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CAIR Office in Maryland

# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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Year In Review

# Mission, Vision, & Principles



*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

**“O you who believe, stand firmly for justice, as witnesses for Allah...” [Quran, 4:135]**

Asalamu'alaikum, peace be with you:

Year after year, CAIR has been leading the fight against Islamophobia, advocating for those who've been wronged, and making sure Muslim voices are represented in the halls of power. We take the inevitable hits and emerge stronger because your prayers and support fuel this work.

Behind the outward, public faces of our organization is a dynamic team that operates like clockwork to seamlessly develop policies, challenge bigotry and deliver results. Diversity, equity and inclusion aren't simply buzzwords; we are dedicated to cultivating spaces and forums that truly reflect the demographics and meet the needs of our communities. We understand what's at stake: the promise of a robust, equitable future for Muslim generations to come in America.

Looking back on 2022, I feel a deep sense of gratitude and humility for the opportunities we've had to make a positive impact together. From successfully fighting for **prayer spaces and religious accommodations in schools, colleges/universities, workplaces and prisons**; to passing a historic **bill in the Maryland General Assembly so Muslim girls who wear hijab are never banned from participating in school sports**; to defending **free speech protections**; to demanding **accountability, resources and support for Afghan arrivals from federal, state and local agencies**; and more - I hope the progress we've made together in 2022 inspires a sense of optimism and resilience.

While we celebrate the wins, the work continues. As we gear up for the 2023 session of the Maryland General Assembly and identify our legislative priorities, CAIR is learning about disturbing new bills in the pipeline, including one that could have the potential to chill free speech rights. More Muslim children are facing bullying and harassment in public schools. Muslim refugees, parolees and immigrants are still struggling for equitable treatment and resources.

But we are ready to take on the challenges of the coming year God-willing, with your continued prayers and support. **Thank you for entrusting CAIR to be a steadfast voice for justice and equity.** We wish you a healthy, empowering and rejuvenating year ahead.

With warm regards,

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

P.S. Join us to be part of the change. Donate generously to support CAIR's work. Your donations are tax-deductible and zakat-eligible (Tax ID# 77-0646756). 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



# CAIR in the Community

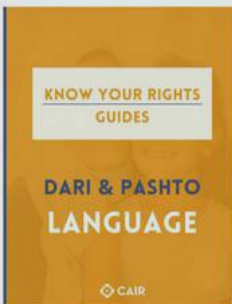
## CAIR to Co-Sponsor, Offer Know Your Rights Training at Job & Resource Fair for Md. Afghan Families

Event Today Hosted by Dar Us Salaam, Islamic Relief USA

Today, Saturday, March 19, the Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations is co-sponsoring a job and resource fair hosted by Dar Us Salaam and Islamic Relief USA for newly-arrived Afghan families.

WHAT: Job and Resource Fair for Newly-Arrived Afghan Families  
WHEN: Saturday, March 19, 2022, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
WHERE: Diyanet Center of America, 9610 Good Luck Road, Lanham, Md. 20706

CONTACT: Dar Us Salaam Program Manager Sr. Marnice Williams, marnice.williams@darussalaam.org, 301-982-2061x125 Office, 301-660-5330 Work Mobile; CAIR Office in Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry, zchaudry@cair.com, 410-971-6062



## Islamic Soc. of Baltimore, ICNA Relief, CAIR Co-Host Welcome Afghan Event, Asylum Legal Clinic

On Thursday, March 31, the Islamic Society of Baltimore and ICNA Relief partnered with CAIR to host newly arrived Afghan families at the Islamic Society of Baltimore for dinner and a free asylum legal clinic offering insights by an immigration attorney. CAIR offered Know Your Rights publications in Dari and Pashto.



## CAIR Presents 'KYR as a Muslim Student' Training at DC MIST

On Sunday, March 27, CAIR held a 'Know Your Rights as a Muslim Student' training to Muslim youth participating in DC MIST (Muslim Interscholastic Tournament) at University of Maryland College Park. MIST is "an educational, interactive program of competitions and workshops geared towards bringing high school students together to develop leadership, communication, and other creative skills in order to develop a strong identity and gain a deeper understanding of Islam and Muslims." Organizers hold annual regional and national tournaments.



