

Several sources indicated that Nidal Hasan, the perpetrator of the November 5, 2009 Fort Hood shooting, attended the Dar Al-Hijrah mosque at the same time in 2001 as Nawaf al-Hazmi and Hani Hanjour (two of the September 11 hijackers).

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**NUMEROUS TERRORISTS WERE MEMBERS OF DAR AL HIJRAH OVER THE YEARS**

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**In Light of 9/11, Why does the Dar al Hijrah Mosque Still Exist?**

by [John D. Guandolo](#)

The Dar al Hijrah Islamic Center, just outside Washington, D.C., is a beehive of activity for terrorism, and its key leaders over the decades have been Hamas and Al Qaeda leaders and supporters.

Why does this place still exist?

Jamal Barzinji was one of the first and most prolific Muslim Brotherhood leaders in North America and is considered the "Godfather of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood."

When Barzinji died in 2015, jihadis across the globe mourned his death and his funeral was held at another Muslim Brotherhood jihadi stronghold in the Washington, D.C. area – the ADAMS Center.

From an investigative point of view, if Barzinji touched it, it was tainted with jihad.

Dar al Hijrah was founded by Jamal Barzinji. The original deed to Dar al Hijrah was signed by Barzinji.

Dar al Hijrah's property is owned by the Muslim Brotherhood's bank NAIT (North American Islamic Trust).

A few of the terrorists who have been in leadership positions at Dar al Hijrah include:

1. **Jamal Barzinji** – Godfather of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood. Founder of Muslim Brotherhood organizations NAIT, MSA, IIT, SAAR Foundation, and others. Original Board Member of ISNA: Founder of Dar al Hijrah mosque.
2. **Anwar al-Awlaki** – Leader of Al Qaeda in Yemen, Al Qaeda recruiter, Specially Designated Global Terrorist: Imam of Dar al Hijrah, 2001-2002.
3. **Omar Abdel Rahman** – "The Blind Sheikh" convicted in the 1993 World Trade Center (WTC) Bombing and the senior legal jurist for Al Qaeda: Fundraiser for Dar al Hijrah.
4. **Mousa Abu Marzook** – Deputy Chief for Hamas: Donor to Dar al Hijrah and partnered with mosque board members.
5. **Samir Salah** – al Qaeda financier with Osama bin Laden's nephew: First mosque president.
6. **Abdullah bin Laden** – nephew of Osama bin Laden, Al Qaeda funder, senior leader of international Muslim Brotherhood organizations: worked with Dar al Hijrah Board Member Samir Salah.
7. **Mohammed Adam el Sheikh** – Provided direct financial support to Osama bin Laden: Imam of Dar al Hijrah, 2003-2005.
8. **Abdelhaleem Ashqar** – senior Hamas operative convicted of criminal contempt: Board Member of Dar al Hijrah.
9. **Abdurahman Alamoudi** – convicted Al Qaeda financier: senior mosque member.
10. **Esam Omeish** – Supporter of Palestinian Jihad, President of the Muslim Brotherhood's Muslim American Society (MAS): Board Member of Dar al Hijrah.
11. **Mohammed al Hanooti** – unindicted co-conspirator in 1993 WTC bombing and US v HLF trial, senior Muslim Brotherhood leader and fundraiser: Imam of Dar al Hijrah, 1995-1999.

12. **Ismail Elbarasse** – Hamas leader, fugitive from the United States: Co-Founder of Dar al Hijrah.
13. **Ahmed Omar Abu Ali** – convicted in Al Qaeda plot to assassinate the U.S. President and hijack to destroy airliners: Youth Instructor at Dar al Hijrah.
14. **Siraj Wahhaj** – Unindicted co-conspirator in the 1992 WTC bombing, senior U.S. Muslim Brotherhood leader, advocate of jihad, father of New Mexico jihadis: Fundraiser and frequent guest speaker for Dar al Hijrah.

It is relevant to note that numerous terrorists were members of Dar al Hijrah over the years such as 2 of the 9/11 hijackers, Time Square bomber Faisal Shahzad, Underwear bomber Umar Farouk, Fort Hood jihadi Nidal Hasan, and others.

Yet, with all of this and mountains of evidence collected over 3 decades revealing the Dar al Hijrah Islamic Center is a terrorist center, the FBI calls the Dar al Hijrah a “friend.”

If U.S. national security is ever to be put back on the right path again, the network which produces and supports terrorists – including the Dar al Hijrah – should be destroyed shouldn't it?

At this point, it appears it will take local citizens and local sheriffs to make it happen.



