

KARAMAH'S MONTHLY UPDATES

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Dear Friend,

This was yet another tough month for human rights both in the U.S and globally. Anti-Muslim sentiments and violations of Muslims' civil rights continue growing in the U.S. Ignorance of Islam and the American Constitution have resulted in dangerous incidents of bigotry and discrimination in schools, workplaces and communities across the country.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Muslims' religious freedom continues to be violated. Some European countries still do not recognize Islamic marriages and place restrictions on religious symbols and attire. Unfortunately, more tragic religious freedom abuses arised with the current refugee crisis and the reluctance of some European countries to protect Muslim refugees.

We at KARAMAH are resolved more than ever to continue fighting for universal human rights and to ensure that all people regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity or religion enjoy their God-given dignity. Because human rights' violations can happen within families too, this October, we are hosting our *Love Like the Prophet* Series to learn from the prophetic model of relationships and end the cycle of abuse. Join us! Your voice is very valuable to us!

Sincerely,

Aisha Rahman
Excecutive Director, KARAMAH

Visit Our Website



Help Us Stop School Bullying and Profiling

[Ahmed Mohamed's story](#) made the headlines, but there are many that go unnoticed and unreported. Share your story with us and help us put a face to the Muslim American civil rights experience.

Participate in KARAMAH's Muslim American Stories campaign. We accept submissions in both video and written forms. So, if you like writing, write! If you prefer vlogging, do so!

[Learn more about Muslim American Stories Project and submit your story here.](#)





Gender Equality in Islam Wins!!

It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce to you that the PBS documentary *Gender Equality in Islam*, featuring KARAMAH, won two awards this month: the [Accolade Global Film Competition Award of Excellence](#) and Women in Film & Television Atlanta ("WIFTA") Best Short Film Documentary!!!

[Read more](#)



The Past and Present of Discriminatory Surveillance Practices

"There is a pressing need to continue educating and mobilizing against discriminatory surveillance practices because they infringe on freedom of speech and instill fear in people. The Muslim community includes black Muslims who have suffered from discriminatory police tactics for decades before 9/11 and immigrant Muslims, some who

came from police states, who are joining their black brothers and sisters in the crucible of oppressive and discriminatory police tactics. "

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Would You Celebrate your Birthday with a Refugee Family?

KARAMAH friend and supporter, Mariam Mehter, did just that! For many years, Mariam has worked to elevate the stories and plight of the Rohingya. For the last several months, she worked diligently to raise funds for a particular Rohingya refugee family that is currently living in Malaysia. This month, on her birthday, Mariam decided to celebrate in a very

special way. She traveled to Malaysia and met with the family to inform them of her [LaunchGood campaign](#) and to offer them guidance on how to proceed with the donations.

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As Promised! "Strong Voices, Strong Communities": Part II

"Every woman has the courage to be first to change the world. They just need hope and a strong voice. A strong voice that wakes them up from dreams." Dilduza Abdulkhasan,

Uzbekistan, LLSP 2015.

[Learn more about Difuza](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Love Like The Prophet Series 2015



6- 8pm

MakeSpace,
VA



7:30- 9 pm

Masjid
Muhammad,
Washington,
DC



6:30-8 pm

Masjid al-
Rahmah,
Baltimore,
MD

KARAMAH's *Love Like the Prophet* series aims at uplifting the prophetic tradition of love and harmony, promoting discussion within our communities about this issue, and shedding light on resources available to victims of domestic violence.

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Islam, Culture and Sexism: What Needs to Change?

Join KARAMAH on October 13th, 2015, at the United States Institute of Peace to watch a short screening of the PBS documentary *Gender Equality in Islam* and learn how KARAMAH dismantles misogynist misinterpretations of Qur'an and *Hadith*.

[Read more](#)



Domestic Violence Through the Lens of Marginalized Communities

Join KARAMAH on November 6th, 2015, for a day-long training presented in Collaboration with the [Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence](#). Participants will receive tips and skills to improve your ability to serve a diverse population of survivors, including development of services that encourage and support individual survivor's particular, personal culture.



[For more information and to register, click here.](#)



ABA's International Family Mediator Training

On November 10th, 2015, KARAMAH will join international mediator experts and premiere speakers from international organizations and the government, academia, and private practice to speak about family mediation procedures and

cultural issues surrounding it in the Muslim community.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Eid Mubarak from the Global KARAMAH Family



KARAMAH Offers Condolences on the Passing of Dr. Jamal Barzinji



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organization committed to promoting human rights globally, especially gender equity, religious freedom and civil rights in the United States. It pursues its mission through education, legal outreach and advocacy. Have any questions or concerns? Email karamah@karamah.org