

INFORMATION MATERIALS DISSEMINATED ON BEHALF OF BANI FOUNDATION

On June 6 and June 9, 2025, I disseminated informational materials on behalf of the Bani Foundation, a foreign principal, to a list of U.S.-based journalists via email. The materials included a media pitch and an press release titled “A Light in the Dark – Global Suicide Prevention Event Led by Iranian Spiritual Leader Master Kateb,” both pasted below.

The materials aimed to promote public attendance and media coverage of an online event centered on mental health and spiritual resilience. The content did not include the required disclaimer due to lack of awareness at the time of dissemination. I read about the disclaimer for the first time when receiving your letter from June 04, 2025. I acknowledge the oversight and will ensure compliance in all future materials.

MEDIA PITCH:

Dear (Recipient),

I hope this message finds you well.

I’m reaching out on behalf of the Bani Foundation to personally invite you to cover a story we believe may align with your reporting: “A Light in the Dark,” a global online seminar on suicide prevention, airing Wednesday, June 12. We’d also be honored to have you join as a guest participant if you wish to contribute your voice or perspective.

The session will be led by Master Kateb (Kamal Almasi Jaf), a Iranian spiritual teacher, author, and former political prisoner whose message has become a quiet force of healing and resistance for Iranians living under repression or in exile. His community now spans over 500,000 followers worldwide, many of them young, disillusioned, and at risk.

The conversation will center on mental health, resilience, and spiritual self-recovery in the face of trauma and displacement. The context behind the event, including the regime’s efforts to silence Master Kateb and a recent attempt to forcibly repatriate him, gives it a sense of urgency.

The essentials:

- Date: Wednesday, June 12
- Hour: 12 PM PT | 3 PM ET | 7 PM CET | 8 PM Iraq | 10 PM Iran
- Online event, free and subtitled live in English
- Live Q&A with Master Kateb

I’ve attached our media release with full details. If you’re interested, I’d be happy to coordinate an early interview with Master Kateb (Farsi or English), or simply offer a quote or background for your coverage. We believe this story deserves visibility, not just as a spiritual initiative, but as a window into the silent mental health crisis facing Iranian youth globally.

Thank you for the work you do, (Recipient). Please don’t hesitate to reach out directly. My contact info is below.

Warm regards,

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Release attached

PRESS RELEASE:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BANI FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES “A LIGHT IN THE DARK,” A GLOBAL SUICIDE PREVENTION SEMINAR ON THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Public Online Event to Feature Spiritual Leader Master Kateb and Real-Time Q&A

“A Light in the Dark” will begin at 12:00 PM Pacific Time, 3:00 PM Eastern Time, 6:00 PM in London, 7:00 PM Central Europe, and 8:00 PM in Iraq, and 10:00 PM in Iran

Oakland, June 6, 2025 — The Bani Foundation will host a global public seminar titled *A Light in the Dark: A Conversation on Suicide Awareness and Prevention* on Thursday, June 12, 2025. The 90-minute online event will be conducted via Zoom and led by Master Kateb (Kamal Almasi Jaf), spiritual teacher and founder of the Bani Foundation. The session is free and open to the public and will include a keynote presentation, real-time English subtitles, and a live Q&A with participants from around the world.

“*A Light in the Dark*” will begin at 12:00 PM Pacific Time, 3:00 PM Eastern Time, 6:00 PM in London, 7:00 PM Central Europe, 8:00 PM in Iraq, and 10:00 PM in Iran. The presentation will be delivered in Persian, with simultaneous English subtitles provided to ensure global accessibility.

“This is a global crisis, and silence is not an option,” said Master Kateb. “Spirituality, education, and connection can become tools of rescue. We must speak, and we must listen.”

The event was inspired by a member of the foundation who shared their personal struggle with suicidal thoughts. In a recent poll conducted by the Foundation, 16 percent of respondents reported having considered suicide at some point in their lives. Globally, more than 14 million people attempt suicide each year, making it one of the most urgent and under-addressed public health crises of our time.

