

## Our Honour



## Our Love

Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has joined Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in lambasting French President Emmanuel Macron for his recent comments on Islam.

Khan and Erdogan criticised Macron after the French president dedicated a high-level ceremony to Samuel Paty, a teacher who was beheaded for showing students caricatures of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). "It is unfortunate that he

(Macron) has chosen to encourage Islamophobia by attacking Islam rather than the terrorists who carry out violence, be it Muslims, white supremacists or Nazi ideologists," said Khan.

"Sadly, President Macron has chosen to deliberately provoke Muslims, including his own citizens, through encouraging the display of blasphemous cartoons targeting Islam and our Prophet (PBUH). "By attacking Islam, clearly

without having any understanding of it, President Macron has attacked and hurt the sentiments of millions of Muslims in Europe and across the world.

President Erdogan questioned Macron's mental state, insisting the French President requires treatment and "mental checks" over his attitude towards Muslims and Islam.

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## PAIGAAM EDITORIAL

# The Impact of Covid on our Lives

As Covid 19 continues to wreak havoc with our lives we are all wondering how much more we can take and when will life return to normal?

We have endured this virus for over 8 months so how much longer is it going to remain a threat to our lives?

Just when we thought we were coming through it we are back in again with more lockdowns and restrictions.

Not so long ago many of us were enjoying eating out in restaurants spurred on by the Government's 50% off deals.

Now summer has gone and the long cold winter nights will be with us and will heap more misery on us.

Our children have been suffering, their education has been affected and the impact on schools, colleges and universities has been enormous.

Children haven't been able to enjoy normal childhood like playing out freely with their friends and mixing with wider family members.

Grandparents have had to endure being stuck at home and generally the elderly have had to tolerate a very

torrid time during the Covid period.

On top of all this many people have lost their jobs with many businesses small and large being affected.

With such a colossal and worldwide impact the economy has taken a gigantic hit like never before.

The question is how long will it take to recover from this disaster?

We have endured closed shops, restaurants and sports facilities.

For Muslims, even the month of Ramadhan and Eid celebrations were curtailed due to Covid.

Masjids and Madrassah's were also closed for a prolonged period of time.

So we have all endured a great deal in our personal and community life.

It goes against our nature to keep our distance from people, not being able to socialise, not being able to hug our families in the normal manner.

So what can we do to cope with this invisible enemy?

We know very well that we should be following Government guidelines, keeping to the social distancing rules,

wearing face masks when we go out and washing our hands regularly and generally being careful to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

We have witnessed too many deaths locally and nationally and families have been devastated from losing their loved ones.

So let's take this very seriously and protect ourselves all of the time.

Let's do our best to support our families and not fall victim to anxiety and depression.

We need to be resilient and mentally strong with the support of our strong faith and belief that we will all get through this.

Let's also hope that people who have lost their livelihoods are better supported and do not have to endure hardships on their own.

Covid has devastated people from across all social groups so we are all victims together.

Let's also hope that each and every country around the world and their people receive all of the support that they will need.

## Ismail bhai Basser: Obituary

The sudden passing of the very well respected and selfless Ismail bhai Basar has seen an outpouring of tributes and prayers from the local community.

Admired by many, he played a pivotal role in establishing Zakaria Muslim Girl's High School.

He was involved with the organisation since 1982 and worked diligently for over 35 years to help

facilitate its progress and success.

During this time at the school, the establishment went through many financial issues.

However, thanks to his sincere sacrifices and that of other volunteers, his hard work paid off as he persevered against all odds and played a major role in collecting much needed donations.

Thus he played a major role in

ensuring hundreds of our girls qualified as Aalimas, teachers, doctors, dentists, accountants and nurses.

Ismail bhai Basser's departure is a loss to Batley as a whole.

May the Almighty grant him the reward of a martyr, turn his grave in to a resting place of peace, grant him the highest stage in Jannatul Firdos, and may he grant all his family members sabre Jameel. Aamin.

# Call for boycott of French goods



“What is the problem of this person called Macron with Muslims and Islam? Macron needs treatment on a mental level,” Erdogan said in a speech.

“What else can be said to a head of state who does not understand freedom of belief and who behaves in this way to millions of people living in his country who are members of a different faith? First of all, have mental checks.”

Following his comments, France recalled its envoy to Turkey for consultations after deeming Erdogan’s speech “unacceptable”.

“President Erdogan’s comments are unacceptable. Excess and rudeness are not a method.

We demand that Erdogan change the course of his policy because it is dangerous in every respect,” a French presidential official told the AFP news agency.

Macron has found himself the subject of protests throughout the Islamic world as anger continues grows at his defence of cartoons of the Prophet P.B.U.H.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators have taken to the streets of Bangladesh, Pakistan, Iraq, Turkey and Palestine.

Calls for a widespread boycott of French goods have gathered pace with shops in Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan and Palestine already pulling products including makeup and food from the shelves.

Macron also described Islam as a religion “in crisis” worldwide and said the government would present a bill in

December to strengthen a 1905 law that officially separated church and state in France.

France and Turkey are at loggerheads over a range of issues including maritime rights in the eastern Mediterranean, Libya, Syria and most recently the escalating conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh.

Macron did not directly respond to Khan and Erdogan, but issued a tweet saying that the French government respects all differences in “a spirit of peace.”

We will always be on the side of human dignity and universal values,” said Macron.

Khan also sought a ban on Islamophobic content on Facebook, akin to the ban Facebook has in place for the Holocaust.

In a letter to the company’s CEO Mark Zuckerberg, the Pakistani premier said that growing Islamophobia was “encouraging hate, extremism and violence across the world, and especially through the use of social media platforms, including Facebook.”

In the letter, Khan called out “anti-Muslim laws” in India and France’s decision to allow the “publication of blasphemous cartoons targeting Islam and our Holy Prophet.”

Rabetah AlUlamah Alislamiyah, the institute of Muslim Scholars said the personage of the Prophet P.B.U.H is sacrosant for every Muslim.

“Every Muslim would insist that their life is expended in upholding the honour of the Prophet P.B.U.H.

“It therefore leaves the global Muslim community heartbroken that the French President has chosen to encourage attacks on the honour of the Prophet P.B.U.H.

“We urge French politicians and society to reverse this hurtful course, and reject politics of hate, recognising the sensitivities of their religious minorities and respecting their beliefs and traditions.”

Dr Imtiaz Patel, Chair of IMWS said: “Whilst we condemn the murder of any innocent human being, we are also very sad that the French government has chosen to attack all Muslims.

“This cannot be the best way forward to bring people together in such difficult times, especially after three more people have died in a knife attack at a church in Nice.”

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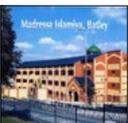
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# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Whilst Covid 19 again has been the headline story across all news and many may feel that they are tired of hearing about it, we still need to stay alert and not become complacent on this issue.

14 days ago from writing this article, I along with members of the family, felt we had to get tested for the Covid virus.

Unfortunately two members of the family tested positive. This meant that the whole household went into a 14 day self isolation period.

When an immediate family member shows marked symptoms and you hear of members in our community succumbing to this dreadful disease, it makes you realise how fine the life balance is and appreciate ones health.

The things we take for granted, your family and friends, work colleagues, health and most importantly of all, one's Imaan.

An event like this makes one realise how fortunate we are. It also made me appreciate the households that our partners undertake in helping the smooth running of our homes. I want to use this platform to sincerely thank all the well wishers and those who made

duas for the speedy recovery of my family members.

Praises to our Creator that all have recovered and are back to normality.

Luckily, prior to the isolation period, I had enrolled onto the Sanatayn course at Masjid-e-Maahmoodyah, Taylor Street and had the kitaabs that were to be covered in my possession.

The two weeks were ideal for me to read from these kitaabs, and in particular the one I found most interesting entitled "Seeratul Mustafa" by Hadhrat Moulana Muhammad Idress Khaandhelwi Saahib, I strongly recommend this to anyone who wants to learn about our beloved Nabi (SAW), it is well written, clear, concise and easy to follow and understand.

Often one hears or sees video clippings dismissing this dreadful virus and that it's all part of a big conspiracy, but when you have firsthand experience of members in our community who were with us and now no longer walking amongst us, you realise that this is very real and we need to take it seriously. I strongly advise that we follow the guidelines and wear face masks as they are for our benefit.

Our Masjid committees have done a

tremendous job in putting all the policies and procedures in place to safeguard the musallees.

Unfortunately upon leaving places of worship, you see individuals congregating, or in our local shops where social distancing is not being adhered to.

Being unable to go the funeral prayers of my neighbour, the late Gulam mama Nadat, and that of others was also rather heartbreaking. I pray that the Almighty safeguards all of us from this terrible disease.

Please pray that those who have passed away, including ismail mama Basser are granted the highest place in the Janntul Firdos.

Ismail mama, a true gentleman and a close family friend with whom I went on a week long trip to Andalusia (Spain), had the utmost respect for the Ulema.

His dedication to Zakaria Muslim Girl's High School and the social work he did in Alipor was exemplary.

With best wishes,  
Dr Imtiyaz Patel  
Chair  
IMWS



# GENERAL MANAGER'S COLUMN

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

The aim of the project is to help alleviate hunger from Batley and Dewsbury. This is a six-month specialist project to support the Vulnerable, those on low incomes and people who are currently in isolation.

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

The second phase which

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Al Hikmah Centre Update

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# Residents urge council to take swift action

Local residents in the Batley Carr area of Batley who live in close proximity to Bradford Road have expressed their frustration and anger at a newly opened business for emitting fine particles of sand that are considered to be hazardous to health into residential areas.

A plethora of people who reside in the area have appealed to Kirklees Council to take swift action and close down the Arrow Mix Concrete operation.

Mr Aziz Daji, a local resident, wrote to Council Leader Shabbir Pandor and Councillor Habiban Zaman expressing his dismay.

He told Paigaam: "It has been bought to my attention that Arrow Concrete on Bradford Road, Batley next to Redbrick Mills, who have taken over the site from Gwyn Davies, are causing a lot of problems and concerns for local residents.

"What is happening is that their sand and cement operation is causing problems as the sand is blowing all over the area all the time and it means children can't play outside so it is also a big health hazard for local children and residents. It is also blocking water pipes and all the residents are really fed up."

Mr Daji also claimed residents living across the road cannot open their windows for ventilation purposes as they are afraid the dust will enter into their homes.

"It is affecting children living in the area who have to walk past to go to school and Mosque as the sand and cement blows all day.

"I have myself seen the dust from this business operation under cars and also on cars and the house windows. So this is not a flimsy complaint. I am told residents have

approached the owners about covering up the blowing dust better and resolving the problem but the owners are denying any problems and refusing to listen.

"I am also told that they are running this business without a permit. I would appreciate your urgent help with this matter and would urge the council to take swift action on this matter."

Following Mr Daji's complaint, the Council has confirmed that they are "aware of the company in question as a number of complaints have been received.

Council officers have also visited the site and impressed upon the owners that they require a Permit in order to operate.

