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The World Health Organization warns of very high risk posed by the omicron variant

The World Health Organization is warning that the new omicron variant of the coronavirus poses a “very high” global risk because of the possibility that it spreads more easily and might resist vaccines and immunity in people who were infected with previous strains.

In a technical brief issued, the WHO warned its 194 member states that the new variant’s numerous mutations “may confer immune escape potential and possibly transmissibility advan-

tage,” and as a result “the likelihood of potential further spread of omicron at the global level is high.”

It says that the risk to vulnerable populations — especially in countries with low vaccination rates — could be “substantial.”

However, it cautions that there’s still considerable uncertainty about the virus, including how easily it spreads, how dangerous it is, whether it can evade vaccines and immunity, how it re-

sponds to diagnostic tests and therapeutics, and even its specific symptoms.

“The vaccines were designed, basically, to keep people out of hospital, and they’ve stood up and they’ve done that very well,” Dr. Margaret Harris, a public health doctor and WHO spokesperson, told NPR’s Morning Edition. “So we really need to know whether this particular version is going to change that picture.”

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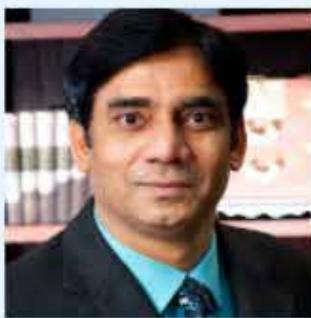
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Famous poet Abbas Tabish presenting Shawkat Mohammed with Beauty of Humanity award for his on going support towards charity program.

Famous choreographer Siva Shankar Master passed away

Famous dance director, actor Siva Shankar Master is no more. A man who was recently affected by corona took his last breath while getting treatment in Hyderabad AIG. He has provided dances to songs in more than 800 movies in 10 languages including Tamil and Telugu films. Worked for most southern language films. He who started his career as an assistant to the movie 'Pattu Bharatamamam' in 1975 became a dance director with the movie 'Kuruvikudu'. Not only as a choreographer, but as an actor, he has stamped himself on a silver screen. Siva Shankar Master who became an actor with the movie 'Alay' released in 2003, has spread laughter with various acting in more than 30 movies. The baby got his own stamp on the screen. Treated as a legal decision for several shows. Many choreographers who have discipleship with him are currently top dance directors. Shiva Shankar has two sons. Vijay Siva Shankar, Ajay Siva Shanker both are dance masters.

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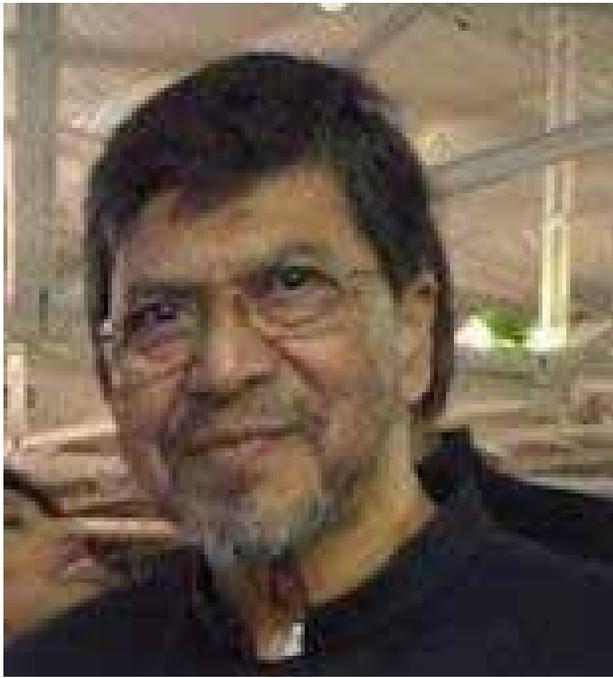


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Dr Mohammed Yousufuddin, Thoracic surgeon from Columbia, South Carolina (who moved to Arlington last year) passed away on 11/23/2021 He is originally from Hyderabad, did his medical degree from Osmania in 1964 and came to South Carolina in 1967. He was one of the founders of islamic community in Columbia. His Janazah will be on Friday 11/26 in Arlington and burial in Ar Rawdah islamic cemetery in Joshua, TX.



A Billboard sign by ICI



Brooklyn-based Pakistani singer Arooj Aftab has been nominated in two categories at The Grammy Awards. Many congratulations

Left Pic:

This is Sheikh Imam Muhammad Mahmoud. Anchor and Imam of London's biggest mosques. Son of the Western Governorate, and the Azhari Institute. Wasam has received an imperial order from the Queen of Britain. His engagement on Friday is attended by thousands of Muslims. Sheikh Mohammed Mahmoud is 36 years old, and his passion for knowledge and prayer made him the first Imam in London UK among all the scholars

Muslim Community Center for Human Services (MCCHS) Celebrated its 25th Anniversary on November 5th, 2021 at the DFW Airport Marriott

The celebration was attended by 250 community leaders and dignitaries representing people of different faiths and ethnicities. It was well-organized by the Executive Director, Chairman, staff, and many volunteers of MCC.

Dr. Basheer Ahmed, Chairman Emeritus, gave a very brief history of the foundation and program development of MCC for Human Services. In the 1990s, there was an influx of Muslim refugees coming to the Dallas-Fort Worth area from war-torn Bosnia, Iraq, and other countries. Catholic Charities was assisting these refugees in resettlement. Dr. Ahmed was providing consultation to Catholic Charities and he was contacted by Catholic Charities to help the Muslim refugees find a place of worship and Islamic school. There were only 4 masjids in this area at that time, and they did not have enough resources to answer the phone calls and provide any kind of social service. Dr. Ahmed also found out that there were no Muslim social agencies in the Dallas-Fort Worth area or even in the state of Texas for helping Muslim refugees. He called a meeting of Muslim community leaders and with their enthusiastic support, the Muslim Community Center for Human Services was established as the first Muslim charitable organization in the state of Texas. The center was incorporated and received tax-exempt status to provide medical and social services to incoming refugees. A helpline was immediately established and information was circulated throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area about MCC's services for refugees. Based on the needs of the refugees, the first Muslim charitable medical clinic was established in 1998. 18 physicians volunteered for service. Regular screening services were provided in health fairs to the refugees and indigent residents for early detection of hypertension and diabetes and referring patients to the appropriate clinics and public health services for early treatment.

From there on, MCC established many services; a mental health clinic, dental clinic, eye clinic, domestic violence program, child abuse program, marital counseling, and other services. In 2004, the center opened its doors to all indigent residents in the area, irrespective of ethnicity, religion,



race, or country of origin.

MCC's mission is to build strong families and harmonious communities in North Texas, regardless of religion, ethnicity, race, and country of origin. They do this by providing free or low-cost healthcare, social services, educational programs, especially for those who are experiencing barriers due to lack of health insurance, language, and cultural barriers. They offer counseling on a variety of issues, including domestic violence.

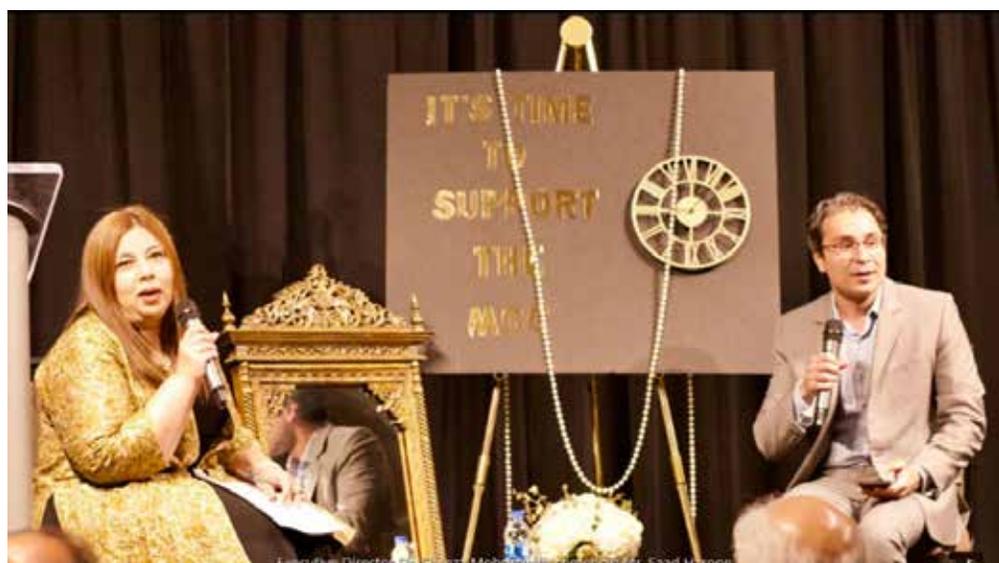
The center receives funding from the federal government, state government, private corporations, but the primary source of financial support comes from the community members.

