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"A passionate activist and pro-Palestinian, professor Sami Al-Arian was charged with terrorism and held in prison without trial for two and a half years. 'USA vs Al-Arian' is an intimate family portrait that documents the strain brought on by Al-Arian's trial, a battle waged both in court and in the media. A tight-knit family unravels before our very eyes as trial preparations, strategy and spin consume their lives. This is a nightmare come to life, as a man is prosecuted for his beliefs rather than his actions. Director Line Halvorsen presents democracy in a new light in a post-9/11 culture of fear, "security measures" trump free speech and punishment is meted out in the name of protection."

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Commentary by director Line Halvorsen, Leena Al-Arian, Abdullah Al-Arian and producer Jan Dalchow USA vs Al-Arian, short version (52 min) Featurette: What happened after the sentencing (2006-2009) Interview: Sami Al-Arian, Orient Road Jail, Feb 2006 Short: Look For Me - The Children of Gaza (dir. Tone Andersen) Interview with Laila Al-Arian, Democracy Now! September 2008 (www.democracynow.org) ☐ 1h 52 min total

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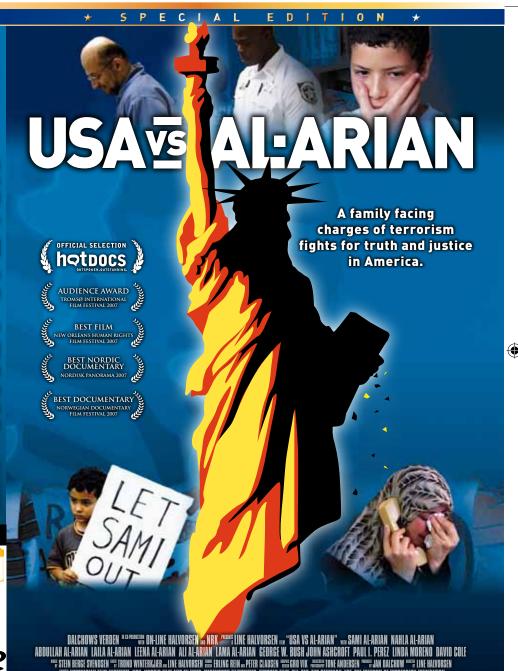
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