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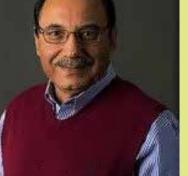


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Why Clinton is still a huge favorite to win

When the news broke on Oct. 28 about a new FBI investigation into emails pertaining to Hillary Clinton, millions wondered how it would affect the US presidential race. The forecasting site Predictwise had a quick answer. It dropped the odds of Clinton winning by about 5 percentage points.

Before the FBI news, Predictwise pegged the odds of Clinton winning at 91%, based on an algorithm that analyzes a variety of factors in real time. Within an hour or so of the FBI revelation, the odds had dropped to 86%. It would still be days before polls would be able to survey voters and gauge the damage done to Clinton's campaign.

Unlike polls, which are one-time surveys of voters, usually by phone, Predictwise forecasts function like a stock index that continually digests new data.



Inputs include some polling data, but "it really focuses in on market data," Predictwise founder David Rothschild tells Yahoo Finance in the video above. "It's really focusing on contracts around the world where people are buying and selling on who's going to win the elections."

It might sound surprising that bettors around the world make wagers on the outcomes of US elections. Yet markets such as Betfair, PredictIt and Hypermind all generate data on real-world bets on political winners and losers. Predictwise crunches those numbers and other data to generate its election odds. Such "market data" is at least as accurate as polls at predicting winners. And it's available much more quickly.

The damage to Clinton from the FBI news is less

dramatic than what Trump suffered when the notorious Access Hollywood featuring Billy Bush became public. "When the Access Hollywood tape hit, Hilly Clinton

moved up 5



percentage points within a few minutes," Rothschild says. She gained a few more points over the following days. "The markets have done a very good job of incorporating shock events very quickly."

Predictwise currently gives Clinton, the Democratic nominee, an 87% chance of winning the White House on Nov. 8. Republican Donald Trump has a 13% chance. So Clinton has rebounded by one point since last week's FBI revelations. Other sites think Trump has a better chance. FiveThirtyEight puts Clinton's odds at 78.8% and Trump's at 21.1%. The New York Times Upshot prediction tool gives Clinton a 90% chance of winning-but that forecast is based on older polls that may not vet reflect voters' views on the new FBI email probe.

> Predictwise puts the odds of Democrats taking the Senate at 69%, but gives them just a 9% chance of winning the House. So the overall forecast is for another two years of divided government, at least. Seems like a safe bet.



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EARLY VOTING: October 24 to November 4 **ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 8 EMOCRATIC**

COLLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES - IN BALLOT ORDER

JUDGE GENA SLAUGHTER For Justice, 5th District Court of Appeals, Place 4

An experienced Judge, Slaughter currently presides over the 191st Civil District Court, having first been elected in 2006. She is seeking to become a Justice for the



Fifth District Court of Appeals, a six-county district that includes Collin County. For more information about Judge Slaughter, visit: Focebook.com/JudgeGSlaughter

JUDGE DENNISE GARCIA For Justice, 5th District Court of Appeals, Place 7

With more than 10 years of judicial experience, judge Garcia is ready to bring a new voice to the Court of Appeals. She is an awardwinning family court Judge who is also



active as an educator, teaching law at SMU Dedman School of Law. She was recently named the AAML Jurist of the Year. Learn more: ReElectJudgeGarcia.blogspot.com

KAREN JACOBS For State Representative, District 33

Jacobs is a retired engineer, business leader, and mother of five who is focused on quality public education. She wants all levels of education to be better funded by the



state. She is also concerned about runaway college tuition rates that make it difficult for Texans to pursue higher education. Learn more: JacobsforTexas.com

GNANSE NELSON For State Representative, District 66

An advertising professional who is seeking to represent west Plano, Nelson is a strong education advocate who wants every child to have access to quality education. She will



also fight for better access to healthcare for all. Visit: Facebook.com/GnanseNelson4Texas

SCOTT COLEMAN For State Representative, District 67

A Texas native who holds a law degree and an MBA from Texas Tech, Coleman felt called to be an educator and began a career as a school teacher in 2009. He went on to earn a



Master's in Education from SMU and is now an Assistant Principal. Education is central to Coleman's campaign to represent Collin County in Austin. Learn more: Colemanfor67.org

JOHN BRYANT For State Representative, District 70

Bryant is a lifelong North Texan. A trained architect, he serves as Senior Manager of Hotel Improvements at Hilton Worldwide. Bryant is an advocate for criminal justice reform, fully funding



public education, replacing the franchise tax to make businesses pay their fair share, and expanding access to healthcare. Learn more: Bryont4 Texos.org

DENISE HAMILTON For State Representative, District 89

Hamilton is a native Texan, born and raised in Plano, with a strong business, marketing and community service record. She will be a progressive voice in Austin, fighting for quality education,



workplace equality, healthcare access, and criminal justice reform. She received the Plano Community Forum Civic Award in 2015. Learn more: DeniseHomiltonforHD89.com

RAMONA BRUMFIELD For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 Place I

Brumfield is running for JP, Precinct 3, Place 1, which includes parts of Plano, Richardson and Lucas. She is an Assistant VP and Operation Analyst Paralegal for ReconTrust. She has a



strong record of service, including work with the NAACP and the Collin County Homeless Coalition.

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Monthly meeting of Urdu Adab Dallas took place on Oct 14. Attendees were: Mohammed Moinuddin, Haseeb Khan, Qadir Syed, Syed Iftagar, Abdul Rabb, Shariq Ahmed, Mohammed Azhar, Muzaffar Syed, Mohammed Muqeed, Azeem A. Quadeer, Parwaiz Baig, S. Azhar Bukhari and Habeeb Qadri (Names not in order)

CLINTON **KAINE '16**



Tragic news in the Dallas community. The brother in the front taking the picture passed away shortly after while playing cricket outside the masjid. Khurram Rajput (Rahimahullah) was one of our dedicated volunteers at Valley Ranch Islamic Center, a father of three young girls, caretaker of four other young children, and one of the most regular people to pray in the first row in the Masjid. He was always courteous and serving people quietly. He was a very healthy brother and physically fit, but these deaths constantly remind us how unpredictable life is. I will miss your smile and presence dear brother. May Allah have mercy on him and make it easy for his young family. Ameen

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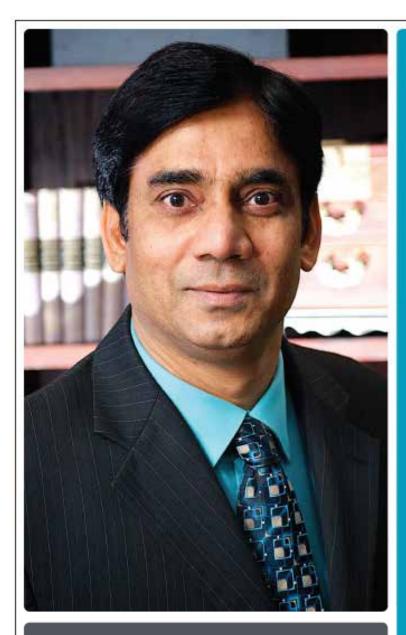
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Please keep him and his family in your special prayers. -Omer Suleiman

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At an event "A tribute to Kishore Kumar" Ajai Agnihotri,SANHITA , Iftekhar Shareef Imran Mehdi Hasan , Mohinder Singh , Shirley , Keerthi Ravoori and Wasihullah Quadri owner of Royal Banquets



American Telugu Association celebrated festival of flowers "Batukamma' in Balaji Temple, Aurora, Illinois, last Sunday. Well attended by most telugus and others





Democratic Congressional candidate Raja Krishnamurthy and Iftekhar Shareef at a fundraising event in Chicago



Happy GANDHI Jayanti to all , celebration at the office of Consulate General of India at Chicago, in the absence of Dr Ausaf Sayeed who is presently in Delhi , incharge consul general Mr B D Bhati, consul O P Meena along with other staff releasing a book on Mahatama Gandhi







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Republican nominee for Presidential Donald Trump visits Bolingbrook. Mr. Talat Rashid, delivered the invocation before Trump's speech in Bolingbrook. Mr. Trump received \$1.5 Million from his donors at the fund raiser hosted by Mayor Roger C Claar at the **Bolingbrook Golf club.**

On Tuesdays the Sept 28th Donald Trump presidential candidate from Republican Party visited Bolingbrook for a very exclusive and private fundraiser in Bolingbrook Golf club in a very tight security. Trump who earlier spoke at the National Polish Alliance before driving to the Bolingbrook said, it took him about an hour to get to Bolingbrook with no traffic but he thanked Mayor Claar and was happy to join his supporters in Bolingbrook.

Mayor Claar a firm supporter of Mr. Trump arranged this Luncheon which was cancelled a week before because of Trump's scheduling conflict in the Ronald Regan room. It attracted around 350 donors thus raising 1.5 Million dollars. Trump was very appreciative of Mayor Claar who showcased a diverse community by having Mr. Talat Rashid a very well-known community member among Muslims and Pakistanis who serves on Trump's leadership team in Illinois delivered the invocation prayer before luncheon. Mayor also had an African-American women sing the National anthem.

"I love Chicago, I am an investor here it is a great city" Trump bragged besides his comment about murder rate in Chicago and expressed his concerns over Chicago Bears performance. He ask Dan Hampton Hall of Fame and defensive tackle who was also attending the event that he can borrow his knees and should put a uniform because bears need him.

The event was very exclusive, media was not allowed and



there was no question answer session. Todd Ricketts Co-owner of Cubs was also present and said in response to the comments made by Trump that "It is going to be a great year because you are going to win the Presidency and The Cubs will win World Series". Trump criticized Senator Mark Kirk for not supporting him but also used ads against him. Kirk has not endorsed Donald Trump yet. He also told the crowd that he raised \$18 Million dollars since his debate couple of days ago.

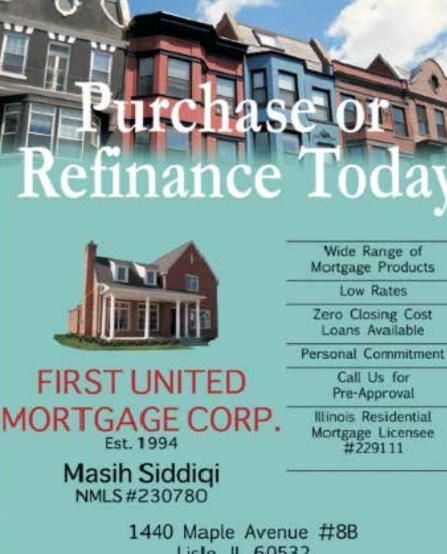
During a photo session Mr. Rashid asked Donald Trump his stand about Muslims which he again reiterated that he is with the Muslim community members who are con-

> tributing to the success of this country. There were three members among the Muslim / Pakistani community who attended the event because of high price. Dr. Waqas Khan who travelled from Effingham to attend the Luncheon is a big supporter of Trump who also represents Muslim Alliance for Trump. Dr. Waqas has been interviewed by the media several times and had made speeches in several events supporting Trump. Saba Rashid was also present at the event helping registering the guests. The Ticket was as high as \$125,000 per couple and as minimum as \$1000 per person.

> > Former Mayor Rudy Juliani also spoke few words about his Stop and Frisk policy in New York which took crime rate down tremendously. David McNeal CEO of Weather Tech who owns a company in Bolingbrook was also in attendance, Donald Trump mentioned his name whose products are made in USA and is running a success-



ful business. Trump praised Mayor Claar several times during his speech and admired his leadership. We are pretty sure Mayor has secured his seat for the inaugural ceremony if Trump becomes President. Over all it was a great success. A very peaceful protest was staged across the street from Golf club in favor and against Donald Trump by handful people with no significant impact. It is very interesting to see that Muslim community who hates Trump could not bring more than 4 people for protest which itself contradicts that Muslim community can show power. Look at this way if you look at the both candidates based on their experience and who can run the country effectively, Trump seems a better choice. Critics say the Hillary has exercised the poor judgement on several occasions and obviously she will be depending on other people to do her job. This election is one of the very unique elections in the history of U S where both the candidates are very unpopular which makes a very tough job for the voters to pick the right candidate.



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Indian Americans evince historic electoral victory for Raja to the U.S. Congress



The Indian Americans evince hope and brimming optimism as they await for the defining moment in the political history to see their own Raja Krishnamoorthi emerge victorious as the United States Congressman representing not just the 8th congressional district but the entire Indian American diaspora as the winds of change gather momentum - This was articulated by a legion of Chicago leaders at the Community Reception hosted at Indian Restaurant in Rosemont, IL on October 24, 2016.

With the current trajectory of the congressional race looking increasingly reassuring, this defining moment seems to bear promise to see their beloved Indian American son Raja Krishnamoorthi to be ushered into the hallowed halls of the United States Congress. Raja Krishnamoorthi remains the most widely acknowledged candidate to have received a wide spread mainstream newspapers ringing endorsements hailing him as the "best candidate hands down" and extoling him for his "enthusiastic grasp on issues" advancing "working families agenda; with President Obama recorded robocalls promoting Raja -- augurs well for him to cross the finish line on in the national elections in November.

Setting the event in motion, Sanhita Agnihotri invited Raja Krishnamoorthi along with the principal hosts, Iftekhar Shareef, Hanumanth Reddy, Keerthi Kumar Ravoori, Ajai Agnihotri and Ajeet Singh to join the lamp lighting and



added saying that the lighting of the lamp signifies invocation of an auspicious outcome in the elections.

Raja Krishnamoorthi in his rare departure shifting from the standards electoral stump speech went on to deliver with passionate impromptu eloquence on his progressive vision igniting fervor and enthusiasm for this race to help propel him to a place in the U.S.Congress. Raja connected intimately with each attendee and addressed them with clarity and unmistakable conviction addressing a wide range of issues affecting the nation. Raja elaborated on his legislative priorities that includes shoring up Social Security, Medicare, raising the minimum wage nationally, make college more affordable, creating jobs, improving economy, reforming immigration system, improving American infrastructure. Raja Krishnamoorthi particularly allayed fears on businessmen who brought the issues of harsh regulations and untenable tax burden.

Raja Krishnamoorthi thanked the host of leaders gathered at the event for extending meaningful help and added that he will remain deeply committed to the causes of the people and the working families.

Keerthi Kumar Ravoori in his welcome remarks said that this is truly a historic opportunity for the Indian Americans to help usher Raja into the most revered portals of the United States Congress to represent









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the hopes, values, aspirations that are central to the Indian Americans and his congressional constituents. Keerthi Ravoori reiterated that Raja Krishnamoorthi when elected he will hit the ground running to embark on enthusiastically driving legislative agenda seeking to uplift the lives of the working families.

Iftekhar Shareef introducing Raja emphatically laid out the vision of Raja and said Raja represents the hopes of not just the diverse electorate of his congressional district but the entire Indian diaspora and added Raja will remain a tremendous force in the U.S.congress in taking the lead in formulating legislative agenda that seeks to elevate every American. Iftekhar Shareef said under the congressional leadership of Raja a new vibrant chapter in the Indo US relations is envisaged. raja will be the new "Maharaja" of 8th. congressional district of Illinois and will be the first Indian-American from Midwest region said Iftekhar Shareef.

Ajai Agnihotri in his brief statement said Raja is a phenomenon that is likely to dominate the Capitol Hill with his refreshing voice of strength and conviction introducing landmark public policies and legislations that benefits every American. Dr. Vijay Prabhakar called upon the Indian Americans to seize this rare opportunity to rise up in collective strength to help elect Raja and added that Raja is an inspiration to many generations to come.

Proposing Vote of Thanks, Sanhita Agnihotri was joined by Poonam Gupta-Krishnan, Nazneen Hashmi, Shirley Kalvakota, Mrs. Inder Gauri who later together presented a flower bouquet to Raja. Some of the well-known attendees at the reception include Dr. Sriram Sonty, Babu [Marsha] Patel, Harish Kolasani, John Trivedi, Dr. Hyder Mohhamned, Cecil Joseph, Satish Dadepogu, and many others.



