

Over six thousand children already slaughtered! How many more need to die before Western Politicians and corrupt leaders show an iota of humanity?



Shame of the politicians

The British political establishment's stance on Palestine, including that of the ruling Conservative and opposition Labour Party, is and has always been morally corrupt.

Both the Tory's and Labour are supporting and providing impunity for Israeli regime's war crimes in Gaza.

Absolute unconditional support for the Israeli regime – and disregard for Palestinian suffering – was fully on display during a House of Commons vote on an amendment to the King's Speech put forward by the Scottish National Party that called for a ceasefire in Gaza.

In the end, the amendment failed with 293 MPs voting against it. Just 125 MPs, including 56 Labour MPs who defied their party whip, voted for the amendment and thus for a ceasefire that would save countless Palestinian lives.

Amongst the Labour MPs who did not vote with their conscience and defy Labour leader, Keir Starmer, who ordered his MP's not to participate in the vote, was Batley and Spen MP, Kim Leadbeater.

Leadbeater voted against calling for a ceasefire despite insisting she was doing what her constituents had asked and had communicated their views to Starmer. She

said: "Many constituents have asked me to communicate their demand for a ceasefire to my own party leader and I have done that very clearly, face to face. By doing so, I have made sure that both main parties at Westminster are in no doubt what many of my constituents in Batley and Spen want – indeed what I would hope we all want – an end to the fighting."

Leadbeater tried to justify her decision by insisting the call for a ceasefire had no chance of success: "Speaking up on behalf of my constituents to advance the cause of peace means focusing on the issue with determination and pragmatism. The amendment in the House of Commons by the Scottish National Party stood no chance of success, and even less chance of getting the far-right government of Netanyahu or Hamas to agree to stop the war. That is the reality."

However, Paigaam Chair, Aziz Daji believes Leadbeater's decision is an affront to her constituents. Therefore, the Paigaam committee decided to bring to an end, Leadbeater's monthly column in Paigaam. Mr Daji said: "We can confirm that we have decided our community publication Paigaam will no longer allow Kim Leadbeater to write a monthly column. After she refused to vote for a ceasefire, which would have showcased that the genocide and murder of innocent

children, women and men is repugnant and totally unacceptable, her standing within the community is at an all-time low.

"This has rendered her status within the locality, as someone who has lost the trust and confidence of the community. Therefore, she has lost the privilege of writing a monthly column for Paigaam."

Social media users lambasted her decision to vote against a ceasefire. Writing on X, formerly known as Twitter, Peter Reynolds wrote: "If you want a ceasefire, vote for it! Shocking cowardice. What would your sister have done?"

Solma Ahmed wrote: "A betrayal of all the constituents that supported you when they could've easily voted for Galloway. Utterly disappointing. It's about the principle Kim, and doing the right thing. You made the wrong choice."

Danish Amooz wrote: Congratulations on the most pathetic decision ever made supported by completely baseless reasoning. Illogical and immoral - what a combination. Well done."

Timur Erhan wrote: "Only a politician can say one thing, do another while asking for forgiveness. Shameful."

The official Labour Party line since the



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beginning of this latest bombardment of Gaza has been to unequivocally support the Israeli regime.

Labour Party leader Keir Starmer, a former human rights lawyer, went so far as to say during a radio interview that the Israeli regime has the right to cut access to water, food and electricity for Palestinians in Gaza.

Of course, as a Human Rights lawyer by profession, Starmer undoubtedly knows, such actions are considered collective punishment, and thus a war crime, under international law.

Paigaam contacted Labour Leader, Kier Starmer, who responded by e-mailing Paigaam a statement via his office. The beleaguered leader insists Labour put down a strong amendment on this topic to the King's Speech on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

"All human life is equal and that there has been too much suffering, including far too many deaths of innocent civilians and children and Israel should protect hospitals and lift the siege conditions allowing food, water, electricity, medicine and fuel into Gaza," read the statement.

He also said he called for "The UK Government to continue to work with the international community to prevent a wider escalation of the conflict in the region along with ensuring people in Gaza who were forced to flee during the conflict

can return to their homes."

However, the Labour Party's stance on the rights of the Palestinian people has more often than not, been rather dismissive. Former British Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson was an advocate of Zionism and considered the Israeli regime a "wonderful experiment in Socialist politics".

In 1967 when the Israeli regime occupied the rest of historic Palestine, the Labour Party showcased their support for the Zionist project.

Under Prime Minister Tony Blair's leadership, the party further cemented its ties with the Israeli regime. In 2006, Blair's Labour declined to call for a ceasefire during the Israeli regime's war against Lebanon, in which more than 1,400 Lebanese were killed.

However, the latest assault on Gaza has highlighted existing tensions within the Labour Party. So many unhappy Muslim Labour councillors have resigned.

This is why the vote for a ceasefire was important, especially for the Labour Party. It was not only an attempt to save lives in Gaza but also an opportunity to take a stand as a party against war, imperialism and colonialism.

Among the Labour MPs who voted against the establishment position were eight shadow ministers who subsequently

had to leave their front bench positions. Imran Hussain, MP for Bradford East, said he could no longer "sufficiently in all good conscience" serve as a shadow levelling up minister as he wanted to be a strong advocate for a ceasefire.

He said he resigned "with a heavy heart" over the party's position on the Israel-Hamas conflict.

"Over recent weeks, it has become clear that my view on the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza differs substantially from the position you have adopted," Hussain said in a resignation letter to the Labour leader.

Social media users praised a number of Labour MP's for standing up to Keir Starmer.

Ahmed Marei wrote: "Some people sacrificed first bench seats and even expected minister positions like: Jess Phillips, Afzal Khan, Yasmine Quershi, Pamela Parker, Rachel Hopkins, Sarah Owen, Mary Foy, Dan Carden, Naz Shah. They choose to listen to their people who put faith and voted for them."

