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Muslim Call to Prayer Begins in Minneapolis

With the blessing of its Democrat mayor, residents of Minneapolis, Minnesota — the terror-recruiting capital of the United States — are hearing the Muslim call to prayer five times a day.

The Chinese virus pandemic inspired the move to further Islamify the city, home to a large population of Somali Muslims that provides radicalized recruits for global terror groups.



A mosque began broadcasting the <u>unsettling noise</u> in the city's Cedar-Riverside neighborhood yesterday for Ramadan, the Islamic holy month that will last until May 23.

But the move to exploit the pandemic and give Islam an even stronger foothold in a city built by German and Scandinavian Christians isn't the only one of its kind. New York City will provide free halal food to that city's Muslims for the month.

Why the Call?

This is the first time the city and state's non-Muslim residents will hear the disturbing wail, the <u>Star-</u><u>Tribune reported</u>.

Amusingly, the newspaper claimed, broadcasts are "designed to encourage Muslims to maintain safe distancing during a holiday typically marked by community prayer."

The city's Democrat mayor, Jacob Frey, OK'd it in "collaboration with Minnesota's Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque":

"At a time when physical distancing requires we pray apart, it's incumbent on leaders to create a sense of togetherness where we can," said Frey in a news release. "Adhan [the call to prayer] provides solidarity and comfort, both of which are essential during a time of crisis."

The Cedar-Riverside neighborhood is home to one of the largest populations of Muslim Americans in Minnesota. The majority are from east African nations such as Somalia and Ethiopia.

Imam Sharif Mohamed of the neighborhood's Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque said the broadcasts are a way to remind the faithful that they "are not alone," even as they've spent weeks inside their homes.

"This is a reconnection, a calming, to give people assurance that we are with you," said Mohamed. "That's what we try to achieve."

More likely, the Muslims are using the prayer to blast out infidels and achieve demographic and religious hegemony, as the newspaper inadvertently conceded.

Noting that Dearborn and other cities permit it, "Minneapolis is a little different, because the prayers will be broadcast in the heart of a large metropolitan area," the <u>newspaper reported</u>.

The one thing all those cities have in common: a growing "community" of Muslims. Cedar-Riverside is known as Little Mogadishu.

A CAIR activist claimed the call to prayer is no different than church bells, and that Muslims are merely



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exercising their rights under the First Amendment.

"Just as we have historically allowed churches to call out for prayers using a bell, this is a continuation of the same freedom that other faiths have had," Jaylani Hussein, director of CAIR-Minnesota, <u>told the</u> <u>newspaper</u>.

CAIR paid for the equipment to broadcast the noise, the newspaper reported, which will begin at sunrise and end at sunset.

The newspaper did not divulge CAIR's background. The national organization <u>has been linked</u> to Islamic extremists and terrorists and suspected terrorists, and was an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation terror case.

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"FBI stats show 45 Somalis left to join the ranks of either the Somalia-based Islamic insurgency al-Shabab, or the Iraq- and Syria-based ISIS combined," <u>Fox News reported</u> early last year. "And as of 2018, a dozen more had been arrested with the intention of leaving to support ISIS."

The newspaper did not solicit the opinions of city dwellers who do not wish to be roused from their slumbers at the crack of dawn.

Chow Down in New York

Meanwhile, New York City, <u>Bloomberg News reported</u>, will serve halal meals to Muslims during Ramadan.

Halal foods are those prepared in accordance with Islamic law.

About 400,000 Halal meals will be distributed at 32 Department of Education buildings and another 100,000 will be served through community organizations during the month. The city also provides Kosher meals for Jews. It's part of a program that has served at least 10 million grab-and-go meals at 435 sites and via taxi to housebound New Yorkers, at a cost of at least \$170 million, [Mayor Bill de Blasio] said.

"One of Ramadan's most noble callings is to feed the hungry," de Blasio said.... "To remember to be there for those in need. And that is now harder than ever now that people can't go to their mosques."

A <u>Google search suggests</u> that the city did not see to it that hungry Catholics were fed fish on Fridays during Lent.

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