



**ADOPT A PRISONER PROFILE: ALI AL-TAMIMI PREPARED: Dec 2009**

<b>AGE</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>NATIONALITY</b>	<b>Iraqi</b>
<b>COUNTRY HELD</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>SENTENCE</b>	<b>Life + 70 years</b>
<b>PRISON</b>	<b>Alexandria Detention Centre</b>



### **Personal Biography\***

Dr. Ali Al-Tamimi (born December 14, 1963, in Washington, DC) is a biologist and Islamic teacher of Iraqi descent. Al-Tamimi was raised in a predominantly Catholic neighborhood. His father, a lawyer, worked at the Iraqi embassy, and his mother was a scholar of psychology. When he was 15 his family moved to Saudi Arabia, where he became interested in Islam. On returning to the U.S. two years later, he attended The George Washington University and the University of Maryland, College Park. In 2004 he received a doctorate in computational biology from George Mason University on the topic of "Chaos and Complexity in Cancer".

In the early 1990s, Al-Tamimi led a five-person delegation from the Islamic Assembly of North America in the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China. Al-Tamimi contacted Shaikh Abdel Rahaman Abdel Khaliq, who wrote a book about women in Islam, which Al-Tamimi translated into English.

He lectured often at the Center for Islamic Information and Education in Falls Church, Virginia. He was a founding member of the Center, which is also known as Dar al-Arqam. He is also married.

### **Brief Details about His Case**

Ali al-Tamimi was convicted in 2005 of exhorting his followers to join the Taliban and fight US troops. It was assumed that the young men (involved in the case) played paintball in 2000 and 2001 as a means of training for holy war around the globe. He was alleged in a federal indictment to be the spiritual leader of the Virginia Paintball Jihad Network, a group of eleven men indicted of crimes related to terrorism. Al-Tamimi was indicted in 2004 and was convicted in 2005 of soliciting and engaging others to levy war against the United States and attempting to contribute services to the Taliban. Members of the Virginia Paintball Jihad cell testified at Al-Tamimi's trial that shortly after September 11, 2001 he convinced several of them to travel to Pakistan to obtain training for jihad from the U.S. designated Foreign Terrorist Organization Lashkar e-Taibah. He was sentenced to life in prison plus 70 years without parole.

### **Why Should I Adopt Ali?**

Ali is your Muslim brother who has been falsely accused of allegations. He did not commit any crime. He desperately needs letters from the Ummah to let him know that we are there supporting the brother in the difficulties he faces. He would really appreciate some mail reassuring him and the other brothers with him of this. He has requested that people write to him and keep them in his prayers as quoted below:

***"Please forward my salaams to everyone & encourage them to keep me in their prayers. Things are winding up for me here in Alexandria and we might have a final decision in May, wAllahu a'lam. And our hope and trust remains with Allah ta'ala alone."***

### **MAILING ADDRESS**

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**A Campaigners guide to writing letters and sending goods to the Prisoners:**

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