In a similar manner to Kim Leadbeater, Tory Dewsbury MP, Mark Eastwood also voted against a ceasefire alongside Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak and a number of Tory MP's. Paigaam contacted Eastwood's office for a comment. However, at the time of going to press, a response has yet to be received.



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Palestine meeting at Al-Hikmah

Members of the public were invited to a public meeting at the Al Hikmah Centre last month. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a platform to members and a wider Muslim community to share views and express concerns in relation to the current situation in Palestine and Gaza and explore the next steps for the community.

The meeting, organised by IMWS and PMWS, saw attendees express their anger towards councillors, who they accused of not speaking out against Israel's bombardment of Gaza, which Israel has said are targeted assaults on Hamas sites.

Burnley Council leader Afrasiab Anwar told the assembled audience that Sir Keir had "not stood up for Labour values".

Mr Anwar said he and his colleagues had "seen the sad loss of people including young children in Palestine."

He said that "blindly following the position of Rishi Sunak" was "not acceptable to us and our residents who we represent".

Others expressed their concerns over the stance taken by the Labour and Tory leadership, who have supported Israel's 'right to defend itself in accordance with international law', whilst killing thousands of men, women and children.

Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Iqbal Bhana lambasted Labour's leadership for purging members who were only guilty of providing constructive criticism: "After I criticised Kier Starmer, I received a letter stating my services to the party are no longer required.

"I have since had a number of senior Labour party officials, who have asked me to come back. However, I have politely

declined."

Mr Bhana believes advice he received from the late Nelson Mandela, is still relevant to this day: "One of the reasons South Africa changed rapidly was because of the people's boycott. It had a massive impact on the people of South Africa. The impact of the community can have profound consequences and we individually and collectively can bring about change."

However, local man, Ilyas Nurgat urges locals to vote for the Green Party at the next election: "Vote for the Green Party at the next election, they voted for a ceasefire. If not the Green Party, vote for the Liberal Democrats."

A number of individuals said they would form a working community group to implement a number of action points.

IMWS Palestinian fundraiser a great success

In light of the devastating bombardment of the Gaza Strip by Israeli occupation forces, The Indian Muslim Welfare Society held a fundraising event at the Al-Hikmah Centre in Batley.

The event attracted hundreds of people who participated in purchasing a number of gastronomical delights including deserts, sweets, and a number of Indian inspired savoury snacks, in order to raise awareness for the Palestinian cause.

IMWS General Manager Nadeem Raja said the event showcased a great deal of good will, unity and gratitude amongst Muslims and people from a variety of backgrounds and faiths.

He said: "Attendees immersed themselves in arts and crafts and enjoyed a number of activities. The turnout was amazing as people turned up in numbers; the kids loved the deserts in particular

along with the auctions and the Palestine inspired arts and crafts."

"We would like to thank all our partners and the local community for being part of this fantastic event.

"Finally, we would like to thank our team of staff for ensuring the event was a success."

IMWS Chair, Rafik Dabhad said: "We were honoured to host the fundraiser for Palestine.

"The event provided an opportunity for families to spend quality time together and celebrate and learn all about the vibrant Palestinian community.

With a diverse range of gifts and treats available, there was something for everyone to enjoy."



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My response to Kim Leadbeater

Dear Kim,

Thank you for your response (to my letter) which is very detailed, I have taken the time to read every word of it.

Your letter only serves to add to the great sense of disappointment and tragedy at your recent actions, as the old saying goes "Actions speak louder than words".

For someone who has been to the West Bank and still fails to call out the genocide taking place reflects your complete lack of impartiality, fairness and value of all human life as being equal.

The language in your response clearly highlights your bias and prejudice in

this "conflict", what we are witnessing is nothing less than genocide and ethnic cleansing and your continuous refusal to call it that is makes you complicit in the war crimes that have been committed and continue to take place in Gaza and the West Bank.

Calling for a humanitarian pause and political resolution whilst wilfully neglecting to use the political and legal levers required to effect such a change is merely an empty gesture.

I understand the "system" and appreciate the recent vote in Parliament would have had little impact on the US and Israel, nevertheless even a symbolic call for an immediate ceasefire was beyond you,

instead you chose to play party politics and totally disregard the will of nearly 80% of the UK population in favour of a ceasefire.

Following the announcement of boundary changes at the next General Election.

I suppose there is no need for you to solicit the Muslim vote anymore so we too are collateral damage in your climb up the political ladder.

Good luck I hope the view from the top of the ladder of dead, severed bodies of young children is a pleasant one.

A very disappointed human being.

Dear Paigaam,

I wanted to commend you (Paigaam) on the steps you have taken to remove Kim leadbeater from her usual column.

I agree whole heartedly that she has lost her honour to represent us which allowed her to engage in a written publication aimed at our community.

Our community needed her support us at this critical time and she failed to show up.

Thank you for standing up to her and voicing it the way you have. You have done our local community proud and may your actions bring you more success in the future and the hereafter.

Saffiya



Poem: Write my name on my leg mama

Write my name on my leg, Mama
Use the black permanent marker
with the ink that doesn't bleed
if it gets wet, the one that doesn't melt
if it's exposed to heat

Write my name on my leg, Mama
Make the lines thick and clear
Add your special flourishes
so I can take comfort in seeing
my mama's handwriting when I go to
sleep

Write my name on my leg, Mama
and on the legs of my sisters and brothers
This way we will belong together

This way we will be known
as your children

Write my name on my leg, Mama
and please write your name
and Baba's name on your legs, too
so we will be remembered
as a family

Write my name on my leg, Mama
Don't add any numbers like when I was
born or the address of our home

I don't want the world to list me as a
number. I have a name and I am not a
number.

Write my name on my leg, Mama
When the bomb hits our house
When the walls crush our skulls and
bones, our legs will tell our story, how
there was nowhere for us to run



Exclusive; first hand report from Gaza

"We only ask the Almighty to help"

Despite the intolerable suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza, the Chairman and CEO of the Palestine Welfare House charity, in Gaza insists : "We are only asking The Almighty for help."

