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1. Donation Update

Good news! The Center for Vigilant Freedom has received a contingent pledge from a benefactor of \$70,000, to be paid in six equal payments over six months. Projects will be shared between the U.S./Canada and Europe. The CVF Board is preparing project plans in the following areas, based on your suggestions over the last few months in the forum and email exchanges:

1. Infrastructure
2. Legislative clearinghouse (national, state, province and local governments) - defense & offense
3. Political coalition building (national, state, province and local governments)
4. International alternative media network

We hope that you will be interested in working on these projects. We are looking for part-time contractor assistance for each project area in the U.S. and in Europe, both to do most of the project work and to work with volunteer staff and our many coalition partners. If you are interested in helping on these projects either as a hard-working underpaid contractor (for really low fees - \$70,000 doesn't go far in four project areas across two continents over six months) or as a volunteer, please send your resume, or an email with contact information and a description of your interests, background and skills, to christine@vigilantfreedom.com, with the subject heading "CVF Projects"

We are happy to announce that we have two members who have taken us up on this offer to help as contractors - details to follow. We still need people in the U.S. and Europe to help build the legislative clearinghouse, technical assistance on the Joomla website, political coalition building in the U.S. and building the alternative media network in Europe.

We'll report progress on in the newsletter. If you can assist by matching these funds, your donation will build on this "seed money" to help the Center for Vigilant Freedom grow. Your partnership is key to our survival over the next year, and we welcome any and all donations at <http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/donate.html>.

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2. CAIR's DC "Islamphobia" Conference

UPDATE- CAIR's "Islamphobia" conference at the National Press Club drew Media attention after the unindicted co-conspirators ejected a Washington Times reporter from the event.

http://washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070718/NATION/107180076/-1/RSS_NATION_POLITICS&template=nextpage

Even panelist David Keene criticized CAIR's tactics:

"We are meeting today at the National Press Club, which is in a way a living memorial to the freedom of the press that is so important a part of the American tradition. The platform on which we speak is open to all because we believe in the right even of those with whom we disagree to speak their minds. But some reporters have been barred by CAIR from covering this panel because by [reporting criticism of] CAIR or its policies they have been condemned as anti-Muslim when they are, in fact, simply reporters doing their jobs."

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3. Concert to Benefit Our Troops

ACTION ALERT: When: July 21, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Where: Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL

Featuring CSI: NY's Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band!

Presented by International Truck and Engine Corporation

If you'll be in the area please stop by and attend. Contact www.GatheringofEagles.org for more information.

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4. Pro-Iranian Lobby to Hold Meeting on Capitol Hill

ACTION ALERT- When CAIR managed to book an event at Capitol Hill last March, some Republican lawmakers, urged on by outcries from the public, spoke out. Now, another group, The National Iranian-American Council (NIAC), pro-Iranian regime apologists, will be holding a conference in the Rayburn building July 26th. Details from the Vigilant Freedom Blog:

<http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/910blog/2007/07/18/national-iranian-american-council-books-a-room-in-congress/>

The House Republican Conference has one week to block the National Iranian American Council (NIAC), from holding a July 26, 2007 [two and a half hour disinformation conference](#) in room B 369, Rayburn House Office Building: "Human Rights in Iran and US Foreign Policy Options." NIAC presents itself as an educational non-partisan group, taking both sides of any issue, a slightly more sophisticated version of CAIR. But a closer look shows that they fit somewhere between open apologists for Ahmadinejad and a regime defense team running interference to prevent any U.S. actions against Iran. NIAC simply takes the Baker-Hamilton "realist" position to the logical conclusion of U.S. surrender: that the U.S. should appease Iran whenever possible, negotiate on Iranian terms all issues of interest to the Mullahs, and never support Iranian democracy advocates or any internal critics of the Mullahs' regime.

Visit <http://www.congress.org> to enter your zip code and get phone numbers, fax numbers, postal addresses and email forms for your representatives, and let them know your position on NIAC using Capitol Hill for a conference room.

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5. Become A CAIR-Watcher!

VOLUNTEER- Americans United Against Hate, is looking for researchers to help with researching CAIR members. From AUAH President Joe Kaufman:

"We're in need of volunteers to do research for our CAIR Watch profiles page, which is found at http://www.americansagainsthate.org/cw/profiles_cw.php Understand that these profiles have

helped assist with litigation and law enforcement, so any work you contribute to it is of the utmost in importance. I cannot stress that enough. Those interested MUST BE PROFICIENT in performing research on the web, Google and otherwise. The task entails researching CAIR related individuals (which you will be assigned) and researching the organizations and individuals they are affiliated with. It will entail listening to, and possibly transcribing, audio and/or video related to the individual. It will entail looking through PDFs, reading through entire blogs, researching corporations, researching real estate owners, researching "who is" details from website addresses, researching "My Space," signed petitions, etc. It will entail exhausting every possible avenue. "

Those interested can contact info@americansagainsthate.org for more information.

