



Positive progress welcomed by Dewsbury Cemetery Action Group



Officials from Kirklees Council including leader, Shabir Pandor have announced positive plans to provide £500,000 in order to carry out the necessary investigation and planning applications for two pieces of land owned by the council which would provide 1000 burial spaces (subject to planning approval) in order to address immediate concerns regarding burial at Dewsbury Cemetery.

In addition, a commitment was made

by Kirklees and the Council Leader in relation to a bigger strategic plan which is to look for a larger plot of multi-faith land will which could run in parallel with current plans.

The council now intends to carry out investigatory work along with a feasibility and suitability study before seeking planning permission with a view to delivering the project by 2025/ early 2026 whereas the bigger project could possibly take up to five years.

The plans were announced during a public meeting at Dewsbury Town Hall with officials from Kirklees Council, respective local MP's along with funeral directors, burial councils other professional bodies associated with the funeral sector.

The plans were welcomed by the **Dewsbury Cemetery Action Group** who have been campaigning to make progress on providing additional land for Dewsbury residents.

Kirklees Council proposing to invest £500k in cemetery

The group believe that although there are still a few more cogs that need to turn in the right direction in order for things to be finalised, the plan gives communities optimism and acknowledgement that there is a short, mid to long term plan and demonstrates the fact people are listening and working together for the benefit of the communities,

Members of the public praised the work undertaken by Dewsbury Cemetery Action group on behalf of a plethora of communities, Kirklees and the council leader for their commitment. Local MP's Mark Eastwood and Kim Leadbeater were also thanked for working together for the mutual interest of their constituents.

Mohammed Javed Chair of Dewsbury action group and Sadaqah Jariyah organisation said

"It's great to see at last we've got everyone on the same page working together in finding solutions to sensitive issues and challenges facing our multi faith communities, positive news as it is we are still not home and dry but the commitment and undertaking given can only be positive.

"Therefore, it's imperative we all unite on such matters as professionals and multi faith communities going forward as

together we can achieve so much the voice of one and the voice of everyone makes a vast difference in working together as a team and achieving lot more therefore it's positive news in the right direction and hopefully, we can update everyone at each step of the milestone as progress is made in coming weeks and months.

"There are too many people to name and thank from organisations and public but you all know who you all are so thank you.

"Let's not stop here but keep the momentum going in working together to find solutions to some of the challenges that face our communities in the present and in the future as we need more role models to inspire our younger generations by engaging them and eventually handing the baton over as they are the coming future."

The announcement allays previous concerns that the West Yorkshire town was close to running out of burial space.

Local campaigners said Dewsbury had 12 to 18 months' worth of graveyard plots left, with no new land available.

According to the Council, there were 1,000 burial spaces currently available in Dewsbury, which was said to be sufficient

to serve the community of around 66,000 for the next six to seven years.

However, campaigners disputed this claim, stating that the Council's own data shows that the spaces will reach full capacity in 12 to 18 months' time.

The current Conservative MP for Dewsbury, Mark Eastwood, had previously said the situation was "not acceptable".

"We're going to get to the stage, where we're going to be sleepwalking into having no burial space left in Dewsbury."

However, Kirklees Council said there was no immediate risk of the town running out of burial space.

A report to the council's Strategic Planning Committee said there was an "urgent" need for Muslim burial space in the borough as some cemeteries were running out of space.

The report said: "Whilst the need for Christian burial has decreased over recent decades, the need for Muslim burial is urgent.

"The need for burial space within the Batley district and community is identified as being particularly pressing."



UKIMC workshop on combatting Hindutva extremism

Local residents, academics, politicians and students have been urged to attend a workshop around combating extreme Hindutva ideology which will take place at the Al-Hikmah Centre on the 17th of July.

The event is an educational workshop for people of all faiths, and no faith, on the rising tide of radical and extremist Hindutva Nationalism in the UK.

Beginning at 7 pm with a view to concluding the event at 9pm, the organisers, the UK Indian Muslim Council (UKIMC) are dedicated to fostering community cohesion within the Indian diaspora residing in the United Kingdom, with a particular focus on the Muslim community.

Established to counteract any forces that undermine cohesion, especially overseas forces like the Hindutva ideology, UKIMC strives to empower Indian Muslim communities through political, civic, and community engagement.

By working with political entities, media outlets, and civic society, the organisation seeks to create an inclusive environment that celebrates diversity and ensures the well-being of its members.

UKIMC's primary purpose is to foster unity and harmony amongst Indians in the UK. The organisation recognises the challenges faced by the community due to cultural, linguistic, and religious differences.

By organising various events, forums, and discussions, UKIMC provides a platform for dialogue, mutual understanding, and shared experiences. These initiatives help bridge the gap between generations, ethnicities, and social backgrounds, encouraging a sense of togetherness and shared identity.

Political engagement is a crucial aspect of UKIMC's strategy to protect the interests of Indian Muslims and promote community cohesion.

The organisation works closely with politicians and policymakers, advocating for the rights and well-being of the community.

UKIMC engages in discussions with local, regional, and national political representatives to address discrimination, social inequality, and Islamophobia. By actively participating in the political process, UKIMC strives to ensure that the voices of Indian Muslims are heard and that policies are inclusive and equitable.

The rise of divisive ideologies and communal tensions has the potential to destabilise social harmony and create an atmosphere of mistrust and animosity.

The incidents in Leicester are a stark reminder of the importance of organisations like UKIMC in countering such forces and promoting community cohesion.

Without proactive measures, the polarisation of Indians and marginalisation of Indian Muslims could deepen, leading to a fractured society where peaceful coexistence becomes increasingly challenging.

Empowering the Muslim Community UKIMC aims to challenge discriminatory policies and practices hindering social integration. The organisation strives to foster understanding, empathy, and cooperation among diverse groups through civic and community engagement.

These efforts are crucial in preventing the recurrence of tensions witnessed in Leicester and other areas. While UKIMC

continues to make significant strides in promoting community cohesion, it faces several challenges. Hindutva ideology, which seeks to advance a Hindu nationalist agenda, has gained prominence recently, leading to social divisions and hostility. UKIMC's efforts to counteract these forces require ongoing dedication, perseverance, and resilience.

Looking ahead, UKIMC aims to expand its reach and influence by strengthening its network of supporters, volunteers, and strategic partners.

The organisation seeks to empower Indian Muslim communities by providing them with resources, training, and opportunities for leadership development.

Through increased political engagement, collaboration with civic society organisations, and media outreach, UKIMC envisions a more inclusive and harmonious society where Indian Muslims thrive and contribute positively to the nation's fabric.

The organisation also seeks to work closely with the UK and Indian Governments to ensure our ongoing commitment to protecting the universality of human rights as expressed in international law.

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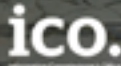
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Local students excel at International Qur'an Competition



A number of Madrasah Islamiyah students who represented the UK at a high-profile International Qur'an competition in Portugal over the 9th, 10th and 11th of June have received much acclaim for the manner in which they recited the Holy book.

