

The Obamas' Wahhabist Fundraising Empire

Barack's First Cousin spills the beans (on video)

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[Click here](#) to see Musa Obama's extremely revealing interview.

While Obama's connection to his Muslim family in Kenya is an *acceptable* topic for discussion in the Arab world, it is viewed as a '*great taboo*' in the United States.

But why is that so? This 'taboo' should be considered unfair at best, purely prejudiced at worst. Is it fair that we censor such discussions just because Obama's relatives are 'Muslim'?

The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) should condemn the media for keeping a tight lid on the subject. Isn't it time to go beyond what is disclosed by President Obama in his *Dreams from My Father* or Wikipedia's limited information, which includes the only [photo](#) released by the Obama family?



We will cover only three of the closest Kenyan relatives to president Obama:

1. Sarah, Barack's beloved and benevolent grandmother
2. Sayid Obama, his closest favorite uncle
3. Musa Ismail Obama, his first cousin and Sayid's main sidekick.

After President Obama was inaugurated, the Muslim side of the Obama family in Kenya boomed; it went from rags to riches overnight. They became one of the most influential families in western Kenya and even extended their sphere of influence to Saudi Arabia. When Sarah, president Obama’s grandmother (step-grandmother), decided to go to the *Hajj*, an obligatory pilgrimage to Mecca with Musa, president Obama’s first cousin, they were welcomed with open arms and were provided a special escort with full security detail and [first-class](#) treatment at the Saudi royal court:

“His Royal Highness Prince Mamdouh bin Abdul Aziz accompanied the family of U.S. President Barack Obama in his palace in Jeddah after the performance of the Hajj this year. The event was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Thamer bin Abdul Aziz, and His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Mamdouh Bin Abdul Aziz, and his HRH Prince Abdullah bin Nayef bin Abdul Aziz, and a number of other princes and officials.”

The reason for such treatment—as explained in an exclusive interview with Musa Ismail Obama on [Al-Jazeera](#)—is that a close relationship was built with Saudi royals. Like president Obama’s call for education in the United States, the Kenyan Obamas embarked on a similar project.

President Obama’s grandmother Sarah started the *Sarah Obama Benevolent Fund Institute*, otherwise known as the [Mama Sarah Obama Children Foundation](#), which raises 90% of its monies primarily from donors in the United States and some from Europe. Those monies are [solicited as humanitarian aid](#) and according to the website, “to make a lasting impact on the lives of the orphans and underprivileged children by improving their housing, their education, their upbringing,” which “continued to weigh heavily on Mama Sarah.” All this and “to help the neglected HIV/AIDS infected and affected in Kogelo village by linking them to care-givers and professional health services providers.”



(Barack Obama with step-grandmother Sarah)

That's what we're told but when one peruses the foundation's real activities in Arabic, it reveals a very dark side to the family's efforts.

Musa Ismail Obama, the president's cousin—in an exclusive interview with Al-Jazeera TV—explained all the troublesome detail, which does not bode well when translated into English: *the bulk of the Sarah Fund as it turns out sends little to widows and orphans while the rest goes towards giving free scholarships to studying Sharia at the most influential Wahhabist centers in Saudi Arabia.*

In the shocking interview, Musa was asked about his communications with cousin Barack, the president of the United States. The soft-spoken Musa explained that the President's preferred method of communications was through one chosen conduit that relays messages back and forth with the family in Kenya by going through Uncle Sayid Hussein Obama. This is the man who was [in attendance](#) with Mama Sarah at Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.



(Mama Sarah begins her trip to see Barack inaugurated)

Musa, Sayid's sidekick and the public promoter of Mama Sarah's non-profit became the family's key advertiser to the social efforts in Kenya. He selects specific Arab media asking wealthy audiences for help, but mandates as a prerequisite that no questions are asked regarding any details of such communications with president Obama or the delving into any political views. Yet, he tells just enough to connect the dots to the wealthy Arab audience of Al-Jazeera. He relays the message to raise all necessary funds since *his mission is to transform Kenya to an Islamic majority by using the Obama household name and his grandmother's non-profit organization.*

The fund has little to do with secular education or the care for widows and orphans. It never once mentions anything in any Arabic media in regards to helping

the HIV infected. The bulk of the Sarah's benevolence fund, as Musa explained, goes toward scholarships destined for Saudi Arabia's most virulent Wahhabi Sharia centers—the Islamic University in Medina, Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah and the University of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh.

