

# Talking Islam at the Capitol of Texas

## How Did I End Up Here?

### Part 1 - Homeland Security Forum

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What a surreal moment, surreal week! What an over-the-top week being entrenched in the heart of the Muslim movement in Texas. As my team exited the Capitol for the final time on Texas' Muslim Day at the Capitol, January 31st, I truly was so thankful for everyone who lifted prayers of protection for us. Please keep them coming. It's not over yet.

Yes, it was more than a day. It all began the previous week when Representative Kyle Biedermann hosted a forum to gain information from key experts about the status of terrorism and its potential here in Texas. Joining Biedermann on the dais were Representatives Matt Schaefer, Matt Rinaldi, Jonathan Stickland, Mike Lang, William Zedler, Tony Tinderholt, Briscoe Cain, and Valoree Swanson. In attendance for a portion of the forum was Senator Bob Hall.

This event created several self-standing stories. The first part will be the information the six speakers presented to our legislators. The room was SRO (standing room only) - packed. Unbeknownst to most of us, CAIR decided to host a press conference at the same time in the Capitol to pull some of the media off of this event.

The second part of this report will be the media. The Washington Post and New York Times flew in several reporters and photographers to cover this forum. They wanted their private interviews with Biedermann. The usual Capitol media crew was there, faces I hadn't seen since last session. A few of the new faces were obviously connected with Muslim organizations. I was possibly the only videographer who videoed the complete forum.

The multiple reports I have read about the event could have obviously been penned from their desks back east. I have yet to see an article that reported on the content of the forum. Instead they talked about Rep. Kyle Biedermann being an Islamophobe, Rep. Tinderholt admonishing the press to report the facts correctly and former Rep. Molly White losing her cool and popping off at a reporter. This became the story. Conveniently filling their word quotas without any content of the event.

The feeding frenzy the media / Muslims / Imams had with the speakers after the event must be shared. It was amazing to witness. Everything was slanted for their cause. After some of the training I have had, it was fascinating to see what I had been told occurs actually unfold right before me - verbatim. Wow! The Islamists response is so crafted and scripted, drilled, trained and embedded into them to the point they sound like recordings. I would see this in a whole new way when I interviewed a few of them on Texas Muslim Day at the Capitol.

Sandwiched in the middle of two large events (the Forum and Muslim Day) was a presentation Truth in Texas Textbooks (now known as *Truth in Textbooks* because it has spread nationwide) held on Monday. Lt. Col. Roy White (ret) presented data from their fact-finding work in reviewing the textbooks recently approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE) in regards to Social Studies, Government, and History. Over 1500 blatant errors were discovered and properly reported back to the SBOE/publishers. Sixty-percent were corrected. The work of 50 volunteers greatly impacted the lives of five million students here in Texas alone for the next ten years.

As part of this presentation, White had Trevor Loudon from New Zealand share a portion of his documentary, THE ENEMIES WITHIN. The targeted portion that was shared, dealt with the infiltration of Islamists into our government and other key leadership positions. The purpose of this planned takeover is to change the course of our country and ultimately become an Islamic ruled nation.

What White and the volunteers had discovered in the new textbooks was a high influence of Islamic ideology and propaganda. The Holocaust was missing, the 9/11 tragedy no longer identified the perpetrators as being Islamic radicals, and praise for Muslim perspectives and perceived values, while Christianity was being bashed and portrayed as cruel and murderous invaders who overthrew countries.

The third part will discuss Texas Muslim Day at the Capitol. On Muslim Day, it too had its multiple stories. The showcasing of speakers like trophies on the steps of the Capitol, the 2 & 3 layers deep Peace Observers who locked arms in a circle to protect the Muslims inside the circle and the media (which included

my team), and the Islamists who stood amongst us, unnoticed, oblivious to the untrained eyes and ears unaware. Whoa! Truly there were more non-Muslim people there who joined in the Islamic cause than Islamists. The huge crowd made their day! Oh, and I must not forget my interviews in the rotunda with three various Muslim women, one being the PRESIDENT of CAIR from San Antonio, Sarwat Husain, who organized the event.

Due to the amount of information we have obtained from these events, it is necessary for me to break this report into three parts. So let's begin at the beginning, the Homeland Security Forum: Defending Against Radical Islamic Terrorism in Texas.

First to speak was **Nonie Darwish, President and Founder of Former Muslims United**. An Egyptian-American human rights activist, Darwish was born in Cairo, Egypt as a Muslim. When you are born there, your birth certificate is stamped Muslim. It is a contract with the State at birth that you are a Muslim, she informed. Darwish reported you cannot question the State. If you leave Islam, you are marked as an apostate, which is a crime against the State punishable by death.

