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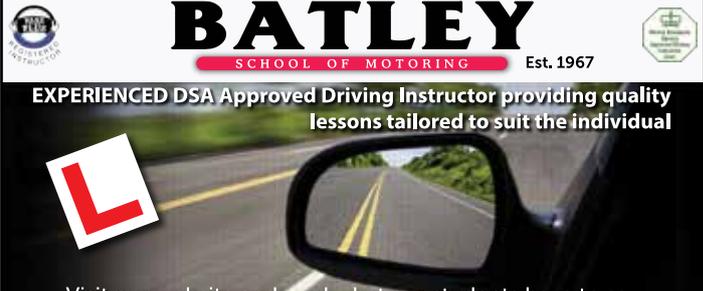
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12 – 16 years-old:
Impact of Paigaam on the local community

16 – 18 years-old:
Importance of a community newsletter



Maximum 500 words

Deadline for entries Monday 15 October 2018

1st Prize: £50 2nd Prize: £25 3rd Prize: £20

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(all entries need to be in microsoft word)

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Programming course starting soon at Al-Hikmah

A COURSE teaching the basics of computer programming is set to start later this month at the Al-hikmah Centre. Ismail Suleman will be delivering the course which will last two months.

We asked Ismail what is programming? He told us, "All computers do is what they are told to do. Computers just follow instructions, whatever those instructions are. Programming is just writing instructions for a computer to follow."

Ismail said because computers don't need food or drink, just electricity, they never get tired and they never complain. Whatever you tell them to do, they will attempt it as fast as they possibly can.

"The trouble is that computers are stupid; they have no common sense." Said Ismail, "If you tell them to delete everything on a hard drive, then they will do that without question, even if it stops them from working properly. The programmer must write good instructions so the computer always does the right thing in all situations."

Programming is taught at schools, but out of schools it is not so easy for people to learn it even with the online re-



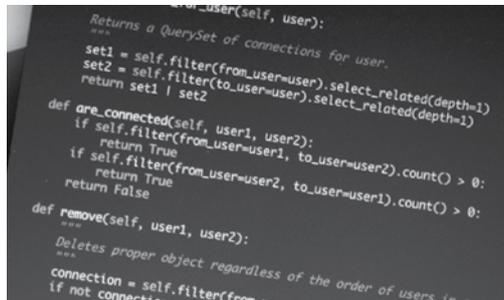
sources we have today. Ismail said "Yes, there are plenty of tutorials/courses online, but learning things in a group of like-mind individuals, being guided by someone who has been in the same situation and has the knowledge to help overcome difficulties really helps.

"There are people who have heard of programming and just see it as a mystery, not knowing what it is or what it involves (it is definitely

NOT what it looks like in movies and on TV).

"Maybe you want to just see what it's all about, maybe you just want to get a better understanding of the machines we carry in our pockets and use every day. Maybe you want to explore a potentially new career path. Maybe you want to have something extra to put on your CV. Maybe you want to be able to use your computer better and do more things with it. All these are perfectly good reasons to attend this course."

This course will teach the basics of a programming language called Python. This



language is very good for beginners to learn, and is also one of the most popular ones

in the industry. "First, I intend to cover a couple of the basics of the language. Then, there are a couple of different tasks that students can choose to do, from writing programs that control the keyboard and mouse to programs that work with Excel spreadsheets." Ismail added.

This is a taster course that is planned to be delivered over 2 months. Ismail said the world of programming is very large and moves quite fast, so there is plenty more that one can learn afterwards if one wants to.

If you already know how to program, this course isn't aimed at you. If you have recently learned programming and want to refresh your knowledge, feel free to come along. Places are limited, so book early.

The course will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8:30 at the Al-Hikmah Centre. Start date is Wednesday 31 October and you can register your interest by

calling the Al-Hikmah Centre on 01924 500555 or email info@imws.org.uk

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Monday:

Ladies Lunch Group
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11:30am – 3pm

Tuesday:

ESOL E2 Class
9:30am – 11:30am

Ladies Aerobics (FREE)

by a qualified instructor
5:15pm – 6:15pm

Men's Circuit Training (FREE)

by a qualified instructor
7pm – 8pm

Wednesday:

Beginner's ESOL
9:30am – 11:00am

Thursday:

Beginner's ESOL E2
9:30am – 11:30am

Friday:

Men's Intense Circuit Training
by a qualified instructor
8pm - 9pm

Saturday:

Boys Youth Group
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sunday:

Girl Guiding Brownies
7 - 10 years old
10:30am - 11:45am

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National Hate Crime Awareness Week

LATER this month events up and down the country will focus a spotlight on hate crimes and how to tackle them. Organised by '17-24-30 No To Hate Crime Campaign' (17-24-30), the events encourage local authorities (police and council) to work with key partners like anti-hate groups and communities affected by hate crime to tackle local hate crime.

This year the NationalHCAW will take place from 13 to 20 October. The charity 17-24-30 focuses on five strands of hate crime: disability, faith, gender, race and sexuality.

A hate crime is defined as a crime that targets a person because of hostility or prejudice towards him or her. This can be committed against the individual or a collective group and can be an attack on the person or their property. The victim does not have to be a member of a group at which the hostility is targeted.

Hate incidents though not seen as a crime should still be reported as the police do record this information and can see a build-up of tension in areas as a result of the incidents being reported. A hate incident is an act of prejudice that may not break the law. A prosecution can only occur if a crime has been committed but the police can work with partners to prevent any escalation in seriousness.

Hate crimes can be reported via 999 if it is an emergency or 101 for non-emergency. Whilst hate incidents can be reported via online sites like the True Vision website who record all hate incidents and crimes including those

committed online.

In recent weeks hate crimes against Muslims have hit the news. Three people were injured after a car mounted the pavement and hit a crowd outside a Cricklewood prayer centre. Witnesses said Islamophobic comments were made by the driver and passengers and Scotland Yard described it as an Islamophobic and racist hate crime.

A man was jailed in June for hitting a Muslim woman in the face with a packet of bacon after calling her 'Isil scum'. Muslim women, in particular, have become targets of faith-related hate crimes especially when the hijab or burka hit the headlines, like after the crass comment by Boris Johnson.

A survey by the National Union of Students found more than half of Muslim students have been subjected to harassment or abuse online and a third were victims of crime or abuse at their further education college or university.

Whilst faith hate crimes, like Islamophobia, is just one strand it shows a worrying trend that has been highlighted in a number of reports but with little action against it. This can lead to apathy leading to incidents not being reported. Action groups are urging victims of hate crimes and incidents to report them.

The charity 17-24-30 was set up to organise the April Acts of Remembrance marking the anniversary of the London Nail bomb attacks in April 1999; in Brixton (17th), Brick Lane (24th) and Soho (30th).

Al-Hikmah buzzes with the aura of a coffee morning

THERE were biscuits and chocolates, piled up samosas, fresh cream cakes and an array of sweet snacks in a conference room at Baitul-Hikmah, all for a good cause.

For the second year running the IMWS held an awareness and fundraising morning for Macmillan Cancer relief, as part of the charities initiative for the world's biggest coffee morning.

Macmillan provide support to cancer sufferers to improve their lives and help them to cope in a very difficult time. Cancer can be life changing but it needn't always be life-defining, says the charity. And it is this help that brought so many out.

During the two hour event,

it was pleasing to see young and old attend, sit and chat with one another. Many spoke about the good work done

by Macmillan, some from personal experience too.

Local support wasn't just in at-

tendance but in the build-up

of the event too. Many of the local Muslim businesses took part by donating cakes, biscuits,

and much more.

Munir Daji, Charity Coordinator, said, "IMWS held the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning and it was a big success with many ladies turning up after dropping kids off at school.

"I would like to thank Ahmed Mulla from Mullacos Thornhill Lees (Dewsbury), Ali supermarket (Batley), Mariams, Mullaco Cash and Carry (Batley), Caters Choice,

Masters (Batley), Zam Zam Bakery, Mullaco Mount Pleasant, Patco, Patbro, Sugar and Spice, Tesco Extra, ICS UK Ltd and many individuals who brought items to sell for the coffee morning."

A big thank you also goes out to the IMWS Women's Committee who volunteered on the day to deliver the event.



An Outstanding National Quran Training event at Madrasah Islamiyah MPIT

AROUND 500 maktub teachers from across Britain attended a maktub training session held in Batley last month.

Madrasah Islamiyah, Mount Pleasant, Batley, held the session on Sunday 16 September for evening maktub teachers. The event was organised due to demand based on the back of a previous training held in April 2016.

The chief guest in this event was Hazrat Qari Siddiq Sb -the

head of the Faculty of Tajweed in Darul Uloom Falahe Darain, Tadmekshwar, India. The purpose was to promote good practice in standardising the teaching of the Holy Quran with Tajweed.

The event was promoted nationally for Quran teachers both male and female to register. All praise to the Almighty over 300 male teachers and 200 female teachers participated on the day from Aberdeen to London and benefitted.

Mufti Zakaria Akudi, Principal of Madrasah Islamiyah, said "The three-hour session was broken up into a step-by-step practical demonstration from Madrasah Islamiyah pupils from the first stages of pronouncing and recognising the Arabic letters to the completion of the Quran and how to progress in Hifz.

"The honoured Guest gave valuable advice and the event concluded with a question and answer session."

Participants from across

the country in feedback told Madrasah Islamiyah of benefitting greatly from this program and also requested for similar workshops to be held in different parts of the country.

Mufti sb added, "Without a doubt, the turnout was outstanding and shows the need, demand and also the thirst to teach the Quran in the correct method. We hope and pray that we progress with similar events in the future."

“Our story to stop it happening to you”

Sent in as a letter to the editor, name and address supplied

MANY PEOPLE during their lifetime save up for Hajj over many years. It is a trip that as the years have gone by has got more and more expensive. Using their life savings, I have personally been saving for 10 years, we book this sacred experience.

After speaking to many other Hujjaj I have been wondering why it had cost me so much more money compared to them as they seem to have had more value for their money.

I decided to go for Hajj this year, after many recommended, with a tour operator who was local and well known. My journey of lifelong ambition was made into a memory I would never forget, for all the wrong reasons. From start to finish everything was made into an experience that I would never want any other Muslim to go through.

What we went through in a nutshell:

Our group of 48 people were told (by the tour leader) 10 days before we left that he had changed the hotel in Makkah because it was closer to the Masjid-e-Haram and that it is much better than the one advertised in the Hajj leaflet. To our surprise, we found this wasn't the case. We were put into a one-star hotel instead of a three-star hotel (as advertised on the hajj leaflet). It was also further away from Masjid-e-Haram than the advertised hotel.

We were promised that we would be issued our visa a couple of days before travelling but it turned out that we weren't to receive our visa and our passport until we arrived at the airport on the day. Even then we were waiting for a few hours at the airport for the visa and passport to be handed to us. This was an unnerving experience to say the least. Little did we know that this was just the start of our problems.

When we got to Makkah the one-star hotel, which had a small lounge (would fit approximately 20 people) and 2 really small lifts. We all gathered near the entrance and lobby to be given our room keys so we could go to our rooms. This took a while, as the lift would only fit 4 people at a time.

When I got to my room the state and the size of our room was so poor that I felt like crying. I found out later that this was the case for all of the people in our group too. Some actually went out to find another hotel for themselves and their family but had no luck as most hotels in the area were either fully booked or too expensive.

There were cockroaches, flies, lizard and other insects in the rooms. The rooms seemed like they had not been cleaned properly after the previous guests had left. In my room the carpet was not even fitted and parts of the room didn't even have carpet.

My room was so small that it occupied three beds, a very old fridge (which I never switched on scared of it blowing up and also smelt so foul). It also had a really old and unsafe air conditioning unit, which was covered with sellotape. We had to switch it off when we slept because it made a lot of noise (seemed like it was going to blow up any minute, which apparently it did in some rooms). This meant I would wake up many times during the night because of extreme heat in such a small confined space.

My wife (like most of the people in our group) slept in a sleeping bag on top of the bed throughout the 4 weeks we were in Saudi Arabia, as the beds and bedding were very dirty. I myself never slept inside the bed in Makkah, as I too found the bedding and mattress to be very unhygienic. I'm sure there were bedbugs and other insects that bit me and others, which left us with scars, spots

and rashes.

Our room in Makkah was only cleaned once while we were staying there, after a few days of mentioning it at the main desk. During this time the bedding was also never changed.

The size of our room in Makkah was so small that my wife struggled to read her Salaah especially going into Sujood and when I read my Salaah it was very difficult and I actually did my Sujood touching my knees with my hands. There was barely any moving space and we were never able to lay both of our suitcases flat.

