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Jeremy Corbyn: Keir Starmer simply does not understand International Law



The media assault on former Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn during his tenure as Labour leader from 2015-20 will be recorded as perhaps the most intense political assassination in modern British history.

The campaign to make sure he never made it into No 10 came from the usual suspects, including the likes of the Daily Mail along with large parts of the Labour Party, in order to see off the threat he posed.

Tellingly, the Sunday Times published a news feature quoting a “high ranking army official” who warned that the armed forces would take “direct action” to stop a Corbyn government.

Corbyn insists his ‘political assassination’ was for his belief in international policies “based on peace, human rights and democracy” as opposed to pandering to the whims of the British and American political establishment.

When asked about an outpouring of anger towards Labour Leader Keir Starmer, who in a recent LBC radio interview, said Israel had a right to cut off water and electricity to Gaza, Mr Corbyn told Paigaam: “He’s misunderstanding International law. Israel

is the occupying force, to deny people water and food and means of sustenance of life is a war crime. This has resulted in Israel being harangued for its activities by South Africa and I think it is a good thing.”

Mr Corbyn believes the British political establishment’s stance on Palestine is morally corrupt and contradicts popular public opinion.

“It’s the government who are isolated from popular opinion on this. I’ve never known such empathy and support for Palestine in my life and I’ve been involved in Palestinian activities for a very long time.

“I’ve been 9 times to Gaza. I’ve got a picture at home of me with a group of primary school children in a school the northern end of the Gaza strip, that has since been destroyed. I also remember fund raising for a burns unit at the Al-Shifa hospital, which has now been destroyed.

“It is beyond disgraceful; it is disgusting. We are watching the deaths of tens of thousands of people in real time on television and our government and others say ‘well, carry on’ it’s wrong. Joe Biden has also authorised a hundred million dollars worth of new weapons, giving them the green to carry on.”

The former Labour leader, who now sits as an independent MP for Islington North said he admired Israelis who are taking a stand against their government by refusing to fight in the war.

“I also admire the people of Israel that are opposed to this war; those that refuse to serve in the IDF are very brave people. There has to be a ceasefire.”

Mr Corbyn also spoke about his

appreciation for the British Muslim community.

“I have a very good relationship with the local Mosque in my constituency. I visit them frequently and speak at Friday prayers. Many of them have been turning out to national and local demonstrations throughout the country.”

“I hope to see many more people from the Muslim community in and around the country at the national demonstration on the 13th of January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Muslim community for their support.

“2023 has been a year of catastrophic suffering and loss. It has also been a year of unwavering solidarity between those who believe that all human lives are equal worth.”

Mr Corbyn has pledged to keep showcasing the plight of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza into the new year and beyond.

“In 2024, we will keep campaigning for a ceasefire, for justice, and for lasting peace in Gaza, the West Bank and all around the world.”



Palestine event at Al-Hikmah

Friends of Al Aqsa teamed up with IMWS to host a 'Rise up for Palestine' event at the Al-Hikmah Centre on Saturday the 30th of December.

Pop up exhibitions, boycott workshops, story time for children, Palestinian live cooking demonstrations, a virtual reality tour of Al Aqsa Masjid, Islamophobia workshops along with an evening of inspirational talks from a number of high-profile speakers, ensured this was one of the most highly attended events at the Al-Hikmah Centre in recent memory.

The welcome speech was delivered by Aziz Daji of IMWS. This was followed by Dr Ahmed Sabra, a UK based consultant cardiologist who was visiting family in Gaza with his wife and three children at the start of the war said Gaza was "the most dangerous place on earth."

"We were supposed to be there for two weeks, but we were there for 5 weeks. My father has been living in the streets for one month. He is 75 years old, a reasonably fit and well man. My father has lost so much weight. He is becoming increasingly confused. He can't take it anymore. He was a well-respected man in the community, well off, we had a nice house and a good business and now he is homeless."

Dr Bushra Almari, a senior Clinical Pharmacy lecturer in pharmacy at Huddersfield University, praised the spirit and resilience of the Palestinian people.

She said: "They try their best to the last breath, their resilience and spirit is unmatched. Every time they bounce back, they come back stronger."

Ismail Patel, Chair of Friends of Al Aqsa believes the Muslim ummah can learn a number of lessons from the narrative used to undermine the Holy Prophet (SAW) whilst he was in Makkah an ideal example in relation to how Muslims were vilified and demonised.

"If you look at the life of The Holy Prophet (SAW) in Makkah, throughout a 13 year period, there was a narrative to undermine despite knowing he was indeed a Prophet.

"We can see a number of comparisons in relation to how the people of Gaza along with people throughout Palestine are considered as not being human beings, they have been described as snails and cockroaches.

"The second stage also has parallels with the life of the Holy Prophet (SAW), in which people were oppressed openly and then subjected to a very severe boycott. The people of Gaza have been subjected to a siege for over 17 years and have been bombed continuously."

Addressing the assembled audience, former Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn said the amount of people killed so far is unforgivable: "Over 30,000 people have been killed by first world weapons,

incredibly expensive planes, tanks, armed vehicles, surveillance, drones and all kinds of military equipment.

Mr Corbyn said the Police were recently faced with a very interesting dilemma: "What do you do if close to a million people turn up somewhere."

"They had to accept it was well organised, accept they are totally peaceful, accept they are totally united, accept it is not a march of hate, it's a march of unity, the Jewish block was made very welcome along with many other people. It was a wonderful expression of unity of decent ordinary people across the country for the people of Palestine and educated a lot of people to the reality of politics."





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Why the United Nations has failed Palestine



The UN has been lambasted by a senior diplomat for failing to rectify the imbalance in relation to the application of international law – insisting the UN has emboldened Israel by perpetuating “double and triple standards.”

Pakistan’s permanent representative to the UN – Munir Akram decried Israel’s rejection of ceasefire calls as “violation of international law in most violent way.

Mr Akram urged the international community to rectify the imbalance at the heart of the UN and in the application of international law. “This is the nature of the world order in which we live.

“There are double standards and there are triple standards, discrimination against some and discrimination for others. This is the root of our problems in the world we live in, these double standards.”

“These rules should be applicable uniformly and universally to all. But that isn’t the case. The Israelis unfortunately have this sense of impunity. They can go and assassinate people and then get away with it and yet claim when others do it, when they do something like what Hamas did, they’re terrorists.

