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Planting Peace, One Tree at a Time (United States, Israel)

- Three women — one Christian, one Muslim and one Jewish — all of whom who have survived years of discord and conflict living in Israel/Palestine, recently spoke in Menomonie.

They shared stories of courage, strength and a vision for re-shaping their troubled country. Huda Abu Arqoub, a Muslim Palestinian, Amal Nassar, a Christian Palestinian and Tal Dor a Jewish Israeli, opened doors of understanding, offering in-sights and perspectives not often covered by the media.

Decades of conflict and violence in Israel and Palestine over the ownership of land sacred to Christians, Muslims and Jews, has heightened fear, distrust and hatred between Palestinians and Israelis.

While political leaders initiate peace talks, missiles continue to be launched on Israeli and Palestinian towns, suicide bombers attack the markets, and towering cement walls twist along the boundaries of West Bank and impede access to family, jobs and medical facilities. Government regulations create obstacles to economic opportunity and education, building deep resentment that supports retaliation, more control and continued struggle.

(May 5, 2007, *The Dunn County News*)

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Jewish and Muslim Organizations United to Create European Platform for Cooperation (United Kingdom, EU)

- What is the role of the Middle East conflict in Jewish-Muslim dialogue? Is the media a positive force for change in inter-religious relations? How can local communities be successfully engaged in dialogue? These were a number of the questions tackled by representatives of Jewish and Muslim organisations at a Conference on Jewish-Muslim Dialogue held in Brussels last week.

Addressed by speakers including Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid (Chairman of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony UK), Rabbi Michel Serfaty (Founder & President of Amitié Judéo-Musulmane de France) and European Commission Culture Director Vladimir Sucha, participants were reminded of their shared religious and cultural heritage and were encouraged to join forces rather than working against each other. A key outcome of the Conference was the establishment of a European Platform for Jewish-Muslim Co-operation to both encourage and to raise the profile of local, national and Europe-wide dialogue and co-operation initiatives. In providing a forum for the sharing of experiences, ideas and good practices, the Conference also witnessed the initiation of new partnerships between organisations and the development of project ideas in the arts, media coverage of Jewish and Muslim issues, religious diversity training, grassroots involvement, academic co-operation and joint lobbying efforts. Awards for best practice in Jewish-Muslim co-operative initiatives were also proposed.

The Conference also saw the release of 'mapping reports' compiling information on partnerships, initiatives and best practice in the field of Jewish-Muslim dialogue in Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, the UK and France. Presented by Dr Richard Stone, Founding Director of Alif-Alef UK, the reports show that although there are real challenges facing dialogue initiatives □ including not only the Middle East conflict and gender issues but also structural differences between communities and the need for time and effort to sustain dialogue □ there is nevertheless a great deal of positive contact between Jewish and Muslim communities in the countries studied, and this is growing. Organised by Brussels-based Jewish anti-racism organisation CEJI with guidance from a Jewish - Muslim Steering Group, the European Conference on Jewish-Muslim Dialogue was conceived with a view to promoting dialogue, exchange of best practice, co-operation and partnership between Jewish and Muslim communities in Europe. It welcomed seventy Jews and Muslims from Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, the UK and France who are involved in or interested in dialogue at a

community level. Organisations represented included the European Muslim Network, the International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW) and Islamic Relief.

(April 29, 2007, *International Movement for a Just World*)

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British Muslims Extend a Friendly Hand to Jews (United Kingdom)

Cross-references: [Anti-Semitism](#) [Islamophobia](#)

- Britain's leading Muslim organisation will tomorrow signal a radical shift in its position when one of its senior members addresses a Jewish audience for the first time.

The decision by the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) to attend a high-profile debate entitled 'Does more unite Muslims and Jews than divides them?' is being described as 'highly significant' by members of both communities. The move has led to speculation the MCB will drop its controversial opposition to Holocaust Memorial Day.

Inayat Bunglawala, the assistant general secretary of the MCB, who will take part in the debate, said both communities have become concerned at the growing rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. 'It is crucial that we do not allow the Israel-Palestine conflict to hamper good and productive relations between Muslims and Jews in the UK,' Bunglawala said.

His comments have been warmly welcomed by members of the Jewish community. 'This debate is a very significant event,' said Nick Viner, chief executive of the Jewish Community Centre, which has sponsored the debate. 'The MCB and the Jewish community haven't seen eye to eye on many issues. I doubt we'll finish up with both sides saying everything is warm and cuddly, but by bringing people together we hope to have an intelligent debate.'

(March 18, 2007, *The Observer*)

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