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## Tough winter ahead



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# Stay alert and stay safe

**Covid-19 continues to devastate people's lives.**

**Businesses have been affected and thousands of people have lost their jobs.**

**Those who flout the rules are risking their own lives and that of others.**

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has urged the nation to show "discipline, resolve, and the spirit of togetherness" to get Britain through the "difficult" winter months to come - or face a new lockdown.

The number of new cases is growing fastest for people in their 20s, he said, but it's now spreading to other age groups, he insisted.

Like many other areas in the country, Kirklees has seen a significant rise in rates over the last seven days. Official figures show that 72.71 per 100,000 people in Kirklees tested positive for COVID-19.

The Government also announced that local

restrictions have been reinstated for the whole of Kirklees will returning to being under local restrictions originally introduced on 30 July.

This means that, in addition to the national restrictions, in Kirklees you cannot:

Meet or host people you do not live with in private homes or gardens unless they are in your support bubble.

New rules for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will also include:

**A 10pm curfew for restaurants, pubs and hospitality venues.**

**And they will have to offer table service only – except for takeaway deliveries which can continue.**

**Tougher enforcement powers for shutting down venues which don't force people to stay apart.**

**The military could be called in by police to help enforce**

**the new rules.**

**People should work from home if they can or if their workplace is not Covid safe.**

**Weddings are going to be slashed back from 30 down to 15 – but funerals will continue as they are.**

**Facemasks will be made compulsory for staff in hospitality and close contact places - and taxis too**

**Banning of five-a side football and other games.**

**The return to live sport planned which was pencilled in for October 1 now will not go ahead.**

**Fines will double to £200 for not wearing face masks.**

Councillor Shabir Pandor, Leader of Kirklees Council, said the Kirklees' Outbreak Control Board has written to the Government to ask for more clarity on how the decision was made and what needs to do be done for the restrictions to be lifted.

"Kirklees' Outbreak Control Board has written to the Government to ask them to share with us the rationale for the extra restrictions the whole of Kirklees is now under.

"A more open discussion on the way data is interpreted and how the decisions on local restrictions are made, will help us target our activity and resources so we can get our freedoms back as soon as possible.

"The best way of preventing the spread of COVID-19 is still to social distance, wear a face mask in enclosed spaces and wash your hands regularly."

IMWS Chair Dr Imtiyaz Patel urged the community to adhere to the guidelines.

"It is absolutely imperative that we do not become complacent. We should follow the guidelines set out by the government and Kirklees Council as the rules and regulations are for our benefit."

## Umrah flights to resume

Saudi Arabia will allow pilgrims living inside the country to undertake the Umrah pilgrimage, beginning on October 4, after a seven-month pause due to the coronavirus pandemic, state news agency Saudi Press Agency has reported.

In March, the country had declared a freeze on Umrah, which is an Islamic pilgrimage to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina undertaken any time of the year, attracting 19 million people last year.

Saudi Arabia will now allow 6,000 citizens and residents inside the kingdom to perform Umrah daily, representing 30 percent of a revised capacity of 20,000 that takes into account

precautionary health measures, SPA said.

That will expand to 75 percent of capacity on October 18. Beginning on November 1, the kingdom will allow visitors from specific countries deemed safe to perform Umrah at 100 percent of the revised capacity, until the end of the pandemic, SPA added.

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah is developing a mobile application that will be available a week before the Umrah resumes, so that pilgrims can register and book on it. They will also need to follow the health guidelines provided in the app.

The decision to resume Umrah came after the

kingdom organised the smallest Hajj in modern history in late July, with only up to 10,000 Muslims

allowed to take part in total – a far cry from the 2.5 million who participated last year.

Health authorities said no coronavirus cases were reported at the holy sites during the Hajj, one of the five pillars of Islam and a must for able-bodied Muslims at least once in their lifetime.

Hajj pilgrims circled the sacred Kaaba – a cubic structure inside Mecca's Grand Mosque towards which Muslims around the world pray – along socially distant paths.

The kingdom has sought to

contain a spike in infections, which have now risen to more than 330,000 cases – the highest in the Gulf – and at least 4,500 deaths.

But Saudi Arabia has also reported a high rate of recoveries, which recently surpassed 312,000.

"We care about the safety of all and thus we are taking all the necessary precautionary measures," Saudi health minister, Tawfiq Al-Rabiah told Al-Ekhbariya.

"As long as we still have cases, we will always be evaluating the situation so that we would be taking the right decision. Our decision is based on the spread of the virus and the overall situation."

## PAIGAAM EDITORIAL

# Good progress in Madressa System

Over the last 20 years or so there has been a vast improvement in the Madressa system in our community. In the past it was very different with probably one main Imam responsible for the Salah as well as leading the Madressa. There was no proper management oversight or regulation and each Madressa was able to practice freely without much accountability.

In the not too distant past also physical chastisement was widespread and some children were beaten physically by sticks and other implements and in those days it was seen as a norm and mistakenly some parents stuck to the old adage that "children only learn by the stick". We now know very well that this is not true.

Fortunately this practice is no longer allowed and over recent years many councils have played a positive role in supporting Madressa Committees to develop policies and practices to improve management and oversight. So we are now in a position where the majority of Madressas have in place good policies and practices which include Safeguarding and health and safety. Most Madressas also have a

designated Headteacher who is responsible for managing the Madressa and is accountable to the Madressa Committee or equivalent. Good progress has also been made in the provision of female teachers in most Madressas.

We now have much more transparency and accountability. Many Madressas are also providing some training for teachers and have open evenings for parents and have written syllabuses. All this is very positive and our Madressa Management Committees deserve credit for their great effort on a voluntary basis for the progress made by our Madressas.

However, further improvements could be made by Madressas working together on a joint syllabus as this would provide consistency in what children are taught and would also improve the quality of teaching by sharing good practice.

Another area of improvement would be for Madressas to work together on setting up teacher training programmes covering all the essential aspects. This would be a good improvement on the current system.

As currently there are no formal structured training programmes for teachers which mean that a young person graduates as a Scholar and soon after takes over a class to teach without any formal training. This cannot be the best way to manage teaching establishments and ensuring teachers get the support they need to improve and further develop their skills.

There are also other concerns that should be addressed in this sector. In many parts of the country there are private Madressas with some teachers using their homes to provide tuition. The concern with these private Madressas is that there is no oversight or accountability.

These private Madressas should be brought into line and required to follow regulation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children. Parents have a duty to be careful in choosing Madressas and private Madressas should be chosen with caution and information about health and safety and safeguarding should be ascertained including full details of the qualifications of the teacher and the syllabus to be followed.

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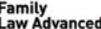
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# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

At the time of writing this article, we have had new guidelines from the government as the pandemic still remains prevalent in our society.

Nationally we are now not allowed to meet in groups exceeding more than 6 people and there are suggestions of a possible curfew between the hours of 10pm till 5am.

The daily rate has increased to more than 4,000 daily and PM mentioning that may mean very sadly more deaths. Let us all collectively pray that we are all safeguarded from this terrible virus and speedy recovery to those affected.

During the 4 month lockdown at the onset of the pandemic, when the doors masjids and the places of worship were locked, we were all missing the masjids and wondering what sort of calamity has befallen us that the doors of Rehmah (masjid) has been closed to us.

Who would have thought that such event would befall us? However, now we are allowed to offer our congregational prayers in jammat in our local masjids, where are the musallees?

Granted there are a small minority in our community who due to medical reasons

are avoiding any public places, but that is a very small minority. There is a very strong possibility of a second spike as the cold weather approaches, and further restrictions are inevitable, and I pray it is not the case, but places of worship again may be locked. So let us make an effort to pray our salaah with jammaat in our local masjids.

The schools and madressah have opened and the universities soon but to the new "norm", with small classes and social distancing. Its good that after 6 months break the educational establishment have resumed albeit under unusual conditions. Credit to our madressah committees and ustaads who have worked tirelessly in preparing for the opening of our local madressah and operating strictly under government guidelines.

At the centre, the wedding hall and sport hall remains closed and the centre is kept open with skeleton staff. The booking of conferences is starting to pick up and we hope that the centre returns to its full capacity.

Personally, the summer has been rather busy with my daughter getting

married along with other family events. The wedding ceremony was within the guidelines and we had to curtail the invitation and the family and friends were very understanding. I wonder that when we have defeated the virus and life returns to some sort of normality, the days when our weddings were 1,500+guests will become a thing of the past. I had a well deserved week break early August to Istanbul, Turkey and will hopefully reflect on the trip over the next editions. It was a very informative and interesting trip as Istanbul has a very rich history.

As we enter our next episode under Covid, I wish all our youngsters returning to schools and colleges the best in their studies. Let us all take care, not become complacent and follow guidelines from authorities as they are after all for our well being and benefit.

With best wishes,

Dr Imtiyaz Patel  
Chair  
IMWS



# GENERAL MANAGER'S COLUMN

I recently announced that IMWS was awarded a grant totalling £39,995 to deliver a project under the banner of alleviating Hunger in Batley & Dewsbury.

The aim of the project is to help alleviate hunger from Batley and Dewsbury. It's a six-month specialist project to support families and community elders who are on low incomes and are living in isolation.

As part of the initiative, I am pleased to let the local community know that we will begin distributing feminine hygiene aid packs to low income families from October with the IMWS Women's committee taking a lead along with our partner organisations.

The second phase which

involves distributing food parcels will commence in November 2020 for a total of 13 weeks.

We will ask for applications in the second week of October or start taking referrals from our partner organisations.

The food parcels will be vegetarian and Halal where needed and accommodate people with special dietary needs such as gluten free foods.

IMWS is keeping a very close eye on the recent developments and preparing ourselves to support our communities.

We have also been working on achieving Dunn & Bradstreet status. Therefore, we have been allocated with a number

and this will allow us to access more Government initiatives for our communities.

The new IMWS website is in development and work has commenced in order to build the site whilst our committee members are working on IMWS branding.

We are hoping to launch our new website and new branding in around November/December.

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# Council plans to develop new Muslim burial area in Batley



The local Muslim community has welcomed the news that Kirklees Council has received planning permission to develop a 1.7 acre area of land at Batley cemetery to provide additional capacity for Muslim burials.

This follows a public meeting in October 2019 at the Al Hikmah Centre where members of the community expressed concerns about the lack of burial capacity for the Batley Muslim community.

During that meeting, it was revealed that in less than two years, plots to bury loved ones within the confines of the Muslim cemetery in Batley, which contains a capacity for around 400 graves, will be filled.

This was a view shared by a report to Kirklees Council's Strategic Planning Committee. The report said the need for Muslim burial space in the district is "urgent" as some cemeteries are running out of space.

The report continued: "Whilst the need for Christian burial has decreased over recent

decades, the need for Muslim burial is urgent.

"The need for burial space within the Batley district and community is identified as being particularly pressing."

It is envisaged the land will be developed for future use with the council set to secure funding and invest resources for remedial work to commence as the land is currently unsuitable due the area being previously used as a glass bank.

Due to the unsuitable nature of the proposed area, the council is proposing the use of concrete boxes for burial. This will require concrete slabs on all four sides and on the top, however, the body will be laid on the ground, within open bottom rectangular boxes. This very method is currently on offer at Dewsbury Cemetery, since the allocated burial area is also deemed to be below standard.

Due to the added protection of the concrete boxes there will be a cost implication, which has yet to be finalised.

Confirming that the use of

rectangular box is permissible for Islamic burial, Mufti Zakaria Akudi told Paigaam: "In the mentioned situation where due to the softness and instability of the ground having the four walls of the grave reinforced by concrete is not a problem Islamically. The Sunnah is to lay the body to rest on soil and that aspect is being fulfilled."

Mohammed Laher, Chair of the IMWS Burial Committee confirmed to Paigaam that the IMWS Committee is working closely with Kirklees council in order to further develop the proposed site in Batley.

He said the area will be landscaped by Kirklees Council with both Muslim and Christian areas partitioned by a wooden fence.

It is envisaged burial capacity will total around 400 plots, providing suitable capacity for the next decade, assuming the average number of deaths is around 40 and will be ready

by 2022.

"We are very pleased that the 1st phase of the development of the new burial ground has been approved," said Mr Laher.

"Hopefully, the new plot will be ready by early Spring of 2022. Our members wish for their loved ones to be buried in Batley and I hope this extension of the burial plot will give them that assurance."

When pressed on any alternative burial sites, Mr Laher said, in the future, Heckmondwike cemetery, which has sufficient capacity for burial, could also be used as a viable alternative.

He said: "Heckmondwike Cemetery has the capacity for over 800 plots.

"IMWS is also working with the council in relation to the Heckmondwike cemetery, so that we can assess any relevant issues, including burial and parking along with anything else that we may need to consider, for future use."



