

Paigaam

FREE Tri-Lingual Monthly Magazine est .1993

IMWS

Issue 333 December 2020 Rabi ul Akhir/ Jumada Al Awwal 1442

Tier 3: Back to the Future

As we came out of national lockdown it has been announced that the Government has once again placed Kirklees into Tier 3 restrictions from 2nd December.

These restrictions will be reviewed on 16th December.

Along with Kirklees in West Yorkshire Leeds, Bradford, Calderdale, Wakefield Castleford and Pontefract are all in Tier 3.

These restrictions will mean: people should not socialise indoors with anyone outside of their household or support bubble.

You should avoid travelling outside of Kirklees.

No social gatherings of more than six people in outdoor spaces such as parks.

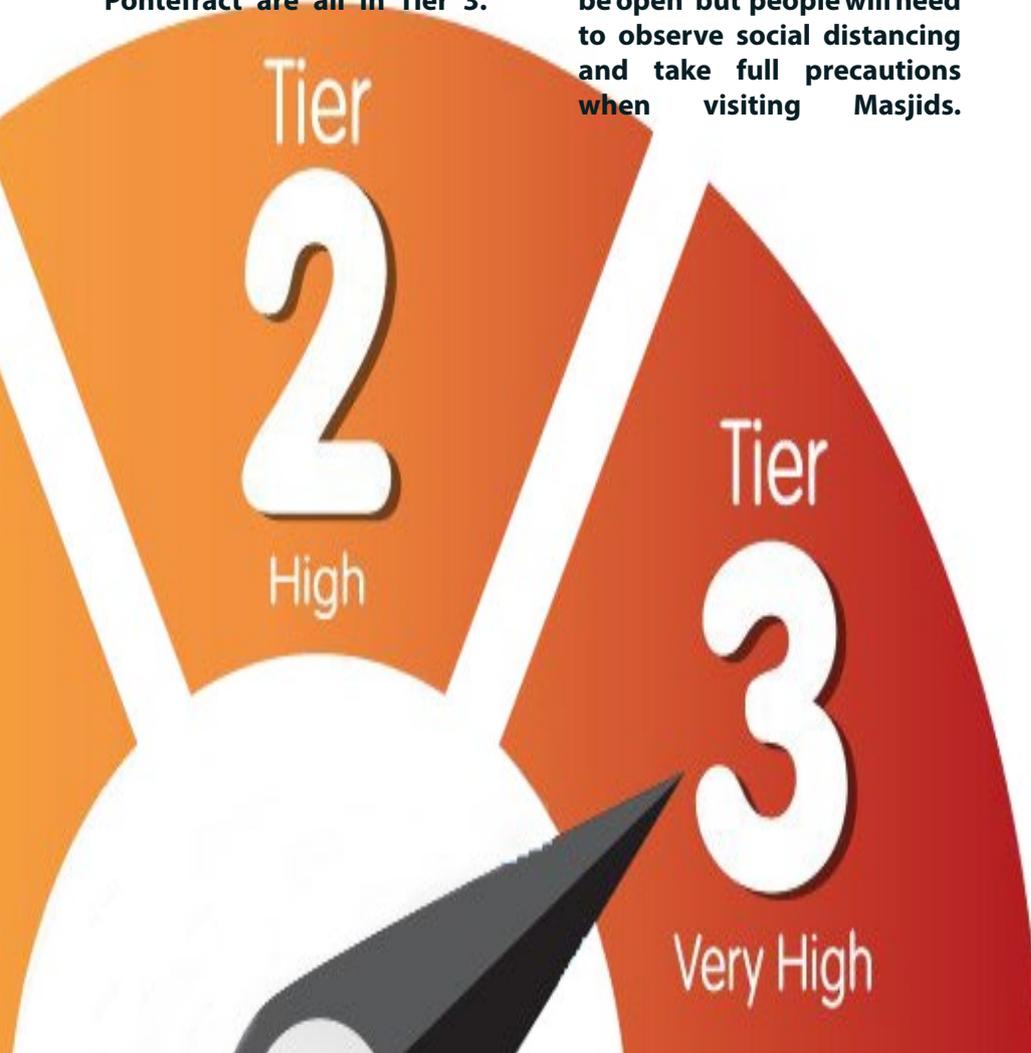
More importantly for local Muslims places of worship will be open but people will need to observe social distancing and take full precautions when visiting Masjids.

As we draw closer towards turning a big corner regarding the production of Covid-19 vaccines and tackling the pandemic with renewed hope and confidence, we must continue to update our families, friends and our community regularly.

And whilst many people want to be offered the as soon as possible, others are worried about putting something unknown into their bodies.

Public health officials have advised vaccine manufacturers to warn people that those who opt to take a jab will probably experience some "rough" side effects.

It is hoped that by being as transparent as possible, people know what to expect and will not be scared away from getting the second dose.



We are now witnessing increasingly encouraging news with the success of major trials now being reported in quick succession.

It is important to emphasise that vaccines are not a treatment for Covid-19, but a prevention regime to stop people from contracting the virus in the first place and being adversely affected.

Having the vaccine will help our bodies fight off the infection by building up resistance and immunity, and ultimately stop us from catching the virus and becoming seriously ill.

The main forerunners for the vaccine trials we are likely to see most of in the coming months are the following

Oxford University/AstraZeneca vaccine

This is commonly referred to as the Oxford vaccine. Initial published results showed that it can stop 90% of the people developing Covid19 symptoms once a second and follow-up second dose has been administered.

It's no surprise that the Oxford vaccine is going to be a favorite for many reasons, in addition to its unique and easier storage and distribution requirements without the need for it to be kept at -70C and below, and by virtue of it being the cheapest vaccine on the market by far.

After the plaudits, multiple news outlets in the UK and US reported that there were questions about how effective the jab is.

Three results were reported from the trial - an overall efficacy of 70%, a lower one of 62% and a high of 90%.

That's because different doses of the vaccine were mistakenly used in the trial.

Some volunteers were given shots half the planned strength, in error.

However, it was reported that the "wrong" dose turned out to be the most effective.

Regulators were told about the error beforehand and they agreed that the trial could continue, and more volunteers could be immunised.

Experts are adamant that the error will have no effect on vaccine safety.

It is believed that the UK has ordered 100 million doses of this vaccine.

It is made from a weakened version of a common cold virus from chimpanzees and modified to not grow in humans and is known as a viral vector type of vaccine.

Pfizer/BioNtech vaccine

This was the first to appear on our screens and in the news as the biggest breakthrough for Covid19 vaccines at the time.

It is similar to the Oxford vaccine in terms of preventing more than 90% of people developing Covid19 symptoms.

This is also given in two doses with three weeks in between each dose.

It is expected that the UK will be securing 10 million doses by the end of 2020, followed up by a further 30 million doses.

Whilst there have been no safety concerns identified with this vaccine, the main drawbacks are the storage requirements.

They need to be kept under extreme freezing temperatures and special transportation and packaging requirements are also required.

The vaccine is a new type under the RNA class of vaccines, and uses the virus's genetic material (RNA) to provide immunity.

This starts making part of the virus inside the body, which the immune system recognises as foreign and starts to attack.

The RNA vaccines can be potentially developed more easily and quickly compared to others.

Moderna vaccine

This uses the same approach as the Pfizer vaccine, an RNA vaccine found to protect 94.5% of people. The UK is expected to hold five million doses by the spring of 2021. This is given in two doses, but this time four weeks apart.

This is easier to store than Pfizer's vaccine, because it stays stable at -20C for up to six months.

In terms of who will get the vaccine first, it is expected that older care home residents and staff top the UK's preliminary priority list, followed by health workers like hospital staff, and those aged over-80.

Ultimately, it is important that prevention, treatment, testing, and self-isolation all continue to work together and not as a stand off against each other or as an alternative.

It is also worthy of pointing out that the speed of research and development has only been made possible by unparalleled global focus and funding, and importantly with no compromise to safety.

Experts globally estimate that 60-70% of the global population must be immune to stop the virus spreading easily (herd immunity), which is billions of people, even if the vaccine works perfectly.

Hence my clear message is that we all work together and come forward in taking up the vaccine as soon as it becomes available more widely.

Vaccines are the definitely the way forward for everyone as we approach 2021 and the New Year, and in helping to restore confidence and normality back in to all our lives.

Professor Mahendra G Patel PhD

**FRPharmS FIPA (India)
FHEA Honorary Visiting Professor
University of Bradford**

Share your views with us: paigaam@imws.org.uk

PAIGAAM EDITORIAL

Politics: The Shady Side of Life

Politicians all over the world have been exposed for lying, cheating abusing their positions and much worse, which makes you wonder why the good citizens of the democratic world continue to have confidence in them.

With monotonous regularity MPs are constantly caught out and exposed for one thing or another and despite this most are allowed to continue in a position of responsibility.

These MPs are our representatives whom we elect to represent us in Parliament and make and uphold laws that govern us.

We have witnessed for ourselves the worst side of politics with the outcome of the USA elections. It is a complete fiasco as Trump has turned it into a game for his own amusement.

He is toying with the lives of his own people. This is the worst kind of politics.

What about the black people? They are at the bottom of the pile and denied dignity and respect. The American dream is mainly reserved for the white people.

What is of real concern in the world in our present era is that too many voters have become extremely right wing and strongly support extremist ideology in places like India, USA, Israel and many other countries. We can't allow these crazy fanatics to take over the world.

Even in the UK we constantly witness Islamophobia in both main political parties, yet their leaders take no decisive action to root it out.

Even Boris can insult Muslim women in such derogatory terms, yet he went on to become our Prime Minister.

At a more local level how good are our Councillors in doing their job?

In the past Councillors were not paid except for expenses incurred. Now Councillors receive a "salary" on top of their expenses of minimum £12,000 per annum.

So it's a "good little earner" for very little accountability.

We need to make sure that there is more accountability for Councillors.

If you do not get the help you ask for from your Councillor then make sure you complain.

The Council has a code of conduct for Councillors which you can find out about from the Council.

So do not let the Councillors off the hook. If they don't deliver remove and replace them.

The best way is for the good people to stand for elections and weed out the greedy ones who only do it for financial gains.

So we would urge our young people to take a keen interest in politics at local and national level and make a real difference.

That is the only way for any real improvements. Whether we like it or not politics is part of our lives so we have to participate and make the most of it.

We need to vote for the right people at local and national levels and use our vote to effect change and not just vote for the same party because our families have traditionally voted for them.

Vote for the best person that you trust to do a good job, not just the party.

Inside this issue

Vaccines/editorial 2/3

Chair/General Manager's column/Al Ihsan trust plan to build new masjid 6/7

Alleviating Hunger 8/9

Who peddles Islamophobia more: Tories or Labour? 10/11

Tracy Brabin column/Insulting Prophet S.A.W not freedom of expression 12/13

Ahmad bhai Patel/ Biden and Harris: Love from Israel 16/17

BAME people sick of empty sport gestures/ Islamophobia Awareness Month 18/19

Kids/Paigaam reviews 20/21

Burial update/(to be confirmed) Saeb Erakat/Paigaam Legal/ Paigaam Health 22/23/24

Gujarati & Urdu 25/29



01924 500 555



paigaam@imws.org.uk



imws.org.uk



[@paigaam2](https://twitter.com/paigaam2)



[paigaam publications](https://www.facebook.com/paigaampublications)

Paigaam is available at Mount Pleasant Post Office, Batley Carr Post Office, Dadibhai's, Islamic Bakery, Mullaco Warehouse, Shell Petrol Stations, Mullaco Dewsbury along with many other retail outlets.

Qasim Fires & Fireplaces

Complete Fireplace Specialist



GAZCO eREFLEX 135R ELECTRIC FIRE



THE VELLA ELECTRIC FIREPLACE (OPTION NO. 1)



MONTANA INFINITY 890 ELECTRIC FIREPLACE



PACIFIC 42 WITH LED LIGHTS



MONACO 54" IN PURE WHITE & GREY WITH LIGHTS



THE LUNA ELECTRIC FIREPLACE

- FULL BESPOKE SERVICE TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS
- 18 DIFFERENT MATERIALS & FINISH
- 1 - 2 WEEK DELIVERY & FITTING SERVICE
- OPEN 7 DAYS 9AM - 5PM
- FREE OF CHARGE HOME SURVEY
- NEW REFURBISHED SHOW ROOM WITH 70 DISPLAYS

QASIM INTERNATIONAL LTD. 23-25 BRANCH ROAD, BATLEY, WEST YORKSHIRE, WF17 5RY

TEL: 01924 422096 FAX: 01924 477851 EMAIL: INFO@QASIMINTERNATIONAL.CO.UK WEB: WWW.QASIMINTERNATIONAL.CO.UK

A1 FOOD PRODUCTS

Taking Care of All Your Weddings, Parties and Engagement Requirements With:



FRESHLY MADE TANDOORI NAANS

Orders to be placed 24 Hours in advanced Minimum Order Required

Contact Nazir Maniyar

01924 458000 / 07713 637136

Also Available: Puff Pastry & Samosa Pastry

A1 Food Products, Providence Works, Henry Street, Batley Carr. (Behind The Post Office)

www.a1foodproducts.co.uk

LIVING SPACE ARCHITECTURE

SPECIALISING IN HOME EXTENSIONS LOFT CONVERSIONS OUTBUILDINGS REMODELLING

OVER 17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE PROFESSIONAL & FRIENDLY EXPERT INDEPENDANT ADVICE



ARCHITECTURAL & INTERIOR DESIGN PLANNING & BUILDING REGS PROJECT MANAGEMENT Suite 21, The Galleries, 42 Wakefield Road, Dewsbury WF12 8AT

GIVE US A CALL TODAY **01924 692090**

If you or anyone living with you are on benefits

FREE GRANTS AVAILABLE

FOR

- BOILER
- FREE CENTRAL HEATING
- UNDER FLOOR INSULATION
- ROOM IN ROOF INSULATION
- ELECTRIC ROOM/STORAGE HEATERS

For a free assessment call Rahim

on **07789315543** today!

freeenergyeco24@yahoo.com



Free Boiler under the ECO scheme

100%
Donation Policy

Burma Aid
Rebuilding Communities Together

Assalamu Alaikum

With your donation we provide free general operation, free medicine, free eyes operation, free dialysis treatment, free maternity service, free health care, food for Rohingya and build house for Rohingya.

