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To All Our Leaders.*

World At War With Invisible Enemy

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to rage across the globe. The rapid speed at which the virus has halted every corner of the world makes one wonder what is really going on.

In the past human beings have been affected by disasters which they could see in the form of tsunamis, earthquakes, fires and so on but this seems to be the invisible enemy. It is so small that it can only be seen by an electron microscope.

The whole world is struggling with the impact of the virus and the global economy has been affected severely and we do not know at this stage how the economies will survive.

The virus has left us in a state of fear with our streets feeling eerie and our town centres deserted.

However, on a more local level, we must congratulate our community who have held firm during this very

difficult times.

Our Masjid committees made the difficult decision to suspended congregational prayers during the month of Ramadhan. This was very difficult indeed.

However families have resigned themselves to spend the Holy month at home, which will be a unique experience for the Muslim Community.

Even for Janazah announcements families have had to make adjustments and put out messages informing people that during the Covid 19 lockdown visits to bereaved families are not allowed.

As the Covid-19 outbreak continues to kill tens of thousands of people across the world, the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) advised us about how to respond to a pandemic in such a manner that it offers motivation to people to stay put in their homes and protect themselves from the deadly virus.

We all need to beseech the almighty for his forgiveness and make special Dua (Prayers) that the Almighty quickly remove this tragedy that has fallen upon humanity.

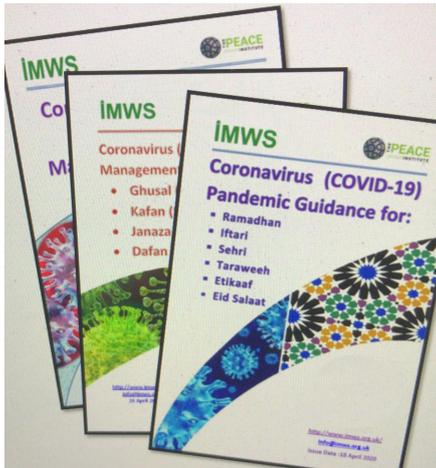
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World At war with the invisible enemy

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Government guidelines and our duties.

Current government guidelines state is to stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home).
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms. As Muslims it is our moral and Shar'ee duty to follow the government.

This is in concurrence with The saying of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) who said: "If you hear of a plague in a land do not enter it; and if it breaks out in the land where you stay, do not leave."(Bukhari and Muslim)

This shows the concept of quarantine was established in Islam over 1400 year ago. Also it come in another Hadith where A'isha, Mother of the Believers, said:

I asked the Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him) about plagues and he said, "They are a punishment which (The Almighty) sends upon whomsoever He wills, but (The Almighty) has made it a mercy to the believers.

Anyone who remains in a town which is plagued with an epidemic, remaining patient and anticipating (The Almighty's) reward, while firmly believing that nothing will befall him other than what (The Almighty) has preordained for him, then he



will receive a reward of a martyr." (Bukhari).

Response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19)

As Muslims, our response to the pandemic should be based on five simple principles.

1) Nothing happens without the will of The Almighty.

This pandemic sweeping across the world makes us feel as if the virus is indiscriminate and uncontrollable. As Muslims, we believe that The Almighty is the master of the Universe.

He is in absolute control and no virus can spread outside the control of The Everliving. Nothing happens naturally except it is ordained by The Almighty.

2) Act responsibly

So not cause harm, nor harm yourself (Muatta Imam Malik). From this hadith we have two parallel responsibilities;

- i) Do not harm others by exposing them to the virus if you are affected.
- ii) Do not harm yourself by neglecting to adopt adequate measures to protect yourself from those affected.

3) Adopt adequate precautionary measures

Flee from communicable disease

as you would run away from a lion (Bukhari).

This hadith shows that we should respond to communicable diseases with absolute urgency and use all our resources and energies to protect ourselves in the same way we would if we are pursued by a lion.

Just as we cannot run away fast enough from an approaching lion, in the same way we will not be overreacting if we take measures to protect ourselves from the virus.

4) Remain positive and optimistic that a cure will be found

The Almighty has sent down both the disease and the cure.

And he has appointed a cure for every disease, so treat yourselves medically, but use nothing unlawful (Abu Dawood).

Islam encourages society to conduct scientific research and discover remedies for diseases that afflict humans. The concept of incurable diseases is thus alien to the teachings of Islam.

5) Guard against becoming paranoid

The fear of contracting the virus should not drive us to act irrationally, or to lose hope in the mercy of The Almighty.

We as Muslims have a choice!

Guest column by Ismail Mulla, Business Correspondent, Yorkshire Post



The past few weeks have made all of us reevaluate our lives.

In one fell swoop we have been reminded that all the material things that we hold dear are ultimately nothing without the social norms we had become accustomed to.

Pretty much everyone that I've come across has said the same thing and that is that when we come out of the other side of coronavirus it will no longer be business as usual.

At that point we will stand at a crossroads as a society and many within our community will also have to make a conscious decision as to the sort of world they want to live in.

While last month we saw the excesses of society get the better of some elements of our community, the past few weeks we have seen it put its best foot forward

On the frontline, fighting Covid-19 are Muslim health professionals, whether they be doctors, nurses or care workers.

Keeping our shops open, ensuring that we have halal sustenance are Muslim men and women.

Then there are our institutions such as mosques. I visited Zakaria Masjid in Dewsbury just before the Government announced the lockdown.

What I saw was a genuine desire for the mosque to make a difference in the

local community. Other mosques joined forces to ensure they were doing their bit.

This is important. Masjids play a part in our lives as Muslims in one way or another.

However, they can also play a greater societal role and it's good to see mosques in Dewsbury do just that.

Of course, that's not forgetting the good work that IMWS is doing with the food bank and other institutions in Batley. It's long-established community ethos can lead to it being taken for granted.

Maybe the outbreak of Covid-19 will remind us not to take things for granted.

The one thing that really stands out is how much this is reminding us of basic Islamic principles.

One of the main ones has to be that of humility.

Those that we once looked down upon, the shop floor workers, the nurses and porters, are keeping us safe and fed.

We as Muslims have a choice in the future.

We make some of these habits, especially as this pandemic coincides with Ramadan, of community spirited behaviour the norm.

Or we go back to looking down our noses at people.

It is abundantly clear that our community offers so much to society. Now is the time for us to champion and support one another.

If you look hard enough, you'll see some of the amazing things and people that are right on our doorstep.

The coronavirus outbreak has certainly opened my eyes more to the good going on in my neighbourhood.

Recently, I met young calligraphy artist Muhammad Sheikh. The 21-year-old from Dewsbury is a talent to watch.

He's making waves across the globe and even being noticed by Premier League footballers.

No doubt there will be many other talented people contributing in their own quiet way.

When we come out of this Covid-19 nightmare, we want to show the world that we are indeed better together and that the world that we want to build is in line with the principles of our great religion.

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Editorial: How will the world come out of this catastrophic pandemic which has destroyed normality for all of us?

We now realise that we took our freedom for granted.

Freedom to go out of our homes whenever we liked, to socialise with our family and friends, to go out to work, to go on holidays to mention but a few things.

Now we know what it feels like to lose such a precious commodity from our lives. Instead we have had to adjust to new words in our daily living, words we never thought about before – “social distancing”, “self isolation” and “lockdown”.

Countries all over the world are paying a high price.

The world economy is in tatters, businesses including multi nationals and the smaller businesses on our high streets are devastated and many have folded and many more will go out of business.

This new world which we are trying to come to terms with, seems a million miles away from our previous reality.

We never dreamt that this kind of invisible virus would conquer the world in the way it has. It feels like a nightmare which we would all like to awake from.

On a more local level our communities have also paid a high price with the loss of many lives of people from our families, our friends or people we knew in our neighbourhoods.

On top of that what has been really distressing for bereaved families is not being able to be by the bedside of their loved ones at the critical moment and for the wider community to be deprived of taking part in the Janazah prayers and the burial due to Covid 19.

This is completely opposite to normal Muslim Janazah prayers and burials when many hundreds would attend to pay respects.

On top of all that the schools and Madressas are closed and what has been most shocking is the closure of Masjids and suspension of congregational prayers.

What is more distressing of all for the Muslim community is the impact of Covid 19 on the eagerly awaited Holy month of Ramadhan and not being able to spend the month in the Masjids for congregational prayers and religious gatherings.

We have seen both the good and the bad sides of human nature during this time.

We have suffered from the selfishness

of many who started panic buying and making things worse for the rest of us.

We have also seen greed overtaking some shopkeepers who hiked their prices enraging the customers.

Fortunately we have also witnessed the best of human kind with families uniting and looking after each other and many individuals and charities helping the needy in the neighbourhoods.

IMWS has also been very active helping local people in need and extending the hand of friendship and humanity.

For years the British economy has suffered from austerity and the Government has told us it was necessary in order to revive the economy.

However, the Government has miraculously found billions of pounds to inject into the economy.

Why could it not have come up with even half of that to revive the economy and help the needy before this?

Every disaster produces heroes and we have seen many. From NHS workers, to charity workers, to individuals, who have helped the needy in their neighbourhoods.

Our gratitude goes to our burial and ghusal volunteers who have shown a great deal of courage helping to prepare and bury the deceased, some of whom died from Covid 19.

It is also a shame so many health workers have died, many of whom have been Asian/Muslim doctors. These are the real heroes of our time. We are proud to salute them.

After all this world wide sufferings on a gigantic scale are we capable of learning lessons from this experience?

Are we capable of changing our ways and making the world a better place? Or will we forget very quickly and fall back into our previous existence of selfish materialism and “I’m alright jack” mentality?

Will the democratic world governments and the despots and tyrants learn any lessons and change the way they govern?

When the chips were down they pulled out all the stops and bailed out businesses and provided some assistance to citizens, and pumped billions to prop up the economy.

If the governments can be so humane and altruistic at a time like this then why can we not expect the same when we come out of this pandemic and get back to normality?

Do we dare to dream that the leaders of the world will stop wasting billions and zillions on weapons and warfare to end all wars and work towards world peace?

That the aggressors with military might will not usurp their power and supremacy to subjugate others to extend their domination?

Or will our “normality” be what it was before? Inequality, survival of the fittest, selfishness and greed.

Or is it possible that we might see a Brave New World? Even now after this calamity can we dare to dream of a utopian world where poverty, famine and homelessness is a thing of the past, where the disabled, the elderly and the vulnerable are not neglected but adequately cared for?

But in the cold light of day in the back of our minds we have a nagging doubt, don't we?

Lockdown!

It all started on the 23rd of March, normally we would have been rushing for school. Instead we woke up to a different school and different teachers. We called it home-schooling. My routine completely changed.

Luckily our mornings are not rushed anymore. We look forward to fancy breakfasts. My favourite is waffles with chocolate sauce and strawberries.

After this, my dad would teach me whilst my mum taught my little brother. My older brother would do his online lessons, which my parents would oversee.

Our learning has been fun, especially when it came to baking. With my brothers, we baked mouth-watering brownies, delightful cakes and delicious cookies. Eating them was the best part.

Thanks to our Molisaabs, we have still been able to virtually go to Madressah. We get to see them everyday and pray to them through conferencing apps. This has helped us pray and make dua for everyone suffering in this pandemic.

Since lockdown, we have had lots more precious family time, playing board games, praying Namaaz together and playing lots more football.

I do miss seeing my family and friends however we do get to talk to them on Zoom. Insha Allah this pandemic ends, we all stay safe and get to see each other soon.

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COVID -19 – India Scapegoating and persecuting minorities

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We are all familiar with the deteriorating conditions in our Mother land (India) where minorities are being targeted by the ruling BJP party.

The spread of COVID-19 has seen a surge in hatred against Indian minorities.

This is so bad that a Hospital in Jharkhand refused admission to a pregnant Muslim woman to admit according to the Daily Telegraph, dated 19 April 2020. Unfortunately she lost her baby

We have also seen a rise in attacks against the Indian Christian community. Below is a terrible scene of Hindu radicals burning a dummy replica of local Jharkhand Archbishop, Cardinal Telephore Toppo of Ranchi. Senior Church leaders called on Modi to help 'control ideological hatred' in Jharkhand. Christian pastors and nuns are subjected to unprecedented violence for their faith.

Churches are destroyed and Christians were attacked in their homes during the online Easter prayers

So what can we do ?

In December 2019, International Network of Democratic Indians Abroad (I.N.D.I.A.) was created by ordinary people in the UK who could no longer sit back and watch India engulfed in flames of hatred. I.N.D.I.A. is registered as a not for profit enterprise and has an ever increasing membership who believe in the true constitution of India.

Our goal is to bring together, Indians

living abroad and reclaim the accurate identity of India being a country of people believing in love, tolerance, compassion, non-violence, equal rights, and social justice.

The freedom movement of India was led by Indians while living abroad, like Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Pandit Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi and Moulana Abul Kalam Azad. From the 95300 freedom fighters named on India Gate in Delhi, 61945 (ie 65%) are Muslim.

We are resolute to free India of hatred, based on religion, caste, and other personal choices. India seems to be heading towards a wilful state-sponsored genocide.

Delhi riots were only a teaser of what is expected to come if we don't take action to prevent this.

The time for action is now!