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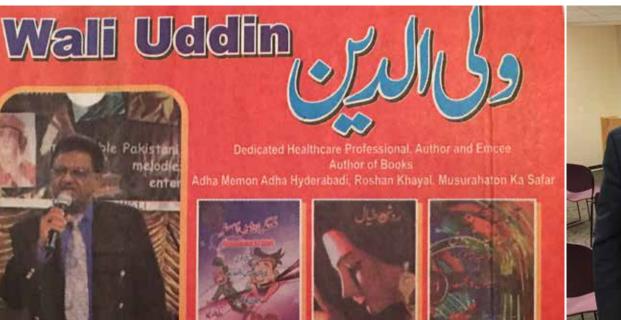
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Wali Uddin with world famous poet Khalid Irfan at his book unveiling ceremony in Chicago.

GTWA delegates attends Peace Conference at UN, launches US chapter

With participation of its delegation at the United Nation's Peace Conference in New York, Golden Telangana Welfare Association (GTWA), an international community welfare organization has now crossed many leaps and bounds.

The organization, which has already got name and fame with its remarkable community services in India, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman has now spread its wings to United States of America. Other than participating in the UN's peace conference, the GTWA delegation visited different parts of America and held meetings with prominent members of the Indian community. They got a warm welcome at all the places.

The delegation included Chief Patron Mr. Syed Moazam Ali, President Mr. Taher Bin Jaffer and Vice President Mr. Amjad Hussain Zubair.

The International conference on Peace and Development was held at the UN Head Quarter in New York on 13th October. Spokesperson for the President of UN General Assembly Mr. Jean Victor Nkolo chaired this conference. Delegates of various organizations attended from different parts of the world. GTWA delegates attended the peace conference upon special invitation from the organizers.

The conference was followed by the presentation by Mr. Jean Victor -Spokesperson of president of UN general assembly,

covering different aspects of peace and the role played by United Nations in different part of the world. He stressed on the necessity for all organizations to work with its wing, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

International Ambassador for Peace of UNITED NATIONS Mr. Mohammed Najeeb welcomed the guests and expressed his full support to align organizations with the goals and objectives of ECOSOC.

Amidst warm welcome and huge response from the Indian community in USA, the GTWA unveiled new chapter in Chicago IL. Prominent community leaders, social activists, businessmen and several dignitaries attended the event.

A young and dynamic personality Mr. Saif Qulagi who is a US citizen and IT consultant will lead the GTWA US team while Mr. Ibrahim Binmahfouz will be General Secretary and Mr. Tafeel will be its Secretary. Maintaining the excellent track record of community services, no stone will be left to maintain its standards in this regard. The GTWA Chicago chapter will help the needy and deserving across national and International level.

]]The event took place on Monday October 10 in the presence of visiting GTWA board members. President, Federation of Indian American Association Mr. Syed Minhaj Akhter (Jameel) attended this as the Chief Guest. While Mr. Liagat Ali



Khan, Mr. Naseer Khan, Mr. Khursheed Hussain, Mr. Saleem, Mr. Sajjad Khan, Mr.Hafez Anwar and Mr. Laiq were the guests of honor. Mr. Mukarram was felicitated for his outstanding Social Work in Chicago.

GTWA US is building relationship with the local community leaders and the business owners in Chicago to help in its mission to succeed in the cause of truly poor, needy and deserving people. GTWA team joined hands with intention to help all community members regardless of age, race or religion.

speaking to media VP GTWA Mr. Amjad Hussain expressed his happiness over successful visit to United States, He said invitation from UN is a privilege in itself and it was a good opportunity to meet organizations from different part of the world, to share knowledge for improvement of peace and development. GTWA will be unveiling its wings in UK and Europe shortly. He also said GTWA will have special consultative status with economic and social council -ECOSOC of UN and the process is already underway.

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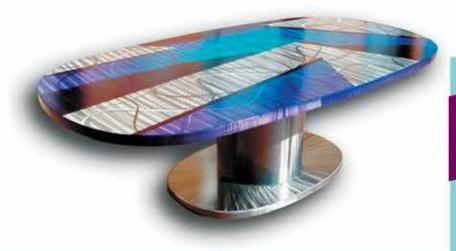
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Sher Rajput;s Birthday Celebrations at Tiffin Restaurant, Chicago. 24 Oct 2016.



Turkish Consulate Celebrated National Day at Trident Hotel in the heart of Pearl city Hyderabad, Chief Guest Janab Mahmood Ali Sahab (Dy CM), Mr Arda Ulutas Consul General Turkish Consulate (Hyd) Janab Khaleeq Ur Rahman (National Coordinator AICC), Abdur Rahman Founder & President (Helping 2 Hands The AR Foundation), Janab Mohib Baig Great Grand son of 7th Nizam. Sr. CONGRESS LEADER & Master Furqan Ali Grand Son of (Dy. CM)



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Shahid Lateef and Raja Krishnamurthy



Sunil Shah and Rita Shah in Diwali mood



Mujeeb Osman with Hillary Clinton at an election rally



Mir Khan greeting Deputy CP Telangana Mr. Mahmood Ali in Chic



Moon Khan and Shanu Khan soon after early vote for all the Democratic Party's candidates. Moon Khan is a Democratic Party Candidate for DuPage County Recorder





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November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 17 Chicago Andhra Association celebrated "Samskrutika Dinotsavam"

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Chicago IL: Chicago Andhra Association (CAA) celebrated "Andhra Pradesh Samskrutika Dinotsavam" on October 16th which stole hearts and minds of Telugu people portraying the unity, rich cultural heritage and service to the humanity. HTGC temple auditorium was packed to its capacity with more than 800 people for the event completely focused on the grass root culture of Andhra and Rayalaseema regions.

Permeable palpable excitement about the event gave away to the day's proceedings with little kids dressed up in traditional attire. CAA's team added color to the function by men wearing Dhothis and women in enchanting sarees. Skillfully decorated stage by Dr. Bhargavi Nettem with help from Kiran Vankayalapati, Sunitha Rachapalli, Malleswari Pedamallu, Pavitra Karumuri and Raj Potluri is all set for a grand show. It started with 'Deepa prajwalana' amidst of veda mantralu. Sahithi Kotha, Sireesha Kola of Cultural Committee with the help of Neelima Boddu welcomed the audience and initiated the programs with Ganesha Pancharatna Kruthi "Mudakarartha Modakam" followed by a patriotic item choreographed by Lakshminag Suribhotla. Audience were welcomed in a Kuchipudi classical style with "Swagatham" choreographed by Pavani Koduri. Andhra Janapadam was depicted on the stage thru a nrutyam choreographed by Srivani Vokkarane. "Telugammai" is another one not to be missed.

Whole auditorium including the chief guest US Congressman Bill Foster was emotionally touched and made to rise for a standing ovation to "Amaravathi Geetam", the epitome of Andhra Pradesh state, depicting the rich cultural heritage. Choreographer Jyothi Vangara helped Board Director Vani Dittakavi in bringing this concept to reality with a large number of young dancers along with CAA team members playing roles of renowned Andhra personalities. "Mohini basmasura, a semi classical dance drama by Kousalya Velagapudi and Eswari Jagarapu, titillated crowd to the core. "Sajeevanadulu", a mesmerizing item about the linkage of the holy rivers with our lives was portrayed in a rich classical way for which Smt.Kamala Chimata and Vani deserves special credits. Other scintillating items include "Jaya Jaya Swamin" by Janaki Anandavalli Nair, "Natesha Kowtwam" by Asha Acharya Adiga captured undivided attention from audience.

Youth Director Sandhya Appalaneni presented "Endaro Mahanubhavulu" as a series items throughout the program introducing several eminent personalities from Andhra region by young boys and girls. "NRI Paatlu" a hilarious comedy play made the viewers burst into laughter. Other riveting performances such as "Rama Rama" song, Kids Keys, medleys hooked the audience to their seats all the time. Sujatha Appalaneni Cultural Chair and Events committee chair Dr. Uma Katiki expressed their happiness about the overall execution of the programs.

Sundar Dittakavi, President of the organization, explained the objectives, core values and uniqueness of the organization with diversified Board structure and leadership. In continuation Andhra Pradesh Development Forum of North America (APDFNA) Executive Director Padma Rao Appalaneni explained the various flagship programs undertaken by CAA in AP, Bhanu Swargam, Assistant Executive director explained how 25% of membership contributions are leveraged for the developmental activities and appreciated their key team members Karthik Desai and Srihari Jasti for initiating great projects at their hometowns.

Founders Committee Chairman Srinivas Pedamallu explained the CAA's identifier having board with equal participation of men and women supplemented with youth and senior citizen directors. He also highlighted about alternate male and female Presidents running the organization every year. President Sundar Dittakavi introduced Board Directors and Executive Committee followed by Vice President Dr. Uma Katiki introducing Committees chairs and Co-Chairs. Treasurer Raghav Jatla, Board directors, Hema Tatineni, Tanvi Sri Jatla with help from Srikrishna Matukumalli, Shailesh Maddi, Karthik Desai, Bhuvana explained the benefits of CAA membership while overseeing the Membership desk. Masters of the ceremony, Youth Director Sandhya Appalaneni and Bhanu Chander maintained the smooth flow of the programs. One of the founders, Ramesh Garapaty and Board Directors Hema Tatineni and Sairavi Suribhotla helped with all activities including engaging youth volunteers. Some of the comments from the attendees include "Best programs after several years".

Sumptuous Andhra food including delicacies such as andhra laddu, Gutti vankaya kura, punugulu and dosavakai were served to the guests under the supervision of Board Director Anu Gampala and food committee lead Suresh Sanakkayala. Dinkar Karumuri, Secretary thanked all the members, sponsors and all others who supported the event for the grand success and requested to stay tuned to www.chicagoandhra.org for upcoming schedule and day ended with group singing of "Jana Gana Mana" CHICAG

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November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 18 Approximately 5,500 residents celebrate Diwali – Festival of Lights in Aurora, IL the City of Lights

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Aurora IL- Approximately 5,500 people attended the 3rd Diwali celebrations organized by the City of Aurora's Indian American Outreach Advisory Board (IA-COAB) at Waubonsie Valley High School on Oct 22nd.

Among the dignitaries who attended the event were US Congressman Bill Foster, Acting Indian Consul General O P Meena, outgoing Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner, Illinois State Rep Stephanie Kifowit, Democratic Congressional candidate for the 8th district, Illinois Raja Krishnamoorthi, Lt Commander Keith Cross of the Aurora Police, Rick Guzman, Assistant Chief of Staff to the Aurora Mayor, Dr. Gopal Lalmalani, President of the Village of Oak Brook, Dr. Siva Sivananthan CEO of Sivananthan Laboratories and Aurora Aldermen Rick Mervine.

As the members of the audience started trickling in, they were greeted with a scintillating video presentation of India's diverse cultures and faiths, prepared by Jassi Parmar of Desi Junction, who was the EMCEE for the evening. Jassi held the event together with his wit, interactive sessions with the audience, and sheer joie de vivre.

The event kicked off with lighting of the traditional lamp while Prasad Garkhedar recited the Gayatri Mantra from the Rig Veda. This was followed by the American national anthem sung by Avni Limdi (student at Neuqua Valley High School) and the Indian national anthem rendered by Ajai Kumar, as the respective flags were projected on the screen.

Half-way through the performances, all elected officials and dignitaries were invited on stage by Gautam Bhatia & Sharon Garcia and honored with shawls (scarfs) as a traditional Indian mark of respect by IACOAB board members. Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner and his wife were given gifts as a gesture of gratitude for the mayor's service to the city's growth from a sleepy town to a hub of industrial and cultural activity. Gautam Bhatia, Chairman of IA-COAB, said that the board owed a debt of gratitude to Mayor Weisner, Rick Guzman and Alderman Rick Mervine for their support in the formation and growth of the board. Others dignitaries were honored with a memento and a shawl.

Gautam Bhatia and Roopa Anjanappa (Cultural Committee Chair) welcomed the guests with a brief history of the board and its agenda. Gautam thanked the board members, Jassi of Desi Junction, DJ Monu and the many

volunteers for spending countless hours to make the event a resounding success. Roopa said that the board had incorporated improvements in the celebration as a result of feedback received from past events.

Kunal Majmundar (Treasurer & Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair), Deepak Mehta (Secretary and Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair) and Girish Kapur (Media and Public Relations Committee Chair), thanked the sponsors & media partners without whose support the event would not been possible on such a large scale.

Shabbir Shikora (Vice Chairman) and Anupama Setty (Cultural Committee) introduced "Varkatunda" which is an invocation to Lord Ganesha performed by Odissi dance center.

Other performances including those from the groups Bolly Mix and Bollywood Medley and a vigorous 'Bhangra' got an enthusiastic response from the packed hall. At Jassi's invitation, all the dignitaries including Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner, his assistant Rick Guzman and Alderman Rick Mervine did an impromptu Bhangra on the stage to the delighted cheers of the audience.

The presence of several stalls of Indian cuisine, apparel, craft and jewelry ensured that the visitors had ample opportunity to engage in the festive mood of eating and shopping.





The evening concluded with a colorful display of fireworks which brought a tinge of nostalgia to Indian Americans who recalled the robust Diwali celebrations they enjoyed growing up in India.

The Event Partners were Sivananthan Laboratories, M/I Homes while the Gold Partners were BMO Harris Bank, Biologix Solutions, Lubrication Engineers, IT People Network, Nicor Gas. The Silver Partners were Waubonsee Community College, Yoga by Degree, AAA, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Rick Mervine, Deepak Mehta of ReMax, Aurora & Naperville Montessori, PMSI, Asim Hamidi of AllState. The Bronze Partners were Creative Lending Solutions, Moonstar Mortgage and Xsport Fitness. Desi Junction, TV Asia, The Desi Times and Desiworld TV and India Post were the Media Partners for the event. The IACOAB is a volunteer group of the City of Aurora which acts as a liaison between the city and the community. Past events have included public awareness and civic education featuring the Aurora police chief and civic and library officials to make

The IACOAB members are Gautam Bhatia (Chairman), Shabbir Shikora (Vice Chairman), Deepak Mehta (Secretary), Kunal Majmundar (Treasurer), Anupama Setty, Ashok Easwaran, Girish Kapur, Niveditta Ahuja, Prasad Garkhedkar, Roopa Anajanappa, Sanjeev Pandey and Sharon Garcia.

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Elected officials and Candidates

Naperville, IL, October 24, 2016: Moin Haque, a well-known businessman from Naperville, and his better half, Saima Haque, organized dinner at their residence in White Eagle on October 21, 2016 with the objective of bringing a large group of Asian-American community leaders and Illinois State Representatives and other elected officials as well as candidates running for local office under one roof. The purpose of this "Dialogue for Democracy" was to understand each other's perspectives and also to find ways and means to ensure that democratic institutions in the US are led by the silent majority. Moin in his opening statement emphasized that the Changes could only take place through education, diplomacy and legislation and organizing political events which have a lasting impact and can persuade and influence the policy maker to change and implement the laws in the best interest of common people.

Representative 'Lou' Lang, who has been representing the 16th District of Illinois since 1987 and currently serves as House Deputy Majority Leader, said that "we have the best elected officials and candidates representing in the state and Stephanie Kifowit is one of the outstanding persons who works with me in the house and for the community". We are working on civil rights, hate crime legislation, better education, and keeping our community safe. He emphasized that this was an important election for all of us and Hillary Clinton, the Democratic Presidential candidate is on the same page in terms of addressing the needs of the people. We should have candidates who can make us proud and someone who cares about the issues that face our community, whether it is Black, White, Muslim, Hindu, Asian, Jews, Rome, Arab, etc. While he is concerned about the broader welfare of people, irrespective of their religion, race, color or social background, he is keenly interested in knowing the unique aspirations of each and every community, including those of the Asian-Americans.

Representative Lang called upon different minority communities to voice their concerns about hate crimes not only to their community leaders but also to elected officials, in order to strengthen the Government in putting an end to the hate crimes. He urged leaders of all the communities to create wider awareness about the importance of enriching democratic institutions in their personal interests and that of our Nation.

