



2021

Year In Review

CAIR Office in Maryland

HIGHLIGHTS



# Mission, Vision, & Principles

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*CAIR's vision is to be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.*

*CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.*

## CAIR:

- supports free enterprise, freedom of religion and freedom of expression.
- is committed to protecting the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of faith.
- supports domestic policies that promote civil rights, diversity and freedom of religion.
- opposes domestic policies that limit civil rights, permit racial, ethnic or religious profiling, infringe on due process, or prevent anyone from participating fully in American civic life.
- is a natural ally of groups, religious or secular, that advocate justice and human rights.
- supports foreign policies that help create free and equitable trade, encourage human rights and promote representative government based on socio-economic justice.
- believes Islam strengthens the social and religious fabric of our nation.
- condemns all acts of violence against civilians by any individual, group or state.
- advocates dialogue between faith communities both in America and worldwide.
- supports equal and complementary rights and responsibilities for men and women.
- is a grassroots civil rights and advocacy group.
- is America's largest Muslim civil liberties organization, with regional offices nationwide. CAIR's national headquarters are located on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C.



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## A Message From CAIR's Maryland Director

***Whoever recommends and helps a good cause becomes a partner therein. [Surah An-Nisa 4:85]***

Asalamu'alaikum, peace be with you:

We knew entering into this year that it would be a challenging one. Emerging from four years under the Trump administration - combined with growing hostility facing Muslims and minority communities and a global pandemic that nearly two years later continues to disrupt lives - ensured that our team hit the ground running. And sure enough, we haven't slowed down. But this year has demonstrated what resiliency looks like in action. It's been a reminder of the power of our collective voice when we uplift one another and work together for change.

From lobbying lawmakers and advocating for justice in Palestine through campaigns and statewide rallies; to fighting for prayer space and safer schools for Muslim students experiencing intolerance, bullying or harassment; to empowering community members impacted by bigotry and hate; to coordinating collection drives with community partners to support Afghan refugees arriving to Maryland; to launching Project Insan to help feed unhoused community members in Baltimore; and much more, together we've helped bridge the gap on a wide range of issues.

CAIR had a robust legislative agenda in 2021 that focused on: 1) hate crimes and racism, 2) ending the state's support for countries that engage in genocide, 3) criminal justice and police reform, and 4) immigration policies that inspire trust in law enforcement agencies and build healthier, safer communities. Our team testified on dozens of bills during this year's Maryland General Assembly session, ensuring the Muslim voice was represented and heard in the halls of power more than ever.

In this publication, you'll find examples of some of the milestones we achieved and progress we accomplished together. As this year winds down, I want to thank you for entrusting CAIR to be your voice consistently fighting for justice and inclusivity and speaking truth to power.

We invite you to give generously to sustain this work. All donations to CAIR are tax-deductible/zakat-eligible (Tax ID# 77-0646756). No amount is too small. You may give online at [www.cair.com/donate](http://www.cair.com/donate) or mail in checks to CAIR, 453 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Our team wishes you a happy, healthy, prosperous and hate-free 2022.

Sincerely,

Zainab Chaudry, Pharm.D.  
Director, CAIR Office in Maryland

# CAIR in the Community



**CAIR to Co-Host 'Inauguration Day Muslim Community Priorities Town Hall'**

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) will co-host a live one-hour "Inauguration Day Muslim Community Priorities Town Hall" at 4:00 PM (EST) on Facebook and YouTube with other national Muslim community groups. Read [more](#).

## CAIR Launches 'Project Insan' in Honor of MLK Day to Support Baltimore's Underserved Homeless Communities

Earlier today, the Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) launched "Project Insan" to support underserved homeless communities in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. "Project Insan" is a year-long campaign in which volunteers will gather one day each month, in a COVID-19 compliant setting, to pack brown bag lunches for distribution in Baltimore to people experiencing homelessness.

The initiative is named after Chapter 76 of the Holy Qur'an, Surah Al-Insan ('Humankind' or 'Mankind') which emphasizes the importance of feeding the less fortunate "...only for the sake of God, seeking neither reward nor thanks..." [Surah al-Insan, verse 9].



On January 26, CAIR was invited to speak before the Harford County chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) about the experiences of Muslim women. Founded in 1881, AAUW is a non-profit organization that advances equity for women and girls.

**Video: CAIR Hosts COVID-19 Briefing With Governor's Office, Md. Muslim Leaders**

Earlier this month, CAIR hosted a conversation with the Governor's office and Maryland Muslim leaders to discuss topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic including vaccine supply and administration, schools reopening, and preparations for Ramadan.

[Watch the Briefing](#)

**Maryland Muslim Leaders Join CAIR to Hold Virtual News Conference Offering Reaction to Guilty Verdict in Derek Chauvin Trial**



**CAIR, Community Partners Host Maryland Panel Discussion on Incarcerated Muslims' Rights**

Photo: Moderators and Speakers at Friday's Event Held at Diyanet Center

Video: Br. Musa Mahdi Speaks at Mt. Panel on Incarcerated Muslims' Rights

**March 25: CAIR, MEMA to Hold Non-Profit Security Grant Program Workshop for Mosque Leaders**

**Virtual FEMA Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Workshop**

Through its Non-profit Security Grant Program (NSGP), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has allocated millions of dollars to houses of worship to enhance physical security features that will help deter, thwart and mitigate damage in the event of an attack. This includes mosques, as well as Islamic organizations, schools and clinics that are connected to mosques. This workshop for Maryland mosque and community leaders is intended to share information about the grant application requirements and process.

Thurs., March 25, 2021  
10 a.m.

CAIR Office in Maryland  
Email: [mdoutreach@cair.com](mailto:mdoutreach@cair.com)  
Phone: (410) 971-6062

RSVP required:  
<http://bit.ly/npsgworkshop>

**Muslim Leaders: COVID-19 Vaccines Acceptable During Ramadan (WMAR2)**

BALTIMORE COUNTY, Md. — Religious leaders and health officials in Baltimore County are letting their communities know that receiving a COVID-19 vaccine anytime during Ramadan, when it is customary for Muslim adults to fast from dawn to dusk, will not violate the religious obligation.



**Maryland Muslim Groups Announce Joint Letter to Elected Officials Urging Action in Response to Israeli Anti-Palestinian Aggression**

Md. Muslim Leaders...

On Monday, May 24, more than a dozen Muslim organizations and mosques, including the Montgomery County Muslim Council and the Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), held a virtual news conference announcing a joint letter urging elected officials to take action in response to Israel's recent aggressions against Palestinians, which killed more than 230 Palestinians, including dozens of children, injured and displaced thousands others, and destroyed critical infrastructure.