To date I.N.D.I.A. have;

- Filed a Public Interest Litigation, in the Indian Supreme Court challenging the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

- Met with UK members of parliament at a special event, expressing our concerns about human rights violations against Muslims, Dalits, Christians, and indigenous people

- Met the Indian High Commissioner, Her Excellency Mrs Ruchi Ghanashyam accompanied by Indian Muslim Welfare Society (IMWS) representative Mufti Mohammed Amin Pandor and Brother Abdul Kareem Gheewala, Chair of Indian Muslim Welfare Association in Leicester.

We expressed our concerns especially about the genocide against Muslims of Delhi, UP and Bihar. We requested her Excellency to relay our concerns to the Indian Government

- Recently, we have provided support to the victims of the riots and loss of earnings due to Covid-19 in the form of food, money and other essentials.

I.N.D.I.A's future plans

In this world of social media, publicity and fake news is ripe and we must combat this as a priority if we are to win the hearts and minds of people in India and across the world.

Our plans are to; Commission a documentary film on the 'Scapegoating of minorities during pandemics in world history', highlighting how this pattern is being repeated in India. This needs to be done quickly.

- Produce a series of cartoon strip educating the masses on what is happening and how people can help. This will be put out on the various social media platform.

- Develop a Fake News Offender Tracker. This will target the TV channels that use fake news to instil and spread hatred, thus being complicit in hate crimes.

- Disseminate a monthly report to major institutions like human rights organisations, UN, UK press club and other local organisation such as IMWS.

This will also build evidence of the hate crimes, to be used in legal case we intend to file in the international court of law in the coming months.

We are raising funds for our future plan.

We are sure you feel strongly about these issues as we do would like to contribute Lillah donations through IMWS.

If you wish to receive regular updates of I.N.D.I.A. please email me at manisha.m@india-abroad.org and let's rebuild India together!



How to spend Ramadhan during the Covid 19 Pandemic



Now that the government has extended the lockdown for another three weeks this will run into Ramadhan, let us make the best use of this Ramadhan.

Below are easy to follow steps which will allow everyone to derive maximum benefit from the blessed month of Ramadhan during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic lockdown.

1 Fast

Fasting is a blessing from The Almighty and is compulsory upon those who have reached puberty.

For exceptions consult your local Ulama.

2 Reduce sleep

Ramadhan should not be an excuse to sleep more. There is a need to be rigorously disciplined and specify when to sleep and when to wake up.

There are two qualities that harden the heart: sleeping too much and eating too much. **Al-Fudayl Ibn 'Iyaad (May The Almighty have mercy on him) - A great Islamic Scholar : D 187 AH.**

3 Do not waste time

This is the best time to get close to the Almighty. Everyone will be questioned in the hereafter about the use of time.

There are two blessings in which many people incur loss (i.e. by wasting them): health and free time. **(Bukhari).**

4 Perform Sehri and Iftari

Performing Sehri and Iftari is Sunnah. Make abundant Duas as these are also times when Duas are accepted.

During the lockdown do NOT send food to each other's houses.

Sehri is full of blessings. So, do not omit the Sehri, even if one has a sip of water at the time of Sehri, one should do so, for certainly The Almighty sends his special mercy upon those who have Sehri and the Angels make special Dua for them. **(Ahmed).**

The people will remain prosperous so long as they hasten in breaking their fast (at the time of Iftari). **(Bukhari).**

5 Five times daily Salaat

These are obligatory and should not be delayed or missed in the month of Ramadan, During this Coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdown, Salaat should be offered at home preferably in Jamaat with family.

6 Quran reading

Read the Quran abundantly. As a minimum complete the Quran by reading one Supara (Juz) daily.

Alternatively the Quran is also divided into seven parts [each called Manzil].

During lockdown everyone should aspire to read one Manzil (1/7th of the Quran). Thereby completing Quran

weekly.

Read the Quran, for indeed it will come on the Day of Judgement as an intercessor for its companions. **(Muslim)**

7 Taraweeh

During the lockdown, perform 20 Rakaats Taraweeh at home either with the family or individually.

As a minimum if there is no Hafez in the house, short Surats (last few Suratts) should be read. (See Annex 1 - Method of Jamaat at home).

Whoever prayed at night in it (the month of Ramadhan) out of sincere Faith and hoping for a reward from The Almighty, then all his previous sins will be forgiven. **(Bukhari)**

8 Etikaaf

Undertake Etikaaf in the last ten days of Ramadan. Due to lockdown, at least one person should do this in the Masjid. Women should do Etikaaf at home.

The Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him), used to perform Etikaaf in the last ten days of Ramadan until The Almighty and Majestic one took him. **(Bukhari and Muslim)**

9 Laylatul Qadar

This is a special night of power. Perform extra worship and prayers during this night.

It is generally found in the odd nights of Ramadhan from the 21st onwards.

However, it is widely believed to be the 27th night.

10 Increase knowledge

Time should be used wisely during this lockdown. Each day everyone should;

- A) Memorise a few verses of the Quran.
- B) Listen to known Ulama's bayans on WhatsApp and other social media.
- C) Learn a few hadith.
- D) Learn a few Masaail.

Consult your local Ulama on what to learn.

11 Additional Nawaafil

Additional Nawaafil such as Tahajjud, Ishraq, Chasht and Awwabeel should be performed abundantly during this month.

The best of the prayers are those which are fulfilled at one's home, with the exception of the obligatory prayers. **(Abu Dawood)**

12 Zikar

Everyone should remember The Almighty and send Durood to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) abundantly during this lockdown.

13 Istigfar and Duas

Everyone should be engaged in abundant Istigfar (asking for forgiveness) and Dua (Prayers) that may the Almighty quickly remove this tragedy that has fallen upon humanity.

14 Speak good or keep silent

One should abstain from swearing or backbiting at all times and this should be acted upon even more in Ramadhan. If someone is engaging in these activities then move away from them.

Whoever believes in God and the Last Day should speak a good word or remain silent. **(Bukhari)**

15 Kindness to family

Recently there has been a rise in domestic violence.

The Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) said, "The best amongst you is the one who is best towards his wife." **(Ibn Majah)**

16 Lower your gaze

Everyone should lower their gaze from those things The Almighty has forbidden to see. This will bring additional piety into our lives.

17 Stop Smoking

Smoking is a leading cause of death. This is an excellent opportunity for

those who wanted to quit smoking and have not been able to do so.

18 Donations

Try and give advance Zakat, Lillah and Sadaqa and not wait for Ramadhan.

The poor and needy need our help NOW.

You can donate safely through IMWS. There are many other charitable works everyone could perform during this Coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdown. These include but are not limited to,

- a) Ensure our family and neighbours and other elders are well supported.
- b) Give your family, neighbours and other elderly, a call regularly to ensure they are safe.
- c) Undertake shopping activities for those who are unable to go out.

A charity is due for every joint in each person on every day the sun comes up: to act justly between two people is a charity; to help a person with his mount, lifting him onto it or hoisting up his belongings onto it, is a charity; a good word is a charity; and removing a harmful thing from the road is a charity." **(Bukhari and Muslim)**

This list is not meant to be exhaustive. There may be other additional actions deemed worthy.

Fasting should point towards the spiritual treasure of Ramadan

Whereas Ramadan's rituals of prayer and breaking fast together are usually opportunities for community, some see the restricted circumstances as a way to increase awareness of the spiritual dimension of the holy month.

"Fasting should point the way to the spiritual treasure of Ramadan, the holy month in which the Quran was revealed, the month of mercy, of forgiveness, the month of prayer, of reading the Quran, of intimate conversation with God," wrote Aiman Mazyek, chairman of the Central Council of Muslims in Germany, on the body's website.

Of course, Muslims prefer to pray together at the mosque, wrote Mazyek. "But in coronavirus times, we turn our living rooms into mosques within our families after we have broken the fast together with them," he wrote.

Iftar online

As the discussion of proper observance moves online, so will iftar, the daily breaking of the fast, through video and social media platforms.

In the UK, for example, the Ramadan

Tent Project will be hosting communal iftars

the video-conferencing platform Zoom and livestreaming them on Facebook "for those feeling isolated during Ramadan."

It is important that people can share a sense of belonging, Omar Salha, founder and CEO of the Ramadan Tent Project, told The National newspaper.

"Our virtual iftars will provide a platform for people to safely unite, share their experiences and achieve a sense of belonging, at a time when it's needed the most."

Quran as a Practise

In this era where time is never enough for anyone, most Muslims hardly find time to read the Quran.

Sadly, it has merely become an adornment on the shelves. However, Ramadan brings the divine opportunity to bring ourselves closer to The Almighty through Quran.

Reciting the Quran does not merely

read without an understanding, but rather a good study and contemplation over the wise words of The Almighty.

It is best if every Muslim makes a niyyah (intention) to start reciting the Quran or complete the entire Quran within this month.

Du'a might help you connect with your spirituality.

Be mindful.

Try and find a good deed that you can do from home. Give to a charity if you can.

Think of someone who needs connecting with, perhaps an elderly relative, and give them a call.

Stay in communication with friends and family via video-calling. Check in on people regularly. Maybe schedule a call with a different person each day at a certain time?

Access nature where possible. Try your balcony, the garden, or a short walk outside with appropriate social distancing.

Indian Muslim Welfare Society (IMWS) distributes food and no-food items to elderly and vulnerable

To help elderly and vulnerable IMWS launched a food bank appeal which resulted in a resounding success.

The appeal was organised in a professional manner and donations were collected in line with the current government guideline of social distancing in mind.

Our members donated very generously and a considerable amount of donations ranging from eggs, uht milk, sugar to non-food items such as soap, cleaning liquid etc.

Substantial amount of donations was collected.

In addition, a local supermarket-Mullaco of Thornhill Lees- also donated substantial number of items for which the Society is very grateful.

A well-known cash and carry – Lubna Foods – also gave some items at a substantial discount.

Few monetary donations were also collected which were used to purchase more items.

A big thank you to Morrisons Plc as

well as they donated numerous food items.

The collected and purchased items were bagged by the IMWS volunteers systematically to be distributed to the people who were in dire needs.

The items included at least ten items of food and seven items of non-food.

Society made contacts with various agencies to form partnerships with so that all surrounding areas can be covered.

The agencies IMWS worked with included Batley Food Bank, Kirklees Council, Kind Connections from MPIT, ICWA, Al Mubarak foundation and The Magic Wishing Well.

Approximately 220 families were provided with a bag full of essential items which included both food and non-food items.

Many of IMWS volunteers distributed goody bags to local areas as well as far afield to people from all communities who were unable to leave their homes.

Mohamed Mulla from IMWS

commented “Over 220 households were helped through this appeal. Majority recipients included elderly

and vulnerable from all communities.

“A big thank you to all those who donated and equally importantly, we are very grateful to those who volunteered including members of IMWS staff.

“This is a real testament of how communities can rally round in time of crisis. We covered many areas including Liversedge, Morley, Batley, Dewsbury.”

Dr. Imtiaz Patel, Chair of IMWS commented “It was very impressive the way community came together to help the elderly and vulnerable.

“My heartfelt thanks to all those who were involved in organising this appeal and to the community and businesses who donated.”

IMWS are closely monitoring the situation to provide further assistance if required and have registered with the local authority to offer its facilities if required.



Weaponising Covid-19 in India

Indian main stream and social media controlled by the government have been pumping out propaganda and fake news about how hundreds of cases of Covid-19 across India is due to the Tabligi Jamaat ijtima.

Many of the allegations against them have now been found to be baseless.

Hindi and English language media have reported on the incident using vocabulary that vilifies the entire Indian Muslim community.

Such hateful representations will have serious consequences not only for India's ability to fight the pandemic but also to preserve its social fabric.

Following Narendra Modi's abrupt announcement of a 21-day nationwide lockdown on March 24, people across India were stranded as transportation services were suspended.

In addition to the Tabligi Jamaat members who had not yet left Delhi's Banglewali Masjid Markaz after the event, Hindus and Sikhs in other places were also stranded.

The Markaz informed the local Police of this situation.

In Delhi's Majnu Ka Tilla gurudwara, approximately 200 Sikhs were

stranded. In Jammu city, approximately 400 Hindu pilgrims who had visited the Vaishno Devi were also stranded after train services were cancelled.

However, the Modi media used different language when reporting these three similar humanitarian crises to stir up hatred.

Different words, different narratives

Muslims stranded in Nizamuddin mosque were described reported as HIDING.

As this headline on Zee News said, "113 people hiding in 8 mosques; had attended Nizamuddin Markaz."

This indicates they were deliberately breaking the law, which was never the case. The local police were informed of this on the day of the lockdown.

The Hindustan Times also used the same words.

It published a headline stating: "Covid-19: 600 foreign Tabligi Jamaat workers found hiding across Delhi."

Contrasting this with the comparable event involving Hindus and Sikhs the Modi media said these people were stranded or stuck. The NDTV headline

said, "Coronavirus lockdown: 400 pilgrims stuck in Vaishno Devi, court orders help for them."

As we all know, words are important and have a lasting impact on people.

The word "hiding" used for the Muslims in the mosque, evoke the reader's disapproval and anger towards the Tabligi Jamaat event, the words "stranded" used to describe the Hindus and Sikhs make the reader feel bad about their predicament and create sympathy for them.

Which side of the linguistic spectrum are you?

For law abiding people, this whole drama is a perfect example of how language can be deployed to achieve narrow political goals and is out and out Islamophobia

We have seen the western media many a times deploying such tactics to demonise Muslims.

Language is more than a tool of communication. It is a double-edged sword.

