## The Domestic Insurgency of the Islamic Movement

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As the 2020 election cycle gets underway with candidates announcing presidential campaigns and respective platforms, the Muslim Brotherhood agenda for the United States demonstrably seeks through subversive infiltration of American institutions the triumph of shariah. The U.S. Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO), a political umbrella group for the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood, represents a leading edge of the jihadist movement in this country. While the USCMO seeks to cloak itself in red, white, and blue, it is only for the purpose of accomplishing what can aptly be described as "Star Spangled Shariah". The 'Civilization–Jihadist Process' set in motion by the Muslim Brotherhood decades ago now has been operationalized to specifically political objectives through the establishment of the USCMO. The formation of the USCMO in 2014 marked the first U.S. Muslim Brotherhood political party, and indeed the first religious identity political party, in the history of this country.

USCMO senior leadership led by Secretary General Oussama Jammal and Council on American Islamic Relations Executive Director Nihad Awad has pledged its fidelity to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, who has neither concealed his support for HAMAS, nor been slow to act when HAMAS has called upon AKP leadership and required his assistance. Alarming as this should be for U.S. national security as HAMAS is designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Department of State, the recent election of USCMO-backed Ilhan Abdullahi Omar to the U.S. House of Representatives is even more troublesome. She not only demonstrates openly her affiliation with CAIR (the U.S. HAMAS branch) and other Muslim Brotherhood front groups represented in the USCMO, but also has established a political relationship with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Justice and Development Party at a time when Erdoğan is running hostile foreign influence operations against the U.S. government.

Turkey and USCMO member organizations support the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, which was issued and adopted by the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on 5 August 1990 in Cairo, Egypt. As stated in the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam<sup>1</sup>, the Muslim world defines human rights exclusively in terms of shariah (Islamic Law). Note especially Articles 24 and 25 which declare as follows:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> University of Minnesota, Human Rights Library, "Cairo Declaration", <a href="http://hrlibrary.umn.edu/instree/cairodeclaration.html">http://hrlibrary.umn.edu/instree/cairodeclaration.html</a>

"ARTICLE 24:25 All the rights and freedoms stipulated in this Declaration are subject to the Islamic Shari'ah" and "ARTICLE 25: The Islamic Shari'ah is the only source of reference for the explanation or clarification of any of the articles of this Declaration."

Recall that, as a member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Turkey was an original signatory to this document that advocates for strict adherence to shariah and represents, in fact, an abrogation of the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights. The alliance between the USCMO and Turkey attests clearly to the counter-Constitutional agenda of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood. Important to note, in the summer of 2014, USCMO Secretary General Oussama Jammal and top leadership from the Muslim Brotherhood in the U.S. traveled to Turkey to observe the functions of Turkish "democracy."

This data point about the USCMO's study of Turkish "democracy" is crucial to understand the chain of events, developing direction, and operational plans of the USCMO. Both recently elected U.S. Representative Ilhan Abdullahi Omar (Democrat, MN-5<sup>th</sup> congressional district) and senior USCMO Muslim Brotherhood leadership have held meetings with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and senior leadership from the Diyanet Center of America, which is owned by the Presidency of Religious Affairs², an official state institution of the Turkish government.

According to the USCMO<sup>3</sup>, in April 2019 a "Record Number of Muslims Attend Congressional Meetings on National Muslim Advocacy Day" on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. Just over five years earlier, a press conference held in Washington, DC, on 12 March 2014 officially announced the formation of the USCMO, the first Muslim Brotherhood political party in the United States, which is openly associated with jihadist organizations. USCMO members gathered for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Muslim Advocacy Day from 1-2 April 2019 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC as described on the USCMO website<sup>4</sup>: "USCMO hosted a civic engagement and congressional advocacy training seminar for Muslim delegates in the Capitol Visitor Center's auditorium. Later that day, members of Congress and their staff joined Hill day participants for an evening reception at the House Visitor Center. On Tuesday, Muslim delegates were hosted at the St.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Facebook, Diyanet Center of America, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/diyanetenglish/">https://www.facebook.com/diyanetenglish/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> US Council of Muslim Organizations, "Record Number of Muslims Attending Congressional Meetings on National Muslim Advocacy Day", 3 April 2019 <a href="https://uscmo.org/index.php/2019/04/03/record-number-of-muslims-attend-congressional-meetings-on-national-muslim-advocacy-day/">https://uscmo.org/index.php/2019/04/03/record-number-of-muslims-attend-congressional-meetings-on-national-muslim-advocacy-day/</a>