Batley based Mohammed Gulam Habib Mayet, Mohammed Daji, Huzaiifah Fulat and Mohammed Mayet took part at this year's International Hifz Qur'an Competition which was held in Lisbon Central Masjid, where they recited verses of the Qur'an in a nonchalant and resplendent manner.

Over 80 contestants across 17 countries partook in the competition as judges including Batley's very own, Qari Saeed Makda along with Qari Ismail Aziz of South Africa, Qari Aziz Alili of Croatia, Qari Mussa fuad of Portugal, Qari Huzaiifa Khan of Saudi Arabia and Qari Abdurrahman Anwar, who is based in the UK, picked Faruad Diallo from Belgium as the overall winner with Shueyb Shafie of Sweden finishing in second place whilst third place went to Mohammed Muddasar of Italy.

Staff from Darul Uloom Palmira in Lisbon have frequently visited Madrasah

Islamiyah to train staff since 2009 organised the competition. Therefore, the organisers invited Mufti Zakariyah Akudi as a special guest.

Mufti Zakariyah praised the local boys for their outstanding recitation. He also commended their parents for their unyielding support and devotion.

He said: "Here at Madrasah Islamiyah, we believe the Qur'an unites everyone around the world. It was a pleasure to see Madrasah Islamiyah students representing the UK at the International Hifz Qur'an Competition in Lisbon.

"The students performed very well and I sincerely hope that they've benefitted from the experience. I gave some advice on how to maintaining the consistency of retaining one's memory of the Qur'an and why it is so important to understand the meanings of the Qur'an, with the emphasis of implementing the Qur'an into our daily lives through our actions.

"May I also take this opportunity to commend the contestants' parents and teachers.

"Hearing their stories of how they have encouraged and motivated their children and students to memorise the Qur'an and prepare for this competition is inspiring.

The Lisbon Central Mosque is truly magnificent in its architecture and design.

"Such an amazing and serene atmosphere. There are facilities for the entire community. It's Europe's third largest mosque outside of Turkey. May the Almighty always keep the love of the Qur'an inside our hearts. Ameen!"

The Central Masjid in Lisbon is at the epicentre of the Portuguese Muslim community. The rationale behind the competition is to encourage Muslims to read, memorise and contemplate the Quran, promoting Quranic skills and honouring those who have memorised the Quran.

The Muslim population of Portugal in approximately 65,000 people. The Muslim population in Portugal have an Islamic school in Palmela, named International School of Palmela which hosts students from around the globe, and brings tourism and shines a new spotlight to Portugal.

Quran recitation competitions are increasingly popular around the Muslim world. Saleh Ahmed Takrim from Bangladesh recently attracted the attention of Muslims from around the world after emerging as the winner of the Dubai International Quran Competition.

Obituary: Moulana Ebrahim Navsarka

In 1948, Moulana Ebrahim Navsarka finished his Islamic studies at Dabhel, and then spent three years as an Islamic teacher.

He arrived in Nottingham in 1952. He stayed in India for six months before he left once again, this time for Batley. His main aim was to go with the purpose of providing an Islamic education to people overseas.

Around 1959, a handful of wives and children began arriving in Batley in order to join their husbands, thus changing the social fabric of the local community.

These arrivals in turn brought additional responsibilities for the early Muslim community, in particular the need for some form of Islamic teaching for the children.

Having arrived earlier, Moulana Hashim Gora Sahib and Moulana Ebrahim Navsarka were both keen on developing the spiritual needs of the community, and in particular those of the children.

Until 1960, only male adults had arrived in Batley. However, Moulana Ebrahim decided to bring his family, including two young daughters. Thereafter, many other families followed.

He began teaching children on a voluntary basis, at his own house on 65 Warwick Road - this was the first Madrasah in the vicinity.

The first students were Moulana's two daughters, one daughter and son of Ismail Dokrat, two daughters of Ismail Jogee and the children of Hasan Desai.

He was helped by Moulana Gani Sahib (Leicester) and Moulana Ebrahim Jogwadi

(Nuneaton). Soon, a teacher was appointed for the Madrasah - Hafiz Mohammad Iklerwi - his salary was at £3 a week.

A year or so later, they started alternating the location of the Madrasah between all the Muslim houses on Warwick Road, a week at a time, to avoid overburdening one single household.

There were eight children in this first Madrasah when it began. The weekly fee of 1 shilling (5p) was too much for some parents, who were only receiving 7 shillings (35p) per week of Child Benefit.

When the first Masjid located in the North - Jummah masjid on Bradford Road, was purchased, the Madrasah was moved over to the new Masjid.

At the newly built Jumma Masjid, the full Qur'an Kareem would be recited in Taraweeh by Moulana Abdul Hayy and Moulana Abdus Salaam.

To summarise, all our Madrasah, Muslim schools and Darul Uloom that we see today are linked back to 1961 from 65 Warwick Road with Moulana Ebrahim playing an important role in their inception.

With the arrival of more Muslims, the need for performing Eid prayers became a necessity.

In 1955, for the first time ever, due to the unrelenting efforts of Haji Ebrahim Patel (Lubna), Muslims performed Eid Prayers at a textile hall (Union Hall) behind Lloyd's Bank in Bond Street, Dewsbury.

Hafez Muhammad Laher led the first Eid Salah. The first Eid meal was cooked by Moulana Ebrahim's wife, Kheroonisa Khala, in 1959.

She prepared chicken curry, bhajiya, kheer and samosas.

Neighbouring friends and fellow workers were invited to share the meal; the first such food they had eaten in years since travelling from India!

Until 1957, during the holy month of Ramadan, the ever-busy Muslim textile workers observed fasts and prayers on a very casual basis.

When Moulana Gora saw this state of affairs, he could not help but organise a structure where Taraweeh prayers would be formally conducted.

The first ever Taraweeh was performed at in the house of Moulana Ebrahim Navsarka at 65 Warwick Road in the cellar, though only on the weekends by reading the last ten surah's led by Hafez Ismail Hafeji Ala (Samrod) and Hafez Bismillah.

Moulana was involved in IMWS activity and played a part in the establishment of the society. He was a keen supporter of IMWS up until old age and was always present at the annual IMWS AGM.

He always looked after the ulama and regularly prayed Tabligh books after salaah in Jamia Masjid, Henry Street. He was a noble person, always smiling, was of impeccable character and was one of the pioneers of deeni taalim.

Moulana Ebrahim Navsarka also played an important part in the inception of Jumma Masjid.

He played a crucial role during those extreme challenging times during the 1950s, and pray that he receives full reward for all of his hard work, Aameen.

Tackling Mental Health in South Asian Communities

The Suicide Memorial and Bereavement Roadshow in association with the **Muslim Elderly Disabled Organisation's (MEDO)** recently visited the Al-Hikmah Centre in Batley in order to counter a number of misconceptions and stigma in relation to mental health.

Access to support and connect communities were provided to participants on Monday the 19th of June and Tuesday the 20th of June. In addition, staff from the University of Huddersfield's Health and wellbeing clinic were also on hand in order to deliver health checks to participants whilst mental health support was also provided.