## CAIR Rep. Offers Keynote Address at JHUMA Spring Banquet

On Friday, April 1, CAIR's Maryland director Zainab Chaudry offered the keynote remarks at the Johns Hopkins University Muslim Association's (JHUMA) annual Spring Banquet.

The theme of the remarks centered on building a strong, resilient Muslim identity in politically tumultuous times. JHUMA is among the student groups partnering with CAIR to provide services and resources to newly arrived Afghan students in the Baltimore area.



## CAIR Calls 'Flawed and Divisive' Montgomery County IHRA Resolution a 'Missed Opportunity' to Unite Community Against Antisemitic Hate

Civil rights group welcomes amendments noting that criticism of Zionism and Israeli policies are not antisemitic

On November 1, CAIR responded to the passage by Maryland's Montgomery County Council of a resolution defining antisemitism, calling it "flawed and divisive."

The Montgomery County Council passed the resolution after several months of delay resulting from pushback due to the resolution's use of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism. The IHRA definition, whose author cautioned against its use in legal capacities, conflates criticism of Zionism and the state of Israel with antisemitism. In response to concerns that the resolution would lead to the stifling of free speech, councilors added amendments noting that criticism of Zionism and Israeli policies are not antisemitic. However, the IHRA definition is listed as an "educational tool."

On Monday, CAIR participated in a news conference with interfaith partners led by Maryland 2 Palestine to call on lawmakers to reject the IHRA definition.



## CAIR Maryland Director Receives 'Trailblazer Award' from Maryland Civil Rights Commission

On August 22, 2022, CAIR announced that its Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry received a Trailblazer Award from the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR).

Chaudry received the Civil Rights and Fair Housing Trailblazer Award on Saturday, August 20th at MCCR's biennial gala in Hanover, Maryland.



# Ramadan 2022: Governor's Proclamation & Citations

## CAIR Hosts Maryland Ramadan Kick-Off Event with Presentation of Governor's, Howard County Executive's Proclamations, Messages of Greeting



On April 2, CAIR's Maryland office hosted a special event marking the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan with the presentation of Ramadan Proclamations and messages of greetings from Governor Hogan's office and Howard County Executive Calvin Ball.

**VIDEO: CAIR Hosts Maryland Ramadan Kick-Off Event with Presentation of Ramadan Proclamations, Messages of Greeting**

"Ramadan is the holiest month of the year for the world's nearly 2 billion Muslims, and we appreciate this special recognition by the Governor and County Executive Ball," said CAIR's Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry. "We also extend our appreciation to all the elected officials who've acknowledged the significance of this time of year to our communities. This year's Ramadan is

extra special as it's the first time in two years that most masjid are open again for communal prayers and worship as pandemic restrictions ease."



## CAIR Joins Montgomery Co. Muslim Leaders as County Executive Presents Ramadan Proclamation

On Tuesday, March 29, CAIR joined leaders from the Montgomery County Muslim community at the County Council Building in Rockville, where County Executive Marc Elrich and Council President Gabe Albornoz presented a proclamation marking the start of the Holy month of Ramadan and recognizing the Muslim community's contributions.





# Encouraging Political Engagement

## CAIR, Community Partners Co-Host 'Successful' 2022 Maryland Muslim Lobby Day

VIDEO: 2022 Maryland Muslim Lobby Day

*Civil Rights Group Urges Attendees to Follow Up With Lawmakers to Support Legislative Priorities*

On Tuesday, February 15, the Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations co-hosted this year's Maryland Muslim Lobby Day in partnership with the United Maryland Muslim Council, Muslim Voices Coalition and several countywide Muslim councils. Some 200 people registered for the virtual event including 60+ state lawmakers.



What district do you live in?  
Who are your State Senators and Delegates?

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3. Enter in your home address
4. Locate your representatives
5. Drop your district in the chat

\* Make a note of your district and the names of your legislators.

### HB515 Education - Student Athletes - Uniform Modifications for Modesty (Inclusive Athletic Attire Act)

Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark et al

Requiring county boards of education, the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, governing bodies of public institutions of higher education, and boards of community college trustees to allow student athletes to modify an athletic or team uniform to make the attire more modest to conform to the requirements or preferences of the student athlete's religion or culture; and authorizing a modification to an athletic uniform to include the wearing of a head covering worn for religious reasons, or undershirt, or leggings.

#### REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- Religion should never be a reason to stop students from participating in sports.
- This bill upholds the constitutionally protected right to religious freedom for athletes of diverse faiths, races, ethnicities and backgrounds.
- It codifies into state law the right for secondary school, community colleges and college and university athletes in public institutions to wear clothing or head coverings that are worn for religious reasons, including a hijab, Sikh turban, or long-sleeved bodysuit/legging undergarments for modesty, without requiring prior approval.

2022 MARYLAND MUSLIM LOBBY DAY  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 6:30 pm ET

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

HB515	Education - Student Athletes - Uniform Modifications for Modesty (Inclusive Athletic Attire Act)	SB284 HB201	Election Law - Voter Registration Drive - High Schools
SB13 HB349	Juvenile Law - Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act	HB47	Public Schools - Expanded American History - Development of Content Standards and Implementation
SB144 HB294	Juvenile Court - Jurisdiction - End the Automatic Charging of Youth in Adult Court	SB129 HB114	Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Program
SB123	Hate Crimes - False Statement to a Law Enforcement Officer	SB103	Election Law - Ballots - Processing and Reporting Procedures

### Maryland General Assembly



- Meets for 90 days each year from January to April to:
  - act on bills
  - pass the state's annual budget
  - oversee state government agencies, and more
- MGA is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by one state senator and three state delegates. In some districts, there are only one county, some districts have many.
- Bicameral body with two chambers: **Senate (47 members)** and **House of Delegates (141 members)**
- Members are elected to serve a 4 year term.
- 2K-3K bills introduced each legislative session.

## Legislative Updates: 2022 Maryland General Assembly

### CAIR Testifies in Support of Asian American History Bill in MD General Assembly

On February 23, CAIR testified in favor of of HB922 Asian American History Curriculum Requirement, sponsored by Dels. Kriselda Valderrama and Lily Qi. Prompted by an uptick in anti-Asian hate crimes, this bill will help ensure a more balanced and equitable portrayal of Asian Americans through the use of proper education, and help prevent bias and racism that leads to hate crimes.



### CAIR Offers Testimony in Support of Bill to Empower Baltimore City Civilian Review Board

CAIR is working with partners across the state to empower Baltimore City's Civilian Review Board (CRB), as well as Police Accountability Boards (PAB's) in Montgomery and Anne Arundel Counties, to promote greater oversight and accountability of law enforcement agencies.

February 16, 2022

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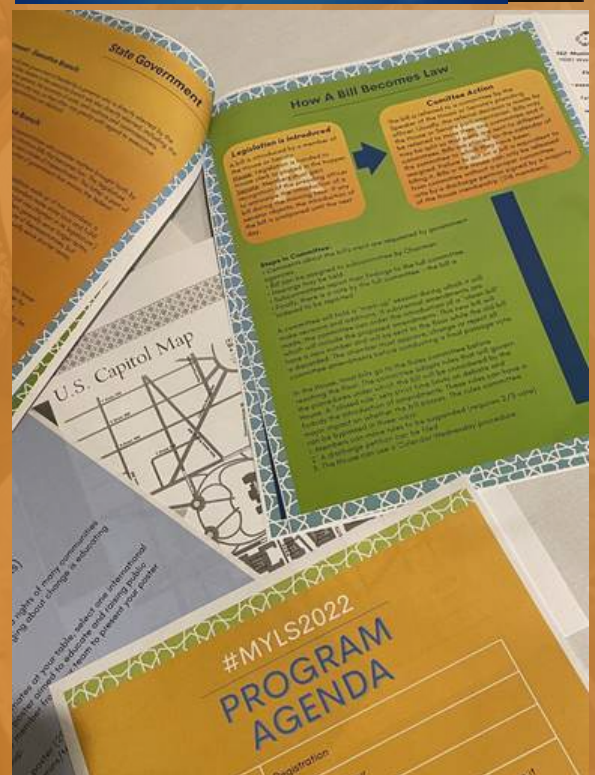
Honorable Senator William L. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 7 East  
Annapolis, MD 21403

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB411 - Baltimore City - Civilian Review Board

Dear Chair Smith and Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee members:

On behalf of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, I thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 411 sponsored by Senator Bill Carter. CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization.

My organization is part of the Maryland Coalition for Justice and Police Accountability - a large, diverse, statewide coalition of 250+ organizations united in seeking meaningful police reform. It includes civil rights activists, religious leaders, high experts, and advocates for a diverse base of groups led by Black and Brown people representing communities who are disproportionately over-policed and impacted by harmful policing practices.