# Tracy Brabin: We will do all we can to lower the Covid-19 infection rate



The new restrictions will be disappointing for many but they are the result of a spike in local cases.

This is a worrying time for our community and we have to pull together to fend off this terrible virus once again, to ensure we don't experience anything like what happened earlier this year.

We all need to play our part by sticking to these restrictions by not socialising with people from outside our household.

This month I wanted to use my column to talk about some of the global issues constituents have been contacting me about recently, with the abhorrent abuses of human rights in Xinjiang of Uyghar Muslims and the plans to build more settlements in the West Bank being issues of great concern to many constituents.

I have been horrified by the reports of human rights abuses in Xinjiang including mass detentions, efforts to restrict cultural and religious practices and mass surveillance disproportionately targeting the Uyghur community. Recent reports of forced intra-uterine devices, sterilisation and abortion to minimise Uyghur birth rates are also deeply disturbing.

The actions that the Chinese authorities are taking in Xinjiang contravene China's own constitutional provisions on freedom of religion and

its obligations under the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

As Shadow Minister for Cultural Industries I am concerned that the Disney corporation, the world's most successful media producer, chose to film their newest release, 'Mulan', in Xinjiang and thanked the Chinese government for their help. The irony is striking, a story about family, friendship and emancipation being filmed against the backdrop of a genocide.

I have long believed the Government should impose sanctions on Chinese officials involved in the persecution of the Uyghur people in Xinjiang, including the State Secretary Chen Quanguo. Unfortunately, I am concerned that the Government's response to this situation has been too apathetic.

I would like to see the Government adopt a more strategic approach to China based on an ethical approach to foreign policy. This should include pressing the Chinese authorities to close the detention camps, cease indiscriminate surveillance and restrictions on religion and culture, and allow UN observers unfettered access to the region.

There was a debate held in the House of Commons on the 9th September, which unfortunately I was

not selected to speak in, on the continued repression of Uyghars in Xinjiang province. I asked the government about reports of forced sterilisations of Uyghars in June, and the Minister for Asia noted concerns, but did not provide any actual action that the government were taking to address this.

Also, revelations that many global corporations, including Nike, Apple, Adidas and Disney are using labour provided by Uyghar Muslims who are being forced into camps is disgraceful, and the government should be doing so much more to pressure these companies to remove their factories from places like Xinjiang who abuse the human rights of their people.

I have also been repeatedly contacted regarding Israel's illegal plans to annex more territory in the West Bank. I was pleased that the Israeli Government have announced that they are suspending these plans, after the announcement of an agreement with the UAE establishing normal diplomatic relations. The normalisation of relations between the two nations is an important step in the path to a peaceful two-state solution to the issues in Israel and Palestine and will provide security and stability for Palestinians in annexed territories. My good friend Lisa Nandy, the Shadow

Foreign Secretary, said that "The Labour Party is hopeful that this announcement will be the first step towards the full withdrawal of annexation proposals, and that this can be a catalyst for a meaningful and lasting peace to be negotiated between the Israelis and Palestinians – an outcome we believe can only be achieved by a peaceful two-state solution in the Middle East."

This is a sentiment that the government agrees with too, with Dominic Raab adding that whilst this is an important step, "there is no substitute for direct talks between the Palestinians and Israel, which is the only way to reach a two state solution and a lasting peace."

I know that, like me, many of you will want to see peace, and the only way to achieve peace is through diplomacy and negotiations. I really hope that this agreement is another on the path to peace started by the Camp David accords. Labour has consistently called for peace and stability between Israel and Palestine, and I know that a Labour government will ensure that the UK will prioritise efforts for peace and stability across the world.

As ever, I am always wanting to hear from constituents about any issues they face so please get in touch at [tracy.brabin.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tracy.brabin.mp@parliament.uk) or on 01924 900036.

# IMWS organise free medical day in Gaza for orphans and poor families



The Indian Muslim Welfare Society has organised and delivered a free medical day for orphans and poor children in Gaza as part of the organisation's aim to improve the wellbeing of orphans and poor families in Gaza, who remained trapped in what is often referred to as the world's largest prison.

Once again, the projects were delivered in a concise and efficient manner by the society's long-term charity partner, Palestine Welfare House.

Thanks to the IMWS donation of £4,000, PWH ensured 420 poor families and orphaned children and injured patients arrived at the Jabila medical centre in Jabila city and received dental, paediatric, ENT, surgery, internal disease and dermatology treatment.

In addition, laboratory and X-ray clinics were also used as and when required throughout the day with medicine also provided for

participants to take home with them.

It is envisaged, as there is no cost implication to hard pressed families, the treatment will help improve the health and psychological state of orphans and families and help establish bridges of mercy and solidarity amongst different sectors of society and help them to navigate through the difficult predicament they find themselves in with the blockade and siege of the Gaza strip.

Participants expressed their gratitude and thanks for all those who contributed in order to enable the orphans and poor families to benefit from the medical care received.

Munir Daji of IMWS thanked members for taking the time to donate money to Gaza and appealed for prayers and donations for all those who are suffering in such a noble and sacred land. "Thank you very much for your donations

to IMWS, your donations have been sent to the people of Gaza who are very grateful. "IMWS works directly with the charity Palestine Welfare House which is based in Gaza to provide aid to those in need. The appeal is open throughout the year and donations can be made directly at the Al Hikmah Centre during normal working hours."

Masum Karolia, IMWS Charity group chair also sent his heartfelt thanks to the community. He said: "Once again, we would like to remind all our members that our charity projects in Palestine and the South Gujarat project are ongoing all year round, so please feel free to inquire directly if you wish to donate."

Gaza today remains much of the same ruins we saw on circulating pictures during the summer of 2014. Its rubble streets mean many schools have been operating without a roof or even walls. Families seen living and eating on the

rubble of what once used to be a home have graced our smart phones.

Years of conflict has left around 80 per cent of the population dependent on international assistance according to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Over 1.2 million have registered as refugees with UNHCR. Now, the 1.8 million people who reside in Gaza are facing even harsher conditions with the thought of survival not just for themselves but for their children racing through their worried minds.

The current condition in Gaza is very complicated not only due to continuous blockade, the current COVID 19 pandemic has ensured everyone in the area is severely at risk and life has become even more unbearable for people.

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# A modern day Holocaust is



Bosnia, Myanmar, Palestine and Kashmir. The world seems to have a cruel habit of ignoring state-led ethnic cleansing of Muslims.

However, the terror wreaked upon China's Uighur Muslims should alarm every single human being on the planet.

The very phrases "ethnic cleansing" and "concentration camps" conjures up images of the Holocaust where innocent members of the Jewish faith were mercilessly murdered by the Nazis.

Yet, much of the world remains unaware of the horrors that the Uighurs are currently facing.

Satellite images show that China has built 260 prison camps capable of holding hundreds of thousands of Uighur Muslims.

in the last three years in almost every county of Xinjiang, the autonomous region in western China which is home to approximately 10

million Uighur Muslims.

Up to 1.5million people are thought to have been detained in the province since 2017 by the Chinese government.

Satellite images show huge compounds surrounded by guard posts and a layer of barbed wire on either side of high walls.

Analysis of the images also suggested that some of the centres have the capacity to house at least 10,000 people.

Drone footage showed thousands of shaven headed and blindfolded people kneeling in rows and surrounded by guards as they waited to be loaded onto a train.

In December, officials claimed that all detainees had "graduated" and been allowed to return to their lives, but evidence suggests that the network of camps has remained populated and continued to expand.

Beijing claims the camps are "re-education" centres intended to tackle extremism.

However, G McDougall, who sits on the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, claimed that up to two million Uighurs and other Muslim minorities were forced into "political camps for indoctrination."

Confronted with the footage during an appearance on the BBC's Andrew Marr show, the Chinese ambassador to the UK said: "I do not know where you get this video tape.

"Sometimes you have a transfer of prisoners. In any country."

He went on to accuse Western intelligence agencies of making "false accusations" against China.

At least one in every 10 Uighur Muslims living in Xinjiang have been "disappearing into internment camps" for no other crime but practicing Islam.

## Who Are the Uighurs?

The history and identity of Uighur Muslims highlights why China, a predominantly atheist communist nation is committed to eliminating Islam.

The Uighurs are stigmatised on two fronts: ethnicity and religion, and trapped within an Orwellian state that views Muslim identity and culture as a threat to the majority-Han ethnic population.

Uighur Muslims are actually indigenous to Xinjiang which borders Mongolia and a plethora of Muslim-majority nations such as Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and other countries populated with predominantly Turkic peoples.

Uighur Muslims also have their own language, Uighur, formerly known as Eastern Turki, which is only spoken by the Uighur inhabitants of Xinjiang.

# taking place in front of our eyes

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After briefly declaring independence in the early 20th century, Xinjiang was invaded by China and remains under its authoritarian control to this day.

Citing persecution and discrimination, some of the Uighur population in China have sought to reclaim their independence.

In response, China has promoted the mass movement of the Han Chinese population into Xinjiang, which has effectively reduced Uighur Muslims into a minority, strategically preempting the possibility of independence.

The 9/11 terror attacks in the United States created new possibilities for China to suppress its Uighur Muslim population. Beijing adopted the American "War on Terror" strategy that conflated Islam with terrorism.

China began a relentless crackdown on Uighur Muslims simply because they refused to trade in their faith, language and customs for the alternatives forced upon them by Beijing.

## **Criminalising Islam**

China's full-scale ethnic cleansing makes Islamophobia in the UK and Europe look like child's play.

Criminalising and closely policing Islam is how Beijing seeks to bring about that goal.

In 2015, China stopped Uighur Muslim students, teachers and other civil servants in Xinjiang from observing Ramadhan, which extended beyond the public sphere by way of police intimidation and surveillance within households during the holy month.

This ban was accompanied, according to Human Rights Watch, by routine state

vetting of Uighur imams, close surveillance of masjids, the removal of religious teachers and students from schools, and heavy restrictions placed on communication with family or friends living abroad.

## **Internment**

While Xinjiang has rapidly devolved into an open-air prison for Uighur Muslims in recent years, the open observance of Islam would lead one directly to the most vile type of Chinese prison: an internment camp designed to "cure" one from Islam and crush the Uighur people.

Internment camps, called "re-education centres" by the state, have grown in size and number.

Within these overpopulated camps, state agents are commissioned to heal the illness (Islam) through a litany of horrors, including forcing Uighur Muslims to eat pork and drink alcohol, memorise and recite Communist Party songs.

They are also forced to engage in gruelling work, enroll in Mandarin language courses and comprehensive training which was devised to extract their religion and culture from them.

Locked up, uprooted far from home and family, 10-20 percent of the Uighur Muslim population in Xinjiang are currently experiencing or have endured the horrors of the largest network of internment camps since World War II.

Those who resist while inside are tortured, and reports of deaths from family members and outright disappearances are widely documented.

The majority of those interned have been men, whilst Uighur Muslim women have been forced to marry (non-Muslim) Han men, further diluting the Uighur

Muslim population.

The threat of internment is a fear that hovers over Xinjiang like a black cloud and looms heavy in the mind of every Uighur Muslim.

This fear is a weapon that the Chinese government has wielded to deter and intimidate Uighurs from exercising their faith, enforced by way of an overabundant amount of police in Uighur Muslim communities, who keep an eye on the neighbours, classmates and colleagues of Uighurs to serve as data gatherers and spies.

Perhaps what is most disturbing is that China's crackdown has some Uighurs in Xinjiang worried that their own children will incriminate them, whether accidentally or because teachers urge kids to spy on their parents.

China's project of breaking up the family unit, the building block of Uighur Muslim society in Xinjiang, is achieved through the routine programme of marshalling children to report on the religious activities of their parents to (state-controlled) teachers.

But also the formal institution of state-run orphanages, where the sons and daughters of interned Uighurs undergo a programme of cultural brainwashing and assimilation tailored for children can only be described as heart breaking.

Within the walls of these orphanages, children between the ages of six months and 12 years are locked up like farm animals,.

This allows the Chinese authorities to carry out what is perhaps the main aim of their ethnic cleansing program: engineering an entire generation of Uighur Muslims to turn their back on their

religion in favour of atheism, Mandarin language and Han customs privileged by Beijing.

In turn, stripping the Uighur people from its very lifeline, their children, and paving a pathway towards the utter decimation of 10 million Uighur Muslims, and a nation that existed before the creation of the modern Chinese state.

Acknowledging their existence, as a global community, thwarts the very essence of China's ethnic cleansing program: to reject Uighur Muslim identity, and remove them from memory. It is still not too late for us, all of us, to know who the Uighur are, and next, help to prevent the world's next human disaster.