Regarding the toilet and shower, there are not enough words to explain just how unhygienic and unclean it was. The tap in the sink was broken spraying water from the sides and the drainage pipe was leaking from the bottom of the sink, so this meant the dirty water was falling onto our feet. Every time you turned the tap on rusty water would come out for nearly 10 seconds, which might not seem like a lot but imagine having to do this even when you just wanted to brush your teeth. The size of the sink was also so small that I couldn't fit my foot in whilst performing wudhu.

The lid of the toilet tank was half broken and very dirty. To cover up the missing half of the lid they poorly taped the remaining half on top, making the toilet unsafe to use. Out of our own money, we had to buy cleaning products to make it safe and hygienic to use the bathroom during our stay there. Showering was another difficult obstacle as every time you stood to shower you were either touching the sink or the toilet.

On the first day three people in our group didn't have a room, therefore, they slept in the lobby/reception area for the first night. In the lobby, on multiple occasions we saw cockroaches walking around. How was this

acceptable for guests to stay in?

For the 1st day of Hajj we were collected from our hotel in an old school bus. In which the seats were ripped, air conditioning was not working and some of us had to stay standing up until we got to Mina. This was the case for a few other bus journeys during the days of Hajj. If you got a seat for the drive you were lucky otherwise sitting on the floor or standing up was the other options.

While on the bus on our way from Makkah to Mina (at the starting of the 5 days of Hajj), we were given our Hajj ID wristbands but to my amazement it didn't even have my name on it. Apparently I was Niara Diallo from Mali for the next 5 days and this was the case for everyone in my group. Just imagine if anything happened to one of us, what if we got ill or lost? We would've been placed under the wrong name and wrong passport number. How would we be found when we were wearing the wrong wristbands? People would be looking for the wrong person and if one of us had died, then under what name would we have been buried? All of this surely is unacceptable and illegal? It's certainly not humane.

In Mina, we were placed in a tent with hundreds of people and given pull-out sofa beds. We were sitting/lying down next to each other, back to back with hardly any walking space between us, most of us were touching the opposite person's feet.

In Mina, the tents were very close by to each other and had hardly any space to walk when going to the toilets or going to do Wudhu. In our section, we had about 10/15 toilets to share between 1000's of men and women. We also had only 6 taps for Wudhu.

As days went by the very narrow alleyways between the

tents were getting dirty, with overfilled bins and food on the floor. This made it more difficult to walk. One person who was part of our group, an employee of the agent, had to sleep in the narrow alleyway as there was insufficient space in the tent. During the days of Hajj, he got really ill, as did other members of our group. One lady (from our group) even fainted whilst waiting in line for the toilet due to lack of sleep and food from the previous days. The smell was so foul coming from toilets, as the toilets were used as a shower and a toilet, a 2in1 system.

After Hajj, we found out that we were given a free Hajj package and placed with the people of Africa (and not Europe) during the days of Hajj, that explained our wristbands and all the other difficulties we all faced. The money we had paid was not just for airfare and hotel but included funds for a premium tent during Hajj days and especially in Mina, this again was not given.

This package should have included food and acceptable sleeping quarters and not an overcrowded tent. We also found out that our basic free hajj package only had basic meals not even soft drinks were included. Some of our group members were drinking these drinks from the coolers outside the tents thinking they belonged to everyone inside the tent which something we found out later that the African pilgrims had paid for these drinks as part of their basic package.

During the days of Hajj we got friendly with some of these people, who later explained to us how much they had paid and which hotels they were staying at. We paid almost twice as much as them, yet we were staying in a one-star hotel, whilst they stayed in a four-star hotel. This was humiliating and upsetting, How can this be done to people, who are visiting such a sacred place? Who have spent their life savings for this once in

a lifetime journey?

Food the Makkah hotel was the same almost every day sometimes even twice a day and many people including myself fell badly ill. During Hajj days we sometimes struggled with food/no food, especially the ones who were vegetarians.

The hotel canteen in Makkah was so small that we had to take turns to sit and eat, as it could only seat around 20 people (maximum) at one time. It was poorly maintained with flies on every table.

After the days of Hajj we received no food at the hotel (not even breakfast) as the

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caterer was not paid or so we had been told.

Few days after Hajj we left for Madina. An old school bus came and some of the luggage was placed on top of it and the rest we had to hire a truck to transport to Madina. Don't know how but we travelled in this for 8/9 hours with 2 service stops for food and to read Salaah. This included the elderly people in our group, one of them was wheelchair bound.

In Madina, we were promised that we would get better food and hotel. In the morning for breakfast, we were told by the canteen staff that we didn't have food there as the caterers were not paid. For 2 days we were not provided with any food, then one of the group members paid a catering firm to provide food for the rest of our group.

The hotel in Madina was much better than the one in Makkah but the bathtub was very dirty, it seemed like it hadn't been washed for ages.

All along the journey we would be told by the tour operator that

it is a Hajj journey and we need to be patient, in other words, stay quiet. We felt he tried manipulating us in the name of Islam, how could an Almighty fearing person do this?

As we had a disable person in our group, both the hotels were not disable friendly for her. Although there was a disable friendly room on each floor in Madina but for some reason she was not given any of those rooms. Just imagine what she and her family went through during this journey, especially during the days of Hajj, sleeping and sitting in the wheelchair for 5 days. She wasn't able to climb in the bathtub, so how was she suppose to shower during the nine days in Madina?

Whilst writing this, it brought a tear to my eye that how can people treat humans like this in 2018 when they have paid so much money (approximately £6000 per person), especially when they are going to fulfil an obligation of Islam?

As a group, we discussed our pricing and what everyone paid. It turned out that we had been charged different amounts for the same package. It felt like we had been cheated.

My sole aim to send this letter into Piagaam was to open peoples' eyes and make tour operators think twice when dealing with people who travel with them. We are telling our story not for sympathy but to share facts, we're not exaggerating, we are also not here to create enemies but here to create awareness regarding this issue.

I would also like to know if IMWS and Rabetah can do something regarding this issue, as they do say they represent the Muslim Community of Batley, then this is the time to truly live up to those words and actions. How would you feel if this was you or someone close to you experiencing this? Would you really sit back if a non-Muslim tour operator did this to you, on your luxury holiday to any other country around the world?

Got something to say?

Want to share your view or opinion? Email the editor at: paigaam@imws.org.uk or post your letters to: Al-Hikmah Centre, 28 Track Road, Batley, WF17 7AA

Letter to the Editor



Finding a reputable Hajj and Umrah tour operator

WHEN a person sets out for Hajj they leave with a want to fulfil an important aspect of Islam. There desire for this may well have simmered inside for years and their trips may well cost everything they have, especially with modern prices.

So it is worthwhile to know what to look for before you go. CBHUK (Council of British Hajjis) have suggest some points that can limit your chances of being a victim. CBHUK say:

Make sure your travel agent/tour operator is ATOL (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) protected. If the travel agency closes down while you are in Saudi Arabia you are guaranteed a flight home without having to pay any extra. If the agency closes down before you are due to travel, ATOL protection allows you to claim your money back.

Is your travel agent/tour operator accredited by the Saudi Embassy?

Don't book without

researching your travel agency/tour operator – if the offer seems too good to be true, it usually is. A recommendation from a friend or family member does not guarantee the authenticity of the outfit – a fraud may be ongoing for a while before the perpetrators dissipate the assets and disappear.

By researching the company you are limiting your chances of being defrauded.

Check exactly what you are paying for. When paying, consider carefully your method of payment. Establishing an auditable paper trail and keeping records of financial transactions will make it more difficult for you to be defrauded.

Get everything in writing.

Always get written terms and conditions as this details your contract with the travel agent

or tour operator. Make sure your flight details, accommodation and Hajj visa are valid.

The Head of Economic Crime at the City of London Police, Detective Chief Superintendent Steve

Head, said:

"Each year Hajj fraud is destroying the dreams of an untold number of people who believe they are about to make

their own pilgrimage to Mecca. The NFIB is working together with the Muslim community to shine a light on the fraudsters who continue to cause so much pain".

"The more we know of this crime the more we can do to stop it, so I would urge anyone who has fallen victim to Hajj fraud to contact the police."

You can find approved Hajj and Umrah agents on the CBHUK website.



Kerala floods aid update

AID has been distributed following an appeal made by the IMWS after severe floods hit the Indian state of Kerala.

IMWS launched the Kerala floods appeal in August, working in partnership with Tayyab Trust who are based in India.

The 2018 Kerala floods left hundreds dead and thousands of people displaced. It is the worst flooding in Kerala in almost a century and the state has faced damages estimated around USD \$3 billion.

In early July, due to extreme rainfall, severe floods ravaged the state and destroyed anything that came its way. Those who survived were left with nothing as most if not all of their belongings, including their houses were swept away.

The appeal was launched in partnership with the IMWS affiliate masjids and saw another good response from the generous local Muslim community who raised around £10.5K.

Aid packs containing foodstuffs and non-food stuffs like slippers, clothing and soap were distributed from the funds raised.

A total of 235 families were provide with food items and non food items in accordance with local taste and needs.

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Batley basks in gala day fun

THE WEATHER forecast predicted a gloomy rainy day Sunday, but the volunteers instead received a lovely bright sunny day to enjoy at the Batley Gala. Held at the Batley Cricket Club ground on Mount Pleasant, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The day kicked off with a Batley madrassas football tournament that attracted 11 teams. After much exciting and attacking play the u11 winners were Madressa Islamiya B who beat Madressa Islamiya A.

The under 14s became a nail-biting moment as in true drama it needed penalties to decide the winners. Eventually, Madressa Islamiyya B held their nerve to overcome Madressa Islamia C and became the tournament winners.

Children and young people with disabilities

and their families enjoyed a dedicated session during the morning to experience a variety of activities. A number of partners were involved in making the day special including Downs and Special Friends. Organisers said it was



really pleasing to see so many children and parents getting involved with the activities around the ground and with many happy faces young and old.

The Gala day organisers said, "We hope that everyone really enjoyed taking part in all the

sport and recreational activities available as well as the fantastic stalls that offered BBQ food and many savouries, cupcakes, desserts, smoothie bike and lots of bargains.

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event so successful our partners, sponsors and stall holders and lastly everyone who worked and contributed behind the scenes to make this event possible, without you it just would not have been possible.

"The feedback again this year has been extremely positive. Hope to see you all again for next years event."

Almost 800 people attended the Gala and partners included Batley CC, Batley Bulldogs, Kirklees council, Yorkshire Cricket Board, Downs and friends and Sparks Skills.

MOUNT A CHAMPIONS OF DIVISION 2



MOUNT CC's A team finished the last game of the season with a win over Greenland at their home ground.

Mount A, who won the toss decided to bat first with Anees Rawat hitting his first century for Mount CC. He held a 110 runs partnership Dr Visnagri. Mount reached 230 before they were bowled all out.

In reply Greenland lost their first 2 wickets very cheaply and bowlers Fakir Laher and Ismail Mayat proved too strong for the Greenland's team as they both finished their bowling figures on 4 for 28.

The team ends the season as champions of their division.

Mount A will now play in Division 1 for the 1st XI and Mount B who had their last game of the season last week will be playing in the premier division of 2nd XI.

Local students succeed in Albirr Hifz Competition

This year 17 boys from Madrasah Islamiyah went through to the Albirr Hifz main competition which took place at Masjid Umar Farooq in Walsall.

The competition has three groups: group A for 1-30 juz full Quran hifz, group B 1-20 juz and group C 1-10 juz. In each group, there are 1st, 2nd, 3rd and two runners-up prizes.

Mufti Zakaria Akudi, Principal of Madrasah Islamia, said, "Albirr organisers have been holding this competition for twenty-three years now and it has helped our hifz boys to excel in the level of recitation and memorisation by participating

in it.

"Alhumdulillah through the grace of His, boys from Islamic Culture and welfare association Henry street, Ilaahi Masjid Hope Street and Madrasah Islamiyah MPIT won in 9 out of the 15 positions, seven boys from Madrasah Islamiyah, Three boys from Ilaahi Masjid and one from ICWA.

"This is a great achievement when some of the applicants are from full-time Darul Uloom Hifz Classes. We are thankful and appreciate the many years of hard work, commitment, dedication and help of all the Ustads, students, parents and committee members which

has made this possible. We make duaa that these efforts to preserve the Quran in the hearts of our future generation continue with sincerity and go from strength to strength."