# Protecting Your Civil Rights



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## CAIR asks feds to investigate alleged bullying of Afghan sisters at Baltimore high school

By Clara Longo de Freitas

Published on: December 09, 2022 6:15 PM EST | Updated on: December 12, 2022 6:54 AM EST

## CAIR Condemns Alleged Workplace Harassment, Discrimination at Amazon's Aberdeen, Md., Facility, Calls for Probe of Possible Bias Motive into Firing of Former Muslim Employee



(BALTIMORE, MD., 1/10/2021) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called on Amazon to probe a possible bias motive for the firing of a Muslim employee.

According to the former Amazon employee, she was allegedly verbally assaulted and publicly humiliated by a co-worker during her shift at an Amazon fulfillment center in Baltimore, Md.

## CAIR Welcomes Passage of Inclusive Athletic Attire Act, Child Interrogation Protection Bill in Maryland General Assembly



(BALTIMORE, Md., 4/5/2022) – On April 5, the Maryland office of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) applauded Maryland lawmakers for passing the historic Inclusive Athletic Attire Act and the Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act. Both bills are now headed to Governor Hogan's desk to be signed into law.

The Inclusive Athletic Attire Act was prompted by CAIR's handling of Je'Nan Hayes' case after she was blocked from participating in a regional finals game due to her hijab in 2017. It codifies into law a memo granting exception to protect the rights of Maryland public school student

athletes who choose to dress modestly or wear religious articles of faith including the hijab while participating in sports.

## CAIR Renews Call for Staff Training, Policy Changes After Another Md. Muslim Student's Hijab Pulled Off

On March 4, CAIR's Maryland office renewed its call for training and policy changes in Baltimore County Public Schools after a Muslim student's Islamic headscarf was reportedly pulled off by a male classmate on Thursday, March 3rd.

The 8th grader's parent told CAIR that the school failed to inform her and she only learned about the incident from her daughter. Her daughter was very upset and walked out of class into the hallway.

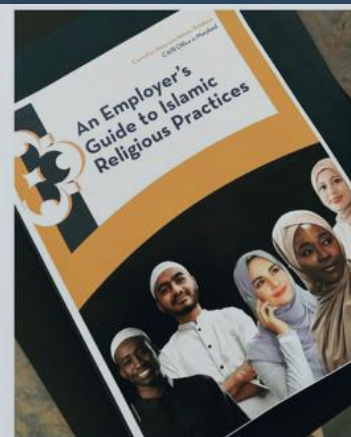


### An Employer's Guide to Islamic Religious Practices

### 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 Welcomes Hijab Sports Bill Taking Effect in Md.

On July 6, CAIR's Maryland office welcomed the Inclusive Athletic Attire Act going into effect as law in Maryland.

The bill, which passed with bipartisan support, went into effect on Friday and codifies into law a memo granting exception to protect the rights of Maryland public school student athletes who choose to dress modestly or wear religious articles of faith including the hijab, or Islamic headscarf, Sikh patka (religious hair wrap) and Jewish kippah (skullcap) while participating in sports.

SEE: [Student Athletes Now Can Modify Uniforms For Religious Cultural Reasons](#) – Montgomery Community Media



## CAIR Announces Civil Rights Complaint Against Baltimore High School After Alleged Assault, Bullying of Afghan Children by Staff, Students

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 12/8/2022) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, announced the filing of a civil rights complaint against Baltimore's Academy for College & Career Exploration for an alleged assault and bullying of Afghan children by staff and students.

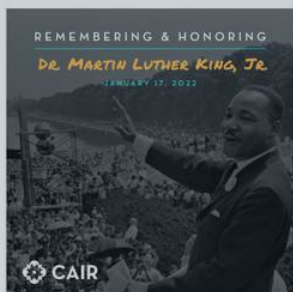


The filing of the complaint comes two months after a violent attack against an Afghan Muslim student, during which a school employee allegedly locked the student inside a bathroom as others brutally attacked her and forcibly removed her hijab and attempted to choke her with it. The employee reportedly involved in the incident has since been terminated from the school system. CAIR filed the complaint with the federal government's Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education.