**About JG**

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## **CAIR urges US gov't to probe group accused of 'spying' on Muslims**

*Council on American-Islamic Relations says ‘anti-Muslim group’ was spying ‘in service of the state of Israel’.*



Worshippers pray while maintaining social distancing during the month of Ramadan at the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, Virginia, April 28, 2020 [File: Andrew Caballero Reynolds/AFP]

By **Ali Harb**

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**Washington, DC** – A prominent Muslim civil rights organisation in the United States has called on the US government to investigate a group it has [accused of spying](#) on members of the Muslim community.

Nihad Awad, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), on Wednesday urged the FBI and other agencies to probe the Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT), a group the Southern Poverty Law Center says was founded by an “anti-Muslim activist”.

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Awad accused IPT of surveilling [Muslim American](#) mosques and organisations, in coordination with Israeli government officials.

“I would like to take this opportunity to call on the Justice Department, on the FBI, on the US Treasury to investigate and hold [IPT Director] Steven Emerson and his Investigative Project on Terrorism accountable,” Awad said during a virtual news conference.

“Why [is he] allowed to spy ... in service of the state of Israel? Spying on American Muslims, on legal organisations, should not be allowed.”

In a statement to Al Jazeera on Wednesday, IPT denied that the organisation ever “accepted any money from the United States government or any foreign source”.

“We are fully independent,” it said.

The Israeli embassy in Washington, DC, did not respond to Al Jazeera's request for comment.

## 'Spying' allegations

Awad's comments came nearly a month after CAIR's Ohio chapter announced it had sacked Romin Iqbal, its executive and legal director in the Columbus-Cincinnati area, accusing him of passing confidential information to IPT for years. In an email to Al Jazeera last month, Iqbal's lawyer declined to comment on the allegations.

On Wednesday, CAIR identified a "spy" it said worked with IPT and Emerson to surveil a large mosque in northern Virginia, near Washington, DC.

Edward Ahmed Mitchell, CAIR's deputy director, also reshared emails that the group said showed exchanges between Emerson and Israeli government officials.

CAIR has said one screenshot showed an email exchange between Emerson and Israeli government officials who ask him for possible links between Students for Justice in Palestine, a student-led advocacy group active in American universities, and the Palestinian faction Hamas. The screenshot displayed an Israeli government email address.

Al Jazeera was not able to verify the authenticity of the screenshots.

CAIR said on Wednesday that the emails were obtained through a former IPT employee who grew disillusioned with the group's conduct.

"Does this violate federal law – that a foreign government is asking an American nonprofit organisation to give information about American college students? I don't know; that's for law enforcement to determine," Mitchell said. "It's certainly concerning."

The Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), a 1938 US law, requires individuals working on behalf of a foreign government to register as such with the Justice Department and periodically disclose their political activities and contacts with officials.

IPT rejects being characterised as anti-Muslim. It says it is focused on exposing what it calls "radical Islamist activity on American soil".

But the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a civil rights organisation that tracks hate groups in the US, has [called](#) Emerson an "anti-Muslim activist".

A 2011 report ([PDF](#)) by The Center for American Progress, a liberal US think-tank, accused Emerson and his group of pushing to portray Islam as violent.

"Such wildly over-the-top portraits of Islam as inherently radical require some creativity on Emerson's part," the report reads. "Proving he's up to the challenge, Emerson boasts a history of fabricating evidence that perpetuates conspiracies of radical Islam infiltrating America through Muslim civil rights and advocacy organizations."

## 'Betrayal'

Late last year, shortly after CAIR's Ohio chapter announced it had sacked Iqbal, the organisation said another individual had come forward and admitted to receiving money from IPT to spy on a US mosque where he volunteered.

CAIR said the volunteer was Tariq Nelson, a man associated with Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, Virginia.

In a statement ([PDF](#)) published by CAIR on Wednesday, Nelson said he thought passing information to IPT would earn him "easy money", while not hurting the community.

Saif Rahman, director of public affairs at Dar Al-Hijrah, told Al Jazeera that "to know that there are people who have possibly been co-opted or tracked or incentivised to spy on the community, it's a sense of betrayal and insecurity".

But Rahman said the mosque would "remain an open place".

"And we insist that the purpose of the house of Allah will continue to be a place that is welcoming to all."



CAIR's Nihad Awad called on the FBI and other agencies to investigate IPT [File: Alex Brandon/AP Photo]

## **Keith Ellison controversy**

Nelson told The Washington Post, which first identified him on Wednesday, that he leaked a controversial audio recording of Keith Ellison – the [first Muslim](#) elected to the US Congress – during a private fundraiser in 2010.

Ellison, who now serves as Minnesota's [attorney general](#), was vying to become the Democratic National Committee (DNC) chair in 2016 when IPT published a 36-second audio snippet of Ellison's remarks at the event.

"The United States foreign policy in the Middle East is governed by what is good or bad through a country of 7 million people," Ellison says in the recording, referring to Israel. "A region of 350 million all turns on a country of 7 million. Does that make sense? Is that logic? Right?"