The idea of the Suicide Memorial Quilts originated as a heartfelt response to the devastating loss experienced by families and friends affected by suicide. The Batley Bereavement quilt originated from the **Muslim Elderly Disabled Organisation's (MEDO)** Sewing ladies group, as members went out into the South Asian communities in Batley and helped those struggling to be creative in their bereavement and create a square in

the memory of the loved one they lost. The quilts serve as a medium for storytelling, connecting people's experiences and emotions. Each square on the quilt represents a life lost to suicide, and due to other reason showcasing the individual's memory and allowing loved ones to share their grief and stories.

IMWS General Manager, Nadeem Raja said the quilts are not only memorial pieces but also tools for awareness and education.

"By showcasing these quilts at the Al-Hikmah Centre IMWS is inviting open conversations about mental health, suicide prevention, and the importance of seeking help," explained Mr raja.

"By bringing these discussions into the public domain, the quilts aim to dismantle the barriers that prevent individuals from seeking the support they need. The creation of these quilts is a communal effort, bringing together individuals from all walks of life. Family members and friends, using symbolism and personal narratives to honour the lives that were

tragically lost. By involving the community in the process, the quilts promote dialogue, empathy, and understanding, reducing the stigma surrounding mental health struggles."

Mental health struggles and suicide are sensitive topics that have long been shunned in South Asian societies due to cultural, religious, and social pressures. The fear of being stigmatised or ostracised has prevented many individuals from seeking help or even discussing their emotional turmoil.

However, taking the quilts within these communities has ensured the breakdown of silence, thus forging a path toward greater understanding and compassion.

The roadshow is travelling deep into 14 diverse community venues throughout June 2023, especially where suicide is never discussed, such as the South Asian Community venues and faith establishments, over 50 workshops are being delivered throughout the roadshow regarding mental health and suicide prevention.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Once again Batley is yet on the verge of a second split regarding moonsighting (hilal) decisions.

There are 3 groups in Batley:

1. **CMSC: Saudi followers with vast majority.**

2. **BMSC: followers of Morocco/South Africa.**

3. **New Crescent Society: Follow local sighting only.**

The Saudi Ummul Qura calendar (UQC) is ONLY for official use. Saudis observe the Hilal every month and make official announcements for months of Ramadhan, Shawal, and Zil Hajj.

Hence why their UQC had to be changed to bring in line with actual sighting dates:

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At Eid ul Fitr in April 2023, there was a dispute, some claiming that the moon will be impossible to sight on the 29th of Ramadan anywhere in the world because of an eclipse.

Scientists made it clear that the solar eclipse was confined to Australia and surrounding countries and would not impact on the rest of the world.

Here is a statement from an observer, Bargash, at Tumair Observation site on 20th April 2023:

“After the Sun had set, the crescent moon was in the position of the Sun, and the sky was very clear, to an extent that the crescent moon was visible without a doubt or any cause for suspicion.

“The visibility of the moon remained for more than 20 minutes”.

**Central Moon Sighting
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Competition

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How to challenge shops who say 'no refunds' or 'no exchange'

Living in a world where we have laws rules and regulations that regulate how we act and how businesses and everything around is run is complex.

When buying any product or being provided a service we are covered under the Consumers Act where we are made aware of ultimately our rights providing us with the legal knowledge so that we know what we can and can't do and how we should be treated and provided a service.

There is a whole lot variety of products and services that every human being is able to access some even within a click of a button. No matter what, how big or small the product or service is provided to you, you have the right to be provided good customer service this is key and essential.

For e.g. you go to any store in the UK or anywhere in the world you are entitled to receiving your money back in a certain amount of days, if the product doesn't seem fit or you generally feel like you have changed your mind in wanting the products.

This is perfectly acceptable as there are many situations a person may have or want to see if they still need or want the product. This is what makes customers build trust in the business and approach the businesses on a regular basis and keep returning as regular customers knowing that they won't be let down if they not are happy with the product or service received.

However, do these rules apply when it comes to buying asian clothes from

businesses whether this is at a market stall or a shop. It is a very unclear process of knowing where your rights come into action.

So many times you are left unsatisfied with the outcome of not being able to not return the clothes. You are also left in two minds in relation to needing to buy a product but being told from the outset that you cant return them.

Like how would you know if this suit is suitable without even trying it on and already feeling like it could possibly be a waste of money if it didn't fit you and you cant it return back to the business. It sounds stupidly absurd to me like how this is acceptable.

So where has the duty of care gone?

At the end of the day you are paying by cash or by card if you get lucky and being provided with a proof of purchase as in the receipt. So surely you should be entitled to making a choice of the products you choose to buy.

I have been in this situation and know surely that others can relate to as well where there is no question or doubt about whether you will be receiving your money back.

I don't see why the Asian clothes market is different or should be made to be different where they are providing the exact same thing.

There isn't the surety of knowing that once your money leaves your hands whether you will see it back again. I have

personally heard it plenty of times where you are fobbed off with a credit note.

I would say this doesn't resolve the solution as a customer in my opinion, because you are restricted and bound to have to still spend 'your' money in a shop where you might not technically want to buy from there anymore.

Ultimately this still benefits the business owner. These rules are put into place by shop keepers themselves who do not want to reciprocate any help when it comes to refunds to the customer where genuinely the item will be no use to them e.g sizing.

The funny thing is the shop next door will be selling the same type of products but with their own in take of the rules for customers who buy from their shop. So how is this fair?

Why are these policies different to each business.

I don't understand....other than seeing it as a money making scheme without the clients best interest in mind.

Don't get me wrong business is about making money but there should be some boundaries and respect for a consumer you provide a product or service to knowing that they will come back to which will benefit your business if good service is provided at the outset.

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Benefits of drinking water

Staying hydrated is one of the best things you can do for your overall health. Staying hydrated can help support physical performance, prevent headaches and constipation, and more.

The human body comprises around 60% water.

It's commonly recommended that you drink eight 8-ounce (237-mL) glasses of water per day (the 8x8 rule).

Although there's little science behind this specific rule, staying hydrated is important.

Here are some evidence-based health benefits of drinking plenty of water.

1. Helps maximize physical performance

If you don't stay hydrated, your physical performance can suffer. This is particularly important during intense exercise or high heat.

Dehydration can have a noticeable effect if you lose as little as 2% of your body's water content. However, it isn't uncommon for athletes to lose as much as 6–10% of their water weight via sweat.

This can lead to altered body temperature control, reduced motivation, and increased fatigue. It can also make exercise feel much more difficult, both physically and mentally.

Optimal hydration has been shown to prevent this from happening, and it may even reduce the oxidative stress that occurs during high intensity exercise. This isn't surprising when you consider that muscle is about 80% water (4Trusted Source, 5Trusted Source).

If you exercise intensely and tend to sweat, staying hydrated can help you perform at your absolute best.

2. Significantly affects energy levels and brain function

Your brain is strongly influenced by your hydration status. Studies show that

even mild dehydration, such as the loss of 1–3% of body weight, can impair many aspects of brain function.