It could be employed to unify and serve the broader interests or it could be used to distort and manipulate events to serve narrow political agenda.

Sadqah Jaariyah Funeral Services

By Mohammed Javed

Having come from a cooperate world in various high-profile management and board level roles, I was confident that I could deal with every eventuality until my father passed away.

What followed there after changed my whole prospective on how an organisation could and should support families in their time of need, without them being dragged from pillar to post by offering a solution that then allowed families to grieve and spend time with their loved ones.

The other two trustees Haji Nasir lost both his parents literally one after another and Haji Khalid Ditta lost his father but Allah swt works in mysterious ways after 30 years we were united to do something for our communities, ahrat and our loved ones by committing to provide a 24/7 service with a difference and to whoever it could assist.

We initially started locally with one private ambulance in less than 2 years we now have a fleet of vehicles including hearses to meet the needs of our communities.

SJFS has helped many families locally and beyond Yorkshire. We provide a full service with dedicated two man team that is highly trained in dealing and coping with every eventuality supported by full admin support to deal with coroners, hospital trusts, registrars, repatriation, cemeteries, GP's anybody and anyone in order to expediate the release of the body and to carry out the burial asap.

Overtime we have formed great relationships and work alongside many government and private organisations up and down the country with a team of over 50 unpaid personnel from varied backgrounds and skill sets allowing us to offer a very flexible, effective and professional 24/7 service.

Sadqah Jariyah Funeral Services is an organisation that is still fairly young in its formation but in terms of its achievements, expertise and the services it provides to the communities it has exceeded all expectations.

SJFS is a one stop solution for families whereby the families are allowed to grieve and spend time with their loved ones whilst we take care of everything the service is FREE and we are the only

Muslim Funeral Service in the North and Scotland that is NAFD (National Association of Funeral Directors) registered and regulated.

We are proud in serving our communities locally and Nationally.

As Covid-19 reaps havoc amongst our communities not distinguishing between colour, creed or faith we acknowledge it is a time of reflection and somber mood across the nation, we are all aware of somebody in hospital or having lost a loved one. We want to thank all the individuals, organizations and businesses that are helping us and others behind the scenes that have chosen to remain anonymous but The Almighty knows who you are and may he reward you all in this and the life after.

All we ask at Sadaqah Jariyah Funeral Services is that you remember us in your Dua as our frontline teams put themselves at risk to provide a service and bury our loved ones.

If anyone needs any help, please feel free to contact us direct on: 07714837167.

IMWS issues guidance on delivering funeral rites for Muslims who have succumbed to Covid 19

As the novel coronavirus claims more lives, IMWS have issued guidance on how to deliver funeral rites for Muslims who have succumbed to the devastating Covid-19 illness.

According to Islamic law, a deceased person's body must first be ritually washed and then wrapped in a simple white shroud before being buried.

The body is then taken to a mosque or a designated area for the Janazah prayer, where usually hundreds may gather to supplicate for the deceased person, before a funeral procession takes place towards the local cemetery.

With the coronavirus crisis seeing millions of homes in lockdown and social distancing being practiced, IMWS has sought the advice of prominent scholars in order to adapt some traditional burial rituals to suit current circumstances.

Scholars and IMWS Committee members have balanced ritual requirements prescribed by Islam with the realities of dealing with an infectious and potentially deadly virus by forming a group of thirty volunteers, consisting of both men and women who have been recruited from within the Masjids in Batley and Dewsbury (Town Masjid), under the guidance of Mufti Zakaria Akudi.

Every volunteer is trained in PPE and handling of the deceased whilst the burial committee has produced various protocols for the entire funeral process and PPE which can be found on the IMWS web site.

In addition, the society paid over £3,000 for PPE equipment which consists of 150 reusable suits, 36 reusable pairs of gloves, 36 goggles along with 100 disposable aprons, masks, gloves and much more despite the fact that it was extremely difficult to purchase the relevant equipment due to the national and international demand. The Muslim Council of Britain issued a statement saying that the traditional washing of bodies can take place, but the practitioner must be aged under-60 and wearing full protective gear when carrying out the rites.

The council, which is an umbrella organisation of over 500 Muslim mosques and institutions in the UK, accepted that there may be differing opinions on the matter and advised British Muslims to consult their local religious leaders.

The guidance followed a statement assuring that the UK government had agreed not to implement enforced cremations of Muslims.

New restrictions implemented due to the virus pandemic have also forced Islamic burials, which are usually public affairs, to be restricted to a small, private events.

Traditionally, Muslim burials are attended not only by relatives and friends, but often by passers-by and well-wishers who join the funeral procession from the mosque to the place of burial.

This can swell the lines of worshippers who stand closely together to perform the funeral prayer.

With many masjids shut due to the pandemic and social distancing now in force, families have been left with no choice but to bury their loved ones without the presence of extended family or friends.

Images from around the world have appeared on social media showing the recent burial of Muslim Covid-19 victims, where only a handful of mourners are present.

One photo purportedly shows mourners clad in full protective gear performing the funeral prayer by a grave side.

In normal circumstances mourners would stand shoulder to shoulder, but here they are seen standing at a distance from one another.

IMWS Chair of Burial, Mohammed Laher told Paigaam that the organisation is also working with the local authority in order to ensure that rules and regulations are being adhered to in a timely and safe manner.

He also thanked the local community for sticking to the rules during what can only be described as a very difficult time for many.

"The burial committee is working under the guidance of Kirklees Council in what can only be described as a very difficult and sensitive time for those who have lost loved ones.

"IMWS and the burial committee would like to thank members for their cooperation during this very difficult time."



Burial contact numbers

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Obituary – Hafez Faruk Saheb RA

On the 1st of April (9th Sha'ban) came the sad news of the passing of Hafez Mohmed Faruk Ebrahim Patel.

Verily we belong to The Almighty and verily to him do we return. The loss of Hafez Faruk Rahmatullah-Alaih (RA) is a great loss to the local and wider community and we pray for his complete forgiveness and his place in Jannahtul Firdous.

Hafez Faruk Saheb RA came to the UK in 1977 from Alipore in India. He completed his memorisation of the holy Quran at Jamiah Islamiah Talimuddin, Dabhel, Gujarat, India. Prior to coming to the UK Hafez Faruk Saheb RA led tarawee prayers in Ramadhan at the local masjid in Alipore.

After marriage in the UK Hafez Faruk Saheb RA continued his services of partaking in the leading of tarawee prayers at the Jumma masjid on Bradford Road, Batley.

He was actively involved with the smooth running of the masjid from this very young age. Hafez Faruk Saheb RA worked locally, and over the years with his beloved brothers built a reputable retail business known as Patbro stores.

Through the bond of the brothers, hard work, determination and the grace of The Almighty their business flourished

Alhamdolillah.

His hands-on attitude was evident up to the point Hafez Faruk Saheb RA fell ill only a few weeks ago.

Hafez Faruk Saheb RA is survived by his wife, six children and fourteen grandchildren.

We pray Allah swt grant all the family members Sabr-Jameel through this difficult period.

Hafez Faruk Saheb RA was extremely polite and always presented himself with a radiant smile. He had the ability to talk to people of all ages with respect and dignity.

Hafez Faruk Saheb RA was calm, articulate, pragmatic, motivated, balanced and sincere. It is these great attributes that lent themselves to the great work that he did for the community.

Hafez Faruk Saheb RA will be well remembered for his services to the Islamic Cultural and Welfare Association (ICWA).

His services to this establishment date back to the time of his arrival in the UK.

He was the serving president at the time of his demise and even at the time of his illness was concerned regarding the welfare of the masjid and the plans

of its future needs.

Hafez Faruk Saheb RA tirelessly contributed in the development of the establishment over the years, on many occasions rearranging his own working schedule to accommodate the needs of the organisation.

His love for the recitation of the holy Quran was apparent with his daily routine of reading in the masjid prior to Fajr salaah.

He recently recertified his hizf (Dhor) at the very establishment he serves and had plans to lead tarawee prayers this Ramadhan.

He had intended to go for Haj and had already bought his Haj package. We pray The Almighty accepts his noble intentions and grants him the reward abundantly as well as Haj Mabroor.

Hafez Faruk Saheb RA was very close to the Ulema which has been evident through the outpouring of condolences from many Scholars from around the globe.

We pray the Almighty grants Hafez Faruk Saheb a lofty rank in Jannah, grants him the status of martyrdom, forgives all his sins and grants the family patience.

Tribute to Ashraf Bhai Dadhiwala

By Ismail E Daji Vice President ICWS.

It is with great grief and sadness that the Islamic Cultural and Welfare Association (ICWA) lost yet another very active and servant of the Almighty.

Yet again another good soul has departed this mortal coil and left a big vacuum in the local area and that of the management committee of ICWA.

Ashraf Bhai Dadhiwala was born in Lajpur in India and came to UK with his late mother and two sisters to join his late father Mr Yusuf Dadhiwala who was a very well known active community leader. He was one of the pioneers of the local masjid and madressa and was a well-respected figure in every sense of the word.

Asraf Bhai very much looked up to his father and followed in his father's footsteps, firstly by playing cricket.

He personified what being a gentleman was as he was a very well-mannered man who exemplified the words courage and respect both on and off the pitch.

Ashraf bhai studied at Batley High School and later Dewsbury College.

He was a very popular local businessman who treated people including his neighbours and friends like family.

Ashraf was also a very active Governer at Warwick Road Primary school for many years. He helped to transform the school and improved standards.

He worked tirelessly for ICWA for a number of years as Mohtameen/ Mutvalee and introduced and implemented various changes that were very beneficial to ICWA thus resulting in many students benefiting from his dedication and his vision.

In addition, he was very popular with all staff and committee members, all of whom will miss him dearly as well as his family.

We pray the Almighty also grants Ashraf Bhai a lofty rank in Jannah, grants him the status of martyrdom, forgives all his sins and grants the family patience. Ameen.

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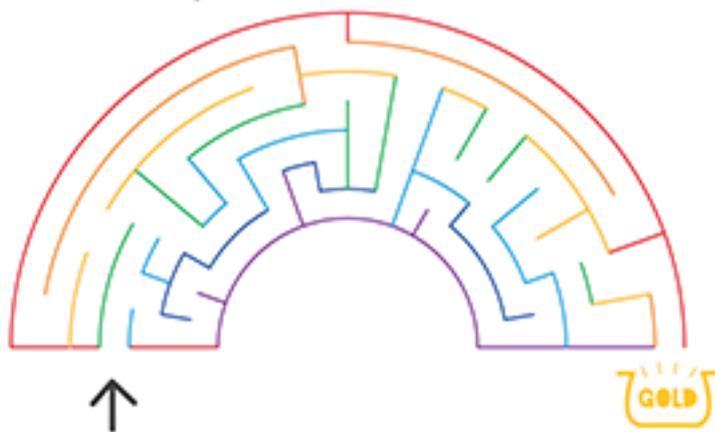
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“અલ્લાહુ અલ્લાહુ રબ્બિ લાઉશરીકુ બીહી શયઆ” (અબુ દાઉદ, ઈબ્ને માજા)

ચાર ગંભીર રોગથી સુરક્ષિત રહેવા માટે

ચાર ખતરનાક બીમારીઓ ૧.આંધળા થવાથી ૨. પિત્તની બીમારીથી ૩. લકવા (પેરેલાઈઝ)ની બીમારીથી ૪. ગાંડા થવાની બીમારીથી હંમેશા બચેલા રહેવાનો શાનદાર વર્ગીકો. ફજર અને મગરિબની ફર્જ નમાઝ પછી ચાર વાર આ અમલ હંમેશા પઢતા રહેવું જોઈએ.

“સુબ્હાનલ્લાહીલ અજ્જમ વ બિહમ્દીહી વ લાહવ્વલ વલા કુવ્વત ઈલ્લા બિલ્લાહ”-મુસ્તદે અહમદ

હિફાઝત, કિફાયત અને હિદાયતની ગેરંટી

જે માણસ ઘરથી નીકળતી વેળા આ દુઆ પઢે. “બિસ્મિલ્લાહિ તવક્કલુ અલ્લાહિ લા હવ-લ વલા કુવ્વત ઈલ્લાબિલ્લાહ” તો ફરિશ્તા મારફતે અલ્લાહતઆલા તરફથી તેને આ ખુશખબરી સંભળાવવામાં આવે છે કે, તે તવક્કુલની બરકતથી તારી કિફાયત (એટલે દરેક પ્રકારની જરૂરિયાત પૂરી થવાની જવાબદારી) કરવામાં આવી અને તને દરેક પ્રકારની તકલીફ આપનારી વસ્તુઓથી બચાવી લેવામાં આવ્યો. -તિર્મીઝી શરીફ

ડીપ્રેશન, ટેન્શન, પ્રેશરથી બચવાનો ઈલાજ

એક બુઝુર્ગને સ્વપ્નમાં હઝરત ખિજર અલૈ.ની જીયારત થઈ. આપે નીચેના શબ્દો ત્રણ વાર પઢવા માટ તાકીદ કરી. “ યા

લતીફમ બિખલ્કીહી યા અલીમમ બિખલ્કીહી, યા ખબીરમ બિખલ્કીહી, ઉલ્તુફબી યા લતીફો, યા અલીમો, યા ખબીરો ” આ અમલની બરકતથી દરેક જાતની દિલની તંગી, મુંઝવણ અને પરેશાની, બલા આફતથી છૂટકારો મળે છે. એક અજ્જબ તોહફો છે. જે હંમેશાં હર પરેશાનીના સમયમાં કામ આવવાવાળો છે. -ફઝાઈલે હજ

મંઝિલની અગત્યતા

કુરઆન મજીદની અમુક ખાસ આયતો જે મંઝિલના નામથી પ્રચલિત છે. દરેક પ્રકારના આસેબી અસરાત જેમાં જિન, જાદુ વગેરેથી હિફાઝત અને સલામતિ મળે છે. તદઉપરાંત મંઝિલ હંમેશાં પઢતા રહેવાથી જીવનમાં શાંતિ તથા અવલાદ અને માલની સુરક્ષા રહે છે.

