

Beware of bogus spiritual healers

Bogus spiritual healers are targeting the local community to entrap vulnerable people and extort thousands of pounds from them.

Many people have come forward to report these self-professed spiritual healers who prey on people who are experiencing personal or family related issues.

The so called “spiritual healers” claim to be able to solve a wide range of issues including depression, evil spirits, return of loved ones, getting

rid of black magic, business and work related issues and much more, no doubt in return for cash, and lots of it.

Those people experiencing problems such as divorce and anti-social behaviour can find themselves needing advice and guidance in order to alleviate their suffering.

More often than not, people tend not to tell anyone else for fear of embarrassment along with the stigma of any predicament that they find themselves in.

Con artists tend to advertise their services in Asian newspapers or by putting business cards through letterboxes.

A local person who alerted Paigaam to this scam said: “When you look at the words in the advert, they were plainly targeting people who are emotionally vulnerable.

“This is absolutely ridiculous. People should under no circumstances fall for this scam.”



Bogus faith healers target local community

Usually, once they are approached by potential clientele, these self-styled “healers” have destroyed lives by telling relatives to cut ties with each other, sexually abusing vulnerable victims and scamming victims out of thousands of pounds.

Paigaam has uncovered a number of documented cases of families and individuals across the country handing over tens of thousands of pounds for bogus cures with a number of individuals jailed for molesting their victims.

In one case in particular, a woman, who had been married for three years and had a young son, was having difficulties in her marriage.

She was introduced by a friend to a “faith healer” who offered to take steps to “purify” her relationship with her husband involving sacrificing a goat and getting her to perform daily readings.

When she visited his home and told him that nothing had changed, he told her that there were more rituals to be carried out and it was then that he began abusing her.

However, after handing over £6,000, she realised she was being conned and immediately went to the police.

The con man was subsequently jailed for two years after admitting a number of offences.

Another victim of a faith healing scam said many of the problems faith healers claim to be able to resolve cannot be measured for their success.

“If their ‘cures’ don’t work, they will give excuses or simply ask for more money to keep doing it. They may say it hasn’t worked because the customer didn’t believe in it enough.

particularly concerned that these people target vulnerable members of the community,” he said.

“A lot of these people advertise their services in newspapers and magazines. Unfortunately, there is no offence committed in carrying out such a service. However, if a consumer is offered a service or cure which relates to a medical condition then that could be a criminal offence which we will investigate.”

Police say that anyone handing over amounts of money to so called “faith healers” should be wary and report any suspicions immediately.

“Faith healing is no more than an upfront fee scam but with a different front – it is a con that has been going on for hundreds of years in one form or another. This type of scam preys on the most vulnerable people, and will offer to cure diseases or to mend broken relationships.”

Paul Smith, principal officer for West Yorkshire Trading Standards, urged people not to “throw their hard-earned money after bogus miracle cures that do not yield any results”.

West Yorkshire Police say they are on hand to advise and also take appropriate action. A spokesperson for West Yorkshire Police said: “We would urge anyone who believes they may be a victim of fraud to contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Reports can also be made to the Police directly on 101 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Readers are also advised to consult with Batley and Dewsbury based Rabetah, in relation to any issues as opposed to falling prey to any “faith healers.”

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He also said West Yorkshire Trading Standards are aware that faith healers and witch doctors are operating across West Yorkshire: “We are

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Muslims pay tribute to MP Sir David Amess

Prominent Muslim politicians and organisations have paid tribute to murdered Conservative MP Sir David Amess, who has been described as an “upstanding friend” to the Muslim community.

Sir David was stabbed multiple times at his constituency surgery in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex on Friday the 15th of October.

A 25-year-old British man of Somali heritage was arrested at the scene on suspicion of murder. Police said they are treating it as a terrorist incident.

IMWS Chair, Rafik Dabhad, spoke of his shock at the murder of Sir David Amess. He said: “Sir David Amess was a good friend of the Muslim community. He was a firm believer in equality and dialogue between faiths and supporter of many Muslim initiatives.”

Muslims in his local constituency of Southend on Sea have also paid tribute to Amess, expressed their grief, loss and devastation on hearing the tragic news.

A joint statement from all Southend Masjid’s said the MP was respected and valued by the local Muslim community and highlighted his presence at Muslim events, such as attending the first Muslim

scout group in Southend, and the opening of Masjids.

“As members of Southend-On-Sea’s Muslim community, we mourn the brutal and senseless killing of Sir David Amess MP.” read the statement.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with Sir David’s family, friends and colleagues at this difficult time. We share their grief at his loss, for Sir David was not only our Member of Parliament, but an upstanding friend to our Muslim community.”

“Sir David’s murder was an indefensible atrocity, committed on the grounds of a place of worship and we condemn it in the strongest possible terms. This act was committed in the name of blind hatred, and we look forward to the perpetrator being brought to justice,” added the statement.

The Muslim Council of Britain’s Secretary-General Zara Mohammed highlighted Amess’s many engagements with the Muslim community

She said: “Sir David’s murder is deeply upsetting and our thoughts and prayers are with all those grieving his loss at this time.”

“That he was murdered in the course of performing his duties as a Parliamentarian, highlights the danger politicians in the public eye face. The vitality

of democracy rests on the accessibility of our elected representatives. They must be allowed to serve their constituents without threats to their safety.”

Amess was chairman of the Qatar All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) and met with the Emir of the country as part of a recent delegation to the Middle East only a few days before his passing.

“We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Sir David Amess MP and chairman of Qatar APPG,” tweeted the Amir of the state of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

“We remember with great appreciation his efforts to advance the historic relations between our two nations. Our sincerest condolences to his family, friends and the British people.”

The Muslim Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who has 24-hour police protection as a result of the volume of death threats he receives because of his skin colour and faith, paid tribute to Sir David and pledged to tackle radicalisation and violent extremism.

“Our response must be to stand united in defiance and stay true to our values and way of life. We must never let terrorists divide our communities,” said Mr Khan.

My thoughts remain with

Sir David Amess’ family, friends and staff at this time of unimaginable grief. As we have heard from the outpouring of tributes, Sir David was a brilliant, kind, dedicated public servant, widely liked and respected across the political divide.”

Amess’s killing has raised the same questions asked after Andrew Pennington was killed trying to protect the MP Nigel Jones in 2000, after Stephen Timms was stabbed during a constituency surgery in 2010, and after the murder of Jo Cox in Batley.

In the five years since Jo Cox was assassinated, the Metropolitan police report that the number of threats against MPs has been rising, with female MPs and those of colour particularly targeted.

Many have seen those who have made violent threats against them convicted and sent to prison. A man was charged with sending Jess Phillips and Rosie Cooper death threats in 2019; whilst a member of a neo-Nazi group was found guilty of plotting to kill Cooper with a machete in 2018.

Another individual was found guilty of harassing Luciana Berger in 2016. In addition, a SNP member with a prior conviction of carrying a knife who was found guilty of threatening sexual violence against Joanna Cherry.

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Cambridge Masjid wins prestigious award

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has named the Cambridge Mosque Trust as the recipient of a prestigious award.

The Cambridge Mosque Trust, a registered charity, chaired by the well-known British Muslim revert, Professor Tim Winter, received the RIBA client of the year award 2021 for the design and construction of the 'breath-taking highly-sustainable' Central Cambridge Masjid, that took over ten years to complete.

The client of the year award is one of a number of awards given by RIBA which recognises exemplar clients who champion and commission outstanding architecture.

The highly sustainable Masjid consists of a prayer area, with the capacity for over 1,000 worshippers, an Islamic-garden, 76-space underground car park, teaching spaces and a cafeteria are also situated within the complex, all of which are designed to be hospitable spaces for the wider community, regardless of whether they are Muslims or not.

Chair of the RIBA, Jo Bacon, congratulated the Cambridge Mosque Trust for commissioning a 'wonderful, light-filled, and highly sustainable new place of worship.'

She said: "The trust demonstrated personal commitment to deliver highly sustainable work of contemporary architecture. This is culturally embedded in the history of those who use the building but also appropriate and generous to the civic life of the city. Cambridge Mosque



Trust is a worthy winner of RIBA Client of the Year."

Bacon chaired the three-member jury alongside Glenn Howells Architects' Dav Bansal and Network Rail's Buildings and Architecture Head Anthony Dewar.

Other shortlisted candidates

for the award included English Heritage, the London Borough of Hackney, and the Warwick Manufacturing Group.

The Masjid was also a finalist for the RIBA East and National awards in addition to being included on the Stirling shortlist.

A statement from the

function, where one of those essential functions is religious contemplation and delight. It has created a new, 21st century, non-denominational British mosque that is both specific to its place and time and which resonates with wider Islamic and religious buildings.

"To have achieved this in Cambridge, with its world-famous tradition of structural expression in religious architecture, yet without contrivance is a remarkable achievement."

Other shortlisted candidates for the 2021 awards included English Heritage, the London Borough of Hackney, and the Warwick Manufacturing Group. The mosque was also a finalist for the RIBA East and RIBA National awards in addition to being included on the Stirling shortlist.

The commission and constructing of the Masjid has been hailed as a positive step by Muslims in Cambridge and beyond.

In fact, Muslims have been gathering to worship in Cambridge for over a hundred years. The first society to bring together Muslims was the Cambridge Majlis, which was established for Indian students in 1891. The first small Masjid on Mawson Road opened its doors for the first time in 1984.

There are also five smaller Masjids, and two University prayer rooms in Cambridge.

Social distancing has been scrapped in Makkah and Madina



Worshippers are praying shoulder-to-shoulder again in Masjid al-Haram, in Makkah and the Prophet (P.B.U.H)'s Masjid in Madina for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic began as Saudi authorities confirmed the holy areas have returned to operating at full capacity.

Pictures and footage has shown people praying side by side in straight rows of worshippers, for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic took hold last year.

Social distancing has also

been suspended at the the Prophet's (PBUH) masjid in Madinah.

The official Saudi Press Agency said: "This is in line with the decision to ease precautionary measures and to allow pilgrims and visitors to the Grand Mosque at full capacity."

Workers removed the social distancing stickers from the floor and soon pictures and footage emerged showing people praying side by side in straight rows.

According to the interior ministry, Saudi Arabia eased

COVID-19 curbs on October 17 in response to a sharp drop in daily infections and a considerable advancement of vaccination numbers.

The authorities also lifted curbs on fully vaccinated people at closed venues, gatherings, public transport and restaurants.

Masks are no longer mandatory in open public places while still imposed at closed venues, it added.

The authorities said worshippers will have to be fully vaccinated and still need to wear a mask. The Kaaba,

however, remains cordoned off.

The relaxation of the rules comes as a response to the sharp drop in daily infections in the country and the successful rollout of vaccinations.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year only 60,000 fully vaccinated people were allowed to perform Hajj with the attendance strictly limited to citizens and residents of Saudi Arabia.

It was the second consecutive year that Saudi Arabia did not allow foreign visitors to visit the country to perform Hajj.

The Covid-19 pandemic hugely disrupted both Hajj and Umrah, which are usually key revenue earners for the kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a combined total of \$12 billion raised.

Hosting the pilgrimages is a matter of prestige for Saudi rulers, for whom the custodianship of Islam's holiest sites is their most powerful source of political legitimacy.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Saudi government began issuing tourist visas with the intention of allowing foreign visitors to undertake more than just the Umrah and Hajj pilgrimages for the first time in 2019 as part of an ambitious push to revamp its global image.

