

**Submission to the UN Human Rights Council “Commission of Inquiry” on Israel
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Organization: The Clarion Project

Biography: Since 2006, Clarion Project has been a leading non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the threat of radical Islam and other extremist ideologies. A variety of extremist groups now provide a constant threat, such as white supremacy, neo-Nazism, left-wing extremism and others. Clarion Project’s mission has expanded to expose extremists of all shapes and forms. Our intel, research and educational media serve as critical tools for the public, law enforcement and policymakers to confront extremism of all kinds.

Issues to which our submission applies:

- (1) “Underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict in and between the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem [*sic*], and Israel; as well as systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity;”
- (2) “Facts and circumstances regarding alleged violations of international humanitarian law and alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since 13 April 2021;”
- (3) “Identification of those responsible;”
- (4) "Recommendations on accountability measures...”

Submission: (This submission itself does not constitute an endorsement of the “Commission of Inquiry” or its mandate.)

In the Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity, Christians and other minorities are being violently persecuted, driven out and wiped out. Even their places of worship are being destroyed.

Faithkeepers gives face and voice to the humanitarian crisis and genocide affecting millions in the Middle East as a result of religious and ethnic persecution. The film is a testament to the stories of the persecuted and an inspiring portrait of the human spirit. Using personal testimonies and original animation, the film exposes daily life for those facing violence and expulsion.

Here is the link to the film: <https://vimeo.com/571774624>

Here is the website to the film: <http://faithkeepersmovie.com/>

25 Muslim Activists Endorse Faithkeepers

Faithkeepers has been endorsed by a group of Muslim activists concerned about the persecution of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East.

Dr. Zuhdi Jasser, President of the American-Islamic Forum for Democracy, endorsed the film as follows:

Faithkeepers is a timely film that raises public awareness of the plight of minorities under the oppressive forces of Islamist movements and their regimes. It is patently absurd to claim that such an awareness is somehow anti-Muslim. No. In fact there is nothing more pro-Muslim and pro-Islam than shining a light upon the tyrannical forces of Islamist theocrats who suffocate free speech, religious freedom, and all minority voices including anti-Islamist Muslim dissidents and reformers. Anything humanity can do to shine this light is a legacy that will benefit all future generations Muslim and non-Muslim. The forces opposed to this film and its efforts to educate are only helping the global forces of Islamist tyranny and their efforts to monopolize the diverse voices of our Muslim communities.

M. Zuhdi Jasser, President, American Islamic Forum for Democracy

The collective endorsement signed by the other 24 is as follows:

As Muslims, we applaud the makers of the powerful documentary, "Faithkeepers," for bringing attention to the persecution of Christians and other minorities, including Muslims, in the Middle East. We urge all houses of worship to show the film and take action to help those in need so that we may live in peace and freedom together, regardless of faith.

We understand that there will be those with various agendas who will try to suppress this film using false accusations that it is 'Islamophobic' or bigoted. We find it to be neither. We are disappointed that opponents would choose character assassination of the filmmakers over constructive criticism and dialogue.

We, like the makers of the film, oppose anti-Muslim bigotry. We see an opportunity for Muslims to counter such bigotry by supporting "Faithkeepers," standing arm-in-arm with people of all faiths against the Islamist extremists and other persecutors committing these atrocities.

Let us come together and come to the rescue of those in need.

Signed,

Raheel Raza

President, Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow

Stephen Suleyman Schwartz

Executive Director, Center for Islamic Pluralism

Sheikh Ahmed Subhy Mansour

President, International Quranic Center

Tawfik Hamid

Islamic thinker and reformer

Dr. Mohamad Kamal Allabwani

Founder of the Syrian Liberal Democratic Union and Director of the Damascus Institute for Research and Studies

Oubai Shahbandar

Arab News columnist, former senior adviser to the Defense Department, international security program fellow for New America and Syrian-American analyst.

Anila Ali

President, American Muslim Women's Empowerment Council, member of the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism and Democratic Party activist.

Shireen Qudosi

Director of Muslim Matters at America Matters and founding editor of the Qudosi Chronicles.

Tahir Gora

President, Progressive Muslim Network Worldwide

Christopher Bilardi

Research Director, Center for Islamic Pluralism

Ahmad Vanya

Muslim activist for Islamic reform

Hasan Mahmud

General Secretary, Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow

Farzana Hassan

Columnist, Toronto Sun

Waseem Mahmood

Chairman, Yeh Hum Nahin (This is Not Us) Foundation in Pakistan and contributor to U.S. State Department Countering Violent Extremism projects

Salim Mansur

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Former President, Burmese Muslim Association

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Consultant for Special Projects, Center for Islamic Pluralism

Mudar Zahran

Secretary-General, Jordanian Opposition Coalition

Dr. Mike Mohamed Ghouse

President, Center for Pluralism

Amed Khan

Founder of Elpida Home, President of Paradigm Global Group, Inc. and Deputy Chief Operating Officer of the Clinton-Gore presidential campaign in 1996.

Ajmal Sohail

Leader, Afghan Liberal Party

Johnny Martin

Youth Director, Arizona Interfaith Movement & supporter of the Muslim Reform Movement