

Hamas-Linked Group Has Deep Ties to White House

'One of the chief conduits' for passing Saudi-style radical Islam into U.S.

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: During the presidential campaign, Obama claimed to be a Christian. This claim was accepted by many even though there was a preponderance of evidence that he was very sympathetic (if not a true believer) toward Islam. Since becoming President, he has made it extremely clear (to all but the blind) which god he really serves. Therefore, this article exposing his elevation of organizations and people who want to see America destroyed should not be surprising. Obama's actions smell of treason and time will tell what kind of damage he has done on the future of America. But God told us it would be so in the last days. He also says they will be perilous times.

But know this, that in the last days **perilous times** will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, ... **traitors**, headstrong, haughty, ...having a form of godliness [I'm a Christian] but denying its power [but never gives any glory to Jesus, the power of God to save]. And from such people turn away!
(2 Timothy 3:1-5 NKJ)

JERUSALEM – A radical Muslim group that was an unindicted co-conspirator in a scheme to raise [money](#) for Hamas has an extensive relationship with the Obama administration, WND has learned.

Last week, President Obama's top adviser on counter-terrorism, John Brennan, [came under fire for controversial remarks he made in a speech to Muslim law students at New York University](#). The event was sponsored by the Islamic Society of North America, or ISNA.

ISNA is known for its enforcement of Saudi-style Islam in mosques throughout the U.S. It was named by the Justice Department as an unindicted co-conspirator in its case against the Holy Land Foundation in Texas, which was found guilty in 2008 of raising money for the Hamas terrorist organization. Last year, Holy Land founders were given life sentences for "funneling \$12 million to Hamas.



ISNA President Ingrid Mattson

The Obama White House has deep ties to ISNA. The relationship began even before Obama took office. One week before last year's presidential inauguration, Sayyid Syeed, national director of the ISNA Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances, was part of a delegation that met with the directors of Obama's transition team. The delegation [discussed a request for an executive order ending "torture."](#)

ISNA President Ingrid Mattson represented American Muslims at Obama's inauguration, where she offered a prayer during the televised event. Mattson also represented ISNA at Obama's Ramadan dinner at the White House.

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Last June, Obama's top aide, Valerie Jarrett, invited Mattson to work on the White House Council on Women and Girls, which Jarrett leads.

In July, [the Justice Department sponsored an information booth](#) at an ISNA bazaar in Washington, D.C. Also that month, Jarrett addressed ISNA's 46th annual [convention](#). According to the White House, Jarrett attended as part of Obama's outreach to Muslims.

'Burn down the master's house'

[Discover the Networks notes](#) ISNA, through its affiliate, the North American Islamic Trust – a Saudi government-backed organization – reportedly holds the [mortgages](#) on 50 to 80 percent of all mosques in the U.S. and [Canada](#).

"Thus the organization can freely exercise ultimate authority over these houses of worship and their teachings," states DTN.

ISNA was founded in 1981 by the Saudi-funded Muslim Students' Association. The two groups are still partners. [WND previously attended an MSA event at which violence against the U.S. was urged by speakers](#).

"We are not Americans," shouted one speaker, Muhammad Faheed at Queensborough Community College in 2003. "We are Muslims. [The U.S.] is going to deport and attack us! It is us versus them! Truth against falsehood! The colonizers and masters against the oppressed, and we will burn down the master's house!"

ISNA was named in a May 1991 Muslim Brotherhood [document](#) – "An Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America" – as one of the Brotherhood's likeminded "organizations of our friends" who shared the common goal of destroying America and turning it into a Muslim nation, according to Discover the Networks.

Islam scholar Stephen Schwartz describes ISNA as "one of the chief conduits through which the radical Saudi form of Islam passes into the United States."

According to terrorism expert Steven Emerson, ISNA "is a radical group hiding under a false veneer of moderation" that publishes a bi-monthly magazine, Islamic Horizons, that "often champions militant Islamist doctrine." The group also "convenes annual [conferences](#) where Islamist militants have been given a platform to incite violence and promote hatred," states Emerson. Emerson cites an ISNA conference in which al-Qaida supporter and PLO official Yusuf Al Qaradhawi was invited to speak.

Emerson further reports that in September 2002, a full year after 9/11, "speakers at ISNA's annual conference still refused to acknowledge Bin Laden's role in the terrorist attacks."

Also, ISNA has held fundraisers for terrorists, notes Discover the Networks. After Hamas leader Mousa Marzook was arrested and eventually deported in 1997, ISNA raised money for his defense. The group also has condemned the U.S. government's post-9/11 seizure of Hamas' and Palestinian Islamic Jihad's financial [assets](#).

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