

# The Amman Message



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Burke Room, Aganis Arena, 915 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

## AGENDA

0800-0900	Registration	(Police and DOD ID Holders Only)
0900-0930	Voices of Moderation in Islam	Matthew Parker, ISA CEO
0930-0945	Q&A	
0945-1000	Break	
1000-1100	An Asymmetrical Perspective	MSG (P) Sohail A. Shaikh (AWG)(USA)
1100-1130	Q&A	
1130-1300	Lunch	(On Your Own)
1300-1430	The Amman Message	Brigadier General Aref Alzaben (Jordan)
1430-1530	Q&A	
1530-1545	Closing Comments	Matthew Parker, ISA CEO

Jordan is a superior ally of the United States and has been fiercely involved in the campaign against radicalism, including providing critical the United States in OEF and OIF. Much of this assistance, was led by BG Alzaben.

The Amman Message was delivered in Amman, Jordan, as a Ramadan sermon by Chief Justice Sheikh Iz-al-Din al-Tamimi in the presence of King Abdullah II and a number of Muslim scholars. According to a report issued by the International Crisis Group, "The sermon stressed the need to re-emphasize Islam's core values of compassion, mutual respect, tolerance, acceptance and freedom of religion. The next year, in July 2005, an Islamic convention brought together 200 Muslim scholars from over 50 countries who issued a three-point declaration. Explaining why the message was issued, King Abdullah stated: "[W]e felt that the Islamic message of tolerance was being subjected to a fierce and unjust attack from some in the West who do not understand Islam's essence, and others who claim to be associated with Islam and hide behind Islam to commit irresponsible deeds. 26 of the leading Muslim religious leaders have issued fatwas in support of this message, the greatest unifying Muslim message in our lifetimes that truly reflects the sentiments of the vast majority of members of this faith.

**Full understanding of the Amman Message is of great value to law enforcement and military professionals.**



Brigadier General (BG) Aref Alzaben is a senior leader in the Royal Jordanian Special Forces and is the General Director of the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC) in Jordan. He has distinguished himself while working closely in a direct principal advisory role to General Petraeus and General in Afghanistan, where he served as Commander of Task Force **Nashmi**, a **critical coalition task force charged with leading the counter to radicalism. He continues as a leading warrior in the battle for moderation.** KASOTC is an elite training facility that is second to none and is an international center of excellence second to none in combat operations training. Elite forces from all world powers to include the United States, Russia, China, India, and most NATO countries have trained in KASOTC. For More on KASOTC: ([www.kasotc.com](http://www.kasotc.com)) ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxMdGC\\_GQzc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxMdGC_GQzc)).



MSG (P) **Sohail A. Shaikh** serves as an Integration Troop SGM in the Asymmetric Warfare Group. (<http://www.awg.army.mil/>). He holds a MPA from The Troy State University, AL; and a BA in Political and Military Science from San Jose State University. His key assignments include: Linguist Cell NCOIC, Guantanamo Bay Cuba; Detachment Sergeant, 8<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion, (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Military Information Support Team Sergeant, Kabul, Afghanistan; Information Operations Planner, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group; OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq, Psychological Operations Planner, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan. Personal awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Sr. Aviation Crew Member Badge, Air Assault Badge, Italian and Polish Parachutist Badges.



Matthew Parker is the CEO and founder of Independent Security Advisors (ISA), a company specializing in both training and providing dignitary training. ISA established the first global college accredited dignitary protection training, is training and operating globally, and has been recently selected by the King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center to train international students in Dignitary Protection, as well as Law Enforcement, Special Operations Force, Infantry, Reconnaissance, and Armor Training. He is the founder of the brand new Domestic Violence Action Foundation, the nations first college accredited trained and armed protection component to reduce domestic violence in close partnership with law enforcement, judicial, and social service agencies. Matthew is a distinguished veteran of both OIF and OEF, during which he distinguished himself both in combat operations and protective service details of General Officers.

**REGISTRATION: Preregistration for operational security reasons is requested prior to September 30, 2015 at [www.dignitaryprotection.us](http://www.dignitaryprotection.us). This Is event is being conducted for professional education and to initiate an aggressive promotion of this vital information. A fee of \$25 per attendee is requested to be submitted with registration. This event is not open to the general public. King Abdullah needs our national support, he is sending Brigadier General Alzaben as his personal representative to promote the importance of the Amman Message to the World.**

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Brig. Gen. Aref S. Alzaben,  
General Director  
King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center,**



**Advising General Casey  
Afghanistan**

**HOSTED  
BY:**



**Advising General Petraeus  
Afghanistan**