Dr. Sami Al-Arian
Professor, father of 5
Under arrest for 9 years.
Never convicted by a jury. Is this fair?

Sami has been in the U.S. since 1975. He became an academic and one of the most prominent Arab and Muslim leaders in the U.S. In 2003, he was charged in a 53-count indictment with multiple conspiracies and terrorism-related charges because of his advocacy for the Palestinians, which was pure exercise of his right of free speech. After being jailed for three years under conditions amounting to torture and enduring a six-month trial, the jury refused to convict on any charge, and acquitted him on the most serious counts (but hung 10-2 in favor of acquittal on the remaining counts). To avoid further pre-trial jail and a retrial, Sami agreed to be deported provided he did not have to cooperate. The government broke its promise by calling him to testify before a grand jury, which Sami refused to do. Before his contempt trial for refusing to testify, the judge allowed a motion to dismiss the contempt charges and placed him under house arrest. Sami has been awaiting the judge’s decision since 2009 while denied his freedom for over nine years. He’s been held as a political prisoner to silence him because of Palestinian advocacy and political activism.

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 stop the persecution of Dr. Sami Al-Arian.
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