**CAIR Welcomes Governor Hogan's Commitment to Accept Afghan Refugees in Maryland, Partners with Muslim Communities to Collect Donations for Newly Arriving Families**

Maryland Muslims Welcome Afghan Refugees **DONATION DRIVE**

**Drop-Off Locations & Schedule:**

Local Drop-off Dates: Starting September 6, 2021

**Accepted Items:**

- Household necessities (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- Personal care items (toiletries, soap, etc.)
- Food items (canned goods, etc.)
- Blankets and clothing
- Small appliances (toaster, coffee maker, etc.)
- Books and magazines
- Small electronics (laptop, tablet, etc.)
- Small furniture (table, chairs, etc.)
- Small kitchen appliances (toaster oven, etc.)
- Small tools (hammer, screwdriver, etc.)
- Small appliances (toaster, coffee maker, etc.)
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**Drop-off Locations:**

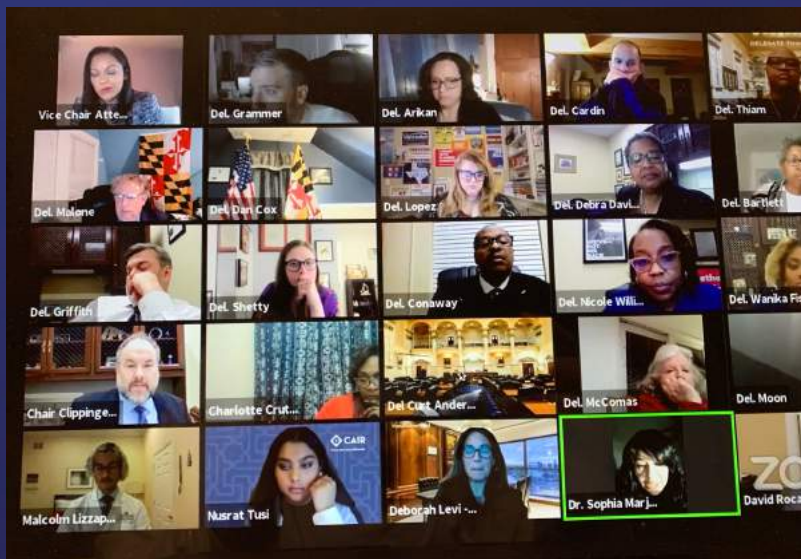
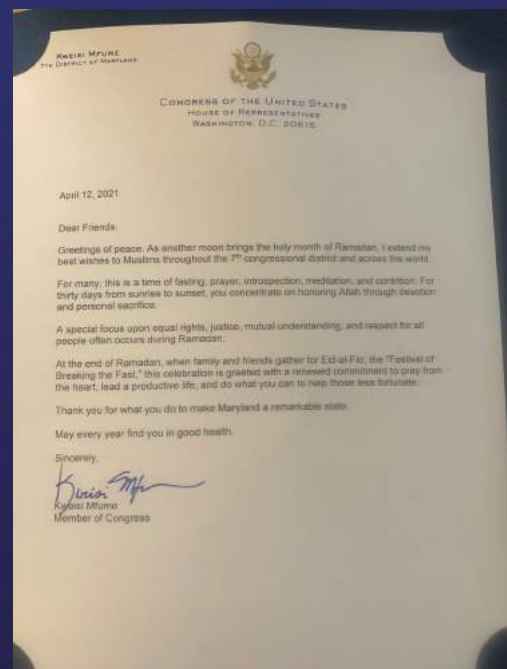
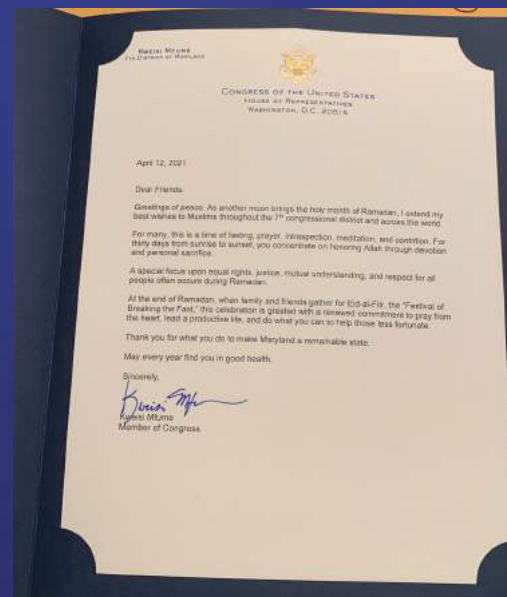
- CAIR Office in Maryland: 410-971-6062
- Islamic Center of Baltimore: 410-528-1111
- Islamic Center of Annapolis: 410-291-1111
- Islamic Center of Frederick: 301-799-1111
- Islamic Center of Gaithersburg: 301-927-1111
- Islamic Center of Germantown: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Greenbelt: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Hyattsville: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Laurel: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Pikesville: 410-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Rockville: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Silver Spring: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Takoma Park: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Upper Meridian: 301-261-1111
- Islamic Center of Woodbridge: 301-261-1111



**CAIR Delivers Eid Greeting Cards to Incarcerated Muslims in Maryland Prison**



# Ramadan 2021: Governor's Proclamation & Congressional Citations



# Statewide Palestine Solidarity Actions



# Protecting Your Civil Rights



## CAIR Calls for Immediate Probe of Excessive Use of Force Against 5-Year-Old Child by Maryland Police

On March 29, CAIR called for an immediate investigation into reports of excessive use of force against a 5-year-old child who – video released last week shows – was arrested and detained by Montgomery County police officers in an incident last year.



## CAIR Applauds Maryland Lawmakers' Move to Ban Life Without Parole Sentences for Minors

On March 31, CAIR's Maryland office applauded state lawmakers' final move to pass the Juvenile Restoration Act and urged Governor Hogan to sign the measure into law when it is presented to him.

## BRIDGE Maryland, CAIR Join Maryland Coalition Urging State Senate to Pass Critical Juvenile Justice Bills



On April 7, CAIR joined BRIDGE Md. and a coalition of activists, faith leaders and elected officials at a news conference at Lawyer's Mall in Annapolis, Md., to urge state senators to pass critical juvenile justice bills.

## CAIR Issues Maryland UMBC Campus Safety Advisory, Plans Self-Defense Training After Alleged Assault on Muslim Student



(BALTIMORE, MD, 11/18/2021) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today issued a campus safety advisory encouraging Muslim students at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) to stay vigilant and practice safety precautions after campus officials alerted it of a reported physical assault targeting a Muslim student who wears hijab, or Islamic head scarf.

According to a notice issued by UMBC administration, the incident occurred on Tuesday in the Commons building on campus where the visibly distraught student reported to staff that an unknown male ripped off her hijab. The university has launched an investigation and is in touch with CAIR.

## CAIR Condemns Alleged Hate Crime Against Maryland Muslim 6th Grader, Calls on Baltimore County Public Schools to Thoroughly Investigate

Washington, D.C. Based Muslim Civil Rights Group Urges Meaningful Policy Changes, Restorative Measures



(BALTIMORE, MD, 11/29/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today condemned and called for a thorough investigation into an alleged hate crime against a 6th grade Muslim student at Franklin Middle School in Reisterstown, Md., that reportedly occurred on Friday, Nov. 19.

