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Dangers of Islam at Home and Abroad

Author, former Muslim and Director of Concerned American Citizens, warns against America's ignorant approach to Islam

San Diego, Calif. – Islam is one of the largest religions in the world, and also one of the most controversial. Between the proposed Muslim community center at Ground Zero and the recent Tennessee bill to ban Sharia law, many Americans are concerned about the effects of Islam on local communities.

Former Muslim Mano Bakh is one such concerned citizen. In his new memoir, *From Terror to Freedom: A Warning about America's Affair with Islam* (Publishers Design Group/May 2011), Bakh warns against the brutal tenants of Shariah law that led to the destruction of a modernizing, U.S.-allied Iran in 1979, and fears that too much tolerance will bring the same result to America.

"I have personally witnessed a moderate Muslim country's transition into a barbaric society," says Bakh, a former Admiral in the Iranian Navy who fled Iran in 1979 after discovering he was most likely going to be executed by Ayatollah Khomeini. "We welcome all who come to America, but we must remain informed and be watchful against those who want to destroy our precious freedoms. We must always be aware of what is happening within. Shariah Law is trumping our laws in many courts, both in Europe and America."

From Terror to Freedom follows Bakh from a young man dreaming of a military career, to his education at the Italian Naval Academy and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in California, where he obtained a master's degree in marine engineering, to his ascent to a high-ranking position within the Iranian Navy up through his eventual harrowing escape from certain execution by the brutal regime of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Bakh was born a Muslim, but became disenchanted with a religion that allows no room for the non-believers, has harsh punishments for petty crimes, has a consistent history of destroying individual liberties and basic human rights, and devastates the economies and cultures of the nations it dominates.

"Islam is a government of its own," Bakh says. "It has its own laws for every facet of society and they are in complete disagreement with the United States Constitution. Islam operates completely on its own without any respect for the Constitution or other religions that disagree with Mohammad's words, 'conquer, convert, or kill.'"

In an interview, Bakh can discuss:

- A plan to separate Shariah Law from spiritual Islam
- Ongoing efforts to identify and engage the "moderate" practitioner of Islam
- Islam as a religion and a political ideology: What are the differences?
- Islam in America: What will the political and social landscape look like?
- Why is Shariah Law incompatible with the US Constitution
- How does the Iranian revolution compare to today's unrest in the Middle East?
- How American policies fall flat against Islam

MANO BAKH was a high-ranking officer in Iran's Imperial Navy until the 1979 Iranian Revolution, from which he barely escaped with his life. In 2008, he helped found Former Muslims United (FMU). He also founded and is Director of Concerned American Citizens (ConcernedAmericanCitizens.org), a community and educational non-profit organization dedicated to separating Shariah Law from spiritual Islam. Both organizations work to unite moderate Muslims and urge them to speak out against Shariah and radical Islam. For more information about *From Terror to Freedom* or to read more about the author, please visit www.fromterroortofreedom.com.

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