Washington-based CAIR leader listed as contact in a CAIR-CAN press release criticizing Canada-based National Post

In 2001, CAIR-CAN issued a press release to complain about an article published by the National Post. In the communiqué, CAIR-CAN presented Ibrahim Hooper as a contact person. Journalists were asked to call Hooper in Washington DC (202-488-8787) or Sheema Khan in Canada to inquire about an article that was printed in Canada.

Original address: <u>http://www.caircan.ca/itn_more.php?id=A56_0_2_0_M</u>

Web Archive: http://web.archive.org/web/20081002231620/http://www.caircan.ca/itn_more.php?id=A5 6_0_2_0_M

This is one of many examples demonstrating the nature of the links between CAIR-CAN and its parent organization, Washington-based CAIR.

A page from the Washington-based CAIR's website archived on <u>Web Archives</u> (July 19, 2011) mentions that "Hooper has been with CAIR since its founding in 1994." Hooper was identified in July 2011 as the Washington-based CAIR's National Communications Director.

In this 2001 CAIR-CAN's press release, CAIR-CAN is described as the "the Canadian office" of Washington-based CAIR:

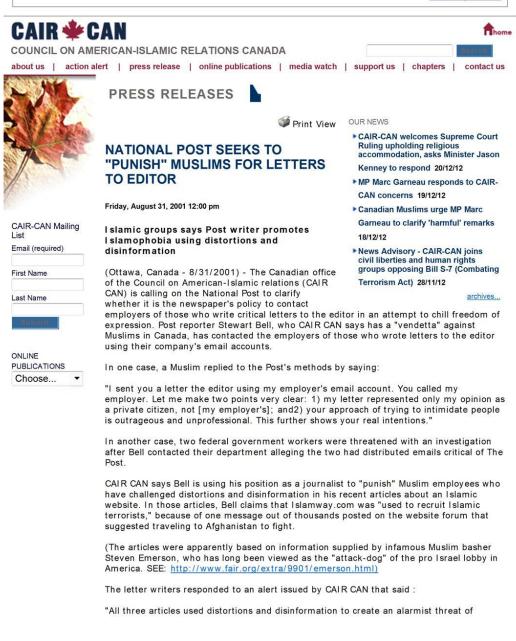
The Canadian office of the Council on American-Islamic relations (CAIR CAN) is calling on the National Post to clarify whether it is the newspaper's policy to contact employers of those who write critical letters to the editor in an attempt to chill freedom of expression.

A reproduction of CAIR-CAN's original press release related to the National Post story follows.

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Islamic terrorism in Canada by holding Islamway.com accountable for the postings of a private individual. Were this fair journalistic practice, the National Post could logically be called an anti-Muslim newspaper as posts on its own forum page have called Islam a 'psychotic religion,'

"Breaking with the journalistic ethic of impartiality, the Post relied on a partisan lobbying group for a foreign government without verifying the source of their information or its accuracy."

Readers were asked to contact the Post editorial board to protest the string of inflammatory articles that created an alarming atmosphere of Islamophobia in Canada.

"It is scandalous for a national newspaper to mute legitimate voices of dissent by contacting the employers of those who criticize the Post's shoddy journalism," said CAIR CAN executive director Riad Saloojee. "Is this Post policy or that of a rogue reporter? If the latter, then a reporter's job to write the news, not to fabricate it as part of his own political and religious vendetta." Saloojee added, "The Muslim community of Canada would view any repercussions of employees with grave concern. Neither public nor private institutions should be complicit in a campaign to chill freedom of speech."

Muslims claim that the National Post has a long history of anti-Muslim and anti-Arab bias. There are an estimated 1.2 billion Muslims in the world, and 600,000 Muslims in Canada.

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