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ICE REMOVES MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE OFFICIAL FROM THE COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials in Washington, D.C. today announced that Abdullah Alnoshan, a 44-year-old citizen of Saudia Arabia, was removed from the United States to his native Saudia Arabia last weekend by ICE Detention and Removal Operations officers.

Alnoshan, who served as the director of the Virginia office of the Muslim World League, an international charity based in Saudia Arabia, was first arrested at his Falls Church home on July 22, 2005 by ICE and FBI agents assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force. A July 19, 2005 criminal complaint filed in the case alleged that Alnoshan conspired to commit immigration fraud by using fraudulent employment documents and related fraudulent immigration documents to enter, exit, and live in the United States, while deterring law enforcement from discovering information regarding his true immigration status.

Also charged in the criminal complaint was Khalid Fadlalla, a Sudanese citizen who worked at the Muslim World League office in New York. The complaint alleged that Fadlalla conspired to commit immigration fraud in connection with Alnoshan. ICE and FBI agents arrested Fadlalla in New York City on July 22, 2005.

On September 7, 2005, a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia returned a four-count indictment charging Alnoshan with criminal immigration violations. On November 22, 2005, Alnoshan pleaded guilty to one count of immigration fraud and was sentenced to time served. Alnoshan also agreed to a stipulated order of removal. An Immigration Judge subsequently ordered him removed from the country.

Arresting, prosecuting, and deporting those who commit criminal immigration violations is a critical part of ICE's efforts to restore integrity to the nation's immigration system." said Mary Loiselle, the Field Operations Director for ICE Detention and Removal Operations in Washington, D.C. "The removal of Alnoshan represents the latest in ICE's effort to ensure that are consequences for violations of U.S. immigration laws."

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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