

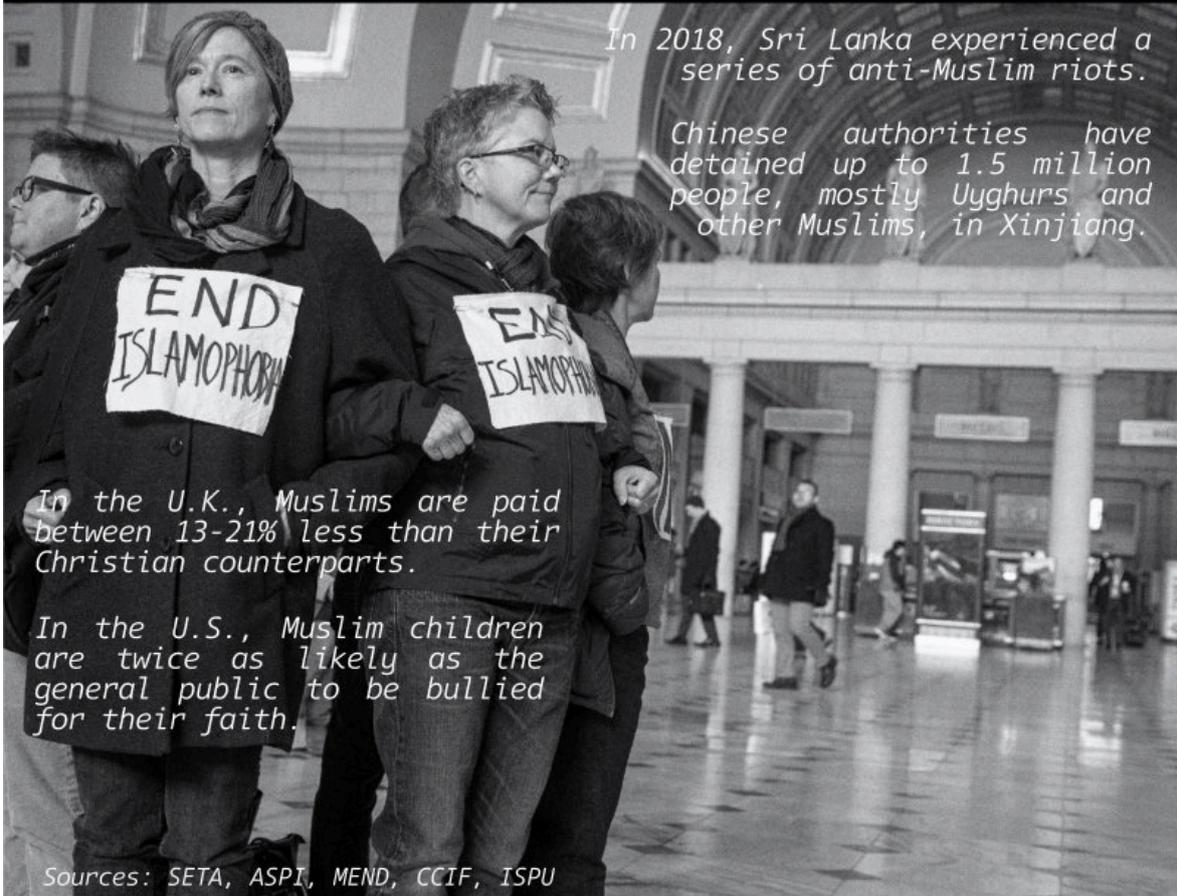
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## Week 44: Anti-Muslim and Anti-Islamic Discrimination

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OCT. 29  
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**ANTI-MUSLIM AND ANTI-ISLAMIC  
DISCRIMINATION**



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Dear Kumi Now supporter,

On Tuesday **Sandrine Amer**, executive director of the **YWCA of Jerusalem**, spoke about the effects of conflict on women in Palestine. The replay of the session is now available on [YouTube](#) and on [our website](#). The website includes the advocacy instructions and links shared during the gathering.

We would love it if you could share the session with your community. You could use language such as:

*Last week we learned about the disproportionate effects of conflict on Palestinian women. Our guest was Sandrine Amer, executive director of the YWCA of Jerusalem. Learn more in the latest Kumi Now online gathering. <https://youtu.be/6FMGIvM0dsQ>*

# ISLAMOPHOBIA AWARENESS MONTH

November is **Islamophobia Awareness Month**, run by the **Muslim Engagement and Development (MEND)** non-profit in the United Kingdom. Kumi Now would like to bring the message of Islamophobia Awareness Month to a world audience. Learn about Islamophobia Awareness Month on the [website](#).

