The Capital District Coalition Against Islamophobia, Muslim Solidarity Committee, Project SALAM, the Capital Region chapter of NCPCF, and the Social Responsibilities Council of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany

present

13th Anniversary Commemoration



of the Arrests of

Yassin Aref & Mohammed Hossain



Friday, August 4, 2017

RALLY: 5:30 p.m. Masjid As-Salam Mosque, 280 Central Avenue, Albany MARCH: 6:00 p.m. to the First Unitarian Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave, Albany DINNER: 6:15 p.m. SPEAKERS: 7:00 p.m.

All events free and open to the public

Telling the Story of Two of Our Albany Political Prisoners

Speakers: Carl Strock • Kathy Manley • Lynne Jackson • Steve Downs

It has been thirteen long years since the FBI framed and arrested Yassin Aref and Mohammed Hossain on August 4, 2004. Despite the lack of evidence, the men were tried, convicted and sent hundreds of miles away from home to serve long prison sentences. We must never forget how the government entrapped these two men. We will tell their story.

Carl Strock, former columnist for the *Daily Gazette*, will speak about the case from a journalist's point of view, from learning about the arrests to attending the trial, talking with the men, and the FBI visiting his employers to complain about his writing. Kathy Manley, Esq., will speak about how this case violated the basic rights of the men, from the lack of evidence to the use of secret evidence, and finally, judge's "targeting instruction" to the jury. Lynne Jackson, local activist, will describe the effect on their families and the community's response. Steve Downs, Esq., will moderate the panel.

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