આયતુલ કુર્સીની મહત્વતા

રાત્રે સુવા પહેલાં મસ્નુન દુઆઓના સાથે આયતુલ કુર્સી પઢવાથી શયતાનથી અને ઘરમાં ચોરીથી પણ હિફાઝત થાય છે. આફતોથી બચાવ થાય છે.

સુરએ યાસીન શરીફ

સવારે ફજરની નમાઝ પઢવા પછી સુરએ યાસીન શરીફ જે કુરઆન મજીદનું દિલ છે, તીલાવત કરી લેવું જોઈએ. જેનાથી અગણિત ફાયદો થાય છે. બલ્કે દરરોજ પઢવાનો મામુર બનાવવો જોઈએ.

પ્રિય વાંચકો! અંતમાં હંમેશાં યાદ રાખવું જોઈએ કે, દરેક રૂહાની ઈલાજને અલ્લાહતઆલાના સાથે મજબુત યકીન, અકીદાથી પઢવું જોઈએ. જેટલો યકીન મજબુત હશે એટલોજ જલ્દી ફાયદો અલ્લાહપાક પહોંચાડશે. સાથે જ નમાઝોની પાબંદી અને ગુનાહોથી બચવું પ્રથમ શરત છે. દરેક અમલને અલ્લાહતઆલાની તારીફના કલિમાત અને દુરૂદ શરીફના સાથે પઢવું જોઈએ. દુરૂદ શરીફથી શરૂ કરવું તથા આખિરમાં દુરૂદ શરીફ પઢવું ન ભુલવું જોઈએ.

હાલમાં પુરી દુનિયાની મજ્લુક જે વાયરસના સર્કજામાં સપડાય છે, લોકડાઉન છે. લોકો પોતાનાજ ઘરોમાં પુરાયા છે. હોસ્પિટલોની હાલત ખરાબ છે અને રમજાન મહિનો પણ શરૂ થઈ ચુક્યો છે. આપણી કેટલી કમનસીબી છે કે આ મુબારક મહિનામાં આ પેઢીનો આવો પ્રથમ અનુભવ હશે જેમાં મસ્જિદોથી દૂર રહેવાનો વખત આવ્યો છે. એવા સમયે ઘરમાં પણ આપણે અલ્લાહની બંદગી ઉપર પૂરૂ ધ્યાન આપી દરેકના હકમાં દુવા કરવાની જરૂરિયાત છે. નમાઝ, રોઝા, તીલાવત, ખેરાત ઉપર પણ વધુ ધ્યાન આપવાની જરૂર છે. અલ્લાહપાક સૌને આ બીમારીથી બચાવે, તંદુરસ્તી બખ્શે, ઈમાનની દોલતથી નવાઝે અને જલ્દીથી આ મુશ્કેલીના દિવસો પૂરા કરે આમીન, આવી દુઆઓ હંમેશાં કરતા રહેવું જરૂરી છે.

માયુસ ન હો એહલે જર્મી અપની ખતાસે

તકદીર બદલ જાતી હય મુજતરકી દુઆસે

હમારી દુઆ સુનલે એ હાજત રવાં

હમારા કોઈ નહીં અલ્લાહ તેરે સીવા

યાદ રહેગા એ દૌરત્મી હમ્ને ઉમ્ર ભર કે લીચે

કિતના તરસે થે ઘરસે નીકલને કે લીચે

વિચાર વિનિમય

-અહમદ ગુલ

કટોકટીના સમયે હજ

કોરોના વાયરસના કારણે ૨૦૨૦ની હજ રદ થાય એવા ભણકારા વાગી રહ્યા છે. જે લોકોએ આખા વર્ષથી હજની નિચ્ચત કરી રાખી હશે. તેમાયે જેમની પ્રથમ હજ હશે તેમને તો મોટો ધક્કો લાગ્યો હશે. પ્રથમ હજ કરનારાઓએ ન જાણે કેટલા હજ મુબારક માટે અરમાનો સજાવી રાખ્યા હશે. કેટલાકોએ તો પૂરી તૈયારી પણ કરી રાખી હશે.

જો કે આપણા સમયકાળમાં એટલે કે છેલ્લા ૬૦-૭૦ વર્ષના ગાળામાં હજ મુલતવી રહી હોય એવું આપણી જાણમાં નથી. હજનું મુલતવી થવું એ આપણા માટે ન માની શકાય એવી વાત છે. જ્યારે આવો સમય આવે ત્યારે સ્હેજે આપણને થાય કે શું આ પહેલાં પણ આવું બન્યું હશે? અને આપણું વિચારતંત્ર એની ખોજ કરવા નીકળી પડે છે. ભૂતકાળના ઇતિહાસના પાના તપાસવા મજબુર થઈ જાય છે. મેં થોડુંક સંશોધન કર્યું અને મને જે કંઈ મળ્યું તે આપની સમક્ષ રજૂ કરું છું.

કિંગ અબ્દુલ અઝીઝ ફાઉન્ડેશન ફોર રિસર્ચ એન્ડ આર્કિવ્સ (DARAH) અને “મીડલ ઈસ્ટ આઈ”એ તાજેતરમાં પ્રગટ થયેલા રિપોર્ટના આધારે મુલતવી થયેલી હજની નોંધ અહીં રજૂ કરું છું. રિપોર્ટ ધ્વારા કહેવામાં આવ્યું છે કે, ઈ.સ. ૬૨૯ પછી લગભગ ૪૦ વાર વત્તે ઓછે અંશે હજ સમગ્ર અથવા અર્ધબંધ રહી હતી.

ઈ.સ. ૮૬૫માં અબ્બાસી ખિલાફત (બગદાદ)ના કાળમાં ઈસ્માઈલ બીન યુસુફ કે જે અલ-સફકના નામે જાણીતો હતો તેણે ઈ.સ. ૮૬૫માં અરફાતની ટેકરીથી હુમલો કરી હાજીઓની સામુદાયિક કત્લેઆમ કરી હતી. જેના કારણે મજબુરીથી હજને મુલતવી કરવી પડી હતી.

ઈ.સ. ૯૩૦માં કારમેશન(લેબનોન)ના વડા અબુતાહેર અલ જનાબીએ લેબનોનથી મક્કાહ પર હુમલો કર્યો હતો. એક ગણતરી મુજબ એણે ૩૦ હજાર હાજીઓને કતલ કરી ઝમઝમના કુવામાં લાશો ફેંકી દીધી હતી અને હરમ શરીફમાં લૂંટ ચલાવીને કાળો પથ્થર (હજરે અસ્વદ) ને લેબનોન લઈ ગયો હતો. લગભગ ૧૦ વર્ષ સુધી હજને મુલતવી રાખવી પડી હતી. દસ વર્ષ પછી હજરે અસ્વદને પાછો મેળવ્યા પછી ફરીથી હજ ચાલુ કરવામાં આવી હતી. કારમેશન એક શીયા લોકોનો સંપ્રદાય છે કે જેઓ હજને એક પેગન-મુર્તિપૂજક પ્રથા ગણતા હતા.

ઈ.સ. ૯૮૩માં બે સત્તા કે જે ઈરાક અને સીરિયાની અબ્બાસી ખિલાફત અને ઈજીપ્તની ફાતિમી ખિલાફતના ઝગડાને કારણે મુસ્લિમોને હજ માટે મુસાફરી કરવાનું મુશ્કેલ થઈ ગયું હતું. જેના કારણે લગભગ ૮ વર્ષ સુધી હજ મુલતવી રહી હતી. જે ૯૯૧માં ફરીથી ચાલુ કરવામાં આવી હતી.

ઈ.સ. ૧૮૩૧માં ઈન્ડિયાની પ્લેગની બીમારીના કારણે મક્કામાં પણ ૧/૩ જેટલા હાજીઓનો ભોગ લીધો હતો. પ્લેગ જેવી ભયંકર મહામારી થતાં ખૂબ તકલીફ વેઠીને પણ હાજીઓ અનેક દેશોમાંથી આવ્યા હતા.

ઈ.સ. ૧૮૩૭-૧૮૫૮ દરમ્યાન લગભગ બે દાયકા ૨૦ વર્ષ સુધી મહામારી (epidemics) ચાલી હતી. જેના કારણે સરવાળે કુલ સાત વર્ષ સુધી હજ મુલતવી રહી હતી.

ઈ.સ. ૧૮૩૭ પવિત્ર મક્કા શહેરમાં બીજો પ્લેગનો રોગચાળો ફેલાતા ૧૮૪૦ સુધી ત્રણ વર્ષ હજ બંધ રહી હતી.

ઈ.સ. ૧૮૪૬માં કોલેરાના રોગચાળાએ ૧૫૦૦૦ જેટલા મક્કાવાસીઓનો ભોગ લીધો હતો. એ રોગચાળો ૧૮૫૦ એટલે ચાર વર્ષ સુધી ચાલ્યો હતો. ૧૮૬૫ અને ૧૮૮૩માં પણ એ રોગચાળો ફરીથી ફેલાયો હતો. (આરબ ન્યુઝના સૌજન્યથી)

હાફેઝ ફારૂક પટેલનો દુઃખદ ઇન્તેકાલ

-અહમદ ગુલ

ફૂલો બની ભલેને અમે તો ખરી ગયા

પુરબુથી કિંતુ આપનો પાલવ ભરી ગયા

તારીખ ૧લી એપ્રિલ બુધવારના લગભગ દશ-સાડાદશ વાગે એક એવા સમાચારે આખા બાટલીને ઝંઝોડી નાંખ્યું અને તે દુઃખદ અને અસહ્ય સમાચાર હતા. હરદિલ અઝીઝ ભાઈ ફારૂક પટેલ સાહબના ઇન્તેકાલના ઈલીવએરા. અને બીજે દિવસે તારીખ રજી એપ્રિલ જુમેરાતના દેશની હાલની પરિસ્થિતિ અનુસાર સુપુર્દે ખાક કરી દેવામાં આવ્યા.

આ અતિદુઃખ ભર્યા સમાચાર આવતાની સાથે જ ટેલીફોન અને સોશયલ મીડિયા પર વાયુવેગે પ્રસરી ગયા. કોરોના વાયરસને કારણે લોકડાઉનના વાતાવરણમાં લોકો પોતપોતાના ઘરોમાં પુરાઈ ગયા હતાં. એવી લાચાર અવસ્થામાં લોકો બેબાકળા થઈ ટેલિફોન ધ્વારા એકબીજાને આશ્વાસન આપી રહ્યા હતાં. સગાંઓને, એમના કુટુંબીજનોને સહ રાખવાની અને અલ્લાહની મરજીના સંદેશોઓથી ટેલિફોન એક પળ માટે પણ શાંત ન રહ્યાં. કોઈ માનવાને તૈયાર ન હતું કે આટલી હસમુખ, વિવેકી અને મિલનસાર વ્યક્તિ આજે આપણી વચ્ચે નથી પણ હકીકત તો એજ હતી કે, હાફેઝ સાહેબે આ ફાની દુનિયા છોડીને સદાને માટે વિદાય લીધી છે. અલ્લાહપાક એમની બાલબાલ મગફેરત ફરમાવે આમીન.

હાફેઝી ફારૂક સાહેબના સમગ્ર જીવન પર જો આપણે દ્રષ્ટિપાત કરીએ તો માલુમ પડે કે, એઓ માત્ર એમના કુટુંબના જ સભ્ય ન હતા પણ એમનું તો આખું જીવન જ એક જાહેરજીવન હતું. વિવિધ સંસ્થાઓ સાથે જોડાયેલા અને અનેક હોદ્દા પર રહીને એમણે કોમની સેવા કરી છે. જીવનનાં અંતિમ શ્વાસ સુધી કોમી કાર્યો નિભાવતા રહ્યા હતા. જીવનની અંતિમ ઘડીએ વોરવીકરોડની ઈસ્લામિક કલ્ચર એન્ડ વેલ્ફેર એસોસીએશનના પ્રમુખના હોદ્દા પર હતા, અર્થાત મસ્જિદ-મદ્રેસાના કાર્યોનો હોદ્દો સંભાળતા એમનો ઇન્તેકાલ થયો. બાટલી ખાતે કદાચ આ પહેલા એવો કોઈ બનાવ બન્યો હોય એવું મારી જાણમાં નથી. મોત તો બધાનેજ છે. પણ આ રીતનું ફરજ નિભાવતાનું મોત તો કોઈકનેજ મળે. પોતાના સીનામાં કુરઆન અને આ વર્ષે તરાવીહ પઠાવવાની પ્રબળ તમન્ના, દીનના અને સમાજના કામો પ્રત્યે (આગળના પાના ઉપર)

અપૂર્વ નિષ્ઠા, ઉલેમાઓ અને બુઝુર્ગો સાથે ગાઢ સંબંધ એ હું હાફેઝ સાહેબનું જીવન.