“This double standard is the root cause of the weakness of the international order we have today. And it has to be rectified.

People need justice. People need to be treated the same way on the basis of the same laws, the same principles that we all espouse.”

He also decried “double standards” in relation to the condemnation of Israeli and Palestinian fatalities.

Akram’s comments came as the death toll from Israel’s bombardment in Gaza rose to more than 21,000 people, including many women and children with over 55,000 people injured. Tellingly, a number of officials insist one child has been killed every 10 seconds.

The veteran Pakistani diplomat has repeatedly called for a ceasefire, telling the UN Security Council that there is an immediate need not only for a cessation in hostilities but also for the provision of a humanitarian corridor and access into Gaza, and the rejection of any Palestinian displacement, either within the embattled territory or outside it.

He asserted that even though international humanitarian law prohibits the targeting and killing of civilians, “that’s happening with impunity today, and certain powers are unable to agree to a ceasefire. This is mind boggling. It’s a violation of international law in the most visible and violent way. And I think the international community needs to stand

up for the principles that we all espouse here at the United Nations.”

“It’s obvious that what needs to happen is a ceasefire. We need to halt the hostilities, halt the aerial bombardment, the invasion of Gaza, the killing that’s taking place. This is unnecessary slaughter of civilians with whatever military objectives that may be.”

He also said he agreed with Francesca Albanese, the UN special rapporteur for Palestine who said the right to defend does not apply to a country that is at the same time an occupying power. “If you see the first statement which Pakistan made on this, when this conflict broke out, stated clearly that a power which is occupying another people does not, cannot, claim the right to self-defence against those people that it’s occupying.

“I think the law on this is absolutely clear. The demand and the claim made by Israel and its friends that it has the right to defend itself doesn’t apply, isn’t legally defensible in this situation.”

Akram insists the “original sin” in the Gaza conflict was not the Hamas attacks of Oct. 7 but rather the ongoing Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, a position he staked out during a speech to the UN General Assembly that has since received a backlash from pro-Israel groups.

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EDITORIAL

WE NEED A NEW WORLD ORDER

The Israeli war on Gaza, the genocide and the barbaric and systematic slaughter of human life really has showcased a light on the real world we live in.

If it wasn't for the unrelenting bombing of Gaza - we would have carried on with our lives under the illusion that we live in a technologically advanced world brimming with peace and prosperity, safe in the belief that the evil of Nazis and fascists are behind us.

We would have held firm to the belief that the Western world and its leaders are good people who have the best interests of their citizens at heart and that their main aim is to facilitate stability within the world.

Unfortunately, we have opened our eyes to the fact that we have reached the pinnacle of technology, with the advent of IA on the horizon, we have also regressed in terms of humanity. Where did the immoral and inhuman actions, devoid of any goodness or decency actually come from?

The suffering of the Palestinian people, at the hands of the blood thirsty Israel and their partners in crime the "great" U.S who have wasted billions of dollars by providing bombs for the Zionists to perpetrate their murder and slaughter of innocent children.

The US insists it only stands for freedom, democracy and good values. However, their actions contradict this. Early in the war, Biden was unequivocal about his "unwavering support" for Israel but said little about the spiralling humanitarian situation in Gaza.

Biden has also appeared to concur with Israel's PR machine, having said he had seen photos of babies beheaded by Hamas, claims that were later denied by a White House spokesperson.

A month into the war, there was a shift in tone. By that point, more than 25,000 tonnes of explosives had been dropped

on Gaza, far exceeding the destructive power of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. As the bombs rained down on Gaza, the American president was also lambasted when he cast doubt over the death toll. Biden insisted he had "no confidence in the number that the Palestinians are using."

His remarks showcased the feelings of many in the region where blanket US support for an occupying power is seen as particularly troublesome given Washington's backing of Ukraine.

Since at least 1983, the US has systematically protected Israel, vetoing successive United Nations Security Council resolutions condemning its expansion of settlements, which have left Palestinians crowded into isolated fragments of territory reminiscent of the Bantustans of apartheid-era South Africa. The double standards extends to the majority Tory and Labour politicians who have tried to stop people marching in support of Palestine.

The official Labour Party line since the 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. But this wasn't surprising from Starmer, who has been rooting out Palestinian solidarity from within the ranks of Labour since he became party leader. The Labour Party's stance on the rights of the Palestinian people has more often than not, been rather dismissive. Rishi Sunak was accused of "silly puffed-up posturing" after initially describing

pro-Palestine protests on Armistice Day as "disrespectful", however he was forced to back after a meeting with Met police commissioner, Sir Mark Rowley, and stated that those who wished to take to the streets had a "right to peacefully protest".

Indeed, the Israeli ambassador to the UK rejected the idea of a two-state solution with Palestine. The Israeli ambassador to the UK, Tzipi Hotovely said Tel Aviv does not support an independent country for Palestinians. Ms Hotovely said "absolutely no" to the prospect of two states following the current conflict in Gaza - claiming Palestinians "want to have a state from the river to the sea".

However, the only people standing in the way of all this evil and barbarism are the masses who have humanity and goodness in them - is the general public. Although the UK has licensed at least £442m worth of arms to Israel since 2015, whilst 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 UK are continuing to take to the streets in solidarity with the Palestinian people, condemning Israel's war on Gaza and calling for a permanent ceasefire. Protests have been held around the world in held in Milan, New York, Karachi, Tokyo, Stockholm, Johannesburg and elsewhere.

Muslim leaders have shown little or no any courage in relation to standing up to the USA. Empty words mean nothing. On top of this some have been supporting Israel despite the genocide. Not one of these coward leaders could even show their humanity for the innocent people of Gaza and get one bottle of water to their fellow Muslims.

Exclusive; first hand report from Gaza

"We will carry on as best we can"

Despite the intolerable suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza, the Chairman and CEO of the Palestine Welfare House charity, in Gaza insists: "We will carry on as best we can."

Speaking to Paigaam, Joma Al Najjar explains in a column, how the Gaza Strip is still being bombarded relentlessly by the Israeli occupation.

"Brothers and sisters, this is Joma from Gaza. Of course you have been following what has been happening Gaza.