Councillor Rob Walker, Cabinet Member for Environment, told Paigaam: "We really sympathise with local residents for the

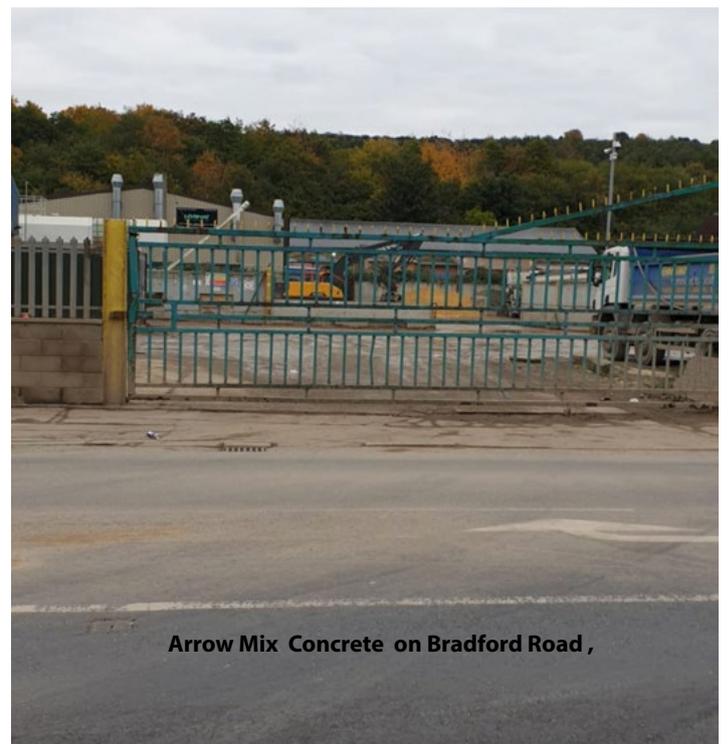
inconvenience and upset this issue is causing. I'd like to reassure you that we are now in a position to begin an enforcement process.

"We became aware of the company operating a cement process without a permit on 18 August 2020. We started receiving complaints from members of the public mainly around dust on 14 September.

"We have been investigating the issues surrounding the site and problems caused. Unfortunately, these matters are not easy to address quickly, as we must work with businesses to resolve issue informally if we can.

"Where businesses do not resolve issues, we then need to gather evidence to justify formal enforcement action which we are now in a position to do.

"We'd like to thank local residents for their cooperation and assistance."



Arrow Mix Concrete on Bradford Road ,

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# IMWS distribute women's hygiene packs in the community

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The volunteers, brought together by the IMWS women's committee, are stationed around a number of tables working assembly-line style to fill bags with the products.

The goal is to fill 500 bags that will be distributed throughout Batley, Dewsbury and North Kirklees.

Available to any female from households claiming benefits or students on free meals, it is envisaged each bag will provide products needed to cover one monthly period.

The kit assembly is the culmination of a project spearheaded by Centre Manager Nadeem Raja and Adult Learning Co-ordinator, Shamim Ali worked on the project in conjunction with the women's committee.

"There are all sorts of things that make it hard to be able to afford the basics, this is a basic need, this is not extra," says Nadeem.

"It is something that every woman needs, every teenage girl needs and we need to be able to help provide access to that."

Shamim believes female pupils could be skipping up to a week of school every single month because they cannot afford feminine hygiene products.

She also believes that women and girls are simply too afraid to ask for them due to the ridiculous stigma and shame

still attached to periods.

"We felt that not only would this be a service project that we would be able to do for the women in the area, but also as an advocacy project, raising awareness of the issue," said Shamim.

"No woman should have to endure feminine hygiene poverty."

"This project has served to show that IMWS along with the IMWS women's committee hope to help many women with this project."

She also said the organisation is hoping to set up a number of initiatives, with the aim of engaging Asian community.

By the end of the afternoon, the feminine hygiene packs are filled and ready to go.

"It was great to see so many people pull together for a great initiative," said Shamim.

"This will help a great deal of women from a variety of

backgrounds. It is not only about serving the Muslim community.

"We are here to help the wider community too."

"That is a pretty big statement, and this project is going to serve a lot of girls and women."

Please contact IMWS directly if you need a feminine aid pack or if you know someone who is struggling and would benefit from a parcel.

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# Opinion: Is Labour Leader Kier Starmer a wolf in sheep's clothing?

Sometimes us men are sweet, well-meaning idiots (think Homer Simpson, Ricky Gervais, all your Gujarati uncles).

Sometimes they come across as testosterone fuelled, blundering idiots (the Mitchell brothers, local rude boys).

However, even the clever ones can be idiots. Let us cite one prime example: Labour leader, Keir Starmer.

After studying law at Leeds University and Oxford University, the man who replaced (and then suspended) Jeremy Corbyn was appointed Queen's Counsel back in 2002 and has conducted cases at the highest level in England and Wales, including over 30 cases in the House of Lords and before the Privy Council.

He has also conducted cases all over the world, including in international courts such as the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Caribbean Court of Justice and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights.

He was named as QC of the Year in the field of human rights and public law in 2007 and has written several leading textbooks, including the Three Pillars of Liberty: Political Rights and Freedoms in the UK (1996), European Human Rights Law (1999), Criminal Justice, Police Powers and Human Rights (2001) and the Human Rights Manual and Sourcebook for Africa (2005).

From 2003-2008, Starmer was the human rights advisor to the Policing Board in Northern Ireland. He was also the Director of Public

Prosecutions and Head of the Crown Prosecution Service from 2008-2013, a member of the International Association of Prosecutors and an Honorary Fellow at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University and holds honorary doctorate degrees from Leeds University, Essex University, the University of East London and the London School of Economics.

Despite boasting the rather impressive CV that would make any world leader red with envy, Keir sahib once unleashed a diplomatic cock up of epic proportions.

One that would make any self-respecting individual scratch his or her head.

Why, oh, why would someone who has 'written the book' on human rights, seemingly suck up to India's Hindu - chauvinist government and turn his back on fighting for the rights of the oppressed?

After meeting lobbyists from Labour Friends of India (LFI), the new Labour leader appeared to have changed the party's position on Kashmir under the pretence of "rebuilding trust" with the Indian community.

Labour, under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, passed an emergency motion at their annual party conference last year stating that Kashmir "is a disputed territory and the people of Kashmir should be given the right of self-determination in accordance with UN resolutions."

However, Starmer, in true pseudo leader manner, turned his back on an area where more than half a million troops and militia are stationed and thousands of people, mainly

civilians, have been killed.

"Any constitutional issues in India are a matter for the Indian Parliament, and Kashmir is a bilateral issue for India and Pakistan to resolve peacefully.

"Labour is an internationalist party and stands for the defence of human rights everywhere," Starmer said on April 30.

An open letter was widely circulated on social media at the weekend signed by Labour members who said Mr Starmer's statement had caused them "grave concern."

It read: "Many of us supported your leadership campaign in light of your promise to continue the very successful policy direction implemented under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, which included a firm commitment to an ethical foreign policy."

In addition, a letter signed by representatives from 100 masjids and community centres, threatened to withdraw their support for Labour if Starmer did not withdraw his "factually wrong comments."

"We wish to remind you that Kashmir is not a bilateral issue, evidenced by the 11 UN Security Council Resolutions which declare Kashmir a disputed territory and that the people of Kashmir have the right to self-determination, something which was enshrined in India's constitution," the letter further read.

However, not everyone deemed Starmer's comments to be grotesque.

Lord Rami, the former Chairman of the Conservative Friends of India welcomed the

Labour leader's overture to India.

He is of the opinion that Starmer could indeed be a friend to Narendra Modi's right wing Hindu extremist government.

"Labour during the election polarised British citizens on Indian and Pakistani origins by taking a strong anti-India stand.

"The Labour leadership tried to undermine a secular and democratic country where equality for all is enshrined in the Constitution."

Following a letter from the Muslim Council of Britain's Legal Affairs Committee seeking clarification on the Labour Party's position on Kashmir, the Leader of the Opposition seemingly backtracked on his comments.

He stated that the position of the Labour Party has not changed and the party continues to support the previous UN resolutions on the rights of the Kashmiri people.

He also confirmed his commitment to promoting peace and human rights.

Debbie Abrahams, MP for the Oldham East and Saddleworth, said she had spoken to both Starmer and Lisa Nandy, the shadow foreign secretary, about Kashmir.

She said that she took the opportunity to remind them of their obligations to the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"We agreed that as a signatory of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we are obliged to speak up wherever and whenever there are breaches in human rights," she said.

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



As the virus starts to rise again it's deeply saddening to hear of deaths due to Covid rising in our community.

I want to use my column to talk about the issues people are facing as we look towards another 6 months of COVID and different restrictions.

I'm particularly concerned that the bodies of loved ones aren't being released from hospital in a timely fashion and I have raised this with Mid Yorkshire Trust and will continue to do so.

As you may be aware, the government has introduced a 3 tier system of restrictions, with tier 1 being national restrictions such as the rule of six and a 10pm curfew for pubs and restaurants.

Tier 3, which we find ourselves in, involves the complete shutdown of pubs that do not serve food, as well as a complete ban on households mixing – indoors or outdoors.

I believe that Tier 3 must come in conjunction with a clear road map out of

restrictions, evidence that the restrictions work and comprehensive economic support for our communities and businesses.

I sadly cannot help but feel that none of these three important challenges have been met.

Parts of Batley & Spen have had additional restrictions for months now, and because of our hard work in Kirklees the level of infection is significantly lower than other parts of West Yorkshire.

We are united in our aim to bring the level of Covid-19 down, and I'm deeply concerned that there is no clear evidence that Tier 3 will do so effectively. Many businesses and workers are being asked to pay a very high price through no fault of their own.

Whilst I didn't support the introduction of Tier 3 measures by the government, it is imperative they are followed if we are to reduce infections and hopefully get out of these restrictions

These restrictions still have a significant impact on our hospitality sector, with restaurants forced to operate at a low capacity to enforce social distancing and yet receiving little support from the government for this reduction in business.

This has led to so many people being out of work or on reduced hours, in an industry that is already low paid and reliant on people having expendable income to spend in bars and restaurants.

This, alongside the restrictions in meeting other households, has had a significant impact on our mental health.

I've been pushing the government to provide more funding for local authorities to target support to all who need it most.

I am worried that the government's lack of interest in funding local authorities will lead to even more issues further into these restrictions.

Finally, you may have heard that I have announced my

intention to be the Labour candidate for next year's mayoral elections here in West Yorkshire. I'm standing because I know that I can make a difference not just here in Batley & Spen, but across the whole of our region.

West Yorkshire and our devolution deal are unique and we will need a different sort of leader for the times that we live in.

We have seen our Northern Mayors lead the conversation and set the agenda during these difficult times, and I know that West Yorkshire needs a strong voice to stand up for the region.

If you want to get involved, please visit [tracy4mayor.org.uk](http://tracy4mayor.org.uk) or follow my Facebook which is [Facebook.com/tracy4mayor](https://www.facebook.com/tracy4mayor).

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

Please feel free to email me your concerns to [Tracy.Brabin.MP@parliament.uk](mailto:Tracy.Brabin.MP@parliament.uk).

You can also call my office on 01924 900036.

# Use of nitrous oxide is not a laughing matter



An alarming number of young people using nitrous oxide has prompted accusations that the community is failing to deal with the issue in Batley, Dewsbury and throughout North Kirklees.

Small silver metal canisters littered across streets and parks have become a common sight, especially during lockdown.

However, the sheer amount of the discarded canisters, which can cost next to nothing showcases how they are becoming an increasingly popular way for teenagers and young people to get high.

Whilst they might also be known as 'laughing gas' and 'hippie crack' there is nothing very funny about the dangers it can hold.

Although it is also used for pain relief during dentistry and childbirth, constant use of laughing gas can be a real danger and can cause many problems for the long-term health of users, as a number of deaths have been recorded from its use.

The 2018/2019 Crime Survey for England Wales reported that among 16 to 24-year-old in the UK, 8.7% had used

laughing gas in the past year and it was the second most popular substance behind cannabis for that age group.

A quarter of respondents also admitted that it would be easy to obtain nitrous oxide, also known as N<sub>2</sub>O in less than 24 hours.