### An Employer's Guide to Islamic Religious Practices

### An Educator's Guide to Islamic Religious Practices

#### IN THE WORKPLACE

You are entitled to prayer and iftar breaks and to take time off for Eid, so long as the request is reasonable and does not cause an undue hardship to the employer. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, in particular section 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(j), allows an employee to take time off from work for religious observance, so long as he or she gives the employer adequate notice and the employee's absence does not cause an undue hardship to the employer.

## CAIR Calls for Independent Probe of Quran Trashing at Maryland Correctional Facility

(BALTIMORE, Md., 6/23/2021) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called for an independent investigation of an incident in which correctional officers allegedly threw away an inmate's belongings, including legal documents, clothes and a Quran – Islam's revealed text – in the Baltimore Pre-Trial Facility in Jessup (BPTFJ).



The inmate reports that while he was handcuffed, correctional officers threw away his legal papers, case and trial research preparation, an Arabic Quran, Islamic and religious research and material, court transcripts, complaint forms, and some articles of clothing.

## CAIR Calls on Maryland's Motor Vehicle Association to Update Public Notices to Include Religious Accommodations for Photo ID's, Provide Diversity Training for Employees

On December 16, CAIR's Maryland office called on the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Motor Vehicle Association (MVA) to update public notices informing customers of their rights to wear religious head coverings in photo ID's and drivers' licenses, and to offer vetted diversity training to all of its employees in its branches across Maryland.



The call came after CAIR received a complaint from a resident of Howard County, Maryland who reports she was instructed by a MVA employee to remove her scarf, that she wears due to her sincerely held religious beliefs, before she could proceed to take her photo for her drivers' license. The community member told CAIR that she was eventually allowed to retake her photo with her hijab. CAIR learned earlier this year of a similar experience by a community member at the Anne Arundel County branch as well.



## SEVEN WAYS TEACHERS + SCHOOLS CAN SUPPORT MUSLIM STUDENTS DURING RAMADAN

- Create alternate spaces during lunchtime
- Excuse fasting students during PE/gym class and from activities requiring physical exertion
- Offer time and space for prayer
- Avoid food-centric class and school events if possible
- Stay vigilant for fasting students in case they need extra attention
- Include accurate, culturally sensitive instructional lessons in the classroom on Ramadan
- Consider incorporating decor similarly to other religious holidays

CONTACT CAIR IF WE CAN HELP!  
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## CAIR Urges Maryland Lawmakers to Fix Unconstitutional Amendments, Take Meaningful Action on Police Reform Bills in General Assembly

(BALTIMORE, MD, 2/25/2021) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today urged state lawmakers to take meaningful action on critical police reform bills being debated in the Maryland General Assembly, and to fix problematic, unconstitutional amendments that create a new legal standard for "use of force" that would permit officers to use force to "gain compliance" or "take control of a situation."

Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings (JPR) committee are being urged to pass Senate Bill 626 Law Enforcement Officers' Use of Force with the explicit standard that officers "can only apply force when it is necessary as a last resort," not to "gain compliance or control a situation" as the bill currently stands after amendments accepted during last night's committee vote hearing.



## CAIR, Seddiq Law File Complaint Against Maryland County and Prison Ministry of America for Requiring Jail Chaplain to Be Christian



BALTIMOREPOST.COM  
Only Christians could apply for jail chaplain job in Prince George's County.

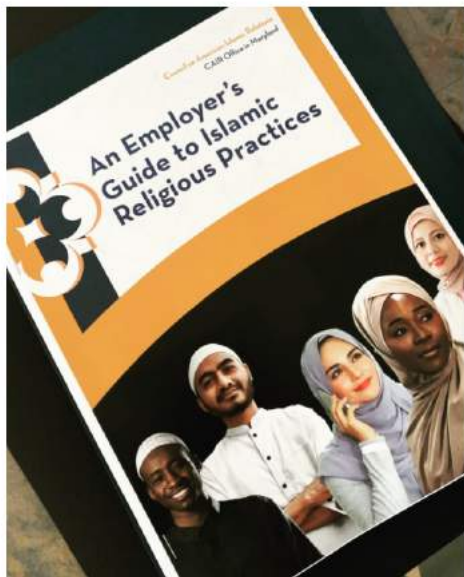
(WASHINGTON, D.C., 5/28/21) — The Council on American-Islamic Relations National Legal Defense Fund (CAIR) and Seddiq Law today announced the filing of a First Amendment lawsuit against Maryland's Prince George's County and the Prison Ministry of America on behalf of Imam Edees Bridges, who wanted a job as a chaplain in the Prince George's County Jail only to find out that the position was open to Christians only.

## CAIR Calls for Hate Crime Probe into Incident Targeting Maryland Muslim



On Monday, May 17, CAIR held a news conference at its Baltimore office to call for a hate crime probe into a series of incidents targeting an immigrant Muslim family in a Baltimore neighborhood who reported that they've been harassed for three years.

## Know Your Rights as a Muslim Student or Employee This Ramadan



**CAIR, Md. Governor's Office Partner with Interfaith Community for Annual Designation of October as 'Statewide Bullying Prevention Month'**



**CAIR Condemns 9/11 Related Bullying of Md. Muslim Student, Calls on Howard County Schools Superintendent, Board to Take Appropriate Action**

On September 14, CAIR's Maryland office condemned the bullying of a Muslim child at Veterans Elementary School in Howard County, Maryland that reportedly "reduced him to tears" and led to him "fleeing the classroom."

The family tells CAIR the incident was prompted by a lesson on 9/11 when the fifth grade student, who was wearing a Muslim prayer cap, was instructed by his teacher to explain to the class "who was behind the attacks." They say that after he attempted to describe the attackers as "Saudi nationals," students in the class started mocking and ridiculing him and chanting "you're Muslim like them."

**CAIR Calls on Maryland University to Provide Reasonable Prayer Accommodations for Muslims on Campus, Offer Cultural Competency Training for Staff**



**Civil Rights Group Schedules #LetThemPray Twitterstorm on 9/20 Urging Community to Support Students**

On September 17, CAIR's Maryland office announced that it is calling on the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) to provide reasonable religious accommodations to its Muslim students including granting adequate prayer space on campus, designating storage for prayer rugs, and coordinating cultural competency training for its staff at the Center for Wellness.

Since the first day of the Fall 2021 semester began on August 31, Muslim students enrolled at the university have been struggling to find ample, clean, consistently and readily accessible space for the five daily congregational prayers.