Stephanie A. Kifowit, who represents the 84th District of Illinois State, said that a small number of people, who represent a tiny minority, are creating divisiveness in society thereby eroding the freedom of religion, freedom to associate, and freedom to enjoy life - all attributes which make the US a great Nation. She advised talented people from different communities to join the political system of our Nation as their political career and contribute to it. "Oth-

erwise, those candidates who have a view to serving their vested interests, will dominate and control this important organ of the society. "The people in general, who represent the silent majority, should come out of their respective shells, pay attention to the anti-social forces that are brewing, act decisively when wrong things are being done, cast their votes in elections for candidates that represent them, and play an active part in shaping of the political system of our Nation in order to counter the divisive designs of the most vocal minority in the society", Stephanie added. Stephanie called upon people belonging to all sections of society, including Asian-Americans, to find time for nation-building initiatives, as being too busy with the day-to-day routines is not in the interests of the Nation and their communities. She added that she is working on various initiatives such as keeping property taxes as low as possible, legislation for hate crime, supporting our veterans, creating jobs at home and keeping our families safe.

Representative" Linda Chapa Lavia, said that the cultural, religious, ethnic, gender, social, economic, linguistic, and racial diversity is the hallmark of the US society. "The networking among different sections of society results in better communication and strengthens democratic institutions". Chapa Lavia applause the work done by Stephanie and urge all the community members to support her in all future endeavors.

Linda Holmes, IL State Senator, 42nd District who was one of the guest speakers at the event said that we represent the community and we always speak to our community to know their concern and what is most important to them, as we represent them in our district. She appreciated the support Asian American community has provided to Stephanie and urge all to keep supporting her to re-elect as state Representative once again.

Tony Michelassi, DuPage County Board



member, District 5, Regina Brent, Moon Khan, candidate for DuPage County Recorder and Linda Chapa LaVia, who is running for the mayoral office in Aurora spoke and urged the Asian community to support them in their endeavors.

Shoaib Khadri, a local community leader highlighted some main issues faced by the community expressing a major concern about the recent division along racial and religious lines. He urged all elected officials to involve our youth in the political process and guide them so that we can encourage our next generation and requested them to support diversity in business. He advised the community to vote and encourage others to vote in this important election. He said that 2016 is going to be a very important year for the Presidential, State, and other local elections. He further said that all sections of society, including the Asian-Americans, have a significant stake in the results of these elections. He added that different community organizations should line up interactive sessions between the community members and elected officials to ensure better understanding of each other's vision, perspectives, and aspirations.

We are all Americans, irrespective of the

ancestral countries to which we belonged, and it is our duty to play a proactive role in the functioning of democratic institutions", said Imtiaz Rehman, a local entrepreneur and community leader. He added that Stephanie Kifowit and 'Lou' Lang are broad-minded, inclusive, and development-oriented persons, and above all, they are the true friends of Asian-Americans. He requested people to strengthen this relationship through sustained engagement with them.

The floor was then opened for a Q&A session that was moderated by Shafeek Abooubaker, a local community leader.

Imtiaz Rehman, conducted the proceeding of the evening professionally and in his vote of thanks, said that his initiative to hold the evening was only a humble beginning. "There is an urgent need to multiply these efforts towards creating a more informed, enlightened, and loving society", he added.

The Illinois State Representatives, Community Leaders, and the participants unanimously thanked Moin Haque and Saima Haque for hosting the evening.

November 2016 Overwhelming Response at the ICN Open Mosque Day -PAGE 21 a Celebration of Unity and Fostering Relationships

Naperville, IL, October 22, 2016: The timing could not have been more appropriate – at a time when political divisiveness along racial and religious lines is consuming the news, the Islamic Center of Naperville opened the doors of their mosque on Sunday, Oct 16th at their Open Mosque Day to welcome people of all faiths in an effort dispel misconceptions and provide a better understanding of the Islamic faith, Muslims, and their culture. "Although we welcome visitors to visit our center throughout the year, we started this concept of Open Mosque Day about a year ago when we designated a day to make it extra special for our guests. It is now a regular event that we plan to host once or twice a year" said Shoaib Khadri, President of the Islamic Center of Naperville. "The primary purpose of the event was to give people of different faiths an opportunity to learn more about their Muslim neighbors and the faith that they practice. With so much negative publicity about Islam in the news, we felt it was important for people to learn what the true teachings of Islam were, learn about some common beliefs and traditions as well as give them an opportunity to ask questions that they may have."

As the visitors streamed through the doors during the entire five hour period, you could not help but notice the wide spectrum of people that this event attracted – both young and old, Christians of different denominations, representatives from local Jewish, Hindu and Sikh faiths, diverse racial backgrounds, local law enforcement, students from local colleges and schools, political candidates as well as representatives from local government and media representation from local print and TV media. The organizers estimated the number of visitors at the event to be over 1000 people based on their registration count.

The activities of the Open Mosque Day were spread across the entire facility with the main booths and food in the gym, the congregational prayers in the prayer halls, and presentations in separate rooms. The guests were warmly received at the entrance by a group of young, welcoming ushers who directed them to the Registration Desk where they were handed a program guide that included the schedule for the presentations and a map of the entire facility. The first section by the entrance called "Meet the Imams" enabled people to meet with the religious scholars including the Religious Director, Shaykh Rizwan Ali, Youth Director Shaykh Omar Hedroug, the Directors of the Full-Time and Evening Quran Program, Shaykh Ismail Alqadi and Shaykh Ahmed Sayeed. The open layout of the gym with booths along the periphery of the large area gave it an open feel where guests browsed through booths depicting different aspects of the Islamic faith. The booth on Prophet Muhammad provided information about the life and the teachings of the last messenger of Islam where volunteers discussed various aspects of the prophet's exemplary character and its impact on the Muslims. A second booth was dedicated to the Quran, the holy scripture of Islam that Muslims believe was the divine revelation from God.

Another booth that attracted a lot of attention was dedicated to the topic of "Islam and Extremism" considering all the media publicity that alludes to a nexus between extremism, violence and the Islamic faith. The booth stocked with ma terial that clearly explained that aggression and killing of innocent people were clearly forbidden in Islam and how most violence that is politically motivated had no religious basis. Mahfooz Khan, an active member of the Islamic Center's interfaith group, displayed his talent for Arabic Calligraphy as he created cards with guests' names written in beautiful calligraphy as a keepsake for their office desks. An "Artifacts and Culture" booth highlighted different aspects of Islamic culture, architecture with displays of different artifacts.

An "Islam & Science" booth illustrated the harmony between Islam and science by highlighting various scientific facts with references to the Quran and the numerous contributions of Muslims to the field of Science.

The "Women in Islam" booth was buzzing with activities with people curious to learn about women's rights in Islam and questions about why women cover their hair. Various women volunteers at the booth were happy to answer their questions while giving the female guests a unique opportunity to try on a hijab (head scarf) that the guests were allowed to take home. Volunteers also drew beautiful designs of henna on guests' hands. The guests enjoyed a wide array of food ranging from Mediterranean cuisine to South Asian snacks to delicious desserts with tea and coffee. The food tables were well staffed with cheerful volunteers and continually replenished with the delicious food throughout the event. There were booths with free literature on Islam and copies of the Quran for people to take home, including a separate booth with literature in Spanish.

The ICN Girl Scout troop, whose cadets were managing the Registration booth, also had their own booth where they drew interesting parallels to components of the Girl Scout law with Islamic values.

The most fascinating feature of the program was the screening of a multimedia presentation titled "Journey through Time" which was produced by Yousuf Siddiqui, Chairman of ICN's Outreach Committee - a beautifully articulated message highlighting six of the greatest messengers of Islam - Adam, Noah, Moses, Abraham, Jesus and Muhammad with direct references in the Quran on each of them. Mr. Yousuf Siddiqui, said "We wanted to show our guests that Islam believes in these prophets, and their common message of the worship of One God. We had huge interest from the visitors and had excellent dialogue afterwards in the post question and answers sessions."

An Islam 101 presentation at the top of every hour was a popular attraction as the crowds filled the room where Shahab Sayeedi presented the basics of Islam and an-



swered guest's questions. Mr. Sayeedi said "We realized after the last OMD that many of our guests were eager to learn more about some of the basic teachings and practices of Islam. The Islam101 presentations provided our guests with an understanding of Islam and some of its practices while allowing them to ask questions and any clear misconceptions they may have had in a friendly and relaxed environment in the mosque."

The unanimous opinion of all guests was overwhelmingly positive with almost everybody praising ICN's warm hospitality and the knowledge that they gained. Sally Joshi, Co-Chair of the Parent Diversity Advisory Council of the 204 School District said "Events like ICN's Open Mosque are essential in dispelling the Islamophobia that exists in society today. The diversity in our community is one of the cornerstones of its strength. Education, courageous conversations and friendships will lead to communities that are welcoming and inclusive."

Chief David Anderson of the Lisle Police Department, who encouraged his staff to attend the event said, "The Open Mosque Day allows more people to get to know each other, which allows barriers to breakdown, and makes us realize that we all care about each other. This event takes away the ignorance."

Although the event was scheduled from 11 AM to 4 PM, the visitors lingered on enjoying the ambience of companionship, friendship, and friendly conversations - it was communal harmony at its best with people of different backgrounds mingling in a warm and amicable atmosphere.



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Israel's next Gaza war will be 'last' one: Lieberman

Jerusalem (AFP) - Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman said Monday that Israel's next war with Gaza militants would be their last "because we will completely destroy them," but added he remains committed to a two-state solution.

Lieberman, speaking in an interview with Palestinian newspaper Al-Quds, said however that he did not want another war in Gaza, which would be the fourth since 2008.

The outspoken former foreign minister urged Palestinians to pressure Hamas, the Islamist movement that runs the Gaza Strip, to "stop your crazy policies".

"As minister of defence, I would like to clarify that we have no el... If they impose the next war on Israel, it will be their last. I would like to emphasise again: It will be their last confrontation because we will completely destroy them."

Lieberman is part of what is seen as the most right-wing government in Israeli history, with several prominent members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition openly opposing a Palestinian state.

But while he lives in a West Bank settlement and is known as a security-minded hardliner, Lieberman believes in a two-state solution to the conflict based on land swaps.

He reiterated that position in the interview, saying he sees the main settlement blocks in the occupied West Bank remaining part of Israel



intention of starting a new war against our neighbours in the Gaza Strip or the West Bank, Lebanon or Syria," he told the Jerusalem-based newspaper.

- Criticising Abbas -

"But in Gaza, like the Iranians, they intend to eliminate the state of Israunder a final peace deal.

He raised the possibility of trading Arab areas of Israel on the edge of the northern West Bank, such as the city of Umm al-Fahm, in exchange for settlements.

Land swaps have long been part of proposals to resolve the decades-

old conflict, but the two sides remain far apart on issues such as the status of Jerusalem and the return of Palestinian refugees.

Peace efforts have been at a complete standstill since a US-led initiative collapsed in April 2014.

- 'Sermons and lies' -

"Today, I think the majority of our people do not believe it is possible to reach any agreement regarding the final status solution, and the same with the Palestinians," said Lieberman.

"The first step would be convincing the people it is possible by making serious improvements in the state of the economy and fighting unemployment, poverty and misery among the Palestinians. And for Israelis, provide security without terrorism or bloodshed for a while."

He spoke of a period of three years without violence and with economic improvement in the Palestinian territories as being capable of leading to progress.

Lieberman, who took office in May, also criticised Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas, accusing him of failing to make compromises.

He predicted Abbas would lose if elections were held, with polls showing most Palestinians would like the 81-year-old to resign.

Such elections could lead to Hamas taking power in the West Bank, where Abbas's secular Fatah party dominates, but Lieberman said he believed a different outcome was possible.

"There are enough sensible people in the (Palestinian Authority) who understand the situation and know if there is a choice to make between Hamas and Israel, they think partnering with Israel will be better for them," said the leader of the hardline nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu (Israel Is Our Home) party.

Lieberman has recently spoken of trying to bypass Palestinian leaders and reach out directly to communities, and his interview appeared to be part of that effort.

Al-Quds, the top-selling paper in the Palestinian territories, was heavily criticised on social media by Palestinians who say it should not have agreed to the interview as it amounted to sanctioning "normalisation" with an occupying power.

The Palestinian foreign ministry accused Lieberman of "promoting a bunch of sermons and lies that contradict signed agreements and violate international law."

Before taking over as defence minister, Lieberman made a series of controversial statements, including one directed at Ismail Haniya, Hamas's Gaza leader.

Lieberman said he would give Haniya 48 hours to hand over two detained Israeli civilians and the bodies of soldiers killed in a 2014 war "or you're dead".

He has since backed off and said he is committed to "responsible, reasonable policy





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November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US **Disaster is the other name** of Donald Trump

No wonder Republicans are leaving Donald Trump right and left. Speaker of the House wanted to leave Donald Trump when his campaign was in infancy. Donald Trump provided him the opportunity to speak against him in his primary election. Then Donald Trump retracted his words and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan had a little softer position about him. Last week, Donald Trump's remarks in a 10 years old tape about groping women again forced Speaker of the House to disown Donald Trump. Many other prominent Republicans have done the same. I as a Republican never had a doubt about Donald Trump's disastrous candidacy. He is a bad news for Republican Party. I agree with Foreign Policy statement that he is the ever worst candidate nominated by a major political party. The fact of the matter is the Republican Party tried its best

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to resist Donald Trump's candidacy, but somehow he defied Republican Party's every effort. He got away with his every graphic political blunder like his profane remarks against women, blacks, Latinos, Muslims and other US minorities. I as a Republican denied to stand on Donald Trump's side. I committed my vote for Hillary Clinton. That's what exactly I am going to do on election day. I will vote for Hillary Clinton. Not because she is contesting election against Donald Trump, but because she is a better candidate. Donald Trump is nothing but a looming disaster.

Regardless of his real estate empire he is a failed business man. He cannot manage his businesses profitably. He has turned his losses into fake profits by denying payments to his vendors, his workers, and his associates. His Casino workers in Atlanta are

protesting against him while he is boasting about making America great. He laid off thousands of them a few years ago, because his star business Taj Mahal Casino was the financially worst run enterprise. Does he want to make America great like his badly run enterprises. Riding on popular tides to become President is one thing and running the presidency is totally something different. A person who has to file bankruptcies over and over to get rid of his financial losses how can he run the government of United States successfully?

I am going to vote for Ms. Clinton because she has a long experience of running the government. She was first lady first in her state and then in White House for eight long years. Then she was Senator overseeing the government affairs. The she became the Secretary of State in Obama ad-





of State not only she participated in US government affairs she dealt with hundreds of other governments' officials and their rulers around the globe. She knows how government works. In these critical times when the entire world is going through chaos US citizens should not take a chance of electing a fickle and fake person like Mr. Donald Trump. US needs someone with experience. Someone who knows how the government works. Hiring someone to sit at driver's seat who does not know how the government works can be a fatal mistake. Even though I am a Republican and have never voted for any democrat in the past, for first time, I will vote for Ms. Clinton for the sake of United

State---my country.

ministration.

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What Happens If Donald Trump Refuses to Concede

Donald Trump has already stated he might contest the election results if he doesn't win, and he's even gone as far as to say that the election is rigged against him. While it would be a complicated process, there is a legal procedure at the federal and state levels for contested elections and recounts when a race is extremely close.

History shows how candidates have handled such situations. The most recent example involves Al Gore, George W. Bush, and the dramatic 2000 election. While Gore never claimed the election was rigged after the votes were counted, an automatic recount took place because Bush's margin of victory over Gore was less than 0.5 percent in Florida. The case ultimately went to the Supreme Court, which ordered an end to the recount, giving us President Bush.

Here's a breakdown of exactly what happens when an election result is either too close to call or disputed.

1. If the victory margin is below a certain threshold, most states mandate a recount.

Contested elections are particularly complex because states have varying laws to deal with recounts. The majority of states, except for Hawaii and Mississippi, permit recounts when the margin of victory is low, such as the 0.5 percent threshold in Florida. Of those states, 20 automatically require a recount when the margin falls below a certain

number. In Texas, South Dakota, and Alaska, that threshold is a tie.

