

# TALIBAN OUTCLASSES MAMDANI AND SHERRILL

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The Taliban are known as among the world's most brutal terrorists, yet they exhibited more humanity at the end of Ramadan than New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani and New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill.

On March 20, the last day of Ramadan, the [Taliban released](#) an American, Dennis Coyle, whom they had imprisoned for over a year, citing the holiday as the reason for doing so. They said his release was "based on humanitarian sympathy and goodwill." Now contrast this with the way Mamdani and Sherrill acted that day. They were not guided by one ounce of "humanitarian sympathy and goodwill."

Mamdani made his first visit to Rikers Island, home to the most violent inmates in the city. This may appear to some as an outreach to the marginalized, but when we learn that he habitually reaches out to murderers and thugs, but not their victims, a different picture emerges.

One New York City police veteran [told reporters](#) that Mamdani "hasn't visited any victims of the heinous crimes some of these guys have committed." He gave as an example a man who tried to knife police officers in Queens, noting that "he visited the criminal's family in that case too." He added, "He can go visit inmates in Rikers, but he can't go visit a cop who gets hurt during an Isis-inspired attack outside the Mayor's home earlier this month."

Sherrill was just as insulting. It is one thing to visit a mosque at the end of Ramadan, quite another to choose one that has been linked to terrorism since its founding in 1989; the co-founder was convicted of funneling money to Hamas.

She met with Imam Mohammad Qatanani, pretending she was a Muslim (she wore a large cloth wrapped around her head, extending down the front of her body), offering her well wishes. This cleric has called for “a new intifada,” and has met with Hamas leaders in Gaza saying, “our wish should be we carry out Jihad to death.” That was his message to Jews—you should all be killed.

Ramadan is a month that begins in mercy, followed by an emphasis on forgiveness, and ends with a prayer asking for emancipation from hell. The Taliban’s decision to release Coyle evinced mercy and forgiveness. Mamdani and Sherrill turned these two virtues on their head, showing mercy and forgiveness for murderers and terrorists

Thus were New York City’s mayor and New Jersey’s governor outclassed by the Taliban. What a sorry state of affairs.