The names of this year's winners:

Hafiz Zakariya Seedat
Ilaahi Masjid Group A 1-30 1st

Hafiz Amir Seedat
MPIT Group A 1-30 Runner Up

Umar Mayat
MPIT Group B 1-20 1st

Hafiz Talha Dalal
Ilaahi Masjid Group B 1-20 2nd

Hamza Patel
MPIT Group B 1-20
Runner-up

Abrar Mulla
Ilaahi Masjid Group B
1-20 Runner-up

Rayyan Patel
MPIT Group C 1-10 1st

Unais Mamaniat
MPIT Group C 1-10
2nd.

Yahya Variava
ICWA Group C 1-10
Runner-up

THE LEGAL SLOT



by Baser Akoodie (Solicitor)

Get an Agreement- Especially where family members are involved!

It is normal for money to pass between family members. However when this is done without legal advice, it is only too common for disputes to arise as to whether or not the sums concerned were meant as gifts. Disputes between family members often become heated

A recent case regarding ownership of properties worth £800000 ended up in court. The case concerned a flat and a house which were both held in the son's sole name. A family row happened some years after the properties were bought, and his mother claimed that she had paid the whole of the flat's purchase price and also made a significant contribution to buying the house. She issued court proceedings claiming she owned the flat and a proportion of the house, and that both properties were held by her son on trust for her benefit.

The High Court note that the son was a successful businessman and would have been

able to afford to buy the flat for £56000 without his mother's help. Although she had payments to him exceeding £60000 in the 3 years before the purchase, the Court found they were meant to be gifts and there had been no intention that she would thereby obtain a share in the property.

The house had been bought for £375000 and there was no dispute that the mother had paid her son £111000 prior to the purchase. The Court found that, in that instance, the payment had not been intended as a gift and the mother was entitled to one third of the property.

The Courts are not the place to sort out issues like this. Simple documents completed at the time of the transactions would have prevented any misunderstanding and an expensive legal battle.

Good news for Airline Passengers

Almost everyone who has flown much has a story about lost or damage luggage, and holiday insurance claims regarding these are common.

Recently a man who took a holiday to Spain found that some items went missing from his luggage on his return trip and made a claim against his insurance policy. He had

used FINNAIR'S website to see what to do and concluded that he could telephone their customer helpline to report the matter.

The airline refused to settle with the insurer because the regulations in the Montreal Convention (which covers airline traffic) stipulate that such losses must be reported in writing with seven days of the receipt of the luggage. There was no doubt that the airline had a written record of the claim, but as notification of the loss was not made in writing, it declined to settle.

The legal argument went all the way to the Court of Justice of the European Union, which ruled that the claim was valid because a representative had made a record of it. They also decided that the use of an electronic system (such as a website complaints page) would count as a formal written complaint.

However, given that the decision turned on their being a written record of the claim, it would be risky to rely on a verbal complain only as it is important to make sure that a written record is held by the carrier with the seven- day time limit.

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Uyghur Muslims targeted in China

QR CODES outside homes and reports of a million people being held in internment camps because of their faith have emerged again, this time from China.

The UN and US cited estimates of one million Muslims being held in Chinese internment camps in late August. Whilst reports by Human Rights Watch last month said QR codes had been installed on the homes of Uyghur Muslim identifying the number of residents which is frequently being checked by authorities in spot checks.

The targeting of minority Uyghur Muslims comes as part of a mass crackdown on Muslim minorities, mostly Uyghur, in the Xinjiang province. According to the HRW report, this includes arbitrary detentions, daily

restrictions on religious practice and "forced political indoctrination".

Former inmates of the internment camps told reporters that over the course of an indoctrination process lasting several months, they were forced to renounce Islam, criticise their own Islamic beliefs and those of fellow inmates, and recite Communist Party propaganda songs for hours each day. There are media reports of inmates being forced to eat pork and drink alcohol, which is forbidden to Muslims, as well as reports of torture and death.

The United Nations human rights panel in August said China is believed to be holding up to one million ethnic Uyghurs in a secretive system of "internment camps" in Xinjiang, where they

undergo political education.

QR codes placed outside homes of Uyghur Muslims are visited every two days or every day. The codes target only the Muslim minority and officials challenge visitors as to why they are there during inspections.

Former residents said authorities were also collecting biometric data such as DNA and voice samples when people apply for passports or during police interrogations.

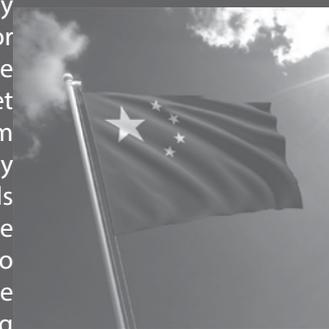
HRW say the human rights violations in Xinjiang today are of a scope and scale not seen in China since the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution. The

establishment and expansion

of political education camps and other abusive practices suggest that Beijing's commitment to transforming Xinjiang in its own image is long-term.

It is also evident that China does not foresee a significant

political cost to its abusive Xinjiang campaign. Its global influence has largely spared it from public criticism. And its position as a permanent member of the UN Security Council means that it can deflect international action, whether sanctions imposed by the council or criminal prosecutions brought at the International Criminal Court, to which China is not a party.



Hundreds attend special youth programme at Jam'e Masjid

WITH THE grace of the Almighty, Jam'e Masjid, Henry Street, Batley hosted a special youth programme for youngsters and their parents on the 22 September. The programme was arranged to discuss current and topical issues prevalent in our society.

Starting after Asar, the first bayaan was by Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb where he discussed the "Importance of Education". With the start of the new school and Madressah year, Maulana emphasised the need for young people to be educated in both secular and deeni taleem (religious education). He stressed the importance of deeni taleem in particular explaining how this was beneficial for both this world and the hereafter. Maulana finished with some advices for those attending college and university, high-

lighting the need to retain contact with Ulama and the masjid/madressah.

Either side of Maghrib, the ever popular and engaging Maulana Abdul Haleem Saheb from Bradford discussed the hot topic of "Does Crime Pay?", he gave many examples of lives that have been ruined for both the victims and perpetrators of crime and how it does not pay under any circumstances. Maulana stressed the important role parents have in rooting out any problems they see in their children as soon as they appear and not to ignore the warning signs, he continued by talking about the importance of tarbiyyah (upbringing) of children and how this was the responsibility of parents and could not be outsourced to the Madressah.

The final bayaan was by Maulana Ebrahim Surti Saheb, a young Aalim from London visiting Batley for the first time. His eagerly anticipated topic was on the current craze



the game Fortnite which has taken a stranglehold of millions of young people around the world. In a detailed expose Maulana highlighted the harms of this game in particular (although the principles could be applied to Gaming generally) and the negative

impact it is having on people's lives. Again, the role of parents was stressed heavily, they need to be aware of what their children are playing and how it is affecting them, parents were strongly urged to control (stop) their children from playing violent computer games which normalises such behaviour in their minds.

Concluding dua was made by Hadhrat Maulana Abdur Rauf Saheb, and food was served to all present after Isha Salaah.

Finally, the ICWA Management Committee would like to thank all the speakers and all the volunteers who assisted in any shape or form. We pray to the Almighty that he grants everyone Hidayat, accepts everyone's efforts and grants sincerity and longevity (Aameen).

Plans for a new Muslim girls' school

A multi-academy trust which runs a Muslim girls school in Bolton is seeking permission from the Department of Education (DfE) to establish a similar school in North Kirklees.

The Prosper Multi Academy Trust (PMAT) is preparing a proposal to the DfE to establish the faith school locally. The trust currently runs Bolton Muslim Girls' School - an academy school in Bolton.

The Department for Education- DfE has identified through statistical analysis that North Kirklees is a priority area for improvements of educational standards and attainment. It has some of the worst performing schools in the country and therefore the DfE is promoting Multi Academy Trusts that operate an outstanding school, to submit proposals for a new

school in North Kirklees.

The proposed free school, called, Crescent Girls High School (CGHS), will be a Secondary Free School with a Muslim faith character. It will cater for girls between the ages of 11 and 16 and up to 50 per cent of the intake may be accepted on the basis of faith.

In a statement, PMAT said they envisage the school to have about 600 pupils when full. In the first instance, when it opens, it will recruit into year 7 (11-year-olds).

Whilst a detailed vision of the project is available on the PMAT website, primarily it will take the practices from Bolton Muslim Girls' school and use it as a template with respect to local contextualisation for the new school. All policies and procedures will mirror that of Bolton Muslim Girls' School along with the

academic curriculum and the enrichment opportunity.

PMAT is a new multi-academy trust formed in 2016 and runs the Bolton Muslim Girls' School. The school has been in existence for 31 years had it's last Ofsted inspection in June 2013 when it was judged to be Outstanding in achievement, teaching, behaviour and leadership.

In 2017, the national measure of progress made by pupils placed the BMGS in the top 12 per cent of schools in England. Currently, the school in Bolton has 600 pupils.

Estimated date for CGHS to open is on or before September 2021 though the location and potential sites have not yet been decided upon. It is, however, envisaged to be in Batley or Dewsbury.

The proposal will be with the DfE by November 2018

following which PMAT should receive a response early in the new year.

A consultation has begun and PMAT are asking every one of all faiths and none with or without children of school age to respond. PMAT would like to finalise the consultation by mid-October. The consultation can be found online at:

www.prospermat.co.uk/our-schools/12502.html

The consultation forms will also be available through the local Madrassahs, in Batley and Dewsbury. PMAT said they welcome views from all parts of the wider community, including societies, groups and businesses.

If the proposal is accepted, the school will be operated by Prosper Multi Academy Trust. The local governing body will be made up of parents, staff and supportive local people.

Stop it in Stoptober

A reader's personal account

Stoptober, as it has been promoted, is an attempt to get people off those deadly nicotine sticks and into a better more healthier lifestyle during the month of October. It has now been four years since I stopped smoking and even today I have to say I still notice the difference.

Being able to run (or rather jog) and not feel like I'm going to stop breathing or legs stiffening up, mornings when I wake and don't have to cough-up whatever remnants of the cigarette remained inside and the loss of nicotine and tar perfumed clothes are just some of the fond memories I have.

But rather than tell you of the life I'm living, I thought sharing scribbles from back then might be better. It also acts as a nice reflection for me too.

At the time I had been smoking for around three decades. The first step was to decide to kick the habit, not as easy as it sounds.

Friends and family may try methods to encourage, including an explanation of the financial and health benefits, whilst others will try a reverse psychology: criticising the weakness of a smoker to instigate a burst of willpower.

True honesty permits me to reveal the reverse psychology usually leads to the flick of a flint instigating the lighting of a paper tube stuffed with tobacco, nicotine, tar and much more. Just saying.

Finance and health benefits had always been clear. Waking up in a morning and coughing up phlegm coated in over 400 chemicals isn't pleasant no matter how often it happens. And the rising cost speaks for itself. But even that was not enough.

You see I enjoyed smoking. Lighting up a 'cancer' stick in a celebratory manner or as a thinking time break led to the passing of a few pleasing minutes. I wasn't convinced I wanted to give that up. But

health signs pushed me to begin a halfhearted journey to fight a lengthy habit.

Initial attempts failed miserably. The GP's suggestion of cutting down really didn't work with me, though it did at least kick-start kicking the habit. Going cold turkey made me realise how these filter-tipped assassins had me in their clutches with frustration turning to explosion in just a few hours. It wasn't going well.

Then, with direction from my GP, I turned to a service being offered at the time by Locala simply called 'the Stop Smoking Service'.

This service offered an advisor who explains and assists to choose the best route to quit, including helping with nicotine replacement products to wean you off the addiction.

An explanation of receptors in the brain calming with nicotine and reacting when they needed a nicotine thrust made me go 'A-ha!' as the mystery was opening up. And a carbon monoxide reading, which should be below 5/6 on the digital display but displayed a mammoth and worrying 29 - exceeding beyond the rating of a heavy smoker and in fact, the cardboard chart - helped the will to quit a little further.

In the end, I decided to go for the nicotine patch and soon realised my earlier scepticism of 'does it really work?' was answered during the first few days.

I didn't feel like I needed to smoke, nor was frustration rearing its ugly head. The explosive short temper, which I was expecting, remained calm and the sweaty palms accompanied by the wall to wall pacing wasn't even a thought. It was far easier than I had ever imagined. The nicotine released from the patch seemed to have surrounded the sniper receptors and handcuffed them into submission.

Willpower had to play its part from time to time, after all, I was quitting something I enjoyed,

but with good support from family, friends, colleagues and of course my Locala adviser, I could breathe a little clearer now.