The counter-Wahhabist Muslim moderate think tank, the *Gulf Issues Centre For Strategic Studies* [describes](#) these institutions as “Salafi schools, which imbibed radical ideas” and are “the spring of Wahhabism”:

“[Wahhabists] grew up in the Wahhabi and Salafi schools which imbibed radical ideas in the Islamic University in Medina, Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, and the University of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh”.
(see essay, *The Role of Wahhabist Movements*, under a section entitled *The Circle of Violence*)

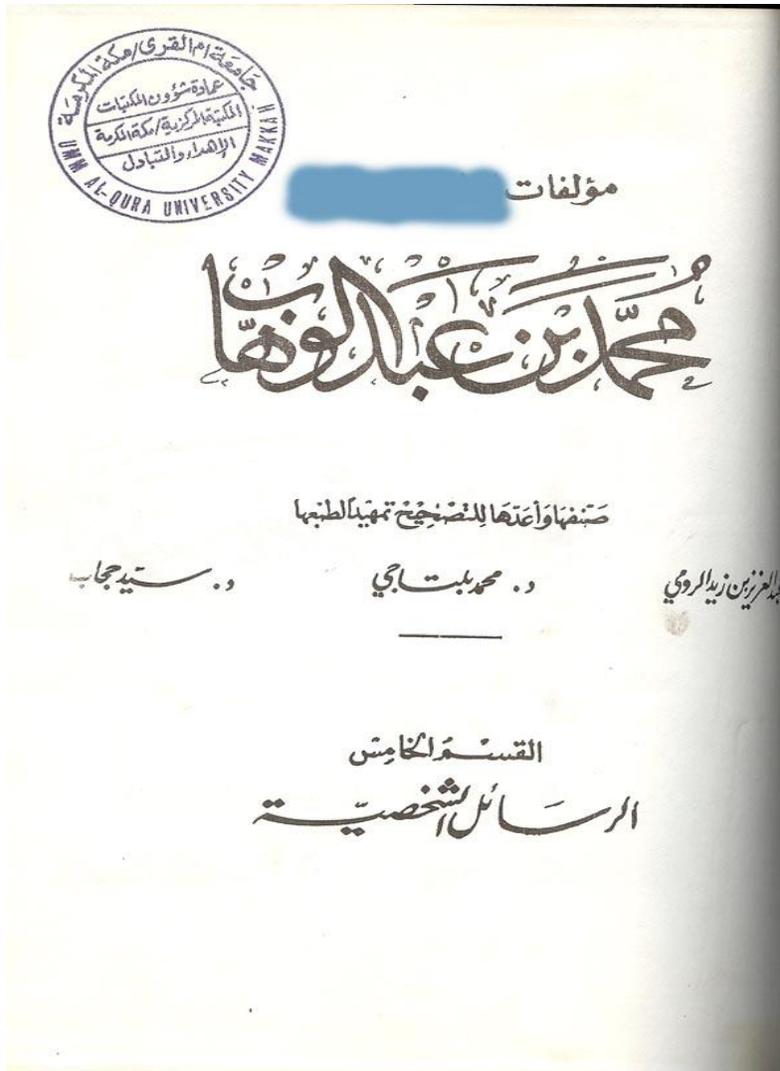
Musa expresses in classical Arabic how he memorized the entire Quran and how he graduated to become an Islamic scholar on Sharia from the Islamic University in Medina.

“I studied Arabic and Sharia at the Islamic university in Medina in Saudi Arabia,” exclaimed Musa while explaining his visit to *Umm Al Qura University* with his uncle Sayid: “In the month of Muharram we visited the dean of Umm Al Qura University, me and my uncle Sayid,” he told Al-Jazeera during the interview.

“The nature of the visit,” Musa explains, “was to facilitate scholarship to send students to Umm Al Qura.”

Umm Al Qura University has a heritage that includes being one of Saudi Arabia's historical and national monuments. A paragon of Wahhabist education, it takes pride that the university was the first to print the works of Muhammad Abdul Wahhab, the founder of the most virulent brand of Islam—Wahhabism. The history of its Wahhabist connections can be seen [\[here\]](#).

On a cover-page of one of Wahhab's collections from Umm Al Qura University, one can clearly see in fanciful Arabic calligraphy, the title, “*Writings of Muhammad Abdul Wahhab*” and a stamp that says “*A gift from Umm Al Qura University-Mecca*” is clearly visible.



In *The Danger of Wahhabism in The Muslim World*, by moderate Dr. Ahmed Abdul Rahim Al-Sayeh, who abandoned the teachings, he [reflects](#) on his studies at Umm Al Qura: “I studied Wahhabism, I studied their curriculum at the University of Umm Al Qura...”

At Umm Al Qura University, Musa and Sayid Obama—president Obama’s favorite uncle—are seen in photo-ops and were described by several Arab media sources as diligent workers in advancing scholarships for Kenyans to study Sharia, courtesy of Sarah’s fund.



(Sayid Obama on far right standing with Musa Ismail Obama at Umm Al Qura University)



(On right: Director of Umm Al-Qura University, Dr. Bakri bin Ma'touk A'sas
Musa Ismail Obama on left next to Sayid Obama)



(On left - Sayid Obama)



Meetings of President Obama's favorite uncle Sayid can even be [seen](#) at the official website of Umm Al Qura University where it proudly states:

“His Highness the Director of Umm Al-Qura University, Dr. Bakri bin Ma'touk A'sas received at his office in university city at Babidah Mr. Sayid Obama the uncle of His Excellency the President of the United States of America Barack Obama and Mr. Musa Ismail Obama the cousin of U.S. President...”