2. Candidates who lose can sue for a recount.

If the margin of error isn't low enough and a candidate still wants to contest the election, state laws require that candidates have a legitimate reason to call for a recount, like voter fraud, illegal voting, and bribery. The candidate must also pay for the recount. For reference, a study from the Pew Research Center found that Washington state spent close to \$1.2 million on a single gubernatorial recount in 2004. (Voters themselves can also petition for recounts if they have a valid reason. In those cases, the voter does not have to pay for the recount.)

The challenge ultimately plays out in court because the candidate must sue the state government. If the candidate feels like there is a legitimate reason for a recount in multiple states, he or she must sue state by state. States where candidates cannot challenge the results are New York, Arizona, South Carolina, Connecticut, and Tennessee.

3. Presidential election recounts have a time limit.

To complicate matters even further, a federal law limits how much time can pass before it's too late to request a recount. The safe harbor law, which was the source of dispute in Bush vs. Gore, requires popular votes to be counted six days before the electoral college meets

to vote. The 129-year-old federal law says that each state's electoral college must meet to cast their vote the second Monday after the second Wednesday

in December, or nearly six weeks after Election Day. This means that if a recount has not concluded six days before the state's electors meet, as was the case in 2000, then those electoral college votes might not be counted.

4. Congress has the final say in accepting votes after the deadline.

If a state does miss the safe harbor law, Congress has the power to reject or accept that state's electoral college votes. One example of this came up in the election between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon. After a recount was ordered in Hawaii weeks after the elec tion due to a tight race, Kennedy was declared the winner, even though Nixon had initially taken the state. When Congress met to count the electoral votes by mid-December, Nixon (who was presiding over Congress at the time because he was vice president) said the second electoral votes that gave the victory to Kennedy were legitimate.

As NBC explained, "Perhaps Nixon's magnanimity stemmed from the fact that Kennedy beat him by 84 electoral votes, and Hawaii's three votes made no difference." No matter the reason, he accepted defeat with honor. "In our campaigns, no matter how hard fought they may be, no matter how close the election may turn out to be, those who lose accept the verdict and support

those who won," said Nixon.

Trump can certainly learn something from Nixon's words, as well as from Gore's speech when he accepted the outcome of the election for the sake of US democracy despite winning the popular vote. If Trump does dispute the results on Election Day, he will have to provide valid evidence for a recount. Merely saying the election is rigged does not constitute an acceptable reason, especially when there's no evidence to suggest voter fraud will happen.

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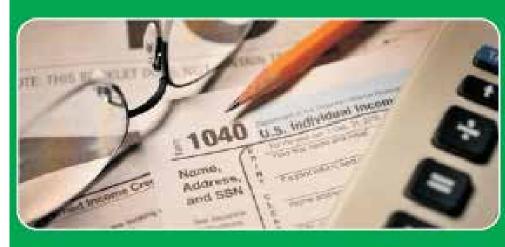
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Eating healthily with diabetes

One of the most frequent questions people with diabetes ask is "What can I eat?" After all, diabetes is at root a metabolic disorder, affecting the way the body derives energy from food. Myths abound when it comes to diabetes and food—one of the most common being that there is a "diabetes diet" that prohibits sugar and lists other items to avoid.

In fact, dietitians and other health professionals give the same dietary advice to people with diabetes as they do to most people, but with extra emphasis on controlling weight and keeping blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol values as close to normal as possible.

The basics: eat a well-balanced diet that emphasizes fruit, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein, while watching total calories and getting regular exercise. What you choose to eat on a day-to-day basis is up to you, but the overall goals are to maintain a healthy weight and exercise regularly.

You should also strive to keep your blood sugar levels close to normal to prevent long-term complications of diabetes and avoid the short-term consequences of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), and to control your cholesterol and blood pressure levels to reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.

Here are 20 guidelines for healthful and enjoyable eating for people with diabetes and anyone else who wants to eat healthfully:

Eat a variety of foods; since no single food is perfect, you need a balanced mix of foods to get all the nutrients your body requires.

Eat more vegetable products and fewer animal products.

Eat more fresh and homemade foods and fewer processed foods. Avoid fast food and junk food. You know what they are.

Choose your fats wisely. Cut down on meat, the skin of poultry, whole-fat dairy products, stick margarine, fried foods, processed snack foods, and commercial baked goods made with trans fats. Think about dressings, sauces, and cooking oil. Use olive or canola oil to cook whenever possible, and moisten your bread with olive oil or soft margarine. Get "good fats" from fish and nuts.

Choose your carbs wisely. Cut down on simple sugars; remember that sodas, sports energy drinks, and fruit juices are loaded with sugar. Cut down on highly refined products made with white flour. Favor whole-grain, coarsely ground, unrefined products. Don't be fooled by dark-colored bread or by labels that boast of unbleached flour, wheat grain, or multigrain flour. Instead, look for whole grain as the first ingredient, and read the fine print to learn the fiber content of a portion; more is better. Learn to like bran cereal, vegetables,

fruits, nuts, and seeds. Consider fiber supplements if you can't get enough from foods.

Consume at least three cups of non- or low-fat dairy products a day.

Eat protein in moderation. Favor fish and skinless poultry. Experiment with soy and beans as a protein source. Aim for 51/2 ounces of protein-rich foods a day; count 1/4 cup of cooked beans or tofu, 1/2 ounce of nuts or seeds, or one egg as equivalent to 1 ounce of cooked fish or cooked lean meat or poultry.

Restrict your sodium intake to less than 2,300 mg per day, particularly if your blood pressure is borderline or high, by reducing your use of table salt and processed foods such as canned soup and juices, luncheon meats, condiments, frozen dinners, cheese, tomato sauce, and snack foods. People with blood pressure above 120/80 mm Hg should aim for 1,500 mg a day, as should anyone above age 50.

Eat more potassium-rich foods, such as citrus fruits, bananas, and other fruits and vegetables. Eat more calcium-rich foods such as low-fat dairy products, broccoli, spinach, and tofu (but don't take calcium supplements to boost your daily intake above 1,200 mg).

Eat more grain products, especially whole-grain products, aiming for at least 6 ounces a day. Count 1 cup of dry cereal; 1/2 cup of cooked cereal, rice, or pasta; or one slice of bread as 1 ounce. Whole grains and brown rice should provide at least half your grains; the more, the better.

Eat more vegetables, especially deepgreen and yellow-orange vegetables. Aim for at least five servings a day. Count 1 cup of raw leafy greens, 1/2 cup of cooked or raw vegetables, or 1/2 cup of vegetable juice as one portion.

Eat more fruits, aiming for at least four servings a day. Count one medium-size piece of fruit; ¹/₂ cup of fresh, frozen, or canned fruit; or 1/2 cup of fruit juice as one portion.

Eat more fish, aiming for at least two 4-ounce servings each week. Remember to broil, bake, or grill instead of frying.

If you choose to eat red meat, try to reduce your intake to two 4-ounce servings per week. Avoid "prime" and other fatty meats, processed meats, and liver. Switch to chicken and turkey, always removing the skin. Be sure your meat and poultry are cooked to 160° or more, but not charred.

Eat eggs sparingly; aim for an average of no more than one egg yolk per day, including those used in cooking and baking. Use egg substitutes whenever possible.

Include seeds and unsalted nuts in your diet. Nuts have been linked to a reduced risk of cardiac death, but since they are high in calories, moderation is the watchword.

Use vegetable oils in moderation, favoring olive and canola oils. Reduce your intake of partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, palm oil, and coconut milk.

If you choose to use alcohol, drink spar-

ingly. Men should not average more than two drinks per day, women one a day. Count 5 ounces of wine, 12 ounces of beer, or 1½ ounces of liquor as one drink. Never drive or operate machinery after drinking.

Adjust your caloric intake and exercise level to maintain a desirable body weight. If you need to reduce, aim for gradual weight loss by lowering your caloric intake and increasing your exercise level.

Avoid fad diets and extreme or unconventional nutritional schemes. If it's too good to be true, it's not true. And remember that these guidelines are intended for healthy people; people with medical problems should consult their doctors to develop individualized nutritional plans.



Bladder and bowel problems solved

Incontinence is a subject most men and women are reluctant to talk about — even with their doctors. As a result, they suffer physically, emotionally - and needlessly. They fail to get help that can restore continence and confidence.

More than 32 million Americans, including one in three older women, live with incontinence. It is a treatable medical issue - not a psychological problem or personal failure. You can do something about incontinence. And the sooner you act, the more effective the results can be.

In Better Bladder and Bowel Control, a Special Health Report from Harvard Medical School, you will be briefed on the most recent advances in helping men and

women who sometimes, or often, face bladder or bowel control problems. You will learn about the causes and, most important, about the corrective measures you can take to manage and lessen the symptoms of incontinence.

The report will candidly and comprehensively show you how new treatments, therapies, and procedures are significantly improving continence and brightening lives.

You will read about medications that can cause urinary incontinence — and medications that can curb it. You'll find out about simple lifestyle changes that can make a gratifying difference for people suffering from stress incontinence or an overactive bladder. And you'll be updated

on effective new outpatient procedures that are replacing traditional surgeries.

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The report offers practical guidance for treating fecal incontinence. It examines treatment choices ranging from dietary changes and bowel training regimens to surgery. You'll read about good foods for "bulking up." You'll be alerted to specific (and surprising) foods that can trigger incontinence. And you'll be coached on easy exercises to strengthen the muscles of the pelvic floor, shoring up those that control the bladder and bowel.

The good news is that bladder and bowel problems can be solved. Discover how you can regain the peace of mind you once enjoyed.

November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 26 Top Causes of Unintentional Injury and Death in Homes and Communities

Top Causes of Unintentional Injury and Death in Homes and Communities

According to Injury Facts 2016, about 136,053 people died from unintentional-injury-related deaths in 2014. That's 136,053 times someone's ordinary day turned tragic.

Often, these tragedies happen when least expected – during a vacation, while doing chores at home or while driving across town. NSC encourages everyone to be aware of hazards related to leisure and recreational activities and take proper safety precautions. Here, in order, are the top causes of unintentional injury and death in homes and communities.

#1: Poisoning

In 2011, poisonings overtook motor vehicle crashes for the first time as the leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death for all ages combined. Poisoning deaths are caused by gases, chemicals and other substances, but prescription drug overdose is by far the leading cause. Learn more about this epidemic and other poisons in the home.

#2: Motor Vehicle Crashes No one wakes up thinking they will lose a loved one in a car crash, but motor vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death overall. Impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and inexperience can cause a life to be cut short in the blink of an eye. Everyone has a role in making our roads safer.

#3: Falls

More than 29,000 people died in falls in 2013. Falling is the third leading cause of unintentionalinjury-related death over all age groups, but it's the #1 cause of death for those 71 and older, according to Injury Facts 2015. The good news: Aging, itself, does not cause falls. Learn what you can do to help protect older loved ones.

#4: Choking and Suffocation

Suffocation is the fourth leading cause of unintentional injury-related death over all age groups, and choking on food or other objects is a primary cause. Suffocation is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for people 87 and older. Mechanical suffocation is the #1 cause of death for infants. Learn prevention and rescue tips.

#5: Drowning

Not including boating incidents, about 10 people drown every day. It's the fifth leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death over all ages, and the #1 cause of death for children ages 1 to 4, mostly due to children falling into pools or being left alone in bathtubs. Learn how to keep yourself and your family safe. #6: Fires and Burn

Fire is the sixth leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death over all ages. About 2,200 deaths were caused by burns and injuries related to fire in 2013. Often fires start at night, when family members are asleep. A working smoke alarm will cut the chances of dying in a fire in half. Learn more fire safety tips here

#7: Natural and Environmental Incident

Disasters are front-page news even though lives lost are relatively few compared to other unintentionalinjury-related deaths. Weatherrelated disasters claim hundreds of lives per year. NSC encourages families to learn all they can about emergency preparedness, and always have an emergency kit on hand.

Mother, boyfriend locked boy in closet, beating and torturing him over two years

Wearing only a soiled pull-up diaper, he was seen running against southbound traffic on Lake Shore Drive, a busy eight-lane thoroughfare that hugs the coast of Lake Michigan.

A passerby called 911 to report the alarming sight. When police arrived, they found a 7-yearold covered in cuts and bruises, malnourished and bleeding from a fresh gash above his left eye. A doctor who examined the boy would later say he had never seen so many injuries on a human being, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

As the boy was being treated at the hospital, police found the person that prosecutors now say is responsible for his wretched condition: his mother.

Caroline Woods had just returned to her apartment after looking for her son when she was met by officers and arrested. The 24-year-old was formally charged last week with aggravated battery to a child and aggravated battery using a deadly weapon. She is being held without bond and is due back in court later this month, records show.

Prosecutors allege Woods and her boyfriend, who has not been arrested, abused and tortured the boy for two years, keeping him locked inside a closet in their apartment in Chicago's Kenwood

neighborhood.

During a bond hearing last week, prosecutors told a judge that the couple would regularly beat the boy with an electrical cord, a baseball bat or a pole, the Sun-Times reported. In one instance, prosecutors said, the boyfriend held the boy down on a hot stove and burned his genitals with a curling iron.

Judge Adam Bourgeois Jr. ordered Woods held without bail.

"These are depraved acts," the judge told Woods during the hearing, according to the Sun-Times. "You are a danger to society."

Court records revealed other gruesome details about the alleged abuse. According to the Chicago Tribune, the boy told police that Woods and her boyfriend would force him to sleep and go to the bathroom in the closet for long stretches, feeding him sporadically and never letting him go outside. His meals, when they came, consisted of cans of okra and protein shakes, prosecutors said. And to keep an eye on him while they weren't home, the couple allegedly installed video cameras in the apartment and monitored the footage on their cellphones.



[Gun violence surges in Chicago, where residents want to show 'everything is not all bad']

The 7-year-old boy and Woods's 2-year-old daughter have been in protective custody since last week, a spokeswoman for the Department of Children and Family Services told the Tribune. The spokeswoman said the department is investigating Woods and her boyfriend in connection with abuse and neglect, but has not previously had contact with the family.

November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US Ae Dil Hai Mushkil Movie Review

STORY: Ayan falls in love with his soulmate, Alizeh, but she doesn't reciprocate



the feeling. Later, a relationship with Saba helps him realize Alizeh's value in his life, irrespective of their relationship status.

REVIEW: There's a lot of good news, and only a little bad news, so let's start with the former. With Ae Dil Hai Mushkil, Karan Johar has let go of the "candy" but retained the "floss", resulting in a beautiful-looking film that isn't bereft of logic. Ayan (Ranbir) and Alizeh (Anushka) strike up a friendship after meeting at a bar. They're Bollywood-crazy goofballs who sing cheesy '80s songs, poke fun at each other's partners and fit into each other like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. But Ayan wants more from the relationship.

Alizeh on the other hand is still reeling from her break-up with Ali (Fawad) and a chance encounter makes her slip back into his arms, leaving Ayan distraught. Ayan then finds solace in a (mostly physical) relationship with Saba (Aishwarya), who helps him get a new perspective on onesided love.

This is Karan Johar's most grown-up movie yet. He has come a long way from "Pyaar dosti hai," (Kuch Kuch Hota Hai) to "Pyaar mein junoon hai, par dosti mein sukoon hai" (ADHM). In the first half, there's a getting-to-know-each-other arc which reminds you of Before Sunrise; there's also a slight Imtiaz Ali flavour lingering through the movie (strong female characters help a broken boy find himself). There's no celebration of heartbreak; there's no pausing-for-laughs, there are no convenient coincidences.

The laughter comes from genuine chemistry between the leads. The sadness comes from real consequences of heartbreak that Johar has always shied away from, but not this time. Karan, the writer, overpowers

Battle of Buxar

Karan, the director here.

Anushka Sharma plays the most wellrounded character with abandon; she's remarkable. Ranbir's portrayal of the clumsy, turned-down one-sided lover is heartbreaking; his honesty comes through yet again. Seeing Aishwarya in the role of a confident seductress is a welcome change.