Darwish came to the United States in the 80's. The mosque she attended demanded she not assimilate into the American culture. In fact, she was told to wear Islamic attire which she rebelled against. She did not have to wear it in Egypt, so why wear it here? By not staying under the control of the mosque, not holding strictly to the direction of wearing Islamic garb, Darwish began receiving death threats and being accused of being an apostate.

She went public with the situation for her own protection. She is aware of honor killings here in the US for being disobedient. Islam, along with the mosques, want to control you. But here in the United States you can have self control. Darwish liked that idea.

She announced there are many forms of terror. As a born Muslim, she was terrorized for not adhering to the laws of Islam, to Sharia law, here in America. In her homeland, she would be killed for not obeying. All schools there are Muslim and you must obey. She cannot return to her homeland or any other Islamic country because she would be put to death.

Her heart-cry is to warn America. A so-called religion which controls others is not a religion. It is a political force. It's the political side of Islam that demands death if you leave it.

Representative Bill Zedler asked about mosques demanding immigrants not assimilate into the culture. Darwish reported she only knew of two specifically which were in California back in the 80's. She could not personally attest to

that today. Since she did not want to live under Sharia law, she left Islam and stopped going to mosques. One of the significant comments she made was, "Under Islam, violence is allowed to remove a government." She left Islam and chose to assimilate into the American culture.

Representative Valoree Swanson inquired of Darwish if it was harder being a woman under Islam. "Yes, there are no equal rights," she replied. Mothers gain favor in Islam by giving their kids for jihad.

On a side note, Nonie Darwish has a new book that has just been published called **WHOLLY DIFFERENT: Why I Chose Biblical Values Over Islamic Values**. In conversation over dinner, she stated the book compares Christian values against the complete opposite Islamic values. It sounds like a fascinating read.

Next up to speak: **Beth Van Duyne, Mayor of Irving, Texas.**

Mayor Van Duyne opened her remarks by acknowledging she is not an expert on radical Islam nor is she anti-Muslim. Her experience with Islam began with a report on CBS February 2, 2015, which identified Irving, Texas as the home to the first official Islamic Tribunal.

In just three days, Mayor continued, the story changed from being the "home to" to "Irving establishes." This totally changed the perception of what was being reported, giving the impression the City of Irving was establishing this Tribunal. As an elected official, she initiated an investigation into what was happening. A media firestorm developed from a simple statement she made on her Facebook page.

Her investigations took her to [www.IslamicTribunal.org](http://www.IslamicTribunal.org) website, where she discovered four imams were calling themselves judges and attorneys, yet they were not licensed to do either in the State of Texas. The site stated they worked in the field of family law, divorce, product liability, business, and real estate. They charged fees for their services and also had a disclaimer of attorney/client privilege.

Mayor Van Duyne took screen shots of the pages she was viewing. Here is a quote from one page.

"Muslim Nation cases have to be solved by taking into account jurisprudence and Sharia law. With this understanding, there is no secularism or detachment from the tenants of faith and all Islamic injunctions in regards to the legal field. Muslims here in America are obligated to find ways to solve conflicts and disputes according to Islamic Law. It is the intention of erecting this institution in order that it will be duplicated throughout the country."

Van Duyne stated, "As a Mayor, I took an oath to defend the rights of my citizens that are provided to them by the state laws of Texas and the Constitution." The State Bar Association should be involved in investigating what is going on. "Are women's rights being denied? I am asking for their help."

"A closing statement on my website reads: 'Our nation cannot be so overly sensitive in defending other cultures that we stop protecting our own.'" she stated. A round of applause concluded her remarks.

Representative Tony Tinderholt began the Q&A with a comment, basically stating we are a "land of laws." He further stated the media is at fault for a lot of what is happening.

Representative Briscoe Cain, piped in, "as a member of the bar, the Bar Association," he was calling upon it to investigate this situation. He asked Mayor Van Duyne if she had received threatening backlash from all of this.

The Mayor replied she had received aggressive messages from Muslims. Finally concluding, threatening calls and emails had been received.

Representative Jonathan Stickland found her comments on the lack of equal rights for women interesting. He then asked the Mayor for copies of the website screen shots she had taken since the site had been changed. Mayor Van Duyne agreed to furnish him with copies.

Representative Valoree Swanson had heard Mayor Beth Van Duyne was being persecuted for speaking out and defending equal rights for women. She asked the Mayor to elaborate.