## Next Online Gathering



### November 2: Week 44 - Anti-Muslim and Anti-Islamic Discrimination

[Full information on the gathering is here.](#)

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Our guest will be **Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway** from **Al-Quds University**

**Time:** Tuesday, November 2, at 6:00pm East Jerusalem, Palestine time (UTC+3) That's...

- Pacific (Seattle/Vancouver): 8am
- Central (Chicago): 10am

- Eastern (New York/Toronto): 11am
- Atlantic: 12pm
- Newfoundland: 12:30pm
- Greenwich (London): 4pm
- Central Europe (Paris/Stockholm): 5pm
- South Africa: 5pm
- Manila: 11pm
- Sydney: 1am (+1 Day)
- Auckland: 3am (+1 Day)

**Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/94679502800> (There might be a quick registration form, and please set an alarm for yourself for Tuesday.)

Remember, if you'd like to receive a reminder about the gathering an hour before it begins, please use the [registration form at the bottom of the page](#).

## This Week's Kumi Now Entry

**Please note:** To match the dates in the book, we will now be posting a new entry each Friday, and this newsletter should go out each Friday or Saturday.

**Sharing and publicizing:** The graphics in this newsletter are designed to be the perfect size and shape to share to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. So each week you can help the cause simply by sharing these images online. It's one more option you have to help.

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Please read the essay on this issue and the story of Leanne Gale, a Jewish woman observing Israeli security guards harassing a woman in a niqab. And here are some facts for you:

## Just the facts...

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#### Source

- ["2019 European Islamophobia Report"](#) from the **SETA Foundation for Political,**

## Economic and Social Research

- [“Thirteenth OIC Observatory Report on Islamophobia”](#) from the **Organization of Islamic Cooperation**
- [“ISLAMOPHOBIA: A Threat to All”](#) from the **Institute for Social Policy and Understanding**

## Learning More

We suggest you also read CAIR’s [“Islamophobia 101”](#) and watch the Ted Talk [“Islamophobia killed my brother. Let’s end the hate”](#) by **Suzanne Barakat** and the **TRT World** news report [“2020 marked by rising anti-Muslim rhetoric”](#). If you want a broad introduction to Islamophobia with a philosophical background (and a lot of caustic humor) you can watch [“Islamophobia: An Analysis”](#) from **Philosophy Tube**.

To go deeper, we will be developing an extensive list of [Additional Resources](#) at the bottom of this week’s entry as well as a [YouTube playlist](#) on the subject.

Once you understand the situation you’ll want to get involved. Here’s the Kumi Action for this week:

## Kumi Action



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Opposing Islamophobia needs to be a worldwide action, so start at home. Do you know where the closest mosque or Islamic center is to your home? Have you been there? Or, conversely, have you ever brought a non-Muslim friend to your mosque or Islamic center?

Make it a point this week to reach out and make these connections:

- Visit a mosque (or invite a visitor).
- Attend a class, prayer, or celebration at a mosque.
- Have coffee with the imam or other leader and have an informal discussion of Islamophobia in your area.

Share the [video of this poem](#) on social media, along with an explanation of how you are reaching out against Islamophobia. Encourage others to do likewise, and include a link to [this page](#) of the Kumi Now website along with the hashtags #Islamophobia, #KumiNow, and #Kumi44.

## You Should Know

*One or two people, companies, or organizations generally related to the issue of the*

week you should know, and how you can follow them online.



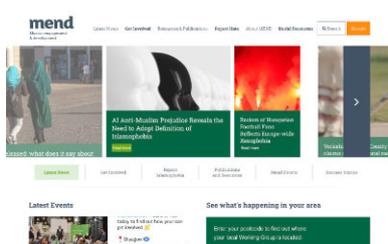
## Collectif contre l'islamophobie en France

In France you used to be able to find the **Collectif contre l'islamophobie en France (CCIF)**. However, the French government [closed CCIF](#) in 2020 following the murder of a school teacher. You can read [CCIF's final statement](#) and find an [archive of the website on Archive.org](#).



## Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU)

In the **United States** you can find the **Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU)** on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).



## Muslim Engagement and Development

In the **United Kingdom** you can find **Muslim Engagement and Development (MEND)** on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).



## National Council of Canadian Muslims

In **Canada** you can find the **National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)** on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

## Upcoming Weeks

And here's what we have coming up in November so you can plan ahead and decide how you want to be a part of Kumi Now:

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Week 44	Week 45	Week 46	Week 47	Week 48
				
<b>November 2</b> <i>Anti-Muslim and Anti-Islamic Discrimination</i>	<b>November 9</b> <i>Antisemitism</i>	<b>November 16</b> <i>Children's Rights</i>	<b>November 23</b> <i>Gender-Based Violence</i>	<b>November 30</b> <i>The Kairos Document</i>

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Each week below will have an online gathering with a guest or guests speaking on the topic. The time and Zoom link are the same each week.

