

From: Network Operations Center (CENTCOM)
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Subject: PRESENTATION: Senior Staff Lecture message

CENTCOM Senior Lecture Series hosts a presentation on Moderate Islam for USCENTCOM Military members and DoD civilians. The presentation will be given by Mr. Ahmed Bedier, the Executive Director of the Tampa chapter of CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations). Mr. Bedier is an expert on Islam, media relations, civil rights, hate crimes and the Mideast. The lecture will be held at the Davis Conference Center on Tuesday 15 January, at 1300. As this is during normal duty hours, supervisory approval to attend is required. A question and answer session with Mr. Bedier will follow the presentation.

This presentation will provide Mr. Bedier's perspective on the following Islamic beliefs: the six articles of Faith, the five pillars of Islam, demographics of the Muslim world, culture vs. religion, etiquette and diet, the role of women, Islamists vs. criminals, what is Jihad really?, Shaheed (i.e. Martyrdom), Religion and state - does Islam clash with democracy, the Ummah, the Caliphate and Dhimmi (i.e. non-Muslims living under Muslim rule).