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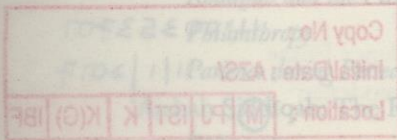


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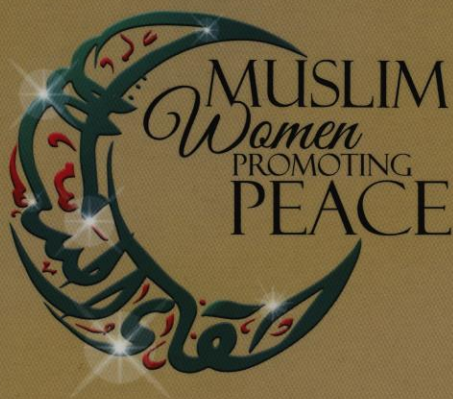
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There are many pious women, coming from various professions, promoting peace through philanthropic activities, inter-faith dialogues, education and empowering women in leadership roles. Most approaches to peace building have ignored or marginalised issues of gender and women. Women, and particularly Muslim women, receive less attention than men in peace building activities. This is in spite of the fact that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has criticised such marginalisation and neglect and promoted women's involvement in peace and security. The OIC calls for gender issues and the need for women to be given much more serious attention in all policies relating to peace. The authors of *Muslim Women Promoting Peace* have discussed theological and philanthropic and ethical issues relevant to understanding Islamic approaches to peace and highlighted, in a lucid manner, the everyday practices of peace building engaged in by few Muslim women from various parts of the Muslim world. They question the existing Western popular narratives and juxtapose them with Islamic perspectives and practices and thus offer a grounded understanding of peace in Islam and the role of Muslim women in promoting peace. Muslim women and peace is a topical issue and has been for a very long time, and as the authors of *Muslim Women Promoting Peace* show, it continues to demand from the world a more genuine attention and clarity of purpose to fully enjoy positive peace for all. The world would be a better place if individuals and organizations recognise the role of men and indeed women in peace building in a more holistic manner - from self, family, community and the world at large.

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