Mark's Episcopal Church." This USCMO delegation included more than 500 leaders and activists from 28 states who met with over 250 elected members of Congress and staffers. Concern is warranted for multiple reasons, as lawmakers in the Nation's capital and senior members of the Trump administration are not adequately educated regarding the true intentions of either the Muslim Brotherhood or the USCMO. The Center for Security Policy (CSP) has delivered numerous warnings about the threat of shariah and the Muslim Brotherhood's Civilization Jihad<sup>5</sup> during the presidential terms of both Barack H. Obama and now the current administration of Donald J. Trump.

In the spring of 2018, CSP published the book "Ally No More: Erdoğan's New Turkish Caliphate and the Rising Jihadist Threat to the West" and explained how USCMO Secretary General Oussama Jammal had long prepared logistics to begin tactical work for the Muslim Brotherhood with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Justice and Development Party (AK Party). This alliance marked a strategic step forward for the Muslim Brotherhood in America. Some of its key leadership figures had not only joined together to create the USCMO, but also to align with the increasingly jihadist government of Turkey that was itself in open alignment with HAMAS and the Egyptian-based Muslim Brotherhood.

In a 20 December 2017 CSP article, "Turkey's Erdoğan Declared Ummah Leader at DC Muslim Brotherhood Rally Condemning Trump Recognition of Jerusalem," leadership of the Brotherhood's USCMO umbrella group, the openly hailed<sup>7</sup> Erdoğan as "My President, your president, president of the ummah Recep Tayyip Erdoğan." Erdoğan's own cousin, Halil Mutlu, who was a keynote speaker at the rally, called for fidelity of all Muslims (including American Muslims) to Erdoğan as the leader of the *ummah*. As has been noted in these spaces before, USCMO Secretary General Oussama Jammal and other U.S. Brotherhood leaders such as CAIR Executive Director, Nihad Awad, have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Center for Security Policy, "Center Releases Team B II Report: Shariah: The Threat to America", 15 September 2010 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2010/09/15/center-releases-team-b-ii-report-shariah-the-threat-to-america-3/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2010/09/15/center-releases-team-b-ii-report-shariah-the-threat-to-america-3/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Center for Security Policy, New Book Ally No More Details Jihadist Threat from Turkey", 17 April 2018 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2018/04/17/new-book-ally-no-more-details-jihadist-threat-from-turkey/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2018/04/17/new-book-ally-no-more-details-jihadist-threat-from-turkey/</a>
<sup>7</sup> Center for Security Policy, "Turkish President Erdoğan Declared Ummah Leader at Washington, DC Muslim Brotherhood Rally Condemning Trump Recognition of Jerusalem", 20 December 2017
<a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2017/12/20/turkish-president-erdogan-declared-ummah-leader-at-washington-dc-muslim-brotherhood-rally-condemning-trump-recognition-of-jerusalem/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2017/12/20/turkish-president-erdogan-declared-ummah-leader-at-washington-dc-muslim-brotherhood-rally-condemning-trump-recognition-of-jerusalem/</a>
<sup>8</sup> Ibid

developed a close strategic relationship with President Erdoğan and AK Party leaders, who likewise are HAMAS-Muslim Brotherhood supporters.

Previously, in the late summer of 2015, CSP published the book entitled "Star Spangled Shariah: The Rise of America's First Muslim Brotherhood Party" and issued a warning that these Muslim Brotherhood organizations which make up the USCMO posed a clear and compelling threat to U.S. national security and the U.S. Constitution. Evidence acquired by American and foreign security agencies documents that the Muslim Brotherhood engages in hostile intelligence collection against U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies, and seeks to conduct influence operations (IO)<sup>10</sup> against them and American policymakers. Such activities on the part of these groups constitute a direct threat to the security of the nation's secrets, as well as the independence of its domestic and foreign policy. The gathering under one U.S.-based umbrella organization of jihadist Brotherhood entities, closely aligned with the equally jihadist Muslim Brotherhood regime in Turkey, has developed into just the sort of national security threat both foreign and domestic that the Center foresaw.