In a study in young women, researchers found that fluid loss of 1.4% after exercise impaired both mood and concentration. It also increased the frequency of headaches (6Trusted Source).

Many members of this same research team conducted a similar study in young men. They found that fluid loss of 1.6% was detrimental to working memory and increased feelings of anxiety and fatigue.

A fluid loss of 1–3% equals about 1.5–4.5 pounds (0.5–2 kg) of body weight loss for a person weighing 150 pounds (68 kg). This can easily occur through normal daily activities, let alone during exercise or high heat.

Many other studies, with subjects ranging from children to older adults, have shown that mild dehydration can impair mood, memory, and brain performance.

3. May help prevent and treat headaches

Dehydration can trigger headaches and migraine in some individuals. Research has shown that a headache is one of the most common symptoms of dehydration.

What's more, some studies have shown that drinking water can help relieve headaches in those who experience frequent headaches.

A study in 102 men found that drinking an additional 50.7 ounces (1.5 liters) of water per day resulted in significant improvements on the Migraine-Specific Quality of Life scale, a scoring system for migraine symptoms.

Plus, 47% of the men who drank more water reported headache improvement, while only 25% of the men in the control group reported this effect (16).

However, not all studies agree, and researchers have concluded that because of the lack of high quality studies, more research is needed to confirm how increasing hydration may help improve headache symptoms and decrease headache frequency.

4. May help relieve constipation

Constipation is a common problem that's characterized by infrequent bowel movements and difficulty passing stool.

Increasing fluid intake is often recommended as a part of the treatment protocol, and there's some evidence to back this up.

Low water consumption appears to be a risk factor for constipation in both younger and older individuals.

5. May help treat kidney stones

Urinary stones are painful clumps of mineral crystal that form in the urinary system. The most common form is kidney stones, which form in the kidneys.

There's limited evidence that water intake can help prevent recurrence in people who have previously had kidney stones.

Higher fluid intake increases the volume of urine passing through the kidneys. This dilutes the concentration of minerals, so they're less likely to crystallize and form clumps. Water may also help prevent the initial formation of stones, but studies are required to confirm this.

7. Can aid weight loss

Drinking plenty of water can help you lose weight. This is because water can increase satiety and boost your metabolic rate.

Some evidence suggests that increasing water intake can promote weight loss by slightly increasing your metabolism, which can increase the number of calories you burn on a daily basis.

A 2013 study in 50 young women with overweight demonstrated that drinking an additional 16.9 ounces (500 mL) of water 3 times per day before meals for 8 weeks led to significant reductions in body weight and body fat compared with their pre-study measurements. The timing is important too. Drinking water half an hour before meals is the most effective. It can make you feel more full so that you eat fewer calories.

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Al Turtushi wrote a book that would inspire generations of leaders

One of the most prominent Andalusian political philosophers of the 12th century, Abu Bakr Muhammad al-Turtushi was born in Tortosa.

His book “Kitab Siraj al-Muluk” (The Lamp of the Kings) is one of the most important works ever produced in the medieval Islamic world about political philosophy.

He was born at a time when al-Andalus had become increasingly fragmented and was divided into various taifa kingdoms. He first traveled to Zaragoza where he became a student under Abu al-Walid al-Baji, an eminent Maliki jurist and poet.

Whilst in the Iberian peninsula, he also familiarised himself with the philosophical and political treatises of the acclaimed Andalusian polymath Ibn Hazm (d. 1064).

Around 1084, he set out for the central Islamic lands, making the pilgrimage to Mecca, before traveling to Basra and Baghdad. He briefly stayed in Damascus and Jerusalem before finally settling in Alexandria where he taught at a madrasa.

He was a leading jurist of the Maliki school who had studied with some of the most preeminent scholars of jurisprudence and legal theory. By the time he arrived in Egypt, he had become a major authority in his own right as a number of his students would all go on to become major jurists

and theologians in their own right.

Al-Turtushi was renowned for his asceticism and piety as well, which attracted the admiration of many of his students.

The famous Andalusian scholar Aba al-Qasim ibn Bashkuwil described Al-Turtushi as “one of the masters of knowledge, he was a great ascetic scholar, who was committed to his religious obligations and distanced himself from the temptations of the world who was satisfied with the blessings which God had bestowed upon him.”

When he arrived in Egypt, it was ruled by the Fatimid dynasty and al-Afdal Shuhinshah ibn Badr al-Jamil was the vizier. His time in Cairo allowed him to reflect on political theory and philosophy, thus ensuring he had enough time to write “Kitab Siraj al-Muluk” which he dedicated to the new Fatimid vizier, al-Ma'mun al-Bata'ahi, hoping that it would guide him to become a just ruler for his people. Tellingly, the book would inspire generations of writers and leaders to come.

Apart from sharing his own views on kingship and statecraft, he lists hundreds of anecdotes and reflections by other jurists and thinkers that presented countless examples of a just ruler, on one hand, and tyrannical rulers on the other.

He utilizes Islamic precepts of kingship and justice, as enshrined in the Qur'an,

the words of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) and the example of the rightly-guided caliphs, in addition to the wisdom of the ancient Greek philosophers.

He also analyzed different kingdoms, both historical and contemporary. He did not limit his enquiry to the Islamic world, but also drew examples from the Roman Empire, Byzantium, the Sassanid Persians, China, India, and even the northern Spanish Christian kingdoms of Asturias, Castile and Navarre. The diversity of his examples as well as his willingness to draw equal inspiration from Islamic as well as pre-Islamic sources of wisdom testifies to the comprehensive nature of the work.

In addition to his scholarly activities in Egypt, he was also significantly involved in political developments back in his homeland.

He was a major supporter of the efforts of the Almoravid emir Yusuf ibn Tashfin to take over al-Andalus and extinguish the taifa kingdoms, which occurred in 1090-1091. He issued an important fatwa to legitimize this Almoravid conquest of al-Andalus, a development which he believed was necessary to ensure the survival of Islamic Spain in the face of a militant northern Christian drive to conquer the Iberian peninsula. Interestingly, it happened that one of his students later founded a powerful Berber dynasty that would depose the Almoravids. His name was Muhammad ibn Tumart the founder of the Almohad dynasty.

Kim Leadbeater MP column

On 1st July it will be two years since I became the MP for Batley and Spen.

Times flies in this job, but I'm proud of how much we have achieved in that time, working together with so many people across the area who want the best for our community.

I have never made any secret of the fact that I never intended to go into politics. If it wasn't for the murder of my sister in 2016 I would almost certainly be doing something very different with my life.

The Great Get Together from June 23-25, takes place over what would have been Jo's birthday weekend and celebrates her values and her belief that we have 'far more in common than that which divides us.'

Whilst it is always a very difficult time of year for our family, it is heart-warming to see so many events taking place in every corner of the UK. I hosted an event in Parliament so that MPs could put their political differences aside – at least for a short while – and remember Jo.

