

BLACK

HISTORY MONTH 2022



#MORE THAN ONE MONTH

- Recommit to Racial Justice.
- Demand Reparations.
- Celebrate Black Excellence.

STATEMENT + RESOURCES

NATIONAL STATEMENT

Assalamu Alaikum dear fellow MAS members,

We would like to share a message with you in this sacred month of Rajab which coincides this year with Black History Month.

Rajab is one of the four sacred months in the Islamic calendar, and Allah (swt) warns us in the Qur'an "Do not wrong yourselves during them." (9:36) How do we wrong ourselves? We wrong ourselves by transgressing on the Rights of Our Creator and by transgressing on the rights of His creation. So not only do we wrong ourselves by committing sins, like delaying our prayers or not reading and reflecting on the Quran regularly, but we also wrong ourselves by ignoring injustices including systemic racism, failing to educate ourselves and taking action on pressing issues of social justice, and by undermining others through our words or actions.

In this month, adopt the double intentions of honoring the sacred month of Allah while also honoring and centering the movement for

justice and equity for Black America. This includes fighting back against voter suppression, confronting racism within our communities and mosques, tackling the school-to-prison pipeline and mass incarceration, housing injustice, etc. This is critical so that we do not wrong ourselves, our brethren in humanity, our movement, our religion, and our country, through our ignorance and disengagement. We cannot be spectators on the sideline, just praying for things to get better. We must be part of the solution and active participants in righting wrongs. As we right ourselves with extra dhikr, prayers, dua, and fasting, let us also commit to examining our words and actions and priorities towards our brothers and sisters from the African American community. We have a responsibility to listen, learn, change, and act.



RESOURCES

Below is a list of resources that we can use to help us inshaAllah as we make this commitment:

VIDEOS

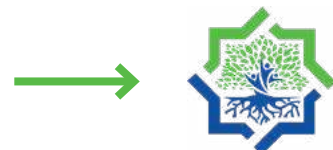
Watch the videos:

- ["Implicit Biases and the Muslim Community"](#)
- ["A Historical Context to the Movement"](#)
- ["What do we do now? Taking Action"](#)

HISTORICAL BOOKS:

- *Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People*, M. Banaji and A. Greenwald
- *A Young People's History of the United States*, Howard Zinn and Rebecca Stefoff
- *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap*, Mat Taibbi
- *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*, Tim Wise
- *The Beautiful Struggle: A Father, Two Sons and an Unlikely Road to Manhood*, Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *The Fire Next Time*, James Baldwin

- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Alex Haley
- *How to be An Anti-Racist*, Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- *The Color of Law*, Richard Rothstein
- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, Michelle Alexander
- *The Walking Quran: Islamic Education, Embodied Knowledge, and History in West Africa*, by Dr. Bilal Ware
- *Beyond Bilal: Black History in Islam* by Mustafa Briggs
- *A Muslim American Slave: The Life of Omar Ibn Said* by Omar ibn Said and Ala Alryyes
- *Servants of Allah: African Muslims enslaved In the Americas* by Sylvaine A.Diouf
- *Educating Muslim Women: The West African Legacy* by Nana Asma'u
- *Centering Black Narrative: Black Muslim Nobles Among the Early Pious Muslims* by Ahmad Mubarak and Dawud Walid
- *The Greatest, My Own Story* by Muhammad Ali



RESOURCES

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS:

- *Towards a Black Muslim Ontology of Resistance* by Muna Mire
- *Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz
- *NbA Muslims-Black Muslim Reads* by Layla Abdullah-Poulos, Fatimah Abdulmalik, and Umm Juwayriyah
- *American Street* by Ibi Zoboi
- *Unashamed: Musings of a Fat, Black Muslim* by Leah Vernon
- *Seven* by Sadiyah Bashir
- *Proud: My Fight for an Unlikely American Dream* by Ibtihaj Muhammad
- *Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam
- *The Shoulders on Which I Stand* by Karimah Grayson
- *American Muslim Women: Negotiating Race, Class, and Gender within the Ummah* by Jamillah Karim
- *Nomad Diaries* by Yasmeen Maxamuud
- *I Bear Witness: Part 1* by Amani-Nzinga Jabbar
- *Spilt Milk* by Aisha Ali
- *Salt.* by Nayyirah Waheed
- *Tried & Tested* by Umm Juwayriyah
- *What We Learned Along the Way* by Nadirah Angail
- *The Kindness of Enemies* by Leila Aboulela
- *Everything Good Will Come* by Sefi Atta
- *The January Children* by Safia Elhillo
- *Black Mamba Boy* by Nadifa Mohamed
- *The Orchard of Lost Souls* by Nadifa Mohamed
- *Teaching My Mother How to Give Birth* by Warsan Shire
- *Mirage: A Novel (Mirage Series, 1)* by Somaiya Daud