Speaking to Paigaam, Joma Al Najjar explains in a column, how the Gaza Strip is currently suffering from a fierce, devastating war with the Israeli occupation that has claimed the lives of so many innocent souls.

"Brothers and sisters, this is Joma from Gaza. We are trying to help orphans, widows and everyone else who has been affected by the bombing. As you will know, the situation in Gaza is very difficult. It has been over 50 days since the bombing of Gaza began. More than 30 thousand people have been martyred and 50 thousand have been injured. People cannot find food and water and fuel for energy. They cannot find the most simple things. Because of this and the attacks on Gaza people are actually dying.

"They cannot find anything. The only hope people have is to find food and water and for these attacks to be stopped. We do not know what will happen after the humanitarian ceasefire ends. We ask the people of Batley, Dewsbury and everywhere in the UK, to make dua. Pray that the Palestinian people survive the aggression of those who are doing this to us.

"The condition of the women, children and the men is very difficult. The women and children are suffering to find simple things like food and even to go to the toilet. To be in a condition, where basic hygiene is attainable is a struggle. People cannot find shelter because we are talking about 2.3 million Palestinians who have become refugees and displaced from their houses and their homes.

"As you can also imagine, basic communication lines have been cut. The occupation has destroyed 60 percent of Gaza. I sent this message to you all in desperation because my Internet connect is about to get cut. We honestly cannot buy food to buy for the children.

"We have never seen the power of the air attacks, of the tanks, of the powerful weapons. Every single attack, kills women, children and men.

"Gaza has been bombarded to such an extent, we are back to the 1940's. Children cannot even find a single cup of water to drink, it has got that bad. They cannot find shoes to wear, they really cannot find anything. Women are suffering badly because they are having to live on the streets. They cannot find any shelter, what are they supposed to do?

"My two boys are in hospital, after being injured by a bomb. Nothing remains of my home. As a father, as a human being,

I can only ask The Almighty to help. The condition of the children and women is the worst, many of us have been displaced. They just attacked at every single moment, they just do not stop. Most of my friends and relatives have been martyred.

"Thank you so much brothers and sisters. Please pray for us. Use your energy to pray salaah and remember us in your duas, this is when the help of the Almighty will come. Remember, your duas are more useful to us than marching. If you do not pray salaah, please begin as this is what will help us. Also, ask for forgiveness, as this leads to the opening of so many doors.

"Marching shows you care and thank you for thinking of us. However, this will not make politicians help us, as many have shown who they really follow. By making dua, asking for forgiveness and praying salaah, we are petitioning the King of Kings, and it is his promise that is true, not some politicians! As Muslims, here in Gaza, in the UK and beyond, we should only ask the King of Kings!"

**"By making dua and praying salaah, and asking for forgiveness, we are petitioning the King of Kings, not some politician.
Joma Al Najjar"**

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First ever International Hifz Competition held in Batley

Organised and presented by Habibul Quran, under the supervision of Qari Saeed Makda Saheb, Madrasah Islamiyah - Mount Pleasant Islamic Trust hosted the first ever International Hifz competition to take place in Batley.

Inspired by a recent high-profile International Qur'an competition in Portugal, members of the public were overwhelmed by the spirituality and nonchalance of being in an environment where the Holy Quran was recited.

The competition was held for over 3 days, from the 24th to the 26th of November with over 110 contestants from more than 15 countries including Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Kuwait, Italy and Portugal. The opening ceremony began with a welcome by Qari Saeed Makda, Moulana Shokat Dadhiwala and Mufti Zakariya Akudi. An

independent panel of judges, including Sheikh Aziz Alili from Croatia, Moulana Abdul Rahman sahib and Moulana Tayyib sahib from London judged participants on Hifz, tajweed and fluency.

Thousands of people attended the event, with thousands watching at home, thanks to an innovative set up, using the latest software and streaming technology.

A number of local individuals and organisations helped assist with the event, from airport runs, to accommodation and food, a number of arrangements were in place. The concluding ceremony included words of appreciation and thanks from Qari Saeed Makda sahib. The hard work of contestants, parents, teachers and everyone at the Madrassah was welcomed. The significance and virtues of reciting and memorising the Quran was impressed

upon the assembled audience and those watching at home.

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CATEGORY B: 1-20 JUZ:

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2ND HAFIZ HUZAIFAH FULAT (MADRASAH ISLAMIYAH, BATLEY)
3RD HAFIZ ADAM BAPORIA (MADRASAH ISLAMIYAH, BATLEY)

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Israel has lost the PR war

In a new media landscape dominated not by Western media giants but by Instagram reels, TikTok videos and YouTube shorts, Israel's ongoing war on the besieged Gaza Strip is more than televised.

Audiences across the world, and especially young people, have been watching the devastation caused by Israel's indiscriminate bombardment of the Palestinian enclave on their preferred social media platforms, in real-time, for over a month.

Anyone with internet access has seen countless videos of babies torn apart by bombs, women crushed under tonnes of concrete and mothers cradling the dead bodies of their children.

Israel, of course, still continues with its usual efforts – and more – to control the narrative about its bloody wars and decades-old occupation.

It does not hesitate to brand as “terrorists” and assassinate Palestinian journalists who work tirelessly to tell Gaza's truth to the world. During this latest war alone, Israel killed at least 53 journalists and media workers, mostly in targeted air strikes alongside their family members, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Al Jazeera Arabic's Gaza Correspondent, Wael Dahdouh, lost his wife, son, daughter and grandson in one such attack. He received the news while he was on air.

And Israel does not allow foreign journalists to enter Gaza and report on what they see freely either. CNN's Fareed Zakaria recently admitted that the Israeli military currently only allows into the war-torn Gaza Strip foreign journalists who agree to “submit all materials and footage to the Israeli military for review prior to publication”. Zakaria said CNN agreed to these terms “in order to provide a limited

window into Israel's ops”.