Between September 2019 and March 2020, it issued 400,000 of them - only for the pandemic to crush the momentum as borders were closed. However, the kingdom is slowly opening up.

Kim Leadbeater MP column

I am writing this from my office in Westminster where MPs of all parties are still in a state of shock after the horrific murder of the Conservative MP, Sir David Amess, on October 15th.

I was on a constituency visit to a local school for adults and children with severe disabilities when a member of my team called to tell me what had happened.

Although I didn't know David, my thoughts went immediately to his family, friends, staff and the community he represented.

I know from my own personal experience that his murder will have changed many people's lives forever, none more so than his wife and five children, to whom I have offered my support.

It would be wrong to speculate at this time on the specific motives for David's murder but we have to ask ourselves why anyone would resort to inflicting such horrific violence to a Member of Parliament going about their constituency business.

It's obvious that people who commit such horrific acts have no regard for the lives they take away, or the hundreds of other lives that they devastate through their brutality. The object of the attack is the democratic system itself.

So I was heartened when MPs of all parties united in Parliament this week to say

we wouldn't allow our values to be undermined and that we would stand together to uphold our commitment to open, democratic debate.

For me, it's important to stress that this isn't just a problem for politicians to address. I would suggest it's a question we all have to ask ourselves.

Are we willing to stand up in defence of a politics that is robust but respectful, or do we let those who peddle hatred and division win? In other words, do we want to be part of the solution or part of the problem?

It's personal for me. Not just because of what happened to my family, but because I went through a bruising by-election where the politics of division once again reared its ugly head.

Here in Batley and Spenningsdale we have a choice going forward. We can come together as a community, find the common ground between us, and agree that where we have our differences we can air them respectfully.

Or we can allow those who seek to exploit and exaggerate our disagreements to drive a wedge between us and set us against each other.

And frankly, if we want to take the aggression and hostility out of our politics we do it by reaching out, not raising our fists like boxers looking for a fight.

I came into politics to make a difference on the issues that

really matter to people, and I am keen to work together positively and constructively to change lives for the better.

When Labour speaks about a 'contribution society' it's something that I think all people of good faith can support.

It's a society where we all have a part to play, one in which we recognise the value of family, community and each person and each businesses' ability to contribute to the country's success.

Standing on the side-lines of politics shouting slogans does nothing to strengthen society or bring real improvements to people's lives. I think these principles apply at a local, national and international level.

I know how strongly people feel about the terrible suffering of the Palestinian people and I am meeting the Palestinian Ambassador soon to discuss practical measures that can help to improve the lives of his people.

I also know that there is no simple solution to ending their dreadful plight, I wish there were, but I will do everything I can to stand up for them and ensure they are not forgotten.

I'm also very proud that a member of my team is on his way to the Middle East this week with the World Care Foundation to support their work in Lebanon.

He'll be personally helping

Syrian refugees especially widows, orphans, the elderly and disabled. He will visit refugee camps, needy families, orphanages and refugee shelters to provide support where needed most including distribution of food boxes.

Since the war started in Syria, more than three million refugees have crossed into neighbouring countries such as Lebanon.

Hundreds and thousands of people are living in camps with very basic facilities whilst others are barely surviving in the worst conditions imaginable.

I want to put into practice my sister's words that we have far more in common than that which divides us, and I believe we can all play our part in doing so – whether on the streets of Batley and Spenningsdale, in the corridors of Westminster or around the world. By working together we can make a real difference.

Thank you for reading and take care,

Kim

P.S. I want to be as accessible to all my constituents as I can. My website address is www.kim4batleyandspenningsdale.com and that's where you can find more details on everything I've been doing locally, nationally and internationally, sign up to my newsletter and meet the team that I now have working with me – and working for you.

It is a matter of humanity

Sarah Everard. She is described as a daughter, a sister, a friend, a colleague. This is now a name we all know through no choice of her own. Did she ever imagine that she would be discussed up and down the nation and have her name used as a battle cry for change?

Sarah's name evokes a lot of different feelings within some of us, as women. We feel a sense of pity, apologetic for what she and her family have gone through (and still going through).

We also feel a sense of comradeship and a link that only those who identify as female really feel. We all feel her fear, her confusion and horror.

For those who may not be familiar, Sarah was a young woman, who was walking home from a friend's house between the hours of 9pm and 10pm.

She was kidnapped and brutally murdered by an active Police Officer. This was someone she trusted to keep her safe in line with the law and order of the country.

Sarah is one of many victims of misogynistic abuse. A perhaps lesser-known name is Sabina Nessa, a primary school teacher from Lewisham. She was journeying through a park after 8.30pm and is thought to have been killed soon after. Sabina's body was found the following afternoon. We all shudder to think what her last moments were like and how

she was left to be found in such an undignified manner.

According to data from the Office for National Statistics, more than 200 women were killed between March 2019 and March 2020.

The Femicide Census, which is an organisation that tracks violence against women and girls states that ONE woman is killed by a MAN on an average, every THREE DAYS.

This was not a one off that happened down south in London. This is the reality for many women here and now in Batley and surrounding areas.

We collectively feel the fear of the attacked women. We also feel the strength of the community when we all come together.

There are many things we need to talk about as a community and many changes we need to make together. Anti-female violence is not something we can stop from the one-off article in a monthly magazine- but it is a start.

To open up dialogue and take that first step, whether it be to share your own experiences, provide training, provide workshops whatever it may be- means we can all work together to provide a safe environment for everyone. Men do also need to take a stand with us, work with us rather than against us, even though it may be awkward to have these conversations with each other.

But at the same time,

remember, this is not a male or female only issue- it is a matter of humanity and we need to bring awareness to the violence and abuse. Once that awareness has been raised, we can move forward together to create action plans to follow through with.

When people think about stalking, we may think of a man in a hooded top, mask over his face, cap on to cover his hair, looking at you through windows and turning up in random places You.

However, the West Yorkshire Police (WYP) and Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, have jointly launched a new campaign to help address some misconceptions about stalking and to make people aware what they can do if they think they may be a victim.

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Damien Miller said: "Last year we had thousands of incidents of stalking reported to us, but we are concerned many others are suffering in silence, potentially not realising that the behaviour that is causing them alarm or distress is in fact stalking.

In the upcoming months, the Women's Committee at IMWS, in liaison with Al Hikmah Centre and Paigaam will be shedding light on certain topics- focusing on violence against women.

We hope that by bringing awareness, we can help people who are struggling to reach out and also come together with our every growing and loving

community to lend a hand to those in need so they know they are not alone.

Whilst we may provide some articles and links, we are also planning certain physical events we would love for you to attend.

Some of you may know we have HITT and fitness sessions available at Al Hikmah, but we are also planning some Self Defence Classes, healthy eating and lifestyle programmes to help build confidence and drop-in sessions for mental health, and much more.

We also kindly ask you, as our community to share your thoughts regarding safety in our streets and homes.

Do you have any ideas, know of any initiatives you would like for IMWS to sign up for, anything you would want to see from the IMWS Women's Committee to support each other?

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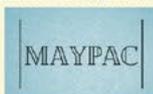
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Renowned religious scholar and leading scholar of Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence and Islamic finance Justice Sheikh Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani has been named in a list of 500 most influential Muslims in the world.

Mufti Taqi Usmani, 78, who tops the list, is a leading scholar of Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence and Islamic finance. He is considered to be the founder of Islamic banking in Pakistan.

He has served as Judge of the Shari'at Appellate Bench of the Supreme Court of Pakistan from 1982 to May 2002. He specialises in Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence and financial matters.

He is considered to be the intellectual head of the Deobandi school of Islamic learning, which is lauded as the most successful Islamic revival movement of the past century.

He also successfully petitioned Pakistani Prime Minister, Imran Khan to keep Masjids open during the Covid-19 pandemic. He insisted the prayers of the nation were required in order to keep a lid on the virus whilst asking the vulnerable to stay at home and stressed the need for extra measures to be put in place at Masjids in order to minimise the transmission of the virus.

Qatar's ruler, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani heads the list of top Muslim leaders, followed by Saudi Arabia's King Salman, Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Turkey's President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Jordan's King Abdullah.

Under Al-Thani's leadership, Qatar has "positioned itself into the role of regional peace broker" and "adopted a strong position of proactive engagement through dialogue with regional neighbours."

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Imran Khan, who was the "Man of the Year" in 2020, is tenth on the list.

The cricketer-turned politician who ascended to the most powerful office in Pakistan in 2018 has led a massive movement against corruption and bad governance, gaining a great deal of support amongst the younger generation in Pakistan with promises of accountability and financial reform.

Maulana Tariq Jameel, who is number 35 on the list, is perhaps one of the most popular religious personalities in Pakistan and throughout the world. His lectures on self-purification, tabligh and many other subjects have gained millions of views on YouTube and his lectures ensure Masjids are at full capacity.

Maulana Nazur Rahman, the fourth Amir of the Pakistani Tablighi Jamaat. Is also on the list along with Sheikh Mahmud Effendi, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi, Moulana Mahmood Madni saheb, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Sudais and Sheikh Salman Al-Ouda, who was recently martyred in jail for previously tweeting about how Saudi Arabia and Qatar should end their diplomatic rift.

Al-Ouda and his two colleagues, Sheikh Ali al-Omari and Sheikh Awad al-Qarni were held by the Saudi authorities, despite a public

outray. Saudi King Salman, Mohammed Bin Salman and the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Muhammad bin Zayed are also listed respectively.

Turkish-German scientist, Ugur Sahin, is listed as "Man of the Year" in the annual publication, which is published by the Jordan-based Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (RISSC).

Sahin was awarded the title in the 2022 edition of 'The Muslim 500' for his pioneering role in developing a vaccine against COVID-19.

The vaccine made by Sahin and his wife, Ozlem Tureci, who are founders of pharma company, BioNTech, "reported 95% efficacy against the coronavirus and became the first mRNA drug approved for human use."

The vaccine utilised the cutting-edge mRNA technology that Sahin and Tureci have championed. BioNTech then partnered with US firm, Pfizer, and their COVID-19 vaccine has been among the ones most widely used throughout the world.

Tanzania's President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, was named as "Woman of the Year."

Hassan became the first female president of the East African nation, after the death of her predecessor, John Magufuli.

Foreigners attack Palestinians during olive harvest

Foreign Israeli settlers have been accused of committing violent attacks against Palestinian villages and residents who have been harvesting their olive trees.

The attacks coincide with the beginning of the olive harvest season on the occupied West Bank.

The most intensely targeted areas have been in the northern occupied West Bank, around villages south of Nablus city and Salfit, according to local observers.

Ghassan Daghlas, who monitors settler violence in the northern West Bank, said many villages and towns have been attacked.

“It is evident that there is an increase in the attacks. We are 30 percent into the olive harvest season, and we have already had 58 attacks in the north (of the West Bank),” said Daghlas, describing the attacks as “planned and not spontaneous”.

Harvesting olive trees is a key economic, familial and social activity for many Palestinians, who take days off work to tend to their lands, or those of their relatives, neighbours or friends. Between 80,000 to 100,000 families rely on olives and olive oil as primary or secondary sources of income.

While attacks are a daily

reality for Palestinians, the number and intensity of attacks increase during the olive harvest season which runs until November, as settlers target families working on their lands.