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6. Counter-Jihad Calendar Needs International Links

ACTION ALERT- Baron Bodissey of [The Gates of Vienna](#) is seeking assistance in producing a Counter-jihad Calendar. Each month of the calendar will feature pictures of famous scenes from various countries under threat from Islamisation, along with a series of links for anti-Islamist blogs in those countries. The following countries will be represented:

Britain, France, The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Greece, India, Australia, and the USA. Search your blogrolls for your favorite blogsites which focus on the Islamist threat in these countries, and forward them to Baron@vigilantfreedom.com.

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7. Rally to Free Kidnapped Israeli Soldiers

UPDATE- An excellent turn out Monday for the rally calling for the release of captured Israeli soldiers Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser, and Eldad Regev who were kidnapped by Hamas and Hezbollah last year. Photos of the event can be viewed here:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/41423273@N00/sets/72157600862564294>

Videos of the Rally can also be viewed:

http://www.motionbox.com/filings?folder_id=2076522

Speech by Ehud Goldwasser's Wife:

<http://www.motionbox.com/video/player/1f9edab61b1be792/#1>

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8. UAC Protests CAIR Fundraiser in Orlando

ACTION ALERT- On August 18th CAIR Orlando will be having their 3rd annual Fundraising Banquet. The United American Committee will be having a protest at 5:00 PM at the Orange County Convention Center where the Banquet will be held. If you'll be in the area do your best to join them! For more information, contact info@unitedamericancommittee.org.

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9. Attend DOJ First Freedom Seminar

ACTION ALERT- We need volunteers to attend the US Department of Justice Seminar "Federal Laws Protecting Religious Freedom" in Brooklyn on July 26. Previous research (<http://chromatism.net/current/images/cvf/kansascity.pdf>) has indicated that Islamists may attempt to dominate the discussion in these seminars towards using federal discrimination laws to advance sharia, if additional voices are not heard. If possible please attend and share the view that criticizing religious beliefs is not a hate crime.

Where: Brooklyn Law School Moot Court Room
250 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY
When: July 26th, 9 am- Noon
Call: 202-514-5410 to register

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10. Fight Back Against Internet Jihad

Action Alert- Recently, numerous attempts have been made to silence Counter-Jihad sites.

From the attempted banning of Jihad Watch last week:
<http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/910blog/2007/07/05/censorship-of-jihadwatch/>

To Gates of Vienna being unable to post for 18 straight hours after being accused of serving as a "Spam Blog":

<http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/910blog/2007/07/18/blocked-by-blogger/>.

And Atlas Shrugs disappearing from Google searches:
http://atlasshrugs2000.typepad.com/atlas_shrugs/2007/07/best-blogs-bann.html

Now the Quote the Raven blog is looking to give Internet Jihadists a taste of their own medicine. At <http://muninn-quootheraven.blogspot.com/2007/07/you-tube-smackdown.html> you'll find a daily updated list of targeted Jihadist You tube accounts which use the internet site to spread Islamist propaganda. Click on the links listing pro-jihad videos, and ask You Tube to follow its own terms of service and block these terrorist accounts.

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11. John Doe Amendment Stripped From Bill

ACTION ALERT- The "John Doe" amendment protecting passengers' rights to report suspicious behavior without being sued by CAIR in its Saudi-funded lawsuit jihad has failed in both the House and Senate. The Washington Times reports:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070719/NATION/70719001/1001>

"This is a slap in the face of good citizens who do their patriotic duty and come forward, and it caves in to radical Islamists," said Rep. Peter T. King, New York Republican and ranking member of the House Homeland Security Committee. Republicans wanted the provision included in final legislation, crafted yesterday during a House and Senate conference committee that will implement final recommendations from the September 11 commission."

There is a slight chance the language of the amendment could be added into the conference report still being drafted. Please call or fax your Senator to let him know your position on the "John Doe" amendment. For contact info for your Senator, go to <http://www.congress.org>. For more Information:

<http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/910blog/2007/07/20/we-are-all-john-doe/>

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12. Strip Visa Waiver Expansion from 9/11 bill

The House and Senate are holding a conference on the 9/11 Commission Bill. That bill contains language which expands the Visa Waiver program, despite the 9/11 Commission recommendation that the program be LIMITED, not expanded. From Federation for American Immigration Reform: <https://secure2.convio.net/fair/site/Advocacy?JServSessionIdr002=blwhls2h61.app6a&alertId=195&pg=makeACall>

Nevertheless big business-in particular the travel and tourism industry-has been eager to expand the program to serve their interests. And, with their support, President Bush last November announced he would push to expand the program. In February, Senator George Voinovich (R-OH) offered an amendment to the 9/11 Commission bill to relax the eligibility requirements for the Visa Waiver Program and allow more countries to participate. That amendment was adopted, but then altered by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) to scale back the scope of the expansion. However, even with the changes made by Senator Feinstein, the 9/11 bill would still relax the requirements of the Visa Waiver Program and allow more countries to participate, increasing the risk to our national security.