## CAIR Honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy by Urging Congress to Protect Voting Rights

As the United States Congress prepares to take up debate this week on sweeping federal legislation to protect voting rights, CAIR is strongly urging lawmakers to honor the legacy of Dr. King by doing everything in their power to fight voter suppression tactics and protect the basic, fundamental right to vote.

Some states have already enacted new laws that disenfranchise especially people of color by restricting absentee balloting, imposing additional ID requirements and otherwise creating new obstacles to voting. More restrictions are expected to pass in upcoming state legislative sessions.





# Challenging Islamophobia

## CAIR Welcomes Judge's Ruling in Case of Md. Iranian Muslim Family Targeted by Neighbor's Hateful Attacks

Muslim civil rights group applauds family's courage in pursuing justice after years of reported harassment

(BALTIMORE, Md., 2/28/2022) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today welcomed a Maryland district court judge's ruling in favor of an Iranian Muslim family reportedly harassed by a neighbor in a disturbing, years-long pattern of apparently bias-motivated incidents.



## CAIR Welcomes Arrest of Suspect in Murder of Md. Muslim Uber Driver, Calls for Justice and Accountability

Civil rights group urges Uber to institute broader safety measures, training and resources for its workers

On August 22, the Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) welcomed news of an arrest made in the case of a Maryland Muslim Uber driver who was shot and killed in Prince George's County and called for justice and accountability. Washington, D.C., based CAIR is calling on Uber to institute broader safety measures, training and resources for its workers.



**SESSION VIII**  
THU JULY 21ST

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

7:00PM-9:00PM

**ZAINAB CHAUDRY**

BIO: SR. ZAINAB CHAUDRY  
ZAINAB CHAUDRY IS SPOKESWOMAN AND MARYLAND DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS, AMERICA'S LARGEST MUSLIM CIVIL RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION. SHE IS A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN MUSLIM CIVIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND GRADUATED FROM THE MARYLAND PUBLIC POLICY CONFLICT RESOLUTION FELLOWS PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW.

## Photo: CAIR Coordinates Active Shooter Preparedness Training in Maryland

CAIR partnered with the Diyanet Center of America to hold an active shooter preparedness training in Lanham, Md.

The workshop, which was led by expert trainers, was coordinated at the advice of Islamic scholars and leaders in response to the rising number of public safety threats across the nation.



## CAIR, Governor's Office on Community Initiatives Partner to Launch 2022 'Statewide Bullying Prevention Month' in Maryland



On October 3, CAIR's Maryland office and the Governor's Office on Community Initiatives joined to officially announce the month of October once again as 'Statewide Bullying Prevention Month' with the presentation of a Governor's Proclamation.

"Governor Hogan and his whole administration will do all they can to insure every child is in a positive learning environment and continue to educate students, administrators and parents on the devastating effects of bullying," said Governor's Office on Community Initiatives Director Steven McAdams.

"Each year, our organization partners with the governor's office for this annual designation to raise

awareness about the prevalence, harms and consequences of bullying, the importance of reporting incidents, and the need to promote respect and inclusion in all of our educational institutions," said CAIR's Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry. "We thank Governor Hogan and the GOCI for their commitment to ensuring that every child feels safe and respected in schools. Community members from all backgrounds are urged to report bullying incidents to school administrators and seek transparency and accountability in how these incidents are handled."

## CBS News: Staff member fired for involvement in attack on Muslim student at Baltimore school



BALTIMORE, October 12, 2022 -- A student at The Academy for College and Career Exploration was beaten and had her hijab ripped off in an attack last month in a school bathroom, according to advocates who say they spoke with the student's family.

A staff member allegedly helped facilitate the incident by locking the student in the bathroom as she was attacked. That staff member will no longer be employed by Baltimore City Schools, the district confirmed.

Zainab Chaudry, Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Maryland (CAIR) called for a response to the incident in a letter to administrators, Baltimore School Police and the Maryland State Department of Education in early October. The girl's sister was also allegedly harassed days later.

"The families of these girls fled persecution in Afghanistan seeking a better life, education and opportunities for their children, not expecting that they would be forced to confront a different kind of trauma and violence in our institutions here in the United States," Chaudry said.

