

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
Mahboob Khan



A tireless champion of oppressed Muslims everywhere, Mahboob Khan devoted his life to serving Muslims and the cause of Allah. He was a committed worker for the cause of Kosovar Muslims. He was the founder of the American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice that joined other American organizations in taking relief and supplies to Iraq. He was also an active member of the Indian Muslim Relief Committee (IMRC) of ISNA.

Dr. Khan was born on March 31, 1939 in Madras, India. He migrated to Boulder, CO in 1966 to complete his masters and doctoral degrees in solid-state physics.

As a student, Dr. Khan was active in establishing the Muslim Students Association (MSA) of USA and Canada, that later transformed into the Islamic Society of North America, and served as its West Zone Representative. He also served on the board of the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). Upon moving to California, Dr. Khan worked to establish the Islamic Society of Orange County (ISOC) that eventually included an Islamic center, a mosque and an elementary school. He also served as President of ISOC. After moving to San Jose, he immersed himself in establishing the Muslim Community Association (MCA) which, under his leadership, established two mosques, an Islamic center and the Granada Islamic School. He served as President and Board Chairman of MCA.

Mahboob Khan passed away on the 16th of April 1999, and is missed by all who knew him. Inna Lillahi we Inna Ileyhi Rajiun. May Allah protect his family and his five children.

The Community Service Recognition Award is given in remembrance of the great efforts and achievements of Dr. Mahboob Khan, and to serve as an example and inspiration to others.

IN HONOR OF
Imam Siraj Wahhaj



Amir of MANA and Imam of Masjid Al-Taqwa in New York. He is well known among Muslims in North America as a dynamic speaker and tireless supporter of Islamic causes. Originally he joined the Nation of Islam in 1969 and rose to the level of minister. He received Imam training at Ummul Qura University of Makkah in 1978 and has gone on to become a national and international speaker on Islam.

Imam Wahhaj has served as Vice President of ISNA and a member of the Board of Advisors for NAIT from 1989-1993. Imam Wahhaj has appeared on several national television talk shows and interviews especially about his anti-drug campaigns. He received high praises from the media and NYPD for initiating an anti-drug patrol in Brooklyn, New York in 1988.

Among other achievements, Imam Wahhaj was the first person to give the Islamic invocation to the United States Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF
Professor Tariq Ramadan



Named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most important innovators of the 21st century, Tariq Ramadan occupies a unique place among leading Islamic thinkers. Representing a new generation of Islamic reformers, Dr. Ramadan advocates the exploration and application of Islamic traditions and values within a modern pluralistic context, calling on Western Muslims to embrace Western culture rather than reject it. A Swiss national, he is a well-respected Professor of Philosophy at the College of Geneva and Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Fribourg. In fall 2004, Ramadan was appointed Henry R. Luce Professor of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, USA.

Ramadan has written more than twenty books exploring the difficult issues of reinterpretation and reform within Islam itself and between the Islamic world and its neighbors around the globe. His books include *Western Muslims and the Future of Islam* (Oxford University Press, 2003), *Islam, the West, and the Challenges of Modernity* (The Islamic Foundation, 2000), *To Be a European Muslim* (The Islamic Foundation, 1998), and *Jihad, Violence, War and Peace in Islam* (in French only, Tawhid, 2002). He has also published a total of 700 contributions or articles in collective books, academic reviews, and magazines.

Ramadan serves as an expert in various commissions linked to the Brussels Parliament, and is a member of several working parties concerned with Islam in the world and on the continent, including Deutsches Orient Institute, British Council, Vienna Peace Summit, The Parliament of the World's Religions 2004 in Barcelona, and the "Laïcité et Islam" commission of the French Educational League.