હાફેઝ સાહેબ સમાજના એક ઉમદા સભ્ય તો હતા જ સાથે પોતાના કુટુંબમાં પણ ખૂબજ માનનીય હતા અને પોતાના સંતાનોને દીની અને દુન્યવીની ઉચ્ચ તાલિમ આપનારા એક આદર્શ પિતાની એમણે એક મિસાલ કાયમ કરી. આલીપોર મુસ્લિમ એસોસીએશન યુ.કે.ની એકઝ્યુકેટીવ કમિટીના વર્ષો સુધી સભ્ય રહીને સંસ્થાને હંમેશાં સહાયરૂપ રહ્યા. આપણી સોસાયટી ઈમુવેસો, બાટલીની જનરલ મિટીંગમાં અવશ્ય હાજરી આપી ઉમદા સજેશનો કરતા અને કાર્યકર્તાઓની હોંસલા અફઝાઈ ફરમાવતા. ઉપરાંત સોસાયટીના બીજા અનેક પ્રોગ્રામોમાં પણ અચુક હાજરી આપતા હતા. એમના કુટુંબને અને ઈસ્લામિક કલ્ચર એન્ડ વેલ્ફેર એસોસીએશનને કદી ન પુરાઈ એવી ખોટ લાગી છે.

હાફેઝ સાહેબ અત્યંત મિલનસાર, હસમુખ અને તદ્દન વિનમ્ર સ્વભાવના માલિક હતા. મસ્જિદમાં માઈક પર આવીને સરલ અને વિવેકપૂર્ણ બુઝુર્ગોની ઓળખ અને કાર્યક્રમની વિગત આપનાર એ નૂરાની ચેરો આપણને સદાને માટે યાદ રહેશે. અલ્લાહપાક એમના સંતાનોને, ભાઈઓ અને બહેનોને તથા સમગ્ર કુટુંબીજનોને આ અચાનક આવી પડેલા દુઃખને સહન કરવાની શક્તિ અને સભ્રે જમીલ અતા કરે અને મર્હુમને જન્મતુલ ફિરદૌશમાં આલા મુકામ અતા કરે આમીન.

કોરોના એક ભયંકર મહામારી

કોરોના વાયરસ (કોવિડ-૧૯) એ સમગ્ર વિશ્વને હચમચાવી પોતાના સંક્રામમાં લઈ લીધું છે અને કાળો કહેર વર્તાવી રહ્યું છે. ન જોયેલી, ન સાંભળેલી અને કોઈ પણ જાતના ઈલાજ વગરની આ બીમારી અને વાયરસે વિશ્વની અનેક મહાસત્તાઓને પણ લાચાર કરી દીધી છે. ચાલુ શતાબ્દીના લોકોએ આવી અજાબબ બીમારી અને મહામારીનો નજારો જોવો અને સામનો કરવો પડી રહ્યો છે. વિશ્વની પ્રથમ નંબરની હેલ્થકેરવાળા દેશોએ પણ પોતાના હથિયારો જમીન પર પટકી દઈ હાથ ઊંચા કરી દીધા છે. યુરોપના એક દેશના પ્રમુખે તો રડતાં રડતાં કહ્યું કે હું અને મારો દેશ આ બીમારી સામે લાચાર છીએ અને અમારી કોઈ શક્તિ નથી કે પ્રજાની જાન બચાવી શકીએ.

આ અજબ પ્રકારના વાયરસ કે જે એકબીજાના સંપર્કમાં આવવાથી રોગ ઝડપથી ફેલાય છે અને શરીરના અવયવો ઉપર હુમલો કરી તેને નુકસાન પહોંચાડી નાકામ કરે છે. શ્વાસની તકલીફથી માણસને મોતના ઘાટ ઉતારે છે. આ વાયરસથી દુનિયામાં ૨૫ લાખથી વધુ લોકો સંક્રમિત થયા છે અને એક લાખથી વધુ લોકો મૃત્યુ પામ્યા છે. ભાગ્યેજ કોઈ દેશ આ બીમારી કે વાયરસથી બચી શક્યો છે. દરેક દેશોએ પોતાની પ્રજાને આ વાયરસથી બચાવવા અનેક પ્રયત્નો કર્યા છે અને બીમારીથી તેમને સભાન પણ કર્યા છે પરંતુ એ ખુબજ ઝડપથી પ્રસરી રહ્યો છે.

આ બીમારી જેનો આજના આધુનિક યુગમાં કોઈ સારવાર, ઈલાજ નથી, દવા ઈન્જેક્શન નથી અને ડોક્ટરો તથા ટેકનોલોજી પણ એના ઉપર કાબુ મેળવવા નિષ્ફળ રહ્યા છે તેવા સંજોગોમાં કોઈ કુદરત કે

GOD ને પણ ન માનનારાઓએ એ માનવું પડ્યું છે કે એવી કોઈ શક્તિ છે જે માનવી કે બીજી સૃષ્ટિને પલભરમાં નષ્ટ કરી શકે છે. બીમારીથી બચવા લોકો પોતાનાજ ઘરોમાં કેદ છે. મોટાભાગના દેશોએ લોકડાઉન જાહેર કર્યું છે પરિણામે વેપાર, ઉદ્યોગ, અર્થતંત્ર ઉપર પણ એની માઠી અસર થઈ છે. હોસ્પિટલ જાણે સ્મશાન બની છે અને કેટલીય જગ્યાએ સારવારની તંગી ઊભી થઈ છે. માણસ કુદરતના સામે કેટલો લાચાર છે જે દરેકને શીખવાનું મળ્યું છે.

બીમારીએ અને પોતાના ઘરોમાં લોકડાઉને શું શીખવ્યું ?

- જ્યારે મસ્જિદો ખુલ્લી હતી ત્યારે નમાઝ પઢવાનો સમય ન હતો, આજે જ્યારે ઘરમાં બેસી સમય છે તો મસ્જિદના દરવાજા બંધ છે.
- બહાર રેસ્ટોરન્ટમાં જમવું અને ટેઈકઅવે મંગાવી ખાવા વગર પણ જીંદગી પસાર થઈ શકે છે.
- ફેમિલી મેમ્બર સાથે સમય કેવીરીતે વીતાવાય તેની અગત્યતા સમજાય છે.
- તંદુરસ્તી એક મહાન નેઅમત છે તે સમજાય છે અને હોસ્પિટલની કદર થાય છે. ન્યુનતમ વસ્તુથી પણ ગુજારો થઈ શકે છે તેનું ભાન થાય છે.
- મુશ્કેલ સમયમાં પડોશી, સગાઓ અને પોતાના પણ કામ લાગતા નથી તેનો નજારો જોવા મળે છે.
- મોતની ભયાનકતા અને કુદરતના પ્રકોપથી માણસ કેટલો લાચાર છે તે સમજાય છે. આધુનિક ટેકનોલોજી, પૈસા, ડીઝી, શોહરત, મિલ્કત બધું નકામું જણાય છે.
- મોતના સમયે કદાચ પોતીકાઓને જનાઝાની નમાઝ, ગુસલ આપવું કે મોહું જોવું પણ નસીબ થતું નથી.

રમજાન માસ દરમિયાન ચેરિટીની વ્યવસ્થા

કોરોના વાયરસના કારણે હાલમાં જે પરિસ્થિતિ સર્જાય છે અને મસ્જિદો પણ બંધ છે તથા સરકારના નવા હુકમ પ્રમાણે રમજાન માસમાં પણ આવીજ હાલત રહેશે એવું માલમ પડે છે. તેવા સમયે ખાસ કરીને આપણે આપણી ચેરિટીની રકમ ઝકાત, સદકાહ, લીલ્લાહ જે આ માસમાં આપીએ છીએ તે માટે ઈન્ડીયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીએ નીચે પ્રમાણે વ્યવસ્થા કરી છે.

સોસાયટીની ઓફિસ અલ હિકમાહ સેન્ટર ખાતે જઈ તમારી રકમ જમા કરાવી શકો છો. સોસાયટીના બેન્ક એકાઉન્ટમાં પૈસા ટ્રાન્સફર કરી ફોન કરી તમારી વિગત જણાવી શકો છો. ઓફિસ ઉપર ફોનથી તમારી રકમ લખાવી શકો છો. પાછળથી એ રકમ તમારે ત્યાંથી ઉઘરાવી લેવામાં આવશે. સોશયલ મિડીયા ધ્વારા લોકોને જાણ કરવામાં આવશે કે સેન્ટરમાં અમુક દિવસે અને સમયે કાર્યકર્તાઓ બેઠા હશે તે વખતે ફોન કરીને પણ તમો રકમ લખાવી શકો છો. અથવા રૂબરૂ જઈને તમારી રકમ આપી શકો છો.

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અપને દઈકા દુખડા તો હર કોઈ રોતા હય, પર અસલી ઈન્સાન તો વો હય જો કીસી ઓર કી તકલીફકો સોચતા હય

તાજેતરમાં રેડિયો પ્રોગ્રામ ઉપર એક સુંદર વાત સાંભળવા મળી. પ્રેરણા દાયક લાગી જેથી વાંચકો માટે રજૂ કરું છું. શહેરની સડક ઉપરથી એક માણસ પસાર થઈ રહ્યો હતો. તેણે જોયું સડકની પાસે એક ઝાડ હતું અને તેના ઉપર એક ચિઠ્ઠી ચોટાડેલી હતી. તેને થયું આ ચિઠ્ઠીમાં શું લખ્યું હશે? જે જાણવાં તે ઝાડની પાસે પહોંચ્યો અને લખાણ વાંચવા લાગ્યો. જેમાં લખ્યું હતું “હું એક લાચાર વૃદ્ધ મહિલા છું, મારી નજર પણ કમજોર થઈ ચૂકી છે, આ ઝાડની આસપાસ મારી એક ૫૦ રૂપિયાની નોટ ખોવાઈ ગઈ છે, જેને હું શોધી શકતી નથી. અગર કોઈને મળે તો મહેરબાની કરી લખવામાં આવેલ સરનામા ઉપર આવી મને પહોંચાડવાનું કષ્ટ કરે.”

એક વ્યક્તિ કંઈ પણ વિચારવા વગર તે સરનામા ઉપર પહોંચી જાય છે. અને જુએ છે કે, ત્યાં એક ખૂબજ જુની તૂટીફૂટી ઝુંપડી છે અને તેની બહાર એક લાચાર વૃદ્ધ મહિલા બેસી છે. વૃદ્ધા પેલી વ્યક્તિને જોઈ ઓળખવાની કોશિષ કરે છે અને કહે છે, જી હાં કહો! ત્યારે એ વ્યક્તિએ કહ્યું કે, પેલા એક ઝાડની પાસેથી મને ૫૦ રૂપિયાની નોટ મળી છે અને ઝાડ ઉપર લગાવેલ ચિઠ્ઠી મેં વાંચી છે, જે મુજબ હું તમને એ ૫૦ રૂપિયાની નોટ આપવા આવ્યો છું. વૃદ્ધ મહિલાની આંખમાં આંસુ આવી ગયા અને તે રડવા લાગી. આ વ્યક્તિએ કહ્યું માંજી આપ શું કામ રડી રહ્યા છો? મહિલા કહેવા લાગી ૫૦ની નોટ લઈને મારી પાસે ૨૦ થી ૨૫ લોકો આવ્યા છે. જે કહે છે કે, તેમને તે ઝાડની પાસેથી મળી છે અને તેમણે ઝાડ ઉપર લાગેલ ચિઠ્ઠી વાંચી અને તે મુજબ મારી પાસે આવ્યા.

મને નથી ખબર તે ચિઠ્ઠી કોણે ઝાડ ઉપર લગાવી છે. મને કંઈ બરાબર દેખાતું નથી અને હું લખી વાંચી શકતી નથી, હું કેવી રીતે એ ચિઠ્ઠી લખી લગાવી શકું? ખબર નથી એ કોણે લગાવી છે. મને આ પૈસા નથી જોઈતા. તે વ્યક્તિ કહે છે કે, ચાલો જ્યારે હું અહીં આવી જ ગયો છું તો આપ આ ૫૦ની નોટ રાખી લ્યો અને તમારા માટે કંઈક ખરીદી કરી લેશો. એવું કહીને તે ત્યાંથી જવા લાગે છે ત્યારે તે બુઝુર્ગ મહિલા તેને કહે છે તમારો ઘણોજ આભાર પરંતુ મારી તમને વિનંતી છે કે, જતી વખતે પેલા ઝાડ ઉપર લગાવેલ ચિઠ્ઠી ઉતારીને ફાડી નાંખશો. તે હસીને ત્યાંથી ચાલ્યો જાય છે. અને જતાં જતાં મનમાંને મનમાં વિચારી રહ્યો હોય છે કે આખરે આ બુઝુર્ગ મહિલાને મદદ કરવા કોણે આ ચિઠ્ઠી ઝાડ ઉપર લગાવી હશે. તેને એ પણ ખ્યાલ આવે છે કે કોઈ સાચા હૃદયથી કોઈને મદદ કરવા ચાહે અને એક નાનું સરખું પગલું ભરે તો કેટલા બધા લોકો સાથે થઈ જાય છે, એક લાંબી કતાર લાગી જાય છે. કોઈએ એક નોટ લગાવી અને કેટલાય માણસો એ બુઝુર્ગ મહિલાનું જીવન બદલવા, તેની પરેશાની દૂર કરવા શ્રદ્ધા અને મરજીથી ચાલી પડ્યા. આવું

વિચારી તે આગળ વધી રહ્યો હતો ત્યારે એક બીજી વ્યક્તિ તેને મળી ગઈ અને પુછ્યું કે શું તમે મને આ સરનામું બતાવી શકો છો? તે સરનામું એજ બુઝુર્ગ મહિલાનું હતું. કહી રહ્યો હતો મને ૫૦ રૂપિયાની નોટ મળી છે અને મારે તે આ સરનામે પહોંચાડવાની છે.

