



March 12, 2006
www.siawareness.org

A Call for Muslim Solidarity

A Sit-in Denouncing the Loss of Human Lives and the Sacrilege of Holy Sites
across Iraq

Salaam Aliakum. My name is _____, and I'm a student at UT, an active member of Muslim community on campus.

I'm calling to let you know that we are holding a Muslim solidarity event this Friday at 6:30 p.m. The event will be in the Main Mall area at the UT Campus. This event will bring Muslims from around Austin together against the latest escalation of violence in Iraq.

As you must be following in the news, the situation in Iraq is really terrible. Thousands of people have become victim of violence in last few years. The latest incident of such violence was the grisly bombing at a prominent mosque, the Askariya Mosque, in Samarra, Iraq a week back and the following violence on individuals as well as other mosques throughout the country.

Brothers and Sisters, the latest escalation of violence in Iraq is in reality an attack on Islam, its values and symbols. It is an attack on the unity of Muslim Ummah. It is an attack on the Image of Islam and its values of unity, peace, compassion, and justice.

This is a trying time for Muslim Ummah. The Muslim community at UT feels that the message of Muslim solidarity needs to come out with a strong voice from the Ummah. Because, only through peace can we speak out to those who wish to provoke violence. Only through unity can we preserve the sanctity of Islamic values and sites around the world. And only through unity can we respond to those who wish to divide us. The display of solidarity will send a vibrant message to Iraq and to all the people of the world, Muslims and Non-Muslims alike.

The sit-in event is organized by various Muslim-based student groups on campus, including the Muslim Student's Association (MSA), Society for Islamic Awareness (SIA), and the Pakistani Students Association (PSA). The program will include Salatul Maghib, presentations from community and student leaders, and a candle light vigil to commemorate the victims of recent violence.

I urge you to participate in this event – bring your families, we want this to be a family event. And please tell everyone you know about it too. InshA, with Allah (SWT)'s help, this will be a landmark event and a proud aspect of our Austin Muslim community, InshA.

So once again, its this upcoming Friday @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Main Mall of the UT Campus -- that's the South side of the UT Tower. Please come prepared for salaah.

If you're lost on the day of the event, you can call us:

Parking: after 6 free around campus, free behind CO-OP, free in the student parking lots