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# Israeli Arab peace deal could be a threat to Al-Aqsa Masjid



A paragraph inserted in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain peace agreements with Israel, brokered by the United States, may be a plan by Israel to capture parts of the Al-Aqsa compound.

According to a report by NGO Terrestrial Jerusalem (TJ), the text embedded within the agreement is so vague, it could have been inserted with the purpose of seeking a “radical change in the status quo” and have “far-reaching and potentially explosive ramifications”.

Under the status quo affirmed in 1967, only Muslims can pray within al-Haram al-Sharif, also known as the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

A statement released by US President Donald Trump on behalf of the US, Israel, and the UAE released on August 13 read: “As set forth in the Vision of Peace, all Muslims

who come in peace may visit and pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Jerusalem’s other holy sites should remain open for peaceful worshippers of all faiths.”

However, Israel defines Al-Aqsa as the structure of the one mosque, as does the statement, the TJ report clarified.

“According to Israel, anything on the Mount that is not the structure of the mosque is defined as ‘one of Jerusalem’s other holy sites’ and open to prayer by all - including Jews,” the report said.

“This choice of terminology is neither random nor a misstep, and cannot [be] seen as anything but an intentional albeit surreptitious attempt to leave the door wide open to Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, thereby radically changing the status quo.”

Palestinians have long been concerned over possible attempts to partition the holy masjid, as was the case with Hebron’s Ibrahimi Mosque.

Over the years, there has been a growing Temple Movement, mostly led by “the extreme Jewish right” that seeks to change the status quo, the report by TJ said. Some call for Jewish prayer on the holy compound, while others aim to build the Third Temple over the ruins of the Dome of the Rock, which according to their belief would usher the coming of the Anti Christ.

Palestinians believe allowing Jewish prayer at the compound and dividing the holy site between Muslims and Jews would be a step towards asserting sovereignty, and eventually attaining their ultimate goal of building the temple.

The plan stipulated “the status quo at the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif should be continued”, but in the following sentence it also said: “People of every faith should be permitted to pray on the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif.”

But there was no clarification as to why the term Al-Aqsa Mosque was used instead of Haram al-Sharif in the accords with the UAE and Bahrain.

The normalisation agreements come as Israeli authorities recently installed loudspeakers on the eastern and western side of the Al-Aqsa compound last week, without the permission of the Waqf.

The holy compound is administered by the Islamic Waqf, seated in Jordan. According to the status quo, Israel is only responsible for security outside of the gates.

# NHS urged to provide Halal flu vaccine



Muslim parents are refusing permission for their children to be given a nasal flu vaccine because it contains pork gelatine.

The Fluenz Tetra is credited with a significant fall in flu cases but it is not considered to be halal.

An alternative halal injection vaccine is only available to the "small" group of children at a higher risk of complications from the flu who can't take the nasal spray, Public Health England, confirmed.

Authorities have been urged to follow the model in Scotland where parents can ask for the injection for religious reasons.

Muslims do not eat pork on religious grounds and Public Health England (PHE) believe that this is the most common reason parents are refusing to give their children the vaccine.

The Muslim Council of Britain has previously quoted Islamic scholars who say vaccines containing porcine are not permitted unless lives are at risk and there are no alternatives.

Dr Shuja Shafi, from the

MCB's research committee, reportedly said the view of some scholars is that 'we need another vaccine which is halal'. In a statement, the MCB said they have never advised against the flu vaccines.

An MCB spokesperson said: that they never issued Islamic rulings, as that is the job of scholars who have a diversity of views.

"The Muslim Council of Britain conveys the views of a diverse range of scholars: that vaccines containing porcine are not permitted in Islam UNLESS lives are at risk and there are no alternatives.

"Our view is not that Muslims should automatically refuse such treatment. Health is paramount, anyone concerned about the use of gelatin in vaccines must consult a medical practitioner and make an informed decision."

The Muslim Council of Britain has, since its inception, campaigned to improve health in British Muslim

communities.

When the roll out of

Fluenz Tetra first became an issue of concern for many Muslim parents in 2014, the MCB facilitated a discussion between Public Health England, scholars, representatives from local and specialist Muslim groups.

In Scotland concerns were addressed by the public health authorities who agreed to offer the alternative injectable vaccine to children whose parents did not wish to take the nasal spray vaccine.

"We understand that Public Health England has not considered offer an injectable vaccine to all children, but is doing so for children at risk," added the MCB spokesperson.

"In short, we have never advised against the flu vaccines but have sought clarity from health authorities so that parents can make informed choices."

A nationwide drive will see every healthy child aged between two and 10 in England offered the vaccine to increase immunity.

PHE has warned there are no 'suitable alternatives' to Fluenz Tetra for healthy children.

Health officials say the

nasal vaccine provides much more effective protection than the injection. Children have been described as "super-spreaders," capable of infecting vulnerable members of the community and families.

"We know that concerns remain amongst some communities about the acceptability of the nasal spray and we have discussed this with the Muslim Council and other faith groups," said Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation at PHE.

"Our first priority is to ensure that vaccines are safe and effective, and PHE does recommend acceptable alternative vaccines where we believe they will perform as well," she said.

Gelatine is used as a stabiliser to ensure that the vaccine remains safe and effective during storage.

However, officials insist developing a new vaccine can take many years until it is fit for market.

"Our health system rightly has no authority over matters of faith, but it does have a responsibility to reduce the risk of harm as much as possible.

"We therefore believe that parents who have faith-based objections to the nasal vaccine should be offered the best possible alternative," said Will Durant, vaccines policy leader at the Royal Society for Public Health.

"At the moment this is the injectable vaccine – less effective than the nasal vaccine, but far more effective than no vaccine at all," he added.

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# Bollywood shows allegiance to Modi as stars shun plight of Indian Muslims

Boy meets girl, they fall in love and against all odds, love overcomes all, right overcomes wrong, you have probably seen it all before and cried a bucket load of tears in the process.

However, are your Bollywood heroes and heroines as virtuous as they seem on screen or in reality, are they either pandering to the whims of the ruling BJP party's nationalist agenda or simply guilty of showcasing selective outrage at the expense of the nation's much maligned Muslim population?

When the red carpet was rolled out to Modi as he visited the United States, the hashtag #HowdyModi was trending as both nations reaffirmed their friendship and bilateral ties.

The Indian Prime Minister gushed over his fascist buddy and tweeted: "Dear @POTUS @realDonaldTrump, your presence at #HowdyModi in Houston was a watershed moment in India-USA ties."

Not to be outdone, the cream of Bollywood fell over themselves to congratulate India's answer to Tommy Robinson.

Actor Akshay Kumar tweeted: "Individually we are one drop. Together we are an ocean."

"A sea of people it was at the #HowdyModi event. India has truly arrived globally! An absolute delight to watch PM @Narendramodi ji saying 'All is well' in multiple regional languages truly representative of 1.3 billion Indians!"

Whilst Salman Khan also got into the act to help his new fascist friend: "Way to go PM

Modi and Prez Trump for a great association between the 2 nations @narendramodi @realDonaldTrump"

Abhishek Bachchan also got into the act and tweeted: "This is amazing #ProudIndian"

After meeting Modi in order to discuss Ghandi's legacy, Aamir Khan said Modi was "Inspiring."

Not to be outdone, Sharukh Khan insisted Modi was an "entertaining man."

In addition, actress Priyanka Chopra, like many other Bollywood stars, shared a lengthy Instagram post on the Black Lives Matter movement.

"There is so much work to be done and it needs to start at an individual level on a global scale. We all have a responsibility to educate ourselves and end this hate," she wrote alongside a picture featuring the words, "I can't breathe".

Very endearing words indeed. However, Chopra has been branded a hypocrite over a tweet she posted amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan.

The incident, which was widely shared online, took place during a cosmetics event in Los Angeles when audience member Ayesha Malik accused Chopra, who was appointed a United Nations goodwill ambassador in 2016, of "encouraging nuclear war against Pakistan".

In the video of the confrontation, Malik is heard saying: "It was kind of hard hearing you talk about humanity, because as your neighbour, a Pakistani, I know



you are a bit of a hypocrite, because you tweeted on February 26, 'Jai Hind [Hail India] #IndianArmedForces'".

"You are a UNICEF (Goodwill) Ambassador for peace and you are encouraging nuclear war against Pakistan, there is no winner in this," she told Chopra.

Tensions between Indian and Pakistan have been running high after the Indian government revoked Article 370 of India's constitution, limiting Indian-administered Kashmir's decision-making powers and eliminating its right to its own constitution.

And although around 300 Bollywood figures signed a letter against the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act and expressed solidarity with the protestors and students, the likes of Sharukh Khan practiced the 'silence is golden' philosophy.

The likes of Ratna Patak Shah,

Naseeruddin Shah, Javed Jafferi, Nandita Das and others condemned the divisive CAB and also disapproved of India's central government's repressive actions to quell the massive protests.

"Our vision for this nation demands that we speak up now, in the name of our democracy and the constitution that protects it. We are aware that we have not always lived up to that promise, and many of us have too often remained silent in the face of injustice," the letter said.

"Contrary to the stated objective of the government, this does not appear to be benign legislation, only meant to shelter persecuted minorities. Why to exclude the most persecuted minorities in the region, the Rohingya of Myanmar or the Uighurs of China?" it added.

# Paigaam Sport: Community and faith groups call on Yorkshire CCC to address racism issues



A number of community and faith groups have signed an open letter to Yorkshire County Cricket Club (YCCC) following serious allegations on institutional racism.

The letter comes in the wake of allegations made by Azeem Rafiq, a Muslim who had two stints at Headingley between 2008 and 2018 before being released and walking away from cricket.

Forty-three signatories from across West and South Yorkshire, including Bradford-based mosque Abu Bakar Masjid, JKN Institute, Raising Explores and Mary Magdalene CIC, signed the open letter, which said: "Recently, we were disturbed to hear the account

of Azeem Rafiq, who claims the "institutional racism" he experienced at Yorkshire County Cricket Club left him

"on the brink of suicide."

"These are serious allegations which have dealt a severe blow to the trust that BAME communities have in the Yorkshire Cricket County Club.

"A beauty of cricket is that it is a binding and unifying force between people from all faiths, races, and cultures. Our shared love of the sport is something which should unite our communities and bring us together. It should never create divisions between us.

"In this country, we believe in justice and equality for all. Therefore, we, the undersigned, call upon the Yorkshire Cricket County Club, the Yorkshire Cricket Board, and the English Cricket Board to:

- Initiate an urgent root and branch investigation into allegations made by Azeem,

including an examination of racism at structural and institutional levels.

- Implement a "Zero Tolerance" policy, such as those already adopted by other sports, to ensure that racism is addressed across all interactions between both members and supporters.

- Work with mainstream grassroots organisations to develop educational and awareness programmes aimed at eliminating all forms of racism throughout the organisations themselves.

The news comes after a number of well-known businesses in Bradford threw their weight behind a petition regarding the allegations.

YCCC launched a formal investigation into Rafiq's allegations and a wider review of club policies and culture.

YCCC said in a statement to paigaam: "Any allegation of this nature is hugely concerning to everyone from the board to the playing staff here, and we take the reports very seriously.

"The club took the decision to launch a formal investigation into the specific allegations made by Azeem Rafiq, and a wider review of YCCC's policies and culture.

"We are in the process of finalising the structure of this investigation and we will be approaching impartial external parties to be part of the review to transparency.

"We fully acknowledge that just as in many walks of life, sport, including cricket and Yorkshire as a club, must do better to fully promote zero tolerance to racism or any form of prejudice."

# The science behind face masks

The Government announced that will be mandatory for all shoppers and staff to wear face masks whilst in store.

Those who refuse to do so will be fined up to £200.

School children also have to wear masks whilst in corridors and those of us who use public transport also have to don the masks.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said the policy would be in place in England for the “foreseeable future”, however, the rules do not apply to all.

## Who is exempt from the rule?

The Government said you do not need to wear a face-covering if you have a legitimate reason not to. This could be:

If you are a child under the age of 11.

If you are not able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability.

If putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress.

If you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip-reading to communicate.

To avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others.

To avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and you do not have a face-covering with you.

When you need to eat or drink.

To take medication.

If a police officer or other official requests you remove your face covering.

There are also scenarios when you are permitted to remove a face covering when asked:

If asked to do so by shop staff for the purpose of age identification

If speaking with people who rely on lip reading, facial expressions and clear sound. Some may ask you, either verbally or in writing, to remove a covering to help with communication

In addition, you do not have to wear one on public transport under the following circumstance:

A person in an allocated cabin, berth or other similar accommodation, when they are in that accommodation alone or only with members of their own household or support bubble.

A person who boards a service in a vehicle and remains in that vehicle whilst using the service, and the vehicle is not itself used for the provision of a public transport service.

