

Muslims Ignoring All The Evidence To Make Sure They Can Promote Islam

If it's merely a case of parking-and-noise rage, a neighbor with a long history of threatening encounters with all around him, a neighbor whose favorite movie, one he saw over and over again, was about a man who, becoming fed up with everything, starts killing people, then the fathers, the cousins, the teachers, the imams, of the three people killed by that neighbor (where the confrontation was over taking too many parking spaces) would be unable to turn this into a Crime Against Muslims, and an occasion to rope in naive students at Chapel Hill to show up, candles in hand, for "vigils against hate" – which those manipulable naifs fail to comprehend makes them useful participants in the crowd scenes in this psychodrama, designed to make sure the American and world press cover this event, and cover it in just the way that Muslims want it to be covered, which means ignoring all of the evidence, and instead accepting the asserts of the fathers, the brother, the cousin, and so on, who assert – no evidence, but the notion of needing evidence is not part of their mental universe – that "without a doubt" it was "a hate crime,"

Here's the report from Al Jazeera:

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Namee Barakat, the father of one of the three slain students killed in their home in the college town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina says he believes the murders of his son, his daughter-in-law and her sister were motivated by hate, and that the killer acted purposefully.

"Absolutely it's a hate crime, no ifs or buts about it. It is just as clear as it can be," Barakat told Al Jazeera.

Of the investigation currently under way by local and federal

law enforcement Barakat said, “we won’t accept anything less” than that finding.[oh, “we won’t”? What are you implicitly threatening to do?]

Those sentiments were echoed by family and friends of the victims, 23-year-old University of North Carolina dental student Deah Shaddy Barakat, his wife, 21-year-old North Carolina State (NCS) graduate Yusor Mohammad, and her sister 19-year-old Razan Abu-Salha who was a student at NCS.

All three were buried on Thursday in a service that was attended by an estimated five thousand people.

“We ask that you celebrate the memories of our family members. We are still in a state of shock and will never be able to make sense of this horrendous tragedy.[why not? Such killings happen in this country every day – over parking spaces, over driving accidents, over noise coming from an apartment. Why if everyone in both families is convinced, or pretends to be, that it is an “anti-Muslim hate crime,” does she say “we..will never bee able to make sense of this horrendous tragedy”?] We appreciate your concerns and the outpouring of love and support”, said Suzanne Barakat, Deah’s sister.

Outrage over ‘parking dispute’

The suspect in the killings, 46-year-old Craig Stephen Hicks has been charged with three counts of first degree murder. In its initial statement, Chapel Hill Police said, “our preliminary investigation indicates that the crime was motivated by an ongoing neighbour dispute over parking”.

That explanation outraged many in the community, and launched renewed debate across the country over the treatment of Muslims in the United States.

“We are concerned that the anti-Muslim rhetoric may have angered some to commit violence against American Muslims,” said Azhar Azeez, President of the Islamic Society of North

America who was among those in attendance.

Other leaders followed. "We ask our administration, our president to take a stand and to say that bashing Muslims is not acceptable in this country," said Osama Abuirshaid, National Coordinator for American Muslims for Palestine.

The father of the two women killed was clear about what the family expected from this investigation. "We want this acknowledged for what it is," said Mohammad Abu-Salha at Thursday's service. The murder he said had "hate crime written all over it".

Chapel Hill Police Chief Christopher Blue who attended the services reiterated his promise to thoroughly investigate.

"I just want to recommit that we are examining every possible angle to include the potential for a hate crime."

The FBI has also launched its own investigation.[it would have been better had the Police Chief, and the FBI, simply said that "so far, there is not the slightest evidence that, as some claim, there has been a "hate crime" but, of course, we will investigate every possibility, just as we normally would – but we will not allow ourselves to be swayed by pressure from interested parties] that Chief Blue, and the FBI, feel compelled to be so solicitous of Muslim demands,

Whether the police determine that the crime was inspired by hate or not, members of the Islamic community, both locally and nationally, have called for peace and unity in the aftermath of the tragedy.

Omid Safi, a professor and the director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center, said that many local Muslims had expressed fear after the murders. Still, Safi said that it was important to overcome such fears.

"You're seeing an attempt to not stay segregated and separate

from the larger Chapel Hill community but to reach out to people for support, solidarity," he said. "That's meaningful. That's a wonderful sign, and I hope we keep following in the direction." [meaning: use the event to push into positions of influence, in order to promote the Cause of Islam and Muslims as "fitting in"]

A vigil held in the victims' honour Wednesday night provided an opportunity for many in attendance to become familiar with the three victims, and learn about the promise their lives held. More than a thousand people came to show their support.

'Winners'

Speaker after speaker described the three as "winners".

Deah was a second-year student at UNC's School of Dentistry after graduating from NC State. Yusor also graduated from NC State and planned to enroll in UNC's dentistry school this fall. Razan excelled as an undergraduate architecture student at NC State.

The three victims were all involved in charity work [for Muslims only], and those that survived them attested to their character and generosity.

Tiffany Brannan, the director of communications at the dentistry school, remembered a time when Deah purchased a coffeemaker for the school when he noticed it needed one.

"She was kind and loyal, she was the best friend anyone could ever have," said NC State student Yasmin Aniya of Razan, speaking through tears. "We spent every single day together, texted every day, she was my best friend. She was my sister."

Aniya said she plans to run a half marathon in Razan's name to raise funds for Deah's dental relief effort.

Brannan said Deah was raising money for a group he was involved in called [Syrian Dental Relief](#) to travel to Turkey to

provide dental care to Syrian refugees living there. Brannan said that Deah had raised \$13,000 for the refugees, but since his death, the total has rocketed to more than \$200,000 dollars raised.

The website shows Deah making a personal appeal for people to help donate to help the refugees.

His Father wanted people to know that all three were peace-loving souls.

“Deah (Barakat) and his wife (Yusor Mohammad) and her sister (Razan Abu-Salha) are the most peaceful individuals that you would ever want to meet,” he told Al Jazeera.

“They would not argue with anybody, they would not say anything to anybody outside of the decent way of speaking. They would not use cross words whatsoever. They are just, very close to perfect.”