On October 12, settlers uprooted 900 olive and apricot saplings, and stole olive crops in the village of Sebastia, north of Nablus. A further 70 olive trees were destroyed in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron.

In Awarta, east of Nablus, settlers chopped down dozens of olive trees on October 13 and sprayed them with chemicals. They also destroyed some 70 olive, fruit and vegetable trees in al-Tuwani south of Hebron, and slashed tyres, and vandalised cars and walls in the village of Marda near Salfit.

On October 14, settlers cut down more than 80 olive trees in the village of al-Mughayyer, north of Ramallah.

The next day, they attacked the Hammoudeh family in the village of Yasuf near Salfit with rocks, injuring four. The family and other residents were attacked again on October 16. Settlers also beat residents of Burin near Nablus that day with batons, and set olive groves ablaze, injuring at least 12 Palestinians.

Daghlas said while in previous years “the attacks would begin a week after the start of the olive harvest”, this year, “the attacks began early”, which forced Palestinians to



tend to their trees quicker than expected.

Since the end of August 2021, settlers have injured at least 22 Palestinians, and ruined at least 1,800 Palestinian-owned trees, including 900 trees in Nablus and 650 in Jamma'in and al-Taybe (Hebron).

Daghlas pointed out that in addition to the burning and cutting down of trees, the attacks included stealing olive crops, chasing down farmers

and pushing them off their lands, as well as threatening them and drowning parts of their lands with the sewage water.

“The settlers, and the army, are chasing us down over our livelihoods, our income, our bread, our sustenance,” said Daghlas.

Palestinians say Israeli settlers very often come with army protection and are armed and dangerous.

“The settlers (foreigners), and the army are chasing us down over our livelihoods, our income, our bread, our sustenance.”

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IMWS launch Gaza winter appeal

IMWS is pleased to officially launch its annual Gaza winter appeal. The aim of the appeal is to provide much needed aid to families in Gaza in the form of winter blankets, winter clothes and gas stoves and cylinders which will cost £16, £25 and £45 respectively.

Years of conflict has left around 80 per cent of the population dependent on international assistance, according to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Over 1.2 million have registered as refugees with UNHCR.

Now, the 1.8 million people in Gaza are facing the harshness of winter, with the thought of survival, not just for themselves, but for their children, racing through their worried minds.

IMWS works directly with the charity Palestine Welfare House which is based in Gaza to provide aid to those in need.

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Tribute: Abedabai Rajpura

Mrs. Abeda Rajpura – a well known face amongst the local Muslim community - sadly passed away after a short illness on Monday the 25th October 2021.

May the Almighty grant her full forgiveness and the best abode in the hereafter.

Mrs Rajpura lovingly known as Abedabai was a progressive Muslim lady. When education was not common amongst Asian women she completed

her masters from a university in India and before her arrival to the UK in 1974, she worked in higher education for a number of years as a psychology Professor in India at Chikhli and Mehsana Colleges.

This was indeed an achievement as the basic schooling was not prevalent in those days let alone holding a master's degree.

Abedaben was very popular amongst local Muslim ladies and she carried out a plethora of social welfare related

projects in Batley.

She was the first headmistress at Zakaria Muslim Girls School – first Islamic school in Batley.

She was an educationalist and a social welfare worker. She always encouraged women who sought education.

She also was a very active female member of IMWS and she served as a Chair Person of the women's sub committee.

When HRH Prince Charles opened the Al Hikmah centre

in 1998, she contributed greatly in looking after the women related activities. Over many years she regularly contributed to Paigaam by providing Gujrati articles.

In addition she was instrumental in setting up and running an educational trust in India.

May the Almighty grant Sabr Jameel to Dr Rajpura and his family during this difficult time. We pray the Almighty opens the doors of Jannatul Firdos open for Abeda bai.

Madresah Taleemudeen students complete memorisation of the Holy Quran

On Saturday the 16th of October 8 students from Madresah Taleemudeen completed their memorisation of the Holy Quran.

During the annual boys Jalsa, guest speakers, Mufti Shabbir Ahmed and Mufti Yusuf Shabbir presided over a presentation ceremony at Jame Masjid, Henry Street to commemorate 7 boys who completed their hifz.

Over 700 people saw Hafiz Suleman Variava, Hafiz Zaahid Patel, Haafiz Mohammed Y Motala, Hafiz Mohammed A Hasham, Hafiz Umar Bhana,

Hafiz Ammar Munir Daji, Hafiz Mohammed Ismail Laher and Hafiz Ahmad Nana being bestowed with the highest honour.

During the annual girl's Jalsa, which took place before the boys' Jalsa, guest speaker, Aapaa Jaan, the respected wife of Mufti Shabbir Ahmed, took part in a presentation ceremony to honour Haafizah Sofia Bint Samad Kasuji, the daughter of the late Samad Kasuji.

The Madressa received a great deal of praise for the manner in which they dealt with Covid-19 under the guidance of the Ulema, committee and Moulana Zakir Daji.

Guest speaker, Mufti Shabbir enlightened inspired everyone in attendance with a rousing speech during the boys Jalsa and gave Madressah staff and students a number of pearls of wisdom.

During the lady's Jalsa, Aapaa Jaan addressed the female participants.

In addition to the annual Jalsas' a get together for youngsters was held in the esteemed presence of Hadhrat Maulana Abdurrauf Saheb on Friday the 22nd of October.

The respected sheikh encouraged those who attended to develop

friendships with good people. He also encouraged youngsters to follow the right path, practice the sunnah, recite the Holy Quran and perform namaz. The event concluded with duaa and food was then served.



Indian cricket has Swallowed venomous anti-Muslim sentiment

By Ismail Mulla

If you've ever been to a live cricket match involving India, the memory most likely will be one of colour, noise and celebration.

Those fans, whoever their team is playing and whatever the situation, are fervent but rarely abusive.

However, you cross over into the sewer pit that is social media and you get to witness a far more pernicious side to Indian cricket fandom.

Mohammed Shami is by all accounts a world class bowler. If he wasn't Indian, he would walk into any side in the world across all formats.

Even England, who have a plethora of fast bowlers, could do with someone who has that extra pace.

In the summer here, he was the reason why India took a lead in the abandoned test series. Shami also destroyed Pakistan's top

order at the 2015 World Cup.

At the 2019 World Cup, he took 14 wickets, just three less than his fellow fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah, who had played twice the number of matches - eight to Shami's four.

Yet all of this was forgotten in a flash after India's defeat to Pakistan in the group stages of the T20 World Cup.

His social media was littered with vile anti-Muslim racist abuse. Telling him to go back to Pakistan.

Here's a reality check for those people - the Muslim population is around 200 million in India. Pakistan's total population, including all religious groups, is roughly 220 million.

India belongs just as much to Shami as it belongs to anyone else born there. In fact, he is contributing to the country in a positive way, a stark contrast to the anonymous hate mongering keyboard warriors.

It's easy to blame social

media companies but this is more than that. It is a reflection of the way that Indian society has swallowed the venomous rhetoric of anti-Muslim sentiment.

There seems to have been a brain-rot that has set in amongst some parts of the population.

Some people were justifying the actions of these racists saying that every player copped abuse.

That may be the case and yes any form of abuse isn't acceptable but did those players get told to leave the country?

Were they accused of being a double agent? Of deliberately throwing a game?

No. They were not. This was Islamophobia pure and simple. Then the words inevitably translated into physical violence with reports emanating of Muslims being attacked in places such as Kashmir by racist mobs.

It's clear that certain right-wing Indian leaders are taking lessons from the right in America and trying to implement the Trump blueprint.

That's why there was so much venom directed at players taking the knee for racial equality and justice.

What this whole sorry episode has shown is that these racists have not only shown themselves to be bad losers but also dragged the name of their country and their cricket team into the mud.

In short, they are what they accuse others of being - anti-Indian.

It also shows that Indian society needs to turn back from the dangerous direction it has been heading in recent years and return to the founding principles of India.

(Ismail Mulla is a business reporter at The Yorkshire Post)



forget me not children's hospice

A vital service

A hospice in Kirklees that supports children and families with life-shortening conditions has called for more South Asian and other minority ethnic communities to access their help and services.

Huddersfield based Forget Me Not hospice provides a support, from counselling, dedicated nurses that provide around the clock treatment, to end-of-life support, and grief care.

Despite the fact that 60 percent of the children who use the hospice are of a South Asian or other minority ethnic background, Community engagement officer, Salma Pandor believes the work that Forget Me Not does is not well known in these communities.

Salma, who also works as a bank nurse, has encouraged people in South Asian communities across Batley, Dewsbury and throughout West Yorkshire to find out more about the work that Forget Me Not does to serve a plethora of diverse communities.

“I am keen to increase the awareness of Forget Me Not within our communities,” said Salma.

Families who have experienced the loss of a baby, or who are exhausted by the demands of caring for a child with a life-shortening condition or families living with the loss of their child, can get help.

“Much of this is about breaking down barriers within our communities, particularly the stigmas and myths about children’s hospices – for instance, that what we do is all about dying, when it is actually about helping children and families to live the best lives they can.”

Salma insists families confronted with the news their child has a condition that means it is unlikely they will reach adulthood, should get care.



the help they need by utilising Forget Me Not’s services that will invariably ensure families make the most of every moment they have together.

“Services Forget Me Not offers include nursing care, hydrotherapy, creative therapy, days out, memory making, end of life care, bereavement support and counselling. In the last 10 years the hospice has supported hundreds of families in many different ways.

“The services we offer include supporting families

from as early as the 20-week scan, helping them grasp the meaning of the diagnosis.

“We care for the whole family, everyone’s affected by a child’s condition - mums and dads, brothers and sisters, step-families and grandparents. Everyone grieves differently – so we tailor our support to the needs of the whole family, offering counselling, creative therapy, support groups and activities like making memory boxes.”

The work that the hospice do is very close to Salma’s heart as her very own daughter had a life-limiting condition: “At first, I was reluctant to use a hospice as I didn’t want to leave my daughter with strangers - would they look after her properly? Would people think that I couldn’t look after my child? All these questions went through my mind.

“But I soon realised the hospice was the best thing that could’ve happened to us. The amount of support and care my

daughter received and what we all received was phenomenal. They looked after us all.

“I was a single mum and they put me at ease and most importantly my daughter was happy and well looked after, she called it her holiday home. I have nothing but good memories and I will cherish them forever.

“The Almighty gave me the most beautiful gift and one of the hardest tests of my life. I owed it to my beautiful baby girl to make sure she had everything and that I could be the best mum I could.

“For me, that meant realising there was no shame in asking for help and support when I needed it. If you’re going through something similar, I applaud you. It’s the hardest thing in the world and you’re doing amazingly. You will all be rewarded in the hereafter. Please do ask for help and support if you need it.”

As a charity, Forget Me Not is heavily reliant on charitable donations as it costs £4 million a year to run the services and only 6 percent of that comes from government funding. Therefore, a fundraising event, in conjunction with IMWS will be held soon.

For more information about the hospice please visit the web site: www.forgetmenotchild.co.uk or feel free to contact Salma via email: salma.pandor@forgetmenotchild.co.uk

National Qirat Competition auditions to take place in Batley and across the UK

Auditions for a National Qirat competition have taken place at Madresah Taleemudeen in Batley.