Yet, despite all these efforts, thanks largely to social media, Israel is no longer able to conceal the truth about its conduct in Palestine. It can no longer control the narratives and the public opinion on Palestine. As mainstream media loses its ability to single-handedly decide what Western and, to a certain extent, global audiences get to witness about the situation in Palestine, the brutality of Israel's occupation has been laid out in the open for everyone to see.

On November 29, the #WeWontBeSilenced campaign was launched across social media platforms, encouraging posting this graphic, or a picture with one hand covering one's mouth, and a relevant message written on the other hand or a poster. Since its launch, it has received hundreds of thousands of impressions across platforms and will continue to gain traction.

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Politicians have got it wrong on Palestine - the people have not!



What is value of the value of a Palestinian civilian life?

Thousands of Palestinians have perished under Israeli bombs, about a quarter of them children, according to the Gaza health ministry. Sunak's only words of caution were to call on Israeli forces to "avoid harming civilians".

In his leadership campaign, Labour leader Keir Starmer pledged to ensure "no more illegal wars" will take place and to "put human rights at the heart of foreign policy". Of all the pledges he has now broken, this is the most unforgivable. Given his vocation as a Human rights lawyer, Starmer is either incompetent or dishonest.

What is Labour's position on reports that Israel has been using white phosphorus?" – an illegal act if used against a civilian population!

After thousands marched in London against these undisputed war crimes, many asked about Hamas's atrocities? Hamas's killings have been roundly denounced.

However, the UK has licensed at least £442m worth of arms to Israel since 2015, while our chief ally, the US, provides about \$3bn in military assistance each year.

These war crimes may have the blessing of our political establishment, but an ever-growing backlash from the public is growing that hasn't forgotten previous calamities endorsed by our leaders.

Demonstrators around the world to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People condemning Israel's war on Gaza and calling for a permanent ceasefire.

Protests were held on Wednesday in Manila, Tunis, Tehran, Karachi, Beirut, Harare, Tokyo, Stockholm, London, Johannesburg, Quezon City, Milan and elsewhere.

The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed on November 29 each year to mark the anniversary of Resolution 181, when the UN General Assembly on this day in 1947 adopted a resolution to partition Palestine into two states.

Students across Spain held a second strike following similar action last month. University and high school students gathered in 38 cities, including Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Malaga, Bilbao, Zaragoza and Madrid.

Central London was packed with tens

of thousands of people who turned out to demand a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. The National March for Palestine on Saturday took place on the second day of a truce between Israel and Hamas.

The Palestine Solidarity Campaign estimated a turnout of 300,000 people calling for "an end to the siege of Gaza".

The peaceful protesters carried banners that read, "Ceasefire Now!" and "Stop the War on Gaza".

Protests in support of Palestine have also been escalating around Australia, with sit-ins held in capital cities along with student convoys making their way from Sydney to Canberra.

In New York, hundreds of people were arrested when police broke up a large demonstration of mostly Jewish New Yorkers who had taken over the main hall of Grand Central station. The organisers said they were rallying against Israel's bombardment of Gaza and wanted a ceasefire.

There isn't even the pretence that a Palestinian life has equal worth to an Israeli or British civilian. But their lives do matter, and those who condemn children to perish under rubble should be ashamed of themselves.

Boycott movement gaining momentum

Social media sites such as X (previously known as Twitter) and Tiktok, are naming brands with ties to Israel and calling for boycotts alongside the prominent hashtag #BDSMovement.

McDonald's and Starbucks are among numerous companies facing consumer boycotts over due to the actions of the Israeli government. McDonalds was specifically targeted after an Israeli franchisee said it was providing thousands of free meals to the Israel Defense Forces.

In many instances, consumers have been voting with their feet in countries including Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Turkey, Jordan and Malaysia. In the UK, a number of chains have been attacked. Many other American companies are being targeted, in some cases purely for their government's support for Israel. These include KFC, Pizza Hut and Burger King, along with brands such as Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Puma,

Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and Netflix.

Google and Amazon have also faced a boycott for offering services to the Israeli government and military to sustain what many claim is systematic apartheid against the Palestinians.

The movement takes direct inspiration from the South African anti-apartheid fight and the US civil rights movement, both of which effectively used boycotts. South African anti-apartheid activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu championed the BDS movement, saying the comparison between apartheid South Africa and Israel was "painfully stark."

Boycotts against Israel dig deeper than merely examining what consumers buy at the store. BDS asks supporters to abstain from Israeli cultural institutions, and even to refrain from working with Israeli universities and academics that help

prop up dehumanizing narratives about Palestinians and the occupied territories. The call to divest pressures companies to refuse to do business with Israeli companies firms, for investors to withhold their capital, and for banks and pension funds not to use customer money to invest in the Israeli economy.

In addition, a new app named "No Thanks" is taking the digital world by storm. The app has garnered attention after a video demonstrating its capabilities went viral on various social media platforms.

The "No Thanks" app claims to provide users with information about the origin and affiliations of various products by simply scanning their barcodes.

The highlight of the application is its feature that indicates whether a particular product supports Israel or has ties to the country.

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Tues			Free Ladies aerobics 5.00pm-6.00pm Please wear trainers. Provided by IMWS
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Thurs	ESOL Entry 1 Speaking and Listening (Free) (2/2) 10am-12pm Full ESOL L1/L2 Speaking and Listening 9.30am-12pm Full	Sahara social Group (free) First Thursday of every month open to all females 11am-1pm Contact Nurjahan 07385 347091	