Dr. Ahmed has announced his retirement and is giving the responsibility of carrying on the MCC to the new Chairman, Mr. Sameer Ahmed, Executive Director, Dr. Sheeza Mohsin, and the MCC Board members. He shows confidence that the board, staff, and volunteers, will continue to accomplish the mission and take the organization to the next level.

Ms. Sharen Wilson, the former judge and the current district attorney of Tarrant County, was the guest of honor and was recognized for her compassion and dedication for the victims of domestic



violence. MCC also recognized board members, Dr. Wasiq Zaidi and Mr. Ismail Tahir for their selfless services to MCC. Dr. Basheer Ahmed also received recognition for his 25 years of leadership and services to the organization. Chairman Sameer Ahmed and Executive Director Dr. Sheeza Mohsin gave their plan for 2022 and beyond. A sumptuous Mediterranean dinner was served, and the entertainment was provided by Saad Haroon and Aman Ali.



Ghazal Night "Mohabbatein" held in Dallas



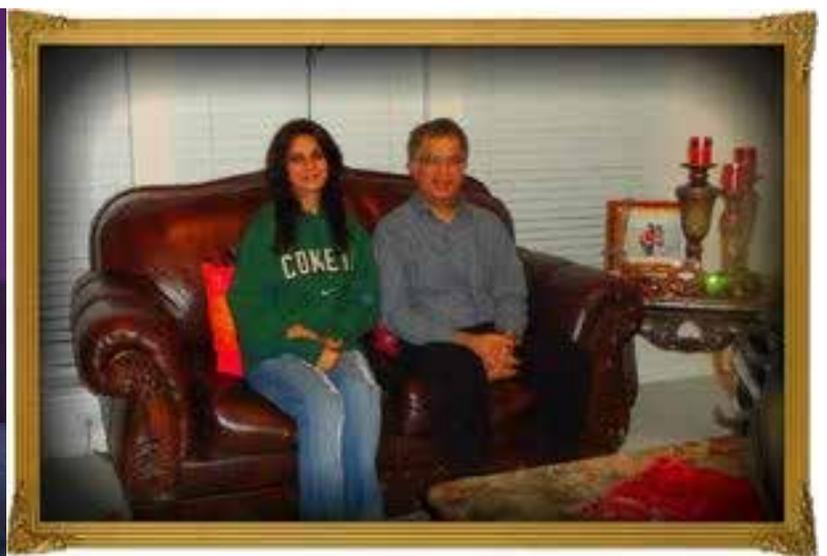
Dr Adnan Qadir Khan has been appointed as the Chief Economist

LONDON: An economist of Pakistani origin Dr Adnan Qadir Khan has been appointed as the Chief Economist for the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in the UK government. The LSE's School of Public Policy announced in a congratulatory message that their Academic Director and Professor Adnan Khan, currently a professor at the London School of Economics (LSE), has been appointed as Chief Economist at the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) from January 2022. The LSE said that Dr Adnan Qadir Khan will be missed. Dr Khan has served as LSE's professor and academic director at the School of Public Policy for several years.

Originally from Dera Ghazi



Khan, Dr Khan studied engineering, philosophy and international affairs from UET and Punjab University. He worked at different positions in Pakistan. He was recruited to the Pakistan Administrative Service after standing first in the Civil Service Examination in 1995. He also stood first after



completing training at the Civil Services Academy. He worked with socially-relevant theatre when in Lahore and worked with several organisations working for human rights in Pakistan. He has been a founder board member of the Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP) since 2010

InternationalThe News
By Saeed Niazi

Dallas resident Ms Nazia Khan is the sister of Dr Adnan Qadir Khan



Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan and Consul General Ayesha Ali met with Mayor elect Eric Adams and congratulated him on his historic victory and thanked him for his close cooperation with the Pakistani American community.



Ambasaador Asad Majeed Khan and Consul General Ayesha Ali met with assembly women elect Sadaf Jaffer and Shama Haider and congratulated them on their historic win in NJ State Assembly election.

A new coronavirus variant Omicron (aa-muh-kraan) causes high Anxiety

M.B.Ahmed M.D.

Countries around the world are anxious about the spread of Omicron a “variant of Covid.” Alpha was more contagious than the original version of the virus, and Delta was even more contagious than Alpha. Omicron seems likely to be more contagious than Delta. Omicron has about 50 mutations, including more than 30 in the spike, a viral protein on its surface that the vaccines train the body to recognize and attack. Omicron also has 26 unique spike mutations, compared with 10 in Delta and six in Beta. Many of them seem likely to render the variant more difficult for our immune system to recognize and thwart.

Omicron was first detected in southern Africa. Fast, honest work by South Africa has allowed the world to get on top of this variant. It carries several genetic mutations and may spread more quickly than Delta, even among those who are vaccinated. Scientists simply do not have adequate data yet to assess whether the new variant causes more severe disease. Vaccines are expected to provide some protection against Omicron because they stimulate not only antibodies but immune cells that can attack infected cells.

Omicron has already been spotted in various parts of the world, Hong Kong, Belgium Germany, Italy, and Britain. Britain reimposed a mask-wearing order for stores and for public transportation. New York State declared a state of emergency in anticipation of a new surge in cases and US announced a travel ban against foreign nationals coming in from eight African countries.

There should be a global effort to get more people in Africa vaccinated. While global vaccinations have been rising quickly, much of the African continent has been left behind. In South Africa, just under a quarter of the population has been fully vaccinated.

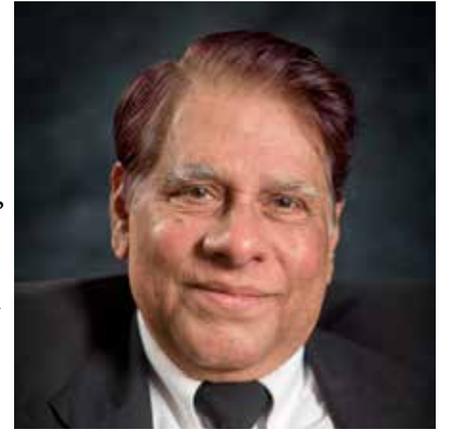
What we need to do: Since we have 2 years’ experience with COVID we should be able to control this new mutant. However, we need to remain cautious and be prepared as more new strains will be coming in future.

We need stricter testing regimens involving several tests over time and even quarantine requirements for all travelers. In about two to three weeks, lab research and epidemiological data may provide a clearer picture of how transmissible this variant is, how it affects the severity of illness, and whether and how much it can evade some vaccine protection.

The vaccines may well continue to ward off severe illness and death. BioNTech/Pfizer has already said it could have vaccines targeting this variant in as little as three months. Both companies also plan to test whether booster shots will bolster the immune system enough to fend off the new variant. To get a full picture of the effectiveness of the vaccines against Omicron, scientists look not just at antibody levels but also at immune cells that can recognize and destroy infected cells. Even if the vaccines hold up against Omicron, new versions will probably be needed at some point, and perhaps soon.

New antiviral drugs may cut down death rates and hospitalizations in high-risk patients because they target enzymes that the virus needs to replicate. Now, these recent antiviral drugs (yet to be authorized even in the United States) are expensive, though Pfizer has talked of cheaper access for lower- and middle-income countries.