The following details<sup>11</sup> were reported on the USCMO website about its 2014 meetings in Turkey: "The US Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO) was invited to attend a conference by the Turkish Justice and Development Party (AK Party). The USCMO delegation also attended elections of a new AK Party chairman and was able to witness Turkish "democracy" at work. The conference, considered to be an extraordinary event by members of the AK Party, was held in honor of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, its founder and chairman, to bid him a special farewell after his election as President of Turkey. Mr. Ahmet Davutoğlu was elected the new chairman of the AK Party. The USCMO was represented by Oussama Jammal, Secretary General; Naeem Baig, ICNA president; and Osama Abu-Irshaid, American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) National Director. The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Center for Security Policy, "Book Release: Star Spangled Shariah: The Rise of America's First Muslim Brotherhood Party", 15 September 2015 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2015/09/15/book-release-star-spangled-shariah-the-rise-of-americas-first-muslim-brotherhood-party/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2015/09/15/book-release-star-spangled-shariah-the-rise-of-americas-first-muslim-brotherhood-party/</a>

The document instructs the MB to establish intelligence

capabilities that include counterintelligence, intelligence collection, and surveillance. Appendix 1 also includes citations from the Charter of the Center of the Studies, the Intelligence and the Information, a document uncovered by Federal Law enforcement at the home of convicted Palestinian Islamic Jihad organizer and Muslim Brotherhood member Sami al-Arian.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Center for Security Policy, "New Book: Ally No More Details Jihadist Threat from Turkey", 17 April 2018 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2018/04/17/new-book-ally-no-more-details-jihadist-threat-from-turkey/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2018/04/17/new-book-ally-no-more-details-jihadist-threat-from-turkey/</a>

developing nexus post-2018 elections in the U.S. among the USCMO, U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar, Erdoğan, and the AKP should serve as a red flag warning for not only elected officials in Congress, but also U.S. national security and intelligence leadership.

More than a year before her election in November 2018 to the United States Congress, then-Minnesota state legislator, the Somali-born Ilhan Abdullahi Omar met in a closed door meeting<sup>12</sup> in September 2017 with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in New York City at the beginning of the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly. A year prior, as reported13 by the pro-AKP Turkish press agency Yeni Şafak, Erdoğan was in New York City for the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly on 13 September 2016, on the sidelines of which he received a delegation of prominent Muslim Brotherhood leadership who are now supporters of U.S. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. Among the USCMO members represented at that meeting were the following (as pictured here): Nihad Awad, the executive director of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR); Osama Abu Irshaid, the national director of American Muslims for Palestine (AMP); Mazen Mokhtar, the national executive director of the Muslim American Society (MAS); and Oussama Jammal, the secretary general of the USCMO. During this same timeframe, Nihad Awad welcomed an AKP delegation and the Turkish Ambassador to CAIR National headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Center for Security Policy, "Photos Surface Revealing 2017 Closed Door Meeting between Representative Ilhan Omar and Turkish President Erdoğan,"12 April 2019 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2019/04/12/photos-surface-revealing-2017-closed-door-meeting-between-rep-ilhan-omar-and-turkish-president-erdogan/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2019/04/12/photos-surface-revealing-2017-closed-door-meeting-between-rep-ilhan-omar-and-turkish-president-erdogan/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Yeni Şafak, "Erdoğan meets with representatives of Muslim Community in the US", 23 September 2016 <a href="https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/erdogan-meets-with-representatives-of-muslim-community-in-the-us-253581323">https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/erdogan-meets-with-representatives-of-muslim-community-in-the-us-253581323</a>



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Omar's endorsement<sup>14</sup> by the Democrat Party to replace retiring Congressman Keith Ellison, now Minnesota Attorney General (a supporter<sup>15</sup> of the USCMO and speaker at its events<sup>16</sup>), was a calculated decision stemming from her work as a legislator in state district 60B. A careful study of Omar's history and associations<sup>17</sup> not only expose the troubling patterns indicative of her world view, but the antisemitism<sup>18</sup> of the USCMO cloaked in Star Spangled Shariah, whose members approve and financially<sup>19</sup> back her initiatives. As noted<sup>20</sup> at the USCMO website on 11 September 2018: "Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar joining the floor of United States Congress is an important step in the