"We have been cut from the rest of the world. They have destroyed Palestine Welfare House, they have destroyed the Jabaliyah Medical Centre and destroyed the hospital which we owned.

"I am still alive and we will continue the work. As you will know, the situation in Gaza is very difficult. Thousands of people have been martyred and many, many thousands have been injured and suffered life changing injuries. Many Children have lost both parents and many have lost entire families and they are now orphans.

"Many families, have been totally wiped out, parents, grandparents, children, uncles and aunts, brothers and sisters, many, many generations all dying together

"The Gaza Strip has become the darkest place in the world, everything is destroyed.

The children, women and men cannot find water, food or any type of health care. It's genocide against the Palestinian People.

"We ask the people of Batley, Dewsbury and everywhere in the UK, to make duaah. Pray that the Palestinian people survive the aggression of those who are doing this to us.

"The condition of every single man, woman and child is very, very difficult. The women and children are suffering. They cannot even do simple things like go to the toilet.

"The hospitals in Gaza have received 11,600 missing persons reports including 7,800 children who are still under the rubble.

"As I have said, our communication with the outside world has been cut. The occupation has destroyed a vast amount of Gaza.

"The health system is completely out of service and is in a state of complete collapse.

"We have never seen such attacks, tanks and powerful weapons that kill women, children and men.

"Gaza has been bombarded to such an extent, we have been sent back nearly 100 years.

"Children cannot even find a single cup of water to drink, it has got that bad. They cannot even find shoes to wear.

"Women are suffering because they are having to live on the streets. They cannot find any shelter, what are they supposed to do?

"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. Remember, your duaas very powerful. 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.

"By making duaah, asking for forgiveness and praying salaah, we are the 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!"

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Joma Al Najjar"

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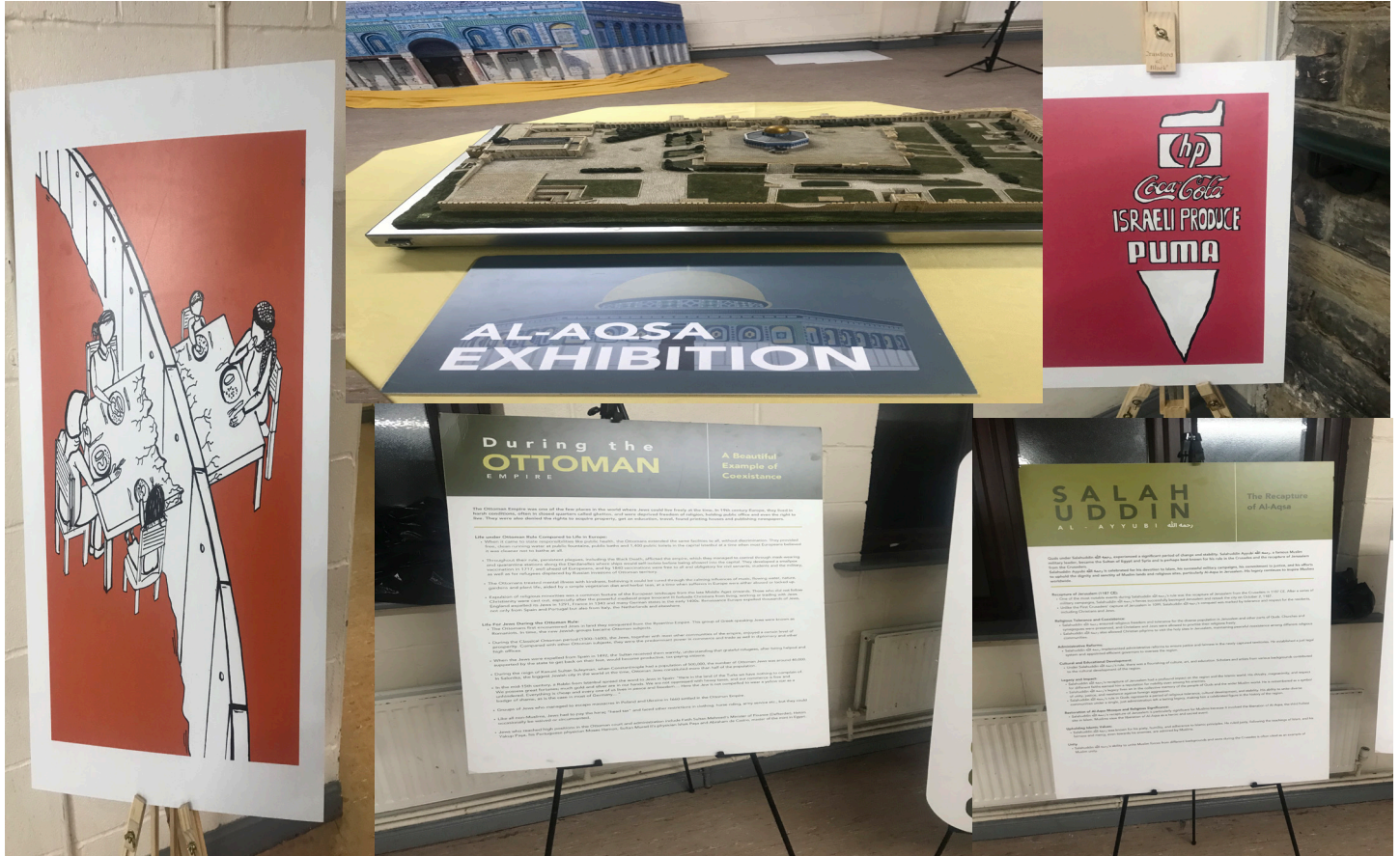
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Will Britons going to fight in Israel face a legal quagmire?

The UK government is facing growing pressure to clarify its position on British nationals fighting for Israel following the death of a dual national soldier and mounting allegations of war crimes committed by Israeli forces in Gaza.

The International Centre for Justice in Palestine (ICJP) wrote to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in early November seeking clarification on its policy following reports of British nationals joining the Israeli army following Hamas's 7 October attacks in southern Israel.

It says British nationals, including dual Israeli-British nationals, are "at risk of participating in war crimes, crimes against humanity and acts of genocide".

