

## Shia Sunni community Iftar was held in Irving Tuesday evening

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Imam Khalid Shaheed, left, leads Shia and Sunni Muslims in prayer (Brad Loper/Staff)

At **Dera Grill Restaurant** on Story Road, **the Institute of Quranic Knowledge & Intrafaith Religious Acceptance**, held an iftar that included members of the Shia and Sunni communities. The event was to build stronger bonds and maintain good will among the two denominations. Sunni Muslims make up the majority of Muslims worldwide, while significant populations of Shia Muslims can be found in Iran and Iraq, and large minority communities in Yemen, Bahrain, Syria and Lebanon. Muslims believe that Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is the month when the Quran was revealed to the prophet Muhammad by God. They observe the holy month by fasting. This year, Ramadan began on June 28 and will end July 28. The fasting each day ends with an iftar, the name of the dinner served at sundown.