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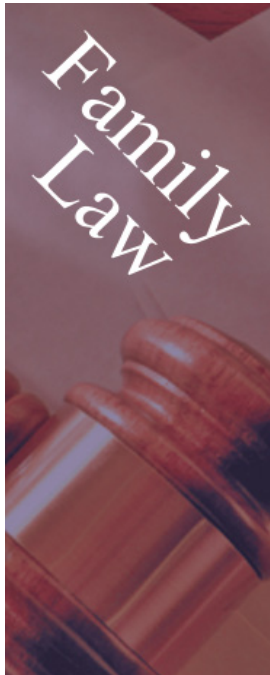
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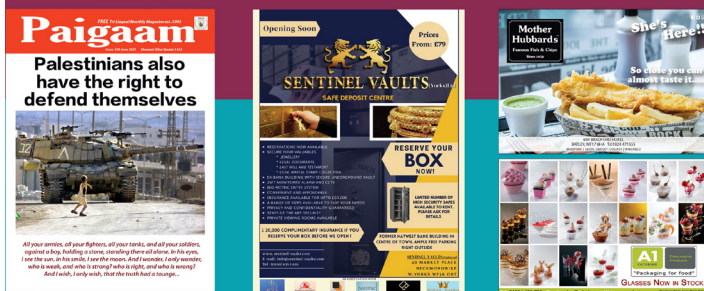
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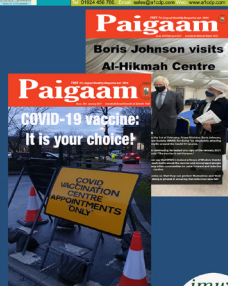
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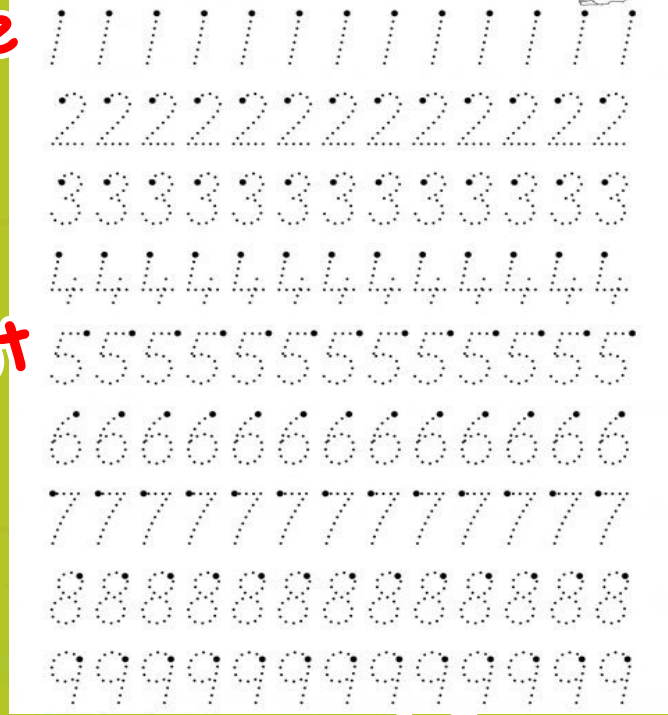
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ગાઝામાં તારીખ ૭મી ઓક્ટોબર-૨૦૨૩ના રોજ ઈઝરાઈલે શરૂ કરેલ લડાઈ હજુ પણ ચાલુ છે અને ગાઝાને સંપૂર્ણ રીતે ખતમ કરવાના ઈરાદાથી આગળ વધી રહેલ છે. પ્રતિદિન અનેક પેલેસ્ટીનીયનો શહીદ થઈ રહ્યા છે. વિશ્વના અનેક દેશોમાં યુધ્ધવિરામ માટે મોટી રેલીઓ યોજાઈ રહી છે. આવીજ એક રેલી ૧૧મી નવેમ્બરના લંડન ખાતે યોજાઈ હતી જેમાં ૧૦લાખથી વધુ લોકોએ ભાગ લીધો હતો અને યુધ્ધવિરામની માંગણી કરવામાં આવી હતી. યુરોપ સહિત વિશ્વના અનેક દેશો ઈઝરાઈલને મદદ અને સાથ આપી તેના પડખે ઊભા છે. યુધ્ધનો અંત લાવવા કે ગાઝામાં સરળતાથી હુમેનીટેરિયન મદદ પહોંચાડવાં જોઈએ તેવું સમર્થન મળી રહ્યું નથી.

ઈઝરાઈલે ટેન્કો વગેરે સાથે ગાઝામાં પ્રવેશ કરેલ છે. તેણે ગાઝાની સૌથી મોટી અલ શિક્કા હોસ્પિટલ ઉપર હુમલો કરી તેને કબજે લીધી છે. હોસ્પિટલમાં પાણીની મુખ્ય લાઈનને ધ્વસ કરી છે અને ત્યાં મેડીકલ સપ્લાઈ, ઈધણ વગેરે પર પાબંદી લગાવી છે. દુનિયા સમક્ષ તેણે કહ્યું કે આ હોસ્પિટલ હામાસ આતંકીઓનો અડ્ડો છે, હોસ્પિટલની નીચે અંડર ગ્રાઉન્ડમાં હામાસે લડાઈનો અસલો રાખ્યો છે અને ત્યાં બનાવેલ રૂમોમાં એટેકનું પ્લાનિંગ થઈ રહ્યું છે. પરંતુ ત્યાં હામાસનો અડ્ડો કે હથિયારો છે તે સાબિત કરવામાં તે કામચાલ થયું નથી. અને કોઈ સબુતો હજુ સુધી તેણે રજૂ કર્યા નથી. હોસ્પિટલમાં ઈઝરાઈલે ઘણીજ તોડફોડ કરી છે. ત્યાં ૬૫૦થી વધુ દર્દીઓ, ૫૦૦ સેવા કર્મીઓ અને પાંચ હજારથી વધુ લોકો શરણમાં છે. ઈનક્યુબીટરોની લાઈનો કાપી નખાતા અનેક બેબીઓની મોત થઈ છે અને કેટલાયે દર્દીઓને ત્યાંથી બહાર કાઢી મૂકવામાં આવ્યા છે. ગાઝાના સામાન્ય નાગરિકોને પણ તેઓ મારી રહ્યા છે. અરબના દેશોની ખામોશી હજુ પણ સમજાતી નથી. જો તેઓ બીજા દેશો ઉપર દબાણ લાવે અને સક્રીય થાય તો પરિણામ કંઈક જૂદુંજ હોઈ શકે છે.

