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## Living Islam in America

The 7th Annual Convention of the South East region of the Islamic Circle of North America, was held at Hilton in Atlanta, Georgia on December 28, 29 & 30, 2001.

This event attracts Muslims from Georgia and the neighboring states. This year the leadership of the Islamic Circle of North America, was under pressure to cancel the event because of the September 11. "We decided to hold it because we did not want to give a wrong message to the Muslim Community. We were worried that attendance may be very low and we had security concerns, also. But then we decided that no matter what we have to send a message of hope and confidence to our community" said Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah, the Ameer of the Islamic Circle of North America.

The convention was a great success and about 1500 Muslims attended it. The guest speakers were Dr. Mokhtar Maghraoui, Dr. Souheil Ghannouchi, Sheikh Muhammad Nur Abdullah, Imam Siraj Wahhaj and Mr. Paul Findley. A special program in the honor of Imam Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin was also held during the convention. The speakers stressed the Muslim Community to standup for their rights. Imam Jamil has said all along that he is innocent and he is a political prisoner.

Mr. Paul Findley gave some powerful presentations, he stressed that American Muslims are an important part of the American society and now America needs Muslims more than ever before. Sheikh Mokhtar Maghroui in his speech said that the moral decline of the American society can only be stopped by the strong ethical teachings of Islam and this is the time for the Muslim Community to come forward and share the beauty of Islam to the neighbors and friends.

A special fiqh session was held and the convention participants got the opportunity to ask the scholars some very tough questions.

The convention participants were happy that ICNA held this convention and enjoyed the wonderful speeches and programs.