Reg Charity No. 1159972

burmaaid.co.uk • info@burmaaid.co.uk • 07727 003277

Bank: Lloyds • Sc: 30-13-54 • Acc no: 45258360



Mileusnic Chemist

FREE Prescription Collection & Delivery

FREE diabetes machines to give away - whilst stocks last

IMPROVING YOUR HEALTH

Proprietors: Mr Riyaz Patel / Mr Farooq Patel
133 Upper Commercial St, Batley WF17 5DH

01924 441434

तमारा प्रिस्क्रिप्शन मेणवी घर
आंगणे दवा पडोवाडवाना मरत सुवाधा
अप का नसखे डाक्टर से लेना
ओर अप के कमर पर पंजाते की सेहत

NOW OFFERING NHS AND PRIVATE
FLU VACCINATION and MENINGITIS
ACWY for HAJJ and UMRAH'

OPTI CARE

FREE EYE TEST
with spectacle purchase

OPTICIANS | OPTICAL LAB | GLASSES IN 1HR

2 FOR 1 FROM £60

Top Quality Frames Free on NHS
Designer brands
KIDS GO FREE
1 in 5 children have an undiagnosed eye condition
So don't delay - Register today

Contact lenses Save £££'s Free trial

5 Oxford Street . Batley . WF17 7PZ . (01924) 455577

SLIMMING WORLD @ AL HIKMAH CENTRE

Monday AM and PM
Hameedah: 07983 445501
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

ENJOY AND EAT ALL YOUR FAVOURITE SOUTH ASIAN MEALS. REVERSE TYPE 2 DIABETES.

Gujarati and Urdu speaking Consultant

slimmingworld.co.uk
0344 897 8000




NADAT SOLICITORS
Telephone: 01924 505 071
4 Bond Street, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire WF13 1AG

Family Law

Divorce - Separation - Financial Settlements
Children Law Matters - Domestic Violence
Cohabitation - Pre-Nuptial Agreements & General Family Law Matters

Legal Aid may be available (subject to eligibility)

Please contact us for assistance with Powers of Attorneys, Wills, Change of Name Deeds, Commissioner for Oaths and Immigration matters (spouse visa / sponsorship / leave to remain and citizenship applications)

We may also be able to provide assistance with other legal problems

Inayat Nadat our Principal Solicitor is a Resolution Accredited Specialist and The Law Society Accredited Family Law Advanced panel member in the areas of Children (Private Law) and Domestic Abuse.

THE LAW SOCIETY Family Law Advanced
resolution first for family law
MEMBER ONLY Mums & Dads specialist
resolution the accredited family law specialist



Rabetah Helpline
Islamic Advice | Help | Support

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

- Mental & Spiritual Health
- Drug & Alcohol Issues
- Teenage Issues
- Relationship Advice
- Bereavement Support
- General Q & A
- & much more

LET'S TALK

FREE Confidential Helpline
Please send a message with your query and one of the team will get back to you.

07900 402 937

rabetahhelpline@gmail.com

Chair's Message

In an average year, flu kills 11,000 people and hospitalises tens of thousands more. It is clear that this is anything but a normal year, and we must do all we can to protect ourselves and those around us from the flu.

Flu is similar to Covid-19 in terms of the way that it spreads.

It spreads from person to person, even amongst those not showing any symptoms, and it can cause significant complications for those aged 65 and over, those living with long-term health conditions (such as diabetes, COPD, or Chronic Kidney Disease), and women who are pregnant.

Flu kills thousands of people every year. It is an unpredictable virus and it can be a serious illness in young children that leads to complications like bronchitis and pneumonia, and painful ear infections.

We also understand the role young children can play in the transmission of flu.

Children can pass flu on to others in their family and loved ones, as well as the wider community, many of whom may be at higher risk from the complications of flu, such as the elderly or those living with long-term health conditions.

Living through COVID-19 has been incredibly hard for everyone, but it has also shown that we're all in this together. As we emerge from lockdown remember that the virus is still here, so we should all do our bit to protect our health and that of our community.

I know it isn't easy, especially during the winter, but we should continue to stay home as much as possible and limit contact with others.

When you go outside make sure to follow government guidance and self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus.

Now more than ever is the time to maintain your health and wellbeing.

In this unprecedented year, it is vital that we do all we can to protect our families and those most vulnerable in our community from the virus this winter.

We should do all that we can to protect ourselves and others from the flu virus this winter.

I encourage the community to speak to their local GP or visit their local pharmacy.

The last few months have been an extremely stressful and worrying time for us all but I want to reassure you that whatever your concern, IMWS is still here for you and it is important that we all stick together and abide by the rules..

With best wishes
Dr Imtiyaz Patel
Chair
IMWS



General Manager's Column

Last month, myself along with the executive committee welcomed our local MP for Batley and Spen, Tracy Brabin to the Al Hikmah centre to view first hand the charity work which we have been busy with.

It was a pleasure to host Tracy who told us that what she saw here at IMWS was truly awe-inspiring.

As a charity, it is always great to show people how the Indian Muslim Welfare Society has launched yet another Covid-19 support programme.

I'm proud to say that this is

our third project since April.

Entitled alleviating hunger from Batley & Dewsbury, this particular project offers fresh (where possible) nutritious food for individuals & families who have had the misfortune of losing much needed income, long term illness and/or disability due to COVID-19 pandemic.

It was very nice to see Tracy make a personal donation to IMWS as she chose us as her charity of the month.

Our Chair, Dr Imtiyaz Patel was only too happy to oblige as Tracy handed

over her donation,

One thing that struck Tracy was the fact that charities like IMWS, are at the forefront of our community as we are here to serve our own community as well as the wider community as a whole too.

I for one am happy that I represent a marvelous community organisation.

Nadeem Raja
General Manager.
Mobile: 07548217280
E:mail: nadeem.raja@imws.org.uk
www.imws.org.uk

Al Hikmah Centre Update

Please be advised, during the Covid crisis, the Al Hikmah centre main office is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4 PM.

Should you wish to give your donation in person, this can be facilitated.

For more information please telephone 01924 500555.

Alternatively please e-mail: info@imws.org.uk

Al-Ihsan Trust plan to build new Masjid



The Al-Ihsan Trust has formally completed the transfer of land at the grounds of the Al Hikmah Centre following a meeting with the IMWS Executive Committee.

As part of the discussions with IMWS a reduction of £75,000 was made against the sale price of the purchase of £250,000.

Vice Chair of the Al-Ihsan Trust, Ebrahim Chopdat, Secretary Ismail Loonat were present as Anis Dadu, Managing Director of XYZ Law Solicitors, oversaw the signing of documents ensuring the land has now been legally transferred to Al-Ihsan at an agreed price of £175,000 (excluding fees and associated costs).

Bashir Karolia, Chair of Al-Ihsan Trust confirmed a reduction of the land

price against the initial sale price had been agreed and thanked the IMWS executive committee for their support.

He said: "By the grace of the Almighty, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in concluding the land purchase, both legal teams, IMWS committee members, Al-Ihsan Trust and above all to the wider community for their duas and generous Lillah donations.

"However, we are still in great need for your Duas, Lillah donations and Karze-Hasna to commence building the Masjid."

Dr Imtiyaz Patel, Chair of IMWS congratulated The Al-Ihsan trust and wished them a long and prosperous future:

"We pray that the Almighty accepts the efforts of all those

involved in the construction of the Masjid which will benefit the local and wider community for generations to come.

"Furthermore, we pray the Almighty guide the group further towards fulfilling this noble cause with blessings and ease.

"The Society is pleased to have made a significant contribution towards the construction of the Masjid."

The transfer of the land has ensured Al-Ihsan can now concentrate on a tender process that leads to the appointment of a qualified construction partner and begin the design and physical building work.

Abdul Aziz Ravat, Al-Ihsan Trust Committee Member urged the community

to get behind the construction of the Masjid.

He said: "The next phase will require an enormous amount of work, resources, inevitably take time and only proceed as fast as funding allows.

"A detailed Performance Specification is also required for the Mechanical & Electrical requirements within the Building Contract to be interrogated and refined to achieve full functionality.

"The ultimate benefit of this work is certainty for Al-Ihsan Trust and to specify risk and liabilities during the build if new costs emerge.

"So, a sincere humble plea from me for everyone's continued patience, financial contribution and above all Duas".

To donate to the Al-Ihsan Trust, please see the details below:

BANK DETAILS: Bank: Lloyds Bank PLC Account Name: Al-Ihsan Trust Account Number: 86785268 Sort Code: 30-63-55

Donation drop off points: Islamic Bakery Mount Pleasant Batley; Mount Pleasant Post Office Batley; Batley Town Post Office; Batley Carr Post Office; Patbro Newsagent Dewsbury; & EC Garage, Soothill, Batley.

Alleviating hunger from Batley and Dewsbury

Application Form for Food Parcels Commencing in November 2020

IMWS is please to announce the initiation of a new food parcels project. We will be delivering good nutritious food on your door step if you or your family have suffered greatly due to the current pandemic COVID-19 crisis.

- Has your household suffered a drop in income as a result of Corona virus of more than £50 per week on average since March 2020
- Is anyone living in your household aged over 65 or under 5 years old?
- Does anyone in your household receive a 'means tested' benefit such as Universal Credit, Supplementary Pension or local Authority Housing Benefit?
- Does anyone living in your household receive Disability Allowance or Attendance Allowance?

Alternatively, if any of the above do not apply:

- Please provide a letter from your GP to confirm that the physical or mental health of someone living in your house would be improved if you receive a free food box. Please note that IMWS will not pay any fees charged by your doctor for writing this letter.

Please fill in the below form and bring it to the Al-Hikmah Centre, or alternatively contact us

First Name

Address

Gender

DOB

Contact No

Surname

Dietary Requirements

- Standard meal with meat
- Halal meals
- Vegetarian meal
- Gluten free meal
- Dairy free meal
- Vegan Meal
- Food Allergy
- Yes No (Please state which allergies if any)

I Complete the form with the best of my knowledge.

Sign:

Print name:

Date:

IMWS reserves the right to refuse any application.
Applications will be dealt on first come first serve basis.
The project has its own funding limitations and time constraints.

For office use only
Sign
Date

Funded by:



Project delivered and initiated by



IMWS provides foodpacks in Batley and Dewsbury



The Indian Muslim Welfare Society has launched their third Covid-19 support since April 2020.

Entitled Alleviating Hunger from Batley and Dewsbury, the initiative offers fresh (where possible) nutritious food for those individuals & families who have suffered with income loss and long term illness & disability due to COVID-19 pandemic.

IMWS has since commenced delivery of around 1300 food packages to the doorstep of those who have been affected the most by the pandemic.

It is envisaged the project will run for 13 weeks with IMWS gathering information and short listing the most needy individuals and families who are entitled to support.

The project has received the backing of Batley and Spenningsdale MP Tracy Brabin

who named IMWS as her charity of the month.

Tracy visited the Al Hikmah Centre to make a personal donation and view first-hand all the effort the IMWS executive committee along with the women's Committee have put into the project.

IMWS Centre Manager Nadeem Raja explained how the project has seen the Muslim community receive praise and plaudits from local people from an array of backgrounds who have benefitted from receiving the food boxes.

"Members of the local English community have received over 90 percent of the food boxes," said Mr Raja.

"Hence they have been the principal beneficiaries of this much needed project.

"As an organisation, we

are very happy to help as we believe it is our duty as Muslims to ensure the wider community benefits from our presence and work. It is a positive message coming out from the Muslim Community.

"Everyone who has benefitted, regardless of their race or religion have been very grateful for the help and support which we have provided.

"May I also take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the IMWS Chair, Dr Imtiaz Patel to thank everyone who has helped us achieve our aims and objectives and we look forward to working with everyone on a long-term basis."

"There has been a huge increase in demand on our outreach services during the lockdown period," said Mr Patel.

"This is part of our ongoing programme which started in Ramadhan and has seen the community show their kindness and generosity by donating money and also volunteering to help the vulnerable and needy at this difficult time."

"It has been a pleasure working with organisations such as Shelton Housing, Making Space, Beaumont Court, Denham Court and Connect Housing who are just some of the organisations that have benefitted from this project."

IMWS Chair, Dr Imtiaz Patel said he was proud that IMWS was one of the first charities to receive vital funding in order to deliver such a much needed programme.

To find out more about the project, please e-mail Nadeem.raja@imws.org.uk or telephone: 01924 500555.



Who peddles Islamophobia?

NEW POLL OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY MEMBERS.

'ISLAM IS GENERALLY A THREAT TO WESTERN CIVILISATION'

60% BELIEVE THIS

'ISLAM IS GENERALLY A THREAT TO THE BRITISH WAY OF LIFE'

54% BELIEVE THIS

The Conservative Party has a very serious problem in relation to Islamophobia.

However, this deep-rooted Tory bigotry has never received more than a tiny fraction of the coverage that the antisemitism within Labour has been given in the mass media.

During Jeremy Corbyn's leadership - the Labour Party was besieged with serious accusations of antisemitism. Therefore, the Equality and Human Rights Commission was compelled to begin an investigation into antisemitism within the Labour Party in May 2019.

Labour leader Keir Starmer has since accepted their report in full which found that the party broke the law by failing to prevent "acts of harassment and discrimination".

Under Mr Corbyn's leadership

Labour "did not do enough to prevent antisemitism and, at worst, could be seen to accept it", said the EHRC, which described Labour's failure to act as "inexcusable".

Corbyn has since been suspended and reinstated, albeit he has had the whip taken away from him.

By contrast, the equality watchdog has been painfully slow to take evidence of Tory Islamophobia seriously.

The Muslim Council of Britain has made repeated complaints about Islamophobia in the Conservative party and earlier this year submitted a dossier of more than 300 allegations of Islamophobia to the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the same body that investigated Labour.

Yet, the EHRC declined to proceed with the investigation into the alleged Islamophobia

in the Tory party, citing plans for an independent investigation looking into complaints of discrimination over "religion or belief and significantly Islam" in the party.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that the EHRC has shown less willingness and been slower to respond to allegations of Islamophobia within the Tory party than those of antisemitism within Labour.

This raises very troubling questions about the commitment to impartiality and fairness of an organisation that ought to deal with all parties in the same even-handed way.

Muslims are starting to think about whether the EHRC offers special treatment to the Conservative Party.