Naim Valli, an expert with 14 years' experience in rehabilitating adults with drug and alcohol problems in North Kirklees says the number of silver metal canisters seen on the streets of Batley and Saville Town should serve as a warning to the community.

He said: "The dangers are clear. Breathing in high concentrations of laughing gas can quickly reduce the blood's level of oxygen.

"User rates are very high, but this has been the case for nearly two years especially in Saville Town park where I have come across clusters in a number of areas.

Naim, who works for Chart Kirklees as Community educator, Diversity and steroid lead also told Paigaam: "Kids are not just using one at a time, they are using boxes and, in each box, there

are around 24 canisters. "It's a very short buzz 20 seconds, release the gas into a balloon and then inhale the balloon then start and stop."

He stressed that use of laughing gas is very dangerous.

He believes it could result in a loss of consciousness, possible suffocation and lead to Vitamin B-12 deficiency - a form of anaemia.

"It messes with your bone structure which can lead to a lack of Vitamin B12 and I have heard that people have become paralysed. It creates an unnatural high.

"When you create an unnatural high you take it to the next level. You cannot experience that sort of high naturally.

"Despite using it more and more, tolerance levels do not actually go higher so it goes on and on and then hits the plateau. Once this happens, the consequences can be disastrous.

"It can also actually increase risks from other drugs or alcohol."

When contacted about the prevalent use of laughing gas in the vicinity,

West Yorkshire Police told Paigaam that they are taking the issue very seriously.

In a statement, a police spokesperson said: "Your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams want to take a minute to remind members of our communities, their friends and families of the rules and risks around inhaling Nitrous Oxide also known as Laughing Gas and NOX.

"There is a number of health risks to those who may be involved in the use of Nitrous Oxide.

"This includes the including loss of consciousness, possible suffocation, can lead to Vitamin B12 deficiency (a form of anaemia) and increases risks from other intoxicants.

"It is also considered a psychoactive drug and is covered by the 2016 Psychoactive Substances Act, which means using it and then driving is considered the same as drug-driving."

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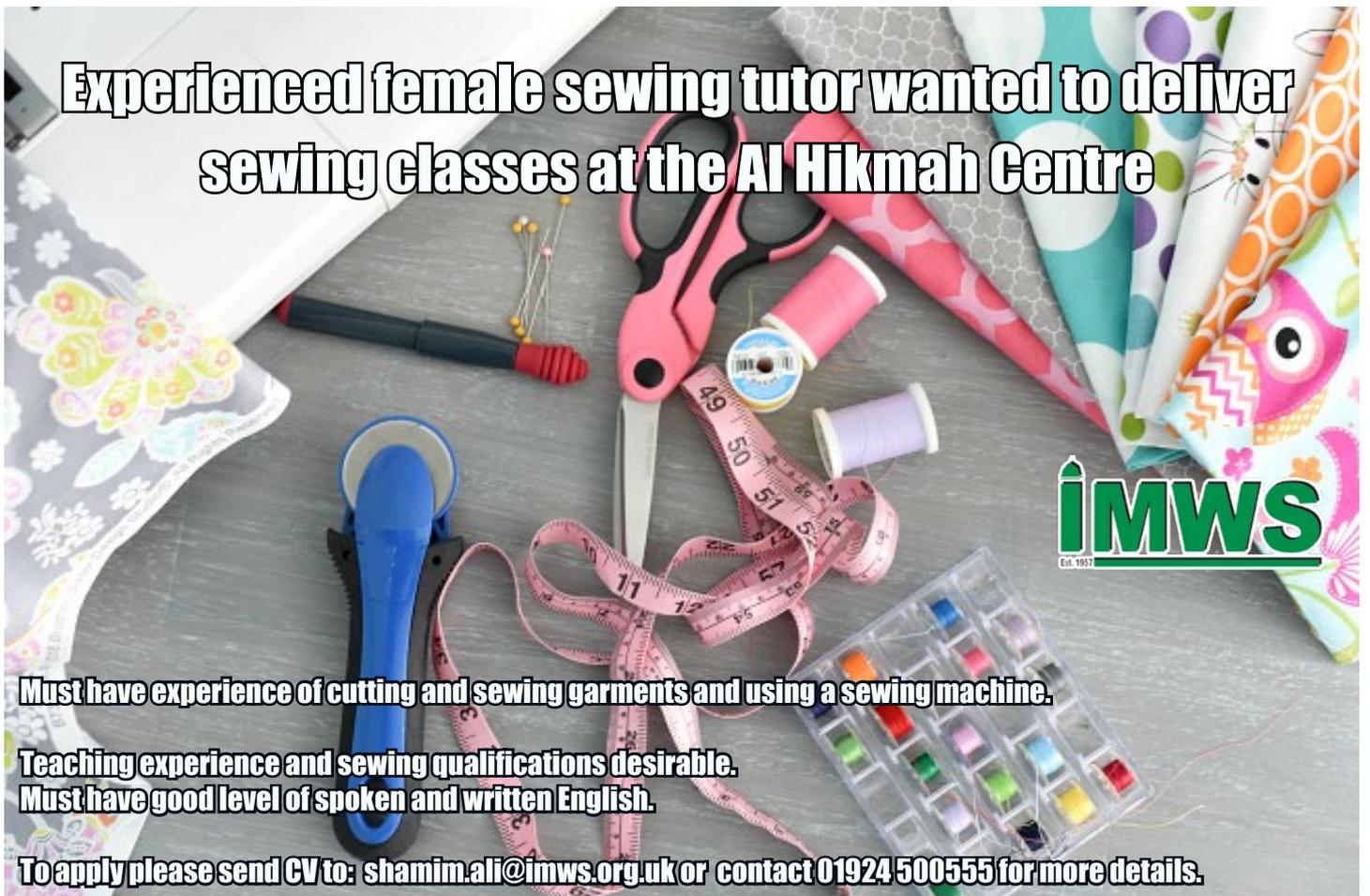
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# Masjid Talha in Dewsbury needs your donations



In 2011, due to an increase in the number of Muslim families in and around the Northfield area of Dewsbury, the late great saint, Hadhrat Moulana Yusuf Motala saheb along with Hadhrat Moulana Ghulam Vastanwi sahib and many other great scholars visited Masjid Talha which at the time was a simple structure.

A temporary musalla began after dua from Sheikh Yusuf Saheb (may the Almighty give him the grandest stages of Jannat Ul Firdos), who also conveyed priceless advice and provided invaluable guidance to Doctor Ebrahim Dadibhai who is overseeing the project.

The Musalla at Masjid Talha has continued ever since it began with regular five times daily Salat, a Maktab for Children, Taraweeh, Etikaaf, Sisters' programs, and many other activities and seasonal programs.

The start of the Musalla attracted more Muslims to buy homes in the vicinity, and very soon the existing facilities for over 100 Musallees became grossly inadequate.

Doctor Dadibhai told Paigaam: "It was our intention from the outset to build a new Masjid and Madrasa Centre

complex. The land adjoining the Musalla was purchased and the planning application process began over 6 years ago.

"Due to the development being in a conservation area, there was a lot of opposition from the Council and several objecting residents of the neighbourhood. Our application and plan was revised many times to keep the planners happy, and was finally approved following an appeal to central government after five years' hard work."

Doctor Dadibhai explained construction work commenced after Dua from senior Ulama and Mashaaikh including Hadhrat Moulana Yusuf Motala himself, Hadhrat Mufti Ismail Kachholwi sahib, Hadhrat Mufti Musa Badat sahib, Hadhrat Moulana Pir Bilal Sahib, Hadhrat Moulana Mahmood Madani sahib, and many others.

He said: "Shaikhul Mashaaikh Hadhrat Moulana Yusuf Motala, telephoned shortly before his last journey, and said "Doctor sahib, make sure your Talha Centre construction is completed as soon as possible.

"With Hardhat's dua, in phase one, the ground was levelled,

the foundation completed, and Steel frames erected. Now in phase two, the building of the wall is in progress, to be followed by roofing and completion of the shell.

Then in phase three, internal works will be done, and finally in phase four, external work, the Car Park, and the resurfacing of Nowell Street Road will be carried out to complete the New Masjid Talha."

Despite having to undergo very limited fund-raising activities due to the strict lockdown, the project is very much still alive.

"The project had to be completed, and with lots of due from great mashaaikh, senior scholars, and thousands of our well-wishers, the Almighty has kept the work progressing."

Doctor Dadibhai, who is also a respected Moulana took time out to invite Paigaam readers to come and witness first-hand, the building work of the new Masjid Talha and provide any necessary feedback.

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To date, the Masjid Talha management committee have spent almost £400,000, with local generous supporters raising funds of almost £250,000 of the above figure.

"Many brothers and sisters have given Qardh Hasanah of over £200,000 to ensure the work continues according to plan."

**Please telephone Moulana/ Doctor Ebrahim Dadibhai on 07976243944 for further details or for a site visit.**

# Leicester County Cricket Club: We are the club of choice for those who appreciate Cricket



Former Huddersfield Town Commercial Director Sean Jarvis who recently took up the position of Chief Executive Officer at Leicestershire County Cricket Club has made it clear that Leicestershire is committed to enticing more Asians living throughout the country to come to matches once the Covid-19 pandemic is over.

As part of the long-term strategy to grow the Club, Jarvis believes it is imperative for the club to attract a diverse fan base, not just across the midlands, where there is a sizeable Asian population, but also across the country.

"I don't care if you are from Mars or whether you are Polish or Asian. The Club will listen to fans, regardless of their background; everyone is welcome here," Jarvis told Paigam.

Whilst a board member at Huddersfield Town, Jarvis appointed the club's first ambassador from an Asian background.

The appointment was a first as the club was in the Premier League at the time.

Jarvis, who was born in Leicester believes the link between the well-established Gujarati community in Leicester who are also well connected to affluent Gujarati communities in Batley, Dewsbury, Blackburn, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Walsall, Preston, throughout London and Gloucester to name but a few areas.

"We see ourselves as the club of choice for those who appreciate international cricket.

"Regardless of whether your affiliation is with England, India, Pakistan or Bangladesh,

Leicester is a melting pot of a plethora of different backgrounds and cultures and everyone who celebrates a multicultural way of life is more than welcome to the Fisher County Ground.

"Once the Covid-19 pandemic has passed, regardless of whether you are visiting friends of family in Leicester or whether you are supporting us at an away ground at Lords, Headingley or Old Trafford, our diverse fan base will welcome you like one of their own."

Jarvis said the club are working on a number of initiatives that have been set up recently, with the aim of engaging Asian community.

"We have made it clear that it doesn't matter what ethnicity you are, the only colours that matter are the ones on the Club's shirt.

"I think this is good, not just for the club, but for Leicester and the Asian and Gujarati and Pakistani communities as a whole because it helps to bring people together."

Jarvis said he would love to hold a game at Grace Road between India and Pakistan in the future.

"There would be nowhere better than to hold the game here in Leicester because of the multicultural make up of the town and our country as a whole.

"We would roll out the red carpet for both teams and fans and not only make it an event to remember but also bring fans and players from both countries together like no other game and venue has been able to do before."

# RSHE Relationship Sex and Health Education

The mandatory introduction of Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) brings with it numerous opportunities to equip children for life in modern day Britain.

However, it also brings about immense sensitivity challenges in some parts of Britain for faith communities.

For the majority of schools, sensitivities will not be an issue and the consultation process will most likely be smooth.

The concerns may be very different in communities with faith families.

Schools will want to ensure that they meet the individual needs of all pupils so that no family or child feels isolated, especially in areas where the majority of pupils are from the faith communities.

