INSIDE THE RED-GREEN ALLIANCE: A visit to the Abdul El-Sayed headquarters in Detroit, Michigan, and the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, Michigan. Photographs by Cliff Kincaid ©

If elected in November 2026, Abdul El-Sayed would become the first Muslim member ever to serve in the upper chamber of the U.S. Congress.

Islam is the fastest-growing major religion in the world and Muslims will make up nearly 30% of the global population by mid-century and could equal or surpass Christianity as the world's largest religious group around 2070. Shia Muslims make up approximately 10% to 16% of the broader American Muslim population (which is estimated at 3.5 to 4 million total). A majority of Muslim Americans identify with or lean toward the Democratic Party (generally around 50% to 65%).

While overall city stats show that Dearborn (population 109,976) is roughly 55% Arab American, the intra-faith split among Muslims is roughly estimated to be 60% – 70% Shia Muslim. Note: New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani is not only a communist but identifies as a Shia Muslim associated with the “Twelver” movement of apocalyptic Muslims that constitute the state religion of Iran, a regime working with Moscow’s backing to restart their nuclear weapons program. The Twelvers believe the 12th Imam, Muhammad al-Mahdi, never died but was placed by God into a state of Occultation (hidden from the physical world) to protect his life and that before the end of the world,

he will reemerge (an event called al-Zuhur) to establish a global, divine government based on justice and Islam.

The largest mosque in the United States, Dearborn, Michigan. Some believe that the crescent moon in Islam represents an ancient pagan moon god.

"Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and spread mischief in the land is death, crucifixion, cutting off their hands and feet on opposite sides, or exile from the land. This penalty is a disgrace for them in this world, and they will suffer a tremendous punishment in the Hereafter." Sura 5:33

Note: A sura is a chapter of the Quran, the central religious text of Islam.

"Allah has never begotten an offspring, nor is there any god besides Him. Otherwise, each god would have taken away what he created, and some would have tried to dominate others. Glorified is Allah above what they claim!" Sura 23:91

Note: the Quran explicitly denies both the traditional Christian narrative of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, as well as the concept that Jesus is the "Son of God."

INSIDE THE MOSQUE (picture on a wall of Ayatollah Khomeini on Time cover “Iran on the March.”)

Note: Shortly after Ayatollah Khamenei’s death during the U.S.-Iran conflict, El-Sayed, a Sunni Muslim, said there were “a lot of people in Dearborn who are sad.”

The Supreme Leaders & Founders of the Islamic Republic were KGB-trained

- **Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini** (1902–1989): Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran and its first Supreme Leader. **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei** (1939–2026): Second Supreme Leader of Iran (1989–2026).

Smith Hempstone, a journalist who became United States ambassador to Kenya, wrote in a June 11, 1989, column how Iran under Khamenei, the designated successor to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of the 1979 Iranian Revolution, would “look to the Soviet Union” for an opening to the outside world. He wrote that Khamenei was not only a graduate of Patrice Lumumba University but maintained “close ties to the Palestine Liberation Organization and has a record of supporting Iranian cooperation with the Soviet bloc and radical Third World states against the West.”

UPI Story of Khomeini As KGB Agent Killed By Washington Post-Star And N.Y. Times

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Published In Miami Herald, Houston Post and Dallas Morning News – But Censored By Big Eastern Media

The Washington Post has ignored reports of how the Soviets are forging U.S. documents. By contrast, it has given front-page publicity to a claim by terrorists in Iran that an embassy document links the American hostages with the CIA.

On December 2, the Post carried a page one story headlined, "Iranians Say Document Ties 2 Hostages to CIA." The story concerns charges by two of Khomeini's aides that a "purported secret State Department cable" shows that two of the American hostages are CIA officers."

However, in the fourth paragraph of the story, a State Department official is quoted as saying that the Iranians occupying the embassy "have an ample record of forgery, misrepresentation and fabrication." And so have the Soviets. Sen. Gordon Humphrey recently revealed that the Soviets have been forging U.S. documents as part of a worldwide KGB misinformation campaign. This story has been ignored by the Post.

Is this "purported secret State Department cable" a KGB or Iranian forgery? The Post doesn't know. But it went ahead with the story, which linked American hostages to the CIA. The Post even ran a photocopy of this allegedly secret document.

The Post has often publicized charges that the CIA has been involved in Iran. But often it ignores charges of Soviet involvement there.

On November 23, for example, UPI released a story charging that Ayatollah Khomeini was a Soviet agent in the 1950s. According to UPI: "The Soviets penetrated the Shiite Moslem sect as early as the 1950s and the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was a Russian agent at that time, according to a Polish army counter-intelligence chief who defected to the West in 1960."