And here in Batley and Spen I am always touched by how many individuals and organisations put so much effort into a fantastic range of events.

This year's highlights include the 'Big Sing' in Heckmondwike, the 'Great Health and Wellbeing Get Together' in Wilton Park, the annual 'Run for Jo' at Oakwell Hall in Birstall, the 'Carry My Story Celebration' at the Al-Hikmah Centre, and tea and cakes at Upper Batley High School.

Earlier in the month, I was delighted to see 3,000 people turn up for the return of the Jo Cox Memorial Rugby Match on June 4th, where Team Colostomy UK played against British Asian Rugby Association followed by Batley Bulldogs successfully taking on York Knights.

Sadly the Great Get Together weekend was preceded by the funeral for little Beau

from Roberttown who finally succumbed to her rare neuroblastoma cancer a few days before her seventh birthday.

There are no words for what her mum Shirley, sister Redd and grandma June have been going through but with the support of the local community they made sure her funeral was full of colour and beautiful tributes.

Beau touched the hearts of so many people and I will never forget the precious time I was lucky enough to spend with her.

I host a lot of round-table events in my constituency, where I meet people and discuss their concerns. The meetings focus on a variety of subjects including faith matters, mental health, road safety, crime and anti-social behaviour, and concerns around housing, planning, and employment.

Late last month I convened a meeting to discuss children's mental health services. What emerged was a harrowing collection of stories about struggles, frustrations, and exasperation at fragmented services that pointed to one conclusion: the system is broken.

It was heart-breaking to hear from families where young people are struggling with anxiety and depression and, in more severe cases, locked into cycles of self-harm and suicide attempts.

Standards in public life are extremely important to me. We cannot expect people to have faith in our democratic institutions if MPs and ministers don't behave with the highest integrity.

When a Prime Minister shows contempt for parliament, tells lies and refuses to take responsibility for his actions then things have reached a new low.

I'm pleased that MPs voted to condemn Boris Johnson's behaviour but it's a disgrace that Rishi Sunak failed to support the motion because he's too weak to stand

up to his predecessor.

In September Mr Sunak will be going to India for the next meeting of the G20 nations.

Before he goes I am calling on him to support the Dawood family's fight for justice and to demand the release Jagtar Singh Johal, the British national and human rights activist who has been detained in India for over five years, on the basis of politically-motivated charges, for which he faces a potential death sentence.

Thank you for reading and you can get regular updates on my work locally, nationally and internationally on my website www.kim4batleyandspen.com

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Although it's well-known by the locals that the country is rich in Islamic history, this isn't as widely known throughout the rest of Europe. Masjids that date back to the early Ottoman era are still used today, such as the Koski Mehmed Pasha Masjid in Mostar.

In fact, Mostar's Old Town is like a living and breathing museum. Its cobblestone streets, quaint market stalls and minaret-dotted skyline, all in the style of an old Ottoman market-town.

Up north in Sarajevo, you can admire the

world's last public lunar clock tower. This clock is so distinctive because it appears to tell the incorrect time when it actually tells (highly accurately) the time for each salaah. Nearby is the largest and most important historical mosque in Bosnia Herzegovina, the Gazi Huzrev Beg complex.

There is the heart of the Islamic community in Sarajevo—and even the 400-year old marketplace – to this day.

Although most people still associate Bosnia with the brutal '90s genocide. It has disproportionately impacted Bosniak Muslims and saw the worst crimes against humanity in Srebrenica since WWII.

Although you'll still see remnants of the war in bullet-marked buildings all over the country, Bosnia has enjoyed peace for over 25 years now.

Sarajevo is the only major city in Europe to house a Masjid, Orthodox church, Catholic church and synagogue within the same neighbourhood, therefore, Sarajevo has a rich, unique and enchanting culture. Furthermore, the country also boasts a fascinating history of Ottoman rule, an Austro-Hungarian Empire and, more recently, Communist leadership.

What's even more impressive is that

Sarajevo continues to be a centre of Islamic learning. Since the Gazi Husrev-Beg Madrasa has been in continuous operation since it first opened on 8th January 1537. As the result, to this day, muftis and politicians alike have studied at the madrasa.

Traditional Bosnian food rules the restaurants, and rightly so too. The gastronomy is somewhat of a mixture between Turkish and Mediterranean cuisine and is, unsurprisingly, very good. Expect juicy and flavourful meat dishes, plenty of vegetables and lots of bourek, a flaky pastry usually filled with meat or cheese.

However, the traditional Bosnian begova corba –Bey's soup– was an Ottoman favourite. Once you've tried it, you will know why.

Soup is not usually something a foodie would rave about. However, the traditional Bosnian begova corba –Bey's soup– was an Ottoman favourite. Once you've tried it, you will know why.

Of course, a meal is not complete until you have ordered a strong Bosnian coffee served in the traditional copper cup with a sugary cube of rahat lokum. Bon appetit, or as they say in Bosnia, prijatno!



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ઈસ્લામી જગતના અન્ય લીડરોથી આવા ઉમદા વિચારોની કોઈ શક્યતા નથી. તેથીજ ઈસ્લામી જગતનો ઉદ્ધાર થયો નહીં. દોઢ અબજની વસ્તી, છતાં આપણી હાલત સુધરી નથી.

વિશ્વના ૨૦ ટોચના પ્રદુષિત શહેરોમાં ભારતના ૧૫ શહેરો

IQ AIR દર વર્ષે એર ક્વોલિટીનો રિપોર્ટ બહાર પાડે છે. હાલમાંજ બહાર પડેલ તેમના આ રિપોર્ટમાં વિશ્વના ૨૦ સૌથી વધુ પ્રદુષિત શહેરોની યાદીમાં ભારતના ૧૫ શહેરોનો સમાવેશ છે. વાતાવરણમાં પ્રદુષણના કારણે શ્વાસ લેવો મુશ્કેલ બને છે. અને પરિણામે લોકો અનેક બિમારીઓથી પિડાતા હોય છે. જો કે ગયા વર્ષની સરખામણીમાં નબળી હવાની ગુણવત્તાવાળા દેશોની યાદીમાં ભારતનું સ્થાન નજીવું સુધર્યું છે.

ગયા વર્ષે ચાડ, ઈરાક, પાકિસ્તાન, બહેરીન અને બાંગ્લાદેશ વિશ્વના સૌથી વધુ પ્રદુષિત દેશોની લીસ્ટમાં હતા. સ્વીસ કંપનીના પ્રદુષિત શહેરોની લીસ્ટમાં ૫૦ સૌથી વધુ પ્રદુષિત શહેરોમાં ૩૮ શહેરો ભારતના છે. આ રિપોર્ટ એ પણ બતાવે છે કે, દેશમાં કેટલું પ્રદુષણ ફેલાયું છે અને લોકોને સ્વચ્છ હવા મેળવવામાં કેટલી તકલીફ પડે છે. આ વર્ષના રિપોર્ટમાં વિશ્વનું સૌથી પ્રદુષિત શહેરમાં પહેલા નંબરે પાકિસ્તાનનું લાહોર છે. બીજા નંબરે ચીનનું હોટન શહેર, જ્યારે ભારતનું ભિવંડી શહેર ત્રીજા સ્થાને અને દિલ્હી ચોથા સ્થાને અને પાકિસ્તાનનું પેશાવર શહેર પાંચમાં સ્થાને છે. દિલ્હી શહેરમાં તો પ્રદુષણ અને આકાશમાં ધુમ્મસના કારણે લોકો માસ્ક વગર ઘરમાંથી બહાર નીકળવાનું પણ ટાળે છે.