During the lockdown period, Kirklees Parents and

Community Alliance (KPCA), which consists of members from both the Muslim and Christian faith, have been working hard to develop a practical guide to faith sensitivities' in order to help schools which have children from a plethora of faith backgrounds.

The guidance is currently under review by major faith organisations and religious scholars across the UK.

Some faith leaders have already provided us with valuable input.

The RSHE guidance from the Government clearly states, "The religious background of all pupils must be taken into account when planning teaching, so that sensitive topics that need to be taught are appropriately handled."

The practical guide to faith sensitivities by KPCA takes into

account the RSHE Guidance from the DfE and maps and references the Muslim sensitivities from the evidence of the Quran and the Hadith.

It also references certain points from the Bible that Christian members felt compelled to highlight.

Some parents have provided feedback which cites evidence from relevant scriptures and showcases any sensitivities within particular areas of the RSHE curriculum, thus ensuring the document is very useful.

The rationale behind the document is to make it easier for parents to have an informed discussion with schools, whilst working with schools in order to help them understand and remedy any issues.

Ordinarily, schools are not required to consult parents

on any other aspect of the school's curriculum.

However, as RSHE is a highly sensitive subject for many communities the Government has mandated consultation. Most schools have existing mechanisms in place to consult and engage with parents.

This guidance will help schools to understand any issues in a concise and informed manner whilst enabling them to consider faith sensitivities when planning their RSHE policy.

The guidance which will be launched soon, will help schools navigate through the sensitivities effectively.

KPCA invites members of the community to feel free to contact them direct.

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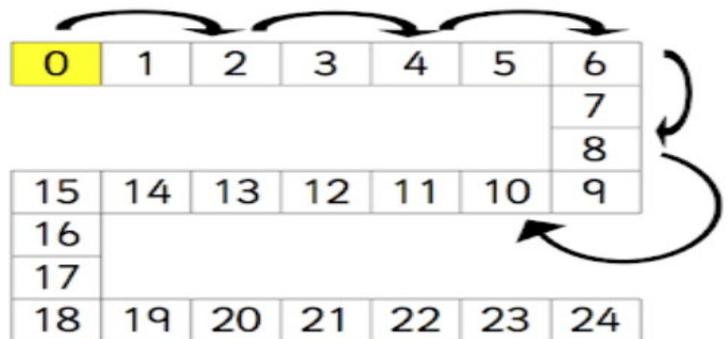


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# Paigaam Star Reviews

## Rifai: a taste of Morocco



Moroccan cuisine is influenced by Morocco's interactions and exchanges with other cultures and nations over the centuries. Moroccan cuisine is usually a mix of Azamingh, Arab, Andalusian, and Mediterranean cuisines, with slight European (French and Spanish) and sub-Saharan influences.

Whether you are driving or on foot patrol, check out Rifai, 365-367 Bradford Road in Batley and sample everything from Tagines to Moroccan Tea, burgers, Moroccan dishes and more.

Rifai deserve 5 stars. See advert on page 13 for more information.



**Rating: 5 stars**

## Not a UFC heavyweight!



A lot of people have been eating out at UFC in Heckmondwike.

No, Dana White of the Ultimate Fight Championship is not looking for a fighter or two to rumble in Hecky, we are talking about the American organisation's name sake: UFC, which stands for Ultimate Fried Chicken.

Having recently purchased a vast number of burgers for a small gathering, we can safely say that although the price was rather appealing, the final product was far from it!

The final product was nowhere near the quality of Chickanos or Dixy burgers and the fries, the less said, the better.

Even the £2.99 a burger tag may not entice us to visit again!



**Rating: 2 stars**

## Next best thing to watching Ertugul



Yorem! Where do we start?

Turkish cuisine has become quite popular over the last few years.

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

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We certainly enjoyed our visit - although beware, the waiters are a bit touchy if you don't tell them how much you love their food!



**Rating: 4 stars**

# Medical centre introduces new phone number for bereavements



When someone passes away, there are many decisions and arrangements to be made.

Unfortunately, these are required at a time of great personal distress and sadness.

Coping with bereavement is something that we will all experience at some point in our lives.

Different people react in different ways and it is common to feel a whole variety of emotions, which can be unnerving and at times overwhelming.

Doctor Yakub Hussain from Mount Pleasant Medical Centre believes more often than not, people are not familiar with what to do.

in terms of the practical steps that need to be completed to ensure a death certificate is forthcoming so that families can begin the process of burying their loved ones.

Mr Hussain told Paigaam how members of the local community that are either registered themselves or have loved ones registered there can now address these needs by liaising with a select number of designated members of the community

who will now facilitate the entire process on behalf of bereaved families.

"The practical steps required to receive a death certificate needs to be facilitated in a concise manner in order to meet legal requirements," said Doctor Hussain.

"What is most important to realise is that if you are unsure about any aspect, or if you need help and support, then designated members of the community such as Gulam Bhai Maniyar, Ebrahim Bhai Chopdat and Nazir Bhai Daud are amongst a select few members of the community you should consult in order to facilitate the entire process.

"No one should contact the surgery directly as the selected individuals will be given a phone number to call which will be tended to by our team at the surgery, who will be able to direct the enquiry to the appropriate doctor and access the relevant records"

Doctor Hussain said that at present, members of the public are calling doctors directly, unbeknown to them that some doctors have not treated the patients thus

creating confusion with doctors then making inquiries with fellow doctors and reception staff.

Therefore, the introduction of a single telephone number has been facilitated with a view to eradicating any doubt and confusion.

In addition, he explained the intricacies involved with dealing with the legalities involved in relation to when someone passes away.

He said: "If a patient is known to us who has been very ill and we have seen them 28 days before their passing, we are in a position to issue a death certificate.

"Regardless of whether we have seen a relatively young person within a 28 days timeframe, if their death is sudden and they are not expected to die then the case will have to be passed onto the coroner.

"If an elderly person who we have not seen in over 28 days passes away, yet they have a medical history which showcases a number of health issues, we will work with the coroner in order to facilitate the swift return of the body for burial.

"Families should only plan ahead for a burial when the death certificate has been issued. In most instances a CT scan is also available however the coroner has to book it and it takes around a day to organise and there is a cost implication involved.

"Please also be advised, we are unable to speak to the coroner directly. We are only able to communicate via e-mail as the coroner does not respond to us via telephone."

When asked about how the

Covid-19 crisis has affected the way in which the surgery deals with patients, Dr Hussain was very forthcoming and stressed that things have changed a great deal.

"It used to be 14 days but now it has been extended to 28 days," said Dr Hussain, alluding to the fact that Doctors can now sign death certificates in certain instances for people they examined 28 days before their passing.

"It is very difficult at the moment to see people face to face during the pandemic as we do not know who is infected and who is not. However, we are still providing a service as best we can via telephone and video calls."

## Burial contact numbers

FOR DEATH AND BURIAL RELATED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT:

**EBRAHIMBHAI CHOPDAT**

**07980 381197**

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**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

It is well known that in 2013, legal aid was cut dramatically for family law proceedings. However, despite such cuts, legal aid is still available in some family cases.

Here at JWP Solicitors, we are aware that legal aid is pivotal in ensuring access to justice and are proud to have the ability to offer legal aid to some of our family clients, and which covers advice and representation in Court proceedings.

Broadly speaking, there are 3 tests to determine eligibility for legal aid for family matters such as divorce, children or financial issues;

- 1) You have to be financially eligible.
- 2) There has to be merit in your case.
- 3) You have been a victim of domestic abuse perpetrated

by the other party.

If you are in receipt of certain passporting benefits, namely universal credit, income support or ESA payments, or have a disposable income that is less than £733 per month (only certain outgoings such as mortgage/rent and child care expenses can be taken into account) then you may very well meet the criteria in respect of financial eligibility.

The legal aid agency also assesses your assets and capital to determine your financial eligibility for legal aid purposes. If the legal aid agency conclude that you have capital over the amount of £8,000, or your income exceeds the financial threshold, then you will not be financially eligible for legal aid unless your case concerns an application for

a non-molestation order (an injunction), for which the limits do not apply, although you would be required to make a contribution from income and/or capital towards your legal aid.

The legal aid agency will require documentation, such as bank statements and wage slips in order to prove your financial position.

Finally, unless the application is for a non-molestation order to protect you from abuse, then you must establish that you have been a victim of domestic abuse, or at risk of suffering from domestic abuse, from the opponent in your application. If your family application is in relation to a child, then proof that your child is at risk of abuse can be used to meet the requirements.

In some exceptional family cases, you have an automatic right to legal aid, regardless of your financial circumstances or whether you have been a victim of domestic abuse or not. Examples of this include if your child is subject to care proceedings.

We have numerous legal aid lawyers here at JWP Solicitors who are happy to answer your legal aid queries. You can also read more about whether you're likely to be eligible for legal aid at [www.gov.uk/civil-legal-advice](http://www.gov.uk/civil-legal-advice).

If you'd like to discuss your case further or are considering an application for legal aid in family proceedings, you can feel free to chat to our solicitors who have a wealth of experience in legal aid cases at JWP Solicitors on 01924 675 333.

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# Bellissimo: Fox's biscuits taken over by Italian giant's Ferrero

Batley based Fox's Biscuits has been sold to the renowned Italian confectioner Ferrero in deal worth £246 million.

The company that manufactures well known brands such as Nutella and Kinder purchased the company from the 2 Sisters Food Group.

The deal – which is set to complete within months – marks Ferrero's second biscuit takeover in the past year, coming after it bought Royal Dansk firm Kelsen last September and Biscuits Delacre in 2016.

The firm said the rationale behind the purchase was to "increase its relevance in the rich and fine biscuits category".

It means the factory in Batley will be under new ownership and with the company stating in an e-mail that no immediate job losses were on the cards.

Batley and Spennings MP, Tracy Brabin urged the company to take "Fox's biscuits into

the future," and help up skill workers.

However, Ms Brabin, who worked at Fox's Biscuits in Batley when she was 18, insists she was happy with the acquisition.

"As someone who spent a summer working at Foxes Biscuits, as most people in Batley probably have worked there at some point.

"I am actually reassured and quite pleased that Ferrero have taken it over.

"Foxes has always been an excellent biscuit and this could make it even better.

"I am hoping Ferrero can take Fox's Biscuits into the future.

"So rather than losing jobs, they should focus on upskilling our young people so they cannot just necessarily pack biscuits but they can be the coders, or move into senior staff role and create a skilled workforce that we need for a modern 21st century business."

Fox's Biscuits is one of Britain's best-known biscuit brands, making household names such as Rocky Bars, Party Rings, Crunch Creams, Crinkle Creams, Chocolatey and Viennese, as well as making own-label biscuits for major retailers.

Its history dates back to 1853 and the business has annual sales of around £157 million.

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Ranjit Singh Boparan, president of 2 Sisters owner Boparan Holdings, said: "Fox's Biscuits has always been an attractive brand and as one of only two major independent biscuit makers in the UK, it is a prized asset in this market.

"We have listened to many interested parties over the years, but we have always

been clear that Fox's would only be sold to the right new home, at the right time and for the right value.

"This sale represents another significant deal for us, underlining our commitment to our business turnaround."

As part of the deal, 2 Sisters will keep the third biscuit bakery at Uttoxeter, which produces own-label biscuits for major retailers.

Mr Boparan – known as the "chicken king" because of 2 Sisters' large scale involvement in the poultry trade – bought Fox's when he acquired Northern Foods for £342 million in 2011.

He also took on Northern's Goodfella's pizzas brand as part of the deal.

The chicken tycoon was accused of trying to "impugn the impartiality" of a parliamentary inquiry into food standards at 2 Sisters by sending out Fox's biscuits to MPs as Christmas gifts in 2017.