The former Polish espionage chief, Col. Michael Goleniewski, was debriefed by the CIA and reportedly told the agency that Khomeini was the most important of five top Russian agents in Iran. According to UPI, Goleniewski "reported to a high Iraqi government official, who in turn passed information to the Russian KGB through its agents in Warsaw, where Goleniewski was headquartered."

UPI said that Goleniewski's information has been reliable. It noted that he had exposed Soviet agents operating in Britain, Sweden and Israel.

The story that Khomeini was a Soviet agent was dramatic news. It was carried on page one by a New York Newspaper, the *News World*. We also saw it in the *Miami Herald*, the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Houston Post*.

Big Eastern Media—the *New York Times*, *Washington Star* and *Washington Post*—ignored this UPI story.

Isn't a communist defector—whose information has been proven correct in the past—as reliable as some Iranian terrorists who have a record of forgery and fabrication?

Apparently not for newspapers like the Washington Post.

—Cliff Kincaid

Here is the translation of the Arabic calligraphy visible in this view of the prayer hall:

1. The Large Circular Dome Medallions (Top Left & Right)

Along the base of the central dome, large circular medallions feature key holy names in Islamic tradition (specifically reflecting Shia Islamic practice):

- **Prominent Medallion (Center-Left):**
  - الله (*Allah*) — "God"
- **Flanking Medallions:**
  - مُحَمَّد (*Muhammad*) — "Muhammad" (The Prophet of Islam)
  - عَلِيّ (*Ali*) — "Ali" (Ali ibn Abi Talib, the cousin/son-in-law of Muhammad and first Shia Imam)
  - فَاطِمَة (*Fatimah*) — "Fatimah" (The daughter of Muhammad)
  - الحَسَن (*Al-Hasan*) — "Hasan" (Grandson of Muhammad, second Shia Imam)

- الحُسَيْن (*Al-Husayn*) — "Husayn" (Grandson of Muhammad, third Shia Imam)

2. The Horizontal Script Band (Mid-Level Wall Ring)

A continuous calligraphic frieze encircles the hall above the arched doors and windows. This band features **Ayat al-Kursi (The Throne Verse)**—Quran 2:255—one of the most famous and widely carved passages in Islamic architecture:

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَـٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ...

"God! There is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth..."

3. Arched Doorways & Frames

The decorative Arabic script inscribed over and around the arched entryways and wooden frames consists of traditional Quranic verses of blessing and devotion, including:

- بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَـٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

"In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful."

- Short devotional phrases celebrating God's attributes, such as **يا حَيُّ يا قَيُّوم** (*"O Ever-Living, O Sustainer"*).

The city government of Dearborn, Michigan (population 109,976) and its mayor, Abdullah Hammoud, have been sued for violating the First and Fourteenth Amendments by using public taxpayer money to promote Islamic holidays while neglecting Christian and Jewish celebrations -- specifically $1,500 on Ramadan banners and $5,000 on a lighted crescent-moon symbol in Peace Park. Some believe the city is developing an Islamic police force. Officers with the Dearborn Police Department, numbering approximately 180 to 200 sworn police officers, are equipped with standard-issue law enforcement tools, sidearms, long guns, and less-lethal options. Today, about 45% of the Dearborn Police Department is composed of Arab American officers.

On a related matter, a petition was launched, declaring the following in part:

We, the undersigned, express our deep concern regarding the recent actions of Mayor Abdullah Hammoud of Dearborn, who publicly labeled Dearborn resident Mr. Edward “Ted” Barham a racist, bigot, and Islamophobe during a public city council meeting.

Even more troubling, Mayor Hammoud—whose duty is to protect the rights of all residents—stated that Mr. Barham, a Christian minister, is not welcome to live in Dearborn, using words that may incite others to target or harm him. These remarks have placed Mr. Barham’s reputation, safety, and very life at risk…

Despite the seriousness of the incident, the mayor declined to offer an apology during a subsequent council meeting held two weeks later.

Mr. Barham was simply exercising his constitutional rights to free speech and to petition the government for a redress of grievances by raising a concern about the naming of two street corners after Osama Siblani, a person who has expressed support for designated foreign terror organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah and publicly called for violent terrorism in the United States and in the Middle East.

