

April 18, 2012

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to the rescheduled sixth meeting of the reconstituted Liaison Committee. The meeting will take place on Monday, April 30 at 17:00-18:30 (light refreshments at 16:30) at Mishkenot Sha'ananim. Our topic will be **"Islam and the Churches in West Africa- The Cast of Uganda"**.

Our guest speakers will be Pastor Umar Mulinde (38) from Uganda who is recovering at Sheba Medical Center in Israel from severe facial wounds inflicted on him in a Christmas-eve acid attack. The attack on Mulinde took place as he was leaving a service at his 10,000 member Gospel Life Church International on Entebbe-Kampala highway. According to Pastor Mulinde, his attacker, who pretended at first to be Christian, shouted "Allah Akbar" after pouring acid on him immediately after services. He views the attack as part of attempts by violent elements among the Muslim minority in Uganda to silence Christian leaders.

He arrived in Israel on January 5, eight days after the attack, and is expected to need one more month of treatment in Israel before he can return home. Mulinde is a former Muslim Sheik who converted to Christianity in 1993 and is the father of six.

Due to Pastor Mulinde's medical condition, special preparations are being made for his presentation.

**Please confirm your participation by phone or e-mail to the Ecumenical Fraternity or to the B'nai B'rith World Center.**

Sincerely,

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*The "Liaison Committee" is an informal Jewish-Christian initiative aimed at fostering better mutual respect and understanding between local Jews and Christians in a congenial atmosphere, and a platform for raising and resolving issues that impact on both communities.*

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