An employee of the operator of the relevant public transport service who is acting in the course of their employment.

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A relevant official (an inspector or surveyor of ships, a pilot of a ship, a civil aviation inspector or a border force officer) acting in the course of their employment or their duties.

## What is the reason for using face coverings?

Covid-19 can spread predominantly by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. These droplets can also be picked up from surfaces.



The Government said: “This is why social distancing, regular hand hygiene, and covering coughs and sneezes is so important in controlling the spread of the virus.

“The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face-covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.”

## How to wear a face-covering:

The Government said a face covering should:

Cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably.

Fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face.

Be secured to the head with ties or ear loops.

Be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton.

Ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used).

Unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried

without causing the face-covering to be damaged.

## When removing a face-covering:

Only handle the straps, ties or clips.

Do not share with someone else to use.

If single-use, dispose of it carefully in a residual waste bin and do not recycle.

If reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer’s instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed

## When to wear a face-covering

Different regulations exist for wearing face coverings in different parts of the UK and there are differences between English, Northern Irish, Scottish and Welsh laws.

In England, you must by law wear a face-covering on public transport and in shops and supermarkets and takeaways.

The Government said: “Measures can be taken if people do not comply with this law.

“Transport operators can deny service or direct someone to wear a face covering. If necessary, the police and Transport for London authorised officers can issue fines of £100 (halving to £50 if paid within 14 days). “Shops and supermarkets will be expected to encourage compliance with the law (as they would do more generally) and can refuse entry. In both cases, if necessary, the police have the powers to enforce these measures, including through issuing a fine of £100 (halving to £50 if paid within 14 days).

“You are also strongly encouraged to wear a face-covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing may be difficult and where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet.”

## What is a face covering?

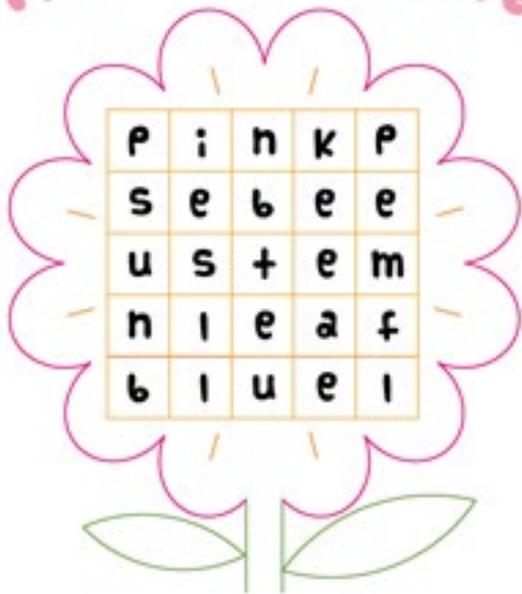
The Government said in the context of the coronavirus outbreak, a face covering is something which safely covers the nose and mouth.

You can buy reusable or single-use face coverings or use a scarf, bandana, religious garment or hand-made cloth covering but these must securely fit around the side of the face.

Face coverings are not classified as PPE (personal protective equipment) which is used in a limited number of settings to protect wearers against hazards and risks, such as surgical masks.

The Government said: “Face coverings are instead largely intended to protect others, not the wearer, against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of virus that causes coronavirus.”

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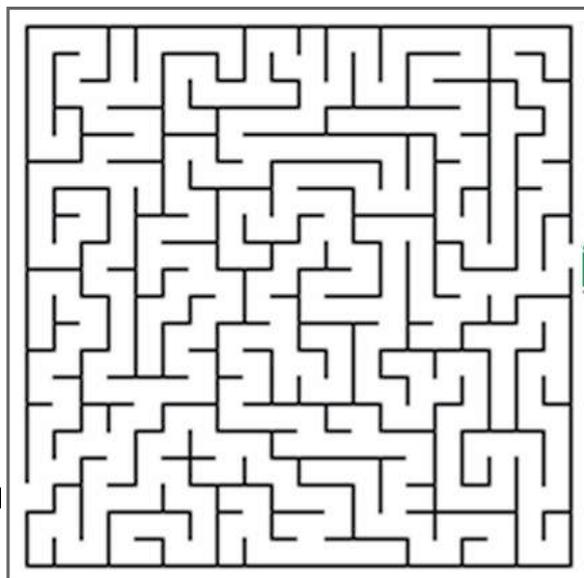
2nd Prize sponsored by Chickanos  
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3rd Prize sponsored by Islamic Bakery  
Pick up ONLY



## Find Your Way Through The Maze To IMWS



HOME

IMWS

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

# Paigaam Star Reviews

## Gelato's cookie dough passion



Sometimes you forget how many dessert places are popping up around the area.

However, for us, Gelato passion is still the best!

The company invites you to sample their extremely fabulous Chocolate cookie dough!

The company insist It will definitely satisfy your taste buds.

Is that the case? they got it absolutely spot on.



**Rating: 4 stars**



Yes there may be more and more burger eateries opening at a very fast rate, but don't forget that all these young pretenders can learn a thing or two from Chickano's.

The Mountain burger meal along with the chicken fillet and Tex Mex salad are said to be favourites amongst youngsters and families alike.

However, don't discount the rest of the menu. The likes of the grilled butterfly burgers boast mouthwatering flavour and the alluring texture will ensure that this burger is like no other.



**Rating: 5 stars**



**Weekend curry anyone?**

Spices and Rices! Where do we start?

A quick glance at their Twitter page @spicesrices showcases how any self respecting business should engage with customers.

Food loving customers are 'friends' who let them know that they have taken their food on holiday with them.

Going out for a weekend curry is part of British culture and there's something quite addictive about Spices and Rices!

Customers also say they have smashed it! We certainly concur - 4 stars to Sarfraz bhai and the team!



**Rating: 4 stars**

# Moulana Tariq Jameel Saheb given prestigious Sitara e Imtiaz award



Renowned religious scholar, Moulana Tariq Jameel saheb has been chosen by the government of Pakistan to receive one of the highest honours in the country.

The Sitara-I-Imtiaz award which is known as the Star of Excellence award, was given to Moulana Tariq saheb by Pakistani President, Dr Arif Alvi in the Pride of Performance category.

The Pride of Performance award is bestowed to recognise people who have made "an especially meritorious contribution to the field of literature, arts, sports, medicine and science". The Pride of Performance is the highest national literary award of Pakistan conferred upon its citizens.

The award recognised his "Immense" contribution to the Islamic world. His simple lifestyle and eloquence in Urdu, as well as his fluency in Arabic, has ensured he is known across the Muslim

world for encouraging Muslims not to neglect the basic practices of their faith.

After completing pre-medical studies, Maulana Tariq was admitted to the King Edward Medical College in Lahore.

It was there, under the influence of members of the Tablighi Jamaat that he decided to pursue an Islamic education as opposed to a secular education.

He studied Qur'an, Hadith, Sufism, logic, and Islamic jurisprudence. His background in the sciences allows him to explain Islamic matters in a way that appeals to modern urban Muslims. Additionally, his simple lifestyle and eloquence in Urdu, as well as his fluency in Arabic, catapulted his fame across the Muslim world.

In addition to running a madrasa in Faisalabad, Pakistan, Maulana Tariq has delivered thousands of lectures around the world.

He has been very effective in influencing all types of the community ranging from businessmen and landlords to ministers, actors, and sports celebrities.

In total, President Alvi conferred 184 civil awards to Pakistanis and foreigners in recognition of their services to Pakistan and showing excellence in their respective fields.

Amongst the people who will be receiving awards include renowned painter Sadeqain Naqvi, and late poet Ahmed Faraz, whilst Edhi Foundation head and social worker Faisal Edhi will be awarded with Tamgha-i-Imtiaz.

President Dr Arif Alvi also conferred a Nishan-i-Pakistan award, the country's highest civil award, on veteran Kashmiri leader Syed Ali Geelani in recognition of his decades-long struggle for Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

President Arif Alvi also

announced a Sitara-i-Quaid-i-Azam or Star of Excellence - the country's third highest civil award -- for Prof. Celal Soydan, who teaches at the Department of Urdu Language and Literature at Istanbul University.

Soydan will be conferred with the medal on March 23 next year on the occasion of Pakistan Day.

He was the first Turk to have completed his Master's Degree in Urdu from Punjab University Lahore in 1993. In 1994, he joined Ankara University, where he completed his doctorate in 1999 on Allama Mohammad Iqbal, Pakistan's national poet, and a 20th century philosopher.

Soydan headed the Ankara University's Department Urdu Language and Literature from 2005 to 2014.

In 2014, he joined Istanbul University, where he is currently teaching Urdu language and literature.

Soydan has also translated into Turkish the entire Diwan (collection of poetry) of Mirza Asadullah Ghalib, the famous Indian poet of Urdu and Persian origin.

He has also translated the Urdu works of Sir Muhammad Iqbal.

Past recipients of the Sitara-I-Imtiaz award include Mufti Taqi Usmani, one of the leading Islamic scholars living today, who was also singled out for authoring more than 40 books and is considered as an authority in the fields of Islamic law, Economics and Hadith.

# Paigaam Legal Column

## Landlord and tenants rights



### **My tenants have not left at the end of the fixed term tenancy.**

In this case you will need to issue a Section 21 notice to the tenants which must give the relevant notice to leave.

This use to be at least 2 months notice but Under the Covid regulations there are now different periods of notice required.

It is vital to seek advice before you issue this notice. To prepare, have all the paperwork to hand to show you have complied with your obligations as a landlord before you proceed, for example, copies of tenancy documents proof you have provided your tenants with EPC certificates and the latest "How to rent" guide. Your solicitor can make sure you comply with all conditions and will draft and arrange service of the notice on your behalf.

### **My tenants have broken the terms of the tenancy.**

If tenants have gone against the agreed terms, a Section 8 notice can be issued for them to leave.

Depending on which terms they have broken you can give notice according to the new Covid regulations.

You are advised to speak to a solicitor to ensure you are taking the best course of action in the circumstances and they will make sure any notice is drafted correctly and served to the tenants.

If a notice has not been acted on, you can apply to the court for a possession order. There are different orders depending on whether or not rent is owed. Your Solicitor will advise you on which order to pursue.

If the tenants want to challenge the order there may be a court hearing, but in most cases a possession order

is issued without the need to go to court. Your solicitor will prepare and apply for the order.

### **The court has ordered them to leave but tenants have not left the property.**

As a last resort a warrant for possession will allow bailiffs to be instructed to remove the tenants from your property.

There are very strict procedural rules to follow when seeking to evict a tenant. The court takes a dim view of any action that could be considered as harassment and it is a criminal offence to evict a tenant without the right court order.

### **Documents to have to hand in when consulting a solicitor.**

- 1- Signed tenancy documents.
- 2- Confirmation that the deposit is held in a deposit scheme and information given to the tenant.
- 3- Details of any rent arrears.
- 4- Proof you have provided the tenants with the EPC certificate.

### **A tenant's guide to dealing with eviction**

There are very clear rules and procedures your landlord must follow if they wish for you to leave a property.

If these rules are not followed your landlord may be guilty of a criminal offence.

The courts take eviction very seriously, as they understand the impact losing your home can have.

The following guide applies to those renting their property under a fixed-term assured shorthold tenancy (where the tenancy runs for a set amount of time, usually six or twelve

months).

Speak to a Solicitor to understand your rights.

### **Your landlord has asked you to leave the property during the fixed term.**

Your landlord cannot ask you to vacate before the end of the fixed term unless they can prove a legal reason to do so, for example you have not paid rent or have used the property for illegal purposes such as selling drugs.

### **Your landlord has told you to leave immediately**

Landlords were required to give notice of between two weeks and two months. However the Covid regulations have now amended the notice periods.

If your fixed term has passed, the standard way a landlord can ask you to leave is through a Section 21 notice.

This gives you the notice period stated in the Section 21 to leave the property.

The other notice a landlord can serve is a section 8.

This is used when the tenant has broken the terms of the tenancy within the fixed term, for example by using the property for illegal purposes.

The landlord must satisfy a number of criteria before any notice to leave is valid. If you have received a notice, seek advice as soon as possible.

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# Mufti Taqi Usmani leading drive to ensure Pakistani banking system is Sharia compliant



Mufti Taqi Usmani one of the leading Islamic scholars in the world today, has been commissioned by the Pakistani National Assembly Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue and the Ministry of Finance and the State Bank of Pakistan to fully convert the banking system into an Islamic friendly system that is no longer reliant on interest.

Mufti Taqi saheb is considered to be the principal authority in relation to Islamic law, Economics and Hadith.

