was founded as the overt arm of the Muslim Brotherhood in America." See:

[http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case\\_docs/542.pdf#page=58](http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/542.pdf#page=58)

#### **Nihad Awad (CAIR)-**

Background on Nihad Awad- <http://www.investigativeproject.org/profile/113>

CAIR was listed, along with ISNA, and NAIT (North American Islamic Trust, a division of ISNA), as elements of the Palestinian Committee of the North American Muslim Brotherhood. As previously mentioned Judge Jorge Solis noted that the Government had established CAIR's associating with Hamas through evidence introduced during the Holy Land Foundation Trial.

Nihad Awad personally attended the 1993 Philadelphia Meeting where members of the Palestinian Committee of the Muslim Brotherhood discussed support for Hamas, including using the alias, "Sister Samah" (Hamas spelled backward) to avoid detection. See- <http://www.investigativeproject.org/282/cair-executive-director-placed-at-hamas-meeting>

The Federal Bureau of Investigation terminated ties with CAIR National due to its connection to Hamas, and specifically the ties of its Executive Director (Nihad Awad). See letter to Senator Kyl-

<http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/265.pdf>

**Dr. Sayid M. Sayeed (ISNA)-** National Director for the Office for Interfaith & Community Alliances for the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA). (See ISNA links above).

#### **AMCE Advisory Committee-**

In addition to individuals listed above who represent an executive or steering function for AMCE, persons on the AMCE advisory committee also represent organizations profiled here, including: IIIT, ISNA, CAIR, MAS and ICNA, along with other organizations with known or suspected ties to the Muslim Brotherhood or other radical organizations.

Additional information available upon request.