In other words, Islamophobic

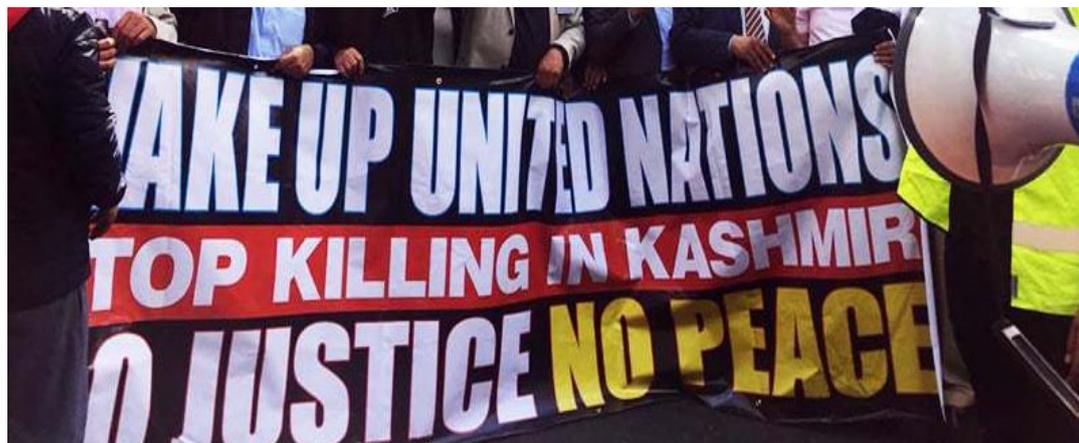
attitudes are structurally embedded within the Conservative Party membership on a scale that dwarfs Labour's problem.

The UK's first female Muslim cabinet minister, Lady Warsi, who has spent years campaigning against Islamophobia in the Conservative party has been the loudest voice in the Conservative party calling for an investigation into Islamophobia.

She was critical of Boris Johnson's decision to water it down into a probe into discrimination of all kinds.

She also once said that she was "truly ashamed of my party," after a panel discussion at a party conference was used to defend comments made by Johnson about Muslim women, while panellists called for the term Islamophobia to be scrapped.

Tories/Labour or both parties?



Before he was elected prime minister, Boris Johnson compared women who wear the niqab to “letterboxes” and “bank robbers.”

The issue dates back to David Cameron’s premiership and of 2016 with the Tories pumping a constant barrage of propaganda portraying Labour candidate Sadiq Khan as a mere puppet of a large and sinister Islamist force.

Shamefully, during the London mayoral election in 2006 former PM David Cameron accused Labour candidate – Sadiq Khan – the current mayor of London of sharing a stage with an entirely innocent South London based imam who was said to have been a “supporter of IS” in a bid to link Labour to extremism.

The former PM eventually issued an apology in the House of Commons.

He said that he regretted “any misunderstanding” that had arisen and undisclosed damages were also paid.

As for ordinary party members, a YouGov poll unveiled the chilling finding that two-thirds of Tory

members believed parts of Britain operated under sharia law.

Almost half believed in the myth of no-go zones where “non-Muslims are not able to enter”, while 39 percent thought Islamist terror attacks “reflected widespread hostility to Britain among the Muslim community”.

Numerous Tories MP’s have expressed Islamophobic views and continue to do so to this very day. Bob Blackman, MP for Harrow East, expressed regret after sharing an anti-Muslim post by Tommy Robinson.

He also hosted events with anti-Muslim Hindu nationalist Tapan Ghosh, who has previously called for the UN to control the birth rate of Muslims and praised the genocide of Rohingya Muslims.

In relation to the Labour Party, their record on Islamophobia is hardly impeccable.

More than one in four Muslim members and supporters of the Labour Party – 29 percent – have experienced Islamophobia according to a report compiled by the Labour Muslim Network.

Findings include Muslims who have participated in Labour events being subject to stereotypes of “grooming gangs”, accused of plotting “planned takeovers”, called “terrorists” and “foreigners”, and been expected to condemn violence they had no part in committing, the report said.

Nearly 44 percent of respondents said Labour does not take Islamophobia seriously, while 55 percent did not trust the party to tackle anti-Muslim sentiment.

“We must take swift action to tackle Islamophobia within our ranks,” said Labour MP Afzal Khan, in a foreword to the report. “Whilst the Labour Party has enjoyed overwhelming support of the Muslim community for decades, we cannot take their support for granted.”

The issues that concerned the respondents included: foreign policy decisions relating to the 2001 “War on Terror”; a change in policy relating to Kashmir earlier this year; the occupation of Palestine, and the Labour Party’s connection to the government’s Prevent programme to counter “extremism”.

In the 2017 general election,

an estimated 85 percent of Muslims supported the Labour Party compared with 11 percent who voted for the Conservative party.

IMWS Chair, Dr Imtiaz Patel said the report was a “wake-up call” for the party.

“The British Muslim community is the biggest constituent vote the Labour Party has.

“My warning as someone who is a member of the Muslim community, is you can’t just assume a community will always be with you, come what may,” he told Paigaam.

“Labour can’t take any voter or any community for granted. Everyone deserves respect and we need to make sure we are holding both the Labour party and the Tories to account.”

Labour says that despite the report stating that half of Muslim members of the Labour party do not trust Keir Starmer to tackle Islamophobia, the leadership will meet with the LMN to discuss how to solve the “scourge” of Islamophobia.

Labour Leader Sir Keir Starmer and Deputy Leader Angela Rayner said in a joint statement: “Islamophobia has no place in our party or society and we are committed to rooting it out.

“We look forward to working with LMN to implement their recommendations.

“We will be meeting with them to discuss the next steps in tackling the scourge of Islamophobia.”

Tracy Brabin: Why I chose IMWS as my charity of the month



As you will know, since my last column we have now been placed into a circuit breaker lockdown in England, with all non-essential retail closed and a complete ban on household mixing, with the exception of being able to meet 1 person outside in public.

I understand how difficult it must be for everyone across our community, not being able to see our friends and families, but I have been amazed to see the work that so many have done to come together and help each other during these uncertain times.

I visited IMWS this month, to see the amazing work being done by volunteers and staff to help the community in Batley during this awful time.

It was heartwarming to see the scale of the food parcel system that has been in operation to support foodbanks and Kirklees Council.

The image of the hall being filled with parcels ready to go out to the community was a fantastic one and I feel so lucky to have such a wonderful and enterprising charity in my constituency.

Forging links with other

local businesses as well as national ones such as Tesco to provide locally sourced food where possible, ensures that the majority of the money being spent to build these parcels stays in our community, supporting businesses who need it most during this pandemic.

As we look towards the future and the potential for a vaccine being rolled out for COVID, I was extremely happy to hear that IMWS have been liaising with the council and health authorities to make their building available as a vaccination centre.

It has been truly awe-inspiring to see charities like IMWS adapting to make sure that they can help in whatever way they can.

IMWS was my charity of the month, so it was also my pleasure to end my visit by handing over a donation, with the money being raised from surveys that I complete as an MP.

It is so important to me to support charities like IMWS, which are the beating heart of our community, and seeing the work being done has made me so happy that I represent such a marvelous community.

It was also inspiring to see the work being done by the Women's committee in distributing feminine hygiene parcels for the community as well.

As they rightly point out, if families are struggling and trying to make ends meet, these are often viewed as unessential when compared to food, and if there are a lot of women and girls in the house, the cost of buying these products can get quite high.

I know that this is a subject that many will feel uncomfortable talking about or accessing, but it is so important that we break this taboo and make sure that everyone who needs these items gets them.

I have been supporting campaigns around period poverty on social media and this campaign from IMWS is a brilliant way to help address this issue.

This month the focus in our office has been on supporting everyone who needs help during this second lockdown.

I have been fighting hard to ensure that people are supported by the government during this pandemic, as it is

imperative that people are able to go back to their jobs and businesses as soon as we can.

In doing this, me and my team have held a number of meetings with the government, the council, the NHS and with businesses that have been affected and hit hardest by these new measures.

It is still as important as ever to be following the current government guidance, as Kirklees currently has the highest infection rate in all of West Yorkshire and is 4th highest in the country.

We can only beat this virus if we work together and make sure that we are still washing hands, covering our faces and making sure we are sticking to the 2m rule.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can email me on Tracy.Brabin.MP@parliament.uk and we will do our best to answer your questions.

As ever, I am always wanting to hear from constituents about any issues they face.

You can also call my office on 01924 900036.

European court: insulting Prophet P.B.U.H 'not freedom of expression'

Following our front feature on French President Emmanuel Macron's recent comments on Islam, a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) dating back to 2018 which rules that insulting the Prophet P.B.U.H is not covered by freedom of expression has come to light.

The ECHR ruled that a woman convicted by an Austrian court of insulting the Prophet P.B.U.H did not have her freedom of speech rights infringed.

The woman, named only as Mrs. S, 47, from Vienna, appealed to have her conviction overturned to several Austrian courts and finally the European Court of Human Rights.

However, her case was thrown out by both the Vienna Court of Appeal and Austria's Supreme Court. Finally, the European Court of Human rights backed the courts' decision to convict Mrs S.

She was convicted in February 2011 by the Vienna Regional Criminal Court for disparaging religious doctrines in 2011.

She was also fined €480 euros (£430), a judgment that was upheld on two appeals.

The court said that the woman's comments could not be covered by the freedom of expression, stating

that it had found that "the applicant's statements had been likely to arouse justified indignation in Muslims" and "amounted to a generalization without factual basis."

A press release detailing the judgement read: "Mrs. S. appealed but the Vienna Court of Appeal upheld the decision in December 2011, confirming, in essence, the lower court's findings.

"A request for the renewal of the proceedings was dismissed by the Supreme Court on 11 December 2013."

Mrs S. had complained to the European court that the domestic courts failed to address the substance of the impugned statements in the light of her right to freedom of expression.

However, the European Court of Human Rights found there had been no violation of Article 10 (freedom of expression) of the European Convention on Human Rights.

In a statement the ECHR said: "The Court found in particular that the domestic courts comprehensively assessed the wider context of the applicant's statements and carefully balanced her right to freedom of expression with the right of others to have their religious feelings protected, and served the legitimate aim of preserving religious peace in Austria.



"It held that by considering the impugned statements as going beyond the permissible limits of an objective debate, and by classifying them as an abusive attack on the Prophet of Islam which could stir up prejudice and threaten religious peace, the domestic courts put forward relevant and sufficient reasons."

Due to his comments on Islam, President Macron has found himself the subject of protests throughout the Islamic world.

His comments have been widely condemned by Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan and his Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

**NOT HAVING YOUR FIRE/BOILER SERVICED CAN BE FATAL
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD YOURS CHECKED?**

BE SAFE WITH

I B GAS SERVICES

- FIRES • BOILERS • WATER HEATERS , ETC
- LANDLORD CERTIFICATES AND CONTRACT WORK NEGOTIABLE • GAS SAFETY CHECKS
- INSTALLATIONS AND PLUMBING WORK UNDERTAKEN

Contact ISHAQ on:
07890403647 or 01924 509781



RABETAH Question & Answer SERVICE



**FOR ALL
YOUR FIQH
QUESTIONS**

For any Fiqh Questions please message or email your query to any of our Scholars below

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| MUFTI RIDHWAAN LAKHI | 07401 139 311 |
| MUFTI HASSAN MOTA | 07855 938 792 |
| MUFTI SAJID BADAT | 07578 876 736 |

rabetahquestions@gmail.com

DK

ARCHITECTS

Hamid Dhorat RIBA ARB MCIQB
BA(Hons)MArch Architecture
RIBA Chartered Architect



Architecture • Design • Planning Permission
Building Regulation • Structural Engineering
Extensions • Conversions • New Build • Residential
Commercial • Industrial • Full Architectural Services

www.dkarchitects.net
01924 477212
07718 990668
info@dkarchitects.net

Local Offices at Batley Business
Park Suite 4 Technology Drive
Batley WF17 6ER



uniqueislam.co.uk

Your Online Islamic Gift Store

Specialising in infant to
adults personalised clothing.

Personalised
Arabic/English Jewellery,
Mugs, Frames,
Phone Cases, Cushions,
Halal Letterbox Treats
and much more



FARUKS DECORATING



INTERIOR DECORATOR

- WALLPAPERING, ALL PAINT,
- LAMINATE, CLADDING
- JOINERY, KITCHEN FITTING,
- PLUMBING, TILLING
- COVING, DADO RAIL,
- PICTURE FRAMING, ALSO
- SOME ELECTRICAL WORK

Tel: 01924 513908
Mobile: 07779227945

A & I BLINDS DIRECT

A & I SOFT FURNISHING

Quality Blinds at Low Prices

Specialist in Conservatory
& Perfect Fit Brands

- * Verticals
- * Venetians
- * Pleated
- * Rollers
- * Wood Slat
- * Romans



Made to measure

For A Free Quote Call
07812 606299 or 01924 460852



- Disposable plates and cutlery
- Hygiene and cleaning products
- Protective clothing
- Disposables (toilet rolls, centre feed rolls, hand towels etc)

*FREE DELIVERY ANY AREA - SUBJECT TO MINIMUM ORDER



Telephone: 01274 305401 Mobile: 07976 207374
email: maypac@ntlworld.com

Ahmed bhai Patel: the gentle giant of Indian politics

The Muslim community of India and south Gujarat is in mourning after Congress leader and trusted political advisor to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Ahmed bhai Patel MP passed away at the age of 71 due to Covid-19 related complications.

Ahmed bhai, who was affectionately known as Babu bhai was born in the village of Piraman near Ankleshwar on the 21st of August in 1949.

His late father was also local Muslim leader and a politician.

Upon securing a degree in law, an unexpected opportunity to be an MP in Indian parliament presented itself after the sudden death of a sitting Muslim MP in a relatively safe Muslim seat.

He was a keen cricketer and wanted to pursue a career in sports. However, his father insisted he should partake in a political career.

He held various very positions in government and became one of the most influential Muslim leaders

of India since partition.

His softly spoken manner and intelligence ensured he very quickly became a close confidant of Prime minister Indira Gandhi along with her son Rajiv Gandhi who also became Prime Minister.

In a statement, Sonia Gandhi stressed that there would never be anyone else who will be able to grace Indian politics in the same manner.

She said: "In Ahmed Patel, I have lost a colleague, whose entire life was dedicated to the Congress Party.

"His faithfulness and dedication, his commitment to his duty, his always being there to help, his generosity were rare qualities that distinguished him from others.

"I have lost an irreplaceable comrade, a faithful colleague and a friend. I mourn his passing and I feel deeply for his bereaved family to whom I offer my sincere feelings of empathy and support."

