

# Free Dr. Sami al-Arian Protest and Vigil



**5:00pm Wednesday  
August 13, 2008  
(Press Conference @ 4:30pm)**

**Downtown Federal  
Building  
300 N. Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, 90012**

**Please join us for a press conference and protest/vigil in demanding that the Federal Government immediately free Dr. Sami Al-Arian! We will also be calling for a stop to the racist attacks against Muslims and Arabs by the US Government!**

Dr. Sami Al-Arian, one of the earliest victims of the "war on terror" within the U.S. itself, continues to languish in jail for 5 years, where he has been since his February 2003 arrest for the "crime" of speaking out on behalf of the Palestinian struggle against Israel's apartheid.

Recently granted bond by a federal judge, Sami Al-Arian is still being held in prison. In fact, Dr. Al-Arian is now being subjected to the worst treatment by prison officials since his stay in Coleman Federal Penitentiary in Florida three years ago.

On July 12th, a Federal judge pronounced that Dr. Al-Arian is not a danger to the community nor a flight risk, and accordingly granted him bail before his scheduled August 13th trial.

However, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), continues to hold him.

Not content to merely keep Dr. Al-Arian from enjoying even a very limited stint of freedom, the government is using all available means to try to psychologically break him. Instead of keeping him in a prison close to the Washington DC area where his two oldest children live, the ICE has moved him to Pamunkey Regional Jail in Hanover, VA, more than one hundred miles from the capital. He is being kept under a 23-hour isolated lock-down and his children have been denied visitation requests.

More critically, this distance makes it extremely difficult for Dr. Al-Arian to meet with his attorneys in the final weeks before his upcoming trial.

Please join the International Socialist Organization and others for a press conference and protest/vigil in demanding that the Federal Government immediately free Dr. Sami Al-Arian!! We will also be calling for a stop to the racist attacks against Muslims and Arabs by the US Government!!

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