**CAIR Thanks Maryland University for Agreeing to Provide Inclusive Campus Climate for Muslim Students**



On September 30, CAIR thanked the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) for steps it is taking to make its campus more inclusive for Muslim students, including providing accessible and adequate prayer space, designating modest storage space for prayer rugs, and coordinating cultural competency training for its staff at the Center for Well-Being.

"UMBC has a rich, decades-long tradition of celebrating diversity, and the conversations CAIR has had with campus administrators in recent days have underscored this," said CAIR's Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry. "We thank the administrative staff, and especially Dr. Nancy Young, for working diligently with the Muslim Students' Association to find workable solutions for Muslim students on campus. Knowing that they're part of an institution committed to their well-being will help them succeed both personally and in their educational careers."

**CAIR Marks Beginning of National Bullying Prevention Month with Resource Document for Schools to Combat Anti-Muslim Bullying**

CAIR has released a resource document to help educators combat anti-Muslim bullying. CAIR released the document as institutions across the country mark today's beginning of National Bullying Prevention Month.

The document provides informative resources that school districts can use to ensure teachers and administrators are equipped with the necessary tools to address Islamophobia in the classroom. The document includes toolkits, reports, articles, and informational videos. Read [more](#).

[Read the Resource Document](#)



**CAIR Meets With HCPSS Superintendent, Administrators to Discuss 9/11 Incident Involving Muslim Student, Explore Ways to Make County Schools Safer, More Inclusive**

Civil rights group offers 9/11 resource document for educators to reference how to teach in a culturally and religiously appropriate way.



**CAIR Trains Maryland Educators on Cultural Competency in Education of Muslim Students at Statewide Cultural Proficiency Conference**



On October 26, CAIR presented at the annual Maryland Cultural Proficiency Conference to train educators on cultural competency in the education of Muslim students.

"Our office regularly receives complaints from Muslim students and families reporting microaggressions in the school place targeting their religion and ethnicity," said CAIR's Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry, who led the presentation. "Our goal with this training is to educate teachers

on the scope of the problem, common stereotypes and misconceptions that exist about Islam and ways they can identify and create safe, inclusive learning environments for Muslim children."

# Challenging Islamophobia

**Baltimore Sun COMMENTARY: Biden's reversal of Trump's Muslim ban, can't undo its damage**

As America closes the chapter on the Trump era, millions across the nation are breathing a collective sigh of relief. The incessant barrage of headlines fixating on the one-term, twice-impeached president's inflammatory words, tweets and policies have exacted a heavy toll.

American Muslims, in particular, won't soon forget that four years ago, after taking his oath of office to uphold the Constitution, one of Donald Trump's first orders of business was to violate the value of religious freedom enshrined within that charter by signing into law his discriminatory Muslim travel ban executive order.

The first iteration of the executive order mandated a 90-day moratorium on the entry of nationals from seven Muslim majority countries, an indefinite moratorium on the entry of Syrian refugees and a 120-day moratorium on the entry of all other refugees.

When Mr. Trump enacted the travel ban, he was making good on a promise he'd made on the campaign trail to call for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

**CAIR News Conference: Maryland Leaders & Activists Offer Reaction to President Biden's "Day One Repeal" of Muslim, African Travel Ban Executive Order**

Click to Watch News Conference

**CAIR Welcomes Maryland School System's Removal of Islamophobic Image from Curriculum, Seeks Broader Policy Changes, Transparency on Approval Process**

Baltimore Sun: Baltimore County Schools Remove Islamophobic Image From Math Curriculum

On March 24, CAIR's Maryland office welcomed Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) removal of an Islamophobic image in a pre-college math curriculum and urged broad policy changes to vet content.

The controversial image featured three Muslim youth wearing Islamic head scarves (hijab) alongside the statement "RADICALS ARE FOR ADDING AND SUBTRACTING."

**CAIR Calls for Hate Crime Probe of Incidents Targeting Maryland Muslim Family**

CBS Baltimore: Group Calls For Hate Crimes Investigation Into Attacks On Muslim Family In Greenbelt, MD

On September 10, CAIR called on law enforcement authorities to conduct a hate crime investigation into several incidents targeting a Muslim family in Greenbelt, Md.

The family told CAIR that their daughter was parking her car in front of the home's driveway when a car pulled up next to her, reportedly staring at her in a menacing manner while blocking off oncoming traffic.

When the daughter, who wears an Islamic head scarf (hijab), rolled down her window, the woman in the other car called her a "terrorist," among other slurs and insults, including commenting on her skin color and the hijab. The woman also allegedly threatened the daughter, telling her that "punishment is coming soon."

**Moderator:** Yasmeen El-Koshani, Media & Public Relations Intern, CAIR Office in Maryland

**Speakers:**

- Zainab Chaudry, CAIR Office in Maryland
- Nimrah Nayel, CAIR Office in Maryland
- Rabbi Dan Burg, Beth Am Synagogue
- Dana Vickers Shelley, ACLU of Md.
- Willie Flowers, NAACP Md. State Conference
- Pastor David Norse Thomas, Md. Presbyterian Church
- Akaii Bhutani, Sikh Guru Nanaki, Foundation of America
- Rev. Kobi Little, NAACP Baltimore City
- Shahid Rafiq, United Md. Muslim Council
- Shafiq Ur Rahman, Islamic Center of Owings Mills
- Dr. Rehman Khan, Masjid Al Fataha
- Efe Poturoglu, Diyanet Center of America
- Rev. Angelique Mason, BRIDGE MD
- Shafiq Sillmi, Islamic Society of Baltimore
- AbdiAziz Ahmed, Muslim Community Center
- Shaykh Chad Earl, Islamic Center of Md.
- Asif Husain, Montgomery Co. Muslim Council

**CAIR Releases School Resource Guide to Help Teachers Address 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 Attacks**

CAIR has released a school resource document with tips and educational resources that teachers can use to teach about the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

"Teaching students about the September 11th attacks and their impact on our nation and the world is critically important," said CAIR Research and Advocacy Coordinator Huzefa Shahbaz. "It is just as important to educate students in an accurate way using reliable sources that do not contain anti-Arab or anti-Muslim content."

Full News Conference: CAIR Marks 20th Anniversary of 9/11 with Nationwide American Muslim Survey

US conveys a level of tone deafness about what's happening in Palestine

**Group Calls For Hate Crimes Investigation Into Attacks On Muslim Family In Greenbelt**

By CBS Baltimore Staff | September 20, 2021 at 9:29 pm  
Filed Under: CAIR, Council on American-Islamic Relations, Greenbelt, Greenbelt Police Department, Hate crime, Local Muslims, Prince George's County

**CAIR, Partners Call on Maryland Theaters to Drop Indian Film Backed by Modi Government for Anti-Muslim Propaganda**

Muslim civil rights groups concerned that anti-Muslim tropes in Indian box office hit, which is playing in select American theaters, will incite violence

(BALTIMORE, Md., 11/16/2021) — The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Justice for All (JFA), and the Indian-American Muslim Council (IAMC) are calling on movie theaters in the state to drop the newly-released Indian film Sooryavanshi for its content spreading "disgusting and dangerous" anti-Muslim propaganda inspired by the fascist Hindutva movement.

