Portraits of Injustice
A Campaign for Justice from the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms
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Yassin Aref
Imam; resident of Albany, NY; father of 4; poet

I Am Not That
by Yassin Aref
I will leave it for time
to inform everybody
who I am.
I want history
to tell my story.
But I would like
to assure all of you,
as well as the entire world,
that whatever
the prosecutor said,
the government claimed,
the judge took my freedom for,
and all of what
you saw, read, or heard
from the mainstream media—
I am not that.

Nothing he said or did was illegal.
Why is he serving 15 years in prison?

The FBI targeted Yassin in a sting, although he did not say or do anything illegal. His only act was to witness an apparently legal loan as an imam. The FBI claims Yassin should have known that the loan money in the sting supposedly came from the sale of a (fake) FBI missile, but the FBI sting conversations on this subject were deliberately unclear and misleading so he would not understand them. The prosecutors acknowledged that Yassin was not a terrorist, but they framed him because they said he “had the ideology” without explaining what this meant. His community believes that he is a man of peace, opposed to violence or terrorism of any kind.

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: how can someone be convicted if he did not say or do anything illegal?

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