

Muslims for Peace & Justice

## MPJ Appears on CBC Talkshow

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On March 11, 2003 MPJ members appeared as panelists on the CBC "Learn at Lunch" series talkshow.

The panelists were:

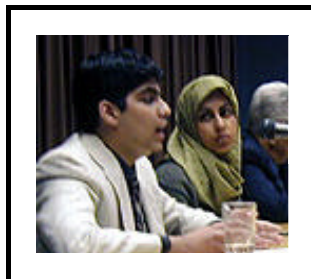
- **MPJ President - Dr. Naiyer Habib**
- **MPJ Communications Director - Kashif Ahmed**
- **MPJ Member - Zarqa Nawaz**

It was an open public forum, where about 100 people attended to listen and ask questions.

The discussion opened with Dr. Naiyer Habib. He described his perceptions about portrayals of Muslims and misinformation about what Muslims feel.

Second to speak was Kashif Ahmed, whose comments exposed the biases that exist in the media and how they serve to perpetuate stereotypes about Canadian Muslims and Islam.

Finally, Zarqa Nawaz presented her lighthearted approach to the painful and often absurd experiences of being a devout Muslim in a Judeo-Christian world.



Communications Director Kashif Ahmed



The public discussion exposed a great desire for understanding between peoples. Stereotypes and media misrepresentations about Muslims and Islam were exposed as tragic misunderstandings and xenophobia. The gathering ended with bridges being mended and a desire for more understanding.

MPJ was pleased that several MPJ members came and participated in the public gathering. God Willing, we will be given more opportunities to articulate the Muslim perspective.



Zarqa Nawaz



Chairman Dr. Naiyer Habib

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