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On the downside, there's a bizarre twist in the last 15 minutes that could have been replaced with a scene or two of good conversation, but if you have an appetite for melodrama, you might just like it.

That said, you usually come away from a Karan Johar movie dreaming of singing sweet tunes in the Alps; but ADHM makes you realize just how cold it is, up there. Go watch it for a relatable portrayal of modern-day relationships.

The reasons that led to the Battle

The seeds of the Battle of Buxar were sown after the Battle of Plassey, when Mir Qasim became the Nawab of Bengal. The primary cause was the conflict between the English and Mir Qasim. Mir Qasim was an independent ruler and was the strongest and ablest of all Nawabs. He undertook some reformation, under which there was a reduction in expenditure on administration and palaces; fire locks and guns were manufactured, there was regular payment of salaries, new taxes were imposed and the capital was shifted from Monghyar to Murshidabad, which annoyed the British nobles and officers. The English wanted Mir to remain as a puppet in their hands. But, he always wanted to keep himself away from the British influence. This led to a number of conflicts between him and the English. He was defeated in three successive battles (between June to September 1763) before the Battle of Buxar, which eventually compelled him to flee to Allahabad where he met Shuja-ud-Daulah. In the meantime, after the acquisition of power as the Mughal Emperor, Shah Alam II also wanted to combine several states as one physically stronger empire, which included Bengal (Bengal+Bihar+Orissa). But, he also could not overpower the British and was under the shelter of Shuja-ud-Daulah who always wanted to destroy the English supremacy in Bengal. Thus, one of the main causes of hostility between the English and the three rulers was the share of Bengal. Mir Qasim, Shuja-ud-Daulah and Shah Alam II joined hands to fight against the English to establish their sovereignty over the whole of Bengal and reduce the power of the British. They declared war against the English on 23rd October, 1764 at the battleground Katkauli, 6 kilometres from Buxar. This was a war which was fought for just few hours but marked as one of the most significant wars in Indian History.

The Strength of Warring Forces

In the Mughal force, there were 40,000 men in the battle of Buxar, while the English East India Company's Hector Monroe's forces included 10,000 men, out of which 7000 were from British Army (857 European soldiers and 6213 sepoys). The Britishers had formed a stone memorial at Katkauli after the war. In the Battle of Buxar, 847 were killed and wounded from the English forces while on the Indian side, more than 2,000 officers and soldiers were killed.

Aftermath of the battle: Winner and Loser

Winner: Hector Munro

Losers: Combined armies of Nawab Mir Qasim, Nawab

Shuja-ud-Daulah & Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II

The historic battle fought between the British and the Indian forces resulted in victory for the British. The three combined army forces of Mir Qasim (Bengal), Shuja-ud-Daulah (Awadh), and Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II met with a crushing defeat under the hands of Major Munro. After the war, Mir Kasim fled to the North-West and died. Shah Alam II left Shuja-ud-Daulah and sought shelter in the British camp. Shuja-ud-Daulah tried to defeat the British till 1765 but was not successful. He later fled to Rohilkhand. According to historical reports and studies, the main cause of defeat of the Mughals was the lack of co-ordination among the various Mughal forces.

The Larger Implications of the Battle

The significant outcomes of this battle were as follows: It led to the signing of the Allahabad Treaty in 1765 by Lord Robert Clive with Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II. With the defeat of Mir Kasim, the rule of Nawabs came to an end.

Diwani rights or fiscal rights were secured which meant that the British would administer and manage revenues of large areas which included the present-day West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh, as well as of Bangladesh. The British became the masters of the people of these places.

In return of this right, the British would give Rs 26 lakh to the Mughal emperor Shah Alam II.

After the Buxar victory, the English armies moved towards Awadh and established their control over Banaras and Allahabad.

Shuja-ud-Daulah would pay Rs 50 lakh immediately to the company as expenses of war. He also needed to pay later Rs 25 lakh in instalments.

The treaty legalised the East India Company's control over the whole of Bengal. Thus, the British established their control in the eastern part of the country.

Ghazipur and its adjacent area were handed over to the East India company.

The Allahabad fort became the home of the emperor and he would be protected by few men of the company's army. A vakil of the English would remain in the court of Shah Alam II. But he was not allowed to interfere in the administration of the country.

The overall place and significance of the Battle in the Indian History

The Battle of Buxar paved the way for a more concrete British Empire in India. Though the initial foundation of



the British rule in India was laid after the Battle of Plassey by Clive, it became more strengthened after the Battle of Buxar. The East India Company, after the battle of Buxar, gained dominance over entire Bengal. The revenues collected by Shah Alam II from the princely states of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, went into the hands of the company. The Mughal emperor came fully under the control of British. All duties and revenues from the most prosperous Indian province went to the company. It also gained administrative power by controlling the army, finances, and revenues. The responsibility of collecting revenues went to the Nawabs but they had no power while the British East India Company had all the authority to control and also gain benefits from the Nawabs. With the wealth of Bengal, the British could conquer other regions of India. The supremacy of the British was established in the Eastern parts of India. British historian Ramsay Muir had rightly said that Buxar finally riveted the shackles of company's rule upon Bengal.

The battle of Buxar was, indeed, a decisive battle in the Indian history which led to the beginning of the British colonial rule that lasted for almost two centuries, leading to unending exploitation of India. The battle led to the establishment of British sovereignty. It was also served as an eye opener to the political weaknesses and military shortcomings of the Mughal Empire.

November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 28 Thailand's King Bhumibol, world's Longest-serving monarch, dies

bol Adulyadej, the world's longest-reigning monarch, has died at the age of 88, the palace announced leaving a divided nation bereft of a rare figure of unity.

US President Barack Obama led global tributes to Bhumibol, whose death ends a remarkable seven-decade reign and plunges Thailand into a deeply uncertain future.

Most Thais have known no other monarch and he has been portrayed as a guiding light through decades of political turmoil, coups and violent unrest. As the news filtered out, large crowds erupted in mourning outside the hospital where Bhumibol spent most of the last two years, many of them wailing and sobbing.

"How will Thailand live without you father?" cried one distressed young man as others chanted "Long Live the King!"

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha, the former army chief who leads Thailand's ruling junta, described the king's passing as "the most devastating moment for Thais" since the death of his predecessor and older brother Ananda in 1946.

He moved quickly to declare that the king's 64-year-old son, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, is the named successor.

The crown prince is much less well-known to Thais and has yet to attain his father's widespread popularity. He spends much of his time overseas, especially in Germany, and is a keen pilot.

- Year-long mourning -

In a televised address to the nation, Prayut said Thailand would hold a one-year mourning period and that all entertain-

a month.

Trading on the Thai stock exchange would not be suspended, he added.

Bhumibol's death is a major test for the country's generals, who seized power in 2014 vowing to restore stability after a decade of political chaos, a turbulent period exacerbated by the king's declining health as jostling elites competed for power.

The military has deep links with the palace and many inside the kingdom saw the putsch as a move to ensure generals could stamp down on any instability during a succession.

It is difficult to overestimate Bhumibol's importance to most of his subjects.

Backed by an intense palace-driven personality cult, he is revered as a demigod by many, seen as rising above the kingdom's notoriously fractious political scene.

It is not unusual to see Thais moved to tears when they talk of a future without him.

Officially known as King Rama IX, he descended from the Chakri dynasty which came to power in Thailand in the late eighteenth century.

His subjects have had many years to get used to the prospect of no longer having Bhumibol -- their king has not been seen in public for months and has suffered prolonged ill health.

But his passing is still a huge shock to the nation.

His reign spanned a remarkable era in which Thailand transformed itself from an impoverished, rural nation into one of



the region's most successful economies, dodging the civil wars and communist takeovers of its neighbours.

He built a reputation for criss-crossing the nation to visit the rural poor and sometimes intervened to quell key moments of political violence -- although other times he stayed silent and he approved most of the army's many coups during his reign.

In a statement Obama described Bhumibol as a "close friend" and "tireless champion" of his country's development. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said he was a "unifying national leader... respected internationally".

- Criticism muted -

Any criticism or effective republican sentiment has been erased inside Thailand by a draconian lese majeste law, use of which has surged since the military's latest takeover.

In recent years, and especially since the 2014 coup, the heir apparent Vajiralongkorn has made more frequent public appearances inside Thailand and taken on a larger number of royal engagements.

He will inherit one of the world's richest monarchies.

During his reign Bhumibol, with his establishment allies, built up a multibillion-dollar-empire spanning property, construction and banks under the banner of the Crown Property Bureau (CPB).

Analysts say the CBP's vast reserves allowed the crown to build a deep network among the Thai elite, helping insulate the king from the political pressures felt by monarchs who rely chiefly on state funding.

The palace's announcement that the king was gravely ill sent shudders through the stock market and pushed the baht currency to a two-month low earlier this week.

"The death of Thailand's highly-revered king will plunge the country into a state of mourning, and also deep political uncertainty," Capital Economics said in a note.

"There is a risk that political tensions flare up, triggering a slowdown in economic growth," it said. "All eyes now will turn to the succession process."

Jan Arrested For Eating Neighbor's Dog

San Francisco | A chinese man visiting his family in California became their neighbor's worst nightmare when they found out days later that their missing dog had been eaten by the strange visitor.

The 34-year old plumber from Beijing that has since been arrested does not seem to have any grief over what he did to the couple's favorite companion, a 7-year old german shepherd, which they've had since it was a puppy.

The man's family has argued in his defense that in his country, it was common for him to eat dog meat and have acknowledged that it was not right to eat their neighbor's dog without their consent. They have also offered to replace the dog with another one to help ease the pain of their loss.

german-shepherd

Humphrey, the 7-year old german shep-

herd, in happier times

"If I had known he was to suffer such a gruesome ordeal, we would've never picked him up at the animal shelter" explains the owner, still visibly under shock.

The neighbor's discovered in horror that their dog had been slain by the neighbors when they witnessed the man of Chinese origin grilling what seemed to be pieces of dog meat onto the barbecue. "There were also pieces of fur we found lying on top of the garbage container, as if he wanted us to find them, or was oblivious to the fact that we cared about our dog other than being just a piece of meat" admitted the horrified neighbors.

Humphrey was given a proper burial even though the man had cooked large parts of the dog before police officers arrived on



the scene and apprehended the perpetrator. "We buried the parts we could find, what a horrible mess" added the dog's owner, fighting to contain her tears. "I just

hope this awful man goes to prison for a long, long time" she added. USA: Chinese Man Arrested For Eating Neighbor's Dog

November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 29 Hungary: Archeologists Discover Tomb of Attila the Hun

Budapest| Construction workers building the foundations of a new bridge over the Danube River in the Hungarian capitol, have unearthed a spectacular 5th century sepulchre. The analysis of the monument revealed that it was the burial chamber of a great hunnic leader, most likely that of King Attila himself.

"This site is absolutely incredible!" explains Albrecht Rümschtein, an historian from the Lorand Eötvös University in Budapest and member of the team of specialists investigating the tomb. "We found many horse skeletons, as well as various weapons and other artefacts, all traditionally associated with Huns. These objects include a large sword made of meteoric iron, which could certainly be Attila's legendary "Holy War Sword of the Scythians", allegedly given to him by the god Mars himself. In fact, this definitely seems to be the resting place of the almighty Attila, but further analysis needs to be done to confirm it."

Nicknamed "the scourge of God" by roman historians, Attila was the ruler of the Huns, a nomadic people originating possibly from Central Asia. He ruled from 434 A.D., until his death in 453 after a feast celebrating his latest marriage to a beautiful and young gothic princess named Ildico.

He led many military raids on both the Eastern and Western Roman Empires provoquing what has become knowned as the Barbarian Invasions or the Great Migration, a large movement of germanic populations that greatly accelerated the fall of Rome and the advent of the Middle Ages in Europe. He his considered by most Hungarians, as the founder of the country.

The discovery of this funerary site could bring many clarifications concerning the origins and identity of the hunnic people and of Attila himself, which have both been sources of debate for centuries.



The analysis of pieces of pottery and jewelry found on the site, should bring a new light on their cultural origins and trade networks, and help scientists better understand this badly documented people.

Saudi Arabia executes prince for murdering man during brawl

A member of the Saudi royal family has been put to death after he fatally shot a fellow countryman during a fight in 2013, officials said.

Prince Turki bin Saud al-Kabir was executed Tuesday in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh, though authorities refused to provide specifics on how the death sentence was carried out. Typically, anyone handed a death sentence is beheaded with a sword. Officials admitted that it was uncommon for someone in the Saudi royal family to be executed, but it needed to be done to "preserve security and achieve justice."

Prince al-Kabir had pleaded guilty to murdering Adel al-Mohaimeed during a violent confrontation that also involved several other men.

"After the investigations, they charged him of committing the

crime and his indictment was sent to the General Court. He was charged with what was attributed to him and sentenced to death as retribution," the Saudi ministry of interior said in a statement on state news agency SPA.

Al-Arabiya news service reported that the Mohaimeed family declined offers of payment in exchange for not asking for the death penalty.



MAN KICKED OUT OF ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET AFTER EATING MORE THAN 50 LBS OF FOOD, SUES FOR \$2-MILLION

Springfield | A man from Massachusetts is suing Golden Corral Corporation for 2 million dollars, for false advertising, after being literally thrown out of one of the chain's restaurants by the employees.

According to witnesses, the 51 year old man who lives on welfare, was expelled from the restaurant after he then spent more than 7 hours on-site, ingesting a quantity of food which has been estimated between 50 and 70 pounds.

Despite the fact that the restaurant advertised the buffet as "allyou-can-eat", the manager of the establishment seems to have lost patience at some point, telling him that his meal would be free but asking him to leave. The manager's intervention angered Mr Fleming, and a brief altercation took place before he was finally pushed out of the restaurant.

He immediately called the police and filed a complaint against the restaurant, and he intends to make the people responsible for his mistreatment, pay for their actions.

"It's a serious injustice, and I am deeply insulted!" Mr. Flemmings told reporters. "With my income, I rarely go to the restaurant, so I try to get as much as I can for my money when I do. This was the worst experience I have ever had in a restaurant. Not only did they kick me out while I was still hungry, but they looked at me like I was disgusting, like I was not worthy of eating there! It's unacceptable, and I demand a compensation!"

goldencorral Mr Flemming says

the employee of the Golden Corral did not use any insulting language, but he claims that the disgust that was visible on their faces has left him with some deep emotional wounds.

The direction of the restaurant chain quickly issued a press release announcing that the decision to expel Mr. Flemmings was a regrettable personal initiative from an



overzealous franchise manager. They also said that some financial indemnities had been offered to compensate the damage suffered by the victim, but had been refused.

Mr Flemmings confirmed that he had been offered a significant amount of money by the company, but he is convinced that he can get more if he goes to court.

November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 30 Donald Trump Reportedly Didn't Know What A Gold Star Family Was

When an adviser warned him he had insulted a Gold Star family, Trump reportedly said "what's that?"

After he attacked the parents of a Muslim American soldier killed in Iraq, Donald Trump reportedly had to ask what a Gold Star family was.

Khizr and Ghazala Khan, the parents of Capt. Humayun Khan, a soldier who died while protecting his unit in 2004, appeared at the Democratic National Convention in July, after the GOP presidential nominee had attacked Muslims. Trump responded to the stirring speech Khizr Khan gave by suggesting that the soldier's mother had not been allowed to speak on stage because she's a Muslim. Ghazala Khan said she did not speak because she was too upset. New York Magazine's Gabriel Sherman reported on Saturday that when one adviser warned Trump he had just attacked a Gold Star family, the GOP nominee responded "what's that?" The term is commonly used to refer to any family that has lost a loved one in war. The United States has officially recognized these families since 1936.

Trump has pledged to support veterans throughout his campaign. Earlier this year, he promised to donate millions to veterans groups, but only appeared to do so months later after The Washington Post noted that he had not fulfilled his promise.

