

# Toward A Black

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WASHINGTON—Dr. Lonnie Shabazz told more than 500 students attending the "Towards a Black University Conference" at Howard university, "The University of Islam is the Black university, and has been in existence for 38 years."

Dr. Shabazz, who is the Minister of Muhammad's Mosque #4, made his remarks at a forum discussion on "A Black University: a Revolutionary Concept," held on the fourth day of the conference.



Dr. Shabazz

As a panelist, Dr. Shabazz's remarks followed those of the forum Keynoter, Ron Karenga, chief spokesman for "the New Republic of Africa."

**THE REVELATION** of the existence of several Muhammad Universities of Islam around the country created perhaps the most rewarding points of discussion during the entire confer-

ence.

In a question from the floor directed to Karenga, who advocated a "new state," a student asked, "Why have you not joined with the Muslims, and why have you not talked about these Black schools which are already in existence?"

Karenga, while acknowledging that "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad made us all Black," spoke about the need for everyone to be able to "do his own thing."

**DR. SHABAZZ** in responding to the same question pointed out that at least one of the panelists sent his children to University of Islam, and that the concept which the conference was trying to develop has already been developed and put into operation by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He urged the students to follow the example laid down by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad if they are sincere in their efforts to establish a 'Black University.'

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