Iqra TV's, National Qirat Competition, also known as the Q Factor, gave aspiring contestants from Batley and the surrounding areas a chance to showcase their hidden Quranic Talent to a panel of judges at the Warwick Road situated Masjid on the 6th of November.

The first audition for 2021 took place at Zakaria Masjid in Bolton on the 23rd of October. This was followed by auditions in Birmingham, at the Khadijahtul Kubra girl's school Madrasah which took place on the 30th of October.

Additional auditions where reciters across the country can vie for cash prizes for the overall winner, 2nd and 3rd position will take place at the Al Khair Foundation in Bradford on the 7th of November.

Masjid Aisha in Leicester will hold quran reciting auditions on the 13th of November.

The final set of auditions will see participants take to the Iqra Bangla studio in London, which will take place on the 20th of November.

A spokesman for Madresah Taleemudeen told Paigam that It is envisaged, by partaking in the event, people will enhance the practice and study of the holy book especially amongst the Muslim youth in particular.

"We take pride in our students for their

The National Qirat Competition is set to take place across the UK, with Madresah Taleemudeen in Batley the second Masjid in the UK to have held auditions on the 6th of November.

ambition and determination to reach excellency with their Quran recitation," said the spokesperson.

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Brain Teasers

Riddle 1: What invention lets you look right through a wall?

Riddle 2: If you've got me, you want to share me; if you share me, you haven't kept me. What am I?

Riddle 3: What can't be put in a saucepan?

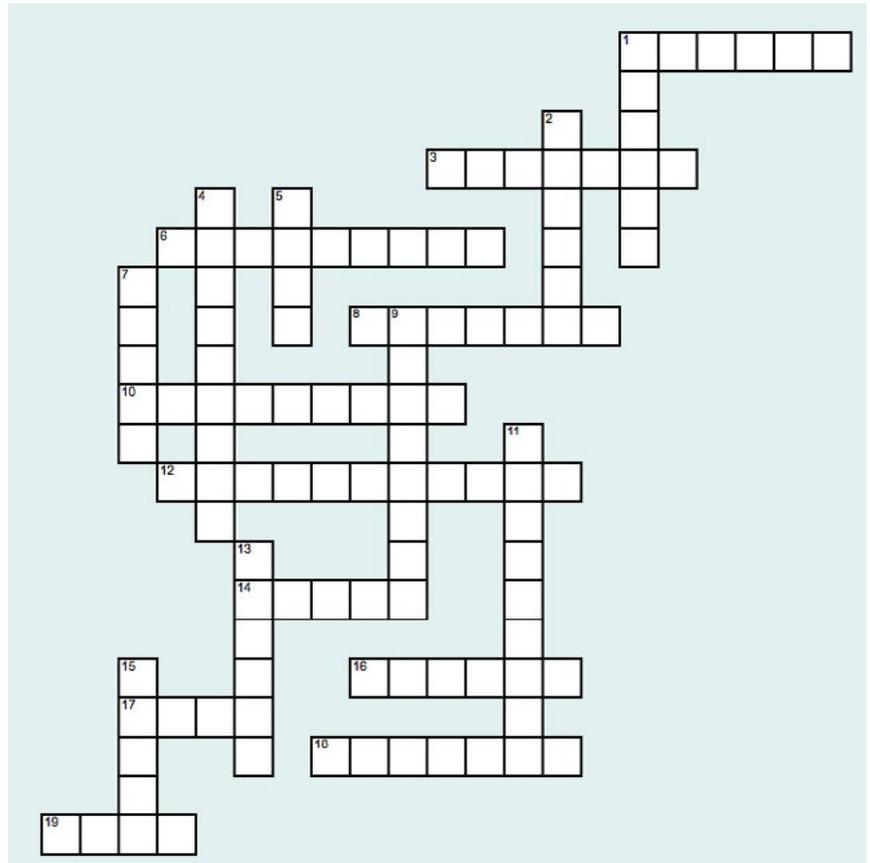
Riddle 4: What goes up and down but doesn't move?

Riddle 5: If you're running in a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in?

Riddle 6: It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it?

Riddle 7: I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

Riddle 8: If two's company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five?



Across

- 1 "holder of power"
- 3 Empire in Persia
- 6a tool that helps sailors navigate by the position of the stars.
- 8 to prove that something is true; to remove doubt.
- 10 power over thoughts, opinions and behavior
- 12 Muslim empire in India.
- 14 a green area in a desert fed by underground water
- 16 a Muslim leader
- 17 a language spoken in Pakistan today.
- 18 a tower of a mosque from which Muslims are called to pray.

19 A group who have different beliefs and are based in Iran.

Down

- 1 a leader of an Arab tribe
- 2 a marketplace
- 4 separation from other populated areas
- 5 a person who lives in Arabia.
- 7 a religion based on the teachings of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W)
- 9 Turkish clans in Asia Minor
- 11 an important law or belief.
- 13 Muslim houses of worship.
- 15 a group of Muslims who accepted the rule of the Umayyad caliphs.

Answers

- 1. Answer: A window
- 2. Answer: A
- 3. Answer: It's secret
- 4. Answer: A staircase
- 5. Answer: Second place
- 6. Answer: Your name
- 7. Answer: Seven
- 8. Answer: Nine
- 9. Answer: A
- 10. Answer: Mind
- 11. Answer: Sharia
- 12. Answer: Mughal
- 13. Answer: Mosque
- 14. Answer: Oasis
- 15. Answer: Kharijites
- 16. Answer: Prophet
- 17. Answer: Urdu
- 18. Answer: Minaret
- 19. Answer: Zoroastrians



Legal Column

Judge refuses to authorize COVID-19 Vaccination of Dementia Sufferer.

Whether or not to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is a matter of personal choice. A family judge made that point in declining to authorise vaccination of a care home resident suffering from acute dementia who had fiercely objected to the procedure.

The 86-year-old woman believed that she was living in the late 1940s or early 1950s, that her long-deceased parents were still alive and that she worked at a cake factory where she had been employed in her youth.

Every day at 4pm, when the factory siren once signalled the end of the working day, she would grab her handbag and jacket and attempt to return to her childhood home.

The care home where she lived had suffered a shocking toll during the first COVID-19 lockdown. Of its 99 residents, 27 had died from infection with the virus. Faced with her resistance

to vaccination, the judge was asked to consider authorising her inoculation on the basis that it was in her best interests. The plan was to employ gentle restraint and sedation in vaccinating her.

Ruling on the matter, the judge found that she lacked the mental capacity to make any decisions for herself. She had received excellent and sensitive care at the home and the application was driven by a desire to protect her.

Nobody could sensibly doubt the effectiveness of the vaccination programme, yet she had consistently opposed undergoing the procedure.

Although her reality was undoubtedly delusional, that did not stop it being her reality and her views were worthy of recognition and respect. Given that all but one of the home's other residents had been vaccinated, and that she kept herself apart from others and received almost no visitors, the risk of her becoming infected was slight.

The risk would, however, increase as

the home opened up to the outside world.

Whether due to her worsening dementia or as a result of her personality traits and general approach to life, she was increasingly resistant to medical interventions of any kind.

A suggestion had been made that she be tricked into having the vaccine by telling her that her father—who was still very much alive in her mind—wanted her to have it.

However, the judge ruled that such an approach, although well-intentioned, would risk compromising her dignity and her autonomy.

The judge found that, were she to have capacity to choose for herself, she would probably elect not to be vaccinated. There was no question of her being passive if she felt that she was being inoculated against her will.

Use of sedation and restraint would risk undermining her trust in those caring for her. Overall, the judge ruled that vaccinating her could not be said to be in her best interest.

Booster vaccinations FAQs

Who is eligible for the Covid booster vaccine?

Independent experts, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), have said that those living in residential care homes for older adults, all adults aged 50 years or over, frontline health and social care workers, all those aged 16 to 49 years with underlying health conditions should be offered a booster vaccine.

The JCVI advises that the booster vaccine dose should be offered no earlier than six months after completion of the first course of vaccination.

I am severely immunosuppressed. When will I get my booster?

The JCVI has recommended that people who were severely immunosuppressed at the time of their first or second Covid-19 vaccination should also be offered a third dose of the vaccine. This is separate to the booster programme and is an extra 'top-up' dose in response to evidence showing that they may not have responded as well to the vaccine as others and will therefore have lower levels of protection against Covid-19. It includes people with leukaemia and advanced HIV and people who have had recent organ transplants.

Consultants have been asked to identify eligible patients and recommend when the best time would be for them to have their third dose. Patients are being contacted either by their consultant or GP to arrange their vaccination, starting from mid-September.

Is there anyone that shouldn't have the booster vaccine?

There are very few people in the eligible groups who should not have a booster. If you have had a severe reaction to a previous dose of the vaccine you should discuss this with your doctor.

The NHS will let eligible people know to have their booster vaccine when it is their turn. The JCVI advises that the booster vaccine dose should be offered no earlier than six months after having the

second dose of the vaccination. Like your previous doses, the vaccine will be given in your upper arm.

What type of vaccine will the COVID-19 booster be? What if it's different to the one I have had?

After reviewing data on booster responses from different combinations of COVID-19 vaccines, the JCVI has advised that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is offered as the booster dose, even if you had a different vaccine for your first course. The evidence showed that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is well tolerated as a booster dose and will provide a strong booster response.

Alternatively, individuals may be offered a half dose of the Moderna vaccine, which should also be well tolerated and provide a strong booster response. A half dose of Moderna vaccine is advised over a full dose due to the levels of short-term side effects seen following boosting with a full dose in clinical trials.

Where mRNA vaccines cannot be offered (for example due to an allergy), vaccination with the AstraZeneca vaccine may be considered for those who received AstraZeneca vaccine in the primary course.

Will there be any side effects from the booster vaccine?

As with your previous dose the common side effects are the same for all COVID-19 vaccines used in the UK, and include: having a painful, heavy feeling and tenderness in the arm where you had your injection. Additional side effects include feeling tired, headache, general aches, or mild flu like symptoms.

Although a fever can occur within a day or 2 of vaccination, if you have any other COVID-19 symptoms or your fever lasts longer, stay at home and arrange to have a test. Symptoms following vaccination normally last less than a week. If your symptoms seem to get worse or if you are concerned, you can call NHS 111.

If you had serious side effects after any previous dose you may be advised to avoid or delay further vaccination. You

should discuss this with your doctor or specialist.

Can you still catch COVID-19 after having the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccination will reduce the chance of you suffering from COVID-19 disease. It may take a few days for your body to build up some protection from the booster.

Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective – some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should be less severe.

Can I get the flu and COVID-19 booster vaccine at the same time?

The COVID-19 booster and the flu vaccine can be given on the same day and for people that are eligible for both, there may be opportunities to have both together. We would encourage you to get your vaccinations as soon as possible and get fully protected rather than waiting as it may not always be possible to get them together.

I haven't yet had the COVID-19 vaccination, can I still get my first jabs?

Everyone that is eligible that hasn't already had their first or second COVID-19 vaccination will still be able to get vaccinated, even when the COVID-19 booster programme begins. Everyone aged 18 and over can book their initial COVID-19 vaccination through the NHS booking service (call 119 free of charge, anytime between 7am and 11pm seven days a week).

Can I get the booster if I am pregnant?

If you are pregnant and in one of the groups that the JCVI has recommended for the boosters, you are eligible to receive a booster, no earlier than six months after completion of the first course of vaccination. The NHS will contact you when it is your turn.