Master Kateb’s keynote will explore the psychological, social, and spiritual roots of suicidal ideation, as well as practical strategies for prevention. The session will introduce attendees to techniques for emotional grounding and mind control, drawn from the Bani Foundation’s teachings. Personal stories from survivors and community members will underscore the human dimension of the crisis, while the Q&A session will allow participants to ask direct questions, share concerns, and engage in open dialogue.

The Bani Foundation invites journalists, media professionals, mental health advocates, educators, religious leaders, and families affected by suicide to attend. This seminar is a rare

opportunity to hear from a spiritual leader tackling suicide from an integrated perspective that includes faith, psychology, and public discourse.

The Zoom session is free to join. Registration and access are available at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81813706766>. International dial-in options are available for participants outside the U.S. Webinar ID: 818 1370 6766.

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ABOUT THE BANI FOUNDATION

The Bani Foundation is a US-headquartered international nonprofit organization dedicated to spiritual awakening, freedom of conscience, and human dignity. Founded by spiritual teacher and author Master Kateb (Kamal Almasi Jaf), the Foundation serves a global community of more than 500,000 followers across five continents through mentorship, educational programs, and digital media campaigns that collectively generate up to 10 million views each month.

Rooted in the revived Bani path (known in the West as ECK, an ancient tradition of divine Light and Sound) the Foundation operates spiritual centers in the United States and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, with registered initiatives in Canada and Nigeria. Its infrastructure includes a 15,000-square-meter ashram in Erbil, alongside a global network of more than 30 certified spiritual guides who mentor nearly 1,000 active students.

During Iran's 2022–2023 “Woman, Life, Freedom” uprising, the Bani Foundation emerged as a powerful spiritual presence, offering teachings, emotional support, and widely circulated content. Kamal's messages became a beacon of hope and resistance, shared across independent media and underground networks.

Imprisoned in Iran for his beliefs and exiled under ongoing threat of assassination and forced repatriation, Kamal continues to lead the Bani path as a political and spiritual refugee.

Beyond its spiritual mission, the Foundation leads social campaigns focused on addiction recovery, superstition awareness, ecological responsibility, suicide prevention, and animal welfare. It also provides thousands of dollars annually in direct support to vulnerable communities.

For more information, visit www.bani-foundation.com or follow @kamal_almasi-jaf, and @bani_foundation on Instagram.

MASTER KATEB (KAMAL ALMASI JAF)

Master Kateb (Kamal Almasi Jaf) is a spiritual leader and human rights advocate whose teachings have sparked a global movement for inner freedom and dignity. Born in 1970 in Sanandaj, in the Kurdish region of Iran, Kamal developed an early spiritual awareness through exposure to ancestral disciplines and teachings rooted in the mystical practice of the Light and Sound of God.

At the age of 27, Master Kateb began formally sharing what would become the Bani path, a revival of an ancient spiritual tradition known in the West as ECK. His message, centered on nonviolence, spiritual sovereignty, and direct connection with the divine, quickly gained traction among youth and seekers across Iran.

As his influence grew, so did state repression. Master Kateb was imprisoned for three years in Dastgerd Prison. Following his release and continued persecution, he fled to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and later sought political asylum. He has lived in exile for more than a decade under constant threat of assassination and forced repatriation.

Today, Master Kateb leads a global spiritual movement with more than 500,000 followers across five continents. He has authored over 20 books in Farsi, including *The Tsunami of God* (published in the United States), *The Sacred Silence of God*, and *Self-Realization*. His teachings are transmitted through courses, initiations, and personalized mentorship.

Master Kateb's message played a vital role in Iran's 2022–2023 "Woman, Life, Freedom" uprising, offering spiritual strength and strategies of peaceful resistance. He continues to inspire a worldwide community in pursuit of inner peace, freedom of conscience, and moral strength. Follow him on Instagram at @kamal_almasi-jaf.

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