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Colorado Senator Posts Muslim-Only Internship, Raising Fairness Questions for Christians

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Identify as a Muslim and/or as Middle Eastern, North African, or South Asian."

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Colorado State Senator Iman Jodeh posted a paid legislative internship whose first listed qualification was that applicants must "Identify as a Muslim and/or as Middle Eastern, North African, or South Asian." The flyer, posted on Monday 9 November 2026, offered a $1,000 stipend for part-time work in the Capitol offices of Jodeh and state Representative Yara Zokaie during the 2027 legislative session.

Within days the posts were deleted from the senator's Instagram and Facebook accounts, after critics said the identity requirement broke federal and Colorado anti-discrimination law. No court has ruled on the posting, and no enforcement action has been announced.

Read the flyer from top to bottom and the order of the words does the talking. Before the grade point average, before the interest in policy, before the part-time schedule, the first thing a young Coloradan had to be was the right religion or the right background. For a Christian student in Aurora with a 4.0 And a love of the legislative process, the message was plain: this door was not built for you.

What The Colorado Internship Flyer Actually Said

The posting advertised the MENASA & Muslim Joint Legislative Caucus Legislative Intern Program, promising first-hand experience at the Colorado Capitol in the offices of Senator Jodeh and Representative Zokaie. MENASA stands for Middle Eastern, North African and South Asian.

Alongside the identity requirement, the flyer listed standard qualifications: applicants must be current undergraduate students with a minimum 3.5 GPA, interested in policy, social change and justice and the legislative process, and flexible enough to work part-time during the 2027 session. Resumes and cover letters were to be sent to a Colorado General Assembly email address by 30 November 2026.

The wording matters, and it deserves to be quoted exactly. The flyer did not say "Muslim only" in so many words.

It said applicants should "Identify as a Muslim and/or as Middle Eastern, North African, or South Asian," which means a non-Muslim Middle Easterner or South Asian could also qualify. The shorthand that spread online trimmed that detail away, but the core of the complaint stayed the same: a paid public internship was sorting applicants by religion and national origin before anything else.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment a complaint withdrawn under threat -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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