Israel called up 360,000 army reservists

from all over the world to join its war on Gaza. "In the UK, the media was awash with stories of British Israelis leaving to join the IDF. Some may be there through the Mahal Programme, a volunteer programme which allows non-Israeli nationals to serve in the IDF in full combat and support roles for up to 18 months," the ICJP explained.

The ICJP believes the UK government has a legal duty "to take steps to prevent and punish acts of genocide" as a signatory to the International Genocide Convention.

The independent organisation of lawyers said it had asked "the government to clarify its position on the legality of British citizens going to fight in Israel or Gaza, noting the difference with its policy on Ukraine. The Government has made it clear that British citizens should not travel

to fight in Ukraine, and those who do could be committing a criminal offence."

"It is unclear to us whether British citizens going to fight in Israel or Gaza would face similar sanctions," it added.

They noted that officers from the Metropolitan Police counter-terrorism unit had attended the homes in the UK of Palestinians who are currently in Gaza, including the family of Professor Ghassan Abu Sitta, a renowned surgeon who is treating civilian victims in Gaza.

"ICJP has asked the government to clarify as a matter of urgency whether the police have been instructed to only visit the families of British Palestinians currently in Gaza, or whether the same rules apply to Brits who have left the country to fight for the Israeli armed forces."

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Israel's war on journalists exposes the truth

The Committee to Protect Journalists has accused the Israeli army of deliberately targeting journalists and their families in Gaza amid the highest death toll of journalists in any recent conflict.

Based in New York, the CPJ believe Israel has reportedly killed 68 journalists since fighting began and perhaps as many as 100. The New York-based organisation said Journalists and a plethora of multimedia workers have been killed in Gaza, Israel and southern Lebanon.

“More journalists have been killed in the first 10 weeks of the Israel-Gaza war than have ever been killed in a single country over an entire year,” it said.

“CPJ is particularly concerned about an apparent pattern of targeting of journalists and their families by the Israeli military. In at least one case, a journalist was killed while clearly wearing press insignia in a location where no fighting was taking place.

In at least two other cases, journalists reported receiving threats from Israeli officials and Israel Defense Forces officers before their family members were killed.”

This despite the fact that journalists and camera operators are careful when covering wars and other dangerous events to wear helmets and bullet proof vests with the word “PRESS” emblazoned on the front and back.

Of course this is meant to protect them by identifying them as media colleagues, and the established rule is that this should ensure they are treated as neutral parties and kept safe.

But not when it comes the Israeli occupation state. It treats the “PRESS” label as a sign that its wearer should be immediately targeted and killed. Several weeks ago, journalists mourned the loss

of reporter Farah Omar and cameraman Rabie al-Mimari from the Al Mayadeen channel while they were covering Israeli shelling of villages in southern Lebanon.

A few days earlier, Reuters photographer Issam Abdallah was killed when a convoy he was travelling along with was hit.

The wounding of Al Jazeera correspondent Wael al-Dahdouh and the murder of cameraman Samer Abu-Dagga in a deliberate Israeli missile strike in the Gaza Strip has left many observers dumbfounded.

The term “deliberate” is used because of the many precedents in which the Israeli occupation army has assassinated journalists, not least the much-loved Shireen Abu Aqleh.

Wael al-Dahdouh became an icon of the profession when his wife and several of his children and grandchildren were killed when his home was targeted by an Israeli airstrike to intimidate him.

Despite the enormity of the tragedy, he has worked selflessly to cover Israeli massacres in Gaza with unyielding dedication. He moved from the north to the south in search of safety and perhaps a few more months or years of life to continue carrying out his mission among the bombs and bullets. This time, he survived, sustaining only moderate injuries.

Over the course of recent weeks, the Palestinian photojournalist Motaz Azaiza has become a global figure, a vehicle of resilience, and the embodiment of hope for the people of Gaza and around the world.

His photojournalism and stories personify the power of digital activism, and his humanity is an important reminder that bravery appears in many forms. And in the case of Azaiza, who has millions of followers on Instagram, first choice

wasn't even an option for GQ Middle East to name him man of the year. Such is his popularity; a mural of Azaiza was created in Manchester as a tribute to those covering the conflict in Gaza.

Israel, whose army has claimed over 20,000 lives and 55,000 injured and destroyed half the homes in the Gaza Strip since it started its war of extermination, occupies the top spot globally in terms of killing, persecuting and silencing journalists to cover up its crimes against the Palestinians.

No conflict in recent history has seen the incessant targeting of hospitals, schools, Masjids and churches, with patients and newborn babies thrown out onto the streets, and all supplies of medicine, food, water and power cut off from innocent civilians.

In an act of defiance, Journalist Salman al-Bashir threw his helmet down and tore the “PRESS” labels off his bulletproof vest, saying they no longer have any value in the eyes of an enemy that has no morals or human values and delights in the murder of journalists. With heroic truth-tellers like these, they are surely on a path to victory.



Rabbi: 'Zionists are placing danger on Jews worldwide'

A high-profile Rabbi has spoken out against “the danger Zionists were placing on Jews worldwide.”

Rabbi Dovid Feldman said many Jews worldwide are opposed the Zionist ideology which led to the creation of modern Israel.

Feldman and the late rabbi, Yoel Teitelbaum, extensively promoted a theological position that requires Jews to condemn the foundation of the secular state of Israel. The rabbi claims the Zionist movement rejects all of the fundamental principles of Torah and insists Jews do not need a state of their own, adding the very establishment of a “Jewish” state is a grave violation of tradition and law.

He urged would-be-emigrants not to believe that the actions of the Israeli Government “make it necessary for Jews to leave their native countries and move to the most dangerous place on Earth for the Jewish People.”

He said: “The state of Israel does not represent all Jews and certainly does not represent the Jewish people. According to the Jewish religion, all of this is criminal, all of this is forbidden. The basics of Jewish belief teaches that Jews are in a divinely decreed exile.

“We are even forbidden to create sovereignty for ourselves, but especially when this is killing, stealing, oppressing an entire people. This is not only criminal according to International law; this is a

true violation of Judaism. And still those people who choose not to follow Judaism misuse that very same religion to justify all those crimes forbidden in Judaism.”

“They (Israelis government) don’t represent the Jewish people in any way whatsoever. They have no right to speak in the name of the Jewish people. We deplore acts and policies carried out by those who – misusing the name of Israel – have substituted the ideal of nationalism for the teaching of the holy Torah.”

