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Jamal Qureshi is a 1998 graduate of Near Eastern studies at BYU. Born to immigrant parents in Colorado, Qureshi's father is from Pakistan and his mother is from Norway. He lived in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, until he was ten years old when the family returned to Colorado. While at BYU, Qureshi attended the Jerusalem Center in the intensive Arabic program. He left BYU

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