One worry was, of course, piling on the pounds to the already bolted though not fully inflated spare tyre around the waist. The nicotine patches did work well in reducing even these cravings but the lack of smoking had suddenly brought back my taste buds. To counter this, I with a friend joined a Circuit Training group. If truth be told it actually made me realise how bad a shape I was in.

Now in 2018, as I celebrate four years of being smoke-free later this month I have to say it really was the best thing I did. Yes, I have saved money, breathing is much better and phlegm is not the morning wake up call. I really don't miss it nor do I feel like a smoke when I see someone else smoking.

Instead, I take on new



challenges and have become quite active (though the waistline won't really tell you this).

If you want to know more about Stoptober including help to quit smoking, head over to the NHS Stoptober website. And good luck!



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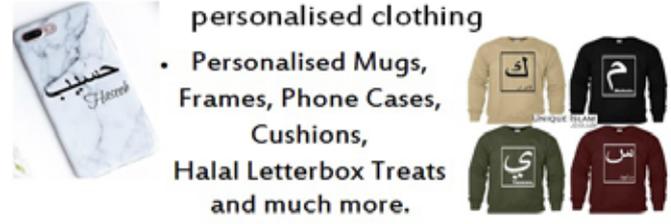
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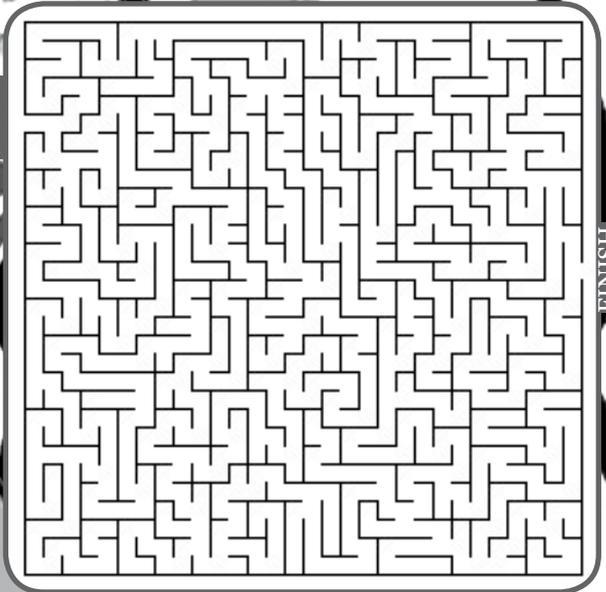
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Y R T U B A Q A H Z R B W V W
U O P R N Q C E P L U M B E R
R F J P N W N T R E Y W A L I
Z Z V Y C W S T G T E H K J T
I Z X G X X L T E F N D N X E
R G W C L Y U G J I O S E R R
L O J C M T Y C J K K T M H D

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 $\frac{I}{22} \frac{I}{25} \frac{I}{23} \frac{I}{6}$

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મદ્રેસા સેમિનાર

-મહંમદ યુસુફ સુફી લાજપુરી, બાટલી.

સેમિનારનો મકસદ

હઝરત મૌલાના કારી સિદ્દીક સાંસરોદી સાહેબ દા.બ. સદરકારી, ઉસ્તાદે તજવિદ, કિરાત મદ્રેસા ફલાહે દારેન તડકેશ્વર, ઈન્ડિયા દર વર્ષે અલ-બિર ફાઉન્ડેશન યુ.કે. ના ઉપક્રમે થતાં વાર્ષિક હિફઝ કુરઆન કરીમના મુસાબકહ કોમ્પિટિશનમાં હાજરી આપતા રહ્યા છે. કારણ કે, છેલ્લા કેટલાક વર્ષોથી હઝરત કારી સાહેબને અલ-બિર ફાઉન્ડેશનના ડાયરેક્ટર બનાવવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આ કોમ્પિટિશનમાં ફુલ કુરાન મજહૂબૂપ એ કેટગરીમાં જજ તરીકે પણ પોતે જ રહે છે. જેથી કારી સાહેબને પૂરા ઈંગ્લેન્ડના મદ્રેસાઓમાં થતી કુરઆન કરીમની તાલિમ વિષે પણ પૂરો અનુભવ લગભગ થઈ ચૂક્યો છે. યુ.કે.ના મકતબ મદ્રેસાની તાલિમનો શું હાલ છે? અને કયા શહેરો તથા મદ્રેસાની તાલિમ પ્રગતિ પર છે તેનું તેમને જ્ઞાન છે. એક વિશેષ કારણ એ પણ હતું કે, અલ-બિર ફાઉન્ડેશનની શરૂઆત ૧૯૮૬માં વોલસોલથી થઈ હતી. ત્યારપછી ૧૯૯૮માં માઉન્ટ પ્લેઝન્ટ મદીના મસ્જિદમાં અને એના બીજા વર્ષે ૧૯૯૯માં અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટરમાં કોમ્પિટિશન થઈ હતી. કારી સાહેબ ૧૯૯૬થી લગભગ અલ-બિરના વાર્ષિક મુસાબકા કોમ્પિટિશનમાં ઉપસ્થિત રહે છે. અને ફક્ત હાજરીજ નહીં બલ્કે ઈંગ્લેન્ડમાં થતી મદ્રેસાની તાલિમનું નિરીક્ષણ પણ કરે છે.

હઝરત મૌલાના કારી સિદ્દીક સાંસોદરી સાહેબ દા.બ. જ્યારે જ્યારે આ મહાન હેતુ માટે ઈંગ્લેન્ડનો પ્રવાસ કરે છે ત્યારે બાટલી જરૂર આવે છે. અને માઉન્ટ પ્લેઝન્ટ મદ્રેસા ઈસ્લામિયાહની મુલાકાત પણ લે છે. ત્યારે મદ્રેસામાં પ્રાથમિક ક્લાસોથી લઈ હિફઝ ક્લાસ સહિત દરેક ક્લાસોની તાલિમનું નિરીક્ષણ કરે છે. એ વિષે સલાહ સૂચન અને મશ્વેરો પણ આપે છે. ઉસ્તાદોને ભેગા કરી જરૂરી રેહબરી કરે છે, જેનાથી ઘણોજ ફાયદો થાય છે અને મદ્રેસાની તાલિમ વિષે પણ વધુ જાણકારી મળતી રહે છે.

આ વર્ષે મદ્રેસાના જીમ્મેદાર શુરાએ એક ઉત્તમ વિચાર કર્યો કે કારી સાહેબના આપણા મદ્રેસામાં આગમનથી ફક્ત આપણા જ મદ્રેસાને નહીં બલ્કે બાટલી, ડુયુઝબરીના અનેક મદ્રેસાઓ અને યુ.કે.ના બીજા મદ્રેસાઓને પણ લાભ થાય અને એક ઉચ્ચતમ હેતુ સાર્થક થાય. કારી સાહેબ પાસે સમયનો પણ અભાવ હતો અને તેમના અનેક શાગીર્દો પણ તેમની ખીદમત અને તેમના મકામી મદ્રેસાઓમાં તેમની હાજરીની વિનંતી કરતા હતા. છતાં પણ તેમણે આપણી દાવતને કબુલ કરી હાજરી આપી. ટૂંક સમયને કારણે આપણી કમિટીના સભ્યો અને સદર મુદર્રીસે, મદ્રેસામાં પઠાવતા ઉસ્તાદો અને બીજા આલિમો જેમને આ બાબતે રસ હતો તેઓએ આ સેમિનારમાં શીરકત કરી હતી. લગભગ ૩૦૦ જેટલા ઉસ્તાદોએ એમાં ભાગ લીધો જેમાં ૧૦૦ થી વધુ આપાઆ (મુઅલ્લિમાત)નો પણ સમાવેશ હતો.

સેમિનારનો ટૂંકો હેવાલ

મદ્રેસા ઈસ્લામિયાહ બાટલીના સૌજન્યથી ૬ મુહર્રમ ૧૪૪૦ હીજરી તારીખ ૧૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બરના રવિવારે ૧૨ વાગે જમણ પછી ઝોહરની નમાઝ બાદ નવા મદ્રેસાના ઉપરના વિશાળ હોલમાં હઝરત મૌલાના કારી સિદ્દીક સાહેબ સાંસરોદીની સદારતમાં સેમિનારનો આરંભ અત્યંત ખુશનુમા વાતાવરણમાં થયો હતો.

મદીના મસ્જિદના પેશ ઈમામ મૌલાના સુલેમાન બોડીયાત સાહેબ દા.બ. જે એકધારી ૪૦ વર્ષથી મસ્જિદ, મદ્રેસાની ખિદમતને અંજામ આપી રહ્યા છે. પોતાનો પ્રતિભાવ-મકાલો રજૂ કર્યો હતો. આ ઈમાન અફરોઝ મુકાલાનું અગ્રેજીમાં ભાષાંતર હાજી બિલાલ લોરગત સાહેબે કર્યું હતું.

સેમિનારનો હેતુ અને મદ્રેસા ઈસ્લામિયાહમાં ચાલતી પ્રવૃત્તિઓનો સુંદર ચિતાર તથા અન્ય બીજી અગત્યની માહિતી અને રીસેપ્શન ક્લાસથી લઈને ઉપરના દરેક ક્લાસોમાં થતી તાલિમનો વિગતથી હેવાલ મદ્રેસાના સદર મુદર્રીસ મુફ્તી ઝકરિયા આકુડી સાહેબે રજૂ કર્યો હતો.

મદ્રેસાના માસૂમ નવનિહાલ બાળકોએ પ્રેક્ટીકલ રીતથી પઠાઈનો શાનદાર નમૂનો પોતાની પ્યારી ઝબાનથી રજૂ કર્યો હતો. ક્લાસમાં અહસનુલ કવાયદ, હિજ્જે કરી અરબીની શાનદાર નવી તરતીબથી તેઓ પઢે છે. ત્યારબાદ પારએ અમ્મ પણ એજ પ્રમાણે એલ,એસ,સી. ના કાનુનના આધારે લાઉડ, સ્લો, ક્લીયર અંદાજથી પઠાવવાની તાલિમ આપવામાં આવે છે.

અંતમાં સદર સાહેબે સેમિનારને સંબોધન કરી દીની તાલિમનું મહત્વ, મદ્રેસામાં પઠાવવાની તરતીબ અને તજવીદ ઉપર ઉંડાણથી સમજ આપી તેના ઉપર પૂરું ધ્યાન આપવા અનુરોધ કર્યો હતો. તજવીદના ફાયદા અને ઉચ્ચાર ઉપર સંપૂર્ણ ધ્યાન આપવા વિનંતી કરી હતી. સીલેબસને ધ્યાનમાં રાખી બાળકો તરફ પ્યાર મોહબ્બતથી તેમના ઉપર વધુ દબાણ ન આવે અને પઠાઈમાં પૂરેપૂરું ધ્યાન આપે તેની કાળજી રાખવા પણ વિનંતી કરી હતી.

આ સેમિનારમાં બાટલી ઉપરાંત આજુબાજુના ટાઉન અને લંડન ગ્લાસગોથી પણ ઉસ્તાદોએ હાજરી આપી હતી. તેમના મંતવ્યો મુજબ આ એક ખૂબજ ઉત્તમ પ્રકારનો સેમિનાર હતો અને એનાથી મદ્રેસાની તાલિમ ઉપર સીધો ફાયદો થઈ શકે એમ જણાવ્યું હતું. હાજરજનોએ સેમિનારમાં જણાવવામાં આવેલ વિગતો ખૂબજ ફાયદાકારક નીવડશે એવો અભિપ્રાય પણ આપ્યો હતો.

કોઈ જાગે ન જાગે યે મુકદ્દર ઉનકા
અપના ફર્જ હે આવાઝ લગાતે રહીયે.

કુછ અચ્છી બાતેં:

જીવનકી હર સમસ્યા ટ્રાફિક કી લાલ બત્તીકી તરહ હોતી હય
યદી હમ થોડી દેર પ્રતિક્ષા કરલે તો હરી હો જાતી હય.
દુનિયામેં રેહને કે લીયે સબસે અચ્છી દો જગહ હય
યા તો કિસીકે દિલમે... યા કિસીકી દુવાઓમે.

અઈમ્મએ અર્બઅહ

-અહમદ ગુલ

અઈમ્મએ અર્બઅહ (ચાર ઈમામો) વિશે જાણકારી વધે અને યાદ રહે એ હેતુથી તદ્દન ટૂંકમાં એમનો જીવન પરિચય વાંચકો સમક્ષ રજૂ કરવાનો ઉપક્રમ છે.

ઈમામે આઝમ અબુહનીફા (રદિ.)