The weekly newsletter will always contain reminders of the upcoming online gatherings and the Zoom link. But if you're like me and need a reminder right before the sessions begin, you can [register to receive a reminder email one hour prior to each online gathering](#). And no more digging through your inbox looking for the Zoom link! Just [use the registration form at the bottom of the page](#).



## November 9: Week 45 - Antisemitism

[Read the full entry online.](#)

Across Europe, November 9 is the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism. As a nonviolent movement dedicated to achieving peace for all people in Palestine, it is critical that the Kumi Now community understands and fights all forms of hate, including antisemitism. As we work for justice for Palestine, let us also remember and renew our call for the elimination of antisemitism in all its forms.

For our Kumi Action we will be addressing antisemitism in our own neighborhoods and reaching out to local synagogues or Jewish center.



## November 16: Week 46 - Children's Rights

[Read the full entry online.](#)

This week, as people around the world celebrate Universal Children's Day on November 20, we are reminded that Palestinian children are denied the human rights and opportunities available to children elsewhere in the world and only a short distance away in the settlements and Israel.

For our Kumi Action we will be sharing photos of ourselves as children, along with messages supporting Palestinian children.



## November 23: Week 47 - Gender-Based Violence

[Read the full entry online.](#)

Women in the occupied Palestinian territory face persistent gender-based violence through night raids, settler violence, collective violence towards their families, humiliation and assault from occupation forces, and the restrictions of a patriarchal society. This week, the United Nations observes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25.

For our Kumi Action we write and send flowers to the U.N. Women's office asking why the U.N. is not keeping Israel accountable to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.



## November 30: Week 48 - The Kairos Document

[Read the full entry online.](#)

In 1985, theologians around Soweto, South Africa issued the first Kairos Document. Twenty-four years later, theologians in Palestine issued a like-minded document. This week, as the world observes International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on November 29, the Kumi Now community is focusing on spreading the message of the Kairos Document, bringing Christians and non-Christians together to stand for justice and peace everywhere.

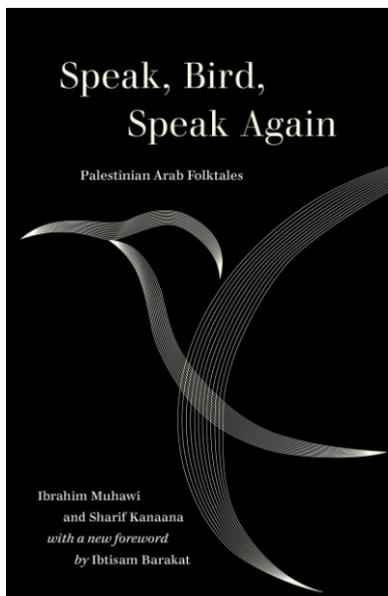
For our Kumi Action we will be reading and sharing the Kairos Palestine document.

## You Should Watch or Read...

*One (or maybe two) recent or not-so-recent film, book, video, article, or other piece of art that you should consider reading or watching this week. Have a recommendation? Let us know.*

### ***Speak, Bird, Speak Again: Palestinian Arab Folktales* by Ibrahim Muhawi and Sharif Kanaana**

***Speak, Bird, Speak Again: Palestinian Arab Folktales*** is a well-known collection of Palestinian folk tales, originally published in 1989. It is [getting a second printing](#), which includes a new foreword, that comes out November 2. However, the ebook edition is already available and is, at least for now, free on [Amazon Kindle](#) and [Apple Books](#). About the book:



“By combining their expertise in English literature and anthropology, Ibrahim Muhawi and Sharif Kanaana bring to these folktales an integral method of study that unites a sensitivity to language with a deep appreciation for culture.

As native Palestinians, the authors are well suited to their task. Over the course of several years, they collected tales from the regions of the Galilee, Gaza, and the West Bank, determining which were the most widely known and appreciated and selecting the ones that best represent the Palestinian Arab folk narrative tradition. Great care has been taken with the translations to maintain the original flavor, humor, and cultural nuances in tales that are at once earthy and whimsical and that also parallel stories found in the larger Arab folk tradition. Featuring a new foreword by Ibtisam Barakat, *Speak, Bird, Speak Again* is an essential text in Palestinian culture and a must for those who want to deepen their understanding of an enduring people.”

## What's Next

We hope to see you in the online gathering on Tuesday, after which you'll receive another newsletter next Friday/Saturday, focused on our next topic, [Antisemitism](#). As always, there is more to come!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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