



Christian Muslim Forum



‘Confronting Iran’

The Christian Muslim Forum is holding a day seminar for invited guests on relations between Iran and the USA. The seminar is taking place on Wednesday 25 April at The Tent in St Ethelburga’s in the City of London from 10.00 until 16.30.

The revelation of advanced contingency plans for the USA to bomb nuclear and military targets in Iran against a background of Iran's defiance of UN resolution 1737 of December 2006, calling for the suspension of all nuclear enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, indicates the urgency of the current situation. It is imperative that Christian and Muslim organisations draw on their traditions to find resources for a peaceful way forward that respects both the national sovereignty of Iran and the contemporary fears of possible nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. This seminar is a joint Muslim-Christian attempt to explore and advocate ways forward to diffuse the current crisis on the basis of a critical analysis of contemporary Iran-USA relations and the political dynamics within the countries.

Our keynote speaker is Prof. Ali Ansari, Reader in Modern History, Director of the Institute of Iranian Studies at the University of St Andrews and author of 'Confronting Iran'. Prof Ansari’s colleague Bernie Kaussler will speak about the situation of religious minorities in Iran.

This day seminar is organised by Dr Ian Linden (SOAS, formerly Director of the development agency CIIR) and Dr Jabal Buaben (lecturer in Islamic Studies, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham) who are the International Issues specialists of the Christian Muslim Forum.

Our intention is that the presentation and discussions at this seminar will lead to a public response from the Christian-Muslim Forum to the growing confrontation between Western governments and Iran.

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