પહેલી વ્યક્તિ હસવા લાગ્યો અને તેને વિશ્વાસ થઈ ગયો કે ખરેખર દિલથી જો તમે સારું કામ કરવા માંગો તો આ દુનિયા સારા લોકોથી પણ ભરી છે. આપણી ભૂલ એ છે કે, આપણે પોતાના તરફથી કોઈ પગલું ઉપાડતા નથી. બસ એજ કહેતા રહીએ છીએ કે, દુનિયા સારી નથી, દુનિયામાં ઘણાં લોકો બુરા છે. સારી વાત તરફ, કોઈને મદદ કરવાની તરફ, કોઈની તકલીફને સમજવાની તરફ એક પગલું ભરીને જુઓ પાછળ એક લાંબી લાઈન લાગી જશે.

અશરફ દાઢીવાલાનો દુઃખદાયક ઈત્તેકાલ

-અહમદ ગુલ

તા.૪-૪-૨૦૨૦ના ભાઈ અશરફ દાઢીવાલાના દુઃખદ ઈત્તેકાલના સમાચારે આખા બાટલીને ગમગીન બનાવી દીધું હતું. ટૂંકી માંદગી પછી થયેલા આ ઈત્તેકાલને લોકો માટે માનવું પણ અસહ્ય થઈ પડ્યું હતું. એનું કારણ તો એ હતું કે માત્ર બે દિવસ પહેલાં હાફેઝ ફાઝલ પટેલના દુઃખદ સમાચારની તકલીફતો લોકોના દિલોમાં ખસી ન હતી અને તે પછી તરતજ એમની મસ્જિદ-મદ્રેસાના એક મુખ્લીસ કાર્યકર્તાના ઈત્તેકાલે તો કોમના દુઃખમાં ઓર વધારો કરી દીધો હતો.

મહુમ વોરવીક રોડની જામેઅ મસ્જિદ (ઈસ્લામિક કલ્ચર એન્ડ વેલ્ફેર એસોસીએશન)ની એક્ઝ્યુક્યુટીવ કમિટીના વરસો સુધી સભ્યપદે રહી મોહતમીમ અને મુતવલ્લીના જવાબદારીભર્યા હોધા પર જવાબદારીને બખૂબી નિભાવી દીની ખીદમતમાં પરોવાયેલા રહ્યા હતા. ઉસ્તાદો અને બાળકો સાથે તેમનું વર્તન હંમેશાં આદરભર્યું હતું. ચાલુ વર્ષે તો એઓ ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીના કો-ઓપ્ટ મેમ્બર તરીકે પણ નિમાયા હતા.

ખૂબજ મિલનસાર સ્વભાવ, અત્યંત નમ્ર અને વિવેકી, હંમેશાં ચ્દેરા પર સ્મિત ફરકતું હોય, ગુસ્સો તો એમના સ્વભાવમાં કદી હતો જ નહીં. બે પક્ષોમાં કે બે ભાઈઓમાં કોઈક વાર મતભેદ થઈ જાય તો તેમનામાં સુલેહ કરાવવાની એમની પાસે ખાસ આવડત હતી. પોતાના ગામ પ્રત્યે પણ એમને એમના પિતા યુસુફભાઈ દાઢીવાલાની જેમ ખૂબજ લાગણી હતી. એમણે સમાજના અને દીની કાર્યોમાં યથાયોગ્ય ભાગ લઈ સેવાના કાર્યો કર્યા છે. એમના ઈત્તેકાલથી એમના કુટુંબીજનો, એમના સંતાનો, એમના મિત્રવર્તુળને અને ઈસ્લામિક કલ્ચર એન્ડ વેલ્ફેર એસોસીએશનને કદી ન પૂરાઈ એવી ખોટ લાગી છે. માત્ર થોડાક દિવસના અંતરે એ સંસ્થાએ પોતાના બે ઘરખમ કાર્યકર્તા ગુમાવ્યા છે. ઈસ્લામિક કલ્ચર એન્ડ વેલ્ફેર એસોસીએશનના તમામ સભ્યોને, મહુમના કુટુંબીજનોને, એમના ભાઈ-બહેનો અને સંતાનોને આ અસહ્ય દુઃખ સહન કરવાની હિંમત આપે અને સબ્બે જમીલ અતા કરે, અને પરવરદિગારથી દુઆ કરીએ એમની તમામ ખિદમતોને કબુલ ફરમાવી બાલબાલ મગફરેત કરે અને જન્નતુલ ફિરદૌશમાં આલા મુકામ અતા કરે આમીન.

ખુદા મગફરેત કરે બહોતસી ખુબીયાંથી મરનેવાલેમે.

مسجد الحرام اور مسجد نبوی میں 10 رکعت تراویح ادا کرنیکا فیصلہ

العربیہ نیوز کے مطابق الحرمین الشریفین کی جزل پریزیڈنسی نے بدھ کو ایک بیان جاری کیا جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ مکہ المکرمہ کی مسجد الحرام اور مدینہ منورہ کی مسجد نبوی میں عام عبادت گزاروں کے داخلے پر پابندی برقرار رہے گی۔

پریزیڈنسی کے صدر ڈاکٹر شیخ ڈاکٹر عبدالرحمان بن عبدالعزیز السدیس نے منگل کو یہ اعلان کیا تھا کہ الحرمین الشریفین میں اجتماعی نماز تراویح ادا کی جائے گی مگر دونوں مساجد میں اتھارٹی کے ملازمین اور روبرو نماز تراویح ادا کر سکیں گے، یہ پانچ تسلیمات تک محدود ہوں گی، دو دور کعت ادا کی جائیں گی، یعنی صرف 10 رکعت نماز ادا کی جائیں گی۔ اب شاہ سلمان بن عبدالعزیز نے مسجد الحرام اور مسجد نبوی میں 10 رکعت نماز تراویح کی اجازت دیدی ہے۔ جزل پریزیڈنسی برائے امور الحرمین الشریفین کے ترجمان ہانی بن حسنی حیدر کا کہنا ہے کہ ان کے ادارے نے رمضان المبارک میں مسجد الحرام اور مسجد نبوی میں کرونا وائرس سے بچاؤ کیلئے ایک جامع منصوبہ تیار کیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ منصوبے کے تحت دونوں مساجد میں عبادت گزاروں کے داخلے پر پابندی برقرار رہے گی، صفائی اور اسپرے کے عمل کو بڑھا دیا جائے گا، نماز جنازہ میں شرکت یا میتیں لانے والوں اور تمام ملازمین کی تھرمل ٹیسٹنگ کی جائے گی۔

مسجد حرام اور مسجد نبوی میں اعتکاف، نماز نہیں ہوگی

حکام کے مطابق رمضان المبارک کے دوران میں مسجد الحرام اور مدینہ منورہ میں افطار کی ذمہ داری مکہ مکرمہ اور مدینہ منورہ کے صوبائی حکام کو سونپی گئی ہے، وہ احتیاطی تدابیر کو اختیار کرتے ہوئے روزے داروں میں افطار کے کھانے تقسیم کریں گے۔ رمضان المبارک کے دوران دونوں مقدس مساجد میں اعتکاف کی اجازت نہیں ہوگی، ان میں صرف ضروری ملازمین کو داخلے کی اجازت ہوگی اور پیشگی احتیاطی تدابیر کو اختیار کر کے مرمت کا ضروری کام کیا جائے گا۔ سعودی عرب میں کرونا وائرس کو پھیلنے سے روکنے کیلئے سخت اقدامات کے تحت مساجد میں بیچ وقتہ باجماعت نماز پر پابندی عائد ہے۔ سعودی عرب کے مفتی اعظم نے نماز تراویح اور عید الفطر کی نمازگروں میں ادا کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے، اس سے قبل عمرہ زائرین کو بھی اپنے اپنے ممالک واپس بھیج دیا گیا ہے۔

سعودی عرب نے اسلامی ممالک سے یہ بھی کہا ہے کہ وہ فوری طور پر حج معاہدے نہ کریں، حکام کے مطابق حج کے تمام انتظامات مکمل ہیں، تاہم حتمی فیصلہ کرونا وائرس سے پیدا شدہ صورتحال بہتر ہونے پر کیا جائے گا۔ عرب میڈیا کے مطابق سعودی حکومت نے رمضان المبارک کے دوران میں کرونا وائرس کو پھیلنے سے روکنے کیلئے نافذ کردہ کرفیو کے اوقات پر نظر ثانی کرتے ہوئے شہریوں کو صبح 9 بجے سے شام 5 بجے تک ضروری کاموں اور ضروریات زندگی کی خریداری کیلئے گھروں سے باہر جانے کی اجازت دیدی ہے۔

سعودی عرب نے گزشتہ 24 گھنٹے میں کرونا وائرس کے 1147 نئے کیسوں کی تصدیق کی ہے۔ سعودی وزارت صحت کے ترجمان کے مطابق مملکت میں اس مہلک وباء کا شکار

ہوئیوالے افراد کی تعداد 11631 ہو گئی ہے، اب تک کرونا وائرس سے 109 اموات ہو چکی ہیں۔

کورونا وائرس ترقی پذیر ممالک کی معیشتوں کو کیسے تباہ کر رہا ہے؟

دنیا میں کورونا وائرس کی وبا کے باعث اقتصادی کارکردگی میں شدید تنزلی دیکھنے میں آرہی ہے۔ ترقی پذیر ممالک یقینی طور پر اس کساد بازاری سے سخت متاثر ہوں گے جسے بین الاقوامی مالیاتی فنڈ نے 1930 کی دہائی کی گریٹ ڈپریشن کہلانے والی کساد بازاری سے اب تک کا سب سے بڑا اقتصادی بحران قرار دیا ہے۔ دنیا کا تقریباً ہر ملک اس سے متاثر ہوا ہے۔ آئی ایم ایف کو خدشہ ہے کہ امیر و غریب 170 ممالک رواں سال فی کس اقتصادی سرگرمی میں تنزلی کا سامنا کریں گے۔ اس کا مطلب ہے کہ اوسط معیار زندگی میں گراؤ آئے گی۔ ترقی پذیر ممالک کو یہ وبامختلف طریقوں سے متاثر کر رہی ہے۔ کئی ممالک صنعتوں کے زیر استعمال مال برآمد کرتی ہیں۔ دنیا بھر میں کئی فیٹیورپوں کی بندش کی وجہ سے اس سال کی طلب میں کمی واقع ہوئی ہے چنانچہ ان کی قیمتیں گری ہیں، اور کچھ معاملوں میں تو یہ تنزلی انتہائی زیادہ ہے۔

تیل اس کی سب سے بڑی مثال ہے۔ اس کی طلب میں زبردستی کمی ہوئی ہے کیونکہ کورونا وائرس لاک ڈاؤن کی وجہ سے ٹرانسپورٹ کے لیے ایندھن کی طلب کم ہوئی ہے۔ اس ایندھن 90 فیصد سے زائد خام تیل سے بنایا جاتا ہے۔

یہ صورتحال تیل کے دوسرے بڑے برآمد کنندگان روس اور سعودی عرب کے درمیان جاری قیمتوں کی جنگ کی وجہ سے مزید خراب ہوئی۔ ایسی غیر معمولی صورتحال بھی پیدا ہوئی ہے جس میں تیل کی قیمتیں صفر سے گر چکی ہیں۔ یہ تیل کی منڈی کی عمومی خاصیت نہیں ہے لیکن اس سے طلب اور رسد کے درمیان موجود زبردستی عدم توازن کی نشاندہی ضرور ہوتی ہے۔ دوسری چند چیزوں کی قیمتوں میں بھی زبردستی کمی ہوئی ہے بھلے ہی یہ کمی تیل جتنی نہیں تھی۔ مثال کے طور پر تانبہ جنوری کے وسط سے اب تک 18 فیصد سستا ہو چکا ہے جبکہ زنک کی قیمت اب 20 فیصد تک گر چکی ہے۔ قیمتوں میں اس گراؤ سے کاروبار اور ان حکومتوں کی آمدنی متاثر ہو رہی ہے جو یہ ایشیا برآمد کرتے ہیں۔

