Portraits of Injustice
A Campaign for Justice from the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms

Dr. Kifah Wael Jayyousi
Executive engineer and school board official; U.S. citizen; father of 5; Navy veteran; Wayne University teacher

Convicted of helping the same people the U.S. government was helping.

Why do we criminalize charitable acts that are consistent with U.S. foreign policy?

Kifah founded a small charity before 9/11 to benefit the victims of the war in Bosnia and Chechnya, and published a newsletter critical of U.S. foreign policy. These actions drew the wrath of the Justice Department, even though the people Kifah was helping—the Bosnian Muslims—were the same people the U.S. was trying to help in the Bosnian war with Serbia. Kifah was arrested with Jose Padilla and Adham Hassoun, and separately convicted on one charge of conspiracy to engage in violence abroad, although there was virtually no evidence to support the charge. Kifah was sentenced to twelve years in prison.

How can you help?
Write to Attorney General Eric Holder, U.S. Dept. of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, call 202-514-2000, or e-mail AskDOJ@usdoj.gov.

Tell the Attorney General to review the case and ask him: why do we target people helping the U.S.?
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