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

- *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed
- *Your name is a Song* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
- *Nana Asma'u* by Aaliyah Tar Mohamed
- *Not Quite Snow White* by Ashley Franklin
- *Better Together* by Cinderella-Ashley Franklin
- *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Mohamed and S.K. Ali



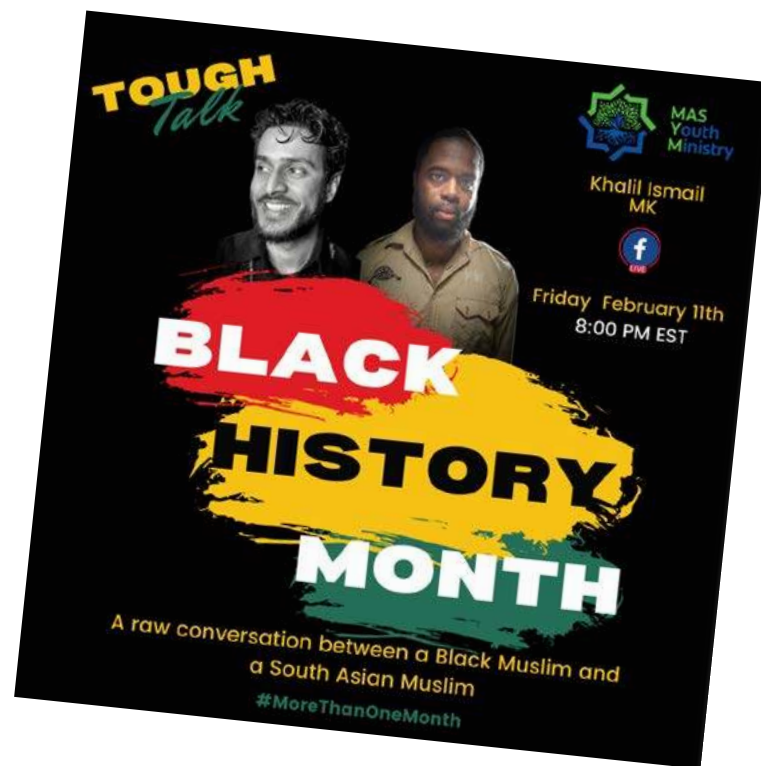
RESOURCES

ARTICLES:

- [Facts Matter! Black Lives Matter! The Trauma of Racism](#)
- [Reflections of an American Muslim Mother on #Ferguson](#)
- [The growing ties between #BlackLivesMatter and Palestine](#) by Alex Kane
- [Mapping the Intersections of Islamophobia and BlackLivesMatter](#) by Donna Auston
- [Why Muslims Must Support #BlackLivesMatter](#) by Hamza Raza
- [What's wrong with All Lives Matter](#) by George Yancy and Judith Butler
- [One Year After George Floyd's Murder, the Racial Reckoning Gave Way to a Backlash](#) by Nathalie Baptiste

EVENT:

Join us on facebook live this February 11th at 8PM ET for a raw conversation between Br. Khalil Ismail and Br. MK.



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STAY TUNED...

Stay tuned in BHM as we will be offering programming this month, including a podcast, an instagram live with featured speakers, and a webinar, to further deepen our understanding and commitment to change inshaAllah.

Moreover, our commitment goes beyond the offerings in this month. We commit to year round opportunities to learn, grow, advocate, celebrate, center and uplift local organizing efforts and push ourselves individually and organizationally and on a societal level. As we remind ourselves of the sacredness of this month of Rajab, let us also remind ourselves of the sacredness of Allah's creation.

Please let us know if any of you or your MAS chapters are planning any events or programs during Black History Month and please reach out if you need any other resources or support.

May Allah continue to shower His blessings on you, your families, and your communities.

Wa Jazakum Allahu Khairan.

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