ઈમામ અબુહનીફા કે જેઓ ઈમામે આઝમથી જગમશહુર છે, તેમનો જન્મ ઈરાકના કુફા શહેરમાં હીજરી ૮૦ ઈસ્વીસન ૬૯૯ના વર્ષમાં અબ્દુલ મલિક બિન મરવાનના રાજ્યકાળમાં થયો હતો. એમનું મૂળ નામ નોમાન બિન સાબિત છે. એમનું કુટુંબ મૂળે પરશીયન છે અને તેઓ તાબેઈન હતા. (જેમણે સહાબીઓને જોયા હોય તેમને તાબેઈન કહેવામાં આવે છે.)

એમના જીવનના શરૂઆતના વર્ષોમાં ન તો એમને તાલિમ પ્રત્યે લગાવ હતો, ન એ બાબતે એમને કોઈ ખાસ તક મળી હતી. એમને તો પિતાના પગલે ધંધાના વિકાસમાં દિલચસ્પી હતી.

હજજાજ બિન યુસુફ બનું ઉમય્યા (ઉમ્મેયાદ) સલ્તનતમાં ઈરાકના ગવર્નર પદે હતા. હજજાજ મુસ્લિમ ઉલેમા પર જુલ્મ ગુજારતો હતો. કેસો ચલાવતો અને સજા કરતો હતો. હજજાજ બિન યુસુફ વલીદ બિન અબ્દુલ મલિક (અબ્દુલ મલિક બિન મરવાનનો પુત્ર)નો શાસનકાળ શરૂ થયો અને ઉલેમા પ્રત્યેની હાલતમાં થોડોક સુધારો થવા લાગ્યો અને બદલતી હાલતમાં અબુહનીફાને મઝહબી શિક્ષણ પ્રત્યે શોખ પેદા થયો. જોતજોતામાં લગન, ઘગશ, મહેનત અને અત્યંત કુશાગ્ર બુધ્ધિમતાના કારણે મઝહબી શિક્ષણ અને ખાસ કરીને ફિકહી વિષયમાં નિષ્ણાંત થઈ ગયા. અને ફિકહી વિષય પર અનેક કિતાબો પણ લખી.

કેટલીક આધારભૂત માહિતીથી જાણવા મળે છે કે, બનુ અબ્બાસ (અબ્બાસી)ખલીફાએ ઈમામ અબુહનીફાને રાજ્યના ચીફ જસ્ટીસના મહત્વપૂર્ણ હોદ્દાનો પ્રસ્તાવ મૂક્યો હતો. જેને ઈમામ સાહેબે નકારી કાઢ્યો હતો. એમના નકારાત્મક જવાબથી ગુસ્સે ભરાયેલા ખલીફાએ એમને કેદ કર્યા હતા. અને જેલમાં જ હીજરી ૧૫૦ ઈસ્વીસન ૭૬૭માં ૭૦વર્ષની વયે એમનો ઈત્તેકાલ થયો હતો. એમના જનાઝામાં એટલા લોકોની હાજરી હતી કે, છ વાર જનાઝાની નમાઝ પઢવી પડી હતી.

ઈમામ માલિક (રદિ.)

ઈમામ માલિકનું પૂરું નામ અબુ અબ્દુલ્લાહ માલિક ઈબ્ન અનસ ઈબ્ન માલિક છે. તેઓ શેખુલ ઈસ્લામ તરીકે પણ મશહુર છે. એમનો જન્મ હીજરી ૮૩ ઈસ્વી સન ૭૧૧ માં મદીના મુનવ્વરાહમાં થયો હતો. એમનું કુટુંબ યમનની અબ્ર અસ્લાહી જાતિનું હતું. જેઓ હીજરી ૨ ના વર્ષમાં મદીના આવીને વસી ગયું હતું અને ઈસ્લામ કબુલ કરી લીધો હતો.

ઈમામ માલિકને બાળપણથીજ દીની તાલિમ પ્રત્યે લગાવ હતો. અને ઘણી નાની વયે એમણે કુરઆન હીફઝ કરી લીધું હતું. અને હદીસો યાદ કરવાની પણ શરૂઆત કરી દીધી હતી. તાલિમ ગ્રહણ માટે હદીસ અને ફિકહ એમના મુખ્ય વિષયો હતા.

હંમેશાં લોકોને સલાહ આપતા કે, કોઈ વ્યક્તિગત મત બાંધવા કરતાં હદીસ પર ધ્યાન આપવું જોઈએ. બિદઅહ(બિદઅત) નો ખાસ વિરોધ કરતા હતા. એમના મતે જેઓ કોઈ પણ સારી વાત પોતાના તરફથી દીનમાં ઉમેરે તે ભલેને અત્યંત સારી દેખાતી હોય પરંતુ એનો અર્થ એ થાય કે, નાઅઉઝોબિલ્લાહ નબીએ પાક(સલ.) એ આપેલો સંદેશ અધૂરો હતો. બિદઅત બાબતે તેઓ ખૂબ ગંભીરપણે વિરોધ દર્શાવતા હતા.

ઈમામ માલિકે જે હદીસોનો આધાર લઈને વર્ણવી છે તેને સૌથી વધુ આધારભૂત ગણવામાં આવે છે. અને હદીસના અભ્યાસીઓએ એને “ સુવર્ણ રિવાયતની કડી” કહી છે. હઝરત ઈમામ બુખારીએ પણ કહ્યું છે કે, સૌથી વધુ આધારભૂત રિવાયતો ઈમામ માલિકે રજૂ કરી છે. કારણ કે એમણે નફીનો આધાર લીધો છે. જે નફી ઈબ્ને ઉમર (રદિ.) મારફત સીધી રીતે નબી (સલ.)એ વર્ણવેલી હદીસો હતી.

ઈમામ શાફી (રદિ.) એમના શાગીર્દ હતા. અને આગળ જતાં ખુદ ઈમામ શાફીને ઈમામનો દરજ્જો હાંસિલ થયો હતો. હદીસના નિષ્ણાંતોમાં ઈમામ માલિક એક ચમકતા સિતારા સમાન ગણાતા હતા. એમનું મુખ્ય પ્રદાન અલ-મુઅત્તા કિતાબ છે. જેના માટે ઈમામ શાફી (રદિ.) એ કહ્યું હતું કે, કુરઆન મજીદ પછી સૌથી આધારભૂત કિતાબ છે.

ઈમામ માલિકનો ઈત્તેકાલ હીજરી ૧૭૯ ઈસ્વીસન ૭૯૫માં ૮૪ વર્ષની વયે મદીના મુનવ્વરાહમાં થયો હતો. અને એમને જન્મતુલબકીમાં દફનાવાવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

ઈમામ શાફી (રદિ.)

હઝરત ઈમામ શાફી (રદિ) નો જન્મ હીજરી ૧૫૦ ઈસ્વીસન ૭૬૭માં ગાઝા પેલેસ્ટાઈનમાં થયો હતો. એમનું આખુ નામ અબુ અબ્દુલ્લાહ મુહમ્મદ ઈબ્ન ઈદરીસ અશ-શાફી છે. નબી પાક(સલ.) જે કુરેશ ખાનદાનમાંથી છે, ઈમામ શાફી પણ એજ કુરેશ ખાનદાનમાંથી હતા.

એઓ નાના હતા ત્યારે એમના પિતાનો ઈત્તેકાલ થઈ ગયો હતો. એમના ઉછેરની જવાબદારી એમની માતાએ બખૂબી નિભાવી હતી. એમની ઉંમર બે વર્ષની હશે ત્યારે એમની માતા મક્કા શરીફમાં રહેવા માટે આવી ગયા હતા. અને ઈમામ સાહેબ ત્યાંજ મોટા થયા હતા. એમ કહેવાય છે કે, ઈમામ સાહેબે ૭ વર્ષની કુમળીવયે કુરઆન મજીદ હિફઝ કરી લીધું હતું. અને ૧૦ વર્ષની વયે તો ઈમામ માલિકની કિતાબ અલ મુઅત્તા પણ હિફઝ કરી લીધી હતી.

લગભગ ૧૩ વર્ષની વયે તેઓ મદીના મુનવ્વરાહ ગયા હતા. જ્યાં ઈમામ માલિક(રદિ.) પાસે એમણે શિક્ષણ પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું હતું. એમની યાદદાશ્ત, સમજદારી અને બુધ્ધિશાળીથી ઈમામ માલિક ખૂબજ પ્રભાવિત હતા. એમના જમાનાના બીજા ઘણાં અગ્રણી ઉસ્તાદોથી એમણે ઈલ્મ હાંસિલ કર્યો હતો. અને ફિકહના નિષ્ણાંત થયા હતા.

ઈમામ શાફીએ એમના જીવનકાળમાં ઘણી કિતાબો લખી હતી. પણ એમાંથી અલ.રિસાલા અને કિતાબુલ ઉમ્મ ઘણીજ મકબુલ અને અગત્યની કિતાબો છે. (આગળના પાના ઉપર)

ખલીફા હારૂન અલ રશીદે એના કાર્યકાળમાં રાજકીય મતભેદના કારણે એમને જેલમાં પૂરી દીધા હતા. પરંતુ એમનો કોઈ ગુનોહ સાબિત થઈ શક્યો ન હતો અને નિર્દોષ ઠરતાં તેમને છોડી મૂક્યા હતા. ઈમામ શાફી (રદિ.) નો ઈન્તેકાલ હીજરી ૨૦૪ ઈસ્વીસન ૮૧૯ માં ૫૨ વર્ષની વયે ઈજીપ્તમાં થયો હતો અને એમને ત્યાંજ દફન કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

ઈમામ અહમદ ઈબ્ન હંબલ (રદિ.)

હઝરત ઈમામ અહમદ ઈબ્ન હંબલ (રદિ) એક મહાન ઈમામ હતા. એમનું આપુ નામ અહમદ બિન મુહમ્મદ બિન હંબલ અબુ અબ્દુલ્લાહ અલ શૈબાની હતું. એમનો જન્મ હિજરી ૧૬૪ ઈસ્વીસન ૭૮૦માં બગદાદ ખાતે થયો હતો. એમના બન્ને માતા-પિતા શૈબાન જાતિનાં હતાં. નાનપણમાં એમના પિતાનો ઈન્તેકાલ થઈ ગયો હતો.

એમણે ફિકહની તાલિમ હઝરત અબુ યુસુફ (હઝ. ઈમામ અબુહનીફાના શાગીર્દ)થી લીધી હતી. એઓ હઝ. ઈમામ શાફીના પણ તાલિમે ઈલ્મ રહી ચૂક્યા હતા. જ્યારે એમની ઉંમર ફક્ત ૧૫ વર્ષની હતી ત્યારથી જ એમણે હદીસ શરીફના અભ્યાસની શરૂઆત કરી દીધી હતી. તે જમાનાના મહાન ઉલેમા પાસેથી ઈલ્મ હાંસિલ કરવાના મકસદથી ઘણાં મુસ્લિમ રાજ્યોની સફર કરી હતી. એમણે હદીસની કિતાબ મસનદનું સંકલન કર્યું હતું. જેમાં ૪૦૬૪૨ હદીસોનો સમાવેશ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. હદીસની એક અગત્યની કિતાબ તરીકે મસનદની ગણના થાય છે.

ખલીફા મામૂનના રાજ્યકાળમાં એમનું અલ્લાહ પર યકીન અને દીનની સમજની આકરી કસોટી કરવામાં આવી હતી. અને ખલીફાના વિચારોનો એમણે વિરોધ કર્યો હતો. ખલીફા મામૂનની માન્યતા હતી કે, કુરઆન અલ્લાહનું કલામ છે. પણ અલ્લાહપાકે માનવી અને બીજા જીવિત પ્રાણીની જેમ કુરઆનને પણ પૈદા કર્યું છે. તે સમયના ઘણાં ઉલેમાને સંમત થવા દબાણ કરવામાં આવતું હતું, અને સંમત ન થનારને સજા કરવામાં આવતી હતી. હઝરત ઈમામ અહમદ બિન હંબલ અને એમના સાથી મુહમ્મદ ઈબ્ન નુહ પોતાની માન્યતા પર મજબુતીથી કાયમ રહ્યા હતા અને ખલીફાના વિરોધમાં હિંમતપૂર્વક ઊભા રહ્યા હતા.