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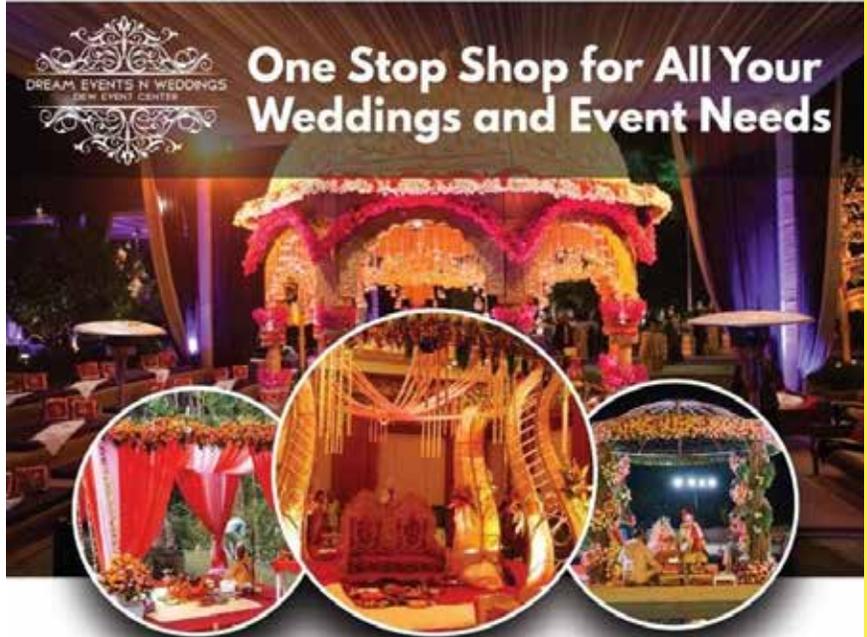
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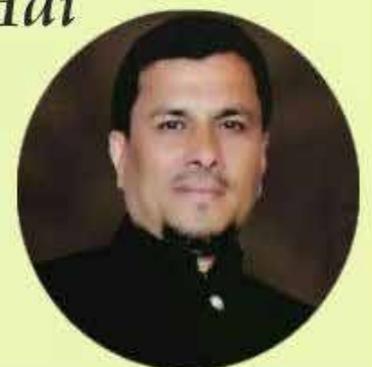
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Kuwait emir makes public appearance after delegating most duties

Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah made a public appearance on state television on Wednesday more than a week after temporarily handing over most of his responsibilities to the Gulf state's crown prince, his designated heir.

Sheikh Nawaf, who has looked frail in his recent appearances, had asked Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah to take over most of his main constitutional responsibilities, without specifying for how long.

Kuwaitia television channel showed the emir receiving the crown prince, newly reappointed Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid and parliament speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim.

The crown prince renamed Sheikh Sabah as premier and asked him to form a new cabinet, following the government's resignation on Nov. 8 in a move aimed at ending a standoff with the elected parliament that has hindered fiscal reform efforts.

In a trembling voice, Sheikh Nawaf wished the three men success in their mission, stressing "the great responsibility" they face.

As part of efforts to defuse the feud, the emir had issued an amnesty pardoning political dissidents, including former MPs in self-exile abroad, some of whom returned home last week.

Several opposition lawmakers had sought to question Sheikh Sabah on various issues, including the handling of the coronavirus pandemic and corruption allegations.

Frequent political deadlock in Kuwait has for decades caused cabinet reshuffles and dissolutions of parliament, which enjoys more power than similar bodies in other Gulf monarchies, including to pass and block laws, question ministers and submit no-confidence votes against senior government officials.



The political instability has hindered reform and investment.

(Reporting by Aziz El Yaakoubi; Editing by Hugh Lawson)

Israel plans large settlement at shuttered Jerusalem airport

Israel is moving ahead with plans to build a massive Jewish settlement on the site of a long-abandoned airport that the Palestinians had hoped would one day service their future capital in east Jerusalem.

It's one of several settlement projects that are advancing despite condemnation by the Biden administration, which along with the Palestinians and much of the international community views the settlements as an obstacle to resolving the century-old conflict.

The Atarot settlement would include 9,000 housing units marketed to ultra-Orthodox Jews, making it a "small city" of some 50,000 people next to three densely populated Palestinian communities, according to Hagit Ofran of the Israeli anti-settlement monitoring group Peace Now.

One of the Palestinian neighborhoods, Kufr Aqab, is within Jerusalem's municipal boundaries but on the other side of Israel's controversial separation barrier, a towering concrete wall that runs along the edge of the proposed site. The settlement would be right next to Qalandiya, the main military checkpoint between Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, through which tens of thousands of Palestinians travel each day.

And it would be built on what was once the runway of a century-old airport with a storied history, which today is abandoned and overrun by weeds, with crows nesting on the control tower.

"We are at the heart of a Palestinian urban area," Ofran said. "If Israel builds here a settlement, we are blocking and torpedoing the possibility of an independent Palestinian state and a two-state agreement."

Israel captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 war, along with the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and annexed it in a move not recognized internationally. The Palestinians want all three territories to form their future state and for east Jerusalem to be their capital.

Israel considers all of Jerusalem to be its unified capital and views the settlements as Jewish neighborhoods built to meet the needs of a fast-growing population and to prevent the city from being divided.

"Jerusalem is a living, breathing, growing capital city of the state of Israel," Deputy Mayor Fleur Hassan-Nahoum said. "The housing project will provide thousands of much needed housing units."

An Israeli government official said the project is in the early stages of planning, and that it will likely be years before it comes up for government approval. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan is still being discussed at the municipality level.

Ofran acknowledged it would be at least four years before construction begins, but said the planning process is well underway. A municipal committee voted in support of the project on Wednesday, and a district committee is expected to approve it Dec. 6.

"As soon as they approve it, it's like a snowball," Ofran said.

Hassan-Nahoum, the deputy mayor, noted that Israel has facilitated the construction of an industrial zone and a shopping mall nearby that cater to Palestinians.

But even if they can work and shop in Jerusalem, Pal-

estinians suffer from a severe housing crisis rooted in a discriminatory permit system and lack of space. That has forced thousands to build without authorization — at risk of demolition — or move to the occupied West Bank. Dozens of Palestinian families face possible eviction by settler organizations pushing into crowded east Jerusalem neighborhoods.

Khalil Tufakji, a Palestinian cartographer and former peace negotiator focused on Jerusalem issues, said the new settlement is part of a larger process of pushing Palestinians out of the city and bringing in Jewish residents in order to change its character and prevent any future partition.

"It's fundamental demographic change in favor of Israel," he said.

At the southern edge of the planned settlement stands an abandoned control tower and terminal that were once part of a small but bustling international airport.

The British built a military airfield in the early 1920s, when Jerusalem was the administrative capital of the Palestine Mandate. Jordan captured the site along with the rest of east Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation and transformed it into a civilian airport catering to religious pilgrims and other travelers.

In the 1950s and 1960s, tourists could shuttle between Jerusalem and destinations across Europe and the Middle East, including Rome, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, and even cities in Saudi Arabia and Iran. Eldad Brin, an Israeli researcher who recently published a scholarly article on the airport, says it serviced 100,000 passengers in 1966.

IFTEKHAR SHAREEF PAGE



King of Comedy from Hyderabad Qader Shareef night on completing his 50 years entertaining people of India . Houseful show program attended by who's who of Hyderabad.



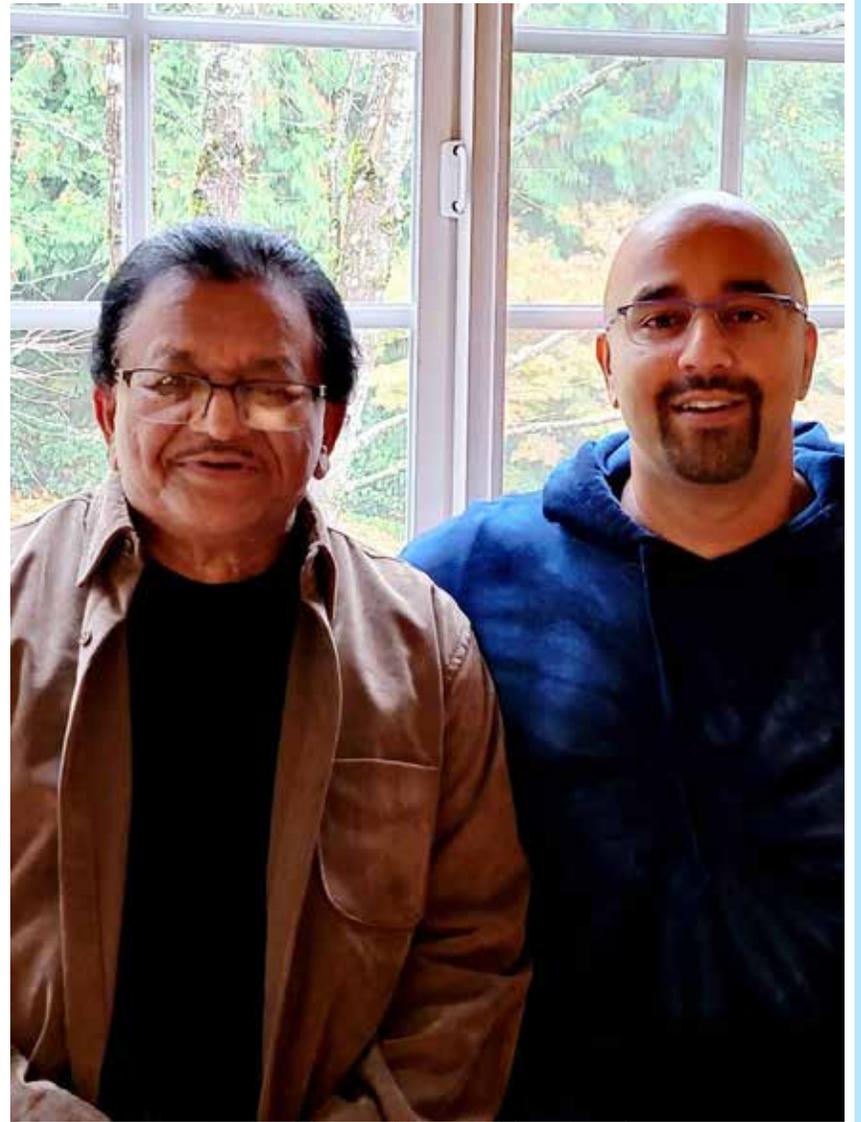
Birthday Get together of Mushtaq Hussain brother of Nampally MLA (AIMIM) Mehraj Hussain Sahab. Mushtaq Hussain who is the chairman of Pariwar Group hosted friends get together at his farm house Pariwar Farm House in Moinabad, Hyderabad.