At the age of 20, he wrote his third book 'Commercial Interest' which saw the respected figure receive opportunities to showcase his research on finance and Islamic banks worldwide contacted him to seek his advice.

As the AAOIFI Shariah Board chairman and consultant to several international Islamic

financial institutions, it is envisaged Mufti saheb will play a key part in the move toward interest free banking and the establishment of more Islamic financial institutions in Pakistan.

Having for the implementation of people friendly Islamic financial system that is easy to understand, Mufti saheb explained the importance of a riba-free system and urged Islamic financial institutions to benefit from this golden opportunity.

He said: "Since childhood, I believed that we should have a positive program to show to the world before we launch a campaign for implementation of Islamic system.

"The Islamic law is eternal and all-embracing, and nobody can change it, but I thought that the manner to introduce it should be people-friendly So that they can easily

understand what the Islamic law is."

He set out his reasons as to why he believes that finance is still one of the biggest problems in the world and why an alternative financial system is in dire need.

Mufti Saheb said: "It is the basis of all the economic wars, the basis of duel between communism and capitalism and the basis on which the world powers make their plans.

"So, I felt a desire that I should understand the current financial system and then present Islam's economic system as a substitute."

In the past he has compiled comprehensive reports in relation to the implementation of Islamic finance only to see his efforts snubbed by secular elements within the government.

"On the one hand, there was the President's order to

implement my report and on the other, there was Finance Minister's argument that the implementation would create a lot of problems.

"He tampered with the report in such a way that the interest-based system would continue under the garb of interest-free system, and no actual change would be brought."

Terming interest as the mother of all financial evils, Mufti Taqi said Islam has prescribed an interest free system based on real assets in which all stake holders share the rewards and risks of the commercial activities, where money is only a medium of exchange, and not the object of speculative trade itself.

"All transactions that have no assets underlying them were possible only in a system where money is treated as a commodity and is traded on the basis of interest. This is the only way to avoid financial crises.

"Islamic financial institutions are expected to bring about change, but their competition with conventional markets have forced them to remain within certain boundaries set by the prevailing financial system without bringing a visible change."

Despite many setbacks, he is intent on ridding Pakistan of interest-based transactions.

Mufti Taqi is planning on setting a road map for reconstituting the economy based on real assets where all stake holders share the rewards and risks of commercial activities."

## વિચાર વિનિમય

-અહમદ ગુલ

### દેશમાં આપણી હોસ્પિટલોને મજબૂત કરો

સુરત અને ભરૂચ જિલ્લાના ઘણાં ગામોમાં મુસ્લિમ સંસ્થાઓ ધ્વારા સંચાલિત નાના અથવા મોટા પાયે કંઈ હોસ્પિટલો કાર્યરત છે. અનેક નિષ્ણવાન કાર્યકર્તાઓનું સરાહનીય યોગદાન અને દેશ પરદેશના સખીદાતાઓની સખાવતનું પરિણામ છે. ભારતની હાલની મુસ્લિમો પ્રત્યેની નફરત ભરી પરિસ્થિતિમાં એ સુવિધા ખરેખર આશીર્વાદરૂપ ગણાય.

એક તો કોવિડ-૧૯નો કહેર અને સર્વસ્તરે મુસ્લિમો પ્રત્યેની નફરતનો બેવડો માર ભારતના મુસ્લિમો ઝીલી રહ્યા છે. સમાચારપત્રોમાં કે ટીવી ચેનલો પર ચીંકાવનારા પ્રસંગો પ્રસારિત થઈ રહ્યા છે કે, એક લોકતંત્ર દેશમાં માની ન શકાય એટલી હદે શરમજનક ભેદભાવ? મેં એવા બેહાલ મુસ્લિમોના દુઃખ પ્રસંગો અખબારોમાં વાંચ્યા છે અથવા રાષ્ટ્રીય ટેલિવિઝન પર જોયા છે. કેટલાક એવા બનાવો જોઈને હૃદય કંપી ઉઠે છે. અહીં માત્ર એકજ બનાવ નોંધું છું. એક મુસ્લિમ સન્નારીને પ્રસુતિ (ડિલિવરી)નો આખરી સમય હતો. એના પતિ ટેક્ષીમાં એમને એક હોસ્પિટલમાં લઈ જાય છે. જ્યાં દાખલ થવાનું ફોર્મ ભરવા નામ પૂછવામાં આવે છે. મુસ્લિમ નામ સાંભળતાજ એમ કહેવામાં આવે છે કે, અમે મુસ્લિમોને દાખલ કરતા નથી. આપ લોકો બીજી કોઈ હોસ્પિટલમાં જઈ શકો છો. ત્યાંથી તેઓ એક બીજી હોસ્પિટલમાં જાય છે. ત્યાં પણ એવોજ જવાબ મળે છે અને ત્રીજી હોસ્પિટલ તરફ જતાં રસ્તામાં જ કારમાં એમની પ્રસુતિ થઈ જાય છે અને નવજાત બાળક ત્યાંજ કારમાં મરણ પામે છે. આને ઘોળે દિવસે હોસ્પિટલોએ કરેલું ખૂન કહી શકાય. આવા તો હૃદય કાંપી ઊઠે એવા અનેક પ્રસંગો દૈનિક બને છે. કેટલીક હોસ્પિટલોમાં તો મુસ્લિમો અને હિંદુઓના જુદા વોર્ડના રીતસરના બોર્ડ મારેલાં હોય છે. મુસ્લિમો અને દલિતો તો જાણે પાંજરામાં પૂરાયા હોય એવી દર્દનાક પરિસ્થિતિમાં જોવા મળે છે.

કોરોના મહામારીમાં હોસ્પિટલો જે રીતે લૂંટ ચલાવી રહી છે તેને તો ભયંકર અમાનવીય કૃત્યજ કહી શકાય. હિંદુ, મુસ્લિમો કે અન્ય કોમોના લોકો એ લૂંટના ભોગ બને છે. હોસ્પિટલમાં જાઓ અને કોરોના પોઝીટીવ આવે એટલે તરત જ લાખ રૂપિયાનો ચાર્જ અને બે ત્રણ કે અઠવાડિયું હોસ્પિટલ રહેવાનું થાય એટલે સ્હેજે બેરહમીથી છ સાત લાખ રૂપિયા પડાવી લેવામાં આવે છે. વળી એવા પણ સમાચારો પ્રસરી રહ્યા છે કે, જ્યારે દર્દી મૃત્યુ પામે છે તેની બોડીને સીલ કરીને એના વારસદારોને સોંપવામાં આવે છે. મૃતકના કિડની કે અન્ય ઓર્ગન્સ વગેરે કાઢી લેવાની પણ પૂરી સંભાવના હોય છે.

આવા કપરા સંજોગોમાં મુસ્લિમો માટે તો મુસ્લિમ હોસ્પિટલો જ સલામત ગણી શકાય. એક તો નફરતભરી વર્તણૂક અને બેફામ ચાર્જથી પણ બચી શકાય. આ મહામારીમાં ભારતના મુસ્લિમોને જે સહન કરવું પડે છે અને એવા દર્દનાક કિસ્સાઓ રોજબરોજ

બની રહ્યા છે જે જાણે કે તદ્દન સામાન્ય હોય એમ ગણવામાં આવે છે. મુસ્લિમ ઉમ્માહના આવા સખત સમયે આપણે આપણી ઝકાતો અથવા અન્ય દાનોમાં હોસ્પિટલોને ખાસ યાદ રાખવી તાતી જરૂર છે. શક્ય એટલી વધુ મદદ કરવી જોઈએ.

મુસ્લિમોની સારવાર એ ભારતના મુસ્લિમો માટે એક સળગતો પ્રશ્ન છે. આપણે ભરૂચ અને સુરત જિલ્લાના મૂળ રહેવાસી છીએ. આપણી ફરજ બને છે કે, આ બન્ને જિલ્લામાં આવેલી આપણી હોસ્પિટલોને ખાસ ધ્યાનમાં રાખી ભરપૂર મદદ કરીએ એજ વર્તમાન જરૂરિયાત પણ છે.

### કોરોના વાઈરસ ફેલાતો રોકવા પાકિસ્તાને કરેલા પ્રયાસોની પ્રસંશા

કોરોના વાઈરસે વિશ્વના દેશોની હાલત કેવી કરી છે તે અંગે આપણે સૌ વાકેફ છીએ. છેલ્લા ૬ માસથી વિશ્વ જાણે થંભી ગયું છે. અને આજે તો દરેક વ્યક્તિ તેનાથી ચિંતિત છે. લોકોની રોજબરોજની જિંદગી ઉપર કોરોનાએ ખાસ્સી અસર કરી છે. અને હજુ આવીજ પરિસ્થિતિ એકાદ વર્ષ સુધી લંબાય એવું કહેનારાઓના કથનને નકારી શકાય એમ પણ નથી. કોરોના ઉપર કાબુ મેળવવા દરેક દેશ પોતાનાથી થતાં તમામ પ્રયાસો તરફ આગળ વધી રહ્યા છે. પરંતુ આજે પણ એવા અનેક દેશો છે જ્યાં પરિસ્થિતિ ખૂબજ કથળી રહી છે. અસંખ્ય નવા કેસો નાંધાય રહ્યા છે તો મૃત્યુનો આંક સતત વધી રહ્યો છે.

એવામાં વર્લ્ડ હેલ્થ ઓર્ગેનાઈઝેશન (WHO) ના વડા ટ્રેડોસ એડનાહોમે હાલમાં કોરોના વાઈરસને લઈને પોતાની પ્રેસ બ્રિફિંગમાં પાકિસ્તાનની સરકારના કામની પ્રસંશા કરી છે અને કહ્યું છે કે, પાકિસ્તાન એ એક એવો દેશ છે જેના પાસેથી વિશ્વને ઘણું શીખવાની જરૂર છે. એડનાહોમે કોરોના વાઈરસ સામે પાકિસ્તાન સરકારની લડતની વ્યુહરચનાને ટેકો આપ્યો છે. કોરોના ફેલાતો રોકવા પાકિસ્તાને છેલ્લા ઘણા વર્ષોમાં પોલિયો માટે તૈયાર કરવામાં આવેલ ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચરનો સહારો લીધો છે. જે માટે દેશના આરોગ્ય કાર્યકરોની પણ પ્રસંશા કરી છે. જે કાર્યકરોને ઘરે ઘરે જઈને બાળકોને પોલિયોની રસી આપવાની તાલિમ આપવામાં આવી હતી. પાકિસ્તાને પોલિયો કાર્યકરોનો ઉપયોગ સર્વેલન્સ, સંપર્ક ટ્રેસીંગ અને સારસંભાળ માટે કર્યો છે. જેનાથી કોરોના વાઈરસના કેસોમાં તીવ્ર ઘટાડો થયો છે.

આ સિવાય થાઈલેન્ડ, કમ્બોડિયા, જાપાન, ન્યુઝીલેન્ડ, રવાન્ડા, સેનેગલ, ઈટલી, વિયેતનામે પણ વાયરસ સામે સાફ પ્રદર્શન કર્યું છે. વિશ્વ વિખ્યાત અને અગ્રીમ યુનિવર્સિટી ઓક્સફર્ડમાં મેળવેલ ભણતરનો લાભ પાકિસ્તાનના વડા પ્રધાન ઈમરાનખાનને મળ્યો છે. ખરેખર આર્થિક રીતે ખૂબજ નબળા એવા દેશ પાકિસ્તાનના કોરોનાની મહામારીમાં લડવાના આ પ્રયાસો અને વર્લ્ડ હેલ્થના વડાના પાકિસ્તાનના પ્રયાસોના વખાણ એ ખૂબજ મોટી વાત દર્શાવે છે જેની નોંધ બીજા દેશોએ પણ લેવી જોઈએ.

આર્થિકરીતે નબળા એવા આ દેશે મહામારી સામે લડવા અને પોતાના નાગરિકને વાયરસથી બચાવવા જે પ્રયાસો કર્યા તે ખરેખર દાદને પાત્ર છે. જેમાં લોકોએ પણ સુંદર સાથ આપ્યો છે. જેથી મરનારાઓની સંખ્યા ઉપર કાબુ મેળવ્યો છે.

## અગત્યની નસીહતો

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એક મુરીદ લાંબા સમય સુધી ખાનકાહમાં રહી પોતાની ઈસ્લાહ કરાવી રહ્યો હતો. જ્યારે તેમના શેખને પોતાના મુરીદ વિષે સંતોષ થઈ ગયો ત્યારે તેને બોલાવી ખિલાફત આપી દીધી. જ્યારે તે મુરીદ શેખના ખલીફા બની ગયા તો શેખે તેમના ઈલિકામાં જ્યાં તે રહેતા હતા બીજાની ઈસ્લાહ માટે મોકલ્યા. અને કહ્યું કે, હવે તારાથી બીજાઓને ફાયદો પહોંચશે. આ સમયે તે મુરીદે પોતાના શેખને પોતાની ઈસ્લાહ માટે કોઈ અગત્યની અંતિમ નસીહત માટે ભલામણ કરી.

