

CAIR Condemns Fatal Police-Shooting of Unarmed - Targeted News Service (USA) - June 12, 2018

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BALTIMORE, Maryland, June 12 -- The Council on American-Islamic Relations issued the following news release:

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today condemned the police-involved shooting of an unarmed Maryland man and called for a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances that led to the man's death.

The victim, 41-year-old **Robert Lawrence White**, was fatally shot yesterday by Montgomery County Police officer Anand Badgular.

SEE: Montgomery County police officer fatally shoots man in Silver Spring
(https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/montgomery-county-police-at-scene-of-police-involved-shooting-in-silver-spring/2018/06/11/c902d5ae-6dad-11e8-afd5-778aca903bbe_story.html)

"Communities of color nationwide have long been disproportionately impacted by police-involved shootings," said CAIR Director of Maryland Outreach Zainab Chaudry. "We condemn the death of yet another unarmed African-American man in Maryland and extend our condolences to Mr. White's family as we demand a full, transparent and independent investigation."

Later this evening, a protest cosponsored by SURJ Montgomery County, Montgomery County Civil Rights Coalition and other groups is planned to be held at the Veterans Plaza in Silver Spring.

Earlier this year, CAIR spearheaded a historic rally against racially motivated police shootings in which Muslim communities and allies gathered in Baltimore to demand justice for Stephon Clark - an unarmed 22-year-old father of two who was shot 20 times and killed by police in Sacramento, Calif., on March 18.

SEE: Muslims In Baltimore Rally Against Fatal Shooting Of Stephon Clark By Sacramento Police

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=AyodYZLmZkl>

That event - cosponsored by the Islamic Council of North America - Council for Social Justice (ICNA-CJS), MPOWER Change, Muslim American Society (MAS), and Muslim Social Services Agency (MSSA) - was designed to raise awareness, galvanize communities and issue specific calls to action to address the crisis of police-involved shootings in minority communities.

CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance

understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.

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