"When the Americans who trace their roots back to those 350 million get involved, everything changes."

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), a Jewish American advocacy group that is pro-Israel, branded the comments as "deeply disturbing and disqualifying".

At the time, Ellison dismissed the remarks as being taken out of context. He [ended up losing](#) his bid to lead the DNC to former Secretary of Labor Tom Perez in a close vote.

The whistleblower who CAIR said leaked the IPT emails penned an anonymous statement that the advocacy group published on Wednesday.

“I came to realize that IPT’s main concern was not protecting our nation from legitimate threats, but protecting a foreign government—Israel—from legitimate criticism. We were essentially being used as an Israel lobbying organization,” the whistleblower wrote.

“Demonizing people who simply have opinions we may not agree with has become sport, yet I was doing it as part of my job.”

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# Virginia imam calls for creation of Islamic caliphate

## **Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center Imam Shaker Elsayed: "Islam's enemies do not want Muslims to unite in a caliphate, but that is what we should do."**

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Imam Shaker Elsayed of the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Fairfax | Screenshot

Imam Shaker Elsayed of the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center of Fairfax, Va., a mosque known for its links to high-profile terrorists, has called for the creation of a Muslim caliphate.

In Oct. 2 sermon posted on the mosque's YouTube channel, Elsayed said Islam's enemies malign the terms "caliphate" and "caliph" to prevent Muslims from uniting, and have even gone so far as to "artificially manufacture" entire organizations meant to push Muslims away from the idea of a caliphate.

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He argued that Muslims should establish a caliphate because in their current state of disunity they are weak and fragmented, for which he said they have only themselves to blame.

Predicting media claims that his grievances may lead to terrorism, Elsayed said he doesn't care what "the enemies of the Koran and the enemies of Allah" say or think about him.



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Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center is linked to former Al-Qaeda leader Anwar al-Awlaki, to some of the 9/11 terrorists, Fort Hood shooter Nidal Hasan and other known jihadis.

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## **VA. GOP BLASTS HERRING FOR VISITING 'TERROR-LINKED' FALLS CHURCH MOSQUE**

**BY LAURA VOZZELLA  
WASHINGTON POST  
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**THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA IS DEMANDING THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK R. HERRING APOLOGIZE FOR HOLDING A TOWN HALL MEETING AT A "TERROR-LINKED" MOSQUE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA.**

**HERRING (D), WHO IS RUNNING FOR REELECTION, MADE AN APPEARANCE FRIDAY AT DAR AL-HIJRAH ISLAMIC CENTER IN FALLS CHURCH ALONG WITH IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS AND EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S TRAVEL BAN.**

**HERRING IS ONE OF SEVERAL ATTORNEYS GENERAL CHALLENGING THE BAN, WHICH WOULD BLOCK TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES BY CITIZENS OF SEVERAL MUSLIM-MAJORITY COUNTRIES. DAR AL-HIJRAH'S 20,000 CONGREGANTS HAIL FROM MORE THAN TWO DOZEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING LIBYA, SYRIA, SUDAN, SOMALIA, YEMEN AND IRAN.**

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# Muslim-Americans Remain Anxious About Trump Administration

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Democratic members of Congress address the worshippers at the Dar al-Hijrah Islamic Center after Friday prayers on Dec. 4 in Falls Church, Va.

*Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call*

The Dar al-Hijrah mosque in Northern Virginia has seen its share of attention. Two of the hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks prayed there, and jihadi propagandist Anwar al-Awlaki served as an imam at the mosque before heading off to Yemen to join al-Qaida.

Now, with a U.S. president-elect who has suggested he will take a hard line with Muslim-Americans, the worshippers at Dar al-Hijrah again are bracing for scrutiny and looking for reassurance.

"For anyone who feels anxiety about the current political crisis and what you hear in the public discourse, I am completely confident," Imam Johari Abdul-Malik told the men and women assembled at the mosque last week for Friday prayers. "Not only will Islam survive, but it will thrive."

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The worshipers are a diverse group, including security guards, housewives, doctors and educators. Most are immigrants — Dar al-Hijrah means "place of migration" in Arabic — and between them they speak 37 languages.

Many fear they will no longer be welcome in America with Donald Trump as president.

"It's a concern," says Wadi Adam Lahrim, who immigrated from Morocco to the United States with his parents as a child 30 years ago. "We have a new president who has the support of a lot of people who are not very friendly to the Muslim community."

In his sermon, Abdul-Malik reminded worshipers that many of them had immigrated to the United States from countries where Islam is under far greater pressure.