ચપ્પલ પહેરી ડ્રાઈવિંગથી ચેતો

બ્રિટનમાં ચાલી રહેલ ઉનાળાના કારણે ગરમીમાં લોકો જોડા પહેરવાનું ટાળી ચપ્પલ પહેરે છે. અને એ ચપ્પલનો ઉપયોગ ડ્રાઈવિંગમાં પણ કરે છે. હાઈવે એજન્સીના મત મુજબ ઘણી વખત આ ચપ્પલ પહેરી વાહન ચલાવવું હિતાવહભર્યું હોતું નથી. હાઈવે કોડ-૯૭ કહે છે કે, તમારા જોડા. કપડા એ પ્રકારના હોવા જોઈએ કે, જેથી ડ્રાઈવિંગ ઉપર યોગ્ય રીતે કન્ટ્રોલ કરી શકો. બેદરકારી પૂર્વકના ડ્રાઈવિંગથી ૧૦૦ પાઉન્ડનો દંડ અને ડ્રાઈવિંગ લાયસન્સ ઉપર ૩ પેનલ્ટી પોઈન્ટ મળી શકે છે. જેથી કાર વગેરે ચલાવતી વખતે ચપ્પલથી બચવું જોઈએ. ખાસ કરીને ઓરતાએ આ ઉપર વધુ ધ્યાન આપવું જરૂરી છે.

હૃદયને ધબકતું રાખનારનું જ હૃદયરોગથી મૃત્યુ

છેલ્લા કેટલાક મહિનાઓથી ગુજરાતમાં હાર્ટ એટેકના બનાવોમાં વધારો થઈ રહ્યો છે. એવામાં ટમી જુનના રોજ જામનગરથી એક ચક્રચારભર્યો હાર્ટ એટેકનો કિસ્સો બહાર આવ્યો છે. હૃદયરોગના નિષ્ણાંત સર્જન ગૌરવ ગાંધીનું ૪૧વર્ષની વયે હાર્ટ એટેકથી મૃત્યુ થયું હતું. લેલી સવારે પોતાના રૂમમાં તેઓ બેભાન અવસ્થામાં મળ્યા હતા. તેમને હોસ્પિટલમાં લઈ જવામાં આવ્યા હતા પરંતુ બે કલાકની સારવાર પછી તેમનું મોત નીપજ્યું હતું.

ડો. ગૌરવની કારકીર્દીમાં તેમણે હૃદયના ૧૬૬જારથી વધુ ઓપરેશન કર્યા હતા જેમાં એન્જ્યોગ્રાફી, એન્જોપ્લાસ્ટિક અને બાયપાસને લગતા અન્ય ઓપરેશનોનો સમાવેશ હતો. હૃદય ઉપર તેમણે અનેક લેકચરો આપ્યા હતા અને સેમિનારો પણ યોજ્યા હતા. કહેવાય છે “મોત નિશ્ચિત છે અને તેનાથી કોઈ બચનાર નથી. દરેકે મોતનો સ્વાદ ચાખવાનો છે.” પરંતુ ૪૧વર્ષની યુવાન વયે લોકોનું હૃદય ધબકતું રાખનાર હૃદયરોગના નિષ્ણાંત ડોક્ટર પોતાના હૃદયના ધબકારા સમજી ન શક્યા. જે આપણાં માટે એક મોટો સબક છે. તેમના અંતિમ સંસ્કારમાં મોટી સંખ્યામાં ડોક્ટરો જોડાયા હતા.

વિદેશી વિદ્યાર્થીઓથી યુ.કે.ના અર્થતંત્રને લાભ

લંડન ઈકોનોમીક્સ અને યુ.કે. ઈન્ટરનેશનલ હાયર એજ્યુકેશન પોલિસી ઈન્સ્ટીટ્યુટ મારફત આંતરાષ્ટ્રીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓને લીધે યુ.કે.ને થતા લાભ અને નુકસાન અંગે માહિતી અને આંકડાઓ જાહેર થયા છે. જે અનુસાર ૨૦૧૮-૧૯ થી ૨૦૨૧-૨૨ દરમ્યાન વિદેશી વિદ્યાર્થીઓના કારણે યુ.કે.ને થતો લાભ ૩૧.૩ બિલિયન પાઉન્ડથી વધીને ૪૧.૯ બિલિયન પાઉન્ડ જેટલો થયો છે. આ રિપોર્ટમાં જાણવા મળે છે કે, ૨૦૨૧-૨૨માં યુ.કે.ની યુનિવર્સિટીઓમાં ૩,૮૧૦૦૦ વિદેશી વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ એડમિશન મેળવ્યું હતું.

યુનિવર્સિટીઝ યુ.કે. ઈન્ટરનેશનલના ડાયરેક્ટરનું કહેવું છે કે, આ આંકડાઓ બતાવે છે કે, યુ.કે.ની આપણી યુનિવર્સિટીઓ આંતરાષ્ટ્રીય ક્ષેત્રે વિદ્યાર્થીઓને વધુ શિક્ષણ અંગે આકર્ષિત કરી તેમના ઉચ્ચ અભ્યાસક્રમમાં સહાયરૂપ થઈ રહી છે. જો કે ઓનલાઇન કેટલાકનું માનવું છે કે, અભ્યાસઅર્થે આવેલા સ્ટુડન્ટો વિજ્ઞાનો ગેરલાભ પણ ઉઠાવે છે અને ભણતરની સમય મર્યાદા પૂરી થયા પછી પણ અહીં પરમેનન્ટ સ્થાયી થવાના ચક્કરમાં ફરતા રહે છે.

અમદાવાદનું નામ બદલી કરાવતી કરવાની મુંબેશમાં પીછેહટ

છેલ્લા કેટલાક વર્ષોથી ગુજરાતની ભાજપ સરકાર અમદાવાદ શહેરનું નામ બદલી કરાવતી કરવાના પ્રયત્નો આદરી રહી છે. આમ તો ગુજરાત, યુ.પી. અને કેન્દ્રની ભાજપ સરકારે રેલ્વે સ્ટેશનો અને ઘણાં રોડોના નામો જે મોગલ સામ્રાજ્ય અને તેમના નામ ઉપર હતા તેને બદલી નાંખ્યા છે. અને અમદાવાદનું નામ

બદલવાની ચળવળ પણ એનાજ એક ભાગ રૂપે છે. પરંતુ એમાં હવે વળાંક આવ્યો છે અને ભાજપ સરકારે શરણાગતિ સ્વીકારી હોય એવું લાગી રહ્યું છે.