To find out more about the IMWS Health Committee, please contact Mohammed Laher on: 07702962740

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આબેદાબહેન રાજપુરાનો દુઃખદ ઈત્તેકાલ

મોત ઉરકી છે, કરે જિસકા ઝમાના અફસોસ...
ચું તો દુનિયામં સભી આયે છે, મરને કે લીયે...

સોમવાર તારીખ ૨૫-૧૦-૨૦૨૧ ની વેલી સવારે આબેદાબહેન રાજપુરા ટૂંકી માંદગીબાદ ૭૮ વર્ષની ઉંમરે પરવરદિગારની રેહમતે પહોચ્યા હતા. તેમના ઈત્તેકાલના સમાચાર બાટલી, અને આજુબાજુના વિસ્તારમાં પ્રસરતા લોકોમાં શોકની લાગણી ફેલાઈ હતી. આબેદાબહેનના કામો અને વ્યક્તિત્વજ એવું હતું કે, તેઓ બધામાં અને ખાસ કરીને ઓરતોમાં ખૂબજ લોકલડિલા હતા.

મુસ્લિમોમાં જ્યારે સ્ત્રી કેળવણીના મહિમાને કોઈ સમજતું પણ ન હતું ત્યારે એમણે એમ.એ. સુધીનો અભ્યાસ કરી મહેસાણા અને ચીપલીની કોલેજોમાં સાયકોલોજીના પ્રોફેસર તરીકે સેવા આપી હતી. પતિ ડો. અબ્દુરહેમાન રાજપુરા સાથે ૧૯૭૪માં અહીં બાટલીમાં આવી સ્થાયી થયા હતા.

એમના ચારે સંતાનોએ ડોક્ટરની ઉપાધિ હાંસિલ કરી છે. તેમના સંતાનોની પરવરીશમાં આબેદાબહેનનો અમૂલ્ય ફાળો રહ્યો છે. ડો. રાજપુરા સાહેબના જાહેરકાર્યોમાં પણ પડછાયો બની એમણે ઘણોજ સાથ આપ્યો છે. જેના કારણે બાટલીમાં દીન-દુનિયાના અનેક કાર્યોમાં ડોક્ટર સાહેબ સિંહફાળો આપી શક્યા છે.

કેળવણી અને તેમાંયે સ્ત્રી કેળવણીના ખાસ હિમાયતી આબેદાબહેન એમના માદરે વતન કેશરપૂરા અને આજુબાજુના વિસ્તારોમાં બાળકો સારી કેળવણી લઈ શકે તે માટે “ઉન્નતિ એજ્યુકેશન ટ્રસ્ટની” સ્થાપના કરી તેના ઉપપ્રમખ પદે રહી “આશિષ વિદ્યાલયના” અધ્યતન મકાનના બાંધકામ અને શાળાના વિકાસમાં આર્થિક અને શારીરિક અમૂલ્ય ફાળો આપ્યો છે.

બાટલીમા આવ્યા પછી એમણે અહીંના જાહેર જીવનમાં ઊંડો રસ દાખવી અનેક સેવાભાવી કાર્યોમાં ભાગ લીધો છે. ઝકરીયા ગર્લ્સ હાઈસ્કૂલના પ્રથમ હેડ માસ્તર તરીકેની જવાબદારી નિભાવી હાઈસ્કૂલની પ્રગતિમાં પ્રશંસનીય ફાળો આપ્યો હતો. ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલીના સ્ત્રી વિભાગની સબ કમિટીના વડા તરીકે એમણે મોટી સેવા બજાવી હતી. ૧૯૮૮માં પ્રિન્સ ચાર્લસની અલ હિકમાહ સેન્ટર ખાતે વિઝીટ દરમિયાનના અનેક પ્રોગ્રામોમાં ઓરતોને સાથે રાખી પ્રોગ્રામને સફળ બનાવવામાં એમણે અમૂલ્ય યોગદાન આપ્યું હતું.

પયગામ માસિકમાં પણ અન-નિસાં વિભાગમાં હંમેશાં કેળવણી અને આપણા સામાજિક પ્રશ્નોને ઉજાગર કરતા લેખો તથા સ્ત્રીઓની કુટુંબ અને સમાજપ્રતિ જવાબદારીના લેખો લખીને ખાસ કરીને સ્ત્રીવાંચકો માટે પ્રેરણારૂપ રહ્યા હતા. પયગામથી લઈને સ્ત્રીઓના પ્રશ્નો અંગે જ્યારે પણ ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીને જરૂરત પડી આબેદાબહેન હંમેશાં તત્પર રહી સાથ આપ્યો છે. બાટલી ખાતે જ્યારે પણ ગુજરાતી ભાષાના સમારંભો યોજાયા ત્યારે ડો. રાજપુરા સાહેબ અને આબેદાબહેન સાથે આપવામાં મોખરે રહ્યા છે.

ડોક્ટર સાહેબના અનેક ઉલ્માઓ અને દેશ પરદેશના બીજા મહાનુભાવો સાથેના સંબંધોના કારણે તેમને ત્યાં નિયમિત મહેમાનોનું આગમન રહેતું. તેમની મહેમાનનવાઝીમાં અને ઉલ્માઓની ખીદમતમાં આબેદાબહેનનો ફાળો અગ્રિમ રહેતો.

એમના ઈત્તેકાલથી એમના પરિવારને જ નહીં પરંતુ વતનમાં એમણે સ્થાપેલ ઉન્નતિ એજ્યુકેશન ટ્રસ્ટને એમના માર્ગદર્શન અને સહાય માટે કદી ન પૂરાય તેવી ખોટ પડી છે. બાટલીમાં પણ આપણો સમાજ ઉન્નતિ કરે તે માટે જે ઘગશથી સાથ સહકાર આપ્યો છે તે કદી વિસરાય એમ નથી.

એમની વિદાયથી ડો. રાજપુરા સાહેબ અને એમના સંતાનોને અને એથીયે વિશેષ એમના પૌત્ર-પૌત્રીઓએ એમની છત્રછાયા ગુમાવ્યાની જે કદી ન ભરપાઈ થઈ શકે એવી ખોટ લાગી છે. અને બાટલીએ તો એક હોનહાર, સમાજસેવિકા, અને પયગામે એક માર્ગદર્શક લેખિકા ગુમાવી છે.

મર્દુમ આબેદાબહેન એક ઉચ્ચકોટિનું વ્યક્તિત્વ અને અનેક ખૂબીઓના માલિક હતા. હંમેશાં હસમુખો ચેરો અને હરપળે દરેકને મદદ કરવા તત્પર રહેતું વ્યક્તિત્વ આપણે ભૂલી શકીએ એમ નથી. આપણે દુઆ કરીએ કે, પરવરદિગાર એમને જન્નતુલ ફિરદૌશમાં આલા જગા અતા ફરમાવે, એમની ખીદમતોને કબુલ ફરમાવે અને એમના કુટુંબીજનોને સબ્રે જમીલ અતા ફરમાવે આમીન.

લાચી હયાત આયે, કઝા લે ચલી, ચલે
અપની ખુશી ન આયે, ન અપની ખુશી ચલે.

આઓ રબ સે દુઆ માંગે, જિંદગી જીને કી અદા માંગે,
અપની ખાતિર તો બહુત માંગા, આજ સબકે લિયે
ભલા માંગે.

ગઝલ

નિસ્બત છે અમારે ઘરતીથી, તુજ સ્વર્ગનું વર્ણન કોણ કરે ?
ઘર-દીપ બુઝાવી નાંખીને, નભ-દીપને રોશન કોણ કરે ?
જીવનમાં મળે છે જ્યાં જ્યાં દુઃખ હું જાઉં છું ત્યાં ત્યાં દિલપૂર્વક
મારાથી વધુ મુજ કિસ્મતનું, સુંદર અનુમોદન કોણ કરે ?
વીખરેલ લટોને ગાલો પર, રહેવા દે પવન, તું રહેવા દે
પાગલ આ ગુલાબી મોસમમાં, વાદળનું વિસર્જન કોણ કરે ?
આ વિરહની રાતે હસનારા, તારાઓ બુઝાવી નાંખું પણ,
એક રાત નભાવી લેવી છે, આકાશને દુશ્મન કોણ કરે ?
જીવનની હકીકત પૂછો છો ? તો મોત સુધીની રાહ જુઓ
જીવન તો અધુરું પુસ્તક છે, જીવનનું વિવેચન કોણ કરે ?
લાગે છે કે, સર્જક પોતે પણ કંઈ શોધી રહ્યો છે દુનિયામાં
દરરોજ નહિતર સૂરજને, ઠારી ફરી રોશન કોણ કરે ?

-સૈફ પાલનપુરી.

આણમોલ ફળો, એક કુદરતી ભેટ

-મહંમદ યુસુફ સુફી લાજપુરી, બાટલી.

આપણે છેલ્લા કેટલાક અંકોથી “ તંદુરસ્તી અને મનદુરસ્તી ” અંગે અને તન અને મનને સુરક્ષિત રાખવા તથા આરોગ્યની રક્ષા માટે ચર્ચા કરી રહ્યા હતા. આ અંકમાં આપણે કેટલાક ઉપયોગી આણમોલ ફળો વિષે ચર્ચા કરીએ.

દુનિયાના ઘણાં ડોક્ટરો કેટલીક બીમારીઓની સારવાર માટે દર્દીઓને તાજા ફળો અને ફળોના તાજા રસનો ઉપયોગ કરવા ભલામણ કરે છે. અહીં કેટલાક ઉપયોગી ફળોના વિષે થોડી વાતો કરીએ.

સફરજન:

તંદુરસ્તીની હિફાઝત માટે વિવિધ ફળોની ભેટ આપણને કુદરત તરફથી આપવામાં આવી છે. તે પૈકી એક સફરજન છે. આ એક લોકપ્રિય ફળ છે. જેને અંગ્રેજીમાં એપલ કહે છે. સફરજન વિષે અંગ્રેજીમાં એક કહેવત પ્રખ્યાત છે કે, દરરોજ એક સફરજન ખાવ અને ડોક્ટરોને દૂર રાખો.

આયુર્વેદના જાણીતા ગ્રંથમાં તો માથાથી લઈ પગ સુધીની અનેક બીમારીઓના ઈલાજ માટે સફરજનનું નામ લખ્યું છે. કેરીના પછી આ એક બીજા નંબરનું ફળ છે. જેની વિવિધ જાતો છે. કેરીના ફળને ફળોનો બાદશાહ કહેવામાં આવે છે. જ્યારે સફરજનને ફળોનો સરદાર કહેવામાં આવે છે.

સફરજનને છલતા (છોતરા)ના સાથે ખાવા માટે અનુરોધ કરવામાં આવે છે. છલતા કાઢી નાખવાથી વિટામીનનું એક પ્રમાણ નીકળી જતું હોય છે. આ ફળને મુરબ્બા, જ્યુસ અને સલાડમાં વિવિધ રીતે ઉપયોગી માનવામાં આવે છે.

વૈદિક દ્રષ્ટિએ આ ફળ ઘણાં રોગોમાં ગુણકારી છે. વળી એનો સતત ઉપયોગ યુનાની સાયન્સના મત મુજબ, સફરજન દિલ, દિમાગ, લીવર, જઠર (હોજળી)ને શક્તિ આપે છે. લોહી વધારે છે. શરીરને સ્ફૂર્તિ આપે છે.