Rahul Gandhi said his passing was a sad day for the country.

"It is a sad day. Shri Ahmed Patel was a pillar of the Congress party. He lived and breathed Congress and stood with the party through its most difficult times. He was a tremendous asset. We will miss him. My love and condolences to Faisal, Mumtaz & the family."

He worked tirelessly for all segments of the society especially the poor and disadvantaged, regardless of their religious or political persuasions and was therefore held in very high esteem by both the Hindu and Muslim communities.

Despite having a very anti-Muslim agenda, the Indian nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed sadness over the demise of Ahmed bhai.

Taking to Twitter, he said Patel spent years in public life, serving Indian society and acknowledged that "his role in strengthening the Congress Party would always be remembered."

The PM said he spoke to Patel's son Faisal and

expressed his condolences.

"Saddened by the demise of Ahmed Patel Ji. He spent years in public life, serving society.

"Known for his sharp mind, his role in strengthening the Congress Party would always be remembered. Spoke to his son Faisal and expressed condolences. May Ahmed Bhai's soul rest in peace," he tweeted.

For the Muslims of India, Mr Patel was only too happy to help them.

Even in the most dire of circumstances.

From opening schools or colleges, ensuring free admission for very poor students, establishing community projects and so much more, he was indeed blessed by Almighty.

Even though he had the best of connections in the corridors of power in India, his conduct and the manner in which he went about his business ensured he was a symbol of hope and immense pride particularly for the Sunni Vohra community of south Gujarat.



Biden and Harris: From Israel with love



Upon being voted President of the United States of America, Donald Trump boarded the Air Force One presidential plane for Saudi Arabia.

Trump was the only Commander in Chief to make Saudi Arabia – or any Muslim country – his first stop abroad.

Upon arrival to Saudi Arabia, the man with the pseudo tan was spotted swaying and jiving with Saudi statesmen for the ceremonial war dance.

The President's Chief of State Reince Priebus and former Chief Strategist Steve Bannon, who Trump fell out with a few years later, labelling him "Sloppy Steve" also made a brief appearance but did not jive along.

However, Trump's real motives were laid bare as he negotiated a weapons deal with the Saudis worth \$109.7 billion, predicted to grow to a \$380 billion Saudi investment within 10 years.

This prompts a question about Biden's potential approach to Saudi Arabia.

Whilst some countries benefited from Trump's transactional, business-like approach to diplomacy that largely left certain issues alone — particularly in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Israel.

During a Democratic primary debate in 2019, Biden said his administration would make Saudi Arabia "the pariah that they are."

Biden is a staunch supporter of Israel.

"Biden will be looking at Saudi Arabia as the big prize on (Israeli) normalisation," Kirsten Fontenrose, director of the Scowcroft Middle East Security Initiative at the Atlantic Council, told CNBC.

While Biden is unlikely to reverse any of Trump's major Israel policy moves like moving the U.S. embassy to

Jerusalem, he has voiced his aim of restoring support for Palestinians that was cut under the current administration.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, a woman of South-Asian and Jamaican ethnicity, is also a strong supporter of Israel and her husband's Jewish identity may have helped shape such views.

She sought to block UN Security Council Resolution 2334 which, at the end of Mr Obama's presidency, the US controversially did not veto. It clearly labels Israeli settlement activity as illegal.

And while she claims that Israel "overall" meets international human rights standards, she remains a vocal supporter of a two-state solution, opposes settlements and annexation, including the Trump plan, and backs the restoration of US aid to the Palestinians.

These positions match those of Mr Biden and key Democratic leaders.

They suggest a Biden-Harris administration would be supportive of the recent initiative to establish relations between Israel and the UAE.

She voted in favour of resolutions to end US support for the Arab intervention in Yemen whilst Trump vetoed this and other resolutions.

During her career as a prosecutor, the New York Times recounted, prosecutors "unlawfully held back potentially exculpatory evidence" in the case of George Gage, resulting in a 70-year sentence at San Quentin on charges of sexual abuse.

Those charges were later proven false and dismissed by the trial judge but upheld under appeal on technicality.

Because Harris declined to withdraw prosecution, Gage, now 80 and partially blind, remains in jail to this day, 20 years later.

Under her truancy law in California, parents could be penalised at the discretion of the school administrator, allowing prosecutors to bring charges against parents, many of whom were sentenced to a year in jail, plus a \$2,500 fine, life-altering criminal records and financial burdens.

Then, predictably, as soon as she announced her intention to run in the Democratic presidential primaries, Harris apologised and asked for forgiveness and trust from the same community that she oppressed.

BAME people 'tired' of empty football anti-racism gestures



Greg Clarke's resignation from the Football Association comes during a global crisis.

Former FA chairman Greg Clarke resigned after referring to black footballers as "coloured" while giving evidence to MPs.

Clarke used the phrase during a Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee meeting.

In the midst of a deadly pandemic, with the game losing £100m per month, the FA needs stable leadership more than ever.

The FA Board, which includes former Liverpool Chief Executive and current EFL Chair Rick Parry, will identify and appoint a replacement "in due course."

In October, the FA launched its new Football Leadership Diversity Code "to drive diversity and inclusion across

English football".

In the FA's own words, "the aim is to move away from recruitment practises focused on personal networks".

From Bert Millichip in 1981, Keith Wiseman, Geoff Thompson, Lord Triesman, David Bernstein, Greg Dyke and Greg Clarke, the position of FA Chair has traditionally been held by white, middle-aged, men.

By the end of 2020, is this an unexpected opportunity to make a more diverse and inclusive appointment in a position of power and authority?

The FA's Diversity Code says hiring "will be based on merit, to find the best person for the job from diverse talent pipelines".

Kick It Out chair Sanjay Bhandari felt Clarke's comments had been

"staggering" and welcomed the swift action taken by the FA.

He said: "We are not just talking about anybody here, we are talking about the leader of our national game on a really major strategic issue for the FA, which is driving greater diversity and inclusion, making everyone feel they belong in the game.

"These were archaic attitudes which were really revealing themselves in comment after comment - a well-briefed chair or CEO would know exactly how to navigate that.

The Zesh Rehman Foundation said it is "disappointed and disheartened" by the "demeaning and offensive comments" made by Greg Clarke.

The statement said: "We are disappointed and disheartened - as are many of our peers within the

football community - by the demeaning and offensive comments and sentiments made by former FA Chairman, Greg Clarke.

"We hope that as a community we can learn from the emotions experienced as a result from this incident, and that the changes borne from this will result in corrective steps and measure to improve equality, inclusion and accessibility across the industry.

"As a Foundation, we work continuously to tackle such dated and rigid perspectives and stereotypes.

"We work closely with individuals from marginalised and minority communities to understand their specific needs, perspectives and values, in order to help create truly inclusive and developmental opportunities within football, for all."

Islamophobia awareness month deemed a success

A month-long campaign aimed at highlighting the positive contributions of British Muslims in the UK and the true scale of Islamophobia which is prevalent in our society has been deemed to be a success.

Islamophobia Awareness Month (IAM) was founded in 2012 by leading UK Muslim organisations and aims to deconstruct and challenge the stereotypes about Islam and Muslims.

The campaign, which is held every November, saw members of IAM, activist group MEND, Police and Crime Commissioners, local councils, journalists, councillors, MPs, masjids, universities, schools, community organisations and others join together to raise awareness of the threat of Islamophobia and encourage better reporting of incidents to the police.

The event is seen as vital to combat anti-Islamic sentiment is rising in the UK.

Of 6,822 religious hate crimes recorded by the police from 2019 to 2020, half were targeted towards Muslims, according to Home Office figures.

The Metropolitan Police helped kick off this year's campaign launch by stressing the need for communities to report incidences of hate crime and Islamophobia.

Superintendent Waheed Khan, the Met's lead responsible officer for hate crime said, 'Hate crime is something that we as a Met are committed and absolutely dedicated to dealing with. It has no place in our society.'

This year webinars with key opinion leaders, social media activity and online

exhibitions took place.

Over 150 organisations nationally are signed up to take part.

One of the co-ordinators of this year's campaign, Dr Shazad Amin said: "Covid-19 has changed all our lives but sadly Islamophobia has continued unabated. Far-right conspiracy theories have blamed Muslims for spreading the virus and such fake news has made Muslims more vulnerable.

"Additionally, Black Lives Matter has highlighted racism as a major challenge facing this country and we will promoting Black Muslim voices during IAM to showcase the valuable contribution that have made to this country".

Islamophobia is defined by the report as being "a type of racism that targets

expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness".

Mesut Ozil, Arsenal's German international who is of Turkish descent called on the Muslim world to "disarm Islamophobia with kindness."

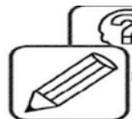
In a Twitter post, Ozil quoted a verse from the holy book: "Good and evil cannot be equal. Respond to evil with what is best, then the one you are in a feud with will be like a close friend."

Unfortunately, Islamophobia & Anti-Islamic sentiment is growing in Europe and in other parts of the world with media playing a big role in that," he said.

"My personal answer to that we should respond to Islamophobia in a way that will not reinforce it, but rather disarm and silence it with kindness," the 31-year-old midfielder said.



WORDSEARCH



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



1st Prize sponsored
by Pizza GOGO
Pick up ONLY



2nd Prize sponsored
by Chickanos
Pick up ONLY



3rd Prize sponsored
by Islamic Bakery
Pick up ONLY

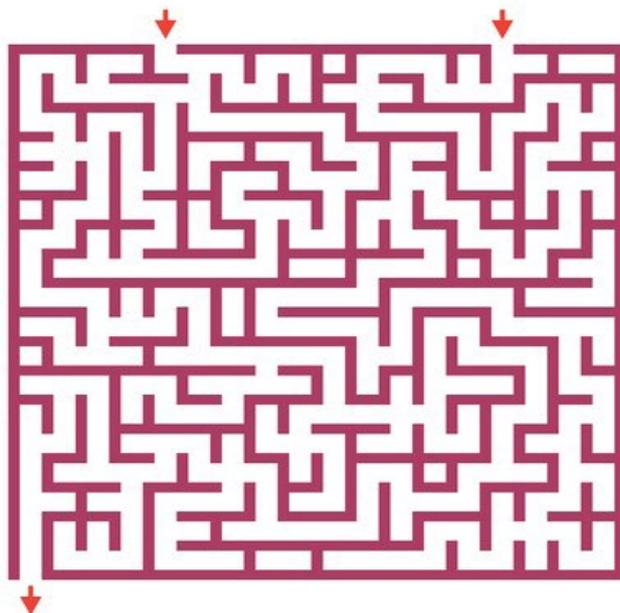
CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS ?

FIVE
PILLARS
SHAHADAH
SALAH

ZAKAH
SAWM
HAJJ
ISLAM

Solve any puzzle and send it in to WIN a PRIZE!!!

Can you get to the other side?



Winners

1) Maryam Ismail Patel
Dewsbury

2) Ahmad M Badat
Batley

1) Sumaiya Kazi
Dewsbury

Please collect your prizes from the
Al-Hikmah Centre.

Terms and conditions apply

Name and town of winning entries will be published. Age limit 13.

Please send this page with your

name, address, postcode, age and telephone number
before 20th November 2020 to:

Kiddies Competition, Al-Hikmah Centre,
28 Track Road, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 7AA

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Age: _____

Date: _____

Tel. No.: _____

Paigaam Star Reviews



Loved by all: Fish & Chips!!

Fish & Chips are loved by every generation. Are you looking for crispy batter on the tastiest fish, succulent chips & perfect mushy peas?

Look no further than Mother Hubbard's on Bradford Road in Batley & indulge in the finest traditional fish & chips in the area.

Mother Hubbard's seem to be rather passionate about great tasting food. They only use the finest Icelandic haddock & British potatoes to produce the crispiest battered fresh fish & golden chips.

See the advert on page 14 for more information.



Rating: 5 stars



Love Dixxy?

There are many burger eateries opening up all over the place.

However, don't forget that all these young pretenders can learn a thing or two from Dixxy Chicken.

The Chicken Supreme burger is a favourite amongst youngsters and families alike, especially when Nasser and Bash ensure the burgers are nice and hot.

When this is the case, there really is no competition, however, consistency is key and these standards must be kept at all times in order to keep up with the ever increasing number of new places that are opening up.

However, don't discount the rest of the menu. The chicken donner isn't bad at all!

Rating: 4 stars



Karak to the core!

There seems to have been countless outlets pop up locally, selling everything from tea, coffee and a plethora of Indian themed gastronomical delights.

A quick glance at Chaiwala's website showcases an array of mouthwatering options.

However, it is the Karak Coffee and Karak Chai that seem to be rather popular.

Karak Chai, 'a strong tea also known masala chai' is essentially a blend of black tea, milk, sugar and spices boiled in a pan on a low flame. Granted, this can be made at home by your mum or granny, but both the Karak chai and Karak Coffee were of a good standard.



Rating: 4 stars

IMWS Burial Update

With an increase in the number of deaths due to Covid 19 there is concern in the community about impact the virus has had in relation to burial capacity in local cemeteries.

As we are in the midst of the second wave there has been a huge increase in infections in our community which has invariably led to more deaths.

However, IMWS Burial Committee Mohammed Laher is hoping to allay any fears and to provide some reassurance to the community.

"I want to inform our community that we do not need to worry unduly about the burial capacity in Batley," said Mr Laher.

"Since we moved to the new

plot in Batley cemetery in 2018 we have had 120 burials to date and since January 2020 with the impact of Covid we have had 40 burials so far this year.

"The capacity is around 275 so we have around three more years left in this plot in Batley cemetery, unless we have a huge surge in burials".

As reported in the October 2020 edition of Paigaam, Kirklees Council has allocated a plot of land Muslim burial in Batley cemetery which is adjacent to the current plot.

Mr Laher told Paigaam: "Work on this land will commence in the New Year and will take around 12 months to complete. This land will provide around 400 additional burial plots for our

community.

"Our members wish for their loved ones to be buried in Batley. I hope this extension of the burial plot will give them that assurance."

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:

"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."

Former Palestinian peace negotiator passes away

Saeb Erekat, the former Palestinian peace negotiator and one of the most high-profile figures in its leadership since the early 1990s, died on November 9 at the age of 65 after contracting Covid-19.

He underwent a lung transplant in the US in 2017 and had been in poor health since.

A PhD student at the University of Bradford in the 1980s, Mr Erakat helped negotiate the Oslo Accords in 1993, which resulted in limited self-governance for the Palestinian Authority for the first time since Israel occupied the territories in 1967.