IF Congress were to follow the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, they would strip all language from the 9/11 Commission Bill that would expand the VISA Waiver Program, because it puts our national security at risk.

Contact your representatives at <http://www.congress.org> to tell them your position on the Visa Waiver Program today - the decisions may be made early next week

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13. Week of Iraq Withdrawal Legislation:

ACTION ALERT-This week Congress considered a number of Iraq withdrawal proposals. And while some efforts by the Defeatists have failed this week, they will try again. Call or write your Congressman today and let them know how you feel regarding proposals to withdrawal before the Petraeus report is issued in September. We will be working with organizations nationwide over the next two months to educate the public about the need to support our troops - look for weekly updates on local rallies, letter writing campaigns, and a schedule of townhall meetings in your city, to meet with your Congressional representatives and make your views known!

For background, see Frank Gaffney's Washington Times piece on 7/17:
(<http://washingtontimes.com/article/20070717/COMMENTARY03/107170021/1012>)

"At work here seems to be a determination to hand President Bush a defeat, irrespective of the implications that the associated, literal defeat of our forces will have in Iraq and far beyond. Incredibly, an actual majority of the House of Representatives - including four Republicans - has now embraced this disastrous course. Some of Capitol Hill's other armchair generals propose to "relocate" the forces removed from Iraq to Kuwait or some other, "over-the-horizon" location. We are told they could then be reintroduced if things get ugly in Iraq - say, if al Qaeda's friends or Iranian-backed groups fill the vacuum of power created by our bailing out. Fat chance. First of all, it is certain that one or both of these predictable results will eventuate. Few, if any, of those insisting on our troops' extrication from a less-bad mess will be willing to support their renewed exposure to even greater dangers. And who's to say Kuwait will be willing to take our displaced legions, making the emirate the next battleground for the Islamofascists' "liberation" of Arab and Muslim lands?"

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14. NOPEC: President Threatens Veto over OPEC Restrictions

ACTION ALERT- A bill before Congress intended to weaken the strength of anti-American oil producing regimes like Venezuela and Iran. From the Heritage Policy Blog:
http://www.heritageblogs.org/index.php/967_nopec-update

"The No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act of 2007, or "NOPEC," would allow the Justice Department to sue OPEC, the international oil cartel, under the Sherman Antitrust Act. Its passage

would rectify aberrational legal decisions which have granted OPEC special protections it does not deserve. In two instances (see the [Prewitt](#) and [International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers](#) cases), U.S. courts protected OPEC from U.S. antitrust enforcement based upon the foreign sovereign immunity protection it claimed for its member states. For two reasons, however, these decisions are misguided. First, sovereign immunity can only be enjoyed by sovereign nations, which OPEC clearly is not. Second, according to the [Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act of 1976](#), this doctrine does not protect the commercial activities of nations...In June, the Senate made NOPEC part of its energy measure by a vote of 70-23, while in May the House approved it 342-72 as a stand-alone bill. With the backing of Democrats and Republics alike, it looks like NOPEC should land on President Bush's desk in the near future. "

Yet, according to [the WSJ](#):

"The White House's Office of Management and Budget said it would advise the president to veto NOPEC because exposing the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to lawsuits could trigger a variety of legal, political, and economic headaches for the U.S.... Sean Kevelighan, an OMB spokesman, says the White House "adamantly" opposes NOPEC."

Call or write the White House today, and let President Bush know your thoughts on this bi-partisan measure.

The White House
Phone Numbers
Comments: 202-456-1111
Switchboard: 202-456-1414
FAX:202-456-2461

E-Mail: comments@whitehouse.gov.

And visit <http://www.congress.org> to enter your zip code and get phone numbers, fax numbers, postal addresses and email forms for your representatives.

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15. ACLU Targets Military Commission Act

ACTION ALERT- We read the ACLU email alerts so you won't have to, and then to actually protect the Constitution instead of constantly attacking it like the ACLU, we usually suggest you consider doing the opposite of what they recommend.