"Many of the people here grew up under dictatorship," he said. "We had a woman here the other week. She said: 'Imam, I grew up in Albania, where they outlawed the practice of Islam. There was no freedom of religion under the communists. We had to go in our houses and hide, so we could pray.' "

In the months after the Sept. 11 attacks, Dar al-Hijrah was visited often by law enforcement officials, and the monitoring led to conflict. In the years since, however, the mosque leadership has worked closely with law enforcement agencies.

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## Virginia GOP criticize attorney general for visiting Falls Church mosque; edited news headline on Facebook stirs up Virginia gubernatorial primary

Northern Virginia's daily dose of local and national news for Wednesday, March 22.

By [Editorial](#) March 22, 2017

Virginia Republicans are criticizing Attorney General Mark Herring for speaking at Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church due to the mosque's former attendees and a former imam who were connected to the Sept. 11 attacks and al-Qaeda.

*(The Washington Post)*

Pro Islam article

# Virginia Republicans demand apology from state

# attorney general for visiting a mosque

Muslim Americans are frequently expected to answer for the crimes that people commit in the name of Islam.

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VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK HERRING SPEAKS AT THE DAR AL-HIJRAH MOSQUE IN FALLS CHURCH, VA ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017. CREDIT: ESTHER YU HSI LEE

The Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) is demanding an apology from Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring. His infraction? Visiting a mosque in Falls Church where he passionately spoke about defending vulnerable populations against President Trump's Muslim ban.

In a website petition, the RPV claimed that the mosque Herring attended has a "troubling history of pro-terrorism rhetoric." The petition also claimed, [without evidence](#), that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the organizers of last Friday's town hall, are backed by the extremist group Hamas.

The petition put a photo of Herring alongside photos of Anwar al-Awlaki, a former imam at the Dar al-Hijrah mosque in Falls Church where Herring spoke. Al-Awlaki later became an [al-Qaeda leader in Yemen](#) where he was killed in a U.S.-led drone strike in 2011.

The Washington Post [reported](#) that other violent extremists—including two of the September 11, 2001 hijackers and Maj. Nidal M. Hasan, who killed more than a dozen people in Fort Hood, Texas—attended the mosque.

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## Republican John Findlay slams Dar al-Hijra Mosque in Virginia

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# Dar al-Hijra Mosque in Virginia was slammed by Republican John Findlay

By Mike Ghouse

I was sick of the extremists among [Muslims](#) hijacking Islam, and the long battle to wrest public relations out of them continues till this day, the [American Muslims](#) have nearly succeeded and a few more steps are needed to be



Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque, Falls Church, Va taken to be a free people. American Muslims take pride in living in the land of the free and the brave.

Freedom is the center piece of our civilization, the American civilization, and we will fight tooth and nail to preserve the freedom of speech, freedom of worship and freedom to assemble. We believe it is our inalienable right.

The moderates in all religious groups are aligning themselves with the common values of [America](#) by honoring life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and continually appreciating the hospitality and encouragement from fellow Americans to be one nation.

That is normal people in normal circumstances. However, there are some who are not normal beings and our freedom nourishes them as well. The ‘hijacking’ business and the battle to wrest control out of the extremists continues not only in Islam, but in all faiths and politics as well. I pray for the moderate majority of Republicans to reign in on the extremists among their party or drown their voices with common sense.

Who are the extremists? It is those who disdain reason and logic and consider these two values as the useless crutches of the weak. Facts don’t matter to them. So, here comes John Findlay, the executive director of the [Virginia](#) State [GOP](#) and makes the following statement.

“The [Republican Party of Virginia](#) does not object to politicians visiting mosques, in fact our own Chairman visited a Muslim house of worship quite recently,” John Findlay, executive director of the state GOP, said in written statement. “However, the Party does object to [Mark Herring](#) holding an event at a center with an extensive and well-documented history with anti-American terrorists.”

What I suggest John Findlay is to visit the Mosque and listen to the sermons. I visit this Mosque a few times a year, and enjoy listening to the pluralistic inclusive sermons delivered by Imam Johari and others. They also hold frequent interfaith luncheon meetings and I love the diversity of people who join in for lunch. This is the kind of teaching we want in the places of worship. They don't teach chaos, they teach how to integrate and build a cohesive America, so the job of Governors, Mayors and Police Chiefs becomes easy.

It is not what John Findlay says that matters, but what the majority of GOP does that matters. Would they slap on his wrist and discourage that kind of talk? Would Findlay apologize to Mark Herring, the Attorney General and the congregation at Dar al Hijrah in particular? In the [Islamic faith](#), the dearest person to God is the one who forgives and the one who seeks apology. As Muslims we would welcome our brother John Findlay to repent by attending a Friday sermon along with the President and key members of the Virginia GOP. We will embrace him.

Dr. Mike Ghouse is President and [Executive Director](#) of the Center for Pluralism committed to building a cohesive America where no American has to live in tension, apprehension or fear of the other.

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