# Batley man honoured by the Queen in her Birthday honours list

A Batley man has been honoured by the Queen in her Birthday Honours List for his 'wonderful work' during the coronavirus pandemic.

Imran Rashid Dawji, was honoured to have been awarded an MBE for his role in helping recruit 25,000 temporary staff across the country for Asda, so the supermarket's stores could ensure everyone got the food they needed during lockdown.

Imran said: "It was a pivotal time so we had to ensure

everything was close to perfect, as we had a duty to ensure support was provided to everyone around the country.

"I would like to thank my manager and all my colleagues. Our success would not have been possible without your unwavering support and encouragement. Thank you."

Imran's manager at Asda Samantha Buck said: "This is an incredibly proud moment for Imran, myself and the

company.

We worked tirelessly to ensure we hired and paid all of our colleagues correctly. Imran was fundamental in this process, often working extended hours for myself and the team.

"Imran is fully deserving of this fantastic award and, always working with a smile on his face, he's a real pleasure to work with."

Asda Chief executive officer and president Roger Burnley said he couldn't be more

proud.

He said: "I cannot express how proud we all are to have eight colleagues recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

"These keyworker colleagues, along with thousands of others, have done an amazing job looking after customers in very difficult circumstances.

I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to them all for the way in which they have risen to the challenges of the pandemic."

## અવલાદની તરબીયત

-મહંમદ યુસુફ સુફી લાજપુરી, બાટલી.

### મહાન નેઅમત:

દરેક માણસને પોતાની જિંદગીમાં ઘણી નેઅમતો મળી છે. આ નેઅમતોને આપણે ગણી પણ શકતા નથી. તે પૈકી એક અવલાદ છે. જે મા-બાપના માટે એક મહાન નેઅમત છે.

### આ મહાન નેઅમતને સુરક્ષિત કેવી રીતે રાખીશું ?

દરેક માણસે દરેક નેઅમતો ઉપર ખૂબ શુક્ર અદા કરતા રહેવું જોઈએ. ખાસ કરી અવલાદની નેઅમત ઉપર શુક્ર અદા કરવાથી એક ખાસ ફાયદો એ છે કે, અવલાદને નેક અમલની તૌફીક મળતી રહે છે. આ ઘણોજ મોટો ફાયદો છે. અને સાથે જે નેઅમતો ઉપર શુક્ર અદા કર્યો હોય એમાં વધારો થાય છે. અને વિશેષ તે મહાન નેઅમત સુરક્ષિત રહે છે.

### નેઅમતની નાકદરીથી બચો:

કોઈ પણ નેઅમત ઉપર શુક્ર અદા ન કરવાથી તથા નેઅમતની નાકદરી કરવાથી નેઅમત ઉપર ઝવાલ આવે છે. નેઅમત ઉપર ઝવાલ (વિનાશ) આવવું મહા મુસીબત છે. ખાસ કરી અવલાદની નેઅમતની નાકદરીથી હંમેશાં બચતા રહેવું જોઈએ.

### નેક સોહબતની જરૂરત:

દરેક માણસને પોતાની જિંદગીમાં નેક સોહબત, સારી સંગત બેહદ જરૂરી છે. વિશેષ આપણી અવલાદ માટે તો એની ખાસ જરૂરત છે. માણસની પહેચાન, ઓળખાણ પોતાના દોસ્તોથી થઈ શકે છે. નેક દોસ્તોની કંપની અવલાદને નેક બનાવે છે. નેક સોહબતની જરૂરત ઉપર દરેક મા-બાપે ધ્યાન આપવાની જરૂરત છે. આપણી અવલાદ કોના સંગતમાં ક્યાં ફરે છે? કોને મળે છે? રફૂલો અને કોલેજોમાં તેમનું જીવન કેવું છે? આપણાં બાળકો બૂરી સંગતમાં ફસાયને કોઈ બૂરું કામ તરફ તો આગળ વધતા નથી તે જોવાનું કામ વાલીઓનું છે. કારણ કે જ્યારે તેઓ નવયુવાનીમાં પ્રવેશ કરે છે અને કોલેજ યુનીવર્સિટીઓમાં ધરથી બહાર અભ્યાસ કરે છે ત્યારે તેમના ઉપર વધુ દેખરેખની જરૂરત રહે છે. આ સમય એવો છે જ્યારે તેમના ખર્ચાઓ વધે છે. બૂરી સંગતોમાં ભેળવાય ખોટા કામો તરફ વધે છે અને કેટલીક વખત તો તેઓ નશો, ગેંબલીંગ કે બૂરા પીણાંઓ તરફ પણ ધકેલાય છે. જેથી આજ તે સમય છે જ્યારે તેમના ઉપર વધુ દેખરેખ અને તેમને આપણાં સાથ સહકારની જરૂરત રહે છે.

### નેક સોહબત ન મળી શકી તો:

અગર કોઈને પણ નેક સોહબત, સારો સંગત ન મળે તો કંઈ વાંધો નથી પરંતુ બૂરી સોહબત, ખરાબ કંપનીથી બચતો રહે તો તો પણ ઈ.અ. ખરાબ કામોથી બચેલો રહેશે.

### હક વાત કેવી રીતે કહેશે ?

હંમેશાં હક વાત કડવી હોય છે. એનો મતલબ એ છે કે, હક વાત, કહેવાવાળા માટે મીઠી અને સાંભળવાવાળા માટે કડવી હોય છે. પરંતુ એનો એક ખાસ મતલબ તો એ છે કે, હક વાત કહેવી કડવી અને જેને કહી રહ્યા છે તેના માટે તો મીઠી જ છે. જેથી તે દીનની હક વાત કબુલ કરી લીધે અને મોહબ્બત પર કાયમ રહે. માટે હંમેશાં હક વાત પોતાની અવલાદને કહેતા રહો અને સમજાવતા પણ રહો.

## શક્કત-મોહબ્બતભર્યા સુલુકના વર્તાવની જરૂરત:

આપણી અવલાદની દુનિયા કરતા દીનની ફીકર કરવાની વધુ જરૂરત છે. કારણ કે, દુનિયા તો જેટલી મુકદ્દરમાં લખેલી હશે એટલી એને મળીને જ રહેશે. માટે વધારે ફીકર એઓના દીનની કરવાની જરૂરત છે. એવું લાગી રહ્યું છે કે, નવજવાનો, આપણી અવલાદ પોતાને અલગ અને બેસહારા સમજી જીવન જીવી રહ્યા છે. એવું મેહસુસ થઈ રહ્યું છે કે, નવજવાનો સાથે મોહબ્બત, પ્યારભર્યા વર્તનમાં હજુ વધુ સુધારો કરવાની જરૂરિયાત છે. ઉલ્માઓ અને નવજવાનોમાં દૂરી પણ વધી રહી છે. જેથી બન્ને તબકાના લોકોની સલાહિયત અને શક્તિ વેડફાઈ રહી છે. આજે આપણી અવલાદોને જે ખાસ વસ્તુની જરૂરત છે તે શક્કત, મોહબ્બત અને પ્યારભર્યા સુલુકનો વર્તાવ છે.

### અવલાદની તરબીયત માટે બુઝૂર્ગોની બોધવાણી:

મહાન બુઝૂર્ગ હઝરત મૌલાના શાહ અબરાહીલહક સા.રહ.ની અવલાદની તરબીયત માટે એક અગત્યની મજલિસની ખાસ નસીહતો ઉપર લેખ પૂરો કરીએ છીએ.

જે અવલાદ દીનદાર છે, દીનનો શોખ રાખે છે, દીનના કામમાં લાગેલી છે તે મા-બાપ અને અવલાદ આ મહાન નેઅમત ઉપર જેટલો શુક્ર અદા કરે એટલો ઓછો છે. આજે આપણે અહીંયા જોઈ રહ્યા છીએ કે, કેટલાક છોકરા છોકરીઓ પર ખરાબ માહોલની અસર પડી રહી છે. ખરાબ સોહબતની અસર થઈ રહી છે. જ્યારે બીજા કેટલાકને માહોલની અને ખરાબ સંગતની અસર પડવાની દેહશત છે, બીક છે. તેના માટે એક કામ તો એ કરવાની જરૂરત છે કે, જ્યારે આપણાં છોકરા છોકરીઓ ઘરમાં આવે તો સલામ કરવાની આદત પાડો. અને જ્યારે સુવાની તૈયારી કરે તો સુતી વેળા તેમની પાસે થોડો સમય ઝિકર કરાવી લેવામાં આવે. ઘરોમાં કુરઆન મજીદની તીલાવત કરવામાં આવે. દુરુદ શરીફ પઢવામાં આવે. કુરઆન મજીદની છેલ્લી ત્રણ સુરત, સુરએ ફાતિહા, આયતુલ કુરસી, વગેરે પઢવાનો એહતેમામ કરવામાં આવે. બચ્ચાઓને એના ઉપર અમલ માટે તાકીદ કરવામાં આવે. મળતા સમય અનુકૂળ નમાઝોની પણ પાબંદી કરાવવામાં આવે, ઉપરાંત સમય સમયની મસ્નુન દુઆઓ, યાસીન શરીફ, મંઝિલ વગેરે તરફ પણ એમનું ધ્યાન દોરી તેને પઢવા ઉપર તાકીદ કરવામાં આવે તો એમના જહનો ઉપર ખૂબજ સારી અસર પડશે.

અંતમાં દુઆ છે કે, આપણને અને અહીં ઉછરેલ આપણી અવલાદને રૂહાની અને બીજી દરેક જાતની બીમારીઓથી હિફાઝત ફરમાવે. મા-બાપની આંખોની ઠંડક બનાવે. આમીન.

### સોનેરી વાતો....

- વક્ત એતબાર ઔર ઈઝ્જત એસે પરિદે હય, જો એક બાર ઉડ જાયે તો વાપસ નહીં આતે.
- મોહબ્બત ઔર મોત કી પસંદ તો દેખીયે, એક કો દિલ ચાહીયે, ઔર દૂસરે કો ઘડકન...
- દરખ્તોસે રિશ્તો કા હુનર શીખ લો મેરે દોસ્ત, જબ જડોમે જખ્મ લગતે હય તો ટહનીયાં ભી સૂખ જાતી હૈ.

## વિચાર વિનિમય

-અહમદ ગુલ

### ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ બાસરનો દુઃખદ ઈન્તેકાલ

તારીખ ૨૯-૯-૨૦૨૦ના એક અત્યંત આઘાતજનક સમાચારે આખા બાટલીના મુસ્લિમોને શોકમાં ડૂબાડી દીધા. એ દુઃખદ સમાચાર હતા ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ બાસરના ઈન્તેકાલના. ઈલીવએરા. માનવામાં ન આવે એવા સમાચાર, એક હસ્તો ચ્હેરો, નિખાલસ અને પ્રેમાળ સ્વભાવ, અત્યંત મિલનસાર વ્યક્તિ એકાએક આ ફાની દુનિયા તજી સદાને માટે વિદાય થઈ જાય. પણ હકીકતમાં તો એજ છે કે, આજે ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ આપણી વચ્ચે નથી. એમના વ્યક્તિત્વને ન ભૂલી શકાય, ન ભૂંસી શકાય એવી અવિસ્મરણીય છાપ સૌના દિલોદિમાગ પર છોડી ગયા.

ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ એક આગળ પડતા સામાજિક કાર્યકર્તા હતા. એમણે કોમની ભલાઈના અનેક કાર્યોમાં ભાગ લીધેલો અને શિક્ષણક્ષેત્રે એમનું અમૂલ્ય યોગદાન તો ખરેખર નોંધપાત્ર રહ્યું. ઝકરીયા મુસ્લિમ ગર્લ્સ હાઈસ્કૂલની સ્થાપના ૧૯૮૨માં થયેલી ત્યારથી જ ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ એની સાથે સંકળાયેલા રહેલા. એના સેક્રેટરી તરીકે લગભગ ૩૫ વર્ષ એકધારી સેવા બજાવેલી.

આપ સૌને ખબર હશે કે, ઝકરીયા હાઈસ્કૂલ અને હું ન ભૂલતો હોઉં તો ધ્રિટનમાં પહેલી મુસ્લિમ પ્રાઈવેટ ગર્લ્સ હાઈસ્કૂલ હતી. જેનો નિભાવ, ફી તથા કોમની ઈમદાદથી થતો. એટલે હાઈસ્કૂલ હંમેશાં નાણાંભીડમાં રહેતી અને કાર્યકર્તાઓ અત્યંત મુશ્કેલીભરી જિંમ્દારી નિભાવતા. એમની સખત મહેનત ધ્વારા કોમની દીકરીઓના શિક્ષણની જવાબદારી ૩૭ વર્ષ સુધી નિભાવી. એમાં ઈસ્માઈલભાઈની સક્રિયતા હંમેશાં આગળ રહેતી. રમઝાનમાં મસ્જિદોમાં ચંદા અર્થે લોકોને અપીલ કરતા ઈસ્માઈલભાઈની છબી ભૂલી શકાય એમ નથી.

વળી અન્ય સામાજિક કાર્યો માટે ફંડ એકઠું કરવા હંમેશાં તત્પર રહેતા. એમના ગામ આલીપોરમાં મૈયતની નમાઝ પઢવા માટે ગામના પાદરે એક જગ્યાની તામિર માટે સક્રિય ભાગ લીધેલો. ગામના કબ્રસ્તાનમાં મૈયતની નમાઝ માટેની વ્યવસ્થા તૈયાર થઈ જતાં આજે જે જગ્યાનો ઈદગાહ તરીકે ઉપયોગ થઈ રહ્યો છે. જ્યાં દૂર દૂરથી લોકો આવીને ઈદની નમાઝ અદા કરે છે. અને મુસ્લિમ એકતા અને બંધુત્વની ભાવનાને ઉજાગર કરે છે. યુ.કે.માં પણ ગામની સંસ્થા આલીપોર મુસ્લિમ એસોસિએશનમાં પણ એઓ સક્રિય ભાગ લેતા હતા. કોમી કલ્યાણકારી કાર્યો જેવા કે, ગરીબો અને હાજતમંદો માટે, કુદરતી હોનારત માટે ચંદો એકઠો કરવામાં મદદરૂપ થવું. એ એમની કોમ પ્રત્યેની હમદર્દી અને એમણે કરેલાં અનેક સેવાકાર્યોની યાદ અપાવતાં રહેશે.

એમના સાથે કોલજમાં ભણેલા હિન્દુ અને મુસ્લિમ મિત્રો, તેમાંયે હિન્દુ મિત્રોની મોટી સંખ્યા, તેમના સાથે આજ સુધી સંબંધ જાળવી રાખેલો અને ખાસ કરીને હિન્દુ મિત્રોના માતાપિતા સાથે ઘરોબો રહેલો. આવું જવલ્લેજ જોવા મળે કે, કોલેજકાળના મિત્રો સાથે આટલી ધનિષ્ઠતા જીવનના અંત સુધી કોઈ જાળવી રાખે.

અત્યંત પ્રેમાળ, મિલનસાર, નિખાલસ અને શાંત સ્વભાવ, હંમેશાં હસતું વદન, કોઈને પણ ઠેસ લાગે એવું કદી એમના સ્વભાવમાં હતું જ નહીં. અત્યંત ભોળા, જરાયે કપટ નહીં, એક નિખાલસ સામાજિક કાર્યકર્તા, કોમના હમદર્દ અને શિક્ષણના ચાહક એવા સદ્ગુણી મઝહબી પાબંદ ઈસ્માઈલભાઈની ખોટ પૂરાશે નહીં. અલ્લાહપાકથી દુઆ કરીએ કે, એમની બાલબાલ મગફરત ફરમાવી જન્નતુલ ફિરદૌશમાં આલા મુકામ અતા કરે, અને એમના સગાં સબંધીઓને સભ્રે જમીલ અતા ફરમાવે આમીન.

### વિશ્વના ૧૦૦ સૌથી પ્રભાવશાળીની લીસ્ટમાં શાહીનબાગની “દાદી” નો સમાવેશ.

ગયા માસમાં પ્રખ્યાત ટાઈમ્સ મેગેઝીને (૨૦૨૦) વિશ્વના ૧૦૦ સૌથી પ્રભાવશાળી વ્યક્તિઓની યાદી જાહેર કરી હતી. જેમાં ભારતના પાંચ વ્યક્તિઓનો સમાવેશ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. સૌથી ચોંકાવનારી વાત એ છે કે, ભારત સરકારે જ્યારથી નાગરિક સુધારા કાયદા સિટિઝન એમેન્ડમેન્ટ એક્ટ (CAA) અને નેશનલ રજીસ્ટર ઓફ પોપ્યુલેશન (NRP) ને મંજૂરી આપી હતી ત્યારથી દિલ્હીના શાહીનબાગ ખાતે મહિલાઓના નેતૃત્વમાં સતત ૨૪કલાક સુધી મહિનાઓ સુધી દેખાવો કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આ દેખાવો શાંતિપૂર્ણ હતા તેનાથી પ્રેરાઈને દેશમાં આ દેખાવો શાહીનબાગના નામથી જ શરૂ થયા હતા. આ આંદોલને ભારત અને દુનિયામાં મિડીયા તથા લોકોનું ધ્યાન ખેંચ્યું હતું.

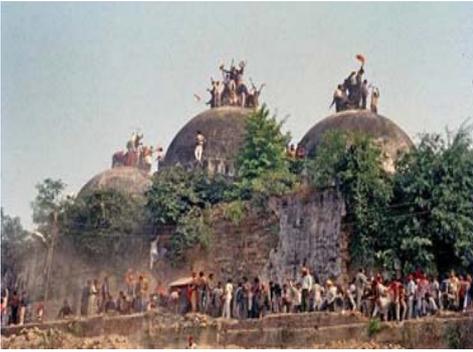
આ દેખાવમાં ૮૨વર્ષની મહિલા બિલ્કીસબાનુ એક પણ દિવસ ગેરહાજર રહ્યા વિના દિલ્હીની કકડતી ઠંડીમાં પણ હાજર રહેતી હતી. જે દેશ વિદેશમાં એક આકર્ષણ બન્યું હતું. બિલ્કીસબાનુ “દાદી”ના હુલામણાં નામથી મશહૂર બની હતી. આ બિલ્કીસબાનુનો ૧૦૦ પ્રભાવશાળી વ્યક્તિઓમાં સમાવેશ કરવામાં આવ્યો છે. ટાઈમ્સના આર્ટિકલમાં રાણા એચ્યુબે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, બિલ્કીસબાનુને આ યાદીમાં સ્થાન આપવું જરૂરી હતું કારણ કે, તેમના સામેલથી દુનિયા જાણી અને જોઈ શકે કે, સરકારને પ્રતિકાર કરવાની તાકાત કેવી હોવી જોઈએ. એક ઈન્ટરવ્યુમાં બિલ્કીસબાનુએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, “અમે ભારતીય સમુદાયને બચાવવા લડત લડી રહ્યા છે. ગેરબંધારણીય કાયદાને ચલાવી લેવાય નહીં. અમે ભારતીય મુસ્લિમોની નાગરિકતા કોઈને પણ છીનવી લેવા દઈશું નહીં.”

વડા પ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીને પહેલી ચૂંટણી પછી મેળવેલ પ્યાતિના કારણે અગાઉ ૧૦૦ પ્રભાવશાળી વ્યક્તિની યાદીમાં સામેલ કર્યા હતા. પરંતુ આ વખતે મોદીની નકારાત્મક પોલિસી અને મુસલમાનો તરફ અન્યાયના કારણે તેમણે સ્થાન મેળવ્યું છે. ટાઈમ્સ મેગેઝીને મોદી વિશે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, તેમના શાસનમાં એવું જણાતુંજ નથી કે, ભારતમાં હિન્દુઓ સિવાય અન્ય કોઈ ધર્મ જાતિને મહત્વ અપાતું હોય. જ્યારથી તેઓ વડા પ્રધાન બન્યા છે ત્યારથી મુસ્લિમોનું શોષણ થઈ રહ્યું છે. નાગરિક સુધારા કાયદા વિરોધમાં માર્ચના લોકડાઉન પહેલા દિલ્હીમાં શાહીનબાગમાં ઓરતો મારફત શાંતિપૂર્ણ દેખાવો યોજાયા હતા. ત્યારબાદ આખા દેશમાં તે પ્રસરી ગયા હતા અને તેની નોંધ ભારત તથા દુનિયાના દેશોમાં લેવામાં આવી હતી.

## બાબરી મસ્જિદ કોણે તોડી ?

૩૦મી સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૨૦ના રોજ ભારત ખાતે સીબીઆઈની સ્પેશિયલ અદાલતે બાબરી મસ્જિદ ડેમોલીશનનો ૨૮વર્ષ બાદ ચૂકાદો જાહેર કર્યો છે. અને તેમાં તમામ ૩૨ આરોપીઓને નિર્દોષ છોડી મૂકવામાં આવ્યા છે. ચૂકાદો આજ પ્રકારનો આવશે એ ભારત ખાતે સૌ કોઈ જાણતું જ હતું. કારણ કે, છેલ્લા દ્વવર્ષથી દેશ ઉપર રાજ કરતી રાજકીય પાર્ટીએ દેશની તમામ સ્વતંત્ર સંસ્થાનો ઉપર પ્રભુત્વ જમાવેલ છે. જેથી તેમને અનુકૂળ વ્યવસ્થા જળવાઈ રહે અને તેમની મરજી મુજબનાજ નિર્ણયો લેવાય. ૬ ડીસેમ્બર ૧૯૯૨ના અયોધ્યા ખાતે બાબરી મસ્જિદને તોડી પાડવામાં આવી હતી.

આ કામને અંજામ આપવા એક રીતસરનો પ્લાન ઘડવામાં આવ્યો હતો અને સંપૂર્ણ તૈયારી સાથે કારસેવકો ત્યાં પહોંચ્યા હતા. અને તે વખતે આરોપીઓ પૈકી મોટે ભાગના નેતાઓ જેમાં ભૂતપૂર્વ નાયબ વડાપ્રધાન એલ.કે.અડવાણી, મુરલી મનોહર જોષી, ઉમા ભારતી, ભૂતપૂર્વ ઉત્તરપ્રદેશના મુખ્યમંત્રી વિનય કટિયાર વગેરે સામેલ હતા અને તેમણે ભડકાઉ ભાષણો આપી ટોળાને ઉશ્કેર્યા હતા. કુલ ૪૮ માણસો સામે ચાર્જસીટ દાખલ કરવામાં આવી હતી પરંતુ ૨૮વર્ષમાં તેમાના ૧૬ માણસો મૃત્યુ પામ્યા હતા. અને બાકીના ૩૨ જણાને છોડી મૂકવામાં આવ્યા હતા. સીબીઆઈએ ૨૩૦૦ પાનાનો રિપોર્ટ તૈયાર કર્યો હતો અને ૩૫૦થી વધુ લોકોના બયાનો દર્જ કરી કોર્ટમાં ગવાહ તરીકે હાજર કરાયા હતા.