આ મુદ્દે એક એવી જાણકારી બહાર આવી છે કે, ૬૦૦ વર્ષ જુના અમદાવાદ શહેરના નામને હેરીટેજ શહેરનો દરજ્જો પ્રાપ્ત (મળેલ) છે અને યુનેસ્કોના ડોઝિયર (રેકોર્ડ)માં તેનો ઉલ્લેખ કરવામાં આવેલ છે. જો હવે અમદાવાદનું નામ બદલવામાં આવે તો વર્લ્ડ હેરીટેજ સિટીનો દરજ્જો એ ગુમાવી શકે છે અને તેના લીધે ઘણું નુકસાન વેઠવું પડે એમ છે. ભાજપના એક સાંસદના કહેવા પ્રમાણે હવે આ માંગ રદ કરવામાં આવશે.

ચીનમાં ઉઈઘર મુસ્લિમો ઉપર અત્યાચાર

ચીનમાં ઉઈઘર મુસ્લિમો સાથે અત્યાચારનું પ્રમાણ વધી રહ્યું છે. સંયુક્ત રાષ્ટ્ર માનવાધિકાર આયોગના રિપોર્ટ અનુસાર ચીનના શિનજિયાંગ પ્રાંતમાં મુસ્લિમોને બંધક બનાવી તેમના ઉપર વિવિધ પ્રકારે જુલમ ગુજારવામાં આવે છે. તેમને કસ્ટડીમાં રોકવામાં આવે છે. ૧.૫ મિલિયનથી વધુ ઉઈઘર મુસ્લિમો ઉપર અત્યાચાર થઈ રહ્યા છે.

તેમને કુરઆન પઢવા અથવા મોબાઈલ ફોનમાં ધાર્મિક ઓડિયો, વિડિયો રાખવામાં આવે તો તેમને હિંસક ઉગ્રવાદી તરીકે ગણવામાં આવે છે. કેટલાયે ચીની અધિકારીઓ તેમના ફોન ઉપર ચાંપતી નજર રાખે છે. ઉઈઘર મુસ્લિમ છોકરીઓને ચીની યુવાનો સાથે લગ્ન કરવા દબાણ કરવામાં આવે છે. અને તે માટે ચીની યુવાનોને કેશ રકમ સહિત અનેક લાલચો પણ ઓફર કરવામાં આવે છે. અનેક કિસ્સાઓમાં આ ઉઈઘર મુસલમાનો પાસે રહેલ ધાર્મિક વસ્તુઓને આતંકવાદ સાથે જોડી દેવામાં આવે છે. પછી તેમના ઉપર સખત કામગીરી કરવામાં આવે છે. ધાર્મિક ગીતો એટલે કે, નઝમ, નાઅત વગેરે સાંભળવામાં પણ પાબંદી લગાવાય છે. અને તેમને આતંકવાદી તરીકે ટેગ કરવામાં આવે છે.

અલ હિકમાહ સેન્ટર ખાતેની પ્રવૃત્તિઓ

અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટર બાટલી ખાતે નિયમિત રીતે મફતમાં નીચે મુજબની જુદી જુદી પ્રવૃત્તિઓ મરદો અને ઓરતો માટે ચલાવવામાં આવે છે. જેમાં જોડાવવા તમે સેન્ટરના ફોન નંબર: ૦૧૯૨૪ ૫૦૦૫૫૫ ઉપર ફોન કરી માહિતી મેળવી જોડાય શકો છો. અથવા તમારા સગાઓ, દોસ્તોને પણ આ માહિતી પહોંચાડી શકો છો. જેથી તેઓ આ સેવાનો લાભ મેળવી શકે.

દર સોમવારે ઓરતો માટે તજવીદ ક્લાસ બપોરે ૨-૦૦ થી ૩-૦૦ વાગ્યા સુધી.

દર મંગળવારે સાંજે ૫-૦૦ થી ૬-૦૦ વાગ્યા સુધી ઓરતો માટે એરોબીક ક્લાસ એક્સસાઈઝ અને સાંજે ૭-૦૦ થી ૮-૦૦ વાગ્યે મરદો માટે સર્કાઈ ટ્રેનીંગ, કીપ ફીટ ક્લાસ. બન્ને અનુભવી ફીટનેરો મારફત ચલાવવામાં આવે છે. યુથ એક્ટીવીટી રવિવારે સાંજે ૪.૦૦ થી ૬.૦૦ વાગ્યા સુધી. ઉપરાંત ઓરતો માટે અંગ્રેજી બોલવું, વાંચવું, ઈસોલ ક્લાસ અને અન્ય ઉપયોગી ક્લાસીસ, અને બીજી પ્રવૃત્તિઓ દિવસ દરમ્યાન હોય છે. જેની માહિતી ફોન નંબર: ૦૧૯૨૪ ૫૦૦૫૫૫ કરી મેળવી શકો છો.

મૌલાના ઈબ્રાહીમ નૌસારકા સાહેબની આ ફાની દુનિયાથી વિદાય

-મહંમદ યુસુફ મૂઝી, લાજપુરી, બાટલી.

જિંદગીનો એજ સાચોસાચ પડઘો છે ગની હોય ના વ્યક્તિ ને એનું નામ બોલાયા કરે.

તારીખ ૧૬મી જુન ૨૦૨૩ના જુમ્માના મુબારક દિવસે બાટલીના જાણીતા આલિમેદીન હઝરત મૌલાના ઈબ્રાહીમ નૌસારકા સાહેબ રહ.નો ૯૬ વર્ષની ઉંમરે ઈન્તેકાલ થયો હતો. (ઈલીવએરા)

મૌલાનાનો જન્મ ઈન્ડિયા ગુજરાતના ડાભેલ પાસે આવેલ એક નાના ગામ કાલાકાણામાં થયો હતો. ગુજરાતી પરીક્ષાઓ પાસ કરી કઠોર ગામે શિક્ષકની નોકરી કરી. પછી નોકરી પડતી મુકી ડાભેલના દારૂલ ઉલૂમ મદ્રેસા જામીઆમાં તાલિમ શરૂ કરી ૧૯૪૮મા ફારીગ થયા અને પછી પોતાના ગામ કાલાકાણામાં મદ્રેસાની ખીદમતને અંજામ આપ્યો.