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Waliuddin with Mayor of Glendale heights Choudhry Khokar at a function.



Waliuddin with son Adil in Seattle



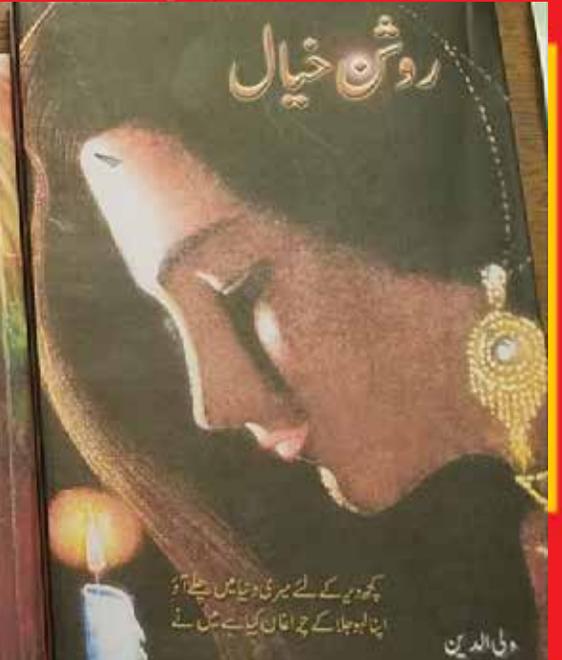
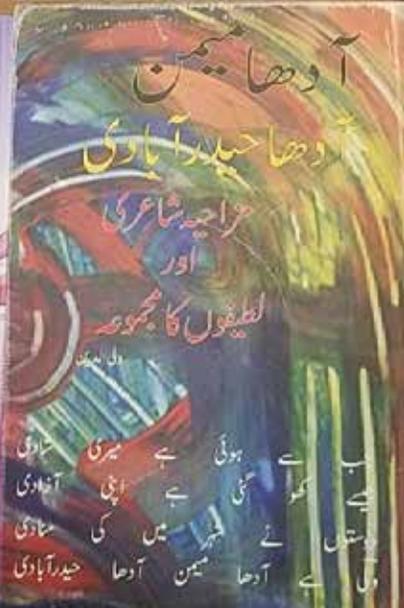
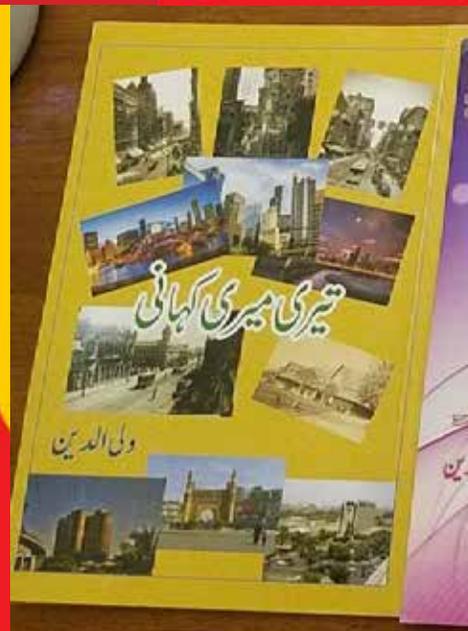
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Dr. Shuja Ul Mulk (Fawad) passes away



DR, Shuja Ul Mulk passed away in Chicago . Namaz e Janazah was held at Masjid al Huda, Schaumburg. Record number of people attended the Janazah. Burial was done at Bluff City cemetery, Elgin.



Dr Mulk with Azeem A. Quadeer, Shakeel Quadri, Mujeeb Osman, Dr Faiz Shareef and Syed Hussain



Parwaz Ekram, Avni Singh, Shahid Lateef after performing at an event in Chicago

New mosque approved in Naperville, after compromise on future phases

Ashfaq Hussain Syed

Islamic Center of Naperville, God willing to design and build one of the finest mosques in Chicagoland!

Congratulations to the Islamic Center of Naperville Community for receiving, unanimous approval from the City Council. The 9-0 approval from the Council, allows ICN to build its 4th Community Center in South Naperville. We are humbled by the support for the project, from majority of the Community, including Interfaith Leaders.

Thank you to the City of Naperville and to the ICN leadership. The PZC hearings over this past year, collaboration with our neighbors, and the culmination of the overall process today, with the unanimous approval from City Council, validates our democratic institutions and the local government.

The world had its eyes on Naperville for the past 10 months, and once again we have proved we are One Naperville!

Special thanks goes to Naperville Mayor Chirico, Councilmembers Benjamin M. White, Ian Holzhauser, Pat Kelly, Theresa Sullivan, Patty Gustin, Jennifer Bruzan Taylor, Paul Hinterlong, Paul Leong, City Manager and staff who worked tirelessly for one year!

Thank you once again to our wonderful Naperville community leaders who stood with us like a rock from day one.



December 2021 Hindu Festival & Holidays

01 Wed World Aids Day
 09 Thu Shasti
 11 Sat Durga Ashtami Vrat
 14 Tue Gita Jayanti , Mokshada Ekadashi
 16 Thu Dhanu Sankranti , Pradosh Vrat ,
 Anang Trayodashi Vrat

Significance. Sashti is the day that Lord Muruga defeated the demon Soorapadman. When the devas could not tolerate the evil doings of this demon, they approached the younger son of Lord Shiva and Parvati for his assistance. He fought Soorapadman for six days, at the end of which the Lord vanquished the asura.

Durga Ashtami

Durga Ashtami or Maha Ashtami is one of the most auspicious days of the five days long Durga Puja Festival. Traditionally, the festival is observed for 10 days in Hindu households but the actual puja that takes place in the 'pandals' is held over a period of 5 days (starting from Shashthi). In India fasting is undertaken by Hindu people on this holy occasion. People also get together on this day to dance 'garba' and wear colourful clothes. This day is also known for 'Astra Puja' (Worshipping Weapons) as on this day the weapons of goddess Durga are worshiped. The day is also known as Vira Ashtami as there are seen to use arms or martial arts on this day.

Description

The eighth day of Navratri or Durga Puja celebrations is known as Durgashtami, or Durga Ashtami. It is also known as Mahashtami and is one of the most auspicious day according to Hinduism. It falls on bright lunar fortnight Ashtami tithi of Aswina month according to the Hindu calendar.

It is believed in some regions, the goddess Chamunda appeared on this day from the

forehead of Mother Durga and annihilated Chanda, Munda, and Rakthabija (the demons who were associates of Mahishasura). The 64 Yoginis and Ashta Shakti or matrikas (the eight ferocious form of Goddess Durga) are worshiped during the Durga Puja rituals on Mahashtami. The Ashta Shakti, also known as Eight Shaktis, are interpreted differently in different regions of India. But ultimately, all the eight goddesses are incarnations of Shakti. They are the same powerful Divine Feminine, representing different energies.

The Ashta Shakti worshiped during Durga Puja are Brahmani, Maheswari, Kaumari, Vaishnavi, Varahi, Narasinghi, Indrani and Chamunda.

Tradition

Maha Ashtami Kumari Puja

A tradition associated with Durga Ashtami originated in North India is to honor the kanyaka in the home. A group of young, unmarried girls (a group of five to seven) are invited into the home to honor them. The tradition is based on the belief that



each of these young girls (kanyaka), represents the shakti (energy) of Durga on Earth. The group of girls are welcomed by washing their feet (a common ceremony in India to welcome someone), welcoming them into the home, and then the rituals are done as Alati and Puja. After the rituals the girls are fed sweets and foods and

honored with small gifts.