He also lambasted Tel Aviv’s policy of filling people with fear and paranoia in order to realise their goal of bringing more immigrants into the country who are to “serve as cannon fodder in the Zionist war against the Palestinians”.

North Kirklees Masjids to create steering group

Representatives from Masjids across Dewsbury, Batley and Heckmondwike took part in a meeting at the Pakistan Muslim Welfare Society Centre last month to discuss the possibility of fielding an independent prospective member of parliament at the next election.

Attendees from PMWS, IMWS and Rabetah and 47 North Kirklees Masjids discussed the horrific situation in Palestine which has left more than 25,000 dead, including 10,000 children.

More than 52,000 innocent people have been injured and 2.2 million remain trapped in unbearable and inhumane conditions with not even the sick, disabled or elderly being spared from brutality.

A press release expressing a great deal of disappointment with mainstream political parties and the need for further action was

sent out. The statement read: “The creation of a steering group made up of masjid representatives to navigate the response of the North Kirklees masjid, and to find solutions to common issues during this unprecedented time.

“The genocidal intent of the Israeli government is becoming increasingly visible for the world to see, and an immediate unconditional ceasefire is urgently required to avoid the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people.

“The attendees were united in expressing their disappointment with the mainstream political parties and there was agreement in the need for further action.

“Our elected representatives should no longer be in any doubt that the Muslim community of North Kirklees has

observed their responses and have found them to have fallen short of expected standards.

“The masjid of North Kirklees were unified in their approach and agreed on the creation of a steering group made up of masjid representatives to navigate the response of the North Kirklees masjid, and to find solutions to common issues during this unprecedented time.”



Ali's support for Palestine

Floyd Mayweather had no hesitation in naming himself as the best ever boxer before launching into a rant about Muhammad Ali after placing him fifth.

Regarding placing Ali in fifth, a man widely-regarded as the best of all-time, he said: "What he did is he stood for a cause in an era when African-Americans didn't stand up for their people."

"But when we talk about record breaking, we've got to talk about Ali losing his world title to a fighter with only seven fights.

When Ali's boxing resume was showcased to Mayweather, including legendary fights like such as the Thrilla in Manila showdown with Joe Frazier – it was suggested Mayweather could not brawl like Ali, igniting the flame further.

A fuming Mayweather replied: "That's not cool. That's not cool. The debate around Mayweather v Ali has heated up

again after it emerged Mayweather's private jet landed in Tel Aviv carrying more than two tonnes of supplies for Israeli citizens and soldiers following Hamas's attack.

Mayweather sent dozens of boxes carrying food, water and bullet-proof vests loaded in LA by volunteers including Mayweather's security team and friends.

The same day his plane landed, Mayweather participated in a march for solidarity with Israel in LA. He said: "I stand with Israel against the Hamas terrorists. Hamas do not represent the people of Palestine but are a terrorist group that are attacking innocent lives!"

However, even in death, Ali seems to have scored a knockout to Mayweather, Social media users pointed out to Mayweather that Ali was more of a man than he every will be, because he refused to be drafted, with his "No Viet Cong ever called me nigger"

becoming a sacred critical thought.

Thousands of miles away, the Vietnamese heard him, too, and, as a result, often refused to fight or kill black US soldiers during the Vietnam War. Ali was an instigator of brotherhood and the political establishment, as well as mainstream media, tried to destroy him for it.

Ali was one of the few and first notable Americans to voice unqualified support for Palestinians in our struggle against Zionism's settler-colonial project in Palestine.

Many of those who got up to praise and eulogise him would be among the first to persecute a contemporary athlete if he/she would dare to embark on the moral path Ali walked decades ago when he went to a Palestinian refugee camp and said openly, "I declare support for the Palestinian liberation struggle".

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Mon	<p>Harmony ladies' social group (free) runs every 2 weeks– open to all females 9.30am-11.30am 27/11/23, 11/12/23</p> <p>Groovy Grannies – £2 Chair based exercises - open to all females 10.30am-11.30am Ring to check dates 07747145358</p>	<p>Ladies Quran Arabic Tajweed class Provided by IMWS FREE 1pm-3pm</p>	<p>Ladies Relaxation with Exercise 5.45pm-6.45pm 5 weeks for £12 join on 20th Nov Spaces available</p>
Tues			<p>Free Ladies aerobics 5.00pm-6.00pm Please wear trainers. Provided by IMWS</p> <p>Free Men's Circuit Training 7-8pm Provided by IMWS</p>
Wed	<p>ESOL Entry 1 Speaking and Listening (Free) (1/2) 10am-12pm Full</p> <p>ESOL Entry Level 1 Reading (Free) full 9.30am-12pm</p>		
Thurs	<p>ESOL Entry 1 Speaking and Listening (Free) (2/2) 10am-12pm Full</p> <p>ESOL L1/L2 Speaking and Listening 9.30am-12pm Full</p>	<p>Sahara social Group (free) First Thursday of every month open to all females 11am-1pm Contact Nurjahan 07385 347091</p>	

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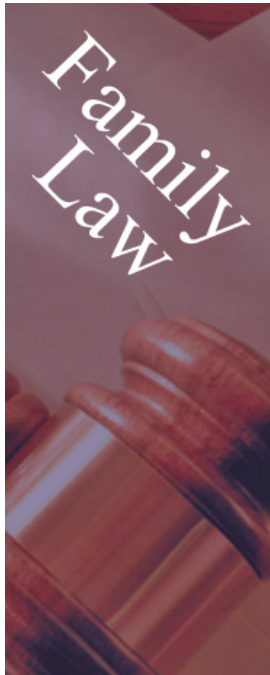
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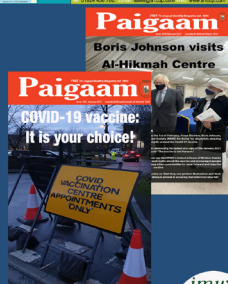
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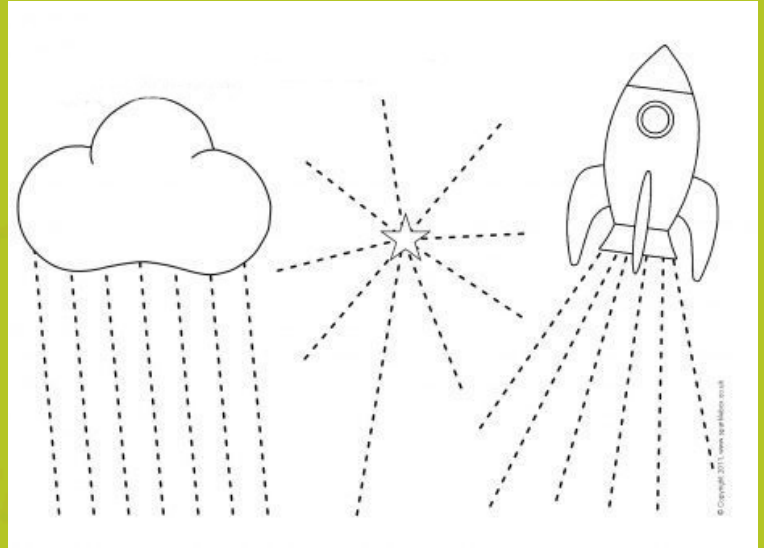
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હવે અલીગઢનું નામ બદલી હરિગઢ કરવાની તૈયારી