ખલીફા મામૂનના ઈન્તેકાલ પછી ઈબ્રાહીમ મુસ્તસિમ બિલ્લાહના કાર્યકાળમાં અત્યાચારો ચાલુ જ રહ્યા હતા. અને ઈમામ અહમદ બિન હંબલને જાહેરમાં કોરડા ફટકારવાની સજા કરવામાં આવી હતી. મુસ્તસિમના ઈન્તેકાલ પછી હારૂન વાસિક બિલ્લાહ ખલીફા બન્યા હતા. અને ઈમામ અહમદ બિન હંબલને બગદાદથી બહાર કાઢી મૂક્યા હતા. વાસિકના ઈન્તેકાલ પછી એનો ભાઈ જાફર મુતવકિલ બિલ્લાહ ખલીફા બન્યો અને પરિસ્થિતિ બદલવા લાગી. એણે કુરઆન વિશેની ચર્ચા પર પ્રતિબંધ લગાવી દીધો હતો. અને ઈમામ અહમદ બિન હંબલને ઈજીપ્તભેર એમનો દરજ્જો પાછો આપવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

એમનો ઈન્તેકાલ હીજરી ૨૪૧ ઈસ્વીસન ૮૫૫માં ૭૫ વર્ષની વયે બગદાદમાં થયો હતો. (અંગ્રેજી પરથી)

ઉતાવળ

-આબિદાબેન રાજપુરા, બાટલી.

આપણાં વડિલો કહેતા આવ્યા કે, “ ઉતાવળા સો બાવરા ધીરા સો ગંભીર.” અંગ્રેજીમાં પણ કહેવત મશહૂર છે કે, “Haste makes Waste” ટૂંકમાં ઉતાવળમાં ઘણીવાર કામ બગડે. જિંદગીમાં મહત્વના નિર્ણયો લેવામાં પણ ઉતાવળને બદલે ધીરજ, સમજૂતી અને સલાહ-મશ્વેરાથી કામ લેવું જોઈએ. વ્યક્તિને ઓળખવામાં થતી ઉતાવળ કૌટુંબિક જીવનમાં કે વ્યવસાયમાં ક્યારેક સમસ્યાઓ ઉભી કરે છે. વ્યક્તિનો દેખાવ, કપડાં, બોલવાની રીત, રંગ-રૂપ, વર્તન વગેરે જોઈને તે વ્યક્તિ કેવી છે તેનો અંદાજ આપણે લગાવીએ છીએ પણ સાચી ઓળખ તે વ્યક્તિના સહવાસમાં આવ્યા પછી જ થાય. આ અંગે એક કિસ્સો જાણવા જેવો છે.

ઈન્ડિયાની સીટી બસમાં એક મજબૂત બાંધાનો કદાવર અને પહેલવાન જેવો દેખાતો વ્યક્તિ દરરોજ સવારે મુસાફરી કરે. તે રૂટ ઉપર એક નવા કંડકટરની નિમણૂંક થઈ. ફરજ પ્રમાણે તે દરેકને ટિકીટ આપતો, મુસાફરોની સેવા કરતો. જ્યારે પેલા પહેલવાન જેવા ભાઈ બસમાં ચડ્યા તો તેમને ટિકીટ લેવાનું કહ્યું તો તેણે જવાબ આપ્યો “હું કદી ટિકીટ નથી લેતો.” પોતાના કરતાં ૪ ગણા વજન અને કદવાળા આ મુસાફરના ચહેરાના હાવભાવ અને વર્તન જોઈને નાનો જીવાત કંડકટર બીકનો માર્ચો કંઈ બોલ્યો નહીં. સોમ થી શનિ દરરોજ સવારે આ પ્રમાણે ચાલતું રહ્યું અને કંડકટર પોતાની લાચારી અને હતાશા સાથે પોતાની જાત ઉપર ગુસ્સે થતો રહ્યો. લગભગ એકાદ મહિના સુધી આ પ્રમાણે ચાલતું રહ્યું. છેવટે કંડકટરે હિંમત કરી એક દિવસ ગુસ્સામાં કહ્યું કે, “ તમારે ટિકીટ લેવી જ પડશે. દરરોજ મફતમાં મુસાફરી નહીં કરી શકો.” જ્યારે વ્યક્તિએ ટિકીટ લેવાની ના પાડી તો તેને બસમાંથી ઉતરી જવા કહ્યું. પણ તે ભાઈ આ સાંભળી મુશ્કુરાતા રહ્યા અને બેસી રહ્યા. કંડકટરની સાથે બીજા પેસેન્જર પણ પરેશાન હતા.

છેવટે કંડકટરે ગુસ્સામાં ઉંચા અવાજે તેને બસમાંથી ઉતરી જવા કહ્યું અને બસ ઊભી રાખી. આટલું બધું થયા પછી પેલા ભાઈએ ખીસ્સામાંથી એક કાર્ડ કાઢ્યું અને કહ્યું કે, હું આખા વરસનો બસ પાસ કઢાવું છું એટલે ટિકીટ લેતો નથી. હું નોકરીયાત છું. અને નાગરિક તરીકેની મારી ફરજ હું સમજું છું. તમે નવા છો. પણ આ અગાઉ જે કંડકટર હતા તે જાણે છે કે, છેલ્લા પાંચ વર્ષથી હું આ પ્રમાણે મુસાફરી કરું છું.

અહીં નવા કંડકટરે વ્યક્તિના બહારના દેખાવથી ડરવાને બદલે પહેલે દિવસે જ ટિકીટ અંગે ખુલાસો કર્યો હોત તો તેને આખો મહિનો પરેશાન થવું ના પડતું. બહારનો દેખાવ એ વ્યક્તિનો એક ભાગ જરૂર છે પણ તેના પરથી તે વ્યક્તિ સારો, નબળો, લુચ્ચો કે માયાળુ હશે તે નક્કી કરવામાં ભૂલ જરૂર થાય.

મોબાઇલથી છૂટકારો કઈ રીતે?

□ મહેક ટંકારવી, બોલ્ટન

સમુદ્રમાં ઊઠતાં પ્રચંડ મોજાંઓની માફક વિશ્વ સ્તરે પણ કેટલાક એવા બનાવો બનતા હોય છે, કેટલાંક એવાં મોજાંઓ ઊઠતાં હોય છે જે બધું હચમચાવી નાંખી ક્રાંતિ સર્જતાં હોય છે. આ ક્રાંતિ ભૌતિક, વૈચારિક, આર્થિક કે રાજકીય પણ હોઈ શકે છે. આધુનિક સમયમાં આવાં જે ત્રણ પ્રચંડ અને ક્રાંતિકારી મોજાંઓ ઊઠ્યાં તેમના વિષે Alvin Toffler (1928-2016)નામના અમેરિકન લેખકે પોતાનાં ત્રણ પ્રખ્યાત પુસ્તકોમાં વિગતે વાત કરી છે. ૧૯૭૦માં પ્રસિદ્ધ થયેલ તેમના પુસ્તક “Future Shock”માં તેમણે કૃષિમોજાની વાત કરી છે; ૧૯૮૦માં પ્રસિદ્ધ થયેલા “The Third Wave” માં ઔદ્યોગિક મોજાની વાત કરી છે, તો ૧૯૯૦માં પ્રસિદ્ધ થયેલ “Power Shift” પુસ્તકમાં અત્યારે વિશ્વ સ્તરે જેની અત્યંત વ્યાપક અસરો વરતાય રહી છે તે ‘માહિતી મોજા’ની વાત કરી છે. ભાવિનો અભ્યાસ કરનાર આ લેખકે વર્તમાન પ્રવાહો પર આધારિત કેટલીક સચોટ ભાવિ આગાહીઓ કરી છે જે સાચી પડી છે.

માહિતી પ્રસારણનાં જે માધ્યમો છે તેમાં મોબાઇલે મહા મોકાણ સર્જ્યું છે. આજે સમગ્ર વિશ્વના કલ્ચર પર એની ભારે અને ઊંડી અસરો વરતાય રહી છે. દુનિયાના છેવાડાના દેશના કોઈ અજાણ્યા ખૂણે વસતા માનવીના હાથમાં પણ આ વાઈબ્રેટીંગ રમકડું તમને જોવાનું મળશે. હવે ગામડે ખેતરમાં કામ કરતો મજૂર કે હારી પણ મોબાઇલ લીધા વિના ખેતરે જતો નથી; ગામમાં ભીખ માંગવા આવતા ભિખારી કે ફકીરોના ખિસ્સામાં પણ મોબાઇલ છૂપાયેલો હોય છે. આજના યુવાન યુવતીઓને તો જાણે એના સહારે મ્હાલવાની, મહોબ્બત કરવાની મજા આવી ગઈ છે! કોઈ ન જુએ કે કોઈ ન જાણે એ રીતે આ નાનકડા સાધનના મિનિ સ્ક્રીન પર પ્રેમ કથાઓમાં બને છે એવું બધું વિચારાતું, આયોજાતું હોય છે. ગૃહિણીઓને પણ ઘેર બેઠાં આ સાધનના સહારે નવરી પડતાં જ તારી મારી કરવાનું અને આખી દુનિયાની પંચાત કરવાનું ફાવી ગયું છે! બાળકો સ્કૂલેથી છૂટતાં જ દફતરમાંથી મોબાઇલ કાઢી સ્ક્રીન પર રચાતી દુનિયામાં એટલાં બધાં ખોવાઈ જતાં હોય છે કે આજુબાજુ શું થાય છે તેનું પણ ભાન રહેતું નથી!

હવે આપણી વાત કરીએ. પહેલાં ફોનના કોન્ટ્રાક્ટ સાથે મળતી ૫૦૦ કે ૧,૦૦૦ મફત મિનિટોનો પૂરેપૂરો ઉપયોગ કરી લેવા જોઈતા ન જોઈતા ફોન આપણે સૌ કરતા રહેતા હતા. હજુ પણ કેટલાક લોકો આવું કરતા જ હોય છે. આવી મફતિયા મિનિટો વાપરવામાં તેમનો તો સમય બરબાદ થતો જ હોય છે, પણ સામાવાળાનો પણ સમય વેડફાઈ છે કારણ કે વાત કશી મુદ્દાની તો હોતી નથી, બસ આમ જ પારકી પંચાત થતી રહે છે. આવા ફોન આવે ત્યારે એક તો ખોટું લાગશે એમ

વિચારી ના કહી શકાતું નથી કે કોઈ બહાનું બતાવી શકાતું નથી અને સામાવાળાની હામાં હા મેળવતા રહી, ન કહેવાનું કે ન બોલવાનું આપણે પણ નાછૂટકે બોલી નાંખી કેટલીક વાર આપણા માટે મુસીબત ઊભી કરતા હોય છે. એવું લાગે છે કે આ બીમારી હવે આમ થઈ ગઈ છે જેને કારણે સમાજ આરે રસ્તે વળી રહ્યો છે કે વળી ગયો છે એવું લાગે છે.

મોબાઇલ સાથે હવે વોટ્સ એપનું વળગણ પણ એટલું જ વધ્યું છે. એણે પણ આપણા દિલો દિમાગ પર ભારે અસર કરી છે. હવે તો રાત દિવસ સાચા જૂઠા સમાચારોની વીડિયો કલીપ્સ સ્ક્રીન પર ફરકતી રહે છે અને તમે જો નાજૂક દિલના હોય તો કેટલીક વાર રાતની ઊંઘ પણ હરામ કરી નાંખે છે! ઈન્ડિયામાં કાયદો હાથમાં લઈને ફરતા કેટલાક કહેવાતા ગૌરક્ષકો કે હિંદુત્વવાદીઓના હાથે નિર્દોષ દલિતો અને મુસ્લિમોની થતી ભયંકર મારપીટ કે હત્યાના દશ્યો જોઈને મારે એક ઓળખીતાને એવાં દશ્યોવાળી કલીપ્સ ન મોકલવા વિનંતી કરવી પડી હતી. એવું જ સીરિયામાં થતી મુસ્લિમોની કત્લેઆમ વિષે પણ કહી શકાય. ઉપરાંત આજકાલ દરેક જણ જાણે ડોક્ટર બની ગયું હોય તેમ દવાદારૂના નવા નવા નુસખાઓ પ્રસારિત કરતા રહે છે. પોતાને એક દવા માફક આવી એટલે બધાને જ આવશે એમ સમજી કલીપ બનાવીને ફરતી કરી દે છે. આ પણ જોખમકારક બાબત છે. આ બધામાં ઉમેરાય છે બે કોમો વચ્ચે વૈમનસ્ય વધારવા અને પરિસ્થિતિને વધારે વકરાવવા માટે ઈરાદાપૂર્વક વોટ્સએપ પર ફરતી કરી દેવામાં આવતી કેટલીક બનાવટી કલીપો જેને જોઈને લોકો ઉશ્કેરાય છે અને સામસામે તલવારો ખેંચાય જાય છે. હવે તો ઉશ્કેરાટ અનુભવતાં પહેલાં તમે વોટ્સ એપ પર જે જુઓ તે બધું સાચું હોતું નથી એ યાદ રાખવું આવશ્યક છે.