He was also an advocate of a two state solution between Palestine and Israel.

Unrelenting in his indignation against Israeli control over Palestinian life, the US-educated former journalist and academic described Israeli occupation of Palestine as apartheid.

Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies Tom Woodhouse, a founding member of the department, said: "The University and particularly his friends in Peace Studies wish to offer sympathy and condolences to Saeb's family.

"He was a PhD student in the Peace Studies at Bradford in the early 1980s, and was awarded his PhD here in 1985.

"Saeb last visited Bradford when he attended the 40th anniversary conference marking the foundation of the Peace Studies department in 2014.

Emeritus Professor Paul Rogers, who supervised Dr Erekat's PhD, said: "He was a very good research student and worked incredibly hard for the Palestinian cause.

"I will both remember him with affection and respect."

Burial contact numbers

FOR DEATH AND BURIAL RELATED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT:

EBRAHIMBHAI CHOPDAT

07980 381197

GULAMBHAI MANIYAR

07801 825691

NAZIR DAUD

07790776012

Please note the Kirklees Council Burial fee is £2164.

Donations towards the running and cost of the funeral van is most appreciated.

Paigaam Legal Column



The most straight forward means of minimising Inheritance Tax (IHT) payable on your estate is to give away your assets with warm hands when you are still in good health. However, such gifts will bring no tax advantages at all unless they are absolute and unreserved.

A recent High Court case concerned four British Virgin Islands-based trusts which were set up by a wealthy British businessman to hold various UK properties for the benefit of his two sons, their spouses and children. The objective of the trusts was to remove the properties from the businessman's estate for IHT purposes.

He and his wife were not included amongst the class of beneficiaries of the trusts. Due to a drafting error, however, they were not specifically excluded from that class, which the trustees enjoyed wide powers to expand.

That gave rise to concerns that HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) might take the view that the businessman had reserved a benefit in the trusts. Such a conclusion would frustrate their objective and render the entire tax planning

arrangement ineffective.

In coming to the businessman's aid, the Court noted that he was in his late 70s and suffering from Parkinson's disease and dementia. As he lacked the mental capacity required to make important decisions for himself, his wife had launched proceedings on his behalf, seeking rectification of the drafting error.

Ruling on the matter, the Court noted that the businessman's intention had been to provide for his sons and future generations of his family in a tax-efficient way.

He and his wife had behaved throughout in a manner entirely consistent with an intention to exclude themselves from receiving any benefit under the trusts. They were scrupulous about not staying at any of the trust properties.

The Court found convincing proof that a mistake had been made, as a result of which the trusts, as drafted, did not accurately reflect the businessman's intentions.

The understanding of all involved had been that the trusts would result in the

properties passing outside of his estate.

To secure that objective, the Court rectified the trusts so as to expressly exclude the businessman, his wife and any future spouses of his from the class of beneficiaries.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) must publicise changes in the tax regime and taxpayers are not obliged to go rooting around its website in an attempt to keep up to date.

The First-tier Tribunal (FTT) made that point in finding that a father had a reasonable excuse for his delayed payment of tax on his Child Benefit receipts.

Until 7 January 2013, Child Benefit was a universal benefit payable to the parents of any British child. It thereafter became means tested with the introduction of the High Income Child Benefit Charge (HICBC).

Under the new regime, parents who earned more than £50,000 a year had part of their benefit withdrawn and, if earning more than £60,000 a year, they would receive nothing at all.

The father was notified by HMRC in 2017 that he should have paid HICBC between 2013 and 2016.

He had earned well over £50,000 in each of those years. Back-tax demands for £4,780 were raised against him, together with late payment penalties of £829.40.

He paid the tax but appealed against the penalties to the FTT on the basis that he had been unaware of the introduction of HICBC.

The FTT nevertheless found that it was objectively reasonable for the father to have remained ignorant of the requirement to complete a self-assessment tax return in light of his liability to HICBC.

He had received Child Benefit on a non-means-tested basis for some years before HICBC was introduced and, as he was paid via the PAYE system, he was not otherwise required to make a self-assessment return.

It was not reasonable to expect him to go rummaging through all that information on the off chance of finding something hidden away.

Coronavirus: Scientists test 14 masks - and find one actually increases risk of infection

Scientists have tested 14 different types of face-covering and found that one of them actually increases the risk of coronavirus infection.

Researchers at Duke University in North Carolina tested coverings ranging from the kind worn by healthcare professionals to neck fleeces and knitted masks.

The study's authors compared the dispersal of droplets from a participant's breath while they were wearing one of the coverings to the results of a control trial where their mouth was fully exposed.

The least effective face-covering in the study was a neck fleece which was found to actually increase the risk of infection by having a "droplet transmission fraction" of 110%.

Duke University researcher Martin Fischer, who put the test together, told CNN: "We were extremely surprised to find that the number of particles measured with the fleece actually exceeded the number of particles measured without wearing any mask."

"We want to emphasise that we really encourage people to wear masks, that work."

A bandana was the second worst-performing face-covering but it did not increase the risk of infection, while a knitted covering was third worst.

The most effective face-covering in the study was a fitted N95 mask without valves which had a droplet transmission fraction of 0.1%.

The hospital-grade coverings are used by frontline healthcare workers.

A surgical mask performed second best while a polypropylene mask came in third.

Handmade cotton face coverings were also shown to perform well and eliminated a substantial amount of the spray from normal speech.



Mr Fischer said: "We confirmed that when people speak, small droplets get expelled, so disease can be spread by talking, without coughing or sneezing."

"We could also see that some face coverings performed much better than others in blocking expelled particles."

Eric Westman, one of the authors of the study, said: "People can unknowingly spread the virus when they cough, sneeze and just talk. If everyone wore a mask, we could stop up to 99% of these droplets before they reach someone else."

"In the absence of a vaccine or antiviral medicine, it's the one proven way to protect others as well as yourself."

Participants in the study wore one of the coverings before speaking into the direction of a laser beam inside a black box.

The league table of the 14 masks tested (picture number):

1. N95 mask, no exhalation valve, fitted (14)
2. Surgical mask (1)
3. Cotton-polypropylene-cotton mask (5)
4. Two-layer polypropylene apron mask (4)
5. Two-layer cotton, pleated style mask (13)
6. Two-layer cotton, pleated style mask (7)
7. N95 mask with exhalation valve (2)
8. Two-layer cotton, Olston style mask (8)
9. One-layer Maxima AT mask (6)
10. One-layer cotton, pleated style mask (10)
11. Two-layer cotton, pleated style mask (9)
12. Knitted mask (3)
13. Bandana (12)
14. Gaiter type neck fleece (11)

કોંગ્રેસના દિગ્ગજ નેતા અહમદ પટેલનો દુઃખદ ઈન્તેકાલ

કોંગ્રેસના વરિષ્ઠ નેતા અને રાજ્યસભાના સાંસદ અહમદ પટેલ છેલ્લા એક મહિનાથી કોરોના સંક્રમિત થતાં દિલ્હીની માદાંતા હોસ્પિટલમાં સારવાર માટે દાખલ થયા હતાં. જ્યાં તારીખ ૨૫-૧૧-૨૦૨૦ના બુધવારે વેલી સવારે એમનો ઈન્તેકાલ થયો હતો. (ઈલીવએરા) એમની ઈચ્છા પ્રમાણે એમના વતન પિરામણ (ભરૂચ) ગામે એમના માતા-પિતાની કબર નજીક તારીખ ૨૬-૧૧-૨૦૨૦ના દફન કરી દેવામાં આવ્યા હતા. દફનવિધિમાં રાહુલ ગાંધી સહિત ગુજરાતભરના કોંગ્રેસીનેતાઓ અને દેશભરના અગ્રણી નેતાઓએ હાજરી આપી હતી. તેમની ઉંમર ૭૧વર્ષની હતી.

તાલુકા પંચાયતના અધ્યક્ષ પદથી તેમણે રાજકીય સફર શરૂ કરી હતી. ૧૯૭૭માં ૨૬ વર્ષની ઉંમરે ભરૂચ ખાતેથી લોકસભાની ચૂંટણીમાં જ્વલંત જીત હાંસિલ કરી લોકસભાના સાંસદ બન્યા હતા. તે પછી લગભગ ત્રણ વાર એમણે ચૂંટણી જીતી હતી. તેઓ ત્રણ વખત લોકસભા સાંસદ અને પાંચ વખત રાજ્યસભાના સાંસદ રહ્યા હતા. અહમદભાઈ બીજા રાજકરણીઓ કરતા જુદાજ વ્યક્તિત્વ ધરાવતા હતા. પ્રમાણિક, નિષ્ઠાવાન કાર્યકર અને સત્તાનો તેમને જરાયે મોહ ન હતો. તેઓ ધારતે તે કોઈ પણ મંત્રીપદ મેળવી શક્યા હોત અને અનેક વખત તેમને મંત્રીપદની ઓફર પણ થઈ હતી. છતાં તેમણે વિનમ્રપણે તેનો સ્વીકાર ન કરતા કોંગ્રેસને વધુ મજબુત કરવાના પ્રયત્નોમાં જ લાગેલા રહ્યા હતા. તેઓ સત્તા નહીં પણ લોકસેવામાં માનતા હતા.

ગુજરાત માટે તેમણે અનેક સેવાકાર્યો કર્યા હતા અને સામાન્ય વ્યક્તિઓથી બીજા અનેક જાતિના લોકોમાં તેઓ અતિપ્રિય હતા. ગાંધી કુટુંબ સાથે તેઓ ખૂબજ નીકટતા ધરાવતા હતા. ઈન્દિરા ગાંધી, રાજીવ ગાંધી, સોનિયા ગાંધીથી લઈને રાહુલ ગાંધી અને પ્રિયંકા ગાંધીના ખૂબજ નજીકના અને વિશ્વાસુ નેતા હતા. રાજીવ ગાંધી જ્યારે ભારતના વડા પ્રધાન હતા ત્યારે ભર યુવાનીમાં તેમને સંસદીય સચિવ તરીકે નીમ્યા હતા. સોનિયા ગાંધીએ જ્યારે કોંગ્રેસની કમાન સંભાળી ત્યારે તેઓએ તેમને ખૂબજ મદદ કરી હતી અને તેમની સોનિયા ગાંધીના રાજકીય સલાહકાર તરીકે નીમણુંક કરી હતી અને તેમણે આ જવાબદારી જીવનના અંત સુધી નિભાવી હતી. અહમદ પટેલ કોંગ્રેસના ચાણક્ય તરીકે ઓળખાતા હતા. સિયાસી મોરચાબંધીમાં તેઓ માહિર હતા અને કોંગ્રેસના સંકટ મોચક હતા. કેન્દ્રથી લઈને રાજ્યો સુધી જ્યારે કોંગ્રેસ સરકાર મુશ્કેલીમાં પડતી ત્યારે એક અહમદભાઈ જ હતા જેમના નિર્ણયનો ભાગ્યેજ કોઈએ વિરોધ કર્યો હોય. તેઓ તેમની આગવી ખૂબી અને સુદબુધ્ધીથી પાર્ટીના અંદરના કલહનું નિરાકરણ કરતા હતા. બન્ને તરફના નેતાઓ તેમની વાતોને માનતા હતા અને તેમનો આદર કરતા હતા. અહીં સુધી કે વિરોધ પક્ષના નેતાઓ પણ તેમને માનની નજરે જોતા હતા.

૨૦૦૪માં જ્યારે બીજેપી સરકાર કેન્દ્રમાં હતી ત્યારે તેમની રણનીતિથી યુપીએ સરકારમાં બીજા પાર્ટીઓને સંગઠિત કરવાનું કામ તેમણે કર્યું હતું અને તેમને સાથે મેળવી સોનિયા ગાંધીના વિશ્વાસુ બની કોંગ્રેસને જીત અપાવવામાં અને સરકાર બનાવવામાં તેમની આગવી ભૂમિકા રહી હતી. કોંગ્રેસમાં એમની છબી એક નિખાલસ, નિસ્વાર્થ કાર્યકર્તાની હતી. જ્યારે પણ વિવિધ રાજ્યોમાં કોંગ્રેસની સરકાર

બનાવવાની હોય કે બીજા પક્ષો સાથે તણાવ વગેરે હોય ત્યારે અહમદભાઈને તમામ જવાબદારી સોંપવામાં આવતી હતી અને તેમાં તેઓ સફળ પણ થતા હતા. તેમણે ગુજરાત ખાતે મુસલમાનો સહિત બીજા તમામ સમુદાય માટે લોકસેવાના અનેક કાર્યો કર્યા હતા પરિણામે દરેક જાતિઓમાં તે ખૂબજ પ્રિય અને જાણીતા બન્યા હતા. લોકો તેમની પાસે કામ માટે અડધી રાતે પહોંચતા હતા અને અહમદભાઈ તેમની મુશ્કેલીઓનું નીરાકરણ કરતા હતા.

કોંગ્રેસ પાર્ટીમાં આજે જ્યારે કલહ છે, કોંગ્રેસની નેતા ડામાડોલ છે અને દેશભરમાં બીજેપી સૌથી વધુ મજબુત પાર્ટી બની રહી છે ત્યારે કોંગ્રેસના આ ચાણક્ય અને એક માર્ગદર્શકની વિદાયથી પાર્ટીને ન પુરાય તેવી એક ખોટ પડી છે. કોંગ્રેસના અનેક નેતાઓ, સોનિયા ગાંધી, રાહુલ ગાંધી અને નરેન્દ્ર મોદી તેમજ બીજા અનેક રાજકરણીઓએ તેમને શ્રધ્ધાંજલિ અર્પણ કરી છે. તેમના જનાઝામાં અનેક શહેરોમાંથી લોકો જોડાયા હતા અને તેમને અંતિમ વિદાય આપી હતી. તે પરેખર લોકનેતા હતા. તેમના ગામમાં પોલિસ બંદોબસ્ત સાથે એક પ્રસંશનીય વાતાવરણ જોવા મળ્યું હતું. અલ્લાહપાક તેમની મગફિરત કરી જન્મતુલ ફીરદૌશમાં આલા જગા અતા ફરમાવે આમીન.