**BREAKING: CAIR Calls for Criminal Probe of Possible Bias Motive in Maryland Hit and Run Incident Targeting Palestinian-American Muslim Family**

(WASHINGTON, DC, 6/21/2021) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called for a "criminal investigation" of a possible bias motive for a potentially-deadly vehicular hit and run targeting a Palestinian-American Muslim family in Maryland.

Five members of the Muslim family, including four Muslim women wearing Islamic head scarves (hijab), pulled to the side of the road and inside the yellow line on I-95 in Harford County, Md., to retrieve an item from the trunk of the vehicle.

**CAIR Calls on Maryland State Police to Release Video, Other Records of Possible Bias-Motivated Hit and Run Incident Targeting Palestinian-American Family**

(BALTIMORE, Md., 6/24/2021) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called on Maryland State Police to release any video or other records on a possible bias-motivated hit and run incident targeting a Palestinian-American Muslim family.

SEE: CAIR says Harford County hit-and-run crash targeted Muslim family; state police say there's no evidence of crime

CAIR's request for video, audio and other documentation of the collision and its aftermath is in response to a Maryland Public Information Act records request to the Maryland State Police by the family.

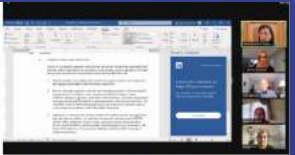
"We are requesting all possible documentation of the collision and its immediate aftermath so that all the facts in this case can be made public and investigated," said CAIR's Maryland Office Director Zainab Chaudry. "The response of Maryland State Police to this incident, in which a Muslim woman was nearly struck by a vehicle, has been inadequate and unacceptable, particularly given the behavior of the patrol officer who initially responded."

# Empowering Youth Voices

Video: Nimah Nayel, with CAIR's Office in Md., Joins D.C. Rally on 4th Anniversary of Muslim Ban



Video: CAIR Rep. & BCPS Student Speaks at News Conference in Support of Removing SRO's From Md. Schools



March 9: CAIR Reps. Zainab Chaudry and Farah Heikal meet with Jewish & Muslim partners to craft inclusive language for proposed policies within the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).

UPDATE on the 2021 Maryland General Assembly Session: CAIR's team has been hard at work submitting oral and written testimonies on numerous bills that make up our legislative priorities, some of which are noted below.



## Latest Updates: Maryland General Assembly



Top: Tonight, CAIR rep. Fatima Younis testified on the 'Dignity Not Detention' immigrants' rights bill in the House Judiciary Committee. Left: CAIR rep. Hamza Ewing testified on the Maryland TRUST Act and a bill that would grant certain immigrants the right to legal counsel in immigration proceedings.

## CAIR Rep. Testifies in Support of Bill Aimed to Discourage Racially Motivated 911 Calls



On January 20, CAIR's Government Affairs Intern in Maryland Huzzaifa Muhammad testified in support of HB227 Improperly Summoning a Police Officer. This bill aims to discourage non-emergency 911 calls that disproportionately and adversely impact communities of color. It is one of dozens of bills that make up CAIR's legislative priorities for the 2021 MGA session.

## CAIR Op-Ed: Maryland Urgently Needs Meaningful Police and Criminal Justice Reforms: The Time For Lawmakers to Act is Now (Medium)

By: Huzzaifa Muhammad, Government Affairs Intern

Our country is still in the middle of a long-overdue racial reckoning sparked by the brutal murder of George Floyd, and Maryland is in the thick of this reckoning. State lawmakers are currently debating several police and criminal justice reform bills that aim to fix antiquated and discriminatory policies and practices.

While headlines have only recently begun to focus particularly on police violence and misconduct, the reality is that this issue has affected especially Black and Brown communities for generations.



## CAIR x UMCB MSA x Aqabah Karate Self-Empowerment Training for Muslim Sisters



### CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS

1. Be aware of your surroundings. Practice situational awareness in the hallway and on the campus.
2. Show alert, don't be distracted. Identify exits and fire exits in your building.
3. Avoid using headphones, earbuds, and earbuds when you are in a crowded area or while walking alone. They just block hearing sounds.
4. Walk on well-lit routes. Avoid taking short cuts on dark, unlit paths.
5. If possible, walk with friends or in groups. Try to avoid walking alone especially after dark.
6. Walk assertive and walk confidently to help ward off unwanted attention.
7. Develop the habit of identifying emergency exits and walk routes in your facility.
8. Make sure emergency exits that have your identification and will check in regularly to make sure you're safe.
9. Avoid playing or studying alone in isolated areas that lack security measures and patrolled by campus security officers.
10. To be safe, in well-lit areas, there are many ways to get help if you are in a "pinch" before you get to your room, court building or class.
11. If you are parked next to a vehicle with tinted windows, consider entering the vehicle to get out of your car if you feel unsafe.
12. Don't leave backpacks or personal belongings unattended. Don't leave items such as laptops, cell phones, tablets, cameras or keys in use.
13. Make sure your phone is easily accessible especially if you have a weak signal. Make sure that the emergency mode if your phone has capability.
14. If having an incident or if happens or taking photos of a car or home plate that help either a perpetrator and also record evidence if necessary.
15. Make sure your phone is regularly charged. Keep a spare charged battery.
16. Downloading apps such as iUS500 can help trained individuals help in your emergencies.
17. Secure financial accounts. Don't share your bank, credit/debit cards or passwords with anybody. Don't shop online too often.
18. Program your contact buddy's emergency phone number in your phone. Report anything unusual or suspicious to police and to CAIR.



6th Annual Virtual Maryland **MUSLIM YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM**

VISION 2021: IMAGINING PROGRESS THROUGH CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Only a few seats left!

Saturday, August 21, 2021 | 10 a.m. ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/mdmys2021>

### #MYLS2021 HIGHLIGHTS:

#### 6th Annual Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium



Video: CAIR National ED Nihad Awad Welcome Remarks #MYLS2021

Video: CAIR Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry Welcome Remarks #MYLS2021

Video: Imam Khalid Latif's Remarks at CAIR's #MYLS2021



The State of Maryland

Governor of the State of Maryland, to  
CAIR MUSLIM YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Greetings:

*Be it known, That on behalf of the citizens of this State, in recognition of your 6th annual effort to advance and engage Muslim youth about the vital role we all strive to play in creating the positive change the community so actively participates in the legislative process, alongside our elected representatives, the promotion of fairness and open dialogue in speech and public debate, effective and respectful advocacy across all activities in the benefit and contemporary spirit of all Marylanders, we are pleased to confer upon you this*

Governor's Citation

Blaise W. Young, Governor of the State of Maryland  
July 20, 2021

Zainab Chaudry  
Director of CAIR Maryland

Imam Khalid Latif  
Imam of the Islamic Center of Maryland

# Promoting Justice For All

## CAIR Decries Striking of Preamble on Role of Racism in Health Disparities Bill in Md. Legislature

(BALTIMORE, Md., 3/3/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today decried the striking of language in Senate Bill 52 Public Health – Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021) in the Maryland General Assembly that addresses and highlights the role of racism in health disparities.