આ મોબાઇલ અને વોટ્સ એપના આપણે બધા એવા આદી બની ગયા છીએ કે દિવસમાં કંઈ કેટલીયે વાર એના પર આવતા સંદેશાઓ અને વીડિયો કલીપ્સને જોતા રહીએ છીએ. સવારમાં આંખ ખૂલતાં જ આપણો હાથ મોબાઇલ સુધી પહોંચે છે. રાત્રે સૂતા પહેલાં પણ આપણી એ જ હાલત હોય છે. બાળકો સ્કૂલેથી છૂટતાં જ આ રમકડા સાથે રમતાં થઈ જાય છે. એમને બીજું કશું સૂઝતું જ નથી! સ્ક્રીન પર નજર ન હોય તો કાનમાં headphones નાંખીને સંગીતની દુનિયામાં ગુમ થઈ જાય છે. આ વ્યસન કહો કે વળગણથી કઈ રીતે છૂટકારો મેળવવો અને મોબાઇલનો સંયમપૂર્વક ઉપયોગ કઈ રીતે કરવો તેની કેટલીક વહેવારિક રીતો Catherine Price નામની અમેરિકન લેખિકાએ પોતાના પુસ્તક “How to break up with your phone” માં બતાવી છે. એક વાત નક્કી છે કે મોબાઇલના અનિયંત્રિત ઉપયોગની આપણા મગજ પર, શરીર પર, પરસ્પરના સંબંધો પર અને સમાજ પર પણ માઠી અસર થાય છે. એમાંથી બચવા લેખિકાએ સૂચવ્યા મુજબ મોબાઇલનો કેવો અને કેટલો સમય ઉપયોગ કરવો જોઈએ તે આપણે દરેકે પોતે નક્કી કરવાનું હોય છે. ટૂંકમાં કહીએ તો સંયમ શીખો અને બિનજરૂરી ઉપયોગને ટાળો.

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ہزاروں سال نگہیں اپنی بے نوری پہ روتی ہے

بڑی مشکل سے ہوتا ہے چمن میں دیدہ وری پیدا

جامع کمالات شخصیت کے ملفوظات ہمارے لئے مشعل راہ ہیں۔ ملاحظہ فرمائیں۔

جب کبھی نجی معاملہ کی وجہ سے مدرسہ سے الگ ہونا پڑے تو چپ چاپ علیحدہ ہو جانا ادارہ کے زدن نقصان مت پہنچانا۔ اور مفکر اسلام حضرت مولانا سید علی میاں ندوی کی یہ بات فرماتے کہ ادارے بنتے بنتے ہیں اور خود فرمایا کہ اداروں سے ارادے بنتے ہیں اور اداروں سے ادارے بنتے ہیں۔

مفکر اسلام سے از حد عقیدت ہونے کی وجہ سے ان کے اقوال بار بار سنا تے تھے۔ فرمایا تعلیم کا مسئلہ بچوں کا گھر و منہ نہیں ہے، یہ جگہ کو پانی کرنے اور دل سوزی کا مسئلہ ہے۔ وہ مدرس کامیاب ہوتا ہے جو پورے اخلاص کے ساتھ اور پوری دل سوزی کے ساتھ بچوں پر محنت کرے۔ ہمیشہ یاد رکھو: مکاتب و مدارس کے اساتذہ کرام لوگوں { ماں باپ } نے اپنے جگر کے ٹکڑوں کو تمہارے سامنے پیش کر دیا ہے۔ ان کے بارے میں قیمت کے دن

مسعود ہوں گے۔ علما کرام متوجہ ہوں: علما مین کا نمک ہے۔ زمین کے نمک میں اگر پھیکا پن آجائے تو کھانا بے مزہ ہو جاتا ہے۔ علما اگر اپنا اخلاق کردار { علم پر عمل } چھوڑ دیں اور ذمہ داری { تعلیم، تبلیغ، تزکیہ } پوری ناکرے تو قوم میں کچھ نہیں رہے گا۔ حضرت صدیق اکبر کا یہ تاریخی جملہ اپنے دل پر نقش کر لو۔ دین میں کمی آئے اور میں زندہ رہوں،

دینی ادارہ کے منہ ظلمین اور تبلیغی احباب متوجہ ہوں۔ مولوی صاحب: ہمارے اکابرین نے بڑی قربانیوں کے بعد ان اداروں کو بنایا ہے۔ کیا ہمارے حصے میں ان کا جاڑنا لکھا ہے۔ تبلیغی احباب موجود کہ دور کے انتشار خلفشار میں متوجہ ہوں مرتب لکھتا ہے۔

تبلیغی احباب: { غیر علما کرام سے } ہمارے دعوت و تبلیغ کے اکابرین نے بڑی مجاہدوں و جہد مسلسل اور قربانیوں کے بعد اس دعوت کے عظیم الشان کام کو ہم تک پہنچایا ہے۔ کیا ہمارے حصے میں ان کا جاڑنا لکھا ہے؟

اعتق ر جوع کا ملکہ اپنے اندر پچالات کے بارے میں اکرنا قیامت کے دن کا استحضار رکھنا قوم ملن کی زبوت کا در اپنے اندر اس قدر تھا کہ مولانا کے حالات کے بارے میں لکھا ہے کہ جب مسلمانوں کی زبوں حالی ان کے معاشرہ کی بد حالی، آپس کے معاملات کی خرابیاں، مساجد مدارس کی بد نظمی، آپس کے ان کے اختلافات اور انتشار اور گروہ بندیوں جیسے امور کو دیکھتے اور سنتے تو بے چین ہو جاتے کہ کیا ہماری یہی اسلامی زندگی ہے؟ مساجد اور مدارس کی کمیٹیوں کے جگھڑے اور علما کے فروعی مسائل میں تشدد و تعصب اور حدود

اختلافات سے آگے نکل جانے پر سخت رنجیدہ ہوتے۔ اور اپنی مجالس میں اس پر علما و عوام کو ضرور دردمندانہ انداز میں ذکر و تبصرہ فرماتے۔ اس سلسلہ کے آپ کے درد مندانہ بیانات کو آپ کے صاحب زادے جناب حافظ ابراہیم صاحب نے جمع کروا کر کتاب کی شکل میں شائع

کیا ہے۔ جو صدائے دل کے نام سے معروف ہے۔ علما کرام کو اس کتاب کا ضرور مطالعہ کرنا چاہیے۔ اور اپنی اصلاح کرنی چاہیے۔ اور اختصار و احتساب اور صفت احسان کی کیفیت اپنے اندر پیدا کرنی چاہیے۔ ورنہ موت کے بعد ہماری داستان ہوگی ناکسی کی داستانوں میں۔

مکتب کے اہم مقاصد دلائل فضائل کی روشنی میں ذہن نشین کیا ہے۔ جسکو مرتب نے پیغام میں اردو و گجراتی میں وسط وار شائع کیا ہے۔ فی الحال الاصلاح میں قسط وار شائع ہو رہے ہیں۔ آخر میں جامع الکملات کے ملفوظات و حالات کو اپنا مشعل راہ بنائی۔ گلدستہ محبت سے ماخوذ۔

مرتب ایم یوسف صوفی لاچپوری باٹلی برطانیہ

کیا قطر نے گذشتہ سال ایک ارب ڈالر تاون؟ ادا کیا تھا؟

2015 میں دسمبر کی 16 تاریخ قطری شاہی خاندان کے لیے ایک بری خبر کا پیش خیمہ ثابت ہوئی۔ اس دن عراق میں شکار کرنے کے غرض سے جانے والے شاہی خاندان کے

28 افراد کو اغوا کر لیا گیا تھا۔ قطر کے اس وقت بننے والے نئے وزیر خارجہ شیخ محمد بن عبدالرحمان الثانی کو اغوا ہونے والے افراد کی فہرست میں اپنے دور خستہ داروں کے نام نظر آئے۔ انھوں نے عراق میں قطری سفیر زاید الخیارین کو موبائل پر پیغام دیا: اجسیم میرا

کزن ہے اور خالد میری آنٹی کا شوہر۔ جیسے ہی تمہیں کوئی اطلاع ملے، فوراً مجھے خبر کرنا۔ اللہ تمہیں اپنی امان میں رکھے۔ اگلے 16 مہینے ان دونوں کی ساری توانائی اس بحران سے نمٹتے ہوئے گزری۔ اس پوری کہانی کا ایک رخ جو سامنے آیا وہ یہ ہے کہ قطر نے ایک ارب ڈالر

دے کر اغوا کنندگان کو رہا کر لیا۔ یہ رقم ان گروہوں کو گئی جنہیں امریکہ کی جانب سے 'دہشت گرد' قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ ان میں عراق میں موجود اکتیب حزب اللہ گروپ شامل ہے، جس پر الزام ہے کہ اس نے امریکی فوجیوں پر حملہ کیا ہے، اور وہ ایران کے پاسداران

انقلاب کے قدس فورس کے سربراہ جنرل قاسم سلیمانی جن پر امریکہ نے پابندی لگائی ہوئی ہے، اور حیات تحریر الشمس، جسے ماضی میں النصرہ فرنٹ کے نام سے جانا جاتا تھا اور شام میں القاعدہ سے منسلک تھی۔ لیکن اس کہانی میں قطر کی جانب سے پیش کیے گئے دوسرے رخ

میں یہ بتایا جاتا ہے کہ 'دہشت گردوں' کو کوئی رقم نہیں دی گئی ہے اور صرف عراقی حکومت کو پیسے دیے گئے تھے۔ قطری حکومت کے مطابق رقم عراقی حکومت کے سرکاری بینک میں ہے۔ اس کہانی کو سامنے لانے میں بڑا کردار ان پیغامات اور وائس میسجز کا ہے جو

قطری سفیر اور قطری وزیر خارجہ کے درمیان ہوئے اور انھیں بی بی سی تک ایک قطر مخالف حکومت نے پہنچایا۔ تو کیا واقعی قطر نے اپنے بندے چھڑانے کے لیے تاریخ میں تاون کی سب سے بڑی رقم ادا کی؟ قطری وزیر خارجہ شیخ محمد ماہر معاشیات ہیں اور قطری امیر کے دور

کے رشتے دار ہیں۔ وزارت سنبالنے سے قبل وہ اتنے مشہور نہیں تھے لیکن 35 برس کی عمر میں وزیر خارجہ بننے کے بعد ان کی شہرت میں اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیا۔ دوسری جانب، عراق میں قطر کے سفیر زاید الخیارین کے بارے میں بتایا جاتا ہے کہ وہ قطری خفیہ ایجنسی میں

کرنل کے عہدے پر فائز تھے اور وہ 27 برس میں عراق میں پہلے قطری سفیر تعینات ہوئے۔ اس بحران سے قبل عراق میں سفیر کا عہدہ اہم نہیں سمجھا جاتا تھا لیکن اس کے بعد زاید الخیارین کو اپنا نام بنانے میں مدد ملی۔

ٹرمپ کا اپنے ناقدین کی سکیورٹی کلیئر نس ختم کرنے کا فیصلہ

امریکی صدر ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ سی آئی اے کے سابق ڈائریکٹر جان برینن اور اوباما دور کی انتظامیہ میں شامل بعض ناقدین کی سکیورٹی کلیئر نس واپس لینے کے بارے میں سوچ رہے ہیں۔

وائٹ ہاؤس نے اس سلسلے میں انٹیلیجنس، قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے اور قومی سلامتی کے سابق سربراہان کے نام جاری کیے ہیں۔ پریس سیکریٹری سارہ سینڈرز کا کہنا تھا کہ ان افراد نے اپنے ملازمتوں سے سیاسی فائدے اٹھائے اور صدر ٹرمپ کے خلاف بے بنیاد الزامات عائد کیے۔ امریکہ میں سکیورٹی کلیئر نس کے حامل افراد کو ملک کے تمام خفیہ دستاویزات تک رسائی حاصل ہوتی ہے۔

انھوں نے صحافیوں کے ان سوالات سے انکار کیا کہ کیا ڈیو کریک اور ریپبلکن دونوں اداروں میں آزادی اظہار کا حق استعمال کرنے والے ان سابق اہلکاروں کو صدر سزا دینا چاہتے ہیں؟