ઈસ્લામની પહેલી નર્સ

આપણે સૌએ ફલોરેસ્ટ નાઈટિંગલનું નામ સાંભળ્યું છે. જે પોતાના નીક નેઈમ “લેડી વીથ ધ લેમ્પથી” નર્સિંગ માટે પ્રખ્યાત થઈ હતી. ૧૮૧૫માં વિશ્વમાં તેનું નામ ચમક્યું હતું, જ્યારે લડાઈ દરમિયાન તેણે ધવાયેલા સૈનિકોની મેડીકલ સારવાર કરી હતી. ઉપરાંત સોશયલ રિફોર્મમાં પણ તેણીએ અગત્યનો ભાગ ભજવ્યો હતો.

એનાથી પણ સદીઓ પહેલાં એવું જ કામ એક બીજા સ્ત્રીએ કર્યું હતું જેનું નામ રૂકયદા અલ-અસ્લેમીયા છે, જે અન્સાર કેમિલીમાંથી આવે છે. મદીના ખાતે ઈસ્લામ કબુલ કરનારી પહેલી ઓરત હતી. તે પહેલી મુસ્લિમ નર્સ તરીકે પણ ઓળખાય છે. રૂકયદાની કેમિલી મેડીકલ લાઈનથી જોડાયેલ હતી. ખાસ કરીને તેના પિતા સાદ અલ-અસ્લામી ફીજીયન હતા. રૂકયદાના એક્ષપર્ટ નર્સિંગમાં તેમનું ખાસ યોગદાન રહ્યું હતું. નર્સિંગ કેર પૂરી પાડવા અને મુસ્લિમ મહિલાઓને નર્સિંગની તાલિમ આપવા હજારત મોહમદ મુસ્તફા સ.અ.વ.એ તેમને મદીના ખાતે મસ્જિદે નબવીની સામે ટેન્ટ લગાવવાની પરમિશન આપી હતી.

તેણીએ પોતાનું જીવન લોકોની સારવાર અને નર્સિંગમાં લગાવ્યું હતું. કેટલાક રિપોર્ટો દર્શાવે છે કે, તે ઈસ્લામમાં પહેલી સર્જન પણ હતી. પંદકની લડાઈ વખતે સાદ ઈબ્ને મુસાથ ગંભીર રીતે ધવાયા હતા ત્યારે હુઝુર સ.અ.વ. એ તેમને રૂકયદાના તંબુમાં સારવાર માટે ખસેડવાનો હુકમ ફરમાવ્યો હતો. રૂકયદા માટે ખાસ હકીકત એ છે કે, હુઝુર સ.અ.વ.એ રૂકયદાના નર્સિંગ તરીકેના સ્કીલની કદર કરી હતી. તેનામાં ઉચ્ચ પ્રકારની ક્લીનીકલ સ્કીલ અને મેડીકલ નોલેજ હતું. તે પ્રેમાળ અને લાગણીશીલ ઓરત હતી. તે ખાસ કરીને ગરીબો અને યતીમ બાળકોની સંભાળ કાળજીપૂર્વક કરતી હતી. રૂકયદાએ સાબિત કર્યું હતું કે, મુસ્લિમ ઓરતો સાયન્સ અને સમાજમાં પોતાનું યોગદાન આપી શકે છે અને સાથે જ રોજબરોજના ધરના કામ સાથે કોમ્યુનિટીમાં પણ સેવા કરી શકે છે. તેણીએ પોતાની નર્સિંગ કામગીરીથી સમાજમાં નામના મેળવી હતી અને લોકો તેની ખૂબજ પ્રસંશા કરતા હતા. આજની ઓરતો માટે તે એક રોલ મોડલ હતી.

અવલાદની તરબીયત ભાગ-૨

-મહંમદ યુસુફ સુફી લાજપુરી, બાટલી.

ગયા અંકમાં આપણે અવલાદની તરબીયત વિષે ચર્ચા કરી હતી. આ અંકમાં એજ શિર્ષક હેઠળ ફિકરમંદ બુઝુર્ગોના મંતવ્ય રજૂ કરીએ છીએ.

અવલાદની તરબીયત મા-બાપના માટે બેહદ જરૂરી છે. એ વિષે કયામતના દિવસે મા-બાપને સવાલ પણ થશે. નેક અવલાદ મા-બાપના માટે દુનિયામાં રાહતનો સામાન પેદા કરી શકે છે. એ સિવાય આખિરતમાં અજાબથી છૂટકારાનું કારણ પણ બની શકે છે. આ ત્યારેજ શક્ય છે કે, આપણે અવલાદની તરબીયત દીને ઈસ્લામ પ્રમાણે કરી હોય.

જેવી રીતે બાળકના માટે તેના મા-બાપ રહમત અને બરકતનું કારણ બને છે. બિલકુલ એવીજ રીતે બાળક મા-બાપના માટે આઝમાઈશ, કસોટીનું કારણ પણ બની શકે છે. મા-બાપ પોતાની અવલાદને અલગ અલગ રીતે સમજાવતા રહ્યા, સાથે ફિકર પણ કરતા રહ્યા પછી પણ અવલાદ સીધા રસ્તા પર ન આવી શકી તો મા-બાપ પોતાની જામ્દારીથી અલગ પણ થઈ શકે છે.

કૂદરતે આપણને આ અપ્રામોલ મોતી, અવલાદના રૂપમાં આપેલી છે. તેની કદર કરવી જોઈએ. આપણે આપણી અવલાદથી જે ઉમ્મીદ રાખીએ છીએ તે માટે પ્રથમ આપણે પોતે તેના પર અમલ પણ કરવું જોઈએ. ત્યારે જ આપણી અવલાદ આપણા માટે આપણી નેક ઉમ્મીદને પૂરા કરવાનો સામાન પેદા કરી શકે છે. કારણ કે, મા-બાપ અવલાદ માટે રોલ મોડલ હોય છે.

એક મા-બાપના પાસે પોતાના બાળકને આપવા માટે સૌથી વધુ કિંમતી બે વસ્તુ હોય છે. એક મોહબ્બત બીજી સમય. આજે આ બન્ને અગત્યની અને ખૂબજ મહત્વની વસ્તુ તરફ કોતાહી, ગફલત અને બેપરવાહી થઈ રહી છે. એના નતીજામાં બાળક આ બન્ને ખાસ વસ્તુથી વંચિત થઈ રહ્યું છે.

હંમશાં યાદ રાખો! મોહબ્બત-પ્યાર અને લાડ આ બન્ને વસ્તુ અલગ અલગ છે. ઘણાં મા-બાપ ઉપરોક્ત બન્ને વસ્તુમાં ફરક સમજી ન શક્યા તો એના નતીજામાં ઓલાદ બગડી જાય છે. મોહબ્બતથી ઓલાદ મા-બાપના હાથમાં રહે છે. જ્યારે લાડ અવલાદને બગાડે છે. આ બન્ને વસ્તુની વ્યાખ્યાને સમજવાની આજે જરૂર છે. અગર એ વિષે ભૂલ કરી ચૂક્યા હોય તો ધીમે ધીમે લાડને મોહબ્બતમાં પરિવર્તન કરવાનું શીખી લેવું જોઈએ.

આજે બાળક માટે મા-બાપના પાસે સમય નથી. આવી અવલાદ પોતાનો કિંમતી સમય ઘરની બહાર પૂરો કરે છે અને સાથે પોતાના મસ્લા અને જઝબાતને ઘરથી બહાર તલાશ કરી લે છે. આવા બાળકો પોતાના પરિવારથી પણ દૂર થઈ જાય છે.

જે મા-બાપ પોતાના નવનિહાલ માસૂમ બાળકોને બન્ને કિંમતી વસ્તુ મોહબ્બત અને સમય આપે છે એના નતીજામાં ઘરનો માહોલ, વાતાવરણ સંતોષકારક બને છે. જે મા-બાપના પાસે પોતાની અવલાદના માટે મોહબ્બત અને સમય નથી, બલકે મા-બાપ આપસમાં ઝઘડતા હોય તો પોતાના કુલ જેવા માસૂમ બાળકો ઉપર કેવી અસર પડતી હોય છે એને સમજવા માટે

આપણી સંસ્થાના અને કોમના એક ઉત્સાહી કાર્યકર અહમદ ગુલનો એક સુંદર શેર જોઈએ.

એક સમતલ ઘર કલબ કંકાસઝી તૂટી પડે છે,
એની ઈંટોઝી પ્રથમ સંતાન ઘાયલ ગાય છે.

અવલાદની તરબીયત માટે મોહબ્બત અને સમય એક ખાસ ભાગ ભજવે છે. અંતમાં આપણે એક ઈબ્તનાક ઘટના ઉપર લેખ પૂરો કરીએ.

એક માણસ એક કંપનીમાં કામ કરતા હતા. તે કંપનીમાં કામ વધુ હોવાના કારણે તે પોતાના બાળકને સમય આપી શકતા ન હતા. હાં! પોતાના બાળકને પોકિટ ખર્ચ બરાબર આપતા હતા. પરંતુ તેના સાથે વાત કરવાનો સમય પિતાને મળતો ન હતો અને તેઓ ઓફિસના કામમાં વધુ પડતા મશગુલ રહેતા હતા. બાળકે પોતાના પોકિટ ખર્ચના પૈસામાંથી બચત શરૂ કરી. જ્યારે એક સારી રકમ જમા થઈ ગઈ ત્યારે એક દિવસે બાળક પોતાના બાપના પાસે જાય છે અને પૂછે છે કે, ડેડી! તમને ઓફિસમાં કામ કરવાના એક કલાકના કેટલા પૈસા મળે છે? બાપ પોતાના બાળકનો આ સવાલ બરાબર સમજી ન શક્યા કે મારો દિકરો આ સવાલ શા માટે પૂછી રહ્યો છે. અને તેમણે એનો જવાબ આપવાનું ટાળી રૂમમાં ચાલી ગયા.

પરંતુ બાળક તેમના રૂમમાં જઈ જીદ કરી એજ સવાલ ફરી પૂછ્યો. બાળકની જીદના કારણે પિતાએ તેને કહ્યું મને એક કલાકના ૧૫ પાઉન્ડ મળે છે. બાળક પોતાના રૂમમાં જઈ ૧૫ પાઉન્ડ લાવી તેમના હાથમાં મૂકે છે અને કહે છે કે, તમે આજે મને એક કલાક આપી શકો છો? પોતાના માસૂમ બાળકની જબાનથી આવી પ્યારભરી વાતથી પિતાની આંખોમાં આંસુ આવી ગયા. તેમને બાળકની વાત ખૂબજ સારી રીતે સમજમાં આવી ગઈ. અને પોતે કામમાં કેટલા મશગુલ રહે છે તે અને પરિણામે ઓલાદને સમય આપી શકતા નથી તેનું પ્રેરણા ભાન થાય છે. ત્યાર બાદ એના ઉપર પોતાનું ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રીત કરે છે.

પ્રિય વાંચકો! ખરેખર આવી બાબતોથી આપણી આંખોમાંથી પણ આંસુ સરી પડે છે. બસ! આપણે કરવાનું શું છે તે સબક તદ્દન સરળ છે. આપણી ઓલાદને મોહબ્બત અને પ્યારની સાથે આપણે સમય આપવું વધુ જરૂરી છે. જેથી એ તરફ ધ્યાન આપવાનો ઈરાદો કરવું જોઈએ અને ઓલાદની તરબીયત માટે અલ્લાહપાકથી દુવા પણ કરવી જોઈએ. અલ્લાહપાક તમામ વાલીદોને અમલ કરવાની તૈફીક અતા ફરમાવે આમીન.

સોનેરી વાતો....

- દુનિયા કે સભી રાસ્તે ગુગલ દીખા શકતા હૈ લેકિન જન્મતકા રાસ્તા સિર્ફ કુરઆન ઓર હદીસ પર અમલ કરનેસે હી મિલતા હૈ.
- જીવનમેં એસી સોચ રખીયે જો ખોયા ઉસ્કા ગમ નહીં, મગર જો પાયા હૈ વહ કીસી સે કમ નહીં.
જો નહી હૈ વહ એક ખ્યાલ હૈ,
પર જો હૈ વહ લાજવાબ હૈ.
- જીવન મેં હમ અસલી સફલતા તબી હાંસિલ કર શકતે હય,
જબ હમ દૂંસરો કો ભી સફલ હોને મેં મદદ કરેં.

વિચાર વિનિમય

-અહમદ ગુલ

એક કાલ્પિકારી ગઝલ

આજથી ૩૦-૪૦ વર્ષ પહેલાં મહુમ રાહત ઈન્દોરીએ લખેલી 'અગર ખિલાફ હૈ હોને દો' નામક ગઝલ આજના ભારતની પરિસ્થિતિ માટે વધારે અનુકૂળ હોવાથી વધુ પ્રખ્યાત થઈ રહી છે. આખી ગઝલના પ્રત્યેક શ્લોક આજના ભારતનું પ્રતિબિંબ રજૂ કરે છે. જ્યારે પણ સત્તા સામે અવાજ ઉઠાવવામાં આવે ત્યારે આ ગઝલના શ્લોકો તલવારની ધાર બની જાય છે. ચાલો! ત્યારે આપણે પણ આ અપ્રામોલ્ય ગઝલનો આસ્વાદ માણીએ.

અગર ખિલાફ હૈ, હોને દો, જાન ઝોડી હૈ,
એ સજ ધુઆ હૈ કોઈ આસ્માન ઝોડી હૈ.

ઉઠતા ધુમાડાને અગર આપણે આસ્માન સમજી લઈએ પણ વાસ્તવમાં એ આકાશ હોતું નથી. માત્ર ધુમાડા સિવાય કશુંજ નથી. એ આવે છે અને જાય છે. તેજ પ્રમાણે વિરોધીઓની કોઈ નક્કરતા હોતી નથી. વિરોધીઓ માટે આટલી સમજ જરૂરી હોય છે.

લગેગી આગ તો આયેંગે ઘર કંઈ ઝઈમેં
ઘડાં સિફ ઢમારા મકાન ઝોડી હૈ.

અહીં કોમવાદીઓ માટે એક સખત ચેતવણી છે. જ્યારે કોમવાદનો દાવાનળ ભભૂકી ઉઠે ત્યારે આખી વસ્તી એની લપેટમાં આવી જાય છે. અહીં માત્ર અમારાંજ મકાનો નથી. આ આગ જ્વાળા તો સમૂળગી વસ્તીને બાળીને ભસ્મ કરી નાંખશે. વેરઝેરના ઝનૂને ચઢેલાઓ એનો ક્યાં વિચાર કરે છે કે, એમણે લગાડેલી આગથી આખી વસ્તી બેધર થઈ જવાની છે.