SEE: Senate Bill 52  
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2021RS/bills/sb/sb0052.T.pdf>



## CAIR Calls on Maryland GOP to Rebuke, Discipline Rep. Andy Harris Over Attempts to Overturn Legitimate Election, Explicit Support for Trump's Sedition

(BALTIMORE, Md., 1/7/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called on the Maryland Republican Party to condemn and rebuke that state's lone Republican Congressman Andy Harris for his attempt to overthrow a legitimate election by objecting to count electoral votes from certain states, and for his support of yesterday's insurrection on Capitol Hill that left four people dead.



## CAIR Condemns Maryland Anti-Asian Hate Incident

Civil Rights Group Urges Muslims to Join 3/24 #StopAsianHate Solidarity Rally

(BALTIMORE, MD, 3/23/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today strongly condemned the latest alleged hate incident targeting Asian-American communities and businesses in Howard County, Md., and urged members of the local Muslim community to join this Wednesday's #StopAsianHate solidarity rally with AAPI communities in Columbia, Md.

CAIR, the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, is urging members of the public to join a #StopAsianHate solidarity rally being organized this Wednesday at the Columbia Lakefront. The event is co-sponsored by 40+ organizations, including CAIR, and is expected to draw a large crowd.



## CAIR Supports Maryland House Speaker's Call to Repeal Pro-Confederacy State Song

(BALTIMORE, MD, 1/5/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today expressed support for the Speaker of Maryland's House of Delegates Adrienne Jones' move to repeal the state song 'Maryland, My Maryland,' which contains pro-Confederacy themes.



## CAIR Condemns Neo-Nazi Hate Symbols Disccovered in Baltimore Neighborhood, Applauds Residents' Swift Response



Fells Point Residents Respond Swiftly To Anti-Semitic Vandals With Rainbow Hearts

(BALTIMORE, MD, 6/17/2021) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today condemned Nazi swastikas discovered in the Fells Point neighborhood of Baltimore City earlier this week and praised community members who stepped up to immediately replace the hate symbols with inclusive messaging.

## CAIR Welcomes First Juneteenth Federal Holiday



On June 17, CAIR welcomed passage of legislation marking Juneteenth as a federal holiday after President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act that commemorates the day — June 19, 1865 — when enslaved people in Texas were told of the Emancipation Proclamation.

## CAIR Joins NAACP Md. State Conference, Caucus of African American Leaders, Other Groups to Call for Justice, Accountability in Ocean City Arrests of Teens

CNN: Mother of teen teased by Ocean City police says she felt 'helpless' watching video of her son's arrest  
 Baltimore Sun: Maryland NAACP community leaders call for suspension of Ocean City officers over videos of violent arrests



Video: Activists Call for Suspension of Ocean City Officers After Violent Arrests Caught on Video (NBC4)



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Participate in CAIR's Upon Their Shoulders Campaign



Submit Your "Upon Their Shoulders" Choices Here.

Throughout Black History Month, schools, businesses, leaders and communities across our nation will dedicate time to recognizing and learning about the monumental contributions that the African-American community has made to our society and our country.

## CAIR Condemns Reported Racism, Retaliation Against African-American, Hispanic Officers in Prince Georges' County, Maryland

Civil rights group joins call for sweeping reforms after allegations surface of widespread discrimination within Prince Georges' County Police Department



(BALTIMORE, MD, 2/23/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today condemned a reported pattern of racism and misconduct by Prince Georges County Police Officers in Maryland detailed in a report released yesterday and is joining the Prince Georges County Peoples' Coalition and other civil rights and advocacy groups in calling for sweeping reforms.

## Join Maryland Rallies in Solidarity With Palestine

## CAIR Joins Thousands at Palestine Solidarity Rallies in Baltimore, Washington, D.C.

WMAR2: Hundreds of protesters, activists gather in Baltimore in support of Palestine

BALTIMORE — The death toll is rising as violence between Israel and Palestinians in Gaza continues. On Tuesday, hundreds of protesters and activists gathered at the War Memorial Building in Downtown Baltimore. They called on US elected officials to put an end to the bloodshed. They say they do not support President Joe Biden's approval of more than \$750 million for armed weapons for Israel.

"We're calling on our communities to contact elected officials and make sure they hold the Biden administration accountable and the arms deal that was announced yesterday is canceled," said Zainab Chaudry. There was a pro-Israel rally in Baltimore last week.



January 27, 2021

The Council on American-Islamic Relations Marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Today, we remember the 6 million Jews and many others who were persecuted and murdered by Nazis during the Holocaust, and we renew our commitment to challenge white supremacy, anti-Semitism, anti-Black racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and bigotry in all its ugly forms. This horror is a reminder of the devastating consequences of unchecked hatred and division.

Zainab Chaudry  
 Director, CAIR Office in Maryland

## CAIR Calls on Md. Secretary of State to Withdraw 'Baseless and Unconstitutional' Threat to Punish Ben & Jerry's for Ending Sales in Occupied Palestinian Territory

(BALTIMORE, MD, 8/5/2021) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called on Maryland Secretary of State John Wobensmith to immediately withdraw his "baseless and unconstitutional" threat to take state action against Ben & Jerry's in response to the company's recent announcement that it would halt business operations in illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land.



WTOP.COM  
Md. to review state contracts with Ben & Jerry's over Israeli boycott | WTOP



WBALTV.COM  
Howard County police investigate vandalism at Harriet Tubman School

### CAIR Condemns Apparent Racially-Motivated Vandalism at Harriet Tubman School in Maryland, Offers Assistance in Clean-Up Efforts

(BALTIMORE, Md., 7/29/2021) — The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today condemned a break-in and apparently racially-motivated vandalism at a historic school building in Maryland earlier this week.

Based in Howard County, the Harriet Tubman School was at one time the county's only high school for Black students during segregation. According to the president of the Harriet Tubman Foundation Bessie Bordenave, someone broke into the building Monday or Tuesday, shattered all of the windows, damaged parts of classrooms, and specifically destroyed property related to Black history.

## CAIR Condemns Neo-Nazi, Anti-Semitic Desecration of Headstones in Maryland Jewish Cemetery

### CAIR Rep Speaks at Unity Rally Against Vandalism of Baltimore Jewish Cemetery



On July 8, CAIR's Maryland office condemned vandalism at German Hill Road Jewish Cemetery in Baltimore City in which a dozen headstones were defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti, including Nazi swastikas.