તેમના શેખ સાહેબે જે નસીહત મુરીદને કરી તે ધ્યાનથી વાંચવા, સમજવા અને અમલ કરવા જેવી છે. આ નસીહત ફક્ત તે મુરીદ માટે જ નથી. આપણાં બધાજ માટે બેહદ ઉપયોગી છે. વિશેષ કોમ, મિલ્લત કે મસ્જિદ મદ્રેસાના જીમ્મેદારો અને સંસ્થા કે સોસાયટીના હોષ્ટેદારો અને ખાસ કરીને ઉલ્માએ કિરામ માટે પણ ખૂબજ ઉપયોગી માર્ગદર્શન છે.

શેખે કહ્યું કે, જ્યાં તું જઈ રહ્યો છે ત્યાં બે કામ જરૂર કરજે. એ મારી મહત્વની અંતિમ નસીહત છે. “કોઈ પણ સમયે ખુદાઈ દાવો ન કરજે અને કોઈ પણ વખતે નબુવ્વતનો દાવો પણ ન કરજે.”

આ બન્ને નસીહત સાંભળીને તો મુરીદનો આશ્ચર્યનો પાર ન રહ્યો. તરતજ શેખને પુછી લીધું કે, હે મારા શેખ! તમે શું કરી રહ્યા છો? શું હું ખુદાઈનો અને નબુવ્વતનો દાવો કરી શકું છું?

શેખે પોતાના મુરીદનો આ જવાબ સાંભળ્યો તો કહ્યું કે, તું મારી બન્ને નસીહત બરાબર સમજી શક્યો નથી. એટલે તને આશ્ચર્ય થયું છે. શેખે પોતાના મુરીદને બન્ને નસીહતોનો સાર, મતલબ સમજાવ્યો કે, જ્યાં તું જઈ રહ્યો છે તે જગ્યાએ તું ઈસ્લાહનું કામ શરૂ કરશે. અને તું લોકોને કહેશે હું અહીંયા જે ચાહું છું તે જ થવું જોઈએ. મારી ઈચ્છાના મુજબ જ તમારે કામ કરવાનું રહેશે. એનો મતલબ એ થયો કે, તું ખુદાઈનો દાવો કરી રહ્યો છે. કારણ કે, આ શાન તો ફક્ત અલ્લાહતઆલાની જ છે. કે અલ્લાહતઆલા જે ચાહે તે કરે છે.

બીજી વાત એ છે કે, જેના પર તને આશ્ચર્ય થયું કે જ્યાં તું જઈ રહ્યો છે ત્યાં તું લોકોને કહેશે કે, જે હું કહું છું તે જ તમારા બધાએ કરવાનું રહેશે. આ નબુવ્વતનો દાવો છે. કે નબી જે વાત કહે છે તે વહીની બુનિયાદ પર કહે છે. આ ફક્ત નબીની શાન છે. ઉમ્મતની શાન નથી.

ઉપરોક્ત બન્ને અગત્યની નસીહતનો સાર, મતલબ સાંભળીને મુરીદને સંતોષ થઈ ગયો. આજના સમયે અને આજના ફિતના, ફસાદના યુગમાં શેખે તરીકત કોઈ મુશ્કીલ મહેરબાન જે દીનનું ખરૂં માર્ગદર્શન બતાવતા રહે એવા ખાસ મુશ્કીલ શેખની કેટલી જરૂર છે તેની અગત્યતા પણ સમજમાં આવી.

ઉપરોક્ત બન્ને અગત્યની નસીહત ઉપર બેહદ ચિંતન, મનન કરવાની જરૂર છે. કે આપણે અથવા કોઈ વ્યક્તિ એનો દાવેદાર તો નથી ને?

પ્રિય વાંચકો! આપણાં પૂર્વજો અને પહેલાના મહાન બુઝુર્ગોના દિલમાં પણ કોઈ વસવસો, ખોટા વિચારો અગર આવી પણ જતાં તો એઓ તરત જ પોતાના દિલના કિબ્લાને સહી કરી લેતા હતા અને પોતાને સંભાળી લેતા હતા. તૌબા ઈસ્તીગફાર કરી લેતા હતા.

હઝરત સુફ્યાન સોરી રહ. મહાન બુઝુર્ગ હતા. હઝરત પોતાના સાથે બનેલો એક વાકિયો રજૂ કરતા કહે છે કે, હું એક દિવસ બપોરના તડકામાં એક જગ્યાએ જઈ રહ્યો હતો. એક બીજો માણસ પણ મારી સાથે થઈ ગયો. દેખાવે તે એક સામાન્ય માણસ હોય એવું લાગી રહ્યું હતું. હવે થયું એવું કે, વાદળનો એક ટૂકડો આવ્યો જે અમારા બન્ને ઉપર છાયો કરવા લાગ્યો, જેથી અમે તડકાની ગરમીથી બચી ગયા. હઝરત કહે છે કે, મારા દિલમાં આ સમયે એક વિચાર આવ્યો કે, આ વાદળનો ટૂકડો જે અમારા ઉપર છાયો કરી રહ્યો છે, એ છાયો તો મારા માટે છે. અને મારા તુફેલે આ સામાન્ય દેખાતો માણસ પણ વાદળના છાયાનો લાભ ઉઠાવી રહ્યો છે.

અમે બન્ને દીનની વાતો કરતા કરતા આગળ વધી રહ્યા હતા. આગળ જતાં બે અલગ રસ્તા પડતા હતા. એ વ્યક્તિની વાતથી મને એવું લાગ્યું કે, મારો એ સાથી બીજા રસ્તા ઉપર જવાનો છે. જ્યારે એ માણસે બીજા રસ્તા તરફ જવાનું શરૂ કર્યું, તો હું શું જોઉં છું કે વાદળનો છાયો મારા એ સાથી તરફ થઈ ગયો અને તેને તડકાથી રક્ષણ આપવા લાગ્યો. હું ફિકરમાં પડી ગયો. મારા મનમાં તે સમયે જ્યારે વાદળનો છાયો અમારા બન્ને ઉપર આવ્યો હતો ત્યારે મારા દિલમાં વિચાર આવ્યો હતો કે આ છાયો તો મારા માટે છે. પરંતુ જ્યારે અમે અલગ રસ્તા ઉપર પડ્યા તો વાદળનો છાયો મારા સાથીના સાથે ચાલ્યો ગયો. અને હું છાયો વગરનો રહી ગયો.

મેં તરતજ તૌબા, ઈસ્તીગફાર કરીને મારા દિલના વિચારને અને મારા દિલના કીબ્લાને સહી કરી લીધા. ઝબાનથી બોલેલા અભિમાની કે ઘમંડના શબ્દો ઉપર તો પકડ અવશ્ય થાય છે. વિશેષમાં દિલના વિચારોને પણ સહી કરી લેવાની જરૂર છે. અલ્લાહતઆલા આ અગત્ય અને મહત્વની નસીહતો ઉપર અમલ કરવાની આપણા સૌને તૌફીક અતા ફરમાવે આમીન.

### ગઝલ

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થાય છે દિન પસાર મારામાં.  
છોડી દીધું બધું જ કિસ્મત પર,  
છે દુઃખો પારાવાર મારામાં.  
કોને આભારી છે, ખુદા જાણે,  
છે રહસ્યો અપાર મારામાં.  
દોસ્તોને એ કામ સોંપુ છું,  
શા થયા ફેરફાર મારામાં.  
એજ શક્તિ બની જીવાડે છે,  
'રાઝ' એનોજ પ્યાર મારામાં.

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## ચાલો આજે આપણે કંઈક સાડું જાણીએ !

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**સારા કામોનું ફળ ક્યારે, ક્યાં અને કેવા રૂપમાં મળશે તે કોઈ જાણતું નથી.**

ખ્રિસ્તનના સ્કોટલેન્ડમાં એક ગરીબ ખેડૂત ફેલેમિંગ રહેતો હતો. એક દિવસ તે પોતાના ઘરથી ખેતીનો સામાન લઈ ફાર્મ ઉપર જઈ રહ્યો હતો ત્યારે તેને જોર જોરથી કોઈનો અવાજ આવતો સંભળાયો. પોતાનો સામાન જમીન ઉપર છોડી અવાજ આવતો હતો તે તરફ દોડી ગયો, અને જુએ છે કે એક છોકરો કીચડ (દલદલ)માં ફસાઈ ગયો હતો. કમર સુધી કીચડમાં ફસાવાને લીધે કોશિશ કરવા છતાં પણ તે બહાર નીકળી શકતો ન હતો. ફેલેમિંગ વિચારવા લાગ્યો અને તરતજ એક લાંબી દોરડી લાવી તેના તરફ ફેંકી પોતાની જાન ઉપર ખેલી મહા મુસીબતે છોકરાને કીચડમાંથી કાઢી બચાવી લીધો. છોકરો તેમનો ધન્યવાદ કરી તેના ઘરે ચાલ્યો ગયો.

બીજે દિવસે ફેલેમિંગની ઝૂંપડી પાસે એક મોટી લકઝરી કાર આવીને ઊભી રહી. જેમાંથી સુટ પહેરેલ એક અમીર માણસ નીચે ઉતર્યો અને ઝૂંપડીમાં અવાજ આપ્યો. ખેડૂત બહાર આવ્યો. પેલા વ્યક્તિએ તેને પૂછ્યું શું તમે ખેડૂત ફેલેમિંગ છો? ફેલેમિંગે કહ્યું જી હાં! હું જ ફેલેમિંગ છું. અમીર વ્યક્તિએ પોતાનો પરિચય આપતાં કહ્યું કે, હું રૂડોલ્ફ ચર્ચિલ છું. અને ગઈ કાલે તમે જેનો જીવ બચાવ્યો હતો તે મારો દીકરો જ હતો. હું એ બાબતે તમારો ખૂબજ આભાર માની અભિનંદન આપું છું અને મારા દીકરાના જીવ બચાવવા બદલ તમે જે ચાહો તે ઈનામ આપવા માંગું છું.

પરંતુ ફેલેમિંગે કંઈ પણ લેવાથી ઈન્કાર કર્યો અને કહ્યું કાલે મેં જે કંઈ પણ કર્યું તે એક ઈન્સાનિયતના નામે કર્યું હતું. અને તે મારી માનવતા રૂપે ફર્જ હતી અને તેની કોઈ પણ કિંમત હું લેવા માંગતો નથી. એજ દરમિયાન તેના ઘરના એક ખુણામાંથી એક બાળક ખાંસી કરતું બહાર આવ્યું. ચર્ચિલે પૂછ્યું શું આ તમારો પુત્ર છે? ફેલેમિંગે ગર્વથી કહ્યું જી હાં એ મારો દીકરો છે. ચર્ચિલે કહ્યું હું મારી વાત તમને ફરીથી કહું છું કે તમે મારા તરફથી તમારી પસંદગીની ગીફ્ટ લઈ લ્યો. ફેલેમિંગે ગીફ્ટ લેવા માટે ફરીથી ના પાડી. ત્યારે ચર્ચિલે કહ્યું કે, તમે મને એટલી અનુમતી આપો કે હું તમારા આ છોકરાના ભણતરનો ખર્ચ ઊઠાવી શકું. એને હું એવુંજ ભણતર પૂરું પાડીશ જેવું ભણતર હું મારા દીકરાને અપાવીશ. ફેલેમિંગે મનોમન વિચાર્યું કે કદાચ પોતે તેના દીકરાને સાડું ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ કે સાડું ભવિષ્ય આપી શકે એવી હાલતમાં નથી. જેથી તેણે રાજી થઈ હા પાડી દીધી.

સમય વીતતો ગયો. આગળ ચાલી ફેલેમિંગના દીકરાને સારામાં સાડું શિક્ષણ મળ્યું અને તે છોકરો એ પેનીસીલીન દવાના શોધક મહાન વૈજ્ઞાનિક એલેક્ઝાન્ડર ફેલેમિંગ હતા. જે છોકરાને કીચડમાંથી બચાવ્યો હતો તેને એક ઘાતક બીમારી થઈ જાય છે. અને તેનો ઈલાજ પણ એજ પેનેસીલીન ઈન્જેક્શનથી થાય છે જેને એલેક્ઝાન્ડર ફેલેમિંગે બનાવી હતી. અને એ છોકરો તે વિન્સટન ચર્ચિલ છે જે બે વખત બ્રિટનના પ્રધાનમંત્રી બન્યા હતા.