World", 21 February 2016 <a href="http://www.muslimlinkpaper.com/community-news/4106-leaders-say-coordinating-council-needed-for-muslims-of-the-western-world">http://www.muslimlinkpaper.com/community-news/4106-leaders-say-coordinating-council-needed-for-muslims-of-the-western-world</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Associated Press, "Democratic Party endorses Ilhan Omar in congressional race", 18 June 2018 <a href="https://www.apnews.com/dcb1a6ee0aa74b6ea3191690c80d5ad6">https://www.apnews.com/dcb1a6ee0aa74b6ea3191690c80d5ad6</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Center for Security Policy, "Burn This Book" Exposes Keith Ellison's Anti-American, Marxist and Islamist Associations and Agenda", 25 September 2018 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/tag/keith-ellison/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/tag/keith-ellison/</a>
<sup>16</sup> Muslim Link Paper, Community News, "Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western Western Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News," Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News, "Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News," Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News, "Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News," Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News, "Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News," Leaders News, "Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News," Leaders News, "Leaders Say Coordinating Council Needed for Muslims of the Western News," Leaders News, "Leaders News," Leaders News," Leaders News, "Leaders News," Leaders News, "Leaders News," Leaders News, "Leaders News," Leaders News," Leaders News, "Leaders News," Leaders News,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> PJ Media, "Photos Surface Revealing 2017 'Closed-Door' Meeting Between Rep. Ilhan Omar and Turkish President Erdoğan," 11 April 2019 <a href="https://pjmedia.com/homeland-security/photos-surface-revealing-2017-closed-door-meeting-between-rep-ilhan-omar-and-turkish-president-erdogan/">https://pjmedia.com/homeland-security/photos-surface-revealing-2017-closed-door-meeting-between-rep-ilhan-omar-and-turkish-president-erdogan/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Center for Security Policy, "US Muslim Brotherhood Political Party Protests in Chicago against Israel and Jews", 28 July 2014 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2014/07/28/us-muslim-brotherhood-political-party-protests-in-chicago-against-israel-and-jews/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2014/07/28/us-muslim-brotherhood-political-party-protests-in-chicago-against-israel-and-jews/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Middle East Forum, Islamist Money Watch, "Recipient Name: Ilhan Omar Donations History", <a href="https://www.meforum.org/islamist-watch/money-politics/recipient/682/">https://www.meforum.org/islamist-watch/money-politics/recipient/682/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> United States Council of Muslim Organizations, "USCMO Celebrates Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar: Two Democrats Set to Become First Muslim Women in Congress", 11 September 2018 <a href="https://uscmo.org/index.php/2018/09/11/usmco-celebrates-rashida-tlaib-and-ilhan-omar-two-democrats-set-to-become-the-first-muslim-women-in-congress/">https://uscmo.org/index.php/2018/09/11/usmco-celebrates-rashida-tlaib-and-ilhan-omar-two-democrats-set-to-become-the-first-muslim-women-in-congress/</a>



right direction for the Muslim American community. The USMCO congratulates these strong, vibrant leaders on their monumental, historic achievements."



Picture Credit: U.S. Council of Muslim Organizations<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Ibid

In 2012, Omar tweeted<sup>22</sup>, "Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel," and she quickly defended  $^{23}$  her statement: "I don't know how my comments would be offensive to Jewish Americans...My comments precisely are addressing what was happening during the Gaza war, and I am clearly speaking about the way the Israeli regime was conducting itself in that war." Neither the record of her continuing controversial actions and statements as a freshman serving on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, nor her Global Islamic Movement supporters should be regarded as unpredictable. Omar is not only demonstrating a loyalty to the narrative about HAMAS that is held as well by the USCMO, but also by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Justice and Development Party.