ઉપરાંત અસંખ્ય ઓડિયો, વિડીયો ક્લીપ, સમાચાર પત્રો અને અન્ય પૂરાવા રજૂ કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. પરંતુ કોર્ટે જજમેન્ટમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે આ “બધા પૂરાવાથી

ષડયંત્ર રચવાનો આરોપ સિધ્ધ થતો નથી. મસ્જિદ તોડવાના ઈરાદાથી લોકો ભેગા થયાના પૂરાવા નથી અને ઉપરોક્ત આરોપીઓની એમાં કોઈ ભૂમિકા નથી.” વાહ રે જજમેન્ટ !

૨૮વર્ષમાં આ કેસમાં ઘણાં વળાંક આવ્યા હતા. નવેમ્બર-૨૦૧૯માં ઐતિહાસિક ચૂકાદામાં સુપ્રિમ કોર્ટે બન્ને કોમની દાવાવાળી જગ્યાને મંદિર માટે ફાળવી દેવામાં આવી હતી. જે કેસમાં પણ સાબિત થયું ન હતું કે મંદિર તોડી પાડી તેની જગ્યાએ બાબરી મસ્જિદ બનાવવામાં આવી હતી. હાલમાં જ ત્યાં રામમંદિર માટે શિલાન્યાસ પણ થયો હતો.

કોંગ્રેસના એક પ્રવક્તાએ કહ્યું હતું કે, આ કેસમાં તમામ આરોપીઓને મુક્ત કરવાનો કોર્ટનો નિર્ણય સુપ્રિમ કોર્ટના નિર્ણય તથા બંધારણથી વિરૂધ્ધ છે. ૯મી નવેમ્બર-૨૦૧૯ ના નિર્ણય અનુસાર મસ્જિદ શહીદ કરવાની ઘટના ગેરકાયદેસર અને અપરાધ હતી. પરંતુ વિશેષ અદાલતે દરેક દોષીઓને મુક્ત કર્યા

છે. ઉ.પ્રદેશની તે વખતની ભાજપ સરકાર પણ આમાં સામેલ હતી. બધા આરોપી નેતાઓની મૌજુદગી, મસ્જિદ તૂટવા પછી જશનો માહોલ, ઉમા ભારતી ખુશીથી મુરલી મનોહર જોષીની પીઠ ઉપર ચઢી તેનો વાયરલ ફોટો, અને તેનુંજ ભડકાઉ ભાષણ ‘એક ઘક્કા ઔર દો બાબરી મસ્જિદ તોડ દો’ અને બીજા અનેક ફોટાઓ, બયાનો, વિડીયો સામેલ કરવા છતાં પણ અદાલતે કહ્યું હતું કે, વિવાદિત પરીસરમાં એવું કોઈ કામ થયું નથી જેથી બીજા સમુદાયની ભાવનાને ઠોસ પહોંચી હોય અથવા દેશની અખંડતા પ્રભાવિત થઈ હોય. બાબરી મસ્જિદ ડેમોલીશનના અનેક પૂરાવાઓ વગેરેનું કોઈ મહત્વ નથી તો સવાલ બરકરાર છે, બાબરી મસ્જિદ ડેમોલીશન પ્લાનમાં કોનો હાથ હતો? કોણે મસ્જિદ તોડી? નાઈન્સાફીની પણ હદ હોઈ.

## બિલિયનર ગુજરાતી ઈસા બ્રધર્સનો આસડા ડીલ પર કબજો

બ્લેકબર્નના બે ગુજરાતી ભાઈઓએ વોલમાર્ટ સંચાલિત આસડા સુપરમારકેટને હાંસિલ કરવાની લડાઈ જીતી લીધી છે. તેમણે આસડા ગ્રૂપને ૬.૮ બિલિયન પાઉન્ડમાં ખરીદ્યું છે. જુબેર અને મોહસિન ઈસા અને તેમની પ્રાઈવેટ ઈક્વીટી ફર્મ TDRની આ ડીલમાં ભાગાદારી છે. આ ગ્રોસરી ચેઈન ૨૦વર્ષ પછી યુ.કે.ની માલિકીમાં આવી છે.

ઈસા ભાઈઓ ઈજી ગ્રૂપ (યુરો ગેરેજ)ના માલિક છે. જેમાં યુ.કે., યુરોપ અને યુએસમાં ૫૨૦૦થી વધુ પેટ્રોલપંમ્પો અને ૩૮૬થી વધુ શોપિંગ સાઈટો ધરાવે છે. આસડા ગ્રૂપની હરાજી પ્રક્રિયા ૭માસથી ચાલી રહી હતી જેનો બીજી ઓક્ટોબરના અંત આવ્યો છે. જે ડીલમાં ઈસા બ્રધર્સની ઈજી ગ્રૂપ અને ઈડીઆર જોઈન્ટ પાર્ટનર છે. તેમની ફેમિલી પહેલા બ્રેડફર્ડ ખાતે રહેતી હતી જ્યાં તેમણે પહેલો ભાડેનો પેટ્રોલ પંપ ખરીદ્યો હતો જેમાં આ બન્ને ભાઈઓ પણ તેમની નવયુવાનીમાં પિતાને મદદ કરતા હતા. ત્યારબાદ તેઓ બ્લેકબર્ન ખાતે સ્થાયી થયા હતા. ૨૦૦૧માં તેમણે પોતાની માલિકીનો પહેલો પંપ બરી ખાતે શરૂ કર્યો હતો અને પછી તેમણે પાછળ પડી જોયું ન હતું અને પેટ્રોલપંપના વ્યવસાયમાં આગળ જ વધતા ગયા હતા. જ્યારે મેજર ઓઈલ કંપની તેમના પંપો બંધ કરી હતી કે વેચી રહી હતી ત્યારે તેઓ એ ખરીદી રહ્યા હતા.

એક મુલાકાતમાં તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, તેઓ આસડા મેનેજમેન્ટને લોન્ગ ટર્મ ગ્રોથમાં મદદ કરવા માંગે છે. અને અમે માનીએ છીએ કે અમારો અનુભવ, લાયકાત અને કુશળતાથી આસડાની વ્યુહરચનામાં મદદ મળશે. આ ભાઈઓને જેઓ નજીકથી જાણે છે તેઓ કહે છે બન્ને ભાઈઓ વિવેકી, નમ્ર અને નિરાભિમાની છે. કેટલાક વર્ષ ઉપર તેમને મળનારા એવોર્ડ સમારંભમાં સ્ટેજ ઉપરથી એવોર્ડ લેવામાં તેઓ ખૂબજ શરમાળ નજરે પડ્યા હતા. તેઓ પોતાની સંપત્તિના ૨.૫% દર વર્ષે ચેરિટીમાં આપે છે. તેમની પોતાની ચેરિટી ફાઉન્ડેશન છે જે યુ.કે. અને બીજા દેશોમાં ચેરિટીનું કામ કરે છે. ૨૦૧૯માં તેમણે ૨૦બિલિયન પાઉન્ડની ઝકાત કાઢી હતી. કેટલાક વર્ષો પર લંડનના પ્રખ્યાત નાઈટ્સબ્રિજ (વધુ પાના નંબર ૨૮ ઉપર)

એરિયામાં તેમણે મોંઘુ ઘર ખરીદ્યું હતું. હાલમાંજ ૨૦૨૦ની ધ્રિટનની રાણીની બર્થ ડે ઓનર લીસ્ટ બહાર પડી તેમાં આ બન્ને ભાઈઓને બીઝનેસ માટે સીબીઈ એવોર્ડની જાહેરાત કરવામાં આવી છે.

## બાટલીની પ્રખ્યાત ફોક્ષીસ હવે ફરેરો ચોકલેટ કંપનીના હાથમાં

ર સીસ્ટર ફૂડ ગ્રૂપ જે ફોક્ષીસ બિસ્કીટ મેન્યુફેકચરિંગ વિભાગ બાટલી અને કર્કહામ કે જેમાં ફોક્ષીસ બ્રાન્ડના નામથી બિસ્કીટ વગેરેનું ઉત્પાદન કરે છે તેને ફરેરો ચોકલેટ ગ્રૂપ કંપનીને ૨૪૬ મિલિયન પાઉન્ડની ડીલથી વેચી દીધી છે. જ્યારે UTTOXETER ખાતે ત્રીજી કંપની જે પોતાના લેબલની બિસ્કીટ બનાવે છે તેને પોતાની પાસે રાખી છે. ફોક્ષીસના રણજીતસિંગ બોપરાન, જેઓ બોપરાન હોલ્ડિંગ લી.ના પ્રેસીડન્ટ છે તેમણે કહ્યું હતું કે, ફરેરો કંપનીને આ ફર્મ વેચવાથી ફોક્ષીસનું ભાવિ અને બ્રાન્ડ તેમના હાથમાં સારી રીતે સચવાશે અને વિશ્વમાં તેની રેપ્યુટેશન પણ વધશે. તેમણે વધુમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે અમે કેટલાક સમયથી રસ ધરાવતી કંપનીઓ સાથે સંપર્કમાં હતા પરંતુ અમે માનતા હતા કે, ફોક્ષીસ એક ચોક્કસ કિંમતે અને જાણીતી પ્રખ્યાત કંપનીનેજ વેચવું. ૨૦૧૧માં નોર્વન ફૂડ્સ પાસેથી તેમણે ફોક્ષીસ ખરીદી હતી.

ફોક્ષીસ બિસ્કીટ ઘણાં લાંબા સમયથી ધ્રિટનની એક પ્રખ્યાત બ્રાન્ડ છે જેમાં જાણીતી બ્રાન્ડની બિસ્કીટ, ચોકલેટ બને છે. જે યુ.કે. યુરોપ અને અરબ દેશોમાં પ્રખ્યાત છે. ૧૮૫૩થી આ બીઝનેસ ખૂબજ જાણીતો છે. બાટલીની ફોક્ષીસ બિસ્કીટમાં દિવસ દરમિયાન વિવિધ સમયની કામ કરવાની શીફ્ટના કારણે અહીં મોટી સંખ્યામાં લોકોને રોજગાર પ્રાપ્ત થાય છે. વેસ્ટ યોર્કશાયરમાં કોટન મિલો બંધ થયા પછી ફોક્ષીસ એક મોટી કંપની છે જેમાં વધુ લોકોને નોકરીઓ મળી રહે છે. ફોક્ષીસમાં એવા ઘણાં લોકો કામ કરે છે જેમણે પોતાની યુવાનીમાં નોકરી આ મિલથી શરૂ કરી હતી અને અહીંથીજ રીટાયર્ડ પણ થયા હતા. આ ડીલથી નોકરીઓ ઉપર કેવી અસર પડશે તેની કોઈ માહિતી મળી નથી.

## કોરોના વોરીયર, આરિફખાનની અલવિદા

જ્યારથી કોરોના વાયરસની મહામારી સામે આવી છે ત્યારથી અનેક લોકો કોરોના વોરિયર એટલેકે કોરોનાથી બચાવનાર કે એની સારવાર આપનાર અનેક યોધ્ધાઓ આગવી હરોળમાં પોતાની ફરજ બજાવી રહ્યા છે અને જાન બચાવતા પોતાની જાનની આહુતી પણ આપી રહ્યા છે. આવા જ એક યોધ્ધા આરિફખાન છે. જેમણે તારીખ ૧૦મી ઓક્ટોબરના ફરજ બજાવતા કોરોનાના શિકાર થયા અને મોતને ભેટ્યા હતા.