ઈઝરાઈલના ઘણાં લોકો આ નરસંહારને રોકવા અને કાયમી સોલ્યુશન શોધવા વિનંતી કરી રહ્યા છે. ઉપરાંત ઈઝરાઈલના વડાપ્રધાન નેતાન્યહુને રાજીનામું આપવા દબાણ કરી રહ્યા છે. ત્યાંના સમાચારપત્રો નેતાન્યહુના વિરોધમાં લેખો લખી તેને સરમુખ્તયાર બતાવી રહ્યા છે.

ક્રિકેટ વર્લ્ડ કપમાં ભારતની હાર

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પરિણામે આખું ભારત શોકમય બન્યું હતું. વળી સોશયલ મીડિયા ઉપર ભારતના વડા પ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીની હાજરીને લઈને નકારાત્મક અભિપ્રાયો ફરતા થયા હતા. જેમાં તેમના માટે પનોતી શબ્દનો ઉપયોગ થયો હતો. આમ તો વર્લ્ડ કપની શરૂઆત થઈ ત્યારથી ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયા આંઠ વખત ફાઈનલમાં પહોંચ્યું હતું. જેમાં ૧૯૭૫માં વેસ્ટઈન્ડિઝ અને ૧૯૯૬માં શ્રી લંકા સામે તેને હાર મળી હતી. જ્યારે ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયાએ સૌથી વધુ ૬ વખત ૧૯૮૭, ૧૯૯૯, ૨૦૨૩, ૨૦૦૭, ૨૦૧૫ અને ૨૦૨૩માં ખિતાબ જીત્યો હતો. ભારતે વર્લ્ડ કપ ૧૯૮૩માં કપીલ દેવની કેપ્ટનશીપમાં અને ૨૦૧૧માં મહેન્દ્ર ધોનીની કેપ્ટનશીપમાં જીત્યો હતો.

ફાયનલ મેચની રમત દરમિયાન જ્યારે ભારતની ટીમના ખેલાડી વિરાટ કોહલી બેટીંગ કરી રહ્યા હતા ત્યારે વેન જોન્સન નામના ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયન વ્યક્તિ જે મેચ જોવા આવ્યો હતો તેણે ગાઝામાં ચાલી રહેલ યુધ્ધ વિરૂધ્ધ દેખાવ કરવા તે Free Palestine લખેલ ટી સર્ટ પહેરી કોહલી પાસે પહોંચી ગયો હતો અને તેને બેટી પડ્યો હતો. તેના ટી સર્ટના પાછળના ભાગ ઉપર Stop Bombing Palestine પણ લખ્યું હતું. સુરક્ષા કર્મીઓથી નજર બચાવી તે મેદાનમાં કેવી રીતે પહોંચ્યો તે માટે સવાલો ઊભા થયા હતા અને પછી તેની ધરપકડ થઈ હતી.

આલીપોર ખાતે (IMWS)સ્કોલરશીપ વિતરણ સમારંભ

તારીખ ૨૩મી નવેમ્બર ૨૦૨૩ના રોજ આલીપોર હોસ્પિટલ ખાતે હાયર એજ્યુકેશન સ્કોલરશીપ વિતરણનો એક સમારંભ યોજાયો હતો. ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલી આલીપોર સોશયલ એન્ડ વેલ્ફેર ટ્રસ્ટના સહયોગથી છેલ્લા ૭/૮ વર્ષોથી દક્ષિણ ગુજરાત ખાતે હાયર એજ્યુકેશન મેળવતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સ્કોલરશીપ પૂરી પાડે છે. જેમાં ડોક્ટરો, નર્સો, ડેન્ટીસ્ટ, આઈટી નિષ્ણાંતો, એન્જનીયર વગેરે ભણતરના ક્ષેત્રોમાં હાજતમંદો અને ગરીબ સ્ટુડન્ટોને દર વર્ષે તેમની જરૂરિયાત મુજબ સ્કોલરશીપ પેટે રોકડ રકમ આપવામાં આવે છે. જેનાથી આવું ભણતર મેળવતા બાળકોને ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ મેળવવામાં મદદ મળી શકે છે. સ્કોલરશીપના આ પ્રોગ્રામમાં અલનૂર ટ્રસ્ટ, બારડોલીને પણ ભાગીદાર બનાવી તે વિભાગમાં સ્કોલરશીપ વહેંચવામાં આવે છે.

આ પ્રોગ્રામમાં બાટલી, યુ.કે.થી સોસાયટીના સભ્યો સલીમભાઈ લુણત (ગુલ), ડો. અ.રહેમાન રાજપુરા અને હનિફભાઈ માયતે હાજરી આપી હતી અને મુસ્લિમોમાં આજે ઉચ્ચ ભણતર કેમ જરૂરી છે તેનું મહત્વ સમજાવ્યું હતું. આલીપોર સોશયલ વેલ્ફેર ટ્રસ્ટના વડા હસનભાઈ માયત જેમના અધ્યાગ પ્રયત્નોથી આ પ્રોજેક્ટ શરૂ થયો હતો. તેમણે પણ આજના અધ્યતન યુગમાં ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ અને આવા પ્રોફેશનલ વિભાગમાં મુસ્લિમોની ભાગીદારી કેટલી અગત્યની છે તે જણાવ્યું હતું. ગરીબ બાળકો જેઓ ટેલન્ટેડ છે અને આગળ વધવામાં તેમની માલી હાલત ખરાબ હોવાથી તેઓ જે મુશ્કેલી અનુભવે છે તેને આપણી સંસ્થા બનતી મદદ કરી રહી છે તે માટે ખુશી વ્યક્ત કરી હતી. પ્રોજેક્ટમાં મદદ કરનારા બાટલીવાસીઓ અને આલીપોર હોસ્પિટલ ટ્રસ્ટના ટીમ સભ્યો અને અલનૂર એજ્યુકેશન ટ્રસ્ટના તમામ કાર્યકર્તાઓનો અમે આભાર માનીએ છીએ.