Ilhan Omar with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Photo Credit: TGRT Haber)

U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar has received continued support as seen on the official Twitter accounts from the senior leadership of the USCMO including Secretary General Oussama Jammal<sup>24</sup>, Nihad Awad<sup>25</sup>, and HAMAS dba the Council on American Islamic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Yeni Şafak, "US Congresswoman Omar Defends Tweet Criticizing Israel", 18 January 2019 https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/us-congresswoman-omar-defends-tweet-criticizing-israel-3472108

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Twitter Account, Oussama Jammal, 5 March 2019 <a href="https://twitter.com/ojammal/status/1103076112245145600">https://twitter.com/ojammal/status/1103076112245145600</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Twitter Account, Nihad Awad, 12 February 2019 https://twitter.com/NihadAwad/status/1095504437685161986

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Twitter Account, CAIR National, 15 April 2019 <a href="https://twitter.com/CAIRNational/status/1117886864105435136">https://twitter.com/CAIRNational/status/1117886864105435136</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Twitter Account, CAIR National, 9 April 2019 <a href="https://twitter.com/CAIRNational/status/1115579085412081664">https://twitter.com/CAIRNational/status/1115579085412081664</a>

The evolution of the AK Party relationship and the solidification of its ties with USCMO leadership in combination with the growing strategic role of the Turkish government's Diyanet Center of America in Lanham, Maryland should be concerning at a minimum to the senior leadership of U.S. national security. Erdoğan and the AKP are now directing initiatives and programs through the Diyanet Center of America, which is a command headquarters for advancing the Muslim Brotherhood and its Civilization Jihad on U.S. soil. Unfortunately, U.S. President Donald J. Trump and his administration seem unaware of the paradigm shift in insurgency operations against the U.S. government led by the pro-HAMAS, hostile foreign government of Turkey in a full-fledged Islamic jihad partnership with the North American Muslim Brotherhood and USCMO.

While this strategic relationship between the USCMO and a pro-HAMAS, hostile foreign state actor was yet in its nascent stage, President Erdoğan and the AKP were already calculating their next steps to benefit the Muslim Brotherhood's operations in the U.S. To any observant national security practitioner, Erdoğan's goal seemed clear: to establish the Diyanet Center of America as an operational hub for Turkey to direct Muslim Brotherhood influence operations against the U.S. government in collaboration with the USCMO.

Remember that Erdoğan himself<sup>28</sup> officiated at the 2 April 2016 opening ceremonies<sup>29</sup> for the DCA<sup>30</sup>, located on a large 16-acre site in Lanham, Maryland. The Diyanet Center, also known as the Turkish American Cultural Center (TACC), is a whollyowned facility of The Presidency of Religious Affairs<sup>31</sup>, an official state institution of the Turkish government. Likewise, the relationship between the USCMO and the Turkish government is an open one, as is their use of the DCA as a hub for joint operations. Even before the official opening of the DCA in March 2016, Turkish influence became evident when the Turkish American Cultural Society (TACS) became a member of the USCMO. This strategic partnership between the USCMO and Turkish government comes into even clearer focus when this relationship is viewed through the lens of the domestic Muslim Brotherhood's longstanding mission found in its 1991 Explanatory

<sup>28</sup> Muslim Link, "Thousands Gather as Erdoğan Official Opens Diyanet Complex", 15 April 2016 https://issuu.com/muslimlink/docs/04 15 2016 web

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> WTOP, Dick Uliano, "Maryland Mosque Opens Its Doors to the Faithful", 2 April 2016 <a href="http://wtop.com/local/2016/04/dicks-turkish-mosque-story-photos/slide/1/">http://wtop.com/local/2016/04/dicks-turkish-mosque-story-photos/slide/1/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Diyanet Center of America, <a href="https://diyanetamerica.org/">https://diyanetamerica.org/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Facebook, Diyanet Center of America <a href="https://www.facebook.com/diyanetenglish/">https://www.facebook.com/diyanetenglish/</a>

Memorandum<sup>32</sup>: "The general strategic goal of the Group in America ... is the "Enablement of Islam in North America, meaning: establishing an effective and stable Islamic Movement led by the Muslim Brotherhood which adopts Muslims' causes domestically and globally ... presents a civilization alternative, and supports the global Islamic State wherever it is."