The graffiti was removed after the incident was reported, and the cemetery gates have been locked to prevent a repeat incident. Anyone with information about the perpetrators of this crime is urged to notify the Baltimore City Police Department at 410-396-2411.

SEE: [Police investigate vandalism of gravestones at German Hill Road](#)

[Jewish Cemetery](#) (WBAL TV 11)

[Swastikas found spray-painted on more than a dozen headstones at Jewish cemetery in Baltimore](#) (WMAR 2)

['Repulsive Act': Gravestones at Baltimore Jewish Cemetery Defaced With Swastika Graffiti](#) (CBS Baltimore)

[Jewish cemetery vandalized in Dundalk area](#) (FOX Baltimore)

## CAIR, 40+ Coalition Partners Announce Global Boycott of Hilton Hotels Over Plan to Build Hotel on Site of Demolished Uyghur Mosque in China

Coalition Change.org petition drive asks signatories to 'join the global boycott of ALL Hilton-owned hotels until the company cancels its plan'



(WASHINGTON, D.C., 9/16/21) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) — the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization — in partnership with more than 40 U.S. and international groups, today held a news conference outside The Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C., to announce a worldwide boycott of Hilton Worldwide (NYSE: HLT) over that corporation's refusal to end an agreement to license the construction of a Hampton Hotel on the site of a bulldozed mosque in the Uyghur region of China.

#BoycottHilton #HiltonHurtsUyghurs #GenocideHotel #SaveUyghur

## CAIR Welcomes Maryland County Council's Vote to Relocate Confederate Statue From Public Property



WBALTY.COM  
Talbot Co. Council votes to relocate Talbot Boys statue  
A Confederate statue in Talbot County will be moved.

On September 15, CAIR's Maryland office welcomed the Talbot County Council's vote to remove a Jim Crow era statue, which represents a Confederate soldier, from the lawn of the Talbot County Courthouse in Easton, Maryland.

## CAIR Joins Call for Baltimore County Council to Reject Redistricting Plan that Dilutes Voting Power of Communities of Color



BALTIMORESUN.COM

On October 28, CAIR's Maryland office joined the call for the Baltimore County Council to reject a problematic redistricting map approved by the County Commission that redraws county council boundaries in a way that reduces the voting power of communities of color.

## CAIR Marks Indigenous Peoples' Day - 'Indigenous Americans Have Persevered'



## CAIR Welcomes Settlement in Maryland Anti-Muslim Discrimination Case



(BALTIMORE, MD, 11/30/2021) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today welcomed a settlement in a case of workplace discrimination against a Muslim woman in Maryland.

Greyhound, the nation's largest intercity bus carrier, will have to pay \$45,000 to a Maryland Muslim woman who was told she couldn't wear her religious clothing on the job. The settlement comes 2 years after the case was originally brought before a Maryland federal court by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The woman was told by her supervisor that her abaya, a loose-fitting ankle-length overgarment, would not be a problem on the job. However, she was told during training that she couldn't wear the abaya and had to wear a uniform. She quit the job and filed a complaint with EEOC thereafter.

# Encouraging Political Engagement

## CAIR Announces Preliminary Legislative Priorities for Maryland General Assembly's 2021 Session

### LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES Maryland General Assembly - 2021 SESSION



**END GENOCIDE BILL:** The Maryland End Genocide Bill seeks to ensure that Maryland spends all dollars to support victims of genocide. It would also ensure that Maryland's General Assembly is held accountable to support the United Nations Genocide Convention to further the state's efforts to help and prevent genocide.

**INVESTIGATION:**

- HB05 PUBLIC Personnel (MGT) Act:** aims to increase community involvement and work with law enforcement in the state's community with better investigation and response.
- HB14 Public Personnel Information:** Personal Information: Statewide Local Agencies and Residents for Access: aims to help to identify planning between the PVA and residents for access to public information.
- HB05 Display Not Deletion Act:** aims to not attempt to use deletion of public information to prevent access to it to identify and report threats.
- HB05 Universal Representation - Office of the Attorney General - Right to Counsel in Sentencing Proceedings:** aims to provide rights to counsel in sentencing proceedings through U.S. federal sentencing agreement agreements to have the right to a lawyer when facing deportation.
- HB05 Government's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs:** aims to create an office to assist in the delivery of intergovernmental services, including the state's economic and community development and economic development.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE & POLICE REFORM:**

- SB0201-063 Command Services - Police-Life Deployment:** aims to take the public's role of police to respond to the community, aiming that the Governorally grants police to deploy to the community.
- SB0201-063 Public Information Act: Provisional Records - Investigations of Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs):** aims to ensure the public release of records related to investigations and any prior convictions against an individual officer.
- HB15 Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights: Revised:** aims to amend the Governor's Bill of Rights in Maryland that gives law enforcement officers who are not on duty and are not on duty who are not on duty and are not on duty who are not on duty.
- School Resource Officers:** revision that aims to support the movement to limit or remove SROs from schools and to ensure that public schools due to increased surveillance the suspension, expulsions and removal - especially for students of color.
- SB0201-063 Juvenile Law - Juvenile Detention:** aims to ensure that the state's juvenile detention system is not used to house individuals who are not on duty and are not on duty who are not on duty.
- HB40 County Boards of Education - Symbols of Hate - Policy:** aims to ensure that public schools are not used to house individuals who are not on duty and are not on duty who are not on duty.

**RACISM & HATE CRIMES:**

- SB0201-063 Hate Crime Act:** aims to ensure that the state's hate crime laws are not used to house individuals who are not on duty and are not on duty who are not on duty.
- HB140 Hate Crime Act:** aims to ensure that the state's hate crime laws are not used to house individuals who are not on duty and are not on duty who are not on duty.
- HB150 Hate Crime Act:** aims to ensure that the state's hate crime laws are not used to house individuals who are not on duty and are not on duty who are not on duty.

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## CAIR Applauds President Biden's Repeal of Muslim and African Travel Ban, Other Executive Actions

**Timeline of the Muslim Ban Executive Order**

- FEBRUARY, JANUARY 23, 2017** - President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 13780, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- FEBRUARY, JANUARY 27, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13781, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- MARCH, MARCH 16, 2017** - A Muslim travel ban was signed by the Trump administration, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- SEPTEMBER, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13782, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- NOVEMBER, NOVEMBER 17, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13783, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13784, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13785, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13786, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
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- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13792, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13793, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
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- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13798, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13799, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.
- DECEMBER, DECEMBER 23, 2017** - The Trump administration issued Executive Order 13800, which suspended the entry of immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and suspended the entry of other immigrants from those countries.

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(BALTIMORE, Md., 1/20/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today applauded President Joe Biden for fulfilling his vow to repeal the Muslim and African travel ban, as well as authorizing executive actions supporting immigrants and underrepresented communities on his first day in office.