બાટલી મદ્રેસાઓના વાર્ષિક જલ્સા

-મહંમદ યુસુફ મૂઝી, લાજપુરી, બાટલી.

શનિવાર તારીખ ૨૮ ઓક્ટોબર ૨૦૨૩ના અસરની નમાઝ પછી મદ્રેસા નુરુલ ઈસ્લામનો વાર્ષિક જલ્સો સ્નોડન સ્ટ્રીટ મસ્જિદમાં થયો હતો. જલ્સામાં ત્રણ ખુશનસીબ તાલિબે ઈલ્મએ પોતાનો આખરી સબક સંભળાવી કુરઆન મજીદ ખત્મ કર્યો હતો. તેમની દસ્તારબંદી કરી સનદ આપવામાં આવી હતી. હાફિઝ થનારા ૧. તુફેલ યુનુસ પટેલ (હજાત) ૨. અબ્દુલ્લાહ ઈકબાલ મમણીયાત ૩. લુકમાન ખાન. કારી સઈદ મોકડા સાહેબે દુઆ ફરમાવી હતી.

એજ દિવસે મગરિબની નમાઝ બાદ મદ્રેસા તાલીમુદ્દીનનો વાર્ષિક જલ્સો જામે મસ્જિદ હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટ ખાતે યોજાયો હતો. બ્લેકબર્ન મસ્જિદ નુરુલ ઈસ્લામના ઈમામ હઝરત મુફતી સાલેહ સાહેબે તાલિમ અને તરબિયતની અગત્યતા ઉપર સુંદર બયાન કર્યું હતું. મદ્રેસાના બાળકોએ પણ સુંદર પ્રોગામો રજૂ કર્યા હતા. જલ્સામાં મદ્રેસાના ૬ બાળકોએ આખરી સબક સંભળાવી કુરઆન ખત્મ કર્યો હતો. હાફિઝ થનારા બાળકો ૧. અહમદ મૌલાના મહંમદ મોટા ૨. મહંમદ ઈસ્માઈલ પટેલ ૩. ઉમર મૌલાના મહંમદ મોટા ૪. ઈમરાન હાફિઝ ઉસ્માન દાજી ૫. સલીમ શફીક ૬. આદિલ ઈસ્માઈલ ઈકલેરિયા.

મદ્રેસા ઈસ્લામિયાહ માઉન્ટ પ્લેઝન્ટ બાટલીનો ૩૧મો તાલિમી અને હિફઝ કુરઆન મજીદના ખતમનો વાર્ષિક જલ્સો તારીખ ૧૮મી નવેમ્બર ૨૦૨૩ના શનિવારે મગરિબની નમાઝ બાદ યુ.કે.ના આલિમે દીન હઝરત મૌલાના સલીમ ધોરાત સાહેબ (લેસ્ટર) ની સદારત હેઠળ મદીના મસ્જિદમાં યોજાયો હતો. આ વર્ષે જલ્સામાં ૭ ખુશનસીબ તાલિબે ઈલ્મએ હિફઝ મુકમ્મલ કર્યો હતો. તે પૈકી ૧. મહંમદ મૌલાના ગુલામ દેસાઈ ૨. સુલેમાન મહંમદ નાનાવાડી ૩. અબ્દુલ્લાહ મૌલાના મહંમદ અમીન દાજી ૪. સુલેમાન એચ્ચુબ ગોરા ૫. દાવુદ સુલેમાન કાઝી ૬. આદમ અકબરઅલી મનીયાર ૭. અબ્દુલ્લાહ હાફિઝ ખલીલ મમણીયાતની દસ્તારબંદી સદર સાહેબના હસ્તે કરી સનદ આપવામાં આવી હતી.

મૌલાના સલીમ ધોરાત સાહેબે કુરઆન મજીદની અઝમત અને હીફઝની ફઝીલત ઉપર અસરકારક બયાન ફરમાવ્યું હતું. વર્તમાન કથળતી પરિસ્થિતિ અને ગાઝાની હાલત ઉપર પ્રકાશ નાંખતા ૧. તૌબા ૨. તકવા ૩. સદકાહ ૪. સબર ૫. નમાઝ ૬. જીકર ૭. દુરુદશરીફની અહમીયત દર્શાવી દુઆ ફરમાવી હતી. આ ઉપરાંત આજ મદ્રેસાની બે છોકરીઓએ પણ સવારના ઓરતોના જલ્સામાં હાફિઝાહની સનદ મેળવી હતી.

ગાઝા યુદ્ધ અને રાજકીય પરિસ્થિતિ

ગાઝાના યુદ્ધમાં વિશ્વના અનેક દેશો ઈઝરાઈલની સાથે ઊભા રહી તેને મદદ કરી રહ્યા છે. આપણે ધ્રિટનમાં સ્થાયી થયા છે અને જેથી ધ્રિટનની સરકારની પોલિસી અને તેનું આ યુદ્ધ તરફી વલણ ઉપર સ્વાભાવિક રીતે આંપણું ધ્યાન રહે છે. આમ જોઈએ તો ધ્રિટનના વડા પ્રધાન રિશી સુનાક ઈઝરાઈલને અનેક રીતે મદદરૂપ થઈ રહ્યા છે. પાર્લામેન્ટમાં પણ પ્રથમ વખતના મતદાનમાં મોજોરીટીથી યુદ્ધવિરામનો વિરોધ જોવા મળ્યો. અપોઝીશન લેબરપાર્ટીનું ખરૂં સ્વરૂપ પણ આપણે જોયું. લેબર પાર્ટીના લીડર કીઅર સ્ટામરના ગાઝા વિરૂદ્ધ બયાનોનો મુસ્લિમો સહિત અનેકે

વિરોધ કર્યો. હોમ સેક્રેટરી સુએલા બ્રેવમેનની અકડાઈ અને ધ્રિટનના પોલિસને ગાઝા તરફે સહાનુભૂતિ દર્શાવનાર સામે આકરૂ વલણ ન અપનાવવા માટેના આરોપ પછી હોમ સેક્રેટરી પદેથી બરતરફ કરવામાં આવ્યા.