بین الاقوامی سرمایہ کاری

ترقی پذیر ممالک کو غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاروں کی جانب سے پیسہ نکالے جانے کے مسئلے کا بھی سامنا ہے۔ آئی ایم ایف کی چیف اکنامسٹ گیتا گوپنی ناتھ کا کہنا ہے کہ بین الاقوامی سرمایہ کاروں کے اندر خطرہ مول لینے کا جذبہ ماند پڑ گیا ہے۔ اس کا مطلب ہے کہ وہ اس سرمایہ کاری کو فروخت کر رہے ہیں جو ان کے نزدیک نسبتاً خطرناک ہے۔ اس میں ابھرتی ہوئی منڈیوں میں بونڈز اور شیئرز شامل ہیں۔ اس کے بجائے وہ امریکہ، یورپ اور جاپان جیسے نسبتاً محفوظ تصور کیے جانے والے ممالک میں اپنا پیسہ لگا رہے ہیں۔ وہ کہتی ہیں کہ اس کا نتیجہ دولت کے متضاد سمت میں بے مثال بہاؤ کی صورت میں نکلا ہے۔ برسلز میں واقع تھنک ٹینک بروگل کے شائع کردہ ایک بلاگ میں میریک ڈومبروسکی اور مارٹا ڈومینگیز جیمیئرز جن سے ابھرتی ہوئی معیشتوں کو درپیش تناؤ کا نئے ان کئی مالیاتی اشاریوں کا تذکرہ کیا ہے اندازہ ہوتا ہے۔

رمضان اور کورونا وائرس: کووڈ-19 کی وبا کے زمانے میں رمضان کیسا ہو گا؟

اسرائیلی فوج نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ ایک راکٹ حملے کے جواب میں اسرائیل نے غزہ اور شام یہ مہینہ غیر معمولی حالات میں آرہا ہے۔ ایسے حالات کہ جہاں دنیا بھر میں کورونا کی وبا نے لوگوں کو سماجی دوری اختیار کرنے پر مجبور کر دیا ہے اور مسلم ممالک بھی اس وبا سے محفوظ نہیں ہیں۔ کورونا کو عالمی وبا قرار دیے جانے کے چند ہفتے بعد ہی یہ واضح ہو گیا تھا کہ اس کے پھیلاؤ میں مذہبی اجتماعات کا بڑا کردار رہا ہے۔ نتیجہ یہ ہوا کہ جدید تاریخ میں پہلی بار سعودی عرب میں مکہ کی مسجد الحرام نمازیوں سے خالی کروائی گئی، عمرہ غیر معینہ مدت کے لیے معطل کر دیا گیا اور سعودی عرب نے حج کی خواہش رکھنے والوں سے درخواست کی ہے کہ وہ فی الحال اپنی سرگرمیاں ملتوی کر دیں۔ عراق اور ایران میں بھی مقدس مقامات کی زیارت کا سلسلہ موقوف ہے اور ماہرین نے ابھی تک مذہبی سیاحت کے شعبے کو ہونے والے نقصانات کا اندازہ لگانا شروع نہیں کیا ہے۔ مارچ میں مسیحیوں کے مذہبی تہوار ایٹھر سے قبل روزوں کے موقع پر سماجی دوری اور تنہائی کے لیے کیے گئے اقدامات دیکھ کر یہی لگ رہا ہے کہ ماہ رمضان میں مسلم دنیا میں بھی ایسا ہی کچھ ہونے والا ہے۔ تنہائی، سفری پابندی اور اجتماعات پر پابندی سے اسلامی رسومات اور عبادات جیسے عمرہ، نماز جمعہ اور یہاں تک کہ تہذیب تک کا عمل متاثر ہوا ہے۔ اب سوال یہ ہے کہ رمضان میں کیا ہوگا؟

روک تھام ایک قانونی ذمہ داری ہے

اسلام رمضان المبارک میں مسافروں اور مریضوں کو روزہ قصر کرنے یا نہ رکھنے کی اجازت دیتا ہے اور روح کی حفاظت اور بحالی اور اسے پہنچنے والے نقصان سے بچنے کی تاکید کرتا ہے۔ رواں برس وبا کے دوران رمضان کے روزوں کے بارے میں پہلا فتویٰ مصر میں الازہر سے سامنے آیا ہے جس کے مطابق کورونا کی وبا کے زمانے میں جب تک یہ سائنسی طور پر ثابت نہیں ہوتا کہ پانی نہ پینے سے روزہ داروں کی صحت پر اثر پڑ سکتا ہے، ان کے لیے روزہ چھوڑنا جائز نہیں۔ الازہر نے کہا: اس کا فیصلہ قابل اعتماد ڈاکٹروں کے کرنے کا ہے کیونکہ وہ انسانی صحت کو محفوظ رکھنے کے معاملے میں ماہر ہیں، اور ان کا فیصلہ ہر مسلمان پر لاگو ہوتا ہے چاہے وہ روزہ دار ہو یا نہیں۔ فتوے میں یہ بھی یاد دلایا گیا ہے کہ اسلام میں وضو کرتے ہوئے چہرہ دھونے کے ساتھ پانی منہ میں بھی داخل کیا جاتا ہے جس سے مسلمان اپنے منہ کو نم کرتے ہیں بشرطیکہ یہ پانی ان کے پیٹ میں پانی داخل نہ ہو اور ان کا روزہ باطل ہو جائے۔

الازہر میں فقہی تحقیقاتی کمیٹی نے عالمی ادارہ صحت کے ڈاکٹروں اور نمائندوں اور الازہر میں متعدد دینی ماہرین سے بات کی اور یہ نتیجہ اخذ کیا کہ ابھی تک کورونا روزے کے کسی تعلق کا کوئی سائنسی ثبوت موجود نہیں ہے۔ اس لیے کورونا کے زمانے میں بھی روزے کے سلسلے میں اسلامی شریعت کا حکم اسی طرح لاگو ہے اور تمام مسلمانوں پر روزہ کھانا فرض ہے، سوائے ان افراد کے جنہیں دین روزہ قصر کرنے یا نہ رکھنے کی اجازت دیتا ہے۔

شیخ الازہر احمد الطیب کا کہنا ہے کہ کورونا کے انفیکشن کی روک تھام کے لیے دی جانے والی ہدایات پر عمل پیرا ہونا ایک 'جائز فرض' ہے۔

الازہر نے یہ بھی کہا کہ وہ شیعہ عالم دین آیت اللہ علی سیستانی کے فتوے سے اتفاق کرتے ہیں کہ کورونا وائرس کی وبا میں مرنے والوں کو آخرت میں شہید کا رتبہ ملے۔

آیت اللہ سیستانی نے کہا ہے کہ ان کی خواہش ہے کہ وہ لوگ جنہوں نے اس وبا سے لڑنے میں اپنی زندگی کی قربانی دی انہیں 'شہید کاجر' ملے۔

کورونا وائرس: غریب مریضوں کو زکوٰۃ دی جاسکتی ہے، مفتی اعظم دینی

دنیا بھر میں 80 ہزار سے زائد افراد اس وائرس کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں۔ 2800 افراد دینی کے مفتی اعظم اور شعبہ اسلامی امور و خیرات میں دارالافتاء کے ڈائریکٹر احمد بن عبدالعزیز الحداد نے کہا ہے کہ، "مسلمان اپنی زکوٰۃ کورونا وائرس کے غریب نادار مریضوں کو دے سکتے ہیں، مریض زکوٰۃ کی رقم علاج اور دوسری ضروریات پر صرف کر سکتے ہیں۔ العربیہ اردو کے مطابق مفتی اعظم دینی نے وضاحت کی ہے کہ زکوٰۃ کی رقم اسپتال جیسے کسی ادارے کو طبی آلات کی خریداری یا ملازمین کے اخراجات پورا کرنے کیلئے نہیں دی جاسکتی کیونکہ زکوٰۃ مستحق افراد کا حق ہے اور ان ہی کیلئے مختص ہے۔ البتہ انہوں نے کہا ہے کہ اسپتالوں کی صدقے کے ذریعے امداد کی جاسکتی ہے، مسلمانوں پر صدقہ و خیرات دینے پر کوئی پابندی عائد نہیں اور وہ ایسی رقم کو کسی کو بھی دے سکتے ہیں۔ زکوٰۃ اسلام کا چوتھا رکن ہے، اول تین اراکین کلمہ، نماز اور روزہ ہیں، جبکہ حج سب سے آخری رکن ہے۔ زکوٰۃ کے ذریعے ناداروں، غریبوں، مسکینوں، مسافروں اور غلاموں کی مدد کی جاتی ہے، اسلامی معاشرے میں غربت کیخلاف جنگ کا یہ ایک اہم ذریعہ ہے۔ دنیا بھر میں کورونا وائرس سے متاثرہ افراد کی تعداد

تقریباً 30 لاکھ تک پہنچ چکی ہے، ایک لاکھ 86 ہزار سے زائد افراد موت کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں، لاکھوں مریض اب بھی زیر علاج ہیں اور ہزاروں کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ دوسری جانب کورونا وائرس سے بچاؤ کیلئے حفاظتی اقدامات کے تحت دنیا کے بیشتر ممالک میں لاک ڈاؤن کے باعث معاشی سرگرمیاں بھی معطل ہیں، جس کے نتیجے میں لوگوں کو اپنی ضروریات زندگی پوری کرنے میں مزید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔

کورونا وائرس: صحت یاب ہونے والوں سے خون کا عطیہ دینے کی اپیل

برطانیہ نے کورونا وائرس سے صحت یاب ہونے والوں کے خون سے اس مرض میں مبتلا مریضوں کا علاج کرنے سے متعلق کوششیں تیز کر دی ہیں۔ برطانوی محکمہ صحت کے بلڈ ٹرانسپلانٹ کے ادارے نے کووڈ-19 سے شفا یاب ہونے والوں سے خون کا عطیہ دینے کا کہا ہے تاکہ وٹرائل کر کے اندازہ لگا سکیں کہ یہ کس حد فائدہ مند ہے۔ یہ امید کی جا رہی ہے کہ کورونا سے صحت یاب ہونے والوں کی اینٹی باڈیز اب دوسرے مریضوں سے اس وائرس کے خاتمے کی وجہ ہوگی۔ امریکہ نے پہلے ہی 1500 سے زائد ہسپتالوں میں اس بڑے تحقیقاتی منصوبے کا آغاز کر دیا ہے۔ برطانوی محکمہ صحت کے خون کے عطیات لینے والی تنظیم نے اب ایسے افراد سے رابطہ شروع کر دیا ہے جو اس وائرس سے صحت یاب ہوئے ہیں تاکہ یہ تجربہ کیا جاسکے کہ پلازما سے کورونا کے مریضوں کا علاج ممکن ہے یا نہیں۔

Paigaam Legal Column: Former Couple's Division of Property Decided By Judge

By Basser Akoodie

Unmarried couples frequently intermingle their property whilst the relationship still continues, but sorting out who owns what after separation can pose a serious challenge. That was certainly so in the case of a former couple who, between them, owned two former council houses when their relationship ended in acrimony.

During their relationship, which lasted more than 25 years, the couple exercised their right to buy their respective council houses. After encountering financial difficulties, the man had transferred his former home into the woman's name with the result that she became the sole registered owner of both properties. The former couple failed to reach agreement on a fair division of property following the end of their relationship, and the matter went to court.

In ruling on the matter, the judge found that the woman held her former council home on trust for herself and the man equally. A trust deed to that effect had recently been located and held sway. The property was no longer required as a family home for the former couple's children, who had reached adulthood. The judge directed that the property should be sold and the proceeds divided equally between the pair.

In respect of the man's former council home, the judge found that the woman held it on trust for him absolutely. Neither of them lived in the house during the relationship and, as an investment property, it had been let out to tenants. Following its transfer into the woman's name, the man had retained control over it and discharged the mortgage from the tenants' rent. The man being the sole beneficial owner of the property, there was no basis on which its sale could be ordered.

It should be noted that at present people who have married by way of a Nikah and not registered the marriage, under English Law are still classed as unmarried couples.

Protecting Brand Names - BMW Comes Down Hard on Small Businessman

Companies that spend millions on establishing their brands in the public mind have the comfort of knowing that the law will protect their investments. In a case on point, vehicle manufacturer BMW came down hard on a small businessman who set up a company which featured those three letters in its name.



After BMW issued passing off and trade mark infringement proceedings against him, the businessman pointed out that his initials are BMW and that his company has nothing to do with the automotive industry. Operating as a one-man band, he did not advertise the services he provided through the company and only used the company name when invoicing a single client.

Faced with BMW's claims, he agreed to change the company's name by deleting the capital letter 'M' from its title. BMW had no further objection to the company's name, but nevertheless continued with the proceedings on the basis that there was, arising from his past conduct, a risk that he might seek to register another company incorporating the BMW acronym.

BMW won the initial case and the High Court found that the company's original name created a likelihood of confusion amongst those consulting the register of companies, a significant proportion of whom might have assumed that the company was in some way connected to BMW. The ruling opened the way for BMW to seek an injunction restraining the businessman from making further offending use of the ac

Making a Will? Don't Forget Your Moral Obligations

You are in principle entitled to bequeath your worldly wealth to whoever you choose under English Law. However, as a High Court decision made clear, the law will intervene if you ignore your moral obligations when making your will.

A successful motor dealer and property investor, who died at the age of 95, left the whole of his seven-figure estate to his granddaughter. His son and sole surviving child received nothing. The son's response was to launch proceedings, seeking reasonable provision from his father's estate.

In ruling on the matter, the Court found that, from an early age, there was something seriously wrong in the son's relationship with his parents. His father had decided to disinherit him in the 1970s, but had continued to assure him that he would in due course receive a fair share of his assets. Following a final rift, there was no direct contact between father and son during the last 24 years of the father's life.

The court noted that the son, aged 77, was in declining health, did not own his own home and was in precarious financial circumstances. He had for years worked hard in the family business and his father owed him a moral obligation based on the assurances of an inheritance that he had given him. The father's estate had yet to be finally valued but, on the assumption that it was worth about £1.4 million after tax, the Court upheld the son's claim to a lump sum of £125,000.