Sherman also reported that Paul Manafort, who was then Trump's campaign chairman, had to explain what 'Gold Star fam-

Bill Gates explains why he's not leaving his fortune to his children

You'd expect the children of the world's second-richest man to have the means to do whatever they want, right?

Hit the books in college and get a degree, and then another degree, and another. Go on a year-long whirl around the world. Play, explore, try new things, run through that trust fund. Actually, Bill Gates, 60,

and his wife, Melinda, 52, are encouraging their three children to go to college and they'll pay for it, but then they want them to get jobs and have careers. The Gates have no plans to leave their fortune of some \$78 billion to their brood. No billion-dollar trust funds for these kids. The Microsoft founder explained his reasoning for leaving his money to charity instead of his three children, Jennifer, 20, Rory, 17, and Phoebe, 14,

"It's not a favor to kids to have them have huge sums of wealth," he said. "It distorts anything they might do, creating their own path."



Gates said his children understand his and Melinda's decision and are "proud" of their parents' dedication to reducing extreme poverty. The couple started the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the largest transparently operated private foundation in the world.

But the Gates children don't need to worry about ever being destitute and their parents will provide a "safety net." "Our kids will receive a great education and some money so they are never going to be poorly off but they'll go out and have their own career," he explained.



"The election is about the American people, it's not about you," Manafort reportedly said, adding that Khizr Khan wasn't running for president.

Khan held up a pocket copy of the constitution at the Democrats' convention and asked Trump if he had even read it and what sacrifices he had made for the country. The Gold Star father has pleaded with GOP lead-

ers to repudiate Trump and appeared in a moving ad for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton this month.



Priest Wakes Up From Coma After 17 Months,Converts To Islam

Jakarta | A catholic priest from the island of Java in Indonesia who has woken up from a 17 month long coma has converted himself to Islam after the man claims Allah spoke to him and showed him "the beauty of the heavens".

The 87-year old priest from Spain has lived and preached on the island for more then 43 years and is fluent in Javanese and various dialects of the different ethnic groups of the island and is a well known and respected figure amongst all religious groups of the area.

The man who has suffered a cardiac arrest while helping local volunteers to fix the roof of his own church and fell an incredible two stories high has managed to survive and come out of his coma, in brittle shape, yet a changed man.

preaching Priest Eduardo Vincenzo Maria Gomez weeks before his tragic accident

"I know nothing of Islam. Never once have I read the Quran but God spoke to me and



asked me to follow him to the heavens and the Holy light shone through my entire being and behold the golden gates of heaven appeared before me and God told me his name and it was Allah" told the newly convert to a journalist of the Kalimantan Press.

The man who miraculously suffers no spinal injury should be able to walk soon, admits the physician who took care of him at South Jakarta's Metropolitan Medical Centre. "This must be the strongest 80-year old I have ever seen. His bones should be smashed to pieces" ponders Jim Won May, who has practiced medecine for over twenty years.

His conversion to Islam took most of his church followers by surprise, but interestingly enough, already half of his christian followers have showed interest in converting to Islam. "If Allah is the true God, I don't want to be misled in the wrong direction on judgement day. I trust Father Eduardo. We all believe in him" explains one of his followers.

The priest who is still under medical

attention has already ordered the construction of a new mosque and his followers are already hard at work to find the funds necessary for the task. "We owe it to Father Eduardo for all he has done for us" comments one of the devotees of the old catholic church, that is now for sale.



November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 31 Renowned Urdu scholar Dr Khaliq Anjum passed away

Renowned Urdu Scholar and former general secretary of Anjuman Taraqqi-i-Urdu Hind, Dr Khaliq Anjum passed away today in New Delhi after prolong illness. He was 81.

One f the most prominent scholar of his time, Anjum dedicated his whole life for promotion of Urdu in the country through his literary works and Anjumans and academies.

He authored several books of high literary value. One of the most important books is by him is 'Matni tanqeed', or textual criticism, a fine work that discusses the methods and techniques of evaluating, editing, annotating and compiling texts. His other significant contribution is the editing and annotation of Ghalib's Urdu letters, compiled in five volumes.

Being an expert on textual criticism, he was one of the first people in the subcontinent to adopt the German technique of compilation to edit these letters and his version of Ghalib's letters is considered among the most authentic ones.

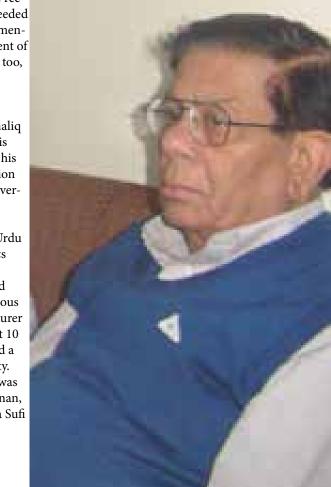
His other books on Ghalib include 'Ghalib ka safar-i-Kalkutta', 'Ghalib Kuchh mazameen' and the forthcoming 'Ghalib aur shahan-i-Taimuriya'. In addition to Ghalib and textual criticism, Dr Khaliq Anjum's another expertise was in the field of history and archaeology. His books 'Muraqqa-i-Dehli', 'Dilli ke aasar-iqadeema' and 'Dargah-i-shah-i-mardan' deal with the archaeological sites of Delhi. His profound knowledge of Delhi's history and its historical remains is also evident from the gigantic task he has carried out in three volumes editing and annotating Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's 'Aasar-us-sanadeed'.

Dr Khaliq Anjum also served ministry of education and was also a member of Inder Kumar Gujaral committee formed by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for the promotion of Urdu. The committee submitted a detailed report on the status of Urdu., Dr Khaliq Anjum toured the length and breadth of India to survey and to understand the issues concerning the language.

The report made several recommendations, including the one that suggestion for establishing Urdu academies in every Indian state and Urdu schools and colleges in every locality where Urdu-speaking people were 10 per cent or more of the population. Unfortunately most of the recommendations went unheeded and the only major implementation was the establishment of Urdu academies and that, too, in some state were implemented.

Born in Delhi in 1935, Khaliq Anjum, whose real name is Khaliq Ahmed Khan, did his intermediate and graduation from Aligarh Muslim University.

Having got a Master's in Urdu and diplomas in linguistics and library science from Delhi University, he joined Delhi University's prestigious Karori Mal College as lecturer and taught Urdu for about 10 years. In 1970, he obtained a PhD from Delhi University. His doctoral dissertation was on Mirza Mazhar Jan-i-Janan, Urdu's classical poet and a Sufi in his own right.



Why Israel fears Obama's last days

Israel faces a unique window of danger from Nov. 9 to Jan. 20: What might President Obama do in his final days in office to slam the Jewish state?

Start with Secretary of State John Kerry's recent flat refusal to promise a US veto on any upcoming anti-Israel resolution in the UN Security Council.

On Saturday, Haaretz reports, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Kerry he's counting on Washington to stick to its policy of nixing anti-Israel resolutions. Kerry's reply: The administration has yet to make a decision on the matter.

For Kerry to leave any doubt that America would shield Israel at the United Nations is bad enough. But concerns about what Team Obama might do go far beyond that.

In a recent Bloomberg column, Eli Lake reports on the threat of "a last-minute [Obama] speech, an executive order or UN action" at Israel's expense. He notes that Obama might even recognize a Palestinian state.

It all has Israel's friends nervous. That's why 88 US senators last month wrote Obama urging him to recommit to "longstanding US policy" of blocking anti-Israel moves at the United Nations.

Let's face it: Our president has long left questions over whether he truly has Israel's back, as he claims. US-Israeli relations were bad from the start of his administration, and grew even worse with Obama's Iran deal.

Bibi's re-election last year plainly rankled Obama even more.

But the president's views on Israel are as naïve as his views on Iran. Continued concessions to the Palestinians won't make peace any more likely, or even make them less hostile to Israel — just as Obama's never-ending goodies for Iran haven't tamed that regime's aggression.

Day in and day out, Obama continues to



equate Palestinian terror with Israeli political moves, like maintaining settlements in the West Bank.

His team can even blink from blasting Palestinian violence. Last weekend, the State Department condemned a terrorist's shooting spree in Jerusalem, which claimed two Israeli lives — without noting

he was Palestinian.

We don't expect Obama to see the light this late in the game. But if he moves to grab another "legacy" item at Israel's expense, he'll only further set back hopes for any progress on the Israeli-Arab front.

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November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US **Ramification of Russo-Turkey** realignment for US policy!

Possibly something bad has happened to US policy makers and CIA-Pentagon duo as their strategy to further divide and complicate relations between Russia and Turkey misfired. The US game plan misfired thanks to the timely crushing action by Turkish government against the plotters and coup leaders who seem to have worked for quite some time under US-EU (Germany) directions to destabilize the Islamist nation so that it never becomes strong, again. .

Of course, Washington never expected the coup to fail and sought President Erdogan and his ruling Muslim Brotherhood party to perish in tandem and a puppet regime under a US stooge would assume office to support Israel and USA.

Interestingly as it does happen in international politics, rather quite often, the countries that were targeted by USA, namely Russia and Turkey, got together by comprehending the hidden agenda behind the presumed Pentagon instructions to Turkish military bosses to fire down a Russian war plan that trespassed the airspace (territory) of the erstwhile Ottoman Empire, resumed their ties. This is something that tarnished the image of USA as being the top intelligence nation with high precision information networks.

In August, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan traveled to St. Petersburg to meet his "dear friend" Russia's strongman Vladimir Putin. Their relations had fallen to a low point when the Turks shot down a Russian warplane over northern Syria. Unlike Western leaders, however, Putin had personally called Erdogan to congratulate him on aborting an attempted military coup in July.

Turkey-Russia relations have had ups and downs since the era of Ottoman Empire. A year ago, they were shaking hands, then relations cooled to icy temperatures, but now it seems Russia and Turkey could be on the road to restoring ties. President Vladimir Putin and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan have said they want to hold a face-to-face meeting as they agreed to resume cooperation in trade, tourism and the fight against terrorism. Relations took a turn for the worse in November last year when Turkish forces shot down a Russian plane involved in the military campaign in Syria. Ankara said the jet had strayed into its airspace. Erdogan wrote to Putin to reportedly express regret for the incident. The Russian leader said the letter created the conditions necessary to close "this crisis chapter" in bilateral ties. The thawing of relations comes in the same week as a deadly terror attack in Istanbul's busiest airport, in which more than 40 people were killed.

Russo-Turkish ties have not been upgraded at US cost. Top US officials have not gone to great lengths to hide their dissatisfaction with Turkey's rekindled friendship

-Dr. Abdul Ruff

with Russia. For many Turks, the irony is that it was the same spokespeople in Washington who urged the Turkish leadership to reach out to the Kremlin - which, Secretary of State John Kerry thought, would play ball. To make matters worse, Washington ignored repeated warnings that steps taken by the US regime would place Turkey's vital interests at risk. In the end, the Turks turned to other partners to protect their interests. And Russia is a good friend now.

US-Turkey relations have not, however, affected badly as it should because of regular NATO meetings and other secret conclaves. Turkey is the only Muslim nation from Europe in NATO. After roughly nine months of disagreement, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to revive their stalled bilateral relationship in their first direct contact on June 29, fueling hopes about restoring economic and trade ties Turkish Chief of Military Staff General Hulusi Akar departed for the USA to attend the meeting of anti-Daish coalition military chiefs. The meeting is taking place ahead of the crucial operation to liberate Iraq's second largest city of Mosul from Daish. According to the statement released by the Turkish General Staff, the last meeting of the coalition military chiefs had taken place six months ago.

What the USA and European allies are worried about, however, isn't Turkish tomatoes. It's that improving ties between Ankara and Moscow could translate into closer cooperation on political challenges including the Syrian crisis. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton announced that she would provide weapons and ammunition to YPG, the PKK's Syrian franchise, as part of the anti-Daish campaign. Russia could use Turkey against Europe.

Arrival and success of Russian warplanes in Syria where Americans were calling all shots, was a slap on Washington. The Moscow-Washington agreement of September 10th on Syria, reached after 10 months of hard bargaining and now in shambles after another broken truce, had one crucial if little noted aspect. For the first time since the Soviet Union imploded, Russia managed to put itself on the same diplomatic footing as the USA. Russian strive for equal status from USA, however, is still elusive

The Pentagon soon signed a memorandum of understanding with the Kremlin over safety procedures for their aircraft, now sharing Syrian air space, and established a ground communications link for any problems that should arise. The morale of the Assad regime had improved, it was no longer in danger of being overthrown and its hand was strengthened at any future negotiating table.

Obviously, USA has lost its prestige on world stage even as Moscow is gaining importance in the global eyes.

In August 2015, by all accounts, President Assad was on the ropes and the morale of his dwindling army at rock bottom. Even the backing of Iran and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah had proven insufficient to reverse his faltering hold on power. To save his falling regime from collapse, the Kremlin's military planners decided to fill the gaping hole left by Syria's collapsing air force, shore up its air defenses, and boost its depleted arsenal of tanks and armored vehicles. The number of Russian military personnel dispatched was estimated at 4,000 to 5,000. Although none of them were ground troops, this was an unprecedented step in recent Russian history. The last time the Kremlin had deployed significant forces outside its territory- in December 1979 in Afghanistan - proved an ill-judged venture, ending a decade later in their withdrawal, followed by the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991.

Meeting in Istanbul on October 10, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin signed a historic agreement to launch the Turkish Stream, a natural gas pipeline that will deliver Russian gas to Europe via Turkey. Just a few months ago, the project was considered dead in the water: Turks had downed a Russian jet over airspace violations and the Kremlin was trying to hurt the tourism industry in Turkey. There was even talk of a violent escalation between Ankara and Moscow.

The Turkish-Russian rapprochement has been largely limited to energy and economic cooperation. Since Erdoğan's visit to St. Petersburg, Russian tourists have come back to the Turkish riviera, as import restrictions on Turkish agricultural produce were largely lifted.

However, Turkey and Russia view the Syrian issue differently. While the Turks maintain that there can be no lasting peace in Syria unless Assad is removed from power, the Kremlin recently doubled down by joining the regime in bombing Aleppo, where airstrikes have resulted in large casualties. Likewise, the Turkish leadership has major differences of opinion with the Russians also on Crimea and Egypt. Speaking at the World Energy Congress recently, the Turkish President called for an end to indiscriminate attacks on Aleppo - with Putin just 10 feet away. It was a symbolic gesture to make it clear that Turkey was not backtracking on Syria. It remains unlikely Turkey and Russia will reach an agreement over Syria and the future of Bashar Assad anytime soon.

In recent years, US allies around the world - Turkey, Japan and Israel, among others - felt that Washington was no longer a reliable friend. In the Middle East, Obama rewarded "rogue" Iran for breaking every rule in the book, while taking shots at regional allies in front of the cameras.

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In Asia-Pacific, Obama failed to support Japan



against China and last month congress voted for an act that permits families of the victims of 9/11 attacks to sue Saudi Arabia.

Turkey pursued a policy of diversification in the international arena to learn to work with a large number of partners to address pressing problems and pursue its goals. Instead of relying on Washington, the Turks reached the conclusion that the most effective way to address regional challenges was to promote regional cooperation. Keeping in mind that Turkey isn't alone, the USA will presumably pay the price of Obama's ambitions and disloyalty by facing growing isolation in the region.

Meanwhile, the Turks made it clear that they have absolutely no intention to waste precious time with Washington. Obama's isolationist foreign policy, coupled with his mismanagement of the Syrian crisis, alienated the Turkish leadership and forced Turkey to search for alternative partners. The Obama regime repeatedly urged Ankara to kiss and make up with Moscow when the Russians were still playing ball with US Secretary of State John Kerry who, at the time, refused to accept that he had deteriorated yet again. Turkey's policy should only serve as a warning sign of how bad the Obama government hurt US interests around the world.

The next US president might enter the Oval Office only to find out that America has no allies left in the Middle East thanks to Barack Obama's short-sighted policies. The next president must overhaul foreign policy to win back hearts and minds in Turkey and other frustrated allied nations. Unless Washington corrects its course, Ankara's cooperation with Moscow will only mark the beginning of a dangerous trend for American interests on the ground. The USA needs to correctly identify its national interests in the Middle East and act accordingly if they would like to be taken seriously by regional actors.