મેં જાનતા હૂં કે દુશ્મન કમ નહીં લેકિન

ઢમારી તરફ ઠરેલી પે જાન ઝોડી હૈ.

શાયર કહે છે કે, એમની દુશ્મનીને અમે કમ આંકતા નથી. અમને એનો પણ અંદાજો છે કે, દુશ્મન કેટલો પ્રબળ છે. પણ અમે તો એથીયે આગળ વધેલા છીએ. મુદ્દાની વાત તો એ છે કે, અમે જાનની પણ પરવા કરતા નથી. એમની પ્રબળતામાંય ડરપોકપણ અને કાયરતા છે. અમે તો હરકદમ હથેળી પર મોત લઈને ફરનારાઓ છીએ. અમને દુશ્મન કઈ રીતે ડરાવી શકનાર છે.

એ આજ સાલિલે મરનદ હૈ કલ નહીં ઠોંગે

કિરાએદાર હૈ જતી મકાન ઝોડી હૈ.

સત્તાના નશામાં રાયતા નેતાઓની અલ્પતાને આથી વિશેષરૂપે કોઈએ ઉજાગર કરી ન હશે. સત્તાની પુરશીના અસલી માલિક તો જનતા છે. સત્તાવિશો તો એમાં ભાડે રહેવા આવ્યા છે. આજે છે કાલે નહીં હોય. પણ જનતા તો કાયમ રહેનાર છે. ભલભલાં સત્તાધારીઓ, જુલમગારો અને સરમુખ્તિયારો આવ્યા અને ગયા. કોઈ શાશ્વત નથી. આજે તેમના નામોનિશાન પણ શોધ્યાં જડે નહીં. સમય આવે એટલે એમણે આ ભાડેના મકાનને ખાલી કરી નીકળી જવું પડે છે. સત્તાનો દૂરઉપયોગ કરી અત્યાચાર અને નફરત ફેલાવનારા ધમંડી રાજકરણીઓ ધ્યાનમાં રાખે. જનતાની એક આંધી આવી કે, એમની સત્તાનો મહેલ એક ક્ષણમાં તાશના પત્તાંની જેમ ઊડી જશે.

ઢમારે મુઠ સે એ નિકલા વઢી સદાકત હૈ

ઢમારે મુઠ મેં તુમ્હારી ઝલાન ઝોડી હૈ

અમારા મોંથી જે શબ્દ નીકળે છે તેજ સત્ય છે. અમે દંભી નથી. કહેવાના જુદા અને કરવાના જુદા એ અમરા આચરણમાં નથી. અમારા શબ્દો એજ અમારા વિચારો, એજ અમારી માન્યતા, એને જ અનુસરનારાઓ છીએ. તમારા શબ્દો અમારી જીભથી કહેવા મજબુર કરવાની કોશિશ પણ કરશો નહીં. અમને અમારા પર ગર્વ છે. અમારા વિચારોની સ્વતંત્રતા પર કોઈ આંચ આવે એવું અમે હરગીઝ થવા દઈશું નહીં.

સભીકા ખૂલ હૈ સામિલ ઘડાં કી મિટ્ટીમેં,

કિસી કે લાખ કા હિન્દુસ્તાન ઝોડી હૈ.

રાહત સાહેબનો આ શ્લોક એટલો મશહુર થયો છે કે દરેક મુશાયરામાં આ શ્લોકની માંગણી અચૂક કરવામાં આવે છે. ભારતની ધરતી સૌની ધરતી છે. એવી ભાવનાથી લખાયેલો આ શ્લોક દેશની એકતાનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે. ખાસ કરીને લઘુમતીઓને નિરાશા, હતાશા ખંખેરી નાંખવા આલ્વાન કરે છે. ભારતની આઝાદીની લડાઈમાં સર્વ ધર્મના લોકોએ પોતાનું લોહી આપ્યું છે. અમે પણ હજારો બલ્કે લાખો લોકોની કુરબાની આપી છે. શાયર નીડરતાપૂર્વક કહે છે કે, કોઈએ કોઈનાથી ડરવાની જરૂરત નથી. એક ધર્મ પાળનારા લઘુમતીઓને સ્પષ્ટ. શબ્દો લલકારે છે કે, કોઈના બાપનું હિન્દુસ્તાન નથી. એતો વિવિધ ધર્મ પાળનારા તમામ દેશવાસીઓનું હિન્દુસ્તાન છે.

રાહત સાહેબના બીજા શ્લોક:

હો લાખ ખુલ મગર જદુઆ નહીં દેંગે

ઝમીન માં હૈ ઝમીન કો દગા નહીં દેંગે

ઢમેં તો સિફ જગાના હૈ સોનેવાલોં કો

એ દર ખુલાહૈ વઢાં ઢમ સદા નહીં દેંગે.

ગઝલ

દોડતા સમયની સાથે હવે દોડવાનું છે,
વહીં જતા વહેણને ખચિત નાથવાનું છે.

ભરાશે નહીં આ લાલચી આંખોનો દરિયો,
ભાગ્યમાં જે લખાયું છે તે જ પામવાનું છે.

ઊભી છે અહીં નફરતની કેટલી દિવાલો,
એક બીજાને પ્રેમની દોરે બાંધવાનું છે.

બળીને ભસ્મ થઈ ગયા છે ઘરોનાં ઘર આજે,
ફેલાતી આગ પર આપણે પાણી છાંટવાનું છે.

સજી છે આજે શાયરીની અનોખી મહેફિલ,
માદક મદિરા જેમ ગઝલોને માંઘવાનું છે.

મહેકાવી જા તારી યાદોનો પમરાટ 'અનીસ',
આ નથર જગમાં ફરી ક્યાં પાછા આવવાનું છે.

ઈસ્માઈલ દાણુ, જાડલી.

અમેરિકાના ૪૬માં રાષ્ટ્રપતિ બનતા જો બ્રાઈડન

ગયા માસમાં અમેરિકાના પ્રમુખપદની રસાકસીભરી ચૂંટણી યોજાય હતી. જેમાં ડેમોક્રાટ પાર્ટીના જો બ્રાઈડન વિજેતા થયા હતા. રીપબ્લીકન પાર્ટીના ડોનલ ટ્રમ્પ જેઓ છેલ્લા ચાર વર્ષથી રાષ્ટ્રપતિ હતા તેમણે કાંટાની ટક્કર જો બ્રાઈડનને આપી હતી. મતોનો તફાવત બન્ને વચ્ચે ખૂબજ ઓછો હોવાના કારણે મત ગણતરી ત્રણ દિવ સુધી ચાલી હતી અને આખરે બ્રાઈડને આ રેસ જીતી લીધી હતી. તેઓ અમેરિકાના ૪૬માં પ્રમુખ બન્યા છે. તેમની ઉંમર ૭૭ વર્ષની છે. અગાઉ બારાક ઓબામા જ્યારે બે ટર્મ (૨૦૦૮-૨૦૧૬) માટે રાષ્ટ્રપતિ હતા ત્યારે તેઓએ ઉપ રાષ્ટ્રપતિ તરીકે સેવા બજાવી હતી. કેટલાક વર્ષો પહેલાં તેમણે રાષ્ટ્રપતિ તરીકે પણ ઉમેદવારી નોંધાવી હતી પરંતુ કેટલાક કારણોસર તેમણે પાછા હટી જવું પડ્યું હતું. ડોનલ ટ્રમ્પે મતગણતરી દરમિયાન અનેક અડચણો ઊભી કરી મત ગણતરી રોકવાના પ્રયાસો કર્યા હતા અને મતદાન તથા મતગણતરીમાં ધાંધલીકરણના આલેખો કર્યા હતા. ઉપરાંત પોતાને પ્રમુખ તરીકે વિજેતા જાહેર કરતાં પણ બયાનો આપ્યાં હતાં. તેઓ સતત જુદા બયાનો આપી રહ્યા હતા જે જોતાં ટીવી ચેનલોએ તેમના પ્રવચનોનું પ્રસારણ બંધ કરી દીધું હતું અને ન્યૂઝ રિપોર્ટરોએ તેમનો બહિષ્કાર કર્યો હતો. જે અમેરિકાની લોકશાહીનું સુંદર ઉદાહરણ જોવા મળ્યું હતું. અને આજ વખતે સવાલ થતો હતો કે ભારતમાં ત્યાંની ચૂંટણી દરમિયાન આવાજ અનેક બનાવો બનતા હોય છે ત્યાં શું આવું જોવા મળી શક્ય હોત? અને આવા પગલા ભરાયા હોત? બીજી તરફ ડેમોક્રાટ પાર્ટીની આ જીતની સાથે અમેરિકાના ઉપ રાષ્ટ્રપતિ તરીકે પદ વર્ષની કમલા હેરિસ ની પસંદગી થઈ છે. આમ તે અમેરિકાની ઉપરાષ્ટ્રપતિ બનનાર પ્રથમ મહિલા અને પહેલી અશ્વેત ઈમીગ્રાન્ટ મહિલા બની છે. કમલા હેરિસની માતા શ્યામલા ગોપાલન ભારતના તામિલનાડુની તામિલ મહિલા છે જે ૧૯ વર્ષની વયે અમેરિકામાં અભ્યાસ અર્થે આવી હતી અને ડીગ્રી મેળવી ત્યાંજ નાગરિકતા મેળવી હતી. તેણી ડોનલ હેરિસ જેઓ જન્મેકાથી અભ્યાસ અર્થે અમેરિકા આવ્યા હતા તેના સાથે સંપર્કમાં આવ્યા હતા અને બન્ને લગ્નગ્રંથીથી જોડાયાં હતાં. કમલા જ્યારે ૭વર્ષની હતી ત્યારે તેની માતાના ડીવોર્સ થયા હતા અને કમલાનો ઉછેર તેની માતાએ કર્યો હતો. કમલા હેરિસ ખૂબજ એજ્યુકેટેડ સ્ત્રી છે અને તેણીએ લો માં ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું છે. ૨૦૦૩માં તે સાનફ્રાન્સિસ્કોની પહેલી મહિલા ડિસ્ટ્રીક્ટ એટર્ની બની હતી. ૨૦૦૪માં તે બારાક ઓબામાના સંપર્કમાં આવી હતી અને ૨૦૦૮માં તે ઓબામાના સમર્થનમાં આવી તેમના પ્રેસીડન્ટ પ્રચારમાં આગવી ભૂમિકા ભજવી હતી. ૨૦૧૬માં તે કેલિફોર્નિયાના સેનેટર તરીકે ચૂંટાઈ હતી અને આ પદ ઉપર સેનેટર તરીકે ચૂંટાનાર તે બીજી આફ્રિકન અમેરિકા મહિલા બની હતી. રાજકારણમાં તેનું સાડું યોદ્ધાન છે. અમેરિકાની લોકશાહીનું આ ઉત્તમ ઉદાહરણ છે કે અહીં પ્રમુખ કે ઉપપ્રમુખ તરીકે બાહ્ય ઈમીગ્રાન્ટ કે બિનગૌર વ્યક્તિ ચૂંટાય શકે છે. પણ જેનો જન્મ અમેરિકામાં થયેલો હોવો જોઈએ. ૨૦૦૮માં અમેરિકાના પ્રમુખ તરીકે બારાક ઓબામા વિજયી થયા હતા અને તેઓ બે ટર્મ (૨૦૦૮-૨૦૧૬) પ્રમુખ પદે રહ્યા હતા. આ વખતની ચૂંટણીમાં ૫૭ જેટલા મુસ્લિમો વિવિધ વિભાગમાં વિજયી થયા છે.

જો બ્રાઈડન અને કમલાની શપથવિધિ ૨૦મી જાન્યુઆરીના રોજ થશે અને તેઓ અમેરિકાના પ્રમુખ અને ઉપપ્રમુખપદનો કાર્યકાળ સંભાળશે.

પેલેસ્ટિનીયન સઈબ ઈસ્કાતની વિદાય

ગયા માસમાં પેલેસ્ટાઈનના એક અગ્રણી રાજકરણીનું કોવિડના કારણે મૃત્યુ થયું હતું. જેમનું નામ છે સઈબ ઈસ્કાત. ૬૫ વર્ષના સઈબ ઈસ્કાતે બે અઠવાડિયાથી વધુ સમય કોવિડ સામે લડાઈ લડી પરંતુ આખરે હોસ્પિટલમાં તેમનું મૃત્યુ થયું હતું. પેલેસ્ટાઈનની લડતના ઇતિહાસમાં તેમની આગવી ભૂમિકા રહી છે. ૬૫વર્ષની વયના સઈબ ઈસ્કાત પેલેસ્ટાઈનની દરેક મંત્રણામાં આગવી હરોળમાં રહેતા હતા. અમેરિકાની પ્રખ્યાત યુનિવર્સિટીમાંથી તેમણે ડીગ્રી મેળવી હતી અને અંગ્રેજી ભાષા ઉપર તેમની સારી પકડ હતી. પરિણામે છેલ્લા ૩૦ વર્ષથી જેટલી પણ શાંતિ મંત્રણાં જેવી કે, મેડ્રીડ, ઓસ્લો, વોશિંગટન, કેમ્પ ડેવિડ, જેરૂસલેમ વગેરે દરેકમાં તેઓ મુખ્ય ભૂમિકામાં નજરે પડતા હતા. ઈન્ટરનેશનલ ડીપ્લોમેટેસને તેઓ મંત્રણા દરમિયાન અંગ્રેજીમાં બ્રીફ પણ કરતા હતા.

તેઓ પેલેસ્ટાઈન લિબ્રેશન ઓર્ગનાઈઝેશન (પીએલઓ.)ના જનરલ સેક્રેટરી હતા અને પેલેસ્ટાઈનના પ્રમુખ મહમુદ અબ્બાસના સલાહકાર અને નિકટના સાથી હતા. તેમણે પીએલઓ લીડર યાસિર અરફાત સાથે પણ ખભેખભા મેળવી કામ કર્યું હતું અને તેમના ખાસ મિત્ર હતા. ટુ સ્ટેટ સોલ્યુશન અને પેલેસ્ટાઈનની સ્વતંત્રતા માટે તેઓ લડતા હતા. ઈઝરાઈલના વેસ્ટબેન્ક અને ગાઝા સ્ટ્રીપ ઉપરના કબજા વિરોધ ઈન્ટરનેશનલ સેક્શન માટે માંગણી કરી રહ્યા હતા. પેલેસ્ટાઈનને તેમની મોટી પોટ પડશે.