દાડમ:

દાડમ પણ એક આણમોલ ફળ છે. એના ગુણદોષ પણ જાણવા જેવા છે. ખાસ કરી દાડમ હૃદયરોગ માટે એક અદ્ભૂત કુદરતી ભેટ છે. આ એક અતિ ઉપયોગી ફળ છે. જે દિલને રોશન, પ્રફૂલ્લ કરનારું તથા તાકાત આપનારું સાબિત થયું છે.

અનુભવી તબીબોના મત મુજબ આ ફળ જઠર અને કલેજની કમજોરી માટે લાભકારક છે. વધુમાં મુત્રપિંડની ગરમી, આંતરડાની બળતરા, પેટના દર્દમાં ફાયદાકારક છે. પેશાબ વધુ પડતો પીળો થતો હોય, એજ પ્રમાણે કમળાના દર્દને દાડમ બહું ગુણકારી છે. તાવવાળાને મોં કડવું લાગે છે. કશું ખાવાની ઈચ્છા થતી નથી. એવા દર્દીઓએ પણ દાડમના દાણા ખાવા અથવા દાડમનો જ્યુસ કાઢી તેમાં ગ્લુકોઝ નાંખી ખાવું. શરીરમાં શક્તિ આવશે. તરસ છીપાસે. લાંબી બીમારી પછી ઉઠેલા લોકો માટે

દાડમનો તાજો જ્યુસ એક ઉત્તમ ટોનીક છે. એ લોહી વધારે છે. એટલું જ નહીં લોહી શુદ્ધ પણ કરે છે.

પપૈયા:

આ ફળ પેટની તકલીફો દૂર કરે છે. એના રસથી લીવર ઉપર સારી અસર થાય છે. મુત્રપિંડના રોગોમાં તે લાભ આપે છે. જમ્યા પછી અગર પપૈયુ ખાવામાં આવે તો ઘણી બીમારીઓથી માણસ બચી શકે છે.

સાયન્સના મત મુજબ કીડનીના ઓપરેશન પછી થતા ઈન્ફેક્શનને દૂર કરવા માટે પપૈયા એક આણમોલ ભેટ છે. છાતી અને ફેફસાના રોગમાં એ બેહદ ઉપયોગી છે. વધારે પડતું ખાઈ લેવાથી પેટમાં ભાર લાગે છે. તબીયતમાં બેચેની માલમ પડે છે. તો પપૈયા ખાઈ લેવાથી તંદુરસ્તી જળવાઈ રહે છે.

દ્રાક્ષ:

દ્રાક્ષ એક નેઅમત તરીકે ધરતી ઉપર ઉતારવામાં આવેલ ફળ છે. એમાં અનેક પોષક તત્વો છે. આ સરળતાથી પચી જતું અને મન, દિલને પ્રફૂલ્લ કરતું એક સ્ફૂર્તિદાયક ફળ છે.

દરરોજ દ્રાક્ષ ખાવાથી કબજિયાત દૂર થાય છે. મસાની તકલીફમાં રાહત આપે છે. પેટની બળતરા શાંત થાય છે. શરીર નબળું રહેતું હોય અને અશક્તિ લાગતી હોય, વજન વધતું ન હોય, ચામડી સૂકી થઈ ગઈ હોય, આંખોમાં ઝાંખપ લાગતી હોય અને બળતરા રહેતી હોય તો દ્રાક્ષથી ફાયદો થાય છે.

દુનિયામાં દ્રાક્ષની ઘણી જાતો જોવા મળે છે. સૂકી દરાખને કિસમિસ અને મુનક્કા કહે છે. સૂકી દરાખ યાદશક્તિ વધારવા માટે ઉત્તમ છે.

મોસંબી, સંતરા, માલટા, કિનુ:

એકજ પરિવારના જુદા જુદા નામો ધરાવતા આ ફળોએ જગતભરમાં લોકપ્રિયતા મેળવી છે. ફલૂ જેવી બીમારીમાં જ્યારે અન્ય ખોરાક લેવાતો ન હોય ત્યારે શક્તિ ટકાવી રાખવા માટે તથા શરીરને પોષણ આપવા માટે મોસંબીનો રસ ખૂબ ગુણકારી છે. તેના રસથી પેટની એસીડિટી ઘટે છે. ભૂખ લાગે છે અને પાચનની તકલીફ દૂર થાય છે. દમ અને શ્વાસનળીના સોજા માટે પણ સંતરા ઉપયોગી છે.

પાચનશક્તિ ઘટી જાય છે ત્યારે ખોરાક સારી રીતે પચતો નથી અને તેમાં સડો ઉત્પન્ન થાય છે. તેમાંથી ગેસ પેદા થાય છે. આ રીતે હોજરીમાં બગાડ થાય છે. ત્યારે સંતરા તેને સુધારવામાં મદદ કરે છે. તે હોજરી તથા આંતરડાના માર્ગોની સફાઈ કરે છે. આથી તે બન્નેની પાચન શક્તિમાં વધારો થાય છે. આ ફળોમાં લગભગ દરેક વિટામીનો સમાયેલા હોવાથી આ ફળ અને તેના રસો એક આણમોલ જડીબુટ્ટીનું કામ કરે છે.

ઉપરોક્ત લેખ ઈન્ડિયાના ત્રણ પ્રખ્યાત અને અનુભવી ડોક્ટરોની સલાહસુચનના આધારિત “રસાહાર ધ્વારા તંદુરસ્તી અને રોગમુક્તિ” પુસ્તકમાંથી સાભાર ટાંકવામાં આવ્યો છે. આશા છે કે, વાંચકો એનાથી લાભ ઉઠાવશે.

સમાચારોની ઝલક

૬૮ વર્ષ બાદ ફરી એર ઈન્ડિયાની ટાટા ગૃપમાં વાપસી

ગયા માસમાં ૮મી ઓક્ટોબરના રોજ ટાટા કંપનીએ ભારતની એર ઈન્ડિયા ખરીદવાની બોલી જીતી લીધી હતી. ટાટાએ ૧૮૬જાર કરોડ રૂપિયામાં એર ઈન્ડિયા ખરીદી છે. જેમાં એર ઈન્ડિયા અને ઈન્ડિયા એક્સપ્રેસમાં ૧૦૦ ટકા હિસ્સો અને બીજા વિભાગમાં ૫૦ ટકા હિસ્સો હશે. ઓગષ્ટ ૨૦૨૧ સુધી એર ઈન્ડિયા ઉપર ૬૧૫૬૨ કરોડનું દેવું છે. જેમાંથી ૧૫૬જાર કરોડ ટાટાએ ચુકવવાના રહેશે. મોદી સરકાર તરફથી એર ઈન્ડિયા વેચવાનો આ બીજો પ્રયાસ છે. તેના વધતા જતાં દેવાથી કોઈ બીડ માટે તૈયાર થતું ન હતું પરંતુ ટાટા કંપનીનો જુનો નાતો એર ઈન્ડિયા સાથે હોવાથી તેમણે એમાં રસ દાખવ્યો હતો.

જહાંગીર રતનજી ટાટા (જેઆરડી ટાટા)એ ૧૯૩૨માં એર સર્વિસ શરૂ કરી હતી અને તેમાં પોતાની કારકીર્દી વધારી હતી. ૧૯૫૩માં ભારત સરકાર ધ્વારા તેનું રાષ્ટ્રીયકરણ કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેઆરડી ટાટા ૧૯૭૭ સુધી તેના ચેરમેન રહ્યા હતા. હવે પાછી આ એર કંપની ટાટા ગૃપ હસ્તગત આવી છે. હાલમાં ટાટા ગૃપની મલેશિયાની એર એશિયા અને સિંગાપોર એરલાઇન્સમાં ભાગીદારી છે. એર ઈન્ડિયાના વેચાણથી સરકારને ૨૭૦૦ કરોડ રૂપિયા મળશે બાકી સરકારનું દેવું છે. ટાટા ગૃપના આ પગલાંની ભારતમાં પ્રસંશા થઈ રહી છે કારણ કે ભારતના બીલીયોનરો અદાણી, અંબાણી નફો ધરાવતી કંપનીમાં જ રોકાણ કરે છે જ્યારે કે ટાટા કંપનીએ દેવાદાર કંપની ખરીદી રૂબતી નૈયાને ઉગારવાનું ભગીરથ કાર્ય કર્યું છે.

અબ્દુલ રઝાક ગુર્નાહને ૨૦૨૧નો સાહિત્ય માટેનો નોબેલ પુરસ્કાર

ટાંજાનિયાના ઝાંઝીબારમાં જન્મેલ અબ્દુલ રઝાક ગુર્નાહની ૨૦૨૧ના સાહિત્ય માટેનો નોબેલ એવોર્ડ માટે પસંદગી કરવામાં આવી છે. “સંસ્થાનવાદ અને ખંડો વચ્ચેના વિવાદમાં શરણાર્થીઓનું ભાવિ અને તેમની સહાનુભૂતિ અને કડ્ડણા” નવલકથા માટે આ નોબેલ પુરસ્કાર આપાયો છે. ટાંજાનિયાના ધ્વીપસમુહ ઝાંઝીબારમાં જન્મેલ અને ઉછરેલ અબ્દુલ રઝાક ૧૯૬૦માં નાની વયે શરણાર્થી તરીકે યુ.કે. આવ્યા હતા. તેમણે મોટી સંખ્યામાં ટૂંકી વાર્તાઓ અને અનેક નવલકથાઓ લખી છે અને પ્રકાશિત કરી છે. તેઓ કેન્ટ યુનિવર્સિટીમાં અંગ્રેજી અને પોષ્ટ કોલોનીયલ લિટરેચર્સના ભૂતપૂર્વ પ્રોફેસર છે. ૧૯૮૬માં વોલે સોયંકા એવોર્ડ પછી પ્રતિષ્ઠિત એવોર્ડથી સન્માનિત થનાર પ્રથમ અશ્વેત આફ્રીકન છે.

નોબેલ કમિટીના અધ્યક્ષ એન્ડરસ ઓલ્સને એક નિવેદનમાં જણાવ્યું છે કે, ગુર્નાહનું સત્ય પ્રત્યેનું સમર્પણ આશ્ચર્યજનક છે. તેમની નવલકથાઓ જડ વર્ણનથી અલગ હોય છે. અને તે સાંસ્કૃતિક વારસા અને વૈવિધ્યપૂર્ણ પૂર્વ આફ્રિકા વિશે જણાવે છે.

૨૧વર્ષની ઉંમરે શરણાર્થી તરીકે તેમણે લખવાનું શરૂ કર્યું હતું. અંગ્રેજી સાહિત્યમાં તેમણે ઘણી સફળતા મેળવી છે. અત્યાર સુધી સાહિત્ય માટે નોબેલ પુરસ્કાર ૧૧૮ લોકોને એનાયત થયા છે.

પાસપોર્ટ ઈન્ડેક્સમાં ભારતનો દેખાવ વધુ કથળ્યો

દર વર્ષે હેનલે ઈન્ડેક્સમાં ટ્રાવેલ ફ્રેન્ડલી પાસપોર્ટનું લીસ્ટ જાહેર થાય છે. કયા દેશનો પાસપોર્ટધારક કેટલા દેશોમાં વિઝા વિના એન્ટ્રી લઈ શકે છે તેના આધારે શક્તિશાળી પાસપોર્ટની યાદી બને છે અને રેન્કિંગ નક્કી થાય છે.