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Shariah in alignment with Public health

Washing hands is one of the key messages from the government to combat the coronavirus.

Islamic washing, known as Wudhu (Ablution) ordained by Prophet (Peace and blessing be upon Him) over 1400 years ago show how progressive Islamic practices are and how Islam take the hygiene seriously.

Islamic Shariah requires Muslims to clean their body before offering the prayers. This practice among Muslims not only contains physical benefits but also spiritual.

Ritual purity

The Prophet (Peace and blessing be upon Him) left detailed guidance in the form of the Quran and the Hadith for Muslims on how to live every aspects of their lives, including how to pray, fast and stay ritually pure.

According to the Shariah, there are minor and major impurities.

Minor impurities involve urinating, defecating and sleeping, among other practices.

A person of Muslim faith is supposed to perform a ablution to get rid of these minor impurities before praying.

The Ablution is to be performed according to the exact manner in Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessing be upon Him) before praying,

which takes place five times a day.

Before each prayer, According to Shariah the essential requirements for the ablution are – first hands (up to the wrist), then mouth, nose, face, hands again up to the elbows, head and ears, and finally and feet up to the ankles.

While washing with water is required when it is available, if a person has limited access to water, then a Muslim is permitted to use dust or sometimes sand or other natural materials.

A Hadith from the Prophet (Peace and Blessing be Upon Him) also describes the Earth as a purifying agent if there is a scarcity of water for washing.

Washing Before Bed

Apart from this, the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon Him) advised Muslims to perform the wudhu before going to bed.

The hadith says: “Whenever you go to bed perform ablution like that for the prayer...”

Sahih al-Bukhari 247

Washing Hands in the Morning

Even on waking up, the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon Him) we are required to wash hands. Abu Huraira reported:

The Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon Him), said, “When one of you awakens from sleep, do not let him dip his hands into the vessel until he washes them three times. Verily, he does not know where his hand spent the night.”

Sahih al-Bukhari 160, Sahih Muslim 278

Islam’s alignment with public health guidelines

In view of the guidance on what do during this pandemic to reduce the risk coronavirus transmission, The Indian Muslim Welfare Society along with Scholars in and around the UK and the world have stressed that these practices are already aligned with public health guidance.

Interestingly the rule of 20 seconds can be found in Hadith where is says you must wash three times.

“A good number of the verses of Holy Quran and traditions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) provide the best guideline for human beings in order to enjoy the highest standard of personal hygiene than other people of the world,” wrote Ali Muhammad Bhat and Aijaz Ahmad Qureshi, who are academics at Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, India-administered Kashmir.





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Paigaam Health: Advice for everyone (COVID-19)

Stay at home to stop coronavirus spreading

Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

You should only leave your home for very limited purposes:

Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible

One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household

Any medical need, including to donate blood, avoid or escape risk of injury or harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person

Travelling for work purposes, but only where you cannot work from home.

Important

These reasons are exceptions – even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household.

How to stop infection spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus.

Do

Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.

Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.

Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.

Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Don't

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

Looking after your health and wellbeing

To help yourself stay well while you're at home:

Stay in touch with family and friends over the phone or on social media.

Try to keep yourself busy – you could try activities like cooking, reading and online learning.

Do light exercise at home, or outside once a day – see NHS fitness studio: exercises you can do at home.

Consider taking 10 micrograms of vitamin D a day if you're indoors most of the day – this is to keep your bones and muscles healthy.

What to do if you need medical help

If you need medical help for any reason, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new, continuous cough), use the 111 coronavirus service.

If you need help or advice not related to coronavirus:

For health information and advice, use the NHS website or your GP surgery website.

For urgent medical help, use the NHS 111 online service – only call 111 if you're unable to get help online.

For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance

Pregnancy advice

If you're pregnant and worried about coronavirus, you can get advice about coronavirus and pregnancy from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Volunteer to help the NHS

You can help people at high risk of getting seriously ill from coronavirus by joining the NHS Volunteer Responders.

If you are worried about Coronavirus

The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak means that life is changing for all of us for a while. It may cause you to feel anxious, stressed, worried, sad, bored, lonely or frustrated.

It's important to remember it is OK to feel this way and that everyone reacts differently. Remember, this situation is temporary and, for most of us, these difficult feelings will pass.

There are some simple things you can do to help you take care of your mental health and wellbeing during times of uncertainty. Doing so will help you think clearly, and make sure you are able to look after yourself and those you care about.

Here are some ways you can help improve your mental health and wellbeing if you are worried or anxious about the coronavirus outbreak.

1. Stay connected with people

Maintaining healthy relationships with people we trust is important for our mental wellbeing, so think about how you can stay in touch with friends and family while needing to stay at home.

You could try phone calls, video calls or social media instead of meeting in person – whether it's with people you normally see often or connecting with old friends.

2. Talk about your worries

It's normal to feel a bit worried, scared or helpless about the current situation. Remember: it is OK to share your concerns with others you trust – and doing so may help them too.

If you cannot speak to someone you know or if doing so has not helped, there are plenty of helplines you can try instead.

3. Support and help others

Helping someone else can benefit you as well as them, so try to be a little more understanding of other people's concerns, worries or behaviours at this time.

Try to think of things you can do to help those around you. Is there a friend or family member nearby you could message? Are there any community groups you could join to support others locally?

Remember, it is important to do this in line with official coronavirus guidance to keep everyone safe.

4. Look after your body

Our physical health has a big impact on how we feel.

At times like these, it can be easy to fall into unhealthy patterns of behaviour that end up making you feel worse.

Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, drink enough water and exercise regularly.

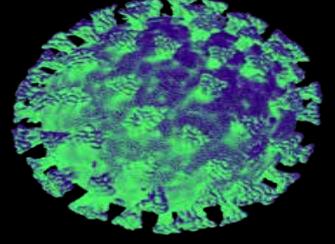
You can leave your house, alone or with members of your household, for 1 form of exercise a day – like a walk, run or bike ride.

But make you keep a safe 2-metre distance from others. Or you could try some 10-minute home workouts.

5. Look after your sleep

Good-quality sleep makes a big difference to how we feel mentally and physically, so it is important to get enough.

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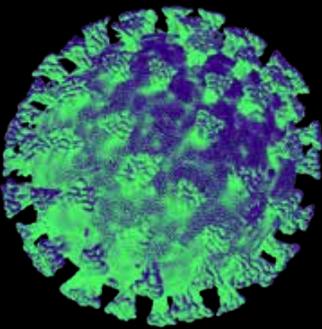


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کوئی بھی کرونا وائرس پھیلا سکتا ہے۔

گھر سے نکلنے کی واحد وجوہات ہیں:

- ✔ بنیادی ضروریات زندگی کی خریداری یا دوا لینے جانا
- ✔ جب آپ قطعاً گھر سے کام نہ سکیں تو کام کی جگہ تک کا سفر کرنا
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- ✘ دوسروں سے ہرگز نہ ملیں چاہے وہ دوست یا رشتہ دار ہی کیوں نہ ہوں

SADAQAT-UL-FITR

Sadaqat-ul-fitr is an obligation for every Muslim, male or female, who owns 613.35 grams of silver or its equivalent, either in the form of money, ornaments, stock-in-trade, or in the form of some goods or commodities beyond one's normal needs.

Every person who owns such an amount has to pay Sadaqat-ul-fitr, not only on behalf of himself but also on behalf of his minor children.

The wisdom behind this act is to purify the month long fasting of the Muslims to enable the poor and less fortunate to also enjoy the celebration of Eid.

The prescribed amount of Sadaqat-ul-fitr is 1.75 Kilograms of wheat or its value in money or 3.5 kilograms of barley, dates or raisins (or its value in money). One of the reasons why you would see a difference in the amount to be paid for Sadaqat-ul-fitr from area to area is due the price differences of the mentioned food items in different areas and also due to which item is selected.

Namaz and Tarawee at Home During Lock Down

1. During the Social isolation, people should pray namaaz and Tarawee at home.
2. People in every house should make their own Jamaat or read individually if Jamaat is not possible. Neighbours must not be called to join the Jamaat.
3. Giving Azan in the house is not necessary. Iqaamat can be called by Imam himself or by any man behind him.
4. It is not necessary to read a long surah. However, it is compulsory to read the Quran correctly. Therefore, even if you know the last 10 Surah's, they can be recited.
5. Taraweeh namaz consists of 20 rakaats after Isha namaaz. It is prayed in units of two rakaats.
6. If there is a Hafiz in the house, he can read complete Quran during tarawee.
7. The Imam can only be a baaligh (mature) man. Ladies or nabaaligh son can not be Imam.
8. Imam will have to make Niyat for doing Imam of Ladies if any ladies are joining the Jamaat.
9. Everything is read silently if any Namaz or Tarweeh is done individually, without Jamaat.

To understand it better 1.75kg of wheat cost about £3.47, 3.5kg Safawi dates cost (normal) £25.24, 3.5kg Ajwaa dates cost (normal) £69.93 (premium) £93.24, 3.5kg of barley cost £3.85 and 3.5kg of raisins cost £10.33. One can choose any of the above amounts to pay their Sadaqat-ul-fitr.

This amount is prescribed for paying Sadaqat-ul-fitr for one person only. If a person has some minor children, the same amount has to be paid on behalf of each one of them separately.

The following points must be remembered concerning the payment of Sadaqat-ul-fitr:

1. Sadaqat-ul-fitr is an obligation on each adult male or female separately, and the relevant adult person himself is responsible to pay it. The husband is not required to pay Sadaqat-ul-fitr on behalf of his wife nor is the wife supposed to pay it on behalf of her husband. Similarly, a father is not bound to pay Sadaqat-ul-fitr on behalf of his

adult children or vice-versa. However, if the head of the family, by his own free will, wishes to pay Sadaqat-ul-fitr for each one of the members of his family, he should seek their permission first. It is the duty of every adult member of the family to discharge his own obligation or to request the head of the family to pay it on his or her behalf.

2. It is a Sunnah that the Sadaqat-ul-fitr is paid before performing the Eid prayer. It can also be paid before the Eid day, but it is not advisable to delay it up to the performance of Eid prayer. However, if a person has failed to pay on its proper time, he should pay it as soon as possible.
3. The Sadaqat-ul-fitr is not necessary on behalf of a child who was born after the break of dawn on 'Eid day, nor is it necessary to pay Sadaqat-ul-fitr on behalf of a person who dies before the dawn of Eid day.
4. Sadaqat-ul-fitr should be paid only to a person who is entitled to receive Zakah.

10. The 3 rakaats of Witr Jamaat is prayed after Tarawee.
11. A person not joining the Jamaat can Not correct mistake of Imam during the Namaz. Any mistake can be pointed out after Salaam. May The Almighty accept all our ibaadaat, and save us from every other affliction in both worlds, Aamin.



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રમઝાન મુબારકમાં લોકડાઉન નિમિત્તે ઘરમાં નમાજ/તરાવીહ પઢવા વિશે.

- નમાજ વ્યક્તિગત રીતે પઢી શકાય પણ શક્ય હોય ત્યાં જમાત સાથે પઢવું વધુ સારું.
- સોશયલ આઈસોલેશન (એકાંતવાસ) દરમિયાન આડોશ પાડોશથી નમાજીઓને બોલાવી એકઠા કરવા નહીં. પોતાના ઘરમાં, ઘરના માણસો સાથે જમાત કરી શકે અથવા વ્યક્તિગત નમાજ/તરાવીહ અદા કરી શકે છે.
- ઘરમાં અઝાન આપવું જરૂરી નથી. ઈમામ પોતે પણ ઈકામત કહી શકે, અથવા એમની પાછળ કોઈ હોય તો તે પણ કહી શકે.
- ઘરમાં જે સારું કુરઆન પઢી શકે, તેણે ઈમામ બનવું જોઈએ અને કુરઆનનો કોઈ ભાગ કે સુરા જે સારી રીતે પઢી શકે તે પઢવું. એકજ સુરા દરેક રકાતમાં વારંવાર પણ પઢી શકે. લાંબી સુરત પઢવી જરૂરી નથી. પણ કુરઆનનું સહી પઢવું ખાસ જરૂરી છે.
- વ્યક્તિગત (એકલા) નમાજ/તરાવીહ પઢતા હોય તો તેમણે સાયલન્ટલી (મનમાં ધીમા અવાજે) પઢવું.
- ઈશાની નમાજ પછી બબ્બે રકાતમાં ૨૦ રકાત પુરી કરવી. ચાર રકાત પછી થોડીવાર માટે થોભવું જરૂરી નથી. ઈમામે મોટેથી દરેક રકાતમાં કુરઆન પઢવું.
- ઘરમાં જો હાફિઝ હોય તો આખું કુરઆન પઢવું. પાછળ કોઈ હાફિઝ ન હોય તો ઓડિયો રેકોર્ડિંગ પણ કરી શકે અને જે ભૂલ હોય તો તે બીજા દિવસે તરાવીહની શરૂઆતમાં તે ભૂલો સુધારી લેવી.
- વીતરની નમાજ તરાવીહ પૂરી થયા પછી પઢવી. ઈમામે વીતરની દરેક રકાતમાં મોટે અવાજે સુરત પઢવી. વ્યક્તિગત પઢનારાએ સુરતો મનમાં ધીમેથી પઢવી.

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