Subject: Re: Store Honors Islamic Martyr Posted by [NE]Fobby[GEN] on Tue, 22 Sep 2009 15:06:55 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

pawkyfox wrote on Tue, 22 September 2009 02:50(NE)Fobby(GEN) wrote on Mon, 21 September 2009 14:54Imam Ali is in reference to the cousin of Muhammed. Shi'ite Muslims take the day of his death as a day of mourning.

I don't see anything wrong with that. People take Christmas holidays off, for example, what's wrong with the commemoration of this holiday? I'm not someone who celebrates this or anything, but why should anyone care?

true but how many western people are going to know all that? They see a arabic name and the 9/11 date, then they make the most obvious connection.

Yeah I understand how the connection could be made in someone's head, but I think one should at least ask the store owner for clarification, or do a quick google search for "Imam Ali" (which is what I did), before jumping to that conclusion.

Don't Arabs use the lunar calendar also? That means their celebrations are on a different date on our calendar every year.