

Secular AZ News



Coming this summer (eventually):

With a mere six Republican lawmakers dissenting (some of whom gave extensive floor speeches detailing their opposition), the Senate moved to *sine die* (end session) Friday. However, the House still remains open thanks to pressure on Speaker Bowers from a contingent of antiadjournment GOP Representatives who are still vying to pass their special interest legislation. (Which includes at least [one Christian Nationalist bill](#).)

It is unclear when the House will return to vote on whether to accept the Senate's *sine die*, and there is still a possibility that the Senate may hold a final round of votes on bills when they do.

These bills would likely be legislation to provide businesses

immunity from civil liability if an employee or patron gets sick from COVID-19, and to also retroactively prohibit punishment of businesses and people and that disobeyed Ducey's stay-at-home order.

Additionally:

- Protesters without PPE [harassed Senators](#) Friday as they walked in and out of the state Senate.
- The vast majority of the GOP Senators did not wear masks or PPE on the floor
- Senate floor began with [one of the most inappropriately sectarian prayers](#) of the session so far.

What you can do:

Sign and share the petition to sine die now

#FreeMubarakBala:

On Tuesday, April 28th, the President of the Humanist Association of Nigeria, [Mubarak Bala](#), was [arrested](#) following allegations that he insulted the Prophet Muhammad on Facebook.

It is reported he was arrested on charges of public disturbance and cybercrimes. **It is believed that Mubarak's life is in jeopardy.**



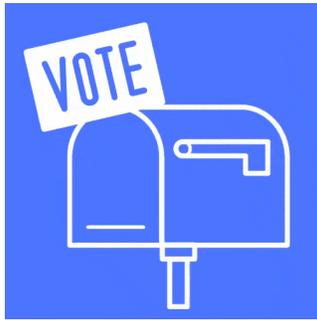
We are joining in solidarity with organizations, governments, and nonreligious people worldwide in calling for Bala's immediate liberation.

Join us by tweeting photos of yourself with the hashtag #FreeMubarakBala at:

- @PoliceNG (Inspector-General Mohammed Adamu)
- @MalamiSan (Minister of Justice Abubakar Malami)
- @MBuhari (President Muhammadu Buhari)

Please include your home city (see photo).

Sign a letter to the Nigerian government and discover other actions you can take at freemubarakbala.org.



Other updates:

- In light of the COVID-19 crisis and the state's unlikelihood to adopt a universal vote-by-mail system in the near future, **we are encouraging all supporters to sign up for the state's Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)**. Read how to do so [here](#).
- Read Secular AZ Legal Director Dianne Post's latest editorial, published on Blog for Arizona: [Democracy or Theocracy – Who Decides?](#)

Announcements



Fun with Fallacies:

Kingman Freethinkers invites you to an [interactive Zoom presentation 10:00 AM Saturday, May 16!](#)

Mark Niski will present on logical fallacies: errors in reasoning that render an argument invalid. Stay for a post-presentation Discussion & Commentary, and share about your favorite social media fallacy! Learn more [here](#).



More virtual presentations:

Members of Secular AZ and members of our [liaised organizations](#) around the state may attend live via Zoom. [Contact us](#) for more information. (Not a member? [Contact us today!](#))

- Sunday, May 17, 10a: Matt Long: The Psychedelic Revolution; part of the [HSGP Sunday Speaker Series](#)
- Saturday, May 23, 2p: Freedom From Religion Foundation – Valley of the Sun Update
- Saturday, June 6, 2p: ACLU of Arizona

You can also check out recordings of past meetings [here](#).



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