ધ્રિટનની પાર્લામેન્ટમાં ચૂંટાયેલ કેટલાક મુસ્લિમ એમ.પી.ઓ ઉપર રાજીનામા આપવા દબાણ વધ્યું. જેમાં કેટલાક લેબરના એમ.પી.ઓએ લેબરની પોલિસી વિરૂદ્ધ વલણ દાખવી રાજીનામા આપ્યા. અનેક કાઉન્સિલના મુસ્લિમ કાઉન્સિલરોને પણ સરકારની પોલિસી વિરૂદ્ધ રાજીનામા આપવા દબાણ લાવવામાં આવ્યા. જેમાં બર્મિંગહામ, લેન્કેશાયર, વોલસોલ વગેરે કાઉન્સિલમાંથી મુસ્લિમ કાઉન્સિલરોએ રાજીનામા આપ્યા. આમ હવે લેબર પાર્ટીએ તેના મતદારોમાં અસંતોષને લીધે આવતી ચૂંટણીઓમાં તેનું પરિણામ ભોગવવા તૈયાર રહેવું પડશે. આપણી કર્કલીઝ કાઉન્સિલ જેમાં ખાસ કરીને બાટલીના મુસ્લિમ કાઉન્સિલરોને પણ રાજીનામા આપવા દબાણ થયું હતું. પરંતુ તેઓ પોતાના પદેથી હટવા તૈયાર નથી. બાટલી-સ્પેનના એમ.પી. કીમ લીડબીટરનું ગાઝામાં યુદ્ધવિરામ માટેનું વલણ ઉપર તેમની સાથે અલ હિકમાહમાં થયેલ ઝુમ મિટિંગમાં અભિપ્રાય માંગવામાં આવ્યો. ગોળગોળ વાતો કરી પબ્લીકને ભ્રમમાં નાંખી ૧૫મી નવેમ્બરના ધ્રિટનની પાર્લામેન્ટમાં યુદ્ધવિરામ માટે થયેલા વોટિંગમાં યુદ્ધવિરામની વિરૂદ્ધ મતદાન કર્યું. જેથી બાટલીના મુસ્લિમોની લાગણીને ઠેસ પહોંચી. તેમણે આ વિભાગના મુસલમાનોનો વિશ્વાસ ગુમાવ્યો છે. જો કે આવતા ઈલેક્શનમાં બાટલી-સ્પેનની બાઉન્ડ્રી બદલાતા બાટલીનું જોડાણ ડ્યુબરી વગેરે વિભાગ સાથે થશે, જેથી તેઓ આ વિભાગમાંથી ઉમેદવારી કરનાર નથી. પરિણામે અહીંના મુસ્લિમોના મતોની તેને જરૂર નથી એવું તેમનું વલણ સ્પષ્ટ જોવા મળ્યું.

ધ્રિટનના મુસ્લિમોનો એક વર્ગ એવું પણ મંતવ્ય ધરાવે છે કે હવે એ વખત આવી ગયો છે કે, મુસ્લિમોએ ધ્રિટનમાં જૂદી રાજકીય પાર્ટી બનાવવી જરૂરી છે. અથવા બીજા કોઈ વિકલ્પ ઉપર ધ્યાન આપવું જરૂરી છે. કતરના રાજકીય પ્રયાસોથી કામચલાઉ યુદ્ધવિરામનો પ્લાન બન્યો. જેમાં મુખ્યત્વે ઈઝરાઈલ પાસે ગાઝાના જે કેદીઓ છે તેને મુક્ત કરવા અને હામાસે પકડેલ ઈઝરાઈલના નાગરિકોને તબક્કાવાર છોડવાનો કરાર થયો. સાથેજ ગાઝામાં જરૂરી મદદને પહોંચાડવા બોર્ડર ખોલવા પણ સહમતી થઈ છે.

ટાટા ગ્રૂપ હવે ભારતમાં આઈફોન બનાવશે

એપલ કંપનીના આઈફોનને આતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સ્તરે એક સ્ટેટસ સિમ્બોલ ગણવામાં આવે છે. આઈફોનનો વપરાશ ઘણાં લોકો કરે છે. તે એક અદ્યતન ફોન છે અને તેને સૌથી સુરક્ષિત ફોન માનવામાં આવે છે. ટાટા ગ્રૂપ હવે ભારતમાં આઈફોન બનાવવાનું શરૂ કરશે. બેંગ્લોર ખાતે તાઈવાનના વિસ્ટ્રોન ગ્રૂપે તેને ટાટા ગ્રૂપને વેચવાનો નિણય લીધો છે. લગભગ એક વર્ષથી આ અંગે વાતચીત થઈ રહી હતી. વિસ્ટ્રોનનું યુનિટ બેંગ્લોર નજીક આઈફોનના એસેમ્બલનું સંચાલન કરે છે. આ કંપનીમાં ૧૦૬જારથી વધુ લોકો કામ કરે છે. એપલના આઈફોન ખાસ કરીને પેગાટ્રોન કોરપોરેશન અને ફોક્સકોન ટેકનોલોજી ગ્રૂપ જે તાઈવાનના છે તે આ ફોનનું એસેમ્બલ કરે છે. તાઈવાન પાસેથી આ કંપની હવે ટાટા ગ્રૂપે ખરીદતા ટાટા ઈલેક્ટ્રોનિક્સ હવે આઈફોનનું ઉત્પાદન કરશે. આમ ભારતમાં આઈફોન એસેમ્બલ કરનારી પહેલી ભારતીય કંપની ટાટા ગ્રૂપ હશે.



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