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ACTION ALERT

July 16, 2007

DINNER WITH YVONNE RIDLEY

-- AUTHOR, SOCIAL ACTIVIST & WAR-ZONE JOURNALIST WILL SPEAK AT Q.C.  
FUNDRAISING DINNER IN MONTREAL (FRI DAY SEPT. 7), TORONTO (SAT SEPT. 8) AND  
WATERLOO (SUN SEPT. 9)

TICKETS: \$40 regular, \$20 reduced for students, seniors, etc., \$100 for family

-- GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY --

PLEASE CALL For Montreal tickets:

1. Centre Islamique Libanais (Hajj Ali Chebli): (514) 381-6827
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8. Q.C office: (519) 746-1242
9. Dr. Mohamed Elmasry: (519) 746-4107

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For more information and to order tickets on line:  
<http://www.canadianislamiccongress.com/dinner/index.php>

ABOUT SISTER YVONNE:

British-born journalist Yvonne Ridley made international headlines in September 2001 when she was captured in Afghanistan while working under cover for the Sunday Express and interrogated for ten days by the Taliban on suspicion of being a spy. After her release and return to Britain she fulfilled a promise to her captors to read and study the Qur'an.

As Sr Yvonne has related since then, in numerous articles, media interviews, speaking engagements, and her controversial book, "In the Hands of the Taliban," what she read in the holy scripture of Islam both surprised and inspired her -- so much so, that she reverted to Islam from Anglican (Church of England) Christianity two-and-a-half-years later.

Her much-publicized adoption of a faith known for its modest female dress code and abstinence from the many excesses of Western lifestyle did not come without negative criticism at home and abroad. But the now 40-something practicing Muslim believer and social activist is known for looking detractors and supporters alike straight in the eye and challenging the stereotypes she herself once held about Islam. A colourful and often witty raconteur, she is also known for her tenacity in upholding truth and attacking hypocrisy on "both sides of the veil."

A native of north-east England -- an area she once wryly described to her Taliban captors as Britain's "tribal" region -- Sr Yvonne found her vocation in journalism early in life. From local newspapers, she forged a respected career at some of the best addresses in British media, including The Sunday Times, The Observer, Daily Mirror, The Independent, Sunday Express, and BBC television and radio. She has also worked for CNN, ITN and Al-Jazeera, among others.

Through media activism (she is a founding member of Women in Journalism), she became a prominent proponent of women's rights and an outspoken anti-war activist, who has run for political office as a RESPECT Party candidate.

Sr Yvonne is a member of the Friends of Islam, the National Union of Journalists and the Society of Authors, as well as being actively involved as patron, representative or supporter of many activist pressure groups and humanitarian charitable organizations.

She travels widely and is in constant demand as a speaker and peace campaigner, having shared the platform with such high profile personalities as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, British politicians George Galloway and Tony Benn, Palestinian activist Leila Khalid, and former Algerian President and revolutionary leader Ahmed Ben Bella.

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