پریس سیکریٹری کے مطابق صدر ٹرمپ کو یہ بات پسند نہیں کہ لوگ ایسے عہدوں اور محکموں کا سیاسی استعمال کریں جنہیں غیر سیاسی ہونا چاہیے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ سکیورٹی کلیئر نس کی موجودگی ان افراد کے الزامات کو بغیر شواہد کے ایک نامناسب قانونی حیثیت دے دیتی ہے۔ سابق ڈائریکٹر قومی انٹیلیجنس جیمز کلیپر کا سی این این سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہنا تھا کہ 'ایسا کرنا بہت بہت قابلِ رحم چیز تھی۔' سارہ سینڈرز کا کہنا تھا کہ 'امریکی صدر پر الزام لگانا بغاوت کے مترادف ہے اور خاص طور پر جب آپ کے ہاتھ میں قوم کے گہرے اور حساس راز ہوں۔ اور یہ چیزیں صدر ٹرمپ کو کافی پریشان کر رہی ہیں۔'

مائیکل ہیڈن، سابق ڈائریکٹر قومی سلامتی ایجنسی نے اس فیصلے کے بعد ٹویٹ پر کہا کہ اگرچہ صدر نے سکیورٹی کلیئر نس واپس لینے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے مگر اس سے وہ جو کہتے ہیں اور کرتے ہیں وہ تبدیل نہیں ہوگا۔

یہودیوں کی قومی ریاست کا قانون، اسرائیل نے اپنے عرب شہریوں کے خلاف محاذ کھول دیا

اسرائیل کی پارلیمنٹ نے جمعرات کو ایک متنازع قانون کو منظور دے دی جس کے تحت اسرائیل کو یہودیوں کی ریاست قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ اس قانون میں کہیں پر بھی جمہوریت یا مساوات کا ذکر نہیں ہے جس سے ملک کی 20 فیصد عرب آبادی کو خدشہ لاحق ہو گیا ہے کہ انھیں اسرائیل میں دوسرے درجے کا شہری بنا دیا جائے گا۔ پارلیمنٹ میں یہ غیر معمولی قانون 55 کے مقابلے میں 62 ووٹوں سے منظور کیا گیا۔ اس قانون کے بارے میں اسرائیل کے صدر نے چند دنوں قبل وزیر اعظم بنیامین نتن یاہو اور ان کی جماعت کو متنبہ کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ اسرائیل کو صرف یہودیوں کا ملک قرار دینے سے نہ صرف جمہوری اصولوں کی خلاف ورزی ہوگی بلکہ اس سے ملک کے مخالفین کو اسرائیل پر نکتہ چینی کرنے کا موقع مل جائے گا۔ لیکن پارلیمنٹ میں شدید مخالفت اور درجنوں ترمیم پیش کیے جانے کے باوجود نیا قانون محض سات ووٹوں کی برتری سے منظور ہو گیا۔

اس نئے قانون میں کہا گیا ہے کہ اسرائیل یہودیوں کی تاریخی سر زمین ہے اور اس کی قومی خود ارادیت کا خصوصی حق صرف یہودیوں کے لیے مخصوص ہے۔

پارلیمنٹ کے فلسطینی ارکان پارلیمنٹ نے اس قانون کی مذمت کی ہے اور کہا ہے کہ اس کا مقصد ملک میں یہودیوں کی برتری مسلط کرنا اور فلسطینیوں کو دوسرے درجے کا شہری بنانا ہے۔ ایک سینئر اسرائیلی عرب رہنما نے کہا کہ 'یہ جمہوریت کا خاتمہ ہے۔ اب سرکاری طور پر فلسطینیت اور نسل پرستی کا آغاز ہو گیا ہے۔' سنہ 1948 میں اسرائیل کے قیام کے بعد اس خطے سے عرب باشندوں کو باہر نکال دیا گیا تھا۔ لیکن بہت سے عرب یہاں ہی رہ گئے اور اب وہ اسرائیل کے شہری ہیں۔ 90 لاکھ کی اسرائیل کی آبادی میں عرب شہریوں کی تعداد تقریباً 18 لاکھ ہے۔ اسرائیل میں اقلیتی عرب شہریوں کے حقوق کے قانونی مرکز عدالہ کے سربراہ حسن جبرین کا کہنا ہے کہ 'یہودی مملکت کے قانون میں نسل پرستی کے ایسے بنیادی پہلوؤں کو شامل کیا گیا ہے جو نہ صرف غیر اخلاقی ہیں بلکہ بین الاقوامی قانون کے تحت ممنوع ہیں۔'

غیر متوقع شراکت دار: چین اور اسرائیل کے گہرے ہوتے تجارتی روابط

چین دنیا کا دوسرا بڑا اور سب سے زیادہ برآمدات کرنے والا ملک ہے۔ جبکہ اسرائیل مشرق وسطیٰ میں ایک چھوٹی سے زمینی پٹی ہے۔ یہ برآمدات کرنے والی عالمی ممالک میں 45 ویں نمبر پر آتا ہے۔ سب سے اہم بات یہ ہے کہ اسرائیل امریکہ کا ایکا اتحادی ہے لیکن حیران کن طور پر چین اور اسرائیل میں غیر متوقع تجارتی شراکت داری بڑھی ہے۔

چین اور امریکہ کی حالیہ تجارتی لڑائی کے بعد آپ توقع کرتے ہیں کہ شاید اسرائیل امریکہ کا ساتھ دے گا۔ تاہم کئی لوگ یہ نہیں جانتے کہ اسرائیل میں چین کی سرمایہ کاری بڑھتی جا رہی ہے اور کئی اسرائیلی کمپنیاں چین کی مارکیٹ میں جگہ بنا رہی ہیں۔

جہاں ایک طرف ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ چینی برآمدات پر محصولات عائد کیے جا رہے ہیں وہیں اعداد و شمار کے مطابق اسرائیلی صدر بنیامین نتن یاہو اپنے ملک کی کمپنیوں کو چینی سرمایہ کاری قبول کرنے کی حوصلہ افزائی کر رہے ہیں۔ ایک چینی اخبار ساؤتھ چائنا نارنگ پوسٹ کے مطابق سنہ 2016 میں اسرائیل کی چین میں براہ راست سرمایہ کاری تین گنا اضافے کے ساتھ 16 ارب ڈالر تک جا پہنچی۔ اسی اثنا میں اسرائیلی اخبار یروشلیم پوسٹ نے پیش گوئی کی ہے کہ چین اسرائیل میں سرمایہ کاری کے معاملے میں امریکہ پر سبقت لے جائے گا۔

تو سوال پیدا ہوتا ہے کہ ان دونوں ممالک کو کیا چیز قریب لائی اور کیا اسرائیلی کمپنیوں کو محتاط ہونا چاہیے۔ گذشتہ دو دہائیوں میں اسرائیلی کمپنیوں نے خود کو ٹیکنالوجی کے قابل ذکر گڑھ کے طور پر منوایا۔

مبصرین کا کہنا ہے کہ چینی کمپنیاں بھی اس ٹیکنالوجی میں مہارت حاصل کرنا چاہتی ہیں جبکہ اسرائیلی کمپنیاں چین کی بڑی مارکیٹ تک رسائی چاہتی ہیں۔

اسرائیل میں موبائل کی اشتہاری کمپنی 'ہیرینٹیک' کے چیف ایگزیکٹو ہنگائی تال کا کہنا ہے کہ چینی اسرائیل کی ٹیکنالوجی کمپنیوں کو فائدہ دے رہے ہیں تاکہ ان کی معیشت کو توانائی ملے کیونکہ اسرائیل نے ایجادات کے گڑھ کے طور پر اپنی پہچان بنائی ہے۔

'چین چاہتا ہے کہ وہ ان سے زیادہ سے زیادہ سیکھ کر ایجادات کے معاملے میں بھی اپنی پوزیشن مستحکم کرے۔'

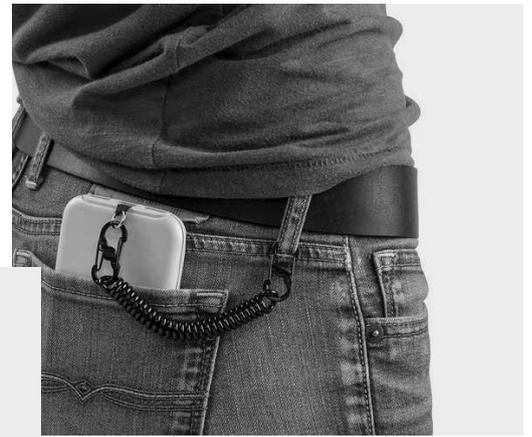
The Hitch Phone Anchor

Phones fall, fact. They usually fall when you've just bought them and smash the screen you haven't yet put a 99p screen protector on. Wouldn't it be good to have a way that if your phone fell out of your pocket something kept it from hitting the concrete floor (you'll guess experience exists in this scenario).

Well, there is. The Hitch Phone Anchor takes inspiration from the coiled up key rings of the past and re-invents its use.

A small card like anchor fitted with a loop that slots between your phone and your phone case, oh, you will need a phone case, with the loop slipping out

of the hole where your charger connects. The 'D' ring on the loop attaches to the coil with a clip and the other end can be clipped to



anything small enough for it to clip to. Hey-presto! We're back into the 80's!

Of course, whilst the practicality is obviously there for an active person climbing mountains or doing a triathlon or something, the 'not exactly chic' look may be off-putting for the downtown streets of Dewsbury! Still, each to their own.

MODERN INVENTOR

The Kano Computer Kit

Modern-day Mechano or just a glorified DIY pack? Whatever you think it the Kano Touch Screen Computer kit is a project in a box, literally.



It comes in an unassembled form with all its bits which means kids will have to build the computer, which is based on a Raspberry Pi 3, from scratch.

The build is quite simple with instructions and labelled parts that slot into the right points, bit like building a cupboard, but it is a basic teaching of the parts of a PC.

The more interesting and educational side begins once it's up and running.

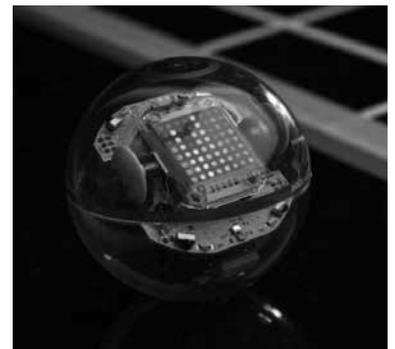
The Computer has over 100 challenges and stories that teach children computer and programming concepts, allowing them to learn coding.

Now that does sound interesting and time-consuming, a joy to the ears of parents.

The Robot Ball

A ball that can be programmed by children to perform clever tricks, now that sounds interesting, what could possibly go wrong.

The Sphero Bolt has an onboard motor and an integrated compass, which allows you to control the direction it rolls around in. It can pick up real-time readings on speed, acceleration and direction as it moves which can be used to code the robot's actions.



You can race them against each other, move in unison or battle. It also has LEDs that can be programmed to display a configuration of the programmers choice. It even has wireless charging so there's another problem not to worry about.

So, motorised balls running around the kitchen floor (because that's the flattest and smoothest that kids can find) can't imagine a problem there. Does look cool though.

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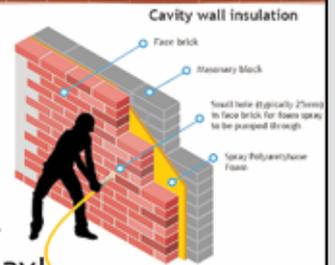
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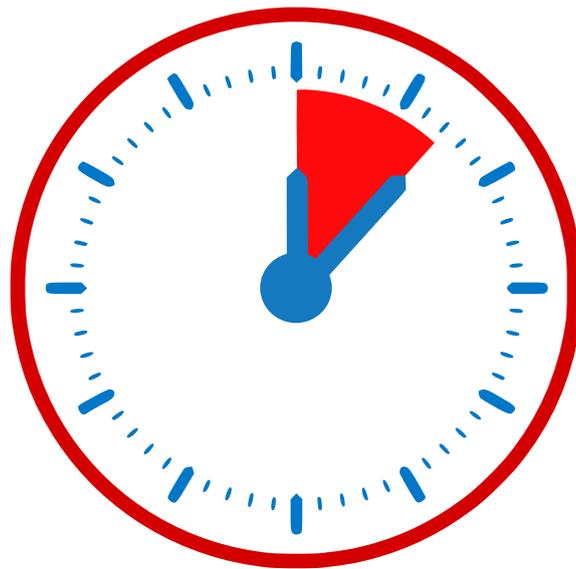
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