Recent and upcoming Durga Ashtami dates are: Sunday, 6th October 2019; Friday, 23rd October 2020; Wednesday 13th October 2021; and Monday, 3rd October 2022.

Mokshada Ekadashi

Mokshada Ekadashi is a Hindu holy day, which falls on the 11th lunar day (ekadashi) of the fortnight of the waxing moon in the Hindu month of Margashirsha (Agrahayana), corresponding to November–December. Hindus, particularly Vaishnavas observe a 24-hour fast in honour of the god Krishna, an avatar of Vishnu.

As the name itself indicates, Mokshada Ekadashi is a highly auspicious day dedicated to worship of Lord Vishnu - Shri Hari to get rid of all your sins and to achieve moksha or liberation after death. The ekadashi is celebrated on the same day as Gita Jayanti, the day when Krishna gave the holy sermon of the Bhagavad Gita to the Pandava prince Arjuna, as described in the Hindu epic Mahabharata. The 700-verse Bhagavad Gita told at the beginning of the climactic Mahabharata war between the Pandavas and their cousins, the Kauravas at Kurukshetra, deals with a variety of Hindu philosophical ideas

Legend

The legend about Mokshada Ekadashi is narrated by the god Krishna to the Pandava King Yudhishtira in the Brahmanda Purana. Once, a saintly king called Vaikhanasa ruled in the city of

Champakanagar with total compassion treating the subjects as his own children. His subjects belonged to the Vishnu-worshipping Vaishnava sect and were very erudite in Vedic knowledge. Once in the night, the king had a dream and saw his late father being tormented in Naraka (Hell), ruled by Yama, the god of death. The king was highly anguished and related this nightmare to his council the next day. He sought their advice as to how to free his dead father and his ancestors from tortures of Hell and grant them moksha (salvation). The council advised the king to approach the omniscient saint, Parvata Muni ("sage of the mountain"). The sage meditated and found the reason for the hellish torture of the king's father. He mentioned that his father had committed the sin of quarrelling with his wife and having coitus with her in her menstrual cycle, in spite of her strong protests. As a solution to rectify the situation, the sage suggested to the king to observe vrata (vow) of the Mokshada Ekadashi day. On Moksha Ekadashi, the king observed the vrata with a complete fast along with his wife, children and relatives with full faith and devotion. The king's religious merit (obtained from the vrata) pleased the gods of heaven, who carried the king's father to heaven. Mokshada Ekadashi is compared



with the chintamani, the gem that yields all desires and special merit is achieved by the vrata, by which one can elevate someone from hell to heaven or attain salvation himself. Practices

The complete fast from sunrise on Mokshada Ekadashi to the dawn the next day is observed. People who cannot fast for that period observe a partial fast. Only vegetarian food, especially fruits, vegetables, milk products and nuts, are consumed. Eating rice, beans, pulses, garlic, and onions is prohibited on this day. Like most ekadashis, the rites involve worship and prayers to Vishnu. On this day, the avatar Krishna is also worshipped.

Devotees properly observing the fast are believed to attain moksha after death.



Who is Wasim Rizvi, and why is he often in controversy?

Former Uttar Pradesh Shia Central Waqf Board chairman Wasim Rizvi is in the eye of the storm for filing a PIL in the Supreme Court seeking the removal from the Quran of 26 verses, which he alleges “teach violence”.

Rizvi, 50, is not new to controversy and has been in the news for his statements on issues such as triple talaq and the Ayodhya dispute, as well as for cases of corruption and promoting enmity lodged against him.

While Rizvi often takes positions on contentious issues that align with the BJP, leaders from the ruling party, including former Union Minister Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain, have condemned his latest move. “I strongly object to and condemn Wasim Rizvi’s petition seeking removal of 26 verses from Quran. It is my party’s stand that saying absurd things about any religious texts, including Quran, is a highly condemnable act,” Hussain said.

Who is Wasim Rizvi?



A group of Muslims read the Quran during a protest against Wasim Rizvi, in front of his house, on March 13.

Till last year, Wasim Rizvi was chairman of the UP Shia Central Waqf Board, a post he held for over a decade.

The son of a Class II railways employee, Rizvi never finished college. He was elected a Sama-

jwadi Party (SP) corporator from Kashmiri Mohalla ward of Old City in Lucknow in 2000, and in 2008, became a member of the Shia Waqf Board.

In 2012, Rizvi was expelled from the SP for six years after falling out with Shia cleric Kalbe Jawwad, who accused him of siphoning off funds. Following this, the Shia Waqf Board was also dissolved. But Rizvi later got relief from the court and was reinstated.

While he was once considered close to SP leader Azam Khan, Rizvi has been seen as sending overtures to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath after the BJP came to power in Uttar Pradesh.

In 2019, he wrote and produced a movie, ‘Ram Ki Janmabhoomi’.

Rizvi, in his PIL, alleged that the 26 verses “promote violence”, and were not part of the original Quran, but were added in later revisions, and

should hence be removed from the holy book.

Shias and Sunnis have come together to condemn this, claiming the PIL is nothing but a publicity stunt and an attempt to hurt religious sentiments. After the plea was filed on March

11, there have been protests against Rizvi in several cities, and police complaints — including one by a BJP leader in Jammu and Kashmir, and one in Bareilly in UP — have been lodged against him.

A Moradabad-based lawyer has been booked for allegedly announcing a reward of Rs 11 lakh for “beheading” Rizvi. Another Muslim outfit in Uttar Pradesh, Shiane Haider-e-Karrar Welfare Association, has earlier announced a Rs 20,000 reward for Rizvi’s beheading. Some Muslim religious leaders have demanded Rizvi’s excommunication.

Cases against Wasim Rizvi

In November 2020, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered two cases against Rizvi and others in connection with alleged irregularities in the sale, purchase and transfer of waqf properties in UP.

The police investigation into the matter is older, with one case being lodged in Prayagraj in 2016 at the Kotwali police station under IPC sections 441 (criminal trespass) and 447 (punishment for criminal trespass), and the other registered at the Hazratganj police station in Lucknow in 2017 under IPC sections 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 409 (breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

Rizvi alleged a “conspiracy” behind the cases. Last year, he claimed that nothing came out of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probe in the Lucknow case, while he was not directly involved in the Prayagraj matter.

Earlier, in February 2020, the UP government gave the Prayagraj police sanction to prosecute Rizvi in a 2016 case in which he was booked for promoting enmity. The case pertained to alleged illegal construction at Imam Bara, a religious place, in Prayagraj.

“Rizvi is accused of changing original form of the religious place — Imam Bara — by carrying out illegal construction. Several other sections of IPC, including 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, etc) and 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings), were also invoked. Section 153-A was included because there was an attempt to promote religious sentiments by changing original form of the religious place,” Investigating Officer of the case, Sub-Inspector Ravindra Yadav, had told The Indian Express at the time.

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The US city run by Muslim Americans

A walk down the main street in Hamtramck, Michigan, feels like a tour around the world.

A Polish sausage store and an Eastern European bakery sit alongside a Yemeni department store and a Bengali clothing shop. Church bells ring out along with the Islamic call to prayer.

“The world in two square miles” - Hamtramck lives up to its slogan, with around 30 languages spoken within its 5 sq km area.

This month, the Midwestern city of 28,000 has reached a milestone. Hamtramck has elected an all-Muslim City Council and a Muslim mayor, becoming the first in the US to have a Muslim-American government.

Once faced with discrimination, Muslim residents have become integral to this multicultural city, and now make up more than half its population.

And despite economic challenges and intense cultural debates, residents in Hamtramck from different religious and cultural backgrounds coexist in harmony, making the city a meaningful case study for America's future of rising diversity.

But will Hamtramck be an exception or a rule?

The arc of Hamtramck's history from beginnings as a town of German settlers to the modern day - it was America's first majority-Muslim city - is etched in its streets.

Storefronts display signs in Arabic and Bengali, embroidered Bangladeshi garments and Jambiyas, a type of short curved blade from Yemen, are seen in store windows. Muslim residents queue up to buy paczki, a kind of custard-filled Polish doughnut.

“It's not unusual to see some with mini-skirts and tattoos and some in burqas walking on the same street. This is all about us,” said Zlatan Sadikovic, a Bosnian immigrant who owns a café in downtown Hamtramck.

A stone's throw outside Detroit, which partly envelops the city, Hamtramck was once part of the epicentre of America's automotive industry, dominated by the General Motors plant that straddled its border with ‘Motor City’. The first Cadillac Eldorado rolled off the assembly line in Hamtramck in the 1980s.