Van Duyne stated she has been attacked by the media and called a variety of names for defending equal rights for women. Even women had attacked her. She made clear, however, she will continue to fight for those rights.

Representative Mike Lang thanked her for taking her stance.

Representative Matt Rinaldi asked her to share information from the joint meeting they had with the Tribunal in regards to the ALAC bill. The bill did not single out Islamic Law, Muslims, but rather stated "any foreign law" that is not in agreement with the American laws, will be void, giving American laws superiority. Van Duyne stated they (the Tribunal) wanted her to define their court, which was not the power or authority she holds.

Representative Bill Zedler asked the last question, regarding the number of mosques in her city. In her reply, she pointed out there are a numerous mosques. "Irving is a city of great diversity," she stated proudly.

Due to a scheduling conflict, **Dr. Zuhdi Jasser**, an American Muslim, 11 year U.S. Navy veteran, a physician, and the **founder of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD)**, was Skyped into the forum. A lifelong conservative and advocate for individual liberty, Dr. Jasser founded AIFD in the wake of the 9/11 attacks in order to organize American Muslims and their allies against 'political Islam' which is the root cause of jihadist terror.

Jasser reported his family moved to the United States in the mid 60's. They were immigrants to Wisconsin. Today he has concerns on the focus of Homeland Security. He stated they seem to be more focused on tactics instead of realizing the terrorists within our country are coming from non-violent historical backgrounds.

His organization monitors various Islamist groups. Through Facebook and other social media formats, they are looking for "footprints." This is what he believes Homeland Security should be doing. Their approach should be the same locally as it is globally when looking for potential terrorists.

Violent Islamism originates in non-violent Islamism, when they shift over to the political movement. It's a precursor to violence, to caliphate, jihad. When a Muslim begins to express a desire to join ISIS, Homeland Security should intervene.

Dr. Jasser had forwarded a copy of his organization's declaration to the representatives in attendance prior to the meeting. This document is one he uses to approach various Muslim organizations to discuss their differing stances. Dr. Jasser is against Sharia Law.

Rep. Briscoe Cain asked Jasser what local agencies need to know. Dr. Jasser replied that politically correct words are stopping us from using proper terms and this is hampering the discussion.

Rep. Kyle Biedermann thanked Dr. Jasser for Skyping into our forum.

Next up was **Chris Gaubatz, Vice President of Understanding The Threat**. Chris went undercover for six months inside the CAIR organization at the national level. During his time there, he was able to remove over 12,000 pages of compelling documents and video surveillance to expose the criminal conspiracy by CAIR and other Muslim organizations to support violent jihad.

Gaubatz's primary focus in his presentation was the fact CAIR is Hamas. He provided everyone with a document containing thirty proven facts to substantiate the fact. The State Department has declared Hamas a terrorist organization. Gaubatz commented that the Muslim Brotherhood should be, and may soon be, designated a terrorist organization shortly. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) is working on this.

Key things he pointed out in his presentation included the fact jihad is warfare against non-Muslims, the media is influenced by the Muslim Brotherhood, and jihad is working with legislators and media for their gain. The Muslim Brotherhood partners with Homeland Security and even law enforcement agencies.

He pointed out civilization jihad is exactly what Mayor Beth Van Duyne had described happened to her. My personal comment on the matter - there are acts of jihad happening all around us and we are oblivious to it and its ultimate purpose against us.

Additionally, my thought is if CAIR is Hamas, and Hamas has been declared a terrorist organization by the State Department, then why isn't CAIR considered a terrorist organization? Why did the State of Texas allow them to utilize our Capitol and sponsor a Muslim Day? ...just saying.

CAIR bills itself as the largest civil rights organization in the United States, which is ultimately being used to destroy America from within. Shouldn't someone say "STOP!"

Rep. Mike Lang asked Gaubatz what level of law enforcement they teach and what is the response. Gaubatz reaffirmed they teach from local to national level. Repeatedly they are told by the officers they have never been taught about the real threat.

Rep. Bill Zedler asked for further clarification. "So the fear of not being politically correct is stopping us from questioning things, which is setting us up to be destroyed from within, correct?" Yes, was the reply. Jihad comes in a variety of forms. Zedler continued, "ultimately to make all governments subservient to Islam" nodding his head with understanding.

Rep. Tony Tinderholt addressed the media again. "You noticed the discussion was about groups and organizations, not Muslims, who want to overthrow our government." Chris restated, "Not all Muslims are a threat, but Muslims who are Sharia Law followers are." That's the point where they cross over, working against us and America.

Rep. Briscoe Cain encouraged everyone in the room who is an American to be kind and show love.