# Empowering Youth Voices



## CAIR Concludes 7th Annual Maryland Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium (MYLS)

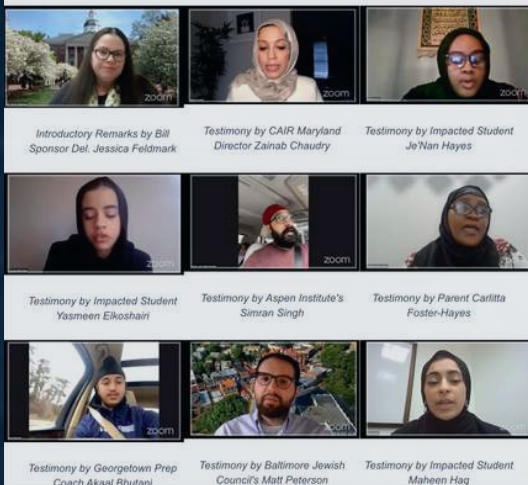


Video Highlights: CAIR's 7th Annual Md. Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium

(BALTIMORE, MD, 8/29/22) - The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today thanked congressional sponsor Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD), the Islamic Society of the Washington Area and all those who helped make its 7th annual Maryland Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium (MYLS) a success.



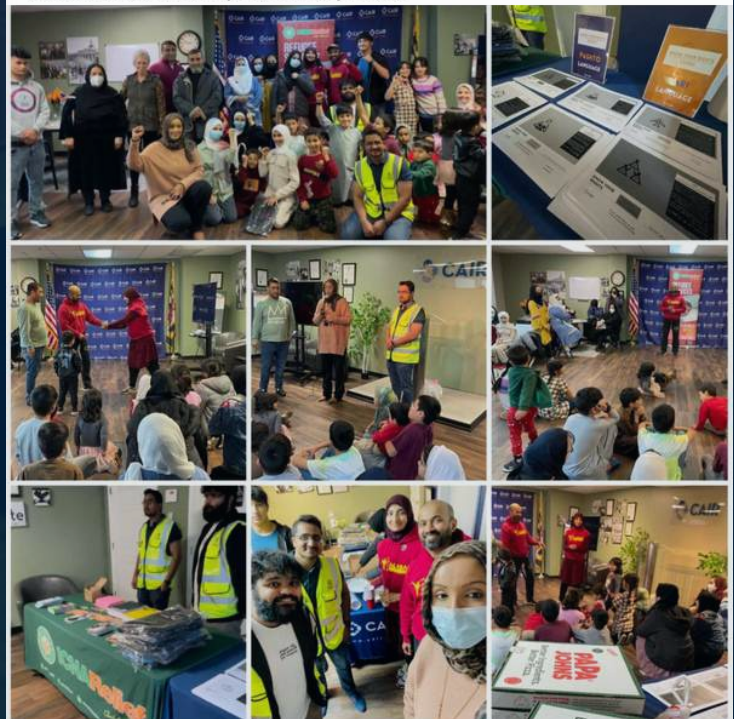
## CAIR Joins Witness Panel Testifying in Favor of HB515 Inclusive Athletic Attire Act in MD General Assembly



Introductory Remarks by Bill Sponsor Del. Jessica Feldmark  
 Testimony by CAIR Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry  
 Testimony by Impacted Student Je'Nan Hayes  
 Testimony by Impacted Student Yasmeen Elkoshani  
 Testimony by Aspen Institute's Simran Singh  
 Testimony by Parent Carlitta Foster-Hayes  
 Testimony by Georgetown Prep Coach Akmal Rishani  
 Testimony by Baltimore Jewish Council's Matt Peterson  
 Testimony by Impacted Student Maheen Haq

## Video: CAIR, Community Partners Hold Self-Empowerment Training for Baltimore Muslim Youth After Brutal Attack on Afghan Girl

On Sunday, October 30, 2022, CAIR partnered with Aqabah Karate and ICNA Relief to hold a self-empowerment training for Afghan youth in Baltimore after a student was locked in the girls' bathroom at school, choked with her hijab and brutally beaten.



# Promoting Justice For All



## CAIR's Md. Office, Partners Hold News Conference Demanding Probe of Lack of Support for Afghan Evacuees in Baltimore Including Children, Elderly, Pregnant Women



Earlier today, CAIR held an emergency news conference with community partners to call on state and federal authorities, including the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA) and the U.S. Department Of Health and Human Services' Office for Refugee Resettlement (ORR), to place an immediate moratorium on all evictions of Afghan evacuees from temporary housing in the Baltimore area until they can conduct a full, transparent investigation into 1) the processes by which Baltimore-based resettlement agency International Rescue Committee (IRC) is supporting and housing these families, and 2) the disbursement of state and federal funds allocated for their needs.

