

The Civil War in Syria

A talk and discussion with

Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah



Five-year-old Mohamed T. Khairullah and his family fled his homeland of Syria in 1980. In 1991, they came to the United States and settled in Prospect Park, NJ. He was an undergraduate at William Paterson College in Business Administration and later got a master's degree in Education Administration.

In 2000 he became a U.S. citizen and in 2001, he was elected to the town council of Prospect Park.

In 2005 he became mayor and has been re-elected ever since, one of the first Muslim mayors in the state, if not the country.

When Syria's civil war broke out in 2011, Mayor Khairullah felt he had to help his people. Seven times since the war began, he returned to the country despite the tremendous danger to provide food and supplies to schools and hospitals in need. He helped establish an underground hospital in Aleppo on behalf of the Syrian-American Medical Society, a foundation that has treated millions of patients in the region, including hundreds of thousands of refugees.

Please join us as Mayor Khairullah discusses the civil war in Syria and his experiences in trying to provide humanitarian aid to those in need.

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