બે વર્ષ પછી યુ.કે. આવવા માટે પાસપોર્ટ બનાવવાની કામગીરી શરૂ કરી પરંતુ તે વખતે કોઈ ખાસ પાસપોર્ટ બનાવતા ન હતા જેથી અનેક મુશીબતો અને પોલિસ ઈન્કવાયરી પછી પાસપોર્ટ મેળવ્યો અને ઈંગ્લેન્ડ આવવા પહેલા એમના ઉસ્તાદોને મળવા ગયા ત્યારે મુફતી ઈસ્માઈલ બીસ્મીલ્લાહ રહ. મૌલાના અલી મોહમ્મદ તરાજવી રહ. (તરાજ મદ્રેસાના સ્થાપક) મૌલાના મુફતી મરગુબ અહમદ લાજપુરી રહ. એ એમને નસીહતરૂપે બે વાત કહી હતી. ૧. નમાઝ અને કુરઆનને છોડશો નહીં. ૨. દીની કાર્યોમાં ધ્યાન આપશો. અને ૧૯૫૨માં તેઓ પ્રથમ કોવેન્ટ્રી આવ્યા. ત્રણેક માસ ત્યાં રહ્યા પછી નોટીંગહામમાં આવ્યા જ્યાં ટેક્ષટાઈલ મિલમાં વીકના ૭ પાઉન્ડના પગારે કામ શરૂ કર્યું. (મૌલાનાએ પોતે તેમના ઈન્તકાલના કેટલાક મહિનાઓ પહેલા નાચીઝ સાથે રૂબરૂ વાતો કરી હતી જેના આધારે ઘણી બાબતો અહીં રજૂ કરી છે.)

મૌલાનાએ મને કહ્યું હતું કે આ તે વખત હતો જ્યારે આખા ઈંગ્લેન્ડમાં લંડન, કાર્ડિફ અને વોર્કિંગ શહેર સિવાય કોઈ બીજી મસ્જિદો ન હતી. નોટીંગહામમાં સ્થાનિક પાકિસ્તાની ભાઈઓ સાથે મળી દીની મહેનત શરૂ કરી હતી. ઈન્ડિયાથી આવતા કાગળોના આધારે રોઝા રાખવા શરૂ કર્યા અને તેના આધારે ઈદ મનાવવી. છેવટે ૧૯૫૫ના આખરમાં મૌલાના ઈન્ડિયા પાછા ચાલ્યા ગયા.

ત્યારબાદ તેમને ખબર પડી કે બાટલીમાં ગુજરાતીઓ વસતા થયા છે. જેથી ૧૯૫૬માં તેઓ સીધા બાટલી આવ્યા. અને ૫૧ વોરવીક રોડ પર રહેવા લાગ્યા. ૧૯૫૭માં ૬૫ વોરવીકરોડનું મકાન ખરીદ્યું અને એમાં બીજા ભાઈઓ પણ સાથે રહેવા લાગ્યા. અહીં એમની બે મોટી જીમ્મદારી હતી. એક રોજી રોટી અને બીજી દીનની મહેનત. રોજી રોટી માટે ફોક્સન મિલમાં વીકના ૭ પાઉન્ડે ૧૨ કલાકની શીફ્ટમા નોકરી શરૂ કરી. જેમ જેમ

મુસલમાનોની સંખ્યા વધવા લાગી, દીનના કામની જરૂરિયાતો પણ વધતી ગઈ. ૧૯૫૬માં કફન દફનની સરળતા માટે એક કમિટી બનાવવામાં આવી જેના આધારે ૧૯૫૭માં હાલની ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીની સ્થાપના થઈ.

ત્યારપછી ઈન્ડિયાથી ફેમિલીઓ બોલાવવાનું શરૂ થયું. મૌલાનાએ પોતાની ફેમિલી યુ.કે. બોલાવી જેમાં તેમની યુવાન છોકરીઓનો પણ સમાવેશ હતો. તેમની દીની તાલિમની ફીકર થતાં મૌલાનાએ પોતાના ઘરમાં પહેલો મદ્રેસો શરૂ કર્યો. પછી બીજી ફેમિલીઓના બાળકો જોડાતા મૌલાના અબ્દુલ ગની સાહેબ અને મૌલાના ઈબ્રાહીમ જોગવાડીના સહકારથી ૬૫ વોરવીક રોડના મકાનમાં મદ્રેસો શરૂ કરવામાં આવ્યો. આ પછી ૧૯૫૮થી વોરવીક રોડના આ બે ઘરોમાં મદ્રેસા ચાલવા લાગ્યા.

ત્યારપછી જેમ જેમ ફેમિલીઓ આવતી ગઈ, બાળકોની વધતી સંખ્યાને લઈ વોરવીક રોડના નંબર ૬૧, ૬૫, ૭૧ ઘરોમાં મદ્રેસો વારાફરતી ચાલવા લાગ્યો અને બાળકો દીની તાલિમ મેળવતા થયા. આ બાટલી ડુયુઝબરીના મદ્રેસાની શરૂઆત હતી. આ વખતે સંખ્યા ખૂબજ ઓછી હતી. પરંતુ પછી વધારો થતાં જ્યારે બ્રેડફોર્ડ રોડની મસ્જિદની સ્થાપના થઈ મદ્રેસો ત્યાં ખસેડવામાં આવ્યો. આમ મૌલાનાએ શરૂઆતના દિવસોમાં મદ્રેસો ચાલુ કરવો અને તેને ચલાવવાની જિમ્મદારી તેમણે બખૂબી નિભાવી દીનની ખિદમત કરી.

ત્યારબાદ આજની ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીના દીની કામોમાં પણ તેઓ જોડાયેલા રહ્યા હતા. જ્યારે સોસાયટીના માતેહત મદ્રેસા ચાલતા ત્યારે ઈન્તેહાન વખતે તેમની કામગીરી પણ અમૂલ્ય હતી. કફન દફનની કામગીરીમાં પણ તેઓ આગળ રહેતા હતા. ઉંમરનો તકાઝો અને તેમની નાદુરસ્ત તબીયત હોવા છતાં તેઓ ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી અને વોરવીક રોડ એરિયાની વાર્ષિક જનરલ મિટીંગમાં અચૂક હાજરી આપતા હતા. ઉલ્માઓની ખીદમતમાં પણ તેઓ સામેલ રહી બીજા દીની પ્રોગ્રામમાં ભાગ લેતા હતા.

નાના મોટા દરેકની સાથે મિલનસાર સ્વભાવ, દરેકની ઈઝ્ઝત કરવી અને મદદ કરવી, હંમેશ હસતો ચહેરો અને નમ્રતાથી દરેકને આવકાર એ તેમના મુખ્ય ગુણો હતા.

તેમણે રાબેતા અલ ઉલ્મા, બાટલીના પ્રમુખ પદે પણ રહી દીની ખીદમતને અંજામ આપી હતી. મોટી ઉંમર અને નાદુરસ્ત તબીયત હોવા છતાં જામે મસ્જિદ, હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટમાં નિયમિત નમાઝ જમાત સાથે અદા કરતા અને અસરની નમાઝ પછી કિતાબ પઢવાનો તેમનો મામૂર રહ્યો હતો.

જિંદા રહેતા હૈ, આમાલો કિરદાર રહકા ક્યા હૈ, કિસી વક્ત નીકલ જાતી હૈ.

અંતમાં આપણાં સૌની દુવા છે કે, પરવરદિગાર તેમની દરેક ખિદમતોને કબુલ ફરમાવી જન્નતુલ ફીરદૌસમાં આલા જગા અતા ફરમાવે અને તેમના સગા સંબંધીઓને સબ્રે જમીલ અતા ફરમાવે આમીન.



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