Over the course of the 20th Century, it became known as “Little Warsaw”, as Polish immigrants flocked in for the blue-collar jobs. The city was one of the stops of Polish-born Pope John Paul II's US tour in 1987. In 1970, as much as 90% of the city was of Polish origin.

However, that decade saw the beginning of the long decline of US car manufacturing, and younger, wealthier Polish Americans began moving to the suburbs. The change made Hamtramck one of Michigan's poor-

est cities, but the affordability attracted immigrants.

Over the last 30 years, Hamtramck transformed again, to become a landing pad for Arab and Asian immigrants, notably those from Yemen and Bangladesh. A significant portion of the city's residents today - 42% - are foreign born. More than half are believed to be practising Muslims.

The newly elected government's makeup reflects the changing demographics in Hamtramck. The city council will include two Bengali Americans, three Yemeni Americans and a Polish-American convert to Islam.

Winning 68% of the vote, Amer Ghalib will be the first Yemeni-American mayor in the US.

“I feel honoured and proud, but I know it's a big responsibility,” Mr Ghalib, 41, said.

Born in a village in Yemen, he moved to the US when he was 17, first working in a factory making plastic car parts near Hamtramck. He later learned English and received medical training, and now works as a healthcare professional.

Rather than being a “melting pot” or “salad bowl”, Hamtramck is more like a “seven-layer cake” where different groups retain their distinct cultures while closely co-existing with each other, said city councilmember-elect Amanda Jaczkowski. “People are still proud of their culture specifically, whereas if it's assimilation, we would lose the uniqueness.”

“When you live this close to each other, you are forced to overcome those differences,” Ms Jaczkowski, 29, said.

But Hamtramck “is not Disneyland”, said Karen Majewski, the outgoing mayor who will have served in office for 15 years before stepping down. “It's just a small place. And we do have conflicts.”

Friction arose in 2004 following a vote to broadcast the Islamic call to prayer in public. Some residents have argued that a ban on bars near mosques hurts the local economy.

Six years ago, when it became the first American city to elect a Muslim-majority government, press from all over the world descended upon Hamtramck. Some media reports at the time painted a picture of a “tense” town with an influx of Muslims. A national TV anchor asked whether Ms Majewski was afraid of being mayor.

There was even speculation from some that a Muslim-controlled city council might impose Shariah law.

“In Hamtramck, people roll their eyes at that kind of talk,” said Ms Majewski.

She was “gratified” that Hamtramck has been a welcoming community, she said, and it's “natural” for new residents to vote for those who understand their experience and their languages.

The US Census Bureau does not collect information about religion, but the Pew Research Center think tank estimates that there were about 3.85 million Muslims living in the US in 2020, making up about 1.1% of the total population. By 2040, Muslims are projected to become the second largest religious group in the US, after Christians.

Despite their growing presence, Muslims in America have often been subjected to prejudice. Twenty years after the 9/11 attack, Islamophobia still haunts Muslims and other Arab Americans. Close to half of Muslim-American adults told Pew in 2016 that they had personally experienced some form of discrimination, when the then-candidate Donald Trump proposed a ban on immigrants from Muslim-majority countries entering the US. Researchers also found that among all religious groups, Muslims still face the most negative views from the American public.

More than half of Americans say they do not personally know any Muslims, but those who personally know a believer are less likely to think that Islam encourages violence more than other religions.

Hamtramck is a living example of how personal knowledge curtails Islamophobia.

When Shahab Ahmed ran for city councilmember shortly after the 9/11 attack, he faced an uphill battle.

“There were flyers all over the city saying I am the 20th hijacker that didn't make it to the airplanes,” the Bengali American said. After he lost the election in 2001, Mr Ahmed knocked on neighbours' doors to introduce himself. He was elected two years later, becoming Hamtramck's first Muslim city official.

Since then, support for the Muslim community has grown in the city. In 2017, when the Trump administration imposed the entry ban, residents came together to protest.

“In a way it mobilised and unified a lot of people because everybody knows that in order to live in Hamtramck, you have to respect other people,” said Razi Jafri, co-director of documentary film “Hamtramck, USA”.

Nationally, Muslim Americans have also become more politically visible. In 2007, Minnesotan Democrat Keith Ellison became the first Muslim congressman. The current US Congress has four Muslim members.

On Hamtramck election day this month, dozens of residents gathered in front of a polling station to greet each other, many showing off their Election Day souvenir, the “I voted” sticker.

Immigrants were excited to participate in democracy, Ms Jaczkowski said. “It's a very American thing to be able to bring people together”.

But as with the rest of the country, intense cultural debates are taking place in the city.

In June, when the city government approved flying a gay pride flag in front of the city hall, some residents were incensed. Several pride flags hanging outside of private businesses and homes were torn down, including one outside of a vintage clothing store downtown owned by Ms Majewski. “That sends a really alarming message to people,” she said.

Marijuana has also become a source of controversy. Three dispensaries opening in Hamtramck have prompted dismay from some in both Muslim and Polish-Catholic communities.

Other residents are concerned about a lack of women's political participation in conservative Muslim communities.

On election night, Mr Ghalib, the mayor-elect, was surrounded by a jubilant Yemeni-American crowd in a post-election party serving baklava and kebabs. More than 100 supporters were there, all of them men.

Women participated in his campaign, Mr Ghalib said, but segregation of the sexes remains traditional, even as it is being challenged by younger generations who have become more “Americanised”, he said.

Hamtramck also faces challenges common to Rust Belt cities, from decayed infrastructure to limited economic opportunity. Heavy rains over the summer overwhelmed the city's sewers and flooded many homes. High levels of lead were found in city drinking water samples, garnering national attention. Nearly half of the city is below the poverty line. These are just some of the pressing issues that the new city leadership would have to grapple with.

“What does democracy look like in a Muslim majority city? Like everywhere else, messy and complicated,” said the documentary filmmaker Mr Jafri, “So when the novelty wears off, the work needs to be done.”

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Nida Allam, North Carolina's First Muslim Woman Elected, Sets Her Eyes On Congress

Nida Allam made headlines in March 2020 when she became the first Muslim woman to win elected office in North Carolina. Now, the 27-year-old Democrat and member of the Durham County Board of Commissioners has set her eyes on Washington, D.C., announcing Monday that she will run for Congress.

"I hope voters see that I'm someone who's going to hit the ground running and get to work in Congress. The issues that we're facing right now in America need urgent response," said Allam. "We need someone who's going to start getting the work done right away and fighting for all North Carolinians."

Allam is running for the seat that Rep. David Price, a Democrat who is retiring at the end of his term in 2022, has held almost continually since 1987. The 4th Congressional District includes Durham, Orange and surrounding counties and has long voted for Democrats; a controversial redistricting map released last week would reshape it into the 6th District.

If her next bid is successful, Allam would join Reps. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) as the third Muslim woman in Congress, and just the fifth Muslim overall when including Rep. André Carson (D-Ind.) and former Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.).

Like her predecessors, Allam has faced Islamophobia during her rise in politics. But she hopes to usher in a more progressive agenda in her district by fighting against climate change and advocating for reproductive rights and a more inclusive Congress.

Born in Canada, Allam and her family moved to Cary, North Carolina, when she was 5. She graduated from the local public school system and earned a degree in sustainable materials and technology from North Carolina State University in 2015.

Allam planned to work in that field. But in February 2015, her friends and fellow students Deah Barakat, Yusor Mohammad

Abu-Salha and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha were gunned down in Chapel Hill. The incident was initially framed as a parking dispute, despite the victims' families insisting the killings were a hate crime. During the 2019 sentencing of the shooter, law enforcement officials walked back that framing and acknowledged the Islamophobic and hateful nature of the murders.

"After we lost the Deah, Yusor, and Razan, and the way that it was immediately described as a parking dispute, that was what really triggered me," said Allam. "Three of our brightest, best examples of what it means to be a proud Muslim American were murdered in the most brutal way and it was just pushed to the side as the parking dispute and minimized."

"We can't stand by and not be involved in politics and not speak up, because politics affects our lives every single day. If we don't speak up and share our own stories, somebody else is going to write it for us," she added. Allam, who had grown up in an apolitical family, threw herself into politics. In December 2015, she turned down a position at a technology company and began to work with the Bernie Sanders campaign during his run for the Democratic nomination. Allam's first stop was South Carolina, an experience she said came as a reality check as a Muslim woman in politics in the South.