“When they [the students] submit an application to Sarah Obama Benevolent Fund, they expect to get what they want but we are flooded,” explains Musa.

As a result of the flood of students into the Wahhabi Sharia universities in Saudi Arabia, the interviewer then asks regarding the excess: “So you are opening an avenue in other universities?” Musa then explains he had to send the excess to nearby Doha in Qatar, where he visited and arranged everything.

When Al-Jazeera asked, “Do all these scholarships involve studying Arabic and Sharia?” Musa explained, “Some of those do not involve Sharia, like medicine or engineering.” Al-Jazeera then asks, “...but the majority involves what?” Musa answers: “Uuuhhh.... The majority of course is Sharia schools,” adding, “because my connection to the institutions is with Sharia schools.”

In what seems like a prepared script, Musa reads what he considers the catastrophe of Kenya, the lack of the process of proselytization, which goes hand-in-hand with Saudi interests seeking help from wealthy Saudis to transform Kenya into a Muslim majority.

This goal is also expressed by Al-Arab Newspaper, which [covered](#) the call of the Obamas in an interview with Musa Ismail Obama on the sidelines of the inauguration ceremony of World University Ruff in Nairobi [[photo here](#)].

Al-Arab Newspaper expounds on the effort to advance “education” by the Obama family in Kenya. Under the title, “Education First” assistant Mufti of the coastal city of Mombasa Ahmad Bimsallam, chimed in explaining that, “the grand destruction that came upon Muslims in Kenya, came from the education and schools that are planted all over the nation by Christian missionary movements.”

Al-Arab does not even consider President Obama’s conversion to Christianity an issue and included a section entitled, “Obama’s Islam” while stating:

“President Obama’s Islamic faith was considered a polarizing subject between Muslims and Christians in the Republic of Kenya. It is a center of struggle in the media and continues, as the Anglican Church there attempted to orchestrate a baptismal ordination for his grandmother Sarah in a grand celebration at the Gomokinyata playground in Kizimo, the third largest city in Kenya. It was a trick to trap her, pretending to invite her as a guest, as the church sent out information about her conversion and abandonment of Islam. The young Musa Ismail Obama, the cousin of the American president commented during his interview with Al-Arab that he was with his grandmother during Ramadan in the Holy Land in Mecca to do the Umra festivities after she completed her pilgrimage by invitation from the King of Saudi Arabia. Musa Obama who studied Sharia in Medina spoke to us regarding the situation of Muslims in Kenya calling upon the Arab and Islamic states to put more effort toward aiding the Kenyan Muslim brethren, especially since there is much support coming from Western nations and Western churches, spreading to the rest of Kenyan society from different religions. Musa opined that the situation of Muslims in Kenya is continually getting better, pointing to the village of Barack Obama, Kogelo, which is situated on the shores of Victoria Lake, in Western Kenya, for example, had no Muslims except his family. But now, they are increasing, and that the majority of new Muslims adopted Islam from the kind treatment of their family and that they have now a benevolent institution to raise funds and give important aid to the orphans and the poor, and it also gives scholarships to study Sharia in Medina [Saudi Arabia]. Musa also stated that despite the fact that Barack Obama hasn't visited his tribe in Kenya since his election in the United States, there is a continual communication between him and several members of his family and his tribe in Kenya, of which the Kenyan prime minister is also a member. We have also had members of the tribe who came to celebrate the appointment of one of their tribesmen as president of the United States a while ago. Musa also clarified that the election of Barack Obama had an impact for the betterment of the Muslim situation in Kenya to a certain degree, despite the attempts of churches to obstruct Muslim demands and rights, especially what relates to segregation and persecution against them in schools, as well as the issue of hijab and the lack of constitutional rights for Muslims in establishing Sharia courts.”

Perhaps most explosive is that president Obama’s uncle Sayid Hussein Obama is active in his work with the notorious Muslim World League (MWL) as [reported](#) by Saudi media:

“His Excellency Dr. Abdullah bin Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki, Secretary General of the Muslim World League, and a member of the Council of Senior Scholars in Saudi Arabia in Makkah received on Monday Mr. Saeed Hussein Obama, Kenyan businessman, and uncle of President Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, who paid a visit to the Muslim World League, accompanied by a number of Kenyan graduates from Saudi universities.”

As we reported, the Muslim World League has [extensive ties](#) to terrorism. If Musa’s claims are true, that Sayid is Barack’s preferred point of contact with his Muslim family and that Sayid is dealing with the MWL, don’t the American people deserve to know the extent of their president’s connections and loyalties to these individuals and groups?

The MWL has numerous [connections with al Qaeda](#) operatives. In fact, several MWL employees have worked with al Qaeda. Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda gained material support and sponsorship—along with a cover—from MWL offices around the world. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki, Secretary General of the Muslim World League, received Sayid, one of the most [renowned](#) Wahhabi scholars and a pioneer in spreading Wahhabism through education.

The Kenyan Obamas are too.