બન્નેએ એકબીજા માટે સાડું કામ કર્યું અને બન્નેને તેનું ફળ પણ મળ્યું. એવામાં માનવતા અને અચ્છાઈની દિશામાં આપણે જે પણ પગલું ઉઠાવીએ તે કદાપી બેકાર જતું નથી. આપણને ખબર નથી કે આપણાં માર્ગમાં આવવાવાળી કોઈ મુશ્કેલીમાં કે ચિંતામાં તે કેવી રીતે સહાયક બની શકે. જેથી સારા કામ કરવાથી ક્યારેય પાછા ન હો. આપણાં પાસે જે કંઈ પણ છે, જેટલું છે તેનાથી ખુશ રહો, કોશિશ કરો કે, એમાંથી જ આપણે કેવી રીતે બીજાને મદદ કરી શકીએ.

સારા કામોનું ફળ ક્યારે, ક્યાં અને કેવા રૂપમાં મળશે તે હું કે તમે કોઈ જાણતા નથી. પરંતુ માનવતાના પગલે ચાલી જ્યારે પણ મોકો મળે આવા નિખાલસ કામથી પાછા હો નહીં. આપણું દરેક સાડું કામ પાછું ફરીને આપણાં પાસેજ આવે છે.

### દફનવિધિ અને મૈથ્યતના ગુસલ અંગે જરૂરી માહિતી

મોતનો સ્વાદ દરેક વ્યક્તિએ ચાખવાનો છે. અને આ સચ્ચાઈને કોઈ પણ ધર્મ કે સમુદાયનો વ્યક્તિ નકારી શકતો નથી. તેના ઉપર દરેક એકમત છે. આપણાં મુસ્લિમ સમાજમાં પણ દરેકને મોતની ચિંતા હોય છે. ખાસ કરીને જ્યારે આપણે મોટી ઉંમરે પહોંચીએ ત્યારે પોતાની અવ્વલ મંજિલનો વિચાર પહેલાં કરીએ છીએ અને તેની તૈયારી પણ રાખીએ છીએ. જેમ કે, મરણ થતાં દફનવિધિ, કફન વગેરેના ખર્ચનો અને તે માટે એક ચોક્કસ રકમ સાઈડે જમા રાખે છે અથવા તેના વારસદારોને જાણ કે વસીયત કરે છે. ગયા માસમાં જ્યારે અલ હિકમાલ સેન્ટરની ઓફિસે વારા ફરતી કેટલાક ફોન આપણી કોમ્યુનિટીમાંથી આવ્યા જેમાં ખાસ કરીને મોટી ઉંમરની ઓરતોનો સમાવેશ હતો. તેમણે સોસાયટી તરફથી પૂરી પાડવામાં આવતી દફનવિધિ, કફન અને ગુસલ વગેરે માટે અને તે માટે થતા ખર્ચની વિગત માંગી હતી. મેં ફોન ઉપર એક બે મહિલા સાથે વાતચીત કરી તેમને વિગતથી સમજ આપી. ત્યારે વિચાર આવ્યો કે કેમ ન હું પયગામમાં એક આર્ટિકલ લખી તે મારફત દરેકને આ બાબતે જાણકારી આપું. જેથી અહીં ટૂંકમાં માહિતી આપવાની કોશિશ કરું છું. આપણી ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલી તેની સ્થાપના ૧૯૫૭થી જ દફનવિધિની કામગીરી કરે છે અને તે માટેની તમામ જાહેદારી સંભાળે છે. અલહમ્દુલિલાહ આજ સુધી કોઈપણ જાતની ફી વગર આપણાંજ સમાજના વોલન્ટીયરો તેને અંજામ આપી રહ્યા છે. સૌ પ્રથમ આ કામગીરી માટે નીચે મુજબના વોલન્ટીયરો છે. જેમની વિગત આ પ્રમાણે છે.

૧. હાજી ગુલામભાઈ મનીયાર ટેલીફોન: ૦૭૮૦૧૮૨૫૬૯૧

૨. ઈબ્રાહીમભાઈ ચોપડાત ટેલીફોન: ૦૭૮૮૦૩૮૧૧૯૭

૩. નજર દાઉદ ટેલીફોન: ૦૭૭૯૦૭૭૬૧૦૨

જ્યારે પણ કોઈનું મરણ થાય ત્યારે તેમના કુટુંબીજનોમાંથી કોઈએ ઉપરોક્ત વ્યક્તિનો સંપર્ક સાધી તેમને જાણ કરવાની હોય છે. ત્યારબાદ ખાસ કરીને ફોન મારફત અથવા તેમના ઘરે આવીને વોલન્ટીયર તેમનાથી માહિતી મેળવી માર્ગદર્શન આપે છે. ડોક્ટર તરફથી મરણનું સર્ટિફિકેટ મળ્યે કર્કલીઝ કાઉન્સિલ સાથે દફનવિધિ માટે ફોર્મ ભરવા, કબર વગેરેની વ્યવસ્થા, રજિસ્ટ્રેશન કરાવવું તથા દફનવિધિ માટે એપોઈન્ટમેન્ટમેળવે છે. મૈથ્યત જે એરિયામાં થયું હોય તે પ્રમાણે મૈથ્યતને ગુસલની વ્યવસ્થા અને કફન વગેરેની વ્યવસ્થા માટે સલાહ મશ્વરોઆપે છે. (વધુ પાના નંબર 28 ઉપર)

આ માટે જેને એરિયાની મસ્જિદોનો સંપર્ક કરવાનો હોય છે. જ્યાં ગુસલ, કફન વગેરેને અંજામ આપી જનારાની નમાઝ ક્યાં ક્યારે રાખવી તે માટે પણ તેઓ મદદ કરે છે.

દફનવિધિ જેમાં કબરની ખોદાઈ, કબર માટે જમીનની લીઝ, (ખરીદી)લાકડાના બણાગા, દફનની તમામ પ્રક્રિયા માટે કાઉન્સિલની એક ફી હોય છે જે હાલમાં ૨૧૬૪ પાઉન્ડ છે તે રકમ તરતજ ભરવાની હોય છે પરંતુ સોસાયટીએ આ બાબતે કાઉન્સિલ સાથે વ્યવસ્થા કરેલ હોય છે જેથી મરનારના કુટુંબજનો બે કે ત્રણ વીક બાદ અલ હિકમાહ સેન્ટર ખાતે ઓફિસમાં જઈ ભરી શકે છે. મૈયતને ગુસલમાં, કબ્રસ્તાન વગેરે લઈ જવા સોસાયટી પાસે એક ખાસ પ્રકારની બરીયલવાનની સુવિધા છે જે ફીમાં વાપરી શકાય છે. પરંતુ જે કોઈ પોતાની મરજીથી વાનના ખર્ચ માટે લીલ્લાહ રકમ આપવા માંગે તે આપી શકે છે. સોસાયટી આ તમામ સુવિધા તદ્દન ફીમાં તેના વોલન્ટીયરો મારફત પૂરી પાડે છે.

કફનની રકમ આશરે ૪૫ થી ૬૦ પાઉન્ડ જેટલી (એરિયા મુજબ)હોય છે જે એરિયા મસ્જિદ તમને માહિતી આપશે. ગુસલ વગેરે માટે કોઈ ફીક્સ ફી હોતી નથી પરંતુ જે તે મસ્જિદમાં વ્યવસ્થા હોય છે તેમનાથી માહિતી મેળવી શકાય છે. ઉપરાંત એરિયાની મસ્જિદો તરફથી બેસવા માટે હોલની વ્યવસ્થા હોય છે જે અંગે તેમનાથી માહિતી મેળવી શકાય છે. આમ અમારા અંદાજે જે વ્યક્તિ કફન દફન માટે રકમ સાઈડે મુકવા માંગે તો આશરે ૨૫૦૦ પાઉન્ડમાં આ સામાન્ય કામ થઈ શકે છે.

### શું પેલેસ્ટાઈનમાં શાંતિ સ્થપાશે ?

મંગળવાર તારીખ ૧૫મી સપ્ટેમ્બરના રોજ અમેરિકા ખાતે વ્હાઈટ હાઉસમાં એક કાર્યક્રમમાં અમેરિકાના પ્રમુખ ડોનલ્ડ ટ્રમ્પની મુખ્ય ભૂમિકા અને હાજરીમાં યુનાઈટેડ ઈમીરાત અને બેહરીનના વિદેશ મંત્રીઓએ ઈઝરાઈલના વિદેશ મંત્રી સાથે મંત્રણા કરી એક ઐતિહાસિક સમજૂતિ ઉપર સહી સિક્કા કર્યા હતા. આ સમજૂતિને અબ્રાહમ અથવા ઈબ્રાહીમ સંધિ નામ અપાયું હતું. આ સાથે આ બન્ને અરબ દેશોએ ઈઝરાઈલ સાથે સંબંધોને સામાન્ય કરવા સાથે ઈઝરાઈલને ઔપચારિક માન્યતા આપી દીધી છે. આજદિન સુધી અરબ દેશો ઈઝરાઈલને એક સ્વતંત્ર રાષ્ટ્ર તરીકે સ્વીકારતા ન હતા તેનો હવે અંત આવ્યો છે. કહેવામાં આવે છે કે આ પાછળ અમેરિકાની સાથે સંબંધિત અરેબિયાનો પણ હાથ રહેલ છે. ૧૫મી સપ્ટેમ્બરના થોડા દિવસો અગાઉ ઈઝરાઈલના એમ્બેસેડરની સંબંધિત અરેબિયાના મંત્રી અને હરમના ઈમામ સાથેની મુલાકાતના ફોટાઓ મિડીયામાં પ્રસારિત થયા હતા.

આ સમજૂતિ અંતર્ગત આ દેશો વચ્ચે ડિપ્લોમેટીક મિશન શરૂ થશે અને તે માટે ફેમવર્ક પણ તૈયાર થશે. આ દેશોના એમ્બેસેડર, બાકી સ્ટાફ વગેરે નક્કી થઈ એમ્બસી ઓફિસો પણ ખોલવામાં આવશે. આ સમયે ટ્રમ્પે હીન્ટ આપતા કહ્યું હતું કે, ટૂંક સમયમાં બીજા ૫ થી ૬ અરબ દેશો ઈઝરાઈલ સાથે આ રીતે કરાર કરશે. મિડીયા રિપોર્ટ મુજબ તેમનો ઈશારો સંબંધિત અરબ અને ઓમાન ઉપર હતો. ટર્કી અને પાકિસ્તાન આ સમજૂતિના વિરોધમાં છે. ઉપરોક્ત સમજૂતિથી મસ્જિદે અકસા અને પોતાની માતૃભૂમિ માટે લડતા પેલેસ્ટીનીયનોના ગાલ ઉપર એક તમાચો છે. પેલેસ્ટાઈનમાં આ અંગે સખત વિરોધ

અને દેખાવો પણ થઈ રહ્યા છે. પેલેસ્ટીનીયનો પોતાની હોમલેન્ડ માટે વર્ષોથી લડત ચલાવી રહ્યા છે. ઈઝરાઈલે પચાવી પાડેલ તેમની જમીન ઉપર બાંધકામ કરી વસાહત કરી દીધેલ છે અને વધુને વધુ જમીન ઉપર કબજો કરી રહ્યું છે. અરબ દેશો એકત્રિત થતા ન હોવાથી તેનું કોઈ પરિણામ આવતું નથી. હવે કેટલાક અરબ દેશો અમેરિકાના ઈશારે તેના ગુલામ બની રહ્યા છે તેવા સંજોગોમાં પેલેસ્ટીનના અલગ દેશના સ્વપ્નો ઉપર પાણી રેડાયું છે.

ઈરાન પ્રતિદિન બળવાન થઈ રહ્યું છે અને અમેરિકાને દરેક બાબતે ટક્કર આપી રહ્યું છે. જેનો ડર અમેરિકાને હરપળે સતાવી રહ્યો છે. તેને નબળું પાડવા પણ અરબ દેશો સાથે અમેરિકા સંબંધો વધુ વિકસિત કરી રહ્યું છે. ઈરાન વિરુદ્ધ અરબ દેશોની સાંકળમાં આ બે મુસ્લિમ દેશોને સાથે લેવામાં તેને સફળતા મળી છે. ઉપરાંત નવેમ્બર મહિનામાં અમેરિકામાં પ્રેસિડન્ટની ચૂંટણી પણ આવી રહી છે જે માટે ટ્રમ્પ પોતાની છબી સુધારી રહ્યા છે.