The ACLU has announced a strong push to end the US government's ability to detain terrorists seized on the battlefield and try them under Military Commissions for their actions as enemy combatants. The Bush Administration has expressed its belief in the importance of preventing Islamist fighters from abusing the American civil judicial system. Now Senate Amendment S.A 2022 proposed by Senators Leahy and Specter seeks to undo the Military Commission Act.. The ACLU Washington Legislative Office is urging their members to lobby their Senators to institute the right of habeas corpus, a right of citizenship, for all enemy combatants. The ACLU writes: "No president should ever be given the sole power to call someone an enemy and lock him or her away ...but that is exactly the power the Bush administration has claimed."

Write or call your Senators and let them know how you feel about awarding American civil rights to terrorists captured overseas and encourage them to consider carefully their vote on S.A 2022. http://senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm or <http://www.congress.org> .

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16. Fight For Victory Tour

ACTION ALERT- Move America Forward has announced a multi-state tour around the United States to continue support for US troops in Iraq:

http://www.moveamericaforward.org/index.php/MAF/FullNewsItem/pro_troop_supporters_announce_major_september_push/

Supporters of Operation Iraqi Freedom will conduct a nationwide caravan along with more than 2-dozen rallies calling for continued support of U.S. troops based in Iraq in the days leading up to General David Petraeus September 15th report to Congress.

From September 3, 2007 through September 15, 2007 the nation's largest grassroots, pro-troop organization, Move America Forward (website: www.MoveAmericaForward.org) will lead thousands of supporters in a cross-country effort called the "FIGHT FOR VICTORY TOUR."

We'll post more information about the Fight For Victory Tour as information becomes available.

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17. Mega Mosque in London, UK

There has recently been a petition on the 10 Downing Street website opposing the proposed London Mega Mosque. The petition information can be found at the following site:

<http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page12552.asp>. Kyle Shideler provides background at the Vigilant Freedom blog here: <http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/910blog/2007/07/21/uk-media-britain-has-quarter-million-fascists/>

This petition has received over a quarter of a million signatures. It would appear that there is now a smear campaign against the originator of the petition, one would assume as a way of discrediting it. Please see an example of this disinformation in the following articles:

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23405143-details/BNP+is+linked+to+petition+against+new+%27megamosque%27/article.do>

And here:

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?in_article_id=469726&in_page_id=1770

This is the response of the CVF member who was the originator of this excellent petition: <http://freedom-uk.blogspot.com/2007/07/message.html>

The following is a link to an article in a British Newspaper that helped publicize the petition: <http://www.dailyexpress.co.uk/blogs/post/156/blog/2007/07/03/12206/We%20must%20stop%20the%20London%20>. Indeed it might be the case that this publicity helped increase the number of people signing it.

A quarter of a million people have spoken and it would appear that there are people behind the scenes in the United Kingdom who are trying to find ways to ignore popular feeling and cast opponents of the 'Mega Mosque' as extremists. This situation is completely outrageous.

Action Requested: Please contact the Daily Mail and let them know you support the petition and reject their smearing of the petitioner:

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/dmstandard/article.html?in_article_id=299115&in_page_id=1766

What we're doing: We are preparing a new petition with specific language that will assert that opposition to the mosque is not racist or xenophobic, but is motivated by concerns about Islamisation of the culture and civil society, and the known links between the sponsors of the mosque and extremism and terrorism, and demand in yet stronger language that authorities put a stop to its planning and construction. We will publicize this aggressively, to build on the hard work and courage of the CVF member who put up the first petition and who is braving these attacks from the leftwing media.

When attacked, counter-attack.

Calendar of Counter-Jihad Events

July 21- Gathering of Eagles Concert For Our Troops (Wheaton, IL)

July 26 - DOJ meeting on religious freedom (Brooklyn, NY)

August 18- UAC Protest of CAIR Fundraiser (Orlando, FL)

September 3-15- Fight for Victory Tour

September 11 - Stop the Islamisation of Europe, Brussels Belgium

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Contact your local Coordinator to begin volunteering today! If there is no coordinator in your area contact Aeneas@vigilantfreedom.com to serve as a coordinator in Europe, or Christine@vigilantfreedom.com for US States or non-European countries.

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Questions about your membership? email Kuchuk - kuchuklambat@vigilantfreedom.com

If you aren't registered yet, or if you are registered on the forum and just haven't visited lately; join the action here - <http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/910forum>

Stop by the Vigilant Freedom/910 blog <http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/910blog/> for current issues and public discussion.

Donations: Fundraising efforts are underway, but we continue to rely on member donations for the bulk of our funds. Donations are not yet tax deductible Please help us further our efforts to fight creeping sharia and to counter Jihad. To donate by credit card go to <http://www.vigilantfreedom.org/donate.html> and click the link on the left hand side marked "Make A Donation" You can also send donations to:

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