**SEE FACT SHEET: President-elect Biden's Day One Executive Actions Across America Amid Converging Crises**

**MARYLAND ACTION ALERT**

**Make sure your tax dollars are invested in ways that reflect your values.**

Urge state lawmakers to **SUPPORT HB533 Maryland End Genocide Bill.**

**CAIR**

**Action Alert: Urge Maryland State Lawmakers to Support End Genocide Bill (HB533)**

(BALTIMORE, MD, 1/25/2021) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is calling on all Marylanders to contact their state lawmakers and request them to support the Maryland End Genocide Bill (HB533).

This bill directs the Maryland state government to enter into contracts only with those corporations that have adopted a formal policy of refusing to do business with governments that engage in genocide or crimes against humanity.

CLICK HERE: [URGE MD. LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT END GENOCIDE BILL \(HB533\)](#)

## Urge Your Senators to Condemn Both Israel's Attacks on Masjid Al-Aqsa and Effort to Expel Palestinian Families from Sheikh Jarrah

**CAIR ACTION ALERT:**

Urge Your Senators to Condemn Both Israel's Attacks on Masjid Al-Aqsa and Effort to Expel Palestinian Families from Sheikh Jarrah

<https://bit.ly/3T4XQAL>

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(WASHINGTON, D.C., 5/10/21) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, is calling all Americans to contact their U.S. Senators and the Biden Administration to demand that they publicly condemn and oppose the Israeli government's campaign to expel Palestinian families from Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, as well as violent attacks on Palestinian worshippers and protesters at the Al-Aqsa Masjid.

CLICK HERE: [Urge Your Senators, Biden Administration to Condemn Israel's Campaign to Evict Palestinian in Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah](#)

## Join Md. Coalition for Justice and Police Accountability at Emergency Action for Police Reforms in Annapolis

**EMERGENCY ACTION**

**THE FINAL CALL**

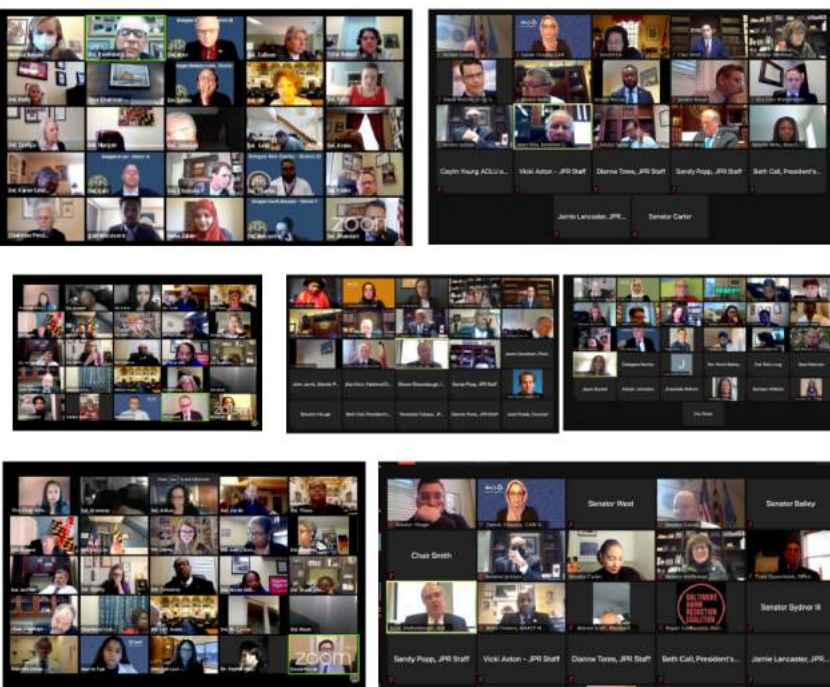
**POLICE REFORM NOW**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 4PM**

(BALTIMORE, MD, 3/3/21) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is urging community members to attend an emergency action in Annapolis hosted by the Maryland Coalition for Justice and Police Accountability (MCJPA) this Thursday, March 4, to call on lawmakers to pass meaningful police reforms at the state level.

CAIR is specifically calling on members of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee to support Representative Rashida Tlaib's (MI-D) petition urging the U.S. government to "uphold international law and demand an end to Israel's illegal evictions of Palestinians, demolitions of Palestinian homes, and theft of Palestinian land."

## Updates: 2021 Session Maryland General Assembly



## CAIR Thanks Community Partners, Lawmakers for Helping Make Md. Muslim Lobby Day A Success

**Video: 2021 Virtual Maryland Muslim Lobby Day**

**CAIR**

The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations thanks our co-sponsors, community partners, lawmakers, and community members who helped make our virtual Muslim Lobby Day this year a success. This event aims to connect Muslims in our state with elected leaders to share legislative priorities that impact and interest our communities and urge support on measures we care about. The focus for this year's priorities has been on 1) ending support for genocide, 2) criminal justice & police reform, 3) hate crimes, and 4) immigrants' rights.

**MARYLAND MUSLIM LOBBY DAY**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

**CAIR**



Our team has been working hard to research, draft, prepare and submit both oral and written testimonies on dozens of bills in the Maryland General Assembly. CAIR's office in Maryland is a member of the Maryland Coalition for Justice and Police Accountability (MCJPA), which is supporting five key demands for comprehensive police reform:

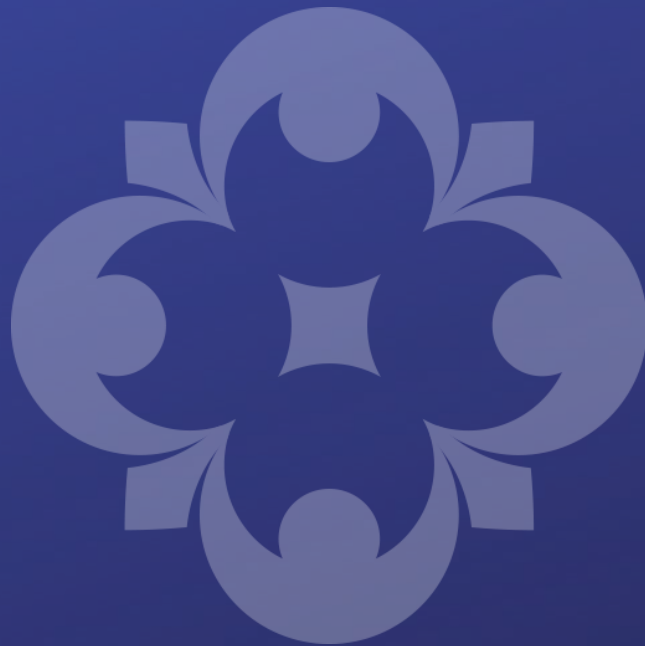
1. Repeal the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR).
2. Restore control of the Baltimore City Police Department to Baltimore City residents.
3. Make investigations into police misconduct transparent
4. Limit the use of force by law enforcement.
5. Remove police from our children's schools.



***Thank you  
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