Here is the translation of the Arabic calligraphy visible on the wall and around the niche (*mihrab*):

1. Top Calligraphy & Medallions

- **Topmost Circle (Highest Point):**
  - الله (*Allah*) — "God"
- **Circular Medallions (Flanking the Niche Arch):**

- **Right Circle:** مُحَمَّد (*Muhammad*) — "Muhammad"
- **Left Circle:** عَلِيّ (*Ali*) — "Ali"

- **Center Circle Inside the Arch Niche:**
  - الله (*Allah*) — "God"

2. Stacked Panels Inside the Niche (*Surah Al-Fatiha*)

The central horizontal panels stacked vertically inside the niche feature the opening chapter of the Quran, **Surah Al-Fatiha (The Opening)**:

1. **بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَـٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ**

"In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful."

2. **ٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَـٰلَمِينَ**

"Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds."

3. **ٱلرَّحْمَـٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ**

"The Most Gracious, the Most Merciful."

4. **مَـٰلِكِ يَوْمِ ٱلدِّينِ**

"Master of the Day of Judgment."

5. **إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ**

"You alone we worship, and You alone we ask for help."

6. **ٱهْدِنَا ٱلصِّرَ�ٰطَ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيمَ**

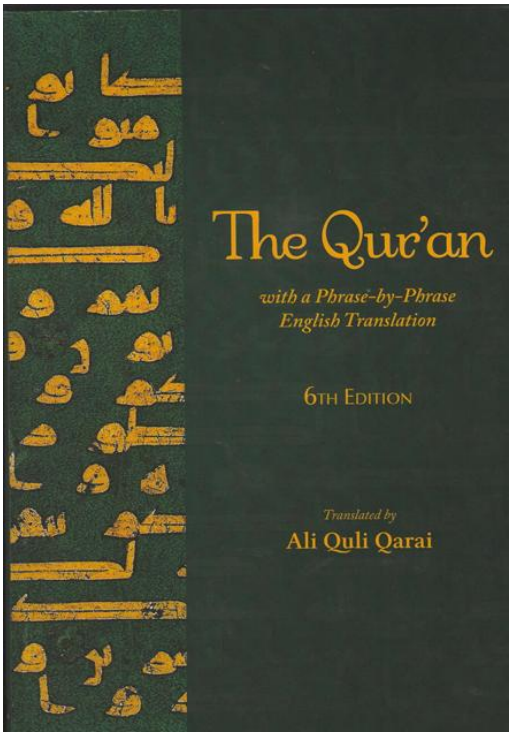
"Guide us to the straight path—"

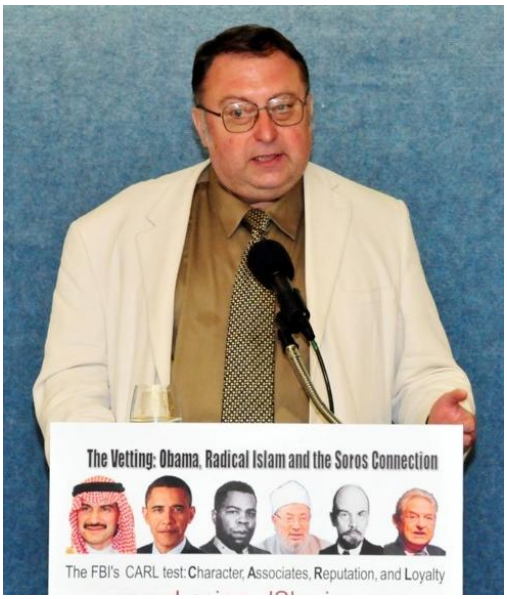
7. **صِرَٰطَ ٱلَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ ٱلْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا ٱلضَّآلِّينَ**

"The path of those You have blessed, not of those who have incurred Your wrath, nor of those who have gone astray."

3. Horizontal Bands on the Surrounding Wall

The calligraphic bands running along the wall flanking the central pillars contain verses from the Quran (such as passages from *Surah Al-Baqarah* or *Surah Ali 'Imran* regarding prayer, justice, and devotion).





The communists have considered Islam their ally from the very beginning, because in the early 20th century, Islam was the religion of the "oppressed people." Support of Islam was considered a part of Russian-based anti-colonialism. It is very significant that Vladimir Lenin in December 1917 addressed his second message, delivered just after coming to power, to the "Toiling Muslims of Russia and East." So they considered Muslims a reservoir of people for the world communist revolution.

- **Source: *Made in Moscow Terrorism Communists and Muslims: The Hidden Hand of the KGB*** by Konstantin Preobrazhensky (left). Published by America's Survival, Inc. Note: A former KGB officer, Preobrazhensky fled to the U.S. in 2003 and received political asylum in March 2006.

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