દિલ્હીના સીલમપુર વિસ્તારના રહેવાશી આરિફખાન એક એમ્બ્યુલન્સ ડ્રાયવર તરીકે નોકરી કરતા હતા. તેઓ કોરોનાના દર્દીઓને ઘરથી હોસ્પિટલ અને આઈસોલેશન સેન્ટર ઉપર પહોંચાડવાનું કામ કરતા હતા. તેઓ છેલ્લા ૨૫વર્ષથી શહીદ ભગતસિંહ સેવાદળ સાથે જોડાય એમ્બ્યુલન્સ સેવા પૂરી પાડતા હતા. ફરજના કારણે તેઓ છેલ્લા ૭ મહિનાથી પોતાની ફેમિલી

અને બાળકોથી દૂર રહી ફક્ત ફોન ઉપર જ તેમનો સંપર્ક કરતા હતા અને એમ્બ્યુલન્સમાંજ સુતા પણ હતા.

દર્દીઓને એમ્બ્યુલન્સમાં પહોંચાડવાની સાથે જ્યારે આવા દર્દીઓના મૃતદેહોનો અંતિમ સંસ્કાર કે બોડીનો સ્વીકાર કરવાની સગાઓ ના પાડતા તેમનો સન્માનપૂર્વક અંતિમ સંસ્કાર પણ આરિફખાન કરાવતા હતા. એવા ૨૦૦ જેટલાનો અંતિમ સંસ્કાર જાતિ કે ધર્મ જોયા વિના તેમણે કરાવ્યો હતો. ઉપરાંત જેઓને હોસ્પિટલ સારવાર ખર્ચ કે અન્ય ખર્ચમાં તકલીફ પડતી તેમને પોતાની પાસેથી નાંણાકીય મદદ પણ કરતા હતા. ભારતના ઉપ રાષ્ટ્રપતિએ પણ તેમની સેવાને બિરદાવી શ્રદ્ધાંજલિ અર્પીત કરી હતી. સુરત, બરોડા, મુંબઈ, અયોધ્યા ખાતે પણ એવા મુસ્લિમોના નામો બહાર આવ્યા છે જેમણે ધર્મ કે જાતિ ભૂલી કોરોના દર્દીઓના અંતિમ સંસ્કાર કરાવ્યા છે અને હજુ પણ કરી રહ્યા છે, એવા અનેક મુસ્લિમોને આપણે અભિનંદન પાઠવીએ.

## સાવચેત રહો ! સભાન રહો !

હાલમાં આપણે જોઈ રહ્યા છીએ કે, કોરોનાની ટેસ્ટિંગ વધી રહી છે જેથી પોઝીટીવ કેસોમાં પણ વધારો થઈ રહ્યો છે. સ્કૂલોમાંથી બાળકોને ઘરે મોકલી આપતા ૧૪ દિવસ આઈસોલેશનમાં રહેવા કહેવામાં આવે છે. કામ ઉપર કે ઘણી વખતે ડોક્ટરો વગેરે પાસે જવા દરમિયાન પણ ટેસ્ટિંગ થાય છે. ઉપરાંત કોરોના પોઝીટીવ દર્દીઓના સંપર્કમાં આવવાથી પણ સાવચેતીના પગલે આઈસોલેશનમાં રહેવું પડે છે. આવા સમયે ખૂબજ કાળજી રાખવાની જરૂર છે. જો આપણો ટેસ્ટ પોઝીટીવ આવે તો સૌ પ્રથમ પોતાની ફેમિલી સભ્યોને મળવાનું ટાળો. તેમને પોતાના ઘરોમાં આવવાથી પણ રોકો. ડોક્ટરની સલાહ મુજબ દવા વગેરે લ્યો. તંદુરસ્તીનો પૂરો ખ્યાલ રાખો. હવે તો મોટી ઉંમરનાજ નહીં પણ યુવાનો અને મીડ એઈજના લોકોને પણ આ વાયરસ લાગી રહ્યો છે અને મોટે ભાગના સાજા પણ થઈ રહ્યા છે.

### ગઝલ

કોઈ છે વેપારમાં ગુમ તો કોઈ છે પ્યારમાં  
જિંદગાની કૈદ છે દુનિયાના કારોબારમાં  
ઊગતો સૂરજ હંમેશાં જેમનો છે જગ મહી  
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## آذربائیجان، آرمینیا تنازع: ہم سب مر بھی گئے تب بھی اپنی زمین کا ایک انچ نہیں چھوڑیں گے

آذربائیجان کا کہنا ہے کہ بین الاقوامی سطح پر ناگورنو قرہباخ کو آذربائیجان کا ایک حصہ تسلیم کیا گیا ہے اور اس کا کنٹرول واپس حاصل کرنا دھورے کام کو پورا کرنے جیسا ہے۔ جبکہ آرمینیا کا موقف ہے کہ ناگورنو قرہباخ تاریخی طور پر آرمینیا کی نسل کا باشندوں کا مسکن اور صدیوں سے آرمینیا کا حصہ ہے۔ بی بی سی کے نامہ نگار اور لاگورین اور سٹیوروز نبرگ نے کشیدگی کا شکار علاقے میں دونوں ممالک کے شہریوں میں موجود تلخی اور حب الوطنی کا جذبہ دیکھا ہے۔ آذربائیجان کے دوسرے بڑے شہر گنئیجی کی مرکزی سڑک کے دونوں جانب درخت لگے ہیں جن کے اوپر ہی حصے صبح کی دھوپ میں نہا رہے ہیں۔ سڑک پر ٹوٹے ہوئے شیشوں کے ٹکڑے بکھرے ہوئے ہیں گویا سڑک پر شیشے کے قالین بچھے ہوں۔ اس سڑک کے عقب میں بہت سی رہائشی اور کمرشل عمارتیں ہیں جو چھٹے ہوئے ٹن کے ڈبے کی طرح نظر آ رہی ہیں۔ گنئیجی شہر ناگورنو قرہباخ کے محاذ سے 100 کلومیٹر (62 میل) کے فاصلے پر واقع ہے۔ گذشتہ اتوار کا دن پہلا ایسا دن تھا جو غیر یقینی جنگ بندی کا ایک مکمل دن تھا۔ آذربائیجان نے آرمینیا پر گنئیجی شہر کے رہائشی حصے پر بلیسٹک میزائل فائر کرنے کا الزام عائد کیا ہے جبکہ آرمینیا نے آذربائیجان پر اُس کے شہری علاقوں پر گولہ باری کا الزام عائد کیا ہے۔ ہماری ملاقات 60 سالہ نوشاہ حیدر وواسے ہوئی جنھوں نے سرپرست کارف لے رکھا تھا۔ اُن کے بازو صدمے سے شل تھے۔

## سلطنت عثمانیہ: کیا ترکی اپنے اسلامی عہد زریں کی تاریخ دہرانے کی کوشش کر رہا ہے؟

اگر آپ دنیا کے نقشے پر مشرق وسطیٰ، شمالی افریقہ، مشرقی بحیرہ روم اور وسطی ایشیا کے علاقوں کو دیکھیں تو آپ شاید تقریباً تمام جنگ زدہ یا کشیدگی کے شکار علاقوں میں ترکی کی موجودگی دیکھ کر حیران ہوں گے۔ چند سال پہلے تک ترکی کا دعویٰ تھا کہ اس کے اپنے پڑوسیوں کے ساتھ تعلقات کشیدہ نہیں ہیں، لیکن آج شام، لیبیا اور ناگورنو قرہباخ جیسے سال تک سلطنت 600 کشیدگی زدہ علاقوں میں ترکی کی صاف موجودگی نظر آتی ہے۔ عثمانیہ جنوب مشرقی یورپ سے لے کر موجودہ آسٹریا، ہنگری، بلقان، یونان، یوکرین، عراق، شام، اسرائیل، فلسطین اور مصر تک پھیلی ہوئی تھی۔ 16 ویں اور 17 ویں صدی کے درمیان اس سلطنت کے اثر و رسوخ میں مزید اضافہ ہوا۔ اس کا دائرہ اختیار شمالی افریقہ کے ملک الجزائر سے لے کر عرب ممالک تک تھا۔ ماہرین کا خیال ہے کہ سنہ 2002 سے ترکی میں برسر اقتدار جب طیب اردوغان حکومت نے اپنی 'سنہری تاریخ' کے پیش نظر ایک پرجوش اور حوصلہ افزا خارجہ پالیسی مرتب کی ہے۔ شام اور اس کے اپنے علاقوں میں وہ کردوں کے ساتھ برسر پیکار نظر آتا ہے، جبکہ قبرص کے معاملے پر وہ اتھنز کے ساتھ نبرد آزما ہے۔ بحیرہ روم کے خطے میں ترکی تو اتائی کے وسائل پر قبضہ کرنے کی دوڑ میں یونان اور دیگر ممالک کے ساتھ ٹکرائی ہوئی حالت میں ہے۔ اسی طرح روس، امریکہ، اسرائیل، یورپی یونین اور نیٹو کے ساتھ بھی ترکی کی کشیدگی بڑھتی جا رہی ہے۔

## چین، ایران تجارتی معاہدہ: کیا چین کے لیے ایران کی حیثیت شرط نچ ہے؟

چین کے وزیر خارجہ وانگ یی نے مشرق وسطیٰ میں تناؤ کے خاتمے کے لیے ایک نئے فورم کے قیام کی بات کی ہے۔ ایران کے وزیر خارجہ جواد ظریف کے ساتھ اپنی ایک حالیہ ملاقات کے بعد چین کے وزیر خارجہ نے اس نئے فورم کے حوالے سے بات کرتے ہوئے ایک مرتبہ پھر ایران کے لیے چین کی حمایت جاری رکھنے کا تکرار کیا ہے۔ سنیچر کے روز چین میں وانگ یی اور جواد ظریف کے مابین ہونے والی ملاقات میں ایران کے ساتھ عالمی طاقتوں کے سنہ 2015 کے جوہری معاہدے پر چین نے اپنے عہد کا بھی اعادہ کیا ہے۔ اس ملاقات کے بعد ایران کے ساتھ جوہری معاہدے سے دستبرداری کے معاملے پر امریکہ پر تنقید کی گئی ہے۔

خیال رہے کہ گذشتہ چند برسوں کے دوران چین اور ایران کے مابین قربت بڑھی ہے۔ ایران مشرق وسطیٰ کی ایک بڑی طاقت سعودی عرب کے خلاف مختلف محاذوں پر برسر پیکار ہے۔ چاہے وہ یمن کی جنگ ہو یا عراق میں بالادستی کی جنگ۔ جبکہ ایران کے خلاف امریکی پابندیوں کو سعودی عرب کی جانب سے حمایت جیسے معاملے پر بھی ایران ایک سٹینڈ لے کھڑا ہے۔

دوسری جانب ایران کے ساتھ چین کے تعلقات ایسے وقت میں مضبوط ہو رہے ہیں جب امریکہ کے ساتھ چین کے تعلقات مستقل انداز میں زوال پذیر ہیں۔ چین اور ایران کے مابین ایک 'انتہائی حوصلہ افزا' معاہدہ عنقریب ہونے والا ہے۔ ایسی صورت حال میں چین اور ایران کے درمیان دوستی میں اضافہ امریکہ کے لیے خطرے کی گھنٹی ہے۔

یہ خیال ظاہر کیا جا رہا ہے کہ چین اور ایران کے مابین یہ تجارتی نوعیت کا معاہدہ دونوں ممالک کے تعلقات کو مزید گہرا اور مضبوط بنائے گا۔ ایران مشرق وسطیٰ میں امریکہ کا سب سے بڑا دشمن ہے اور دونوں ممالک کے مابین ایک طویل عرصے سے کشیدگی جاری ہے۔

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