ચાલુ સાલે જાપાન, સિંગાપોર આ યાદીમાં પ્રથમ નંબરે છે. આ બન્ને દેશોના પાસપોર્ટધારક સૌથી વધુ દેશો ૧૯૨ માં વિઝા વગર પ્રવાસ કરી શકે છે. જર્મની, દક્ષિણ કોરિયા બીજા નંબરે. ફીનલેન્ડ, ઈટલી, લક્ઝમ્બર્ગ, સ્પેન ત્રીજા નંબરે. ઓસ્ટ્રીયા, ડેન્માર્ક ચોથા નંબરે. ફ્રાન્સ, આયર્લેન્ડ, નેધરલેન્ડ, સ્વીડન પાંચમાં નંબરે. જ્યારે બ્રિટન અને અમેરિકા ૭ માં નંબરે છે. આ દેશોના પ્રવાસી ૧૮૫ દેશોમાં વિઝા વિના પ્રવાસ કરી શકે છે.

ભારત ગયા વર્ષે આ યાદીમાં ૮૪ ક્રમે હતું. આ વખતે તે ૯૦ મા ક્રમે છે. ભારતના નાગરિકો ૫૮ દેશોમાં વિઝા વગર પ્રવાસ કરી શકે છે.

ભારતમાં ભૂખમરાની સ્થિતિ ચિંતાજનક :

હાલમાં જ ૨૦૨૧નો વૈશ્વિક ભૂખમરાનો સુચક આંક રિપોર્ટ બહાર પડ્યો છે. આ ગ્લોબલ હંગર ઈન્ડેક્સ ૨૦૨૧માં ભારત ૧૧૬ દેશોના યાદીમાં ૧૦૧માં સ્થાને પહોંચી ગયું છે. આ મામલે ભારત તેના પાડોશી દેશો પાકિસ્તાન, બાંગ્લાદેશ, નેપાળ કરતાં પણ પાછળ છે. ૨૦૨૦માં ભારત ૧૦૭ દેશોની સુચીમાં ૯૪માં નંબરે હતું. આ વર્ષે ચીન, બ્રાઝિલ, કુવૈત સહિત ૧૮ દેશોએ ટોચનું સ્થાન મેળવ્યું છે. દર વર્ષે આ દેશોના જીએચઆઈ સ્કોરને ૪ માપદંડોના આધારે નક્કી કરાઈ છે. જેમાં અલ્પપોષણ, કુપોષણ, બાળકોનો વૃદ્ધિદર અને બાળમૃત્યુદર સામેલ છે. આ રિપોર્ટ મુજબ નેપાળ ૭૬, બાંગ્લાદેશ ૭૬, મ્યાનમાર ૭૧ અને પાકિસ્તાન ૯૨ માં નંબર ઉપર છે.

પાકિસ્તાનના ન્યુક્લિયર સાયન્ટીસ્ટ અબ્દુલ કાદિર ખાનનો ઈતેકાલ

પાકિસ્તાનના ન્યુક્લિયર સાયન્ટીસ્ટ ડો. અબ્દુલ કાદિર ખાનનું રવિવાર તારીખ ૧૦મી ઓક્ટોબરના રોજ ૮૫ વર્ષની ઉંમરે મૃત્યુ થયું છે. તેમને ઈસ્લામિક ન્યુક્લિયર બોમ્બના જનક કહેવામાં આવે છે. તેમના ઉપર પરમાણુ ટેકનીક વેચવાનો આરોપ પણ લગાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

૧૯૯૮માં ભારતે રાજસ્થાનના પોખરણમાં ન્યુક્લિયર પરિક્ષણ કર્યું ત્યારબાદ પાકિસ્તાને પણ ન્યુક્લિયર પરિક્ષણ કર્યું હતું. ત્યારથી તેઓ ઈસ્લામિક જગતમાં હીરો બની ગયા હતા. અબ્દુલ કાદિર ખાનનો જન્મ ૧લી એપ્રિલ ૧૯૩૬માં મધ્ય પ્રદેશના ભોપાલમાં થયો હતો. ભાગલા પછી તેમનો પરિવાર પાકિસ્તાન જતો રહ્યો હતો. તેમને ત્યાં ત્રણ પ્રેસિડેન્સિયલ એવોર્ડથી (વધુ આગળના પાના ઉપર)

નવાજવામાં આવ્યા હતા. તેમને બે વખત નિશાન-એ-ઈસ્તિયાજ અને એક વખત હિલાલ-એ-ઈસ્તિયાજથી સન્માનિત કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

૧૯૯૮માં યુએસ ન્યૂઝ મેગેઝીને એક રિપોર્ટ પબ્લિશ કરી ડો. ખાન ઉપર ન્યુક્લિયર સિક્રેટ વેચવાનો આરોપ લગાવ્યો હતો. જેની તપાસ અમેરિકાના પ્રેસિડન્ટ જ્યોર્જ ડબલ્યુ બુશે કરાવી હતી. ૨૦૦૨માં તેમને હાઉસ એરેસ્ટ કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

કેમ્બ્રિજ સેન્ટ્રલ મસ્જિદને આર્કિટેક્ટ એવોર્ડ

રોયલ ઇન્સ્ટીટ્યુટ ઓફ બ્રિટીશ આર્કિટેક્સ (RIBA) એ લંડન ખાતે આવેલ કેમ્બ્રિજ મસ્જિદ ટ્રસ્ટને આર્કિટેક્સનો ખાસ એવોર્ડ ક્લાયન્ટ ઓફ ધ ઈયર એનાયત કર્યો છે. ઉપરાંત માર્કસ બારકિલ્ડના આર્કિટેક્ટ મેથ્યુ વિનગ્રોવને આ મસ્જિદની ડીઝાઈન માટે આર્કિટેક્ટ ઓફ ધ ઈયરનો એવોર્ડ પણ આપ્યો.



છે. આ મસ્જિદમાં લાકડાનો મુખ્ય ઉપયોગ કરી મુખ્ય ડીઝાઈન તૈયાર કરી તેને નકસીબંધ કરવામાં આવી છે. આ મસ્જિદ પૂરા યુરોપમાં ઈકો ફ્રેન્ડલી મસ્જિદ છે. મસ્જિદના જમાતખાનામાં એક હજારથી વધુ નમાઝીઓ નમાઝ અદા કરી શકે છે. ઉપરાંત મસ્જિદના આંગણમાં બગીચા, બિલ્ડીંગમાં લાયબ્રેરી, ઓફિસો અને મસ્જિદને લગતી અન્ય સુવિધાઓ છે. મસ્જિદનું તામિરી કામ પૂરૂ કરવામાં ૧૦વર્ષનો સમય લાગ્યો હતો. આ મસ્જિદ યુ.કે. તથા બીજા દેશોના પ્રવાસીઓ માટે આકર્ષણનું એક કેન્દ્ર પણ બન્યું છે.

મદ્રેસા તાલીમુદીન હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટ, બાટલીનો વાર્ષિક જલ્સો

મદ્રેસા તાલીમુદીન હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટ, બાટલીનો તાલિમી, ઈન્આમી અને હિક્કઝ કુરઆન કરીમના ખતમનો વાર્ષિક જલ્સો તારીખ ૧૬મી ઓક્ટોબર ૨૦૨૧ના શનિવારે મગરિબની નમાઝ બાદ હઝરત મૌલાના મુફતી શબ્બીર સાહબ દા.બ.(બ્લેકબર્ન)ની સદારત હેઠળ જામે મસ્જિદ, હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટમાં યોજાયો હતો. આ વર્ષે ૮ ખુશનસીબ તાલિબે ઈલ્મએ કુરઆન મજીદનો અંતિમ

સબક તજવીદ સાથે તીલાવત કરી ખતમ કર્યો હતો. જેઓની દસ્તારબંદી કરીને સનદ અર્પણ કરવામાં આવી હતી. તેઓના નામ નીચે પ્રમાણે છે. ૧. હાફિઝ સુલેમાન હાઝન વરીયાવા ૨. હાફિઝ મહંમદ યુસુફ ઈસ્માઈલ મોતાલા ૩. હાફિઝ અમ્માર મહમદ મુનીર દાજી ૪. હાફિઝ ઝાહિદ મહંમદ પટેલ ૫. હાફિઝ ઉમર ઈરફાન ભાના ૬. હાફિઝ મહંમદ ઈસ્માઈલ લહેર ૭. હાફિઝ મહંમદ અમીન હાઝન હાશમ ૮. હાફિઝ અહમદ મૌલાના અબ્દુલ્લાહ નાના. એમના વાલીઓ, ઉસ્તાદોને મુબારકબાદી પાઠવવામાં આવી હતી.

આજ દિવસે બપોરે ઝોહરની નમાઝ બાદ ઓરતોનો એક જલ્સો પણ મદ્રેસા તાલીમુદીન, હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટ બાટલી ખાતે યોજાયો હતો જેમાં એક છોકરીએ હાફિઝ કુરઆન મુકમ્મીલ કરી હાફિઝાહ બની હતી તેને પણ સનદ અર્પણ કરવામાં આવી હતી. આ જલ્સામાં આપા જાને (વાઈફ મુફતી શબ્બીર અહમદ સાહેબ, બ્લેકબર્ન) હાજરી આપી હતી.

શું તમે જાણો છો,

અલ હિકમાહ સેન્ટર, બાટલી ખાતે શું પ્રવૃત્તિઓ ચાલે છે ?

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દર બુધવારે

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દર ગુરુવારે

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દર શુક્રવારે

મરદો માટે ઈન્ટેન્સ સર્કાટ ટ્રેનીંગ સાંજે ૮.૦૦ થી ૯.૦૦

આ ઉપરાંત સોસાયટીની સબ કમિટીઓ મારફત વુમન ગ્રૂપ, યુથ ગ્રૂપ, ચેરિટી સબ કમિટી, કોમ્યુનિટી એકેડેમી કમિટી, પચગામ કમિટી વગેરે પોતાની પ્રવૃત્તિઓ માટે નિયમિત મળે છે અને આગળની કામગીરી તથા પ્રવૃત્તિઓ ઉપર ચર્ચા વિચારણા કરે છે. આ સબ કમિટીઓમાં પણ તમે જોડાઈને તમારું યોગદાન આપી શકો છો. તમામ જાણકારી માટે અલ હિકમાહ સેન્ટરનો રૂબરૂ અથવા ફોન નંબર: ૦૧૯૨૪ ૫૦૦૫૫૫ ઉપર સંપર્ક સાધી શકો છો.