### હજુ આપણે કોરોના ઉપર કાબુ મેળવ્યો નથી

કોરોનાને છ માસથી વધુ સમય થયો છે. પહેલાની સરખામણીમાં વાયરસનો ફેલાવો ઓછો થયો છે પરંતુ હજુ આપણે એના ઉપર સંપૂર્ણ કાબુ મેળવ્યો નથી. વાયરસ સામેની લડતમાં સરકારે કેટલીક જવાબદારીઓ લોકલ ઓથોરિટી અને નેશનલ હેલ્થ સર્વિસને પણ સોંપી છે. જે મુજબ પ્રતિ અઠવાડિયે રિજ્યોનલ કેટલા કેસો થઈ રહ્યા છે તેને ધ્યાનમાં લઈ સાવચેતીના પગલાંની જાહેરાત થાય છે. દરેક વ્યક્તિ હવે સમજી ગઈ છે કે આ એક લાંબી લડાઈ છે.

મુખ્ય સાવચેતીના પગલાં જેમાં ખાસ કરીને વારંવાર હાથ ધોવા, માસ્ક બરાબર પહેરવું, સોશિયલ ડીસ્ટન્સ જાળવવું, ફેમિલી સિવાયના સભ્યો સાથે ભેગા ન મળવું, બીમાર અથવા મોટી ઉંમરના માણસોએ એકબીજા સાથે ભળવા, મળવાથી દૂર રહેવું વગેરે. આ બધા કાયદા સરકારે આપણીજ સલામતી માટે બનાવ્યા છે અને તેનું પાલન કરવું આપણી જવાબદારી છે. ગયા માસમા આપણાં એરિયાની મસ્જિદોમાં અચાનક ઓફિસરોએ વિઝીટ કરી હતી અને કેટલીક બાબતોમાં તેઓ સંતુષ્ટ ન હતા. જેમાં ખાસ કરીને મસ્જિદમાં નમાઝ વખતે ઘણાં લોકો મોઢા ઉપર બરાબર માસ્ક પહેરતા નથી, જમાતખાનામાંથી નીકળતા જ માસ્ક કાઢી નાંખવામાં આવે છે. મસ્જિદની બહાર વધુ સંખ્યામાં લોકો ભેગા થઈ વાતોમાં મશગુલ બને છે. જે આપણાં માટે સારી વાત નથી અને આવી બાબતોની નોંધ ઓફિસરોએ લીધી હતી. મસ્જિદમાં નમાઝ માટે જે કાયદાનું પાલન કરવાનું કહેવામાં આવ્યું છે તેમાં જો ઉણપ દેખાશે તો તેઓ મસ્જિદ બંધ કરાવતા ખચકાશે નહીં અને તે વખતે એ માટે આપણે પોતેજ જવાબદાર ઠરીશું. જેથી ઉપરોક્ત બાબતનું ચુસ્તપણે પાલન કરવું આપણી દરેકની ફરજ છે. ખાસ કરીને માસ્ક પહેરવામાં ઘણાં લોકો નાક ખુલ્લુ રાખે છે. ફક્ત મોં કવર કરે છે જે પૂરતું નથી. આ રીતે આપણે બીજા નમાઝીઓની હેલ્થ સાથે રમત રમી રહ્યા છે.

આ અંગે ઘણાં ઉલ્માઓએ પણ સોશિયલ મીડિયા મારફત આપણું ધ્યાન દોર્યું છે અને શરીઅતની રોશનીમાં સમજ આપી છે કે આ દેશના નાગરિક તરીકે સરકારના હુકમનું પાલન કરવાની આપણી ફરજ છે અને આપણી તથા બીજાઓના હેલ્થની ગંભીરતાને સમજવાની પણ આપણી જવાબદારી છે.

## اسرائیل اور عرب ممالک کے امن معاہدے: کیا یہ دنیا کے سب سے غیر مستحکم خطے میں ایک نئی شروعات ہے؟

آج سے 72 برس قبل سنہ 1948 میں مشرق وسطیٰ میں وجود میں آنے والے ملک اسرائیل کی خطے میں حیثیت ایک ناپسندیدہ ہمسائے کی رہی ہے۔ تاہم مشرق وسطیٰ کے مختلف ممالک کے ساتھ اُن کے حالیہ امن معاہدوں پر ملاحظہ عمل سامنے آیا ہے اور اس کے بعد خطے میں نئی علاقائی صف بندی سامنے آنے کی توقعات بھی ظاہر کی جا رہی ہیں۔

متحدہ عرب امارات کے وزیر خارجہ عبداللہ بن زید، بحرین کے وزیر خارجہ عبداللطیف الزینی اور اسرائیل کے وزیر اعظم بن یامین نیتن یاہو نے 15 ستمبر کو امریکہ کے دارالحکومت واشنگٹن میں امریکی صدر ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ کی موجودگی میں معمول کے تعلقات قائم کرنے کے معاہدوں پر دستخط کیے جن کو ابراہیم معاہدے کا نام بھی دیا جا رہا ہے۔ ان معاہدوں پر کچھ رد عمل تو بالکل فطری اور متوقع تھا۔ فلسطینی علاقوں میں ان کی مذمت کی گئی اور ایران اور خطے میں اس کے اتحادیوں نے بھی ان کی مذمت کی، جبکہ مصر نے اس پیش رفت کا خیر مقدم کیا گیا۔ لیکن دیگر ملکوں کا رد عمل غیر متوقع تھا۔ اردن، جو ماضی میں اسرائیل کے ساتھ ایک امن معاہدہ کر چکا ہے، کا رد عمل محتاط تھا جبکہ شام، جس کے ایران سے قریبی تعلقات ہیں، کی جانب سے اس معاملے پر خاموشی اختیار کی گئی۔ البتہ سب سے دلچسپ رد عمل ان ملکوں کی طرف سے سامنے آیا جن کے بارے میں کہا جا رہا تھا کہ وہ بھی ان ہی ملکوں کی تقلید کریں گے۔ امریکی صدر ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ نے معاہدوں کی تقریب میں خطاب کے دوران اس یقین کا اظہار کیا تھا کہ کم از کم پانچ یا چھ عرب ملک بہت جلد اسرائیل کے ساتھ معاہدہ کریں گے۔ بعد ازاں انھوں نے ذرائع ابلاغ کے نمائندوں کو کہا کہ سعودی عرب مناسب وقت پر سمجھوتہ کرنے کا اعلان کرے گا۔ سعودی عرب کی طرف سے جو رد عمل سامنے آیا وہ بہت مبہم یا غیر واضح تھا۔ لیکن سعودی ذرائع ابلاغ میں مختلف کہانی پیش کی گئی۔ ایک سوچ یہ سامنے آئی کہ سعودی عرب کا اصل دشمن اسرائیل نہیں بلکہ ایران ہے۔ ذیل میں بی بی سی مانیٹرنگ نے عربوں کے رد عمل پر قریب سے نظر ڈالی ہے جس کو تاریخی قرار دیا جا رہا ہے اور کہا جا رہا ہے کہ ان معاہدوں نے دنیا کے سب سے غیر مستحکم خطے میں ایک نئی شروعات کی ہیں۔ کئی دہائیوں سے اسرائیل اور خلیجی ممالک کے درمیان پس پردہ تعلقات کی خجروں کے بعد متحدہ عرب امارات پہلی خلیجی ریاست تھی جس نے 13 اگست کو اسرائیل کے ساتھ سفارتی تعلقات استوار کرنے کا سرکاری طور پر اعلان کیا۔ دونوں ملکوں کے قریب آنے کے اشارے دو سال سے مسلسل مل رہے تھے جس کے بعد یہ پیش رفت سامنے آئی ہے۔

### کورونائرس: سعودی عرب کا سات ماہ کی پابندی کے بعد عمرہ کی ادائیگی

### کی مرحلہ وار اجازت دینے کا فیصلہ

سعودی عرب کے حکام نے تقریباً سات ماہ کے وقفے کے بعد چار اکتوبر سے اپنے شہریوں اور رہائشیوں کو عمرہ ادا کرنے کی اجازت دینے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ سات ماہ قبل سعودی عرب سے عمرہ کی ادائیگی پر کورونائرس کے پھیلاؤ کے خدشات کے پیش نظر پابندی

عائد کی تھی۔ سرکاری سعودی پریس ایجنسی 'اس پی اے' کے مطابق عمرہ کی بلا روک ٹوک اجازت بتدریج چار مراحل میں دی جائے گی۔ چار اکتوبر سے سعودی شہریوں اور باشندوں پر مشتمل چھ ہزار عمرہ زائرین کو روزانہ عمرہ ادا کرنے کی اجازت ہوگی جو کہ حکومت کی جانب سے مروجہ حفاظتی احتیاطی اقدامات کے تحت مسجد الحرام کی گنجائش کا 30 فیصد ہے۔ 18 اکتوبر سے عمرہ زائرین کی تعداد کو 75 فیصد گنجائش تک یعنی 15 ہزار تک لے جایا جائے گا۔ جبکہ نومبر کے آغاز تک ان مخصوص ممالک سے جنھیں سعودی عرب کو روزانہ کے حوالے سے محفوظ سمجھتا ہے پانچ ہزار عمرہ زائرین کو عمرہ ادا ایگی کے لیے آنے کی اجازت ہوگی جس کے بعد سعودی حکام کی جانب سے حفاظتی اقدامات کے تحت مسجد الحرام میں زائرین کی کل تعداد 20 ہزار تک پہنچ جائے گی۔ اور جب متعلقہ حکام یہ سمجھیں گے کہ اب کورونا کی وبا کا خطرہ کم ہو گیا ہے تو معمول کی گنجائش کے مطابق مملکت میں رہنے والے اور بیرون ملک سے آنے والے زائرین کو عمرہ ادا کرنے کی اجازت ہوگی۔ واضح رہے کہ گذشتہ برس عمرہ کی ادائیگی کرنے والے افراد کی تعداد 19 ملین تھی۔ تاہم سعودی عرب نے رواں برس مارچ میں کورونا کی وبا کے پھیلاؤ کو محدود کرنے کے پیش نظر عمرہ ادا ایگی کو معطل کر دیا تھا۔ رواں برس کورونا کے باعث سعودی حکومت کی جانب سے چند ہزار سعودی شہریوں اور رہائشیوں کو حج کرنے کی اجازت دی گئی تھی جبکہ گذشتہ برسوں کے دوران تقریباً 30 لاکھ افراد نے ہر سال حج ادا کیا تھا۔ سرکاری اعداد و شمار سے پتہ چلتا ہے کہ حج عمرہ سے سعودی عرب کو سالانہ 12 ارب ڈالر کی آمدنی ہوتی ہے۔

### سنہ اسلامی دور: عرب فلسفے کی بنیاد رکھنے والے الکندی کون تھے اور ان

### کی سائنس کے لیے کیا خدمات ہیں؟

بی بی سی ریڈیو تھری کی خصوصی سیریز 'سنہ اسلامی دور' کی اس قسط میں پروفیسر جیمز مونٹگمری ہمیں عرب فلسفی الکندی کے بارے میں بتا رہے ہیں۔ ابو یوسف یعقوب ابن اسحاق الکندی انسانی فکر اور ثقافتی سرگرمی کا اہم دور سمجھی جانے والی نویں صدی کے دوران عراق میں رہتے تھے۔ یہ وہ وقت تھا جب بغداد بہت آسانی سے ایٹھنز اور روم جیسے عظیم مراکز کا مقابلہ کیا کرتا تھا۔ بی بی سی اردو نے ریڈیو پر نشر ہونے والی اس سیریز کا ترجمہ کیا ہے۔ کندی نام عرب قبیلہ کندا کی رکنیت کی نشاندہی کرتا ہے۔ کندی کا شجرہ نسب ابتدائی طور پر اسلام قبول کرنے والے اور پیغمبر اسلام کے دوست الاشعث بن قیس سے جڑتا ہے۔

الکندی کے والد کوفہ کے شہزادے تھے اور انھوں نے ایک مالدار اور اعلیٰ نسبی خاندان میں آنکھ کھولی۔ انھیں 'عربوں کے فلسفی کا لقب ملا، جو اس بات کی نشاندہی بھی کرتا ہے کہ عربی میں فلسفے کی بنیاد انہی نے رکھی۔ یہ ایک ایسا لقب ہے جو اس لیے بھی سچ ہے کیونکہ الکندی سے پہلے عربی میں فلسفے نام کی کوئی چیز نہیں تھی۔ ہمیں یہ معلوم ہے کہ الکندی کا فلسفے کی جانب رجحان ان کے ساتھیوں میں کچھ خاص مقبول نہیں تھا۔ چلیے تھوڑی دیر کے لیے ایک منظر کا خاکہ کھینچتے ہیں۔ یہ منظر 850 عیسوی میں بغداد کی کتابوں کی مارکیٹ کا ہے جہاں کتب بینی کے شوقین افراد انتہائی پر جوش دکھائی دے رہے ہیں۔

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