ભારત ખાતે બીજેપીની ઉત્તર પ્રદેશમાં સરકાર બન્યા પછી અનેક શહેરો, રેલ્વે સ્ટેશનો અને માર્ગો (રસ્તાઓ)ના નામો જે પહેલા મુસ્લિમો કે મોગલોના નામે હતા તેને બદલવાની પ્રક્રિયા ચાલુ થઈ હતી. જે મુજબ અલ્હાબાદનું નામ બદલી પ્રયાગરાજ, ફેઝાબાદ જિલ્લાનું નામ બદલી અયોધ્યા, મુઘલસરાય રેલ્વે સ્ટેશનનું નામ બદલી પંડિત દીનદયાલ ઉપાધ્યાય સ્ટેશન રાખવામાં આવ્યું હતું. આમ હવે ભાજપ શાસિત રાજ્યોમાં નામ બદલવાની કામગીરી આગળ વધી રહી છે. જેમાં આગ્રાના એક ધારાસભ્યે અગાઉ આગ્રાનું નામ બદલી અગ્રવાલ રાખવાની ભલામણ કરી હતી તેણે ફરીથી માંગણી દોહરાવી છે અને અન્ય એકે મુઝફ્ફરનગરનું નામ બદલી લક્ષ્મીનગર રાખવાનું સુચન કર્યું છે.

હવે વર્ષોથી પ્રખ્યાત અલીગઢનું નામ બદલી હરિગઢ કરવાનો પ્રસ્તાવ અલીગઢ મ્યુનિસિપલ કોર્પોરેશને કર્યો છે. આ પ્રસ્તાવ ગયા માસમાં કોર્પોરેશનની મીટિંગમાં પસાર કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. અલીગઢના સ્થાનિકનું કહેવું છે કે આ માંગ કોઈ નવી નથી. આમ તો ૧૬મી સદીમાં તેને અલીગઢ નામ આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું. ૧૯૭૦માં પણ અલીગઢનું નામ બદલવાની માંગ થઈ હતી અને કહેવાયું હતું કે હિન્દુ પૌરાણિક કથાઓમાં તેનું નામ હરિગઢ છે. ૧૯૮૨માં તે વખતના મુખ્યમંત્રી કલ્યાણસિંહના શાસન દરમિયાન નામ બદલવાનો પ્રસ્તાવ થયો હતો. પરંતુ તેમાં સફળતા મળી ન હતી. ૨૦૧૫માં પણ વિશ્વ હિન્દુ પરિષદે ફરીથી નામ બદલનો પ્રયાસ કર્યો હતો. હવે ફરીથી ૨૦૨૩માં આ માંગે જોર પકડ્યું છે. જો ઉત્તર પ્રદેશ સરકાર તેને મંજૂરી આપે તો આ રીતે બીજા અનેક નામો બદલવાની ભાજપની પરંપરા આગળ વધશે.

વેસ્ટ યોર્કશાયરના મેયરની સોસાયટીના કમિટી સભ્યો સાથે એક મિટિંગ

બુધવાર તારીખ ૧૩મી ડીસેમ્બરના રોજ સાજે અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટર, બાટલી ખાતે ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલીના કમિટી સભ્યો અને વેસ્ટ યોર્કશાયરના મેયર ટ્રેસી બ્રેબીન અને ડેપ્યુટી મેયર લોવ એલીસન તથા પોલિસ કમિશ્નર સહિત તેમની ટીમના સભ્યો સાથે એક મિટિંગનું આયોજન આપણી સોસાયટીએ કર્યું હતું. મિટિંગનો મુખ્ય હેતુ ઓક્ટોબરથી ચાલી રહેલ ઈઝરાઈલ-ગાઝા યુદ્ધના પરિણામે યુ.કે.માં વસતા મુસ્લિમોના જે હાલાત છે અને મુસ્લિમ સમાજ આજે જે પિરસ્થિતિઓનો સામનો કરી રહ્યો છે તે અંગે વ્યથા દર્શાવવામાં આવી હતી. જેમા ખાસ કરીને ઈસ્લામોફોબીયા, કામ ઉપર કામદારો, ઓફિસમાં કામ કરતા કર્મચારીઓ, સ્કૂલમાં ભણતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ વગેરેઓએ જે ઘૃણાની વર્તણૂકનો સામનો કરવો પડી રહ્યો છે તેના ઉપર તથા કોમ્યુનિટી સેન્ટરો, મસ્જિદ, મદ્રેસાઓ ઉપર છૂટાછવાયા જે હુમલાઓ થઈ રહ્યા છે તે અંગેની ચિંતાઓની વિગતથી ચર્ચા કરવામાં આવી હતી.