سوڈان میں سویلین حکومت تحلیل 'وزیر اعظم عبداللہ ہمدوک' سمیت متعدد سیاسی رہنما گرفتار

افریقی ملک سوڈان میں فوج نے سویلین حکومت کو تحلیل کر کے عبوری وزیر اعظم عبداللہ ہمدوک سمیت متعدد سیاسی رہنماؤں کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق فوج نے پیر کی صبح سے کچھ وقت قبل دیگر رہنماؤں کے علاوہ وزیر اعظم عبداللہ ہمدوک سمیت چاروزرا کو بھی حراست میں لے لیا۔ فوج نے ملک میں ایمر جنسی کا نافذ کر کے حکومت کو چلانے کے لیے ایک مشترکہ کونسل کے قیام کا اعلان کیا ہے جس کی سربراہی جنرل عبدالفتاح برہان کر رہے ہیں۔ جنرل عبدالفتاح برہان نے سویلین حکومت کو تحلیل کرنے کی وجہ میں ملک میں جاری سیاسی چپقلش تھی۔ سوڈان میں فوجی اور سیاسی رہنماؤں کے درمیان طویل عرصے سے مخالفت چلی آرہی تھی۔ سوڈانی فوج نے سنہ 2019 میں صدر عمر البشیر کی حکومت کا تختہ الٹنے کے بعد سے سیاسی رہنماؤں کے ساتھ عبوری حکومت میں شریک اقتدار ہے۔

فوج نے کئی گروپس کے سیاسی اتحاد فور سز فار فریڈم اینڈ چینج (ایف ایف سی) کے ساتھ اقتدار میں شریک ہونے کے لیے ایک ڈیل کی تھی جس کے بعد ایک آزاد کونسل کا قیام عمل میں لیا گیا۔ فوج کی جانب سے سویلین حکومت کو تحلیل کیے جانے کے بعد لوگ دارالحکومت خرطوم کی سڑکوں پر احتجاج کرتے ہوئے نظر آتے ہیں۔ شہر میں گولیاں چلنے کی بھی اطلاعات ہیں۔ پیر کے روز سامنے آنے والی ویڈیو فوٹیج میں دیکھا جاسکتا ہے کہ مظاہرین نے ایک چیک پوسٹ کو آگ لگا دی ہے اور فوجی ہیڈ کوارٹر کے نزدیک علاقوں میں داخل ہوتے ہوئے دیکھے جاسکتے ہیں۔ سوڈان کی وزارت اطلاعات کے فیس بک صفحے پر ایک پیغام میں ملک کے وزیر اعظم عبداللہ ہمدوک نے بھی عوام سے اپیل کی ہے کہ وہ پرامن مظاہرے کریں اور 'انقلاب کا تحفظ' کریں۔ وزیر اعظم نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ ملک کی افواج نے انھیں ان کے گھر میں قید کر دیا ہے اور ان پر دباؤ ڈالا جا رہا ہے کہ وہ فوجی بغاوت کے حق میں بیان دیں۔ وزارت اطلاعات کی جانب سے ایک اور پیغام میں کہا گیا ہے کہ وزیر اعظم کی جانب سے ایسا بیان جاری کرنے سے انکار کے بعد انھیں نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ خبر رساں ادارے روئٹرز کو ایک عینی شاہد نے کہا ہے کہ عام لوگوں کی

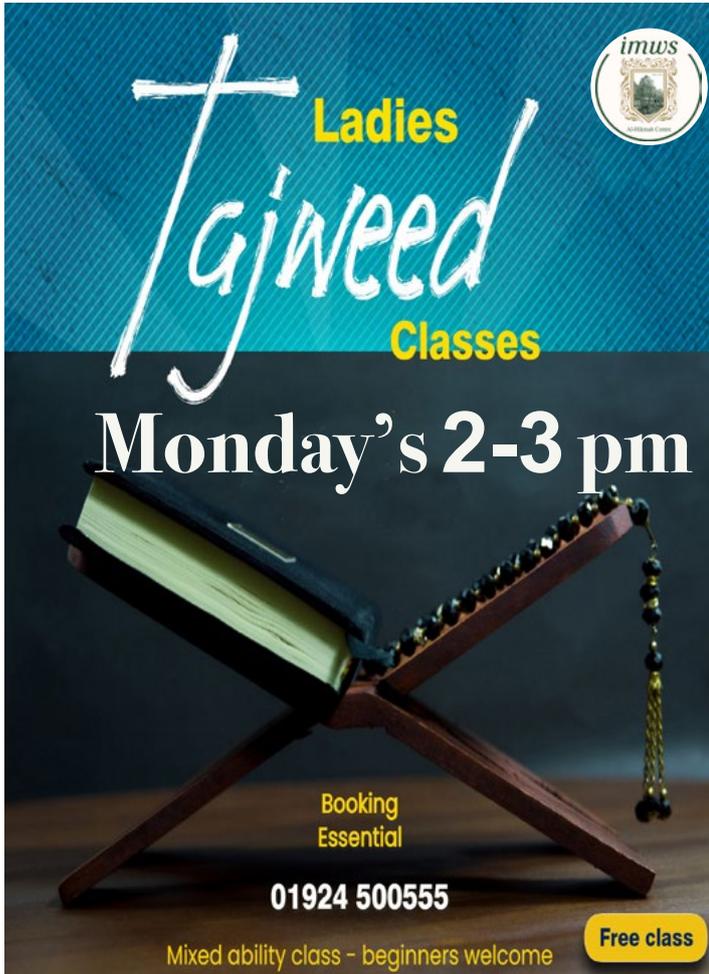
ایگرافا: یونان کا وہ علاقہ جسے کسی نے نقشوں میں شامل کرنا بھی ضروری نہیں سمجھا

یونان کا ایک علاقہ ایسا ہے جس کے بارے میں بہت ہی کم لوگ جانتے ہیں، اور جتنے لوگ جانتے ہیں ان سے بھی انتہائی کم لوگ آج تک یہاں گئے ہیں۔ یونان کے انتہائی اندرونی علاقے میں موجود بلند و بالا پہاڑوں میں گھرا یہ علاقہ دنیا سے کٹا ہوا ہے۔ اس علاقے کا نام 'ایگرافا' ہے۔ یونانی زبان میں 'ایگرافا' کے لغوی معنی ایسی چیز کے ہیں جو نہ لکھی گئی ہو۔ ایسا اس لیے ہے کیونکہ جب بازنطینی نمائندے اس علاقے میں پہلی مرتبہ پہنچے تو انھیں یہ اتنا درد دراز لگا کہ انھوں نے اسے اپنے نقشوں میں شامل کرنا ضروری نہیں سمجھا اور صرف 'ایگرافا' لکھ دیا، یعنی ایسا علاقہ جس کے بارے میں کوئی نہیں جانتا۔ اسی طرح عثمانیوں کو بھی

اس علاقے تک رسائی میں دشواری کے باعث اسے کنٹرول کرنے میں مشکلات تھیں چنانچہ ایگرافا یونان کے ان بہت تھوڑے سے علاقوں میں سے ہے جہاں سلطنت عثمانیہ کا تسلط کبھی نہیں رہا۔ یہاں کے 'ایگرافوٹس' کہلانے والے آزاد خیال رہائشیوں نے اس آزادی کا استعمال اپنی سر زمین کو انقلابی سرگرمیوں کے لیے استعمال کرنے میں کیا۔ مشہور زمانہ جنگجو آزادی ایٹوٹس کیٹسینٹونس یہاں پیدا ہوئے تھے اور انقلابی رہنما چورجوس کرائسکاس نے بھی میدانی علاقوں میں عثمانی سپاہیوں کو خوف زدہ کیے رکھنے کے لیے ایگرافا کو بطور راڈہ استعمال کیا تھا۔ سنہ 1823 میں میسولو گھٹی کے ساحلی قصبے سے پسپا ہو رہے عثمانی فوجی دستے نے ایک غلط مشورے پر ایگرافا سے گزرنے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ پہاڑوں، جنگلات اور نالوں پر مشتمل اس مشکل ترین علاقے میں وہ بھٹک گئے اور 800 یونانی جنگجوؤں نے ان پر حملہ کر دیا۔ اس معرکے میں تمام عثمانی سپاہی مارے گئے اور اب اس معرکے کو انقلاب یونان میں جوش و خروش سے یاد کیا جاتا ہے۔ اس کے بعد عثمانی کبھی بھی یہاں نہیں آئے۔ کچھ برس بعد ایگرافا نئی آزاد سلطنت یونان کا حصہ بن گیا۔ ایسا نہیں ہے کہ آزادی سے ایگرافا کو بہت زیادہ فوائد حاصل ہوئے۔ یہ علاقہ بدستور غریب اور الگ تھلک رہا اور 19 ویں صدی کے اواخر میں یہاں کے کئی رہائشیوں نے دیگر جگہوں پر بہتر زندگی کی تلاش شروع کر دی۔ کچھ لوگ میدانی علاقوں کی طرف چلے گئے تو کچھ ایجنٹوں کی طرف۔ کئی لوگوں نے امریکہ میں اپنی قسمت آزمائی، خاص طور پر شمالی کیرولائنا کے شہر شارلٹ میں۔ ایگرافا کے گاؤں فریگسٹا میں میری میزبان ایلیمیاوٹ پیادوپولونے بتایا: 'امریکہ پہنچنے والا پہلا ایگرافوٹ کسی طرح شارلٹ جا پہنچا۔ اس نے دیہات میں اپنے دوستوں کو لکھا کہ یہ رہنے کے لیے اچھی جگہ ہے جہاں بہت سا کام ہے، چنانچہ کئی لوگوں نے ان کی پیروی کی۔'

سعودی عرب: مسجد الحرام میں ڈیڑھ برس بعد سماجی فاصلے کے بغیر نماز کی ادائیگی

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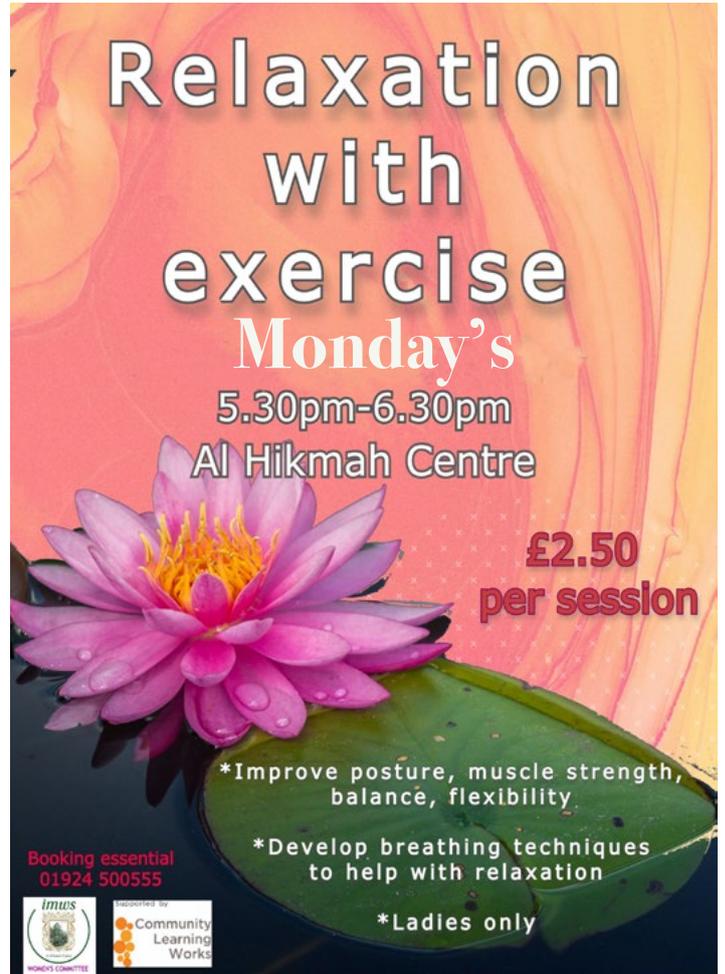
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