While canvassing in small towns in South Carolina, people told her they had never met a Muslim before. People stared at her. Some conversations turned personal and hostile. During one incident, a man brandished a gun at her, forcing her to sprint back to her car in fear.

"I had obviously a lot of factors going up against me. I wore a hijab. I'm brown. I'm there for Democratic Socialist candidates," she said. "It was really scary."

Allam moved to Queens, New York, for a month before settling back in her home state in 2016. The following year, in January 2017, she was elected third vice-chair-

person of the North Carolina Democratic Party and became the first Muslim to join the executive council, where she focused on outreach to communities of color and religious minority groups. A year later, she was appointed to the Durham Mayor's Council for Women. And in 2020, she won a seat on the Durham County Board of Commissioners, making her the state's first Muslim female elected official.

But as Allam ascended in local and state politics, the Islamophobia was always there. Her social media pages were flooded with anti-Muslim messages, telling her to go back to where she came from or calling her a "rag head" because of her hijab.

"When I was running for county commission, there were still people in Durham who hated me. I was constantly getting messages from people from all across the state and even across other countries," said Allam. "As soon as they saw that a Muslim person was running, they're like, this is our punching bag."

I'm young. I'm a person of color. I'm an immigrant, I'm Muslim. All of those things open me up to attacks. Durham County Commissioner Nida Allam

Allam's experience is not uncommon. In 2018, when nearly 90 Muslims ran for public office nationwide as part of the "Muslim blue wave," there was an increase in anti-Muslim hate in political campaigns. Candidates described being targeted by an onslaught of anti-Muslim bigotry, including smear campaigns and harassment. Right-wing websites falsely accused Muslim candidates of having ties to terrorism and extremism and questioned their loyalty to the American public tactics still used against Omar and Tlaib.

"As a woman, you're targeted for everything, but that shouldn't be the case. Being the first Muslim woman is also important



to me to make sure it's easier for the next generation and for the next woman," said Allam. "I'm young. I'm a person of color. I'm an immigrant, I'm Muslim. All of those things open me up to attacks that honestly no other candidate in this race is going to be attacked at that level."

But Allam says she is prepared and hopes that voters see her credentials in state politics as a testament to the issues she cares about, including advocating for Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, police reform, and expanding protections for reproductive rights.

The primary isn't until March 8, 2022, and candidates will file for office in December. As of Tuesday, only one other candidate, state Sen. Wiley Nickel, has announced an intent to run for the seat. Allam said her campaign raised \$115,000 in donations pledged in the first 24 hours after she announced.

Even if she doesn't win, Allam said she hopes her run will make it easier for the next Muslim woman who decides to run for a congressional seat in the South.

"One of the things that I've constantly been told throughout my political career has been to wait my turn," said Allam. "But now, as someone who's been elected to office, who has been organizing for years, I realized no one has the right to tell you when your turn is. If you are putting in the work and care about your community, it's your turn to step up and lead."

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Rowaida Abdelaziz

Pregnant Florida woman killed after hitting motorcyclist with her car: police

A pregnant woman in Florida died after a heated and violent interaction with a motorcyclist on the road Saturday.

Sara Nicole Morales allegedly intentionally hit motorcyclist Andrew Derr in her car, the Orange City Police Department said, according to a statement on posted to Facebook.

Derr was not injured, and he and other witnesses followed Morales after she started to drive away, according to authorities.

The police said Morales drove to her home where she allegedly retrieved a gun. She then went outside and pointed the firearm at Derr and the witnesses while they called 911 in the street.

Derr, who had a valid Florida concealed carry weapons permit, respond-

ed by drawing his handgun and firing multiple rounds, striking Morales, the police reported.

Orange City Fire Rescue arrived at the scene to provide medical care before Morales was taken to Halifax Health Medical Center, where she died, according to Fox 35 Orlando.

She was between four and five months pregnant and leaves behind an 11-year-old daughter and a fiance, those close to her told the local news outlet.

Derr remained at the scene and has been cooperating with law enforcement, the police reported.

U.S. Warns Saudi Arabia Its Tax Regime May Drive Firms Away

(Bloomberg) -- The U.S. has criticized Saudi Arabia's tax authorities and warned that disputes with foreign companies risk discouraging investment in the country. Why Hong Kong Is Building Apartments the Size of Parking Spaces

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"Numerous multinational enterprises" operating in Saudi Arabia "have experienced tax issues exhibiting a lack of transparency, consistency and due process compared to what they have come to expect from other nations," the U.S. embassy in Riyadh said in a letter to the Saudi Ministry of Investment.

It wasn't clear when the letter was sent but some ministry officials received it in recent days, according to people familiar with the matter. The embassy declined to comment, and the ministry didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

The U.S. criticism comes as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman tries to transform the oil-dependent economy and draw

in more international firms. He's hoping to attract around \$100 billion of foreign direct investment each year by 2030.

Overhauling the kingdom's legal system and taxation practices are key parts of his plan, but the reforms have proved to be complicated.

While tax disputes have been common in the past, the latest pressure from the U.S. follows a spate of unexpectedly large bills delivered to overseas firms. Technology companies including Uber Technologies Inc. are contesting levies worth tens of millions of dollars, Bloomberg reported last month.

The U.S. said tax administrators in Saudi Arabia have "inadequate resources" and need better training to deal with "complex cases."

The kingdom's tax authority said in a statement Thursday that it was striving to apply best practices and has been working with other countries and international organizations to "eliminate inconsistencies and unexpected consequences of tax practices."

The authority "always welcomes communication with taxpayers to solve any misunderstanding or disputes at any time," it said in the statement. The Saudi tax system

"grants all taxpayers the right to appeal through an independent judicial body if disputes have not been fully resolved through the different stages of objections that are processed and evaluated."

While American companies "appreciate" the country's reform efforts, their experience "has been disappointing and could result in a deteriorating image of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a place to invest," according to the U.S. embassy's letter. The country will be at a "serious competitive disadvantage" without improvements.

"Other sophisticated jurisdictions in the region, such as the United Arab Emirates, have gone to great lengths to facilitate adjudication procedures for foreign investors," it said.

Saudi Arabia's \$840 billion economy is the biggest in the Middle East, but many foreign businesses prefer to have their regional headquarters in less conservative countries such as the UAE, home of Dubai.

Prince Mohammed has set out to change that, offering some fee and tax breaks and easing social restrictions in a bid to turn



Riyadh into a global business hub.

(Updates with tax authority comment in eighth paragraph.)

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Pakistan allows Indian aid transit to Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Pakistan's Cabinet on Tuesday granted permission to arch-rival India to use its land route to ship wheat aid to neighbouring Afghanistan where millions of people face hunger as a harsh winter sets in.

Islamabad will also send aid, the prime minister's office said in a statement, including 50,000 metric tons of wheat, matching the level sent by India.

"We have approved to give passage to this 50,000 tons of wheat that India wants to send to Afghanistan," Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry told a news conference after the Cabinet met with Prime Minister Imran Khan in the chair.

"We think the people in Afghanistan should be helped in any way on humanitarian grounds," he said.

New Delhi has not responded to the announcement.

Pakistan has for years denied India commercial or other transport links to Afghanistan. The neighbours have fought three wars since Pakistan was carved out of India in 1947.

The office of Prime Minister Khan in its statement said Islamabad would send humanitarian assistance to Kabul

worth 5 billion rupees (\$28.65 million) and comprising food commodities, including 50,000 metric tons of wheat, emergency medical supplies, winter shelters and other supplies.

It also said Pakistan would facilitate the return of Afghan patients sent to India for medical treatment.

A combination of conflict, drought and COVID-19 have left millions in Afghanistan, under Taliban rule, facing hunger or starvation.

Food prices have spiked since the second drought <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/drought-leaves-afghans-hungry-economic-collapse-looms-un-2021-09-02> in four years ruined some 40% of the wheat crop, the World Food Programme (WFP), a UN body has said.

It said Afghanistan faces a shortfall of 2.5 million tons of wheat and that only 5% of its population has enough to eat.