Coercive tactics won't work any longer. USA must wind down all terror wars meant to showcase its military prowess and ensure its energy security. USA and NATO along with their allies like India and Israel have jointly murdered millions of Muslims worldwide.

Enough of bloodbath in Islamic world!

Fascism and imperialism might look fashionable for the anti-Islamic nations but these are definitely harmful for any democracy and humanity as a whole.

There is absolutely nothing that Washington can do now to disturb the tempo of Russo-Turkish relations growing from strength to strength.

November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US PAGE 33 Will new US President be capable of reforming a petrified America?

-Dr. Abdul Ruff

The 2016 presidential poll is taking place as Americans have begun to think about a possible political systemic a change and new world order to move away from unilateralism, unipolarity and exploitation towards real democracy and collective work for freedom and happiness – unheard of in any capitalist nation.

At the outset, neither Trump nor Hillary is capable fo making anew reformed and enlightened America and they would only continue with Bush-Obama policies of invasions and militarism. In that sense Americans are unlucky lot.

Most US leaders think Hillary can bring more resources to the nation than Trump by terror wars. That is not the strength but weakness.

Presidential debates are mere gimmicks?

Debates in US presidential poll campaign are just a formality and what the candidates say would not have any relevance for the presidency as the presidents are controlled by capitalist-imperialist lobbyists, war monger intelligence-Pentagon, and mainly regulated for pro-Israel policies by the Jewish members of Neocons.

Particularly the final presidential debate, meant to make the presidential candidates to come to terms with the rising demands on USA, did not discuss anything about some of the most pressing concerns Americans as well as the world face, like climate change, terror wars as permanent war feature, poverty and corruption and campaign finance.

World wars and the so-called cold war with Soviet Russia made USA what it is today, the super power that can bully any nation that does not obey its instructions, follows its footsteps. Perhaps for this reason USA does not want to stop criticizing and attacking Russia. As the effective boss of UN and UNSC, NATO, G-7, World Bank and IMF, etc, strangest and loudest campaigner of so-called democracy, USA has been able to retain its control over the world and press its global prowess into action to weaken any nation.

The final debate moderated by Fox News' Chris Wallace, faced questions on debt and entitlements, immigration, the economy, the Supreme Court, foreign hot spots and the candidates' genuinity and fitness to be president. These topics have already been widely covered in previous debates. According to an analysis of the first two presidential debates and the vice presidential debate, there has been a "significant emphasis on Russia, terrorism and taxes." So far, those topics have received a whopping 409 mentions combined, with 77 of those dedicated to Trump's own taxes.

 How to end terror wars, essentially on Islam?
How to recast a normal foreign policy for promoting world peace and genuine democracy?

3. How to put an end to media Islamophobia trends?

4. How to solve the dangerous climate change?

5. How to attack poverty and save the poor and under privileged? Much more.

Climate change, poverty and campaign finance reform are just three issues the mainstream media has refused to raise questions about in the debates. Also, both the candidates and media are silent on issues like China, gun control, education, student debt, voting rights, drugs, abortion, and reproductive health, NSA/privacy/surveillance, Native Americans.

Global warming directly threatens economy and capitalism. According to a World Economic Forum survey of global experts in 2016 global warming tops the list of potential threats to the global economy. But this issue has been mentioned three times in the debates (by Hillary Clinton, in passing. According to Pew Research the people are concerned about climate change, with 73 percent of all registered US voters saying they care either "a great deal" or "some" about the issue,. Fifty-two percent of registered voters say the environment is "very important" to their voting decision in 2016.

Donald Trump is a climate denier and has said on his medium of choice that global warming was "created by and for the Chinese in order to make US manufacturing noncompetitive. Trump has pledged to undo the Obama's climate initiatives, including the Paris climate agreement and the Clean Power Plan, which would require power plants to clean up their emissions. Trump has also vowed to expand fossil-fuel exploration." Clinton has a detailed plan for combating climate change on her website, with the promise of "taking on the threat of climate change and making America the world's clean energy superpower." While she has gained a number of endorsements from leading climate groups, her acceptance of natural gas as a so-called bridge fuel disturbs some, including 350.org, which says it's "just a fast lane to more climate destruction."

Treacherous politics of poverty

It is not just the third world but even the developed nations have poverty, both known and covert. Despite over 45 million Americans currently living in poverty, not a single question has been asked about that either, and the issue has barely been mentioned. In fact, Democrats had no questions on poverty in any of their primary debates. That is because Democrats have taken, along with terror wars, the burden of poverty as well prompted by Republicans as well as their own. Child poverty rates in the United States, at 21.6 percent, are nearly double the OECD average of 12.4 percent. Before running for president, Jewish leader Bernie Sanders, who still claims to be a socialist, called poverty one of the "great moral and economic issues" that Americans we face. He wrote that after the Census revealed that the number of Americans living in poverty had increased to over 46 million, the highest number ever (it has since dropped to 43 million). "Poverty in America today leads not only to anxiety, unhappiness, discomfort and a lack of material goods. It leads to death," Sanders said. But the candidates have faced not one question on a deep problem that affects so many. Sanders writes, poverty is rarely covered by the mainstream media and "gets even less attention in Congress." While running for president, Sanders criticized Clinton for her support of welfare reform that Bill Clinton enacted in 1996.

The latest hacked Clinton emails show that in the 2016 primary Clinton's aides were wary of ideas that could alienate centrist and conservative voters who are skeptical of welfare. Despite the fact that nearly 40 percent of Americans between the ages of 25 and 60 will someday themselves experience the official poverty line.

People would love to see the presidential candidates discuss their plans for combating poverty. Trump talks about poverty, about creating more jobs, which he aims to achieve by cutting taxes and government regulations and renegotiating trade deals to bring more jobs back to America. He's also called for a new tax plan to help defray child care costs for working parents. Clinton has detailed plans to fight poverty on her website, including: expanding the tax credit for children; doubling Early Head Start spending; providing universal preschool for 4-year-olds; subsidizing child care; increasing the minimum wage to \$12 an hour; and investing tens of billions of dollars in poor communities, including for housing and job training. To pay for her proposals, she would increase taxes on the wealthy, but she won't do it. .

Campaign Finance and fundraising

Since the common folk and the poor certainly don't make large campaign contributions, they don't have powerful lobbyists in Congress and Senate representing their interests. Everything is planned and executed in USA for the rich and those who "generously" give money to the candidates during the immoral fund raising. Eighty-four percent of Americans think money has too much influence in their political campaigns. But moderators have asked not one question about it, and there's only been one mention so far in the debates.

USA promotes lobbyists to make money from foreign nations and companies.' This is the root cause of rampant corruption and nepotism in America. Clinton and Trump have raised a jaw-dropping \$911 million and \$423 million respectively, including money from super PACs. In state and local races across the country, donors have poured more than \$1 billion so far this year.

Trump said he supports campaign finance reform that would keep registered foreign lobbyists from raising money in US elections. He also announced a number of proposals for reforming the revolving doors between government and the interests that they lobby. The one campaign finance mention in the debates Hillary Clinton said, perhaps without any serious intent that she wants to "see the Supreme Court reverse Citizens United and get dark, unaccountable money out of our politics." The story by Lee Fang and Andrew Perez "Hacked emails prove coordination between Clinton Campaign and Super PACs" shows consistent, repeated efforts by the Clinton campaign to collaborate with Super PACs on strategy, research, attacks on political adversaries and fundraising." That's against the rules of the 2010 Citizens United Supreme Court decision. The nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center announced earlier this month that it had filed two sets of complaints with the Federal Election Commission, charging that both the Trump and Clinton campaigns have improperly coordinated with super PACs.

USA clearly cannot overcome the phenomenon of rampant corruption in all domains.

USA, the cause of Zionist crimes in Palestine Terror wars launched by the foolishly arrogant USA in energy rich Muslim nations have further narrowed down the space for genuine cooperation, peace efforts and promotion of freedoms in US policies.

The continued support for Israeli fanaticism and colonialist crimes in Palestine has dented the prestige of USA more than anything else. In fact it is the US policy for Israel and the latter's ideas about a new world order where Israel's threats to Arab world, its crimes and genocides in Palestine are respected that has complicated and weakened US efforts for secured world.

Israel controls and attacks not just the Gaza Strip but even areas in West bank. The UN human rights rapporteur has accused Israel of denying Palestine's right to development thus causing rampant poverty, "epic" unemployment and economic stagnation, while illegal settlement activity is leaving hundreds of Palestinians homeless this year alone. Over 1,100 people have been left homeless so far this year in Area C of the West Bank, as Israel demolished some 780 Palestinian homes. Area C is fully controlled by Israel and comprises of some 60 percent of the total territory in the West Bank. It is the area where the Jewish settlements – illegal under international law – are located.

So far this year, Israel has destroyed 780 homes there, compared to 453 demolitions that were conducted in 2015. Last year's demolitions left some 580 Palestinians homeless, while this year 1,129 people were left without a roof over their heads.

In addition, the publication noted that further 125 Palestinian homes were also demolished in East Jerusalem since the start of the year. Last year's figures stood at 78 home demolitions. As a result, 164 Palestinians were left homeless this year in East Jerusalem. In 2015, that figure stood at 108 people.

Asian-American voters, once Republican are turning Democrat

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — At a shopping plaza in the Washington suburbs, the flag of the long-defunct South Vietnam flies beside the Stars and Stripes. Former refugees who congregate there hold fast to their roots, but their political allegiances are changing.

Though they are regarded as the most conservative of Asian-American voters, the Vietnamese are increasingly shifting their support to Democrats. That reflects a broader shift among Asian-Americans from being majority Republican supporters to overwhelmingly Democrat. Donald Trump's polarizing rhetoric on issues like immigration could accelerate the trend.

That shift could have an effect on the presidential race. Though Asian-Americans represent only about 4 percent of the electorate and tend to have low turnout, they are a potentially significant bloc in battleground states like Nevada, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Asian-Americans comprise an array of ethnic nationalities: Chinese, Indians, Filipinos, Koreans, Japanese and others. Most of the Vietnamese arrived after the communist takeover of their homeland in 1975 and have settled mainly in California and Texas. But there's a significant number in Fairfax County — a district in northern Virginia where nearly one-fifth of the population is of Asian origin.

At the Eden Center, a plaza of Vietnamese shops and restaurants, seniors who once supported the Republican Party for being strong on national security and fighting communism are increasingly leaning Democrat — as their more progressive children who were born in America tend to do.

Former teacher Kim-Ha Ly, 67, recounted that when she migrated to the U.S. in the early 1990s, she voted Republican like her husband who had arrived as a refugee one

decade earlier. But she changed to the Democrats because she said that party was more in tune with the priorities of immigrants. In this election, she is volunteering for a group called Vietnamese-American Women for Hillary.

"If we vote Democrat we can build a fairer and better country," she said.

Her husband, Xuan Ly, 72, an electrical engineer who was interned in a camp after the communist takeover and later fled the country by boat, is now Democrat too. As the couple watched a non-partisan voter registration event in the plaza's parking lot, where activists were urging fellow Asian-Americans to become politically engaged, Xuan spoke dismissively of Trump's "bad behavior" and lack of government experience.

There's still a diversity of political outlook among Asian-Americans, with Vietnamese, Chinese and Filipinos, for example, viewed as more conservative than Indians and Koreans. But Karthick Ramakrishnan, director of the National Asian American Survey, said that Asian-Americans, broadly speaking, back a liberal agenda supporting more social spending and universal health care.

Taeku Lee, a professor of political science and law at University of California, said there has been a change over time from Vietnamese viewing politics through "a post-Cold war lens" where strength in foreign policy was especially important to focusing more on domestic issues like education and health care. That makes them more likely to vote Democratic, even if they don't have a strong allegiance to the party.

Today, Asian-Americans are often perceived as high achievers, but language and cultural barriers persist. In the 2012 election, turnout by Asian-American voters was just 47 percent — 17 percentage points less than the turnout among non-Hispanic white voters, according to a Census Bureau survey.

Still, it is one of the fastest-growing segments of the electorate.

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Hillary Clinton's campaign is running multi-lingual phone banks and sending volunteers from neighboring states to help out in battlegrounds like Nevada and Pennsylvania. The Clinton website carries campaign material in 11 Asian languages: Cambodian, Chinese, Gujarati, Hindi, Korean, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese.

The Republican party has also stepped up outreach to Asian-Americans to reverse a generation of Democratic gains. When Bill Clinton was elected president in 1992 he won just 31 percent of the Asian vote. When President Barack Obama was re-elected in 2012, he won 73 percent.

"I'm a big believer that the core beliefs of a lot of Asian-American communities are similar to the Republican Party's core principals," said Jason Chung, who leads the Republican outreach effort and cited as evidence an even split between the parties for the Asian vote in 2014 congressional elections.

Trump's hard line on immigration is likely to be a significant turn-off to that same constituency, as could allegations of inappropriate conduct toward women.

Staunch Republican voter Hong Nguyen, 66, a former service member of the South Vietnam air force, is undeterred. He's backing Trump to be strong on defense, immigration and the economy. He said the groping allegations against Trump won't alter that.

"It happened a long time ago," Nguyen said. "Why did these women wait 10, 15 years to talk?"

House Speaker Ryan pressured by conservatives, Trump backers



WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan is under fire from fellow Republicans upset with his messy political divorce from Donald Trump, with some threatening an effort to oust him.

So far, the rumblings are limited and no one has advanced a potential replacement nearly as respected among colleagues as the Wisconsin Republican. That suggests an uphill path to deposing Ryan, who was his party's 2012 vice presidential nominee and could harbor White House ambitions.

The Nov. 8 election seems sure to shrink the House GOP's majority. If Trump loses the presidential race to Democrat Hillary Clinton, disgruntled conservatives wouldn't need many votes to topple Ryan. Conservatives could use the mere threat of a coup to seek legislative concessions from him. They also could spend Congress' postelection lame-duck session and 2017 making his job of commanding the House profoundly unpleasant.

A look at Ryan's headaches:

Q: Why the dissatisfaction?

A: Some Republicans say Ryan damaged Trump's chances by abandoning him.

Ryan delayed his endorsement of Trump and spent months criticizing the nominee's comments on women and others. In return, Trump has relentlessly slammed the nation's highest elected GOP official.

After the 2005 video emerged showing Trump boasting about groping women, Ryan said he would not defend Trump and would campaign solely to protect Republican control of Congress. Ryan told colleagues to handle Trump's candidacy however they wished, which many Republicans considered smart.

"If we lose the presidency, it won't be because of anything Paul Ryan did or didn't do," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla.

Q: Who's unhappy?

A: Members of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, who have a history of defying GOP leaders as insufficiently doctrinaire. It was a problem that predated Trump's emergence. Last year, these conservatives chased then- Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, from Congress.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a Freedom Caucus member, said growing numbers of people "question the loyalty of the speaker" toward Trump. Meadows recently told WAAV radio of Wilmington, North Carolina, that there will be "real discussions after Nov. 8 on who our leadership will be."

Another caucus member, Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., said he wants to see whether Ryan plans to pursue a Pacific Rim trade pact or broker deals with Clinton, if she's elected president, to ease immigration curbs or boost budget deficits. "It will all be over" if Ryan does that, Brat said in an interview, because it would show "the D.C. class has learned nothing." But the GOP caucus is divided. Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., said he has no desire to replace Ryan and said any speaker in today's divided government "is doomed to turmoil."

Q: Anyone else?

A: Other Republicans believe Ryan should have helped Trump or not split so sharply with him. A significant segment of the party's base is fiercely loyal to Trump; GOP lawmakers ignore them at their peril.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., said in an interview that if Trump loses narrowly, "Ryan will be blamed for that loss and there will be serious discussion" about replacing him.

Q: Do a few irritated Republicans matter?

A: Republicans hold a 247-188 House majority, including three vacancies. Democrats should gain 10 or more seats in November, perhaps more than 20.