કોરોનાના બીજા ઉછાળામાં સાવધાન

તારીખ પમી નવેમ્બરથી ૨જી ડીસેમ્બર સુધી આખા બ્રિટનમાં ફરીથી લોકડાઉન જાહેર થયું છે. કોરોનાના બીજા ઉછાળા(વેવ)માં કેસો વધવાના કારણે બ્રિટનની સરકારે આ નિર્ણયની સાથે દુકાનો, પબ, રેસ્ટોરન્ટ, મસ્જિદમાં જમાત સાથેની નમાઝ, મદ્રેસાઓ વગેરેને બંધ કરવામાં આવ્યા છે અને સાવચેતીના પગલાં ઉપર વધુ દબાણ લાવવામાં આવ્યું છે. ટેસ્ટિંગ માટે વધુ યુનિટો બનાવી વધુ ને વધુ લોકોના ટેસ્ટ કરવામાં આવી રહ્યા છે, પરિણામે વધુ કેસો પોઝીટીવ નોંધાય રહ્યા છે.

આ લોકડાઉન એપ્રિલ માસના પ્રથમ લોકડાઉનથી જરા જુદુ છે કારણ કે પહેલા લોકડાઉન વખતે આ નવી બાબત હોવાથી લોકો ખૂબજ ગભરાયેલા હતા અને તેમનામાં ડર જોવા મળી રહ્યો હતો. પરંતુ આ વખતે લોકોમાં ડર ઓછો છે અને સભાનતા વધુ જોવા મળે છે. અને આઈસોલેશનમાં રહેવાના કારણે અને કાળજીના લીધે ૧૪ દિવસમાં સાજા પણ થઈ જાઈ છે. ઉપરાંત હવે વિન્ટરનું વાતાવરણ પણ છે જેથી પણ કેસોમાં વધારો જોવા મળે છે. જો શાસની તકલીફ હોય તો જ ડર વધુ લાગે છે. જેથી આપણી ફરજ છે કે, આપણે દરેક બાબતે કાળજી રાખીએ, બહાર જવાનું ટાળીએ, માસ્ક પહેરવું, હાથ વારંવાર ધોવા, સોરથલ ડિસ્ટન્સિંગ અને સરકારના હુકોમોનું પાલન કરીશું તો આ લડાઈમાં અવશ્ય સફળ થઈશું. હાલમાં સામયારોમાં જાણવા મળે છે કે ડીસેમ્બરના આખર સુધી વેકસીન પણ આવી રહી છે. જેથી લોકોને ફાયદો મળશે.

برطانوی وزیر اعظم کے گرین پلان کے تحت ملک میں پیٹرول اور ڈیزل والی نئی گاڑیوں پر 2030 سے پابندی ہوگی

برطانوی وزیر اعظم بورس جانسن کا کہنا ہے کہ برطانیہ میں 2030 کے بعد نئی گاڑیاں جو کہ صرف پیٹرول یا ڈیزل پر چلتی ہوں، نہیں بکیں گی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ کچھ ہائی بریڈ کاروں کی فروخت کی اجازت ہوگی۔ یہ منصوبہ برطانوی وزیر اعظم کی جانب سے موسمی تبدیلی کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لیے 'گرین انڈسٹریل ریولوشن' کا حصہ ہے۔ اس منصوبے کے ناقدین کا کہنا ہے کہ اس کے لیے مختص چار ارب پانچ سو بہت تھوڑی رقم ہے۔ دوسری طرف نئی ہائی سپیڈ ریل کے لیے 100 ارب پانچ سو مختص کیے گئے ہیں۔ حکومت کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ پلان ایک بڑے حکومتی پلان کا حصہ ہے جس میں 12 ارب پانچ سو مختص کیے گئے ہیں تاہم پرائیویٹ سیکٹر سے بہت زیادہ سرمایہ کاری کی امید لگائی گئی ہے۔ اس پلان میں ایک بڑے جوہری پاور پلانٹ سمیت متعدد جدید چھوٹے پلانٹس کے جوہری۔ میکینکس شامل ہیں جن سے توقع کی جا رہی ہے کہ 10000 نئی نوکریاں پیدا ہوں گی۔ حکومت کو توقع ہے کہ کل ڈومیسٹک لاکھ نئی نوکریاں سامنے آئیں گی جن میں سے 60000 سمندر میں ونڈ پاور پلانٹس میں ہوں گی۔ شفاف توانائی کے یہ منصوبے کچھ لوگوں کے گھروں کو بھی متاثر کریں گے۔ حکومت کا کہنا ہے کہ 2023 تک ایسے نئے گھروں پر بھی ممانت ہوگی جو کہ گیس کے ذریعے مکان کو گرم رکھتے ہیں۔ حکومت کا ہدف ہے کہ 2028 تک 600000 نئے ہیٹ پمپ لگائے جائیں جو کہ کم توانائی سے گھروں کو گرم رکھنے کے آلات ہیں۔ حکومت نے گھروں کی انسولیشن کے لیے گرین ہاؤس گرانٹ میں بھی ایک سال کی توسیع کر دی ہے کیونکہ پہلے مرحلے میں بہت زیادہ لوگوں نے اس میں دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا تھا۔ قدرتی گیس کی رسد میں صاف ہائڈروجن گیس کو بھی شامل کیا جائے گا تاکہ اس کے چلنے سے جو اخراج پیدا ہوتا ہے وہ صاف تر ہو۔ اس کے لیے علاوہ حکومت کھل ہائڈروجن گیس پمپ گھروں کو گرم رکھنے کے منصوبے بھی زیر غور لانا چاہتی ہے۔ ہائڈروجن گیس کے لیے 500 ملین پانچ سو سبڈی کا اعلان کیا جا چکا ہے اور اسے ونڈ انرجی کے ذریعے تیار کیا جائے گا۔ حکومت کی کوشش ہے کہ جن علاقوں میں صنعتیں بند ہو گئی ہیں وہاں ونڈ انرجی اور ہائڈروجن کی پیداوار کا کام کیا جائے۔ اس کے علاوہ چار کمپنیاں کاربن کپچر اور سٹوریج پر بھی کام کر رہی ہیں۔ کاربن کپچر اور سٹوریج میں گھروں کی چیمبوں سے گیس کے اخراج کو جمع کر کے زیر زمین دبایا جاتا ہے۔ حکومتی پلان کا ایک اور اہم جز 1.3 بلین پانچ سو ایکٹریک کاروں کے چارجنگ پوائنٹ بنانے میں سرمایہ کاری ہے۔ حکومت نے لوگوں میں الیکٹریک کاروں کی فروخت کو مقبول بنانے کے لیے 582 ملین پانچ سو ایکٹریک گرانٹس بھی رکھی ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ ملک میں پیٹرول کی قیمتوں کے لیے حکومتی پلان میں 500 ملین پانچ سو بھی مختص کیے گئے ہیں۔ یاد رہے کہ برطانیہ وہ دوسرا ملک ہے جس نے 2025 تک صرف تیل سے چلنے والی گاڑیوں کو ختم کرنے کا اعلان کر رکھا ہے اس سے پہلے یہ اقدام ناروے کر چکا ہے۔ برطانیہ میں کاریں بنانے والی کمپنیوں نے حکومت کو اس حوالے سے چیلنجز کے بارے میں باور کروایا ہے تاہم حکومت کا کہنا ہے کہ وہ ایسا کرنے میں کامیاب ہو جائیں گے۔

ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ کے جانے کے بعد نو منتخب امریکی صدر جو بائیڈن ایران پالیسی میں کیا تبدیلیاں لاسکتے ہیں؟

امریکہ میں صدر ترقی انتخاب میں کامیابی حاصل کرنے والے جو بائیڈن کا کہنا ہے کہ بین الاقوامی امور کا نظام بگڑنا چاہا ہے۔ ان کا وعدہ ہے کہ وہ امریکہ کی سادھ کو بہتر کریں گے اور اس معاملے میں وہ جلدی میں ہیں۔ اس سال 'فارن افیئرز' نامی جریدے میں انھوں نے لکھا تھا کہ 'اب ضائع کرنے کے لیے کوئی وقت نہیں ہے۔ جو بائیڈن کی طویل فہرست میں ایران کے ساتھ دو بارہ جوہری معاہدہ شامل ہے۔ پہلے یہ معاہدہ صدر اوباما کی 'بڑی کامیابیوں' میں سے ایک تھا۔ مگر 2018 میں صدر ٹرمپ اس معاہدے سے علیحدہ ہو گئے اور اس کے بعد سے ان کی پوری کوشش یہ ہے کہ اسے کسی طرح ختم کر دیا جائے۔ مگر ایران پر صدر ٹرمپ کے دو سال کے دوران 'بہت زیادہ ہوا' کی پالیسی کے باوجود ایران آج جوہری ہتھیار بنانے کے زیادہ قریب ہے۔ تو کیا آئندہ سال جنوری میں صدر ترقی کا معاہدہ سنبھالنے والے جو بائیڈن معاملات کو پرانے طریقے سے ہی حل کریں گے؟ اور امریکی سیاست کی صورت حال دیکھتے ہوئے کیا وہ ایسا کر بھی سکتے ہیں؟ رائل یونائیٹڈ سروسز انسٹیٹیوٹ میں ایرانی امور کی ماہر ایسیہ ہسری تھریزی کہتی ہیں کہ 'اب لائحہ عمل انتہائی واضح ہے۔

آر سی ای پی: پندرہ ممالک نے دنیا کا سب سے بڑا تجارتی اتحاد قائم کر لیا

گذشتہ روز دنیا کے 15 ممالک نے مل کر دنیا کا سب سے بڑا تجارتی اتحاد قائم کیا ہے جو عالمی معیشت کا تقریباً ایک تہائی حصہ ختم ہے۔ ریجنل کامپری ہینسواکاناک پائٹرنشپ (آر سی ای پی) میں جنوبی کوریا، چین، جاپان، آسٹریلیا اور نیوزی لینڈ سمیت 10 جنوب مشرقی ایشیائی ممالک شامل ہیں۔ گذشتہ آٹھ برس سے آر سی ای پی سے متعلق مذاکرات جاری تھے۔ بالآخر اس معاہدے پر اتوار کو ویتنام کی میزبانی میں منقرع ہونے والی ایسوسی ایشن آف سائو تھ ایسٹ ایشین نیشنز کے درجہ اول اجلاس کے موقع پر دستخط کیے گئے۔ توقع کی جا رہی ہے کہ آر سی ای پی آئندہ 20 سالوں میں کئی ایشیا کی برآمدہ ٹیکس ختم کر دے گا۔ اس معاہدے میں جملہ حقوق کے حوالے سے، ٹیلی کمیونیکیشنز، مالیاتی سروسز، کامرس، اور دیگر متعدد پیشہ ورانہ سروسز کے حوالے سے خصوصی شقیں موجود ہیں۔ مگر اس معاہدے میں سب سے اہم اصول شاید نئے 'روز آف آر بیج' یعنی اس بات کا تصدیق کرنا کہ کوئی چیز کہاں کی بنی ہوئی ہے، ہوں گے۔ اس معاہدے کے رکن ممالک میں سے کئی کے درمیان پہلے ہی فری ٹریڈ معاہدے ہیں تاہم ان میں کچھ باتیں محدود کی گئی تھیں۔ ایشین ٹریڈ سنٹر کی ڈیبراہ ملٹر کہتی ہیں کہ 'موجودہ فری ٹریڈ معاہدے آر سی ای پی کے مقابلے میں کافی پیچیدہ ہیں۔ جن کاروباروں کی سپلائی چین یعنی ایشیا کی رسد کئی ممالک پر محیط ہے، ان پر فری ٹریڈ معاہدے کے باوجود ٹیکس لگ سکتا ہے کیونکہ ان کی ایشیا کے جز کسی دوسرے ملک سے لائے گئے ہوتے ہیں۔ مثال کے طور پر اگر انڈونیشیا میں بنی کوئی چیز میں آسٹریلیا سے لائے گئے جز ہیں، تو آسٹریلیا کی فری ٹریڈ زون میں اسے برآمدگی کے ٹیکس کا سامنا ہو سکتا ہے۔ آر سی ای پی کے تحت کسی بھی چیز کو بنانے کے لیے کسی اور رکن ملک سے لائے گئے اجزا کو براہ تصور کیا جائے گا۔

APEX

TILES & BATHROOM OUTLET

UNIT 7A, VICTORIA MILLS BUSINESS PARK
MILL STREET EAST, DEWSBURY
WEST YORKSHIRE, WF12 9AQ

01924 48 56 85 07510 51 52 53

SALES@APEXTILESANDBATHROOMOUTLET.CO.UK

VISIT OUR EXCLUSIVE NEW SHOWROOM



AMAZING
QUALITY CHOICES
AT UNBEATABLE
PRICES!

SUPER TRADE DEALS
FOR ALL

WE
SUPPLY TO DOMESTIC &
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

EXCLUSIVE DESIGNER
BRANDS

MASSIVE STOCK
AT OUTLET PRICES

FOLLOW US: APEXTILES APEXTILES

TILES

BATHROOMS

FLOORING

BATHROOM
SUITES

FURNITURE

SHOWERS &
ENCLOSURES

BATHS

TAPS

MIRRORS

RADIATORS

TOOLS

CABINETS

ADHESIVES &
ACCESSORIES

PORCELAIN

CERAMIC

NATURAL
STONE

MOSAIC

OUTDOOR
TILES

FEATURE
TILES

KITCHEN
TILES

OUR OPENING HOURS ARE:

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM - 6PM

FRIDAY 9AM - 12PM & 2:30PM - 6PM

SATURDAY 9AM - 6PM

SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM

BANK HOLIDAYS 9AM - 5PM





▶ **3.6 BILLION** ◀

CLOTHES LEFT UNWORN IN THE UK



DONATE

YOUR OLD CLOTHES

AND GIVE THEM NEW LIVES

islamic-relief.org.uk/clothes

[f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [s](#) [v](#) **IRClothes**

Haighs

Solicitors



- > House Sales
- > House Purchases
- > Business Leases
- > Lease Assignments
- > Business Sales & Acquisitions



Contact: **Akbar Rasool** LLB (Hons) Solicitor

Mobile: **07969 607 122**

Email: akbar@haighssolicitors.co.uk



Covering Dewsbury
Huddersfield
Leeds, Bradford
and Wakefield areas

124 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8AB