

WORLD PEACE SUMMIT OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS WILL HAVE A LARGE REPRESENTATION FROM THE JEWISH AND ISLAMIC FAITHS

The Grand Mufti of Syria and Chief Rabbi of Israel to join one-thousand religious leaders at Historic Summit opening at the United Nations on August 28th

New York—[August 17, 2000]—Opening at the United Nations on August 28th, The Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders will bring together religious and spiritual leaders from more than 50 countries and from every major religious faith.

Two of the largest contingents are from the Jewish and Islamic faiths. The Summit provides a rare opportunity to engage these leaders in frank and meaningful discussions of how they can work together to increase understanding and reduce tensions among their communities.

A draft Declaration for World Peace is being prepared for consideration and potential signature by all participants. The gathering is also expected to consider plans to establish an "Advisory Council" of religious leaders who might support United Nations conflict prevention and resolution efforts.

After meeting at U.N. headquarters, leaders will engage in two-day working group sessions at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to devise ongoing initiatives to address regional conflict, poverty, and environmental problems.

Following is a representative list of the leaders from the Jewish and Islamic faiths, providing a small snapshot of the depth and diversity of the leadership attending the Summit.

Islam

His Excellency Shaykh Ahmad Kuftaro,,The Grand Mufti of Syria (Syria)
His Excellency Dr. Mustafa Ceric,,The Grand Mufti of Bosnia (Sarajevo)
Dr. Abdullah Idn Saleh Al-Obaid,,Secretary General, Muslim World League (Saudi Arabia)
Imam Wallarith Deen Mohammed (United States)
His Eminence Sahidzada Syed Nawazish Husain Chisty (India)
Shahzada Syed Mainuddin Ahmed (Bangladesh)
Syed Mohammed Hasan (Bangladesh)
His Excellency Kamel Al-Sharif (Egypt)
Dr. Aly El Samman (Egypt)
Sheikh Alamin Usman Alamin (Eritrea)
Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan (France)
Dr. Ali Semmen (France)
Maulana Mohd Tauseef Raza Khan (India)
Ghulam Kibria Syed Syed Kibria (India)
Dr. Zeenat Shaukat Ali (India)
Dewan Syed Zainnal (India)
Ulil Abshar Abdalla (Indonesia)
Kyai A. Mustofa Bisri (Indonesia)
Amanda Suharnoko (Indonesia)
Dr. M. Habib Chirzin (Indonesia)
M. Golshani (Iran)
G. Hadad-Adel (Iran)

H. Taremi-Rad (Iran)
M. Vaez (Iran)
A. Vaez-Javadi (Iran)
Mufti Akhmed-Khadzi Kadyrov (Itchkeria)
Sheikh Farah Moalim Mohammad (Kenya)
Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (Malaysia)
Dr. Kamar Oniah Kamaruzaman (Malaysia)
Dr. Chandra Muzaffar (Malaysia)
Dr. Lateef Adegbite (Nigeria)
His Excellency Alhaji Ado Bayero (Nigeria)
Anis Ahmad (Pakistan)
Dr. Zafar Ishaq Ansari (Pakistan)
Mufti Ravil Gainutdin (Russia)
Mufti Magomet Albogacheev (Russia)
Mufti Gusman Ishakov (Russia)
His Excellency Mufti Kimsinbai Abdurakhmanov (Russia)
His Excellency Sheikh Farid Asadullin (Russia)
Sheikh Farid Asadullin (Russia)
His Excellency Okan Daher (Russia)
His Excellency Mufti Ravi Gainutdi (Russia)
His Excellency Mufti Nasrullah Ibn Ibadullah (Russia)
His Excellency Sheikh Mustafa Iusuphspahitch (Russia)
His Excellency Sheikh Osman Negeat (Russia)
His Excellency Mufti Amanullo Negmatzada (Russia)
His Excellency Sheikh Yan Sobolevski (Russia)
Mufti Talgat Tadzuddin (Russia)
Sergey I. Zagidullin (Russia)
His Excellency Ahmed-Khadzi Kadurov (Russia)
His Excellency Dr. Abdulah Omar Nasseef (Saudi Arabia)
Dr. Saleha M. Abedin (Saudi Arabia)
Sheikh Abdoulaye Dieye (Senegal)
Abdul-Rahim Ali Ibrahim (Sudan)
Maarufjohn Mirakov (Tajikistan)
Mufti Amonullo Negmatzoda (Tajikistan)
His Excellency Rexhep Boja (United Kingdom)
Dr. Zacki Badawi (United Kingdom)
Sharif Horthy (United Kingdom)
His Excellency Sayyed Mohammed Musawi (United Kingdom)
His Eminence Rexhep Thiam (United Kingdom)
Rashid E. Bragin (Ukraine)
Khalid Abdallah (United States)
Shaykh Muhammad Nazim Adil Al-Haqqani (United States)
Dr. Seyedeh Nahid Angha (United States)
Shaykh Nooruddeen Durkee (United States)
Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr (United States)
Captain Arnold E. Resnicoff (United States)
Dr. Amina Wadud (United States)
Dr. Abdul Malik Mujahid (United States)
Mufti Abdurashid Bakhromov (Uzbekistan)
His Excellency Shoazim Minovarov (Uzbekistan)

Jewish

Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau,,Chief Rabbi of Israel (Israel)

Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks,,Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth (United Kingdom)
Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz,,Israel Institute of Talmudic Publications (Israel)
Rabbi Nilton Bonder (Brazil)
Rabbi Henry I. Sobel (Brazil)
Rabbi Angel Kreiman-Brill (Chile)
Rabbi Jorge Szteinhandler (Chile)
Grand Rabbi Rene-Samuel Sirat (France)
Rabbi Ron Kronish (Israel)
Rabbi David Rosen (Israel)
Rabbi Michael Melchior (Israel)
Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp (The Netherlands)
Shaevitch Adolf Solomonovitch (Russia)
Dr. Rafail Fainberg (Russia)
Rabbi Zinovi Kogan (Russia)
His Excellency Adolf Solomonovitch Shayevich (Russia)
Rabbi Avraham Shayevich (Russia)
Rabbi Tony Bayfield (United Kingdom)
Rabbi Jack Bemporad (United States)
Sarrael Crane (United States)
Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz (United States)
Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg (United States)
Rabbi Arthur Schneier (United States)

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