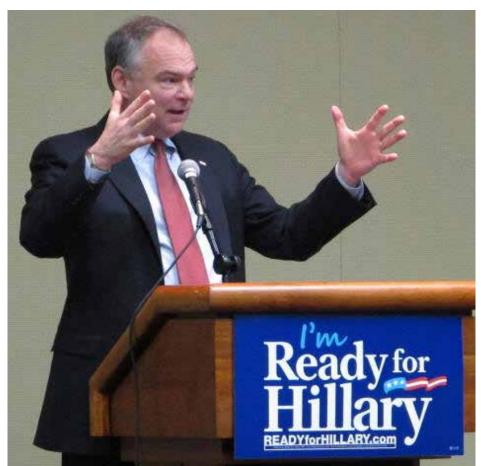
A 20-seat Democratic pickup would leave a 227-208 GOP edge. For the 218 votes Ryan needs to assure victory when the House elects its speaker in January, he could lose just nine Republicans because Democrats won't support him.

Rita Bahuguna Joshi's defection is no surprise

Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman

Rita Bahuguna Joshi's joining BJP is an eye opener for the secular India. It has proved time and again that the political leaders whichever party they belong to have no loyalty to ideology and they can switch over to any party. This proves and indicates that whom we consider a secular leader today in congress or any other so called secular parties may become the right wing leaders tomorrow. So why are we fooling ourselves by going after these so called secular leaders who have no ethics and no morals but only go after only power. Rita ji's joining BJP doesn't surprise me at all. I feel frustrated that every party who claim to follow secular agenda is using the muslim or the secular as their vote bank and we are always betrayed and no wonder tomorrow the same leaders will come back to congress and congress will again recognise them and reward them with high positions. It is time that we realise that no leader is secular and there is no difference between the leaders who are in BJP and other secular parties. If they are in secular parties, it is not because they are secular but because the situation so suits them. Wake up India wake up!!!





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Vice Presidential Candidate Tim kaine speaking at an election rally

'Most tortured man in Guantanamo Bay' freed without charge

Mohamedou Ould Slahi is the highestprofile Guantanamo detainee not connected with 9/11 A man who is widely regarded as the most tortured prisoner in the history of Guantanamo Bay has been released without charge after nearly 14 years. Mohamedou Ould Slahi, a Mauritanian national who wrote a bestselling memoir about life in the detention centre, was reunited with his family after US officials ruled he did not pose a strong enough threat to national security to continue his detention.

The Guantanamo Bay Diaries, published in January 2015, provided the first indepth account of ritual humiliation and mistreatment suffered by inmates in the controversial American military prison. In his memoir, Mr Slahi describes being shackled, blindfolded, made to stand for long periods, stripped naked, denied water and subjected to sleep deprivation, loud noise and threats of violence.

In one passage he describes being sexually abused by female interrogators. In another, he wrote that he was transported out to sea, forced to drink salt water until he vomited and then beaten in the face and ribs while immersed in ice to hide the bruising.

At the end of his tether in 2004, Slahi wrote that he resorted to making false confessions to keep his interrogators happy. In Mr Slahi's first public comments after his release, he thanked the Mauritanian president Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz for "his efforts to bring him home," according to Middle East Eye.

Mr Slahi was arrested by US forces in Mauritania following the 9/11 attacks in 2001, accused of travelling to Afghanistan in 1991 and 1992 to join al-Qaeda's fight against the communist-led government.

He was then taken to Amman by Jordanian armed forces where he was held in solitary confinement for seven months, before being flown to Guantanamo Bay in August 2003 on suspicion of involvement in a plot to bomb Los Angeles in 1999.

Mr Slahi's book, in which he also wrote about longing to be reunited with his children and starting a small business, made him the highest-profile Guantanamo detainee unconnected to the 9/11 plot.

He has reportedly been open about his actions in Afghanistan but publicly stated he had never been an enemy combatant against the US. A US intelligence threat assessment of Mr Slahi in February 2016 said that "throughout his detention" he had

"maintained his support for jihad, but



clarifies that his notion of jihad neither condones the killing of innocent people nor supports [Osama] Bin Laden's version of justice".

The Pentagon announced the decision to release Mr Slahi after a parole-like review panel of six agencies recommended his transfer in July, citing his "highly compliant behavior in detention" and "clear indications of a change in the detainee's mind-set." Nancy Hollander, one of his attorneys, said at the time: "We are thrilled that the PRB has cleared our client. We will now work toward his quick release and return to the waiting arms of his loving family. This is long overdue."

There are currently 61 prisoners remaining in Guantanamo Bay, 30 of whom have been cleared for release.

A Royal rift as Princes Charles and Andrew row over **Beatrice and Eugenie's taxpayer-funded duties**



The Queen is said to be at the centre of an extraordinary row within the Royal Family as her two eldest sons have come to blows over the futures of Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie as taxpayer-funded working royals.

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Prince Andrew, The Queen's second-born son, has long demanded that his daughters should be given more prominent roles within the Royal Family, but Prince Charles has reportedly resisted this idea. According to the Daily Express, the Queen was so stunned by the letter that she felt unable to reply and handed it to her private secretary Christopher Geidt to handle.

He raised the issue directly with Charles - who suggested that someone in government should inform his younger brother that while he will continue to play a formal role in the Royal Family in the future - his daughters will not.

A source said: "The Prince of Wales is already conscious that he divides opinion more than his mother. The last thing he wants is additional criticism by keeping peripheral royals on the public payroll."

Charles' austerity on the matter is understood to have caused friction with the Earl and Countess of Wessex also, who both gave up careers to become full-time working royals. The Queen has decreed that Prince Edward will inherit his father's title as the Duke of

Edinburgh in order to preserve his status in the royal pecking order. A senior royal aide told the Mail on Sunday that while Charles was fond of the princesses, he will not be swayed by his decision. They told the publication: "HRH has read the runes on this and doesn't believe there is public appetite for a large, unwieldy monarchy in the future - and that includes the York girls.

"It is one thing for [Charles'] brothers and sisters to continue the work they do, but quite another for their children to be afforded the same role and status. It is unjustifiable in this day and age."

The Queen's other children, Princess Anne and Prince Edward, did not seek royal titles or roles for their children. Princess Beatrice and Eugenie's place in the monarchy has long concerned members of the royal household. The sisters, particularly Beatrice, have a reputation for enjoying long, lavish and frequent holidays.

Beatrice jetted abroad 18 times between December 2014 and December 2015 alone which included several trips to the Caribbean and a stay on Roman Abramobich's superyacht in Spain. She stepped down from her last job as an associate at Sandbridge Capital in summer 2016 – the fourth role she has guit in five years - to "pursue her entrepreneurial ambitions" before holidaying in Greece and France.

Princess Eugenie has carved out a career in the art world since returning to London in 2015 from New York, getting a job as an associate director for the Hauser & Wirth art gallery.

Neither sibling conducts royal duties, although

as members of the royal family they are involved in certain activities. In 2010 they lost their 24-hour taxpayer-funded police protection after it was argued the estimated £500,000-a-year expense was unjustifiable.



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HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

Opening +	Name +	Genre 🗢	Director +	Cast
7 October	Mirzya	Drama/Romance	Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra	Harshvardhan Kapoor, Salyami Kher, Om Puri, Art Malik, K.K. Raina
	MSG: The Warrior Lion Heart	Adventure/Drama	Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, Honeypreet Insan	Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, Honeypreet Insan, Charanpreet Insan, Kainaat Insan, Garima Insan, Rajesh Insan, Sukhottam Insan, Ashok Insan, Bhushan Insan
	Tutak Tutak Tutiya	Horror Comedy	A. L. Vijay	Prabhu Deva, Tamannaah, Sonu Sood
14 October	Anna	Biographical	Shashank Udapurkar	Shashank Udapurkar, Tanishaa Mukerji, Govind Namdeo, Rajit Kapur, Sharat Saxena, Kishor Kadam
	Saat Uchakkey	Comedy	Sanjeev Sharma	Manoj Bajpayee, Anupam Kher, Kay Kay Menon, Annu Kapoor, Vijay Raaz, Aditi Sharma
	Fuddu	Drama	Sunil Subramani	[Swati Kapoor, Monali A, Sunny Leone, Sharman Joshi Pawan Kumar Sharma, Anurag Basu
	Ek Tera Saath	Supernatural Thriller	Arshad Siddiqui	Sharad Malhotra, Hritu Dudani, Melanie Nazareth, Vishwajeet Pradhan, Deepraj Rana, Gargi Patel, Aprajita Mahajan, Anubhav Dhir
	Aakhir Kab Tak	Social drama	Mithilesh Avinash	Manisha Singh, Vinay Rana ^[91]
28 October	Shivaay	Action/Drama	Ajay Devgan	Ajay Devgan, Sayesha Salgal, Erika Kaar, Ali Kazmi, Jabbz Farooqi, Vir Das, Bijou Thaangjam
	Ae Dil Hai Mushkil	Drama/Romance	Karan Johar	Ranbir Kapoor, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Anushka Sharma, Fawad Khan, Imran Abbas, Lisa Haydon
11 November	Rock On!! 2	Drama	Sujaat Saudagar	Farhan Akhtar, Arjun Rampal, Purab Kohli, [[]], Prachi Desai, Shashank Arora, Shahana Goswami
	Saansein	Romantic/Horror	Rajiv S Rula	Rajneesh Duggal, Sonarika Bhadoria, Hiten Tejwani, Neetha Shetty, Sachi Rula, Amir Dalvi, Vishal Malhotra
18 November	Tum Bin II	Romance	Anubhav Sinha	Neha Sharma, Aditya Seal, Aashim Gulati
	Force 2	Action	Abhinay Deo	John Abraham (actor), Sonakshi Sinha, Tahir Raj Bhasin
9 December	Wajah Tum Ho	Romance/Drama	Vishal Pandya	Sana Khan, Sharman Joshi, Gurmeet Choudhary
	Befikre	Romance	Aditya Chopra	Ranveer Singh, Vaani Kapoor
23 December	Dangal	Biopic	Nitesh Tiwari	Aamir Khan, Sakshi Tanwar, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Sanya Malhotra, Rajkummar Rao

NOVIE BEFIKRE

Aditya Chopra has returned -- with a film that looks positively moronic.

Befikre -- a film about reckless romantics -- stars Ranveer Singh and Vaani Kapoor, and, judging by this first trailer, delights in making a monkey out of them, while constantly asking them to make out.

It is one of the year's most disappointing trailers, and judging purely by this, Befikre might be a December release worth ignoring.

It starts with Singh and Kapoor eating burgers and learning to say 'never say I love you' in French.

We see them meet, do shots, dance on the road and tumble into bed, all in quick succession, following which the girl says she doesn't want anything complicated, while the boy looks on, thunderstruck.

It's a setup we've seen many times before -- most recently in the Sunny Leone starrer One Night Stand.

Then Ranveer propositions her, after which she dares him to slap a policeman.

Vaani Kapoor

Aditya Chopra Production

Only then will she go outwith him.

Singh obliges, following which we see a montage of dares, most of which involve public makeouts and the leads walking around in their underwear.

From this glimpse, it all looks terrifically tacky -- the shot of Singh strutting through a black-tie gala in a cowboy hat and white briefs, for example, is reminiscent more of Gunday than anything watchable the actor has been in.

Kapoor, a pretty girl with a striking smile, is frequently photographed poorly, often appearing unrecognisably odd -- especially when wearing a baseball cap.

It appears that this is Chopra's attempt to try making Yann Samuel's Love Me If You Dare, a sexually charged and heady French film starring real-life lovers Marion Cotillard and Guillaume Canet.

The film is about a pair of romantics who constantly dare each other to do outrageous things -- they take turns handing each other a tin box and saying the word 'game' -- and it is an

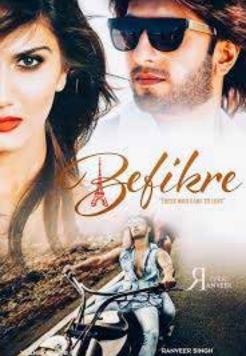
immensely fun ride.

Befikre, judging from this ominously poor trailer, might not prove to be as much.

The dares seem repetitive, the actors look uncomfortable -- especially when making out in a car, with their body language all wonky and wooden -- and simply throwing some French words into a Hindi trailer doesn't automatically class it up.

The film releases on December 9, and right now it's hard to muster up excitement for something that looks this inane.

The trailer ends with the two of them riffing on a DDLJ routine and making a gag of it, because, as we know, it isn't humanly possible for Aditya Chopra to avoid referencing his greatest triumph with every single Yash Raj production over the last two decades.





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November 2016 WWW.Asia Times.US On the lighter side....



There's this 'not-so-bright' young woman out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another woman on the opposite bank.

"Yoo-hoo" she shouts, "how can I get to the other side?"

The second woman looks up the river, then down the river, then shouts back, "You are on the other side."

Mama bear, papa bear, and baby bear were having a great time chasing vacationers in a car as they were visiting Yellowstone National Park.

"Daddy?"

"Yes, Baby Bear?"

"I think we could be doing a better job of scaring these vacationers."

"But Baby Bear," Mama Bear injected. "What more can we do?"

"Maybe we'd have more of an effect on them if we got out of this car and started chasing them on all fours!"

My family was playing a trivia board game one night. When it was my brother-in-law's turn, he rolled the dice and landed on "Science & Nature."

His question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

He thought for a moment and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

Officer to driver going the wrong way up a one way street. "And where do you think you are going?"

Driver: "I'm not sure, but I must be late as everyone else is already coming back."



A police officer arrives at the scene of an accident, in which a car smashed into a tree.

The cop rushes over to the vehicle and asks the driver, "Are you seriously hurt?"

"How should I know?" the man answers, "I'm not a lawyer!"

A married couple were vacationing in Hawaii and disagreed on the correct pronunciation of the state name. He said it was Hawaii and his wife said it was Havaii.

They stopped a man on the street to ask his opinion. He said the correct pronunciation was Havaii. The man's wife was delighted and thanked the man.

The man said, "You're velcome."

After a young couple brought their new baby home, the wife suggested that her husband should try his hand at changing diapers.

"I'm busy," he said, "I'll do the next one."

The next time came around and she asked again. The husband looked puzzled. "Oh! I didn't mean the next diaper. I

meant the next baby."

A man and his wife are dining at a table in a plush restaurant, and the husband keeps staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sits alone at a nearby table.

The wife asks, "Do you know her?"

"Yes," sighs the husband, "she's my ex-girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up seven years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" says the wife. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

The wife chewed out her husband at the company picnic awhile back. "Doesn't it embarrass you that people have seen you go up to the buffet table five times?"

"Not a bit," the husband replied. "I just tell them I'm filling up the plate for you!"

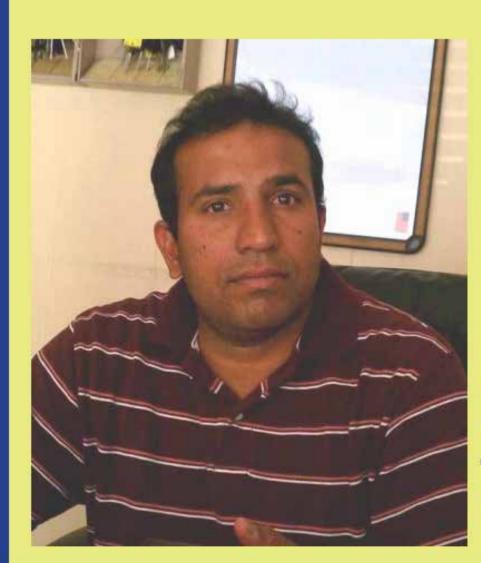
newly married couple was having breakfast at their new apartment when the next door neighbor hung out laundry that appeared to still be dirty.

The new wife commented to her husband that their neighbor did not how to properly do laundry, how to put in correct amount of bleach. detergent, etc. She made this comment every Monday for the next month. Finally, one day, the neighbor's wash appeared to be perfectly clean. The new wife commented on this and said the whole load looked really good.

The husband then replied, "Honey, I got up early today and washed our windows."

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