Nihad Awad, Executive Director for CAIR, did not miss the opportunity to embrace President of Religious Affairs (Diyanet) Professor Dr. Mehmet Görmez when he was in the U.S. to inaugurate the DCA. Görmez paid a special visit in April 2016 to the CAIR National office in Washington, D.C., where he received a warm reception and plaque from Muslim Brotherhood leadership representing USCMO member organizations.

While Görmez praised the work of CAIR National's role in the U.S. and around the world, he also noted in the meeting with USCMO representatives that "there are times when humanity goes through some tough phases. Today humanity is going through such a period. There is no doubt that in these hard times it is the religion of Islam that will teach human beings peace, security, justice and the truth." Unfortunately, as we know, Islamic history is replete with countless examples where humanity has learned the hard consequences that belie the meaning of the terms 'peace', 'security', 'justice', and 'truth', because their Islamic definitions are different in legal application for Muslims versus non-Muslims.

In reply to Görmez's remarks, CAIR Executive Director Nihad Awad stressed that Turkey is viewed as source of "hope" by so many countries. He also stressed the Muslim Brotherhood's understanding of its role through the USCMO working with Turkey:

"[T]he timing of the opening of this center is of great importance in view of the rising anti-Islamic trend in the U.S. This facility will be the center of civilization and culture. Turkey is of great importance for us. It is a source of hope for humanity. Turkey has become a symbol of justice. I am a Palestinian and I feel deep gratitude for what Turkey has done for the Palestinians. My Egyptian and Syrian colleagues are also sharing these feelings. This is a sentiment that is being shared in all corners of the Ummah."<sup>34</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Center for Security Policy, "An Explanatory Memorandum: From the Archives of the Muslim Brotherhood in America", 25 May 2013 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2013/05/25/an-explanatory-memorandum-from-the-archives-of-the-muslim-brotherhood-in-america/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2013/05/25/an-explanatory-memorandum-from-the-archives-of-the-muslim-brotherhood-in-america/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Yasin Aktay, "Greetings and a message from Western Muslims," *Yeni Şafak*, 6 February 2016 <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20160211043643/http://www.yenisafak.com/en/columns/yasinaktay/greetings-and-a-message-from-western-muslims-2026629/">https://web.archive.org/web/20160211043643/http://www.yenisafak.com/en/columns/yasinaktay/greetings-and-a-message-from-western-muslims-2026629/</a>
<sup>34</sup> Ibid

Interestingly, Awad is not only acknowledging Erdoğan's Justice and Development Party; he also identified the significant role of the Diyanet in Lanham, Maryland, purported to be a gift to America, as a place of operation for the Turkish government and Muslim Brotherhood to combat the forces of freedom that challenge Islamic supremacism.

Additionally, under the Trump administration, the USCMO is especially concerned<sup>35</sup> with legal issues, as calls were heard during the 2016 campaign urging that the 2008 Holy Land Foundation (HLF) HAMAS terror funding trial<sup>36</sup> be re-opened to pursue possible cases against the more-than-200 unindicted co-conspirators named by the U.S. Department of Justice. Apparently concerned over possible vulnerability should the books of mosques, Islamic Centers, and Muslim Brotherhood front groups come under renewed official scrutiny, CAIR and other members of the USCMO therefore engaged the services of the Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA), itself a founding member of the USCMO.

Of important note the first major event<sup>37</sup> co-sponsored by the USCMO, Turkish American Cultural Center (TACC), and the MLFA during the beginning of the Trump presidency was the Muslim Non-Profit Leadership Conference<sup>38</sup>, held on 13 May 2017 at the Diyanet Center of America. Among the program topics were Safeguarding 501(c)3 status; Board fiduciary responsibilities; record keeping and disclosure requirements; Fundraising regulations, state registrations, unrelated business income; and Banking regulations, FDIC, DOJ, Watchlists, international charitable giving.