મેયર અને ડેપ્યુટી મેયરે પોલિસ વિભાગ જે તેમના સીધા દેખરેખ હેઠળ આવે છે અને તેમાં હાલમાં જે કામગીરી કરવામાં આવી રહી છે તેની વિગત જણાવી હતી, ઉપરાંત ગાઝા સમર્થનની રેલીઓ, દેખાવો વગેરેમાં જેઓ ભાગ લઈ રહ્યા છે તેમની સલામતી તથા શાંતિ જળવાઈ રહે તે બાબતે યુ.કે.ના કાયદાઓના સંદર્ભે વાતચીત થઈ હતી. પોલિસનો રોલ શું હોય છે તે અંગે પણ સવાલો પૂછવામાં આવ્યા હતા. અને કોમ્યુનિટીમાં જે ભયનો માહોલ છે તેની રજૂઆત કરવામાં આવી હતી. તેમણે આ અંગે જરૂરી પગલા લેવા નોંધ લીધી હતી.

આ ઉપરાંત ઈઝરાઈલ મારફત ગાઝામાં થઈ રહેલ તબાહીનો અંત લાવવા યુદ્ધવિરામ (સીઝફાયર) માટે તેમનાથી થતા દરેક પ્રયાસો તથા લેબર પાર્ટીના વડા અને વડાપ્રધાન રૂશી સુનાક ઉપર દબાણ લાવવા વિનંતી કરવામાં આવી હતી. આ ઉપરાંત સોસાયટી હ્યુમેનીટેરીયન કામગીરી માટે ચેરિટી કલેક્શન કરી યુ.કે.ની મુખ્ય ચેરિટી સાથે કામ કરે છે તે હ્યુમેનીટેરીયન રિલીફ ઉપર હાલમાં પ્રતિબંધ છે તે ખોલવા અને ગાઝાની દરેક બોર્ડર ઉપરથી નિયંત્રણ હટાવવા સરકારને અપીલ કરવા ભાર મુક્યો હતો. જેથી ફૂડ, મેડીસીન, સેનેટરી સામાન વગેરે સરળતાથી ત્યાં પહોંચી શકે જેની હાલમાં ત્યાં અત્યંત જરૂરત છે.

મસ્જિદમાં લાઉડસ્પીકર ઉપર અઝાન બંધ કરવાની અરજી ફગાવાઈ

અમદાવાદ ખાતે કેટલાક સમય ઉપર બજરંગ દળના નેતા શક્તિસિંહ ઝાલા મારફત એમ કહી કે, મસ્જિદોમાં લાઉડસ્પીકર ઉપર અપાતી અજાનથી ધ્વની પ્રદુષણના કારણે લોકોના સ્વાસ્થ્ય ઉપર અસર પડે છે તેને બંધ કરવા કોર્ટમાં એક અરજી દાખલ કરી હતી. ગયા માસમાં ગુજરાત હાઈકોર્ટે મસ્જિદમાં લાઉડસ્પીકરના ઉપયોગ ઉપર પ્રતિબંધની માંગ ઉપરની આ અરજીની સુનાવણી કરી હતી. જેમાં ચીફ જસ્ટીસ સુનીતા અગ્રવાલ અને જસ્ટીસ અનિરૂદ્ધ માયીની ડિવિઝન બેન્ચે સુનાવણી દરમિયાન પૂછ્યું હતું કે, અરજદાર દાવો કરી શકે છે કે, મંદિરમાં આરતી વખતે ઘંટનાદ (ઘંટોનો અવાજ) બહાર સંભળાતો નથી? જજે કહ્યું હતું કે, દિવસના વિવિધ સમયે ૫ થી ૧૦ મિનીટ અઝાન માટે લાઉડસ્પીકરનો ઉપયોગ કરવામાં આવે છે જેની વૈજ્ઞાનિક આધારે પણ કોઈ મુશ્કેલી નથી.

વધુમાં અરજી કરનારને એ પણ પૂછવામાં આવ્યું હતું કે, મંદિરમાં સવારની આરતી વખતે ડ્રમ, સંગીત સાથે આરતી હેલી સવારે શરૂ થાય છે. તો તમે એ કહી શકો છો કે, આ ડ્રમ, સંગીતનો અવાજ ફક્ત મંદિરના અંદર જ રહે છે અને મંદિરની બહાર ફેલાતો નથી. ધ્વની પ્રદુષણના સ્તરને માપવા માટે એક વૈજ્ઞાનિક પદ્ધતિ છે. પરંતુ અઝાનનો અવાજ પ્રદુષણ ફેલાવે છે તે કોઈ પૂરવાર થતું નથી, અને આમ કહી તેમની અરજી ફગાવી દેવામાં આવી હતી.

યુ.કે.મા સૌથી પ્રચલિત બેબી બોયનું નામ મુહમ્મદ

બ્રિટનમાં બેબીઓના રાખવામાં આવતા સૌથી વધુ પોપ્યુલર નામોની ૨૦૨૩ની લીસ્ટ બેબી સેન્ટર મારફત બહાર પડી છે. જેમાં મુખ્યત્વે છોકરા છોકરીના પ્રથમ ૧૦૦ પોપ્યુલર નામોનું લીસ્ટ તૈયાર કરવામાં આવ્યું છે. જેમાં છોકરાના નામમાં મુહમ્મદ (Muhammad) નામ પ્રથમ નંબરે છે. આ નામે છેલ્લા કેટલાક વર્ષોથી પહેલું સ્થાન મેળવવામાં સફળતા મેળવી છે. જ્યારે બીજા નંબરે વાલીઓ મારફત રાખવામાં આવતું સૌથી વધુ પ્રચલિત નામ નોહ (Noah) છે. જ્યારે કે છોકરીના નામમાં ઓલિવિયા (Olivia) પ્રથમ સ્થાને છે. ગયા વર્ષે સોફિયા (Sophia) છોકરીનું નામ પ્રથમ સ્થાને હતું જે આ વખતે ૮ માં નંબરે પહોંચ્યું છે.

મેસેજ મોકલવાની જુની પ્રથા પોસ્ટકાર્ડ

આજના અધ્યતન અને ડીજિટલના યુગમાં મેસેજો, (સંદેશાઓ) લાઈવ વિડીયો કે ફોટાઓ આંગળીના ટચ સાથે સેકન્ડોમાં ફરતા થઈ જાય છે. પરંતુ યાદ કરો, એક જમાનો, જ્યારે આપણાં સ્વજનો, દોસ્ત બિરાદરોને યાદ કરવાનું એક ટપાલ જ માત્ર સશક્ત માધ્યમ હતું. વિશ્વના અનેક મહાન લોકોએ ટપાલને એક લોક જાગૃતિનું માધ્યમ બનાવ્યું હતું.