(\$1 = 174.5500 Pakistani rupees)
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Hijabi : Yes
 Age: 25
 Height: 5 feet
 Marital status: Never married
 Legal Status: UK Student visa
 Education: ACCA & MSc in Accounting and finance
 Profession: Student
 Residence: STUDYING in UK , holding USA 10 YRS VISIT VISA , UAE RESIDENCE VISA
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu
 Ethnicity: INDIA/Bangalore
 Family: 1 younger brother
LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Slight beard fine
 Age: 27 to 30
 Height: 5.4 to 5.10
 Marital Status: Never married
 Legal Status: Any , preferably work permit
 Education: Engineering ,MS,MBBS,CA, CPA,MBA
 Profession: Engineer, Doctor, Chartered ACCOUNTANTS, MBA
 Residence: UK
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B1/B2 USA visa holder
 Hijabi / Beard:
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 Height: 5'7
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 Legal Status:
 Education: Bachelor's in Business Administration, Hyderabad
 Profession: Analyst at Deloitte
 Residence: Hyderabad
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu, English
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Family: 3 siblings, all are married and settled abroad.
LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Hijabi / Beard:
 Age: 25-29
 Height: 5'8 - 6'0
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Legal Status: USA, Uk, Canada
 Education:
 Profession: Engineer, Doctor, MBA
 Residence: Looking for USA, UK, Canada citizens ,Green Card holders,H1
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact:
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Hijabi : No
 Age : 30
 Height : 5' 3 "
 Marital status: briefly married 4 months (khulla obtained due to boy suffering serious psychiatric condition)
 Legal Status: US born Citizen
 Education: Masters in Public Health - working at Michigan United
 Religious sect : Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity : Indian
 Family:
 Father - Physician / Neurologist
 Mother - Family Physician
 Elder sister - General Surgeon
 Brother in law - Internist
 Brother - surgery resident (PG)
LOOKING FOR : Male
 Age : 29 to 35 years
 Height : 5' 5" to 6' 2"
 Marital status: Unmarried or divorced with no children
 Legal Status: US Citizen / H-1B / Student visa - But Living in USA or Canada
 Education: Masters or Bachelors
 Profession: Medical / IT / Engineer
 Residence: USA or Canada
 Religious Sect : Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian or US raised Pakistan or US raised Bangladesh
 Contact : WhatsApp # 2055676126

FEMALE
 Hijabi : Yes
 Age: 32
 Height: five feet 3 in
 Marital status: divorced, 2 daughters ages 5 and 8
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Education: BA in English and AAS in Health IT, RHIT
 Profession: Billing Rep
 Residence: Chicago, IL
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: English, Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Family: No siblings, lives with mother and father
LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Doesn't Matter
 Age: 32-41
 Height: about 5feet 5 in
 Marital Status: divorced, single, widowed
 Legal Status: Doesn't matter
 Education: at least bachelors
 Profession: any professional
 Residence: must move to Chicago
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Any
 CONTACT ADMIN ASLAM 2055676126 &&DMR251&&

FEMALE
 Hijabi : Yes
 Age: 22
 Height: 5'4"
 Marital status: Never married
 Legal Status: US Citizen; Canadian Citizen
 Education: JD (Law School) 2nd yr student
 Profession:
 Residence: Chicago Suburbs
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: English, Urdu
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad Deccan, India
 Family: 1 brother, 2 sisters
LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Yes /No
 Age: 23-27
 Height: 5'8" and up
 Marital Status: Never married
 Legal Status: US/Canadian Citizen
 Education: Professional
 Profession:
 Residence:
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity:
 Contact:
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FEMALE
 Hijabi : Yes
 Age: 28
 Height: 5' 4"
 Marital status: Single/not married
 Legal Status: Indian Citizen(B1/B2 USA visa holder)
 Education: MBA - Osmania University, India,Hyderabad.
 Profession:
 Residence: Falaknuma,Hyderabad.
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: urdu, english
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India
 Family: Hyderabad,India. Brother is in USA.
LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: optional
 Age: 30-34
 Height: 5' 4" - 6'
 Marital Status: single/not married
 Legal Status: H1B/GC/citizen
 Education: well educated
 Profession: IT or some professional job
 Residence: USA(1st preference), Canada, Australia,Gulf or Hyderabad.
 Religious Sect: sunni
 Ethnicity: hyderabadi
 Contact: +1(205)567-6126

FEMALE
 Name: AS
 Hijabi : Yes (Performed Umrah Alhamdulillah)
 Age: 29
 Height: 5' 3"
 Marital status: Unmarried
 Legal Status: Indian
 Residence: Mehdiptnam
 Education: B.E (CS)
 Profession: Software Engineer at Infosys (working to keep herself busy, post marriage job is optional)
 About her : She is an easy going person having positive attitude towards life, she is simple, friendly likes reading/browsing, spending time with family/friends, enjoys sightseeing. Performs salah and likes to attend Islamic lectures as well.
 Maslak Sect: Sunni Hanafi
 Dargah: Gents goes
 Language: Urdu, English
 Family info:
 Father: Govt Job holder
 1 Sis: Bsc, Bed
 1 Brother: Bcom (Mcom)
LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Not compulsory as it's sunnah
 Age: >=30
 Height: 5' 3 to 6
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Legal Status: Anything
 Residence: Hyderabad/ Gulbarga/ Bangalore
 Education: BTech/ Mtech/MBA/ any working professional
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi
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Hijaabi: Yes
 Age: 23years(D.O.B.03/06/1998)
 Height:5 feet
 Marital Status: Never married
 Legal Status: Indian citizen
 Education:B.E.(Computer science and Engineering)
 Profession:Computer Engineer
 Residence: Hyderabad,India
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity:
 Looking for
MALE
 Beard : Yes
 Age: 26 to 29 years
 Height: 5'4" to 5'7"
 Marital status: Never married
 Legal Status: Indian citizen or any
 Education:B.E/B.Tech/M.E/M.Tech/M.C.A
 Profession:Computer Engineer/I.T.
 Professional
 Residence: Preferably Hyderabad
 Religious Sect:Sunni Muslim
 Language: Urdu
 Ethnicity:
 Family:
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Beard: No
 Age: 36 yrs
 Height: 5'8"
 Education:Orthopaedic surgeon;
 MCH;FRCS currently in england
 Profession:Professional Orthopedic surgeon
 Residence: London, england.
 Legal Status: Work visa
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: Urdu, English,Hindi;
 Ethnicity: Maharashtra,India
 Family: Parents are in India
LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: It doesnt matter
 Age: 24 to 31Yrs
 Height: 5'4"& above
 Education:Bachelors/ Masters
 Profession: Any

 Residence: india; USA; England

 Legal Status: any

 Marital Status: Never Married

 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim

 Ethnicity: Indian; USA; England

 Contact: 2055676126

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 Age: 36 yrs
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 Language: Urdu, English,Hindi;
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LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: It doesnt matter
 Age: 24 to 31Yrs
 Height: 5'4"& above
 Education:Bachelors/ Masters
 Profession: Any
 Residence: india; USA; England
 Legal Status: any

 Marital Status: Never Married

 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim

 Ethnicity: Indian; USA; England

 Contact: 2055676126

Beard: No
 Age: 27 yrs
 Height: 5'8"
 Education:Masters in Energy Management and Systems Technology (Residing in USA since 6 years)
 Profession:Production Engineer
 Residence: New Jersey, USA
 Legal Status: H1 B Visa
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: Urdu, Telugu,English,Hindi
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh,India
 Family: Parents are in India

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: No
 Age: 24 to 27Yrs
 Height: 5'4"
 Education:Bachelors or Masters
 Profession: Any
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status: US Citizen, greencard, H1 B visa
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh, India
 Contact:
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US CITIZEN MASTERS HAVING OWN HOUSE IN DALLAS FULL TIME
 VERY GOOD SALARY HYDERABADI PARENTS BOY BORN IN USA
 GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE IN DALLAS
 1: Gender:Male
 2: Initials of your name:SOJ
 3:DOB:May
 4:Age:1988
 5:Height:5-8"
 6:Hobbies :love to watch sports all time, going out, eat halal food. Watch TV documentary. Pray namaz, keep Ramzan fasting, have all Islamic values in a real life.
 7:Current marital status:Never Married.
2 EDUCATION
 1:Qualification:Done BS in IT from Information Technology NJIT University. Currently pursuing Masters Degree in Cybersecurity from NJIT.
 2:University:NJIT NewJersey.
3 JOB
 1: Rank/Postion: Cyber Security Analysts
 2: Nature of Job: Cyber Security Analyst
 3: Legal status : US Citizen
4 RELIGION
 1: Religion: Islam Muslim
 2: Sect: Sunni/ Syed Sunni
5 FAMILY
 1: Father's Occupation : SAP ERP Const.
 2: Mother's Occupation: BS
 3: siblings: One Sister, 2 brothers.
6 ADDRESS
 1: Current residence: Dallas
 2: Home Town: Dallas, TX.
7 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
 1: Age range: 25-30, height 5-2"
 2: Caste: sunni/ Indian
 3: Qualifications: Masters or Professional.
 4: Residence : Must be open to relocate to Dallas.

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Male
 Age: 36
 Height: 5'9
 Residence : Chicago, IL
 