Not surprisingly, newly sworn in Congresswoman Ilhan Omar met with Diyanet Center of America leadership, which also coincided with a CAIR National Community Congressional Reception in January 2019. Strangely, while this meeting was not recognized on any of Omar's social media platforms, the Diyanet Center of America prominently featured both her and this event. According to the Diyanet Center of America<sup>39</sup> website: "DCA Board Members Kevser Ozer, Sibel Ozkan, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Center for Security Policy, "NATO Ally Turkey Working with U.S. Muslim Brotherhood", 3 April 2017 <a href="https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/tag/uscmo/">https://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/tag/uscmo/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> United States Department of Justice, "Federal Judge Hands Downs Sentences in Holy Land Foundation Case Holy Land Foundation and Leaders Convicted on Providing Material Support to Hamas Terrorist Organization", 27 May 2009 <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-downs-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case/">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-downs-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case/</a>
<sup>37</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Muslim Legal Fund of America, "Event: Muslim Nonprofit Leadership Conference Maryland", 13 May 2017 https://www.mlfa.org/event/muslim-nonprofit-leadership-conference-maryland/#.WOFlZBvysb4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Diyanet Center of America, "DCA Board Members Met Congressman and Congresswomen", 11 February 2019 <a href="https://diyanetamerica.org/news/dca-board-members-met-congressman-and-congresswomen/">https://diyanetamerica.org/news/dca-board-members-met-congressman-and-congresswomen/</a>

Ahmet Aydilek as well as community members Zeyneb Aydilek, and Selva Ozer, attended the CAIR Community Congressional Reception on January 10, 2019. They [DCA Board Members] met with Congressman Andre Carson (D-IN), and Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Ilhan Omar (D-MN). The DCA congratulates the two new Muslim members of Congress and is looking forward to fostering a relationship between our institutions."



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As acknowledged on the Twitter accounts of both U.S. House of Representative Ilhan Abdullahi Omar<sup>41</sup> and the USCMO<sup>42</sup>, senior Muslim Brotherhood leadership including USCMO Secretary General Oussama Jammal met on 2 April 2019 in the congressional office of Omar during the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Muslim Advocacy Day<sup>43</sup> on Capitol Hill.

<sup>40</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Twitter Account, U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar, 3 April 2019 https://twitter.com/Ilhan/status/1113451955102408704

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Twitter Account, United States Council of Muslim Organizations, 3 April 2019 https://twitter.com/USCMO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Twitter Account, United States Council of Muslim Organizations, 2 April 2019 https://twitter.com/USCMO/status/1113064447768027139



The December 2017 National Security Strategy<sup>44</sup> of the United States boldly declared that our first "fundamental responsibility is to protect the American people, the homeland, and the American way of life." This document also speaks of defeating our jihadist enemies: the Islamic Movement, dedicated to replacement of the U.S. Constitution with shariah and represented by the Erdoğan regime, the Muslim Brotherhood, and the USCMO, is waging civilization jihad against us here in the homeland. In the November 2018 report "The Rise of American Muslim Changemakers: Political Organizing in the Trump Era" published by CAIR National's Research and Advocacy Department, the following quote regarding Muslim voters must be recognized as red flag warning: "This new political class is aggressively non institutional and

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represents a broader trend in American politics of an engaged political insurgency."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Homeland Security Digital Library, "December 2017 National Security Strategy", 20 December 2017 <a href="https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=806478">https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=806478</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Council on American Islamic Relations, "The Rise of American Muslim Changemakers: Political Organizing in the Trump Era", 15 November 2018

https://www.cair.com/cair\_mpower\_change\_and\_jetpac\_release\_report\_on\_muslim\_political\_mobilization\_in\_the\_t rump\_era

We are now witness to the institutional development by the USCMO and global Islamic Movement through U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar as one of its operatives to advance the Brotherhood's Civilization Jihad and process of settlement that utilize the gradualist framework set forth by the influential Brotherhood theoretician Sayyid Qutb in his seminal 1964 book, 'Milestones.' The U.S. Muslim Brotherhood/USCMO is moving into an ever-closer jihad alliance with pro-HAMAS Erdoğan and his AKP to advance the global Islamic Movement. That relationship is brazenly pursued on American soil with the Lanham, Maryland Diyanet Center of America as its base for insurgency operations against the U.S. government, whose purpose is openly declared: to advance the establishment of a global Islamic State under rule of Islamic Law (shariah). It is time for President Donald J. Trump and his administration to call out, confront, and vanquish this threat.