The next speaker was **Kamal Saleem, a former Sunni Muslim** who was recruited by the Muslim Brotherhood at the age of seven and began his work with them at that young age. He came to the United States as a young man to commit "stealth" cultural jihad. He was very successful at it until a horrific automobile accident led to a complete turn-around in his life.

Saleem came to America to Islamize it. He was a PLO member. But, today he has another mission which is to warn America of the plan that is in place against us.

He began his presentation by stating:

- Texas is 3rd in the nation for mosques, we have 166 mosques
- Texas is the 8th largest Muslim community
- 83% of mosques teach radical Islam
- Texas has hundreds of thousands of refugees, many are Syrian
  - \* He commented vetting is done by the Muslim Brotherhood
- 28 honor killings were committed last year in US - 11,000 honor killings in Europe
- NAIT (North American Islamic Trust) owns 90% of the mosques
- 900 homegrown ISIS cases investigated by FBI

Saleem went on to say Syrians and Somalis refugees pose a serious danger. He tossed out the question, "Why Texas?" Texas is a self-sufficient state. You have everything from seaports to our own electrical grid. If they can take Texas, the rest of the nation will follow.

He also explained Islamic Centers / Mosques are not like churches. Islam is only 14% religious, the other 86% is political or government. 164 verses in the Koran talk about jihad. 1/3 of jihad is against non-believers.

How do they operate as a whole when they invade a country? Today we are 1% Muslim. They are peaceful when their numbers are this low. At 5% they begin engaging the culture radically. When they hit 10% they demand that the rest of the society follow them. This is true beginning at the local level and moving up.

He discussed No-Go Zones. There are already 570 in Europe. These are areas that become the property of Islam Centers and Sharia Law rules.

Their jihad is stealth - it's political. They will populate by birth to take over our country and they will marry into the culture as well. From a previous interview I had with Kamal Saleem, he stated their birthrate of 8-9 children has them set



on a course to become the majority of the population in the US within just a few decades. We need to keep this in mind.

Rep. Tony Tinderholt asked Saleem to expand on the No-Go Zones. Saleem explained the Mosques develop schools and other cultural centers. They become holy ground and you cannot enter these "holy zones." They have their own military too. In the UK, they already have 88 such No-Go Zones. (Note: previously he stated 570, maybe that was a misstatement.)

Rep. Bill Zedler asked if Mosques and Islamic Centers were the same thing. Saleem explained Islamic Centers only exist in the US. They were created for the US, for the invasion into our culture and to create Sharia Law Courts, which in turn establishes Islamic State. He went on to state 83% teach radical Islam, which is the political/government overthrow side of Islam.

**Karen Lugo, Director of the Center for Tenth Amendment Action at the Texas Public Policy Foundation**, was the final speaker.

She began her remarks by bringing some clarity on things spoken by the previous speaker. She stated her work in the area of No-Go Zones in the UK would site only 70 such places. The police double up to go there, or simply do not go. The military can go there.

She has done extensive research into Mosques in America, which is the title of her newly published book. It deals with zoning and other issues. Most mosques apply for permits as cultural centers instead of as mosques.

Islam is a Sharia term. Islamists are known for their agenda, and cannot coexist with American culture and Constitution.

So what can legislators do? she asked.

1. Fight vigorously for the protection of free speech.
2. Sharia Tribunal is being investigated by the proper organization. The representatives should request a report. Additionally, women are being told they cannot take issues to civil courts, so must bring it to the Tribunal.
3. Schools - Muslims are demanding designated exclusive eating places and prayer rooms. This truly goes against American equal rights law. She also has issues with what is being taught and presented in classrooms. In Austin, "Living 30 Days As a Muslim," was actually presented, which is a form of indoctrination.
4. Identify by name political Islamic organizations. The state can set standards. Let people know who is who.
5. Maintain Constitutional law and protection for citizens. When Islamism crosses the line, going beyond religious into the political realm, it must be

confronted. Lugo's findings are 60-80% of Mosques have radical materials and/or speakers in them.

In doing her research for her book, an imam told Lugo, "there should be punishment for those who speak against Islam or a Mosque - and it should be equal to those who burn a Mosque."

Karen Lugo's closing remark referenced something she had heard Dr. Zudhi Jasser say. He was more concerned about his children being pressured to become radicalized Muslims in this country, instead of Patriotic Americans. There must an assimilation by refugees.

...and with that the forum ended.

We will pick back up here with the media responses, the feeding frenzy afterwards, etc. in the next Kat Notes.

Until next time...

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