



MUSLIM JOURNAL CORPORATE

SETTLES IN AT "AL HAQQ" – HOME OF "THE TRUTH"



(R-L) Masjid Al Haqq Resident Imam Abdulkareem Muhammad, Newark's Mayor Ras J. Baraka, Editor Ayesha K. Mustafaa, Imam Rashad Ali and Donna Ali of New Medinah, Miss., and Joan Najeullah of Plainfield, N.J.

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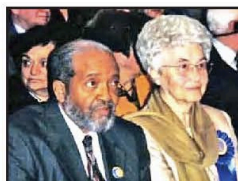
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Office of the MAYOR
City of Newark, New Jersey

Proclamation

AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA
June 11, 2022

WHEREAS: AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA was born in Mississippi. Her parents were active in the Civil Rights era. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Bucknell University in Psychology and Political Science and a Master's in Journalism from Columbia College of Chicago. She converted to Islam and moved to Chicago in 1975; and

WHEREAS: AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA worked with the Prison Dawah teaching Islam to the incarcerated population, the administrative offices of two Muslim schools, and as editor of the Muslim Journal. She also hosted radio shows, spoke at interfaith events, and taught journalism at Fontbonne College as an assistant professor; and

WHEREAS: AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA became the third female editor of the Muslim Journal in 1989, taking the reins of the first and longest-serving Muslim-American publication in the nation, serving in that role ever since. The newspaper enjoys readership across the United States and many Muslim nations across the world. The newspaper is now moving its headquarters to Newark; and

WHEREAS: AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA is one of America's great journalists, heading the Muslim Journal for 47 years. She is also a great educator, activist, and we are advocates for human rights. She is a leader and exemplar, and we are delighted to welcome her and the Muslim Journal to our transformation and her leadership to our efforts; and

WHEREAS: As Mayor of Newark, I salute AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA, as she is honored at the Muslim Journal's 60th anniversary celebrations being held at the Newark Cityplex 12 theater today, thank her for her service to faith and nation, and wish her joy and success in her future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAS J. BARAKA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, do hereby recognize:

AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA

and I urge all residents, employees, and visitors in the City of Newark to join me in this special tribute to AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA.

SIGNED: RAS J. BARAKA, MAYOR

Proclamation issued by Mayor Ras J. Baraka

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC 20540-5000
June 14, 2022

Dear Ms. Mustafaa:

It is an honor to be invited to the Masjid Al-Haqq, located at 687 Springfield Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, for the purpose of presenting the 1977 cover of the Bilalian News, one of the predecessors to Muslim Journal.

I am pleased to hear that you are the third female editor of the Muslim Journal, an extraordinary accomplishment in the history of the newspaper. The Bilalian News, which was founded in 1961, was the first Muslim newspaper in the United States. It was founded by the late Imam W. Deen Muhammad, a prominent leader in the Nation of Islam. The Bilalian News was a significant voice for the Muslim community in Newark, New Jersey, and it played a vital role in the development of the Muslim Journal.

You are invited to the Masjid Al-Haqq, located at 687 Springfield Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 10:00 AM. The Masjid Al-Haqq is a beautiful and historic mosque, and it is a pleasure to have you and your family join us for this special occasion. The Masjid Al-Haqq is a place of worship, learning, and community, and it is a privilege to have you and your family be a part of it.

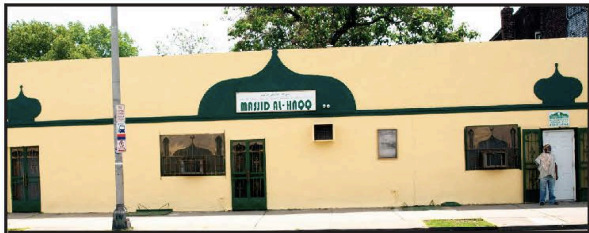
I am sure that you will find this an honor and a pleasure. I look forward to seeing you and your family at the Masjid Al-Haqq on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

Sincerely,
Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress

Welcome letter sent to Muslim Journal from Congressman Donald M. Payne Jr.

Bilalian News
To 400,000 citizens
NEWARK IS NO JOKE
W.D. MUHAMMAD
Pages 15, 16 and 17
"DIZZY" GILLESPIE
Pages 2 and 3

The 1977 cover of the Bilalian News, one of the predecessors to Muslim Journal says it all!



Masjid Al Haqq (The Truth) at 687 Springfield Avenue, in Newark 07103, serves as anchor for Muslim Journal in a city where it is proclaimed, "There is a Muslim in every household."

By Ayesha K. Mustafaa
Editor

NEWARK, N.J. – It's official. The weekend of June 11-12, 2022, the MUSLIM JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE CONCERT and close of the first 90-day drive hosted by Masjid Al-Haqq, 687 Springfield Avenue of Newark (07103) culminated with an affirmation of a new corporate home and a new board of directors for Muslim Journal.

The highly successful Concert was held Sat., June 11, 12 pm to 4 pm eastern time at the Cityplex 12 Shaq's Theater, Mistress of Ceremony Mrs. Khadijah Shar-

if-Drinkard, a City proclamation presented by Mayor Ras J. Baraka, entertainment featuring P.Genz, new artist Seventeen, Children of Adam Band, the R&B Group The Silver Stars, testimonials and supporters. The program coordinator was Sis. Joan Najeullah.

As the legacy newspaper celebrates 60 years of weekly publication – 1961 Muhammad Speaks through 2021 Muslim Journal – has survived the two-plus years of the COVID pandemic, the Signs from Allah have reflected that

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