વિશ્વમાં સૌ પ્રથમ પોસ્ટકાર્ડ ઈ.સ. ૧૮૬૯માં ૧લી ઓક્ટોબરના રોજ ઓસ્ટ્રીયા દેશે બહાર પાડ્યો હતો. ઓસ્ટ્રીયાના કોલ્બેસ્ટીનર નામના એક માણસને પોસ્ટકાર્ડ બહાર પાડવાનો પહેલો વિચાર આવ્યો હતો. આ માટે તેણે અર્થશાસ્ત્ર પ્રોફેસર એમુનઅલ હર્લેને વાત કરતાં તેમણે સરકારના પોસ્ટલ વિભાગને એક લેખ લખ્યો હતો. ઓસ્ટ્રીયાની સરકારે પ્રોફેસરના લેખમાં લખાયેલ સુચનાને સ્વીકારી ૧૨ સે.મી લાંબું અને ૮.૫ સે.મી. પહોળું પીળા રંગનું પોસ્ટકાર્ડ બહાર પાડ્યું હતું. આ પોસ્ટકાર્ડ બહાર પડતાની સાથે જ એક મહિનામાં ઓસ્ટ્રીયા અને હંગેરીમાં એક લાખથી વધુ પોસ્ટકાર્ડનું વેચાણ થઈ ગયું હતું. પછી જર્મની અને અમેરિકામાં તે પોપ્યુલર થયું હતું. અને પછી ઈંગલેન્ડમાં તો રોજના ૫ લાખ પોસ્ટકાર્ડ

સારા વિચારો !

- ◆ એક બીજાઓની ખૂબીઓની ચર્ચા કરતા રહો કારણ કે, દરેક વ્યક્તિમાં કોઈને કોઈ ખૂબી જરૂર હોય છે. જ્યારે કે, એક બીજાની ખામીઓની કદી ચર્ચા ન કરો. કારણ કે આજે કોઈ પણ વ્યક્તિ ખામીઓથી ખાલી નથી.
- ◆ બે વ્યક્તિ પરસ્પર દલીલો કરે તો ઝઘડાનું સ્વરૂપ ધારણ કરે છે, જ્યારે કે બે વ્યક્તિઓ ચૂપ રહે તો શાંતિનું સ્વરૂપ ધારણ કરે છે.
- ◆ સમય પણ ગજબનો ઈતિહાસ ધરાવે છે. કોઈનો પસાર થતો નથી, તો કોઈ પાસે હોતો નથી.

વેચાયા હતા. ભારતમાં પોસ્ટકાર્ડ બ્લુ રંગનું હતું. જેના ઉપર ઈસ્ટ ઈન્ડીયા કંપનીનું નામ લખવામાં આવ્યું હતું અને તેના ઉપર મહારાણી વિક્ટોરીયાનો ફોટો હતો. ૨જી ઓક્ટોબર ૧૮૫૧ કસ્તુરબા (ગાંધીજીના પત્ની)નો ફોટાવાળો પોસ્ટકાર્ડ બહાર પડ્યો હતો.

આમ પોસ્ટકાર્ડ ઉપર મેસેજ લખી તેને એકથી બીજી જગ્યાએ પોસ્ટ મારફત મોકલવામાં આવતો હતો. પછી કાગળ ઉપર ચિટ્ટી લખી તેને કવરમાં બંધ કરી તેના ઉપર કિંમત પ્રમાણે ટિકીટ ચોંટાડી વધુ લાંબા મેસેજો-પત્રો મોકલવાની પ્રથા શરૂ થઈ અને પછી તેમાં જુદા જુદા ફેરફારો થયા અને આ પ્રથા વધુ સ્પીડથી આગળ વધી. પરંતુ હવે મોબાઈલ ઈન્ટરનેટ વગેરેની સુવિધાથી મેસેજોના સાથે ફોટાઓ, વીડિયો વગેરે સેકન્ડોમાં મોકલવાની પ્રથા ચાલુ થઈ છે.

વિદેશી મંગેતરનો પ્રેમ હવે થશે મોંઘો !

બ્રિટનના નવા હોમ સેક્રેટરીએ એપ્રિલ-૨૪ થી વિદેશથી યુ.કે. બોલાવવામાં આવતા મંગેતરો (Fiancee) માટે યુ.કે.નાગરિકને જોઈતી આવકમાં જંગી વધારો કર્યો છે. જેથી હવે બ્રિટીશ નાગરિકતા ધરાવતી વ્યક્તિએ વિદેશીને પરણી યુ.કે.માં કાયમી સ્થાયી થવા બોલાવવા માટે જોઈતી તેમની આવકની મર્યાદામાં વધારો કરી વાર્ષિક ૩૮,૭૦૦ પાઉન્ડ નક્કી કર્યા છે. હોમ સેક્રેટરીએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, અમે એ નક્કી કરવા માંગીએ છીએ કે, જેઓ પોતાના આશ્રિતો, ડીપેન્ડન્ટોને યુ.કે.માં બોલાવવા માંગે છે તેમને તેઓ નાંણાકીય રીતે સપોર્ટ કરી શકે છે કેમ ? જેથી સરકારની તિજોરીને વધુ બોજ પડે નહીં. ઉપરાંત સ્કિલ વર્કરોને અત્રે બોલાવવા માટે તેમની સેલરીમાં પણ વધારો કરવામાં આવ્યો છે.

ગમ્મલ

દર્દ છે દિલમાં જબાંથી કાંઈ કહેવાતુ નથી,
સત્ય છે જે માનવીથી કેમ સમજાતુ નથી.
હર પળે તેથી દિલોમાં ઘડકનો વધતી રહી,
રાહ જેની છે હજી તે, કેમ દેખાતું નથી.
જે ભવંરમાં નાવ ડૂબી છે અમારી કેટલી,
તે તરફ શાને હજી પણ ધ્યાન દેવાતું નથી.
રંગતો આ જીંદગીની કેટલી ઝાંખી પડી,
પ્રેમનું શાને હજી પણ જામ છલકાતું નથી.
છે સમયની વાત એને દોષ આપો ના હવે,
કોણ એવું છે અહીં જે ઠોકરો ખાતું નથી.
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