CAIR is calling on federal and state officials to ensure that resettlement agencies unable to process and assist families and individuals in a meaningful way, instead defer to reputable advocacy groups - including from within the Muslim community - who stand ready to assist with housing, and other needs.

## CAIR Condemns Vandalism of Md. Ukrainian Cemetery, Expresses Solidarity with Ukrainian-American Community



On February 28, CAIR condemned the vandalism of a Ukrainian cemetery in Dundalk, Md., and expressed solidarity with the Ukrainian-American community.

Headstones at the cemetery of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Dundalk, Md. were found knocked down and desecrated last week. Baltimore Co. police are investigating the incident, and plan to analyze potential fingerprints left on the headstones. The vandalism occurred as Russia began its invasion of Ukraine.

## CAIR Condemns Racist Vandalism Targeting Historic Black Church in Maryland



(BALTIMORE, MD, 12/7/2022) – The Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) strongly condemned the alleged burglarizing and racially-motivated vandalism targeting a historic Black church in Potomac, Md.

According to a statement released by County Executive Marc Elrich, the Scotland African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Potomac was broken into, vandalized and burglarized on November 25.

SEE: [Elrich Condemns 'Racist' Vandalism at Historic Black Church in Potomac](#)

"Black churches have served a prominent role as sanctuaries for African-American communities in the historic struggle for justice, freedom and equality in America," said CAIR's Maryland Director Zainab Chaudry. "We strongly condemn this crime and encourage anyone with information about it to report it to police."

## CAIR to Join Md. Muslim Prisoner Project at Prayer, News Conference to Support Incarcerated Muslims' Rights to Religious Accommodations in Prince George's County



(BALTIMORE, MD, 12/1/2022) – On Friday, Dec. 2, the Maryland office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, will join community partners for a Jumah (JOO-MAH) prayer and news conference outside the Prince George's Corrections Department to support Muslim incarcerated's rights to constitutionally-guaranteed religious accommodations.

[NOTE: Jumah prayer is the Islamic congregational prayer held each Friday at or about noon. It is integral to Islamic religious practices. Bring your own prayer mats.]



## CAIR Condemns Antisemitic 'Jews Not Welcome' Graffiti at Maryland High School

(BALTIMORE, MD, 12/18/2022) - The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today condemned antisemitic graffiti found at a Maryland high school. That "Jews Not Welcome" graffiti was spray-painted on a sign outside Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md. SEE: 'Abhorrent' antisemitic graffiti discovered at Maryland high school (CNN) <https://www.cnn.com/2022/12/17/us/antisemitic-graffiti-maryland-high-school/index.html> Antisemitic graffiti found at Walt Whitman HS at least fourth incident since August in Montgomery County "All Americans

# CAIR National Banquet



## *Thank you for making CAIR's 28th Annual Banquet a Sold-Out Success*

The National and Maryland offices of CAIR thank all of our sponsors, community members, activists and leaders who attended our 28th annual banquet on Saturday, October 28, 2022 in Arlington, Va. and helped make it a success.

The event featured inspirational messages from CAIR Board Chair Roula Allouch and Imam Siraj Wahhaj. Philosopher and civil rights activist Dr. Cornel West delivered the keynote address. Among the speakers, guests heard from Maryland Muslims Annie Torres and Je'Nan Hayes who have benefitted from CAIR's advocacy. Speakers at the banquet also highlighted the recent release of CAIR and Jetpac's Directory of Muslim Elected Officials, which documents 189 elected officials who identify as Muslim across 30 states.

“We thank all those who turned out for CAIR’s 28th annual banquet to show support for our work and celebrate the great achievements we’ve made together in defending civil rights and promoting civic engagement for the American Muslim community,” said CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad. “As a grassroots, community-supported civil rights organization, individual donors are our key to success.”

# CAIR National Banquet





# CAIR

**Our Community. Your voice.**



- Free legal services for civil matters\*
- Free trainings on Know Your Rights, Media, Anti-Bullying & more
- Youth leadership development
- Political advocacy & public education
- Monitoring & combating Islamophobia
- Reports, toolkits, resources & more

\*We do not handle criminal or immigration cases.

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