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Kutty calls for cultural connections during I-Week speech

KAREN MCKEE
News Writer

Faisal Kutty, noted human rights activist, writer, and lawyer, delivered his speech on marginalization and radicalism in the Muslim world on Wednesday afternoon.

Kutty, on campus for International Week, noted the rise in radicalism in the Middle East and Muslim world and attempted to explain this troubling trend.

"There are a lot of people who are becoming disenchanted—people who feel they are being treated unfairly and unjustly," Kutty said.

He argued that while there's denial within Canadian society that Muslims are being targeted, it's nevertheless a fact that contributes to increasing resentment within the Canadian-Muslim community. As a lawyer in Ontario, Kutty receives dozens of phone calls every week from individual Muslims who have been harassed and targeted, often by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) or the police.

"In many cases, it is simply the approach they use. [The investigators]—I say investigators, even though it's vague, because it covers both the police and CSIS—show up in the middle of the night, in some cases without IDs," he said, adding that instead of contacting the individual, the authorities have spoken directly to the person's employer or professor—a situation, Kutty says, that intensifies the impact such investigations have on the

community at large.

In Alberta and Quebec, there have been cases where community soccer teams have not allowed girls to wear a hijab, the traditional Muslim headscarf.

"Before 9/11, there was no issue with people wearing hijabs; now, all of a sudden, it's a safety hazard, or it's a threat to our values of equality."

Kutty said that Muslims are encouraged to interact with the community, but when they do, they are told, "you can't be you."

Kutty stressed that cultural stereotyping isn't what Canada stands for as a multicultural society. This trend, he says, has increased dramatically since 9/11 with the draconian anti-terror laws passed by the Canadian and American governments and the rise of Islamophobia around the world.

"Younger people are feeling like they can't do anything, that they're not accepted in society," Kutty said.

This feeling of isolation, he explained, may draw them to radical views and ideas.

"While most people agree that we have to work within the system, it's getting harder to convince them of that when they can't bring about peaceful change."

Kutty used the example of a recent Maclean's article, "The Future Belongs to Islam," about which a group of Muslim students filed a human rights complaint. He argues that these students should be able to use the system if they say they are being discriminated against.

"If the system reviews their case and finds against it, then that's fine,"



JUNETTE HUYNH

MUSLIM MISCONCEPTION Kutty stressed the need to reach out to one another.

he said. "But to go against these individuals and say that they're Islamists and that they don't respect freedom of speech is a racist kind of argument."

Kutty says he proudly describes himself as a Canadian Muslim, with cultural practices, perspectives, and views that are unique to Canada. However, he notes that "it becomes harder and harder to be proud of your religious traditions and your Canadian or Western traditions when one is seen to be attacking everything the other stands for."

In order to change this troubling trend, he explained that "we must look beyond the paradigm that some

people with agendas have which fuels the clash of civilizations.

"What we should really be looking at is a dialogue of civilizations."

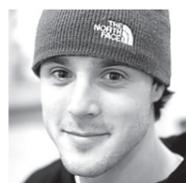
According to Kutty, the tensions in the world today aren't primarily between civilizations, but within them, and although there are extreme radicalist groups within all societies, whether in the East or in the West, those groups don't represent the vast majority of people.

"People need to reach out to the other. That is the only way we will win the battle against fanaticism and misunderstanding in every segment of society."

STREETERS

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As you may be aware, John Edwards quit the US presidential race today, as has Rudy Giuliani is
What was the last thing that you quit, quitter?



Mark Ashton
Arts I



Kristie Lithgow
Science III



Salil Pradham
Engineering III



George Thomlison
Facilities and Operations employee

"Trying to compete with the smart kids in class."

"I quit my attempt to study today." [Do you have an exam tomorrow?] "No, next week, so it's no big deal. It wasn't really studying; it was reading."

"I quit trying in school, with the weather." [So what's with all these open text books in front of you?] "This is not me trying. Me trying would be over there [in the Alumni Room]. This is me socializing." [Hence the blank engineering paper in front of you?] "Exactly."

"Not smoking; I just had a smoke. No new year's resolutions; if you don't make them, you don't have to keep them. I haven't quit anything." [Ever?] "It's been so long that I don't remember."



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