

Dr. Qanta Ahmed's Visit to Colombia

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Dr. Qanta Ahmed, a physician, author and media commentator, is recognized for her publications in The Guardian, The Wall Street Journal, Al Jazeera, and many others, addressing issues of global relevance. Her outstanding journalistic work includes being the first Muslim woman to receive the Templeton-Cambridge Journalism Fellowship at Cambridge University. In addition, she has been a guest on various television programs, including Fox News and CNN, to discuss issues related to Islam and public health.

During her visit to Colombia, Dr. Qanta's primary focus was to raise awareness about the atrocities of October 7, 2024, elucidating to the Colombian public why these events could be considered a genocide against Jewish people. Her objective was to draw attention to the violence witnessed in the morgues during her visit to Israel. To achieve this goal, she engaged with various media channels, universities, and events to inform the Colombian populace about what transpired and to highlight the plight of hostages still in Gaza.

Interview with Cristina Castro Editor at Semana

During Dr Qanta's visit, she was invited to participate in an interview with the International Editor of Semana, a prestigious and well-known magazine in Colombia directed by Vicky Davila. During the interview, Dr. Qanta presented photographs depicting the massacre that occurred on October 7, 2023. Subsequently, an article based on this interview was published.



Meeting with Ingrid Betancour



Later, she had a meeting with Ingrid Betancour, a prominent politician in Colombia who was once abducted by the FARC guerrillas. Given Ms. Betancour's background, they discussed the issue of hostages in Gaza. The photographs she presented during the meeting evoked strong emotions from Ms. Betancour.

Interview with El Tiempo

She participated in an online interview with El Tiempo, Colombia's largest news company, meeting with the International Editor, Angie Ruiz. During this interview, they discussed the violations against women that occurred during the events of October 7. Subsequently, an article based on this interview was published.

Event with the Jewish Community at the Asociación Israelita Montefiore



She engaged with the local Jewish community to share her firsthand account of the atrocities she witnessed in the morgue. The Jewish community warmly welcomed her and attentively listened to her presentation, actively posing numerous questions during the session.

Breakfast with Congresswoman

She conducted a presentation during a breakfast meeting with 16 congresswomen from the Women's Equity Commission. The focus of the discussion was on the sexual assaults that occurred on October 7, and Dr. Qanta presented various photographs depicting these violations. Following the presentation, there was an engaging round of questions, during which women from different political parties expressed genuine interest in the topic.



Lecture at Bosque University with students from Political Science and Medicine



Following her previous engagements, Dr. Qanta delivered a lecture at El Bosque University, presenting her findings from the morgue to students alongside faculty members from the fields of medicine and political science. Over 50 students attended the lecture and actively listened to her presentation. Subsequently, an open discussion ensued where questions were posed by both the faculty members and the students in attendance.

Interview Red + Noticias with Ana Rodriguez, International Editor

Subsequently, she participated in an interview with the international editor at Red+ Noticias, which was broadcasted on television. The interview focused on the topic of women's rights violations, particularly discussing Qanta's perspective on the Colombian situation.



Conference with Israeli-Colombian Chamber of Commerce



During her visit, Dr. Qanta attended an event organized by the Colombian-Israeli Chamber of Commerce. At the event, she engaged in discussions with various businesswomen about the sexual assaults and other inequities experienced by Israeli women during the events of October 7.

Meeting with the Interreligious Community

The next day, Dr. Qanta had a meeting with the Interreligious Dialogue Community, where she shared the atrocities of October 7 with leaders from various religious communities. During the

meeting, she emphasized the intolerance expressed by radical Islamism towards other religions.

Leaders NTN 24 Interview

She was interviewed by NTN 24, a subsidiary of the popular Colombian RCN Channel Company. During the interview, she was recognized as a leader facilitating change through her objective observations. The conversation also delved into discussions about what the world can do to support Israeli women.

Reception at the Ambassador's Residence

Distinguished figures from Colombian politics, like the wife of the former president, Iván Duque, and Jewish community leaders were invited to the Ambassador's Residence for a dinner event. During this gathering, they engaged in discussions about the violations in a more relaxed environment, yet the gravity of the discussions remained impactful and profound.



Podcast with Institute of Political Sciences with the Executive Director, Carlos Augusto Chacón



The next day, Dr. Qanta had a meeting with the Director of the Institute of Political Sciences where they recorded a podcast discussing the violence witnessed on October 7. They delved into the geopolitics of the Middle East, highlighting Israel as the sole democracy in the region.

Lunch with Jewish Community Women

With the assistance of several women from the Jewish community in Colombia, a lunch event was organized. During the lunch, Dr. Qanta shared her firsthand observations from the morgue shortly after the October 7 attack, highlighting the horrendous violations of human rights she witnessed. Additionally, she inquired about the status of Jewish women in Colombia, fostering a meaningful discussion on this topic during the gathering.



Women in Leadership Forum



Later that day, Dr. Qanta had an event with influential businesswomen at CESA University, one of Colombia's premier institutions for business education. During the talk, she discussed the violations of October 7 and also addressed the topic of intolerance toward other religions by radical Islam, emphasizing its economic impacts in the Middle East.

Forum “Risks and opportunities in the Middle East” at University EIA

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Conference with Jewish Community

Lastly, she had a conference with the jewish community in Medellín, where she spoke about the atrocities of thew 7/10. She also asked about the vibrant jewish community in Medellín and what has happened with the opinion of the colombians about Israel.