



Press Statement

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COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS OF GREATER CHICAGO (CIOGC) ***Chicago's largest Muslim-Represented Organization Celebrating 30 Years***

The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, CIOGC, expresses profound concern for the safety of Illinois' elected official state representative Abdelnasser Rashid of the 21st District following a violent week in Palestine. Representative Rashid and his wife along with their three children were vacationing in the West Bank visiting his childhood hometown when a very scary situation unfolded last week with violence and gunfire. Representative Rashid was in Turmusayya, which is near Ramallah, which is twenty-five miles from Jerusalem. The Council received reports from Representative Rashid as he said he and his family feared for their lives.

Representative Rashid made history this year as he is the first Palestinian-American elected to be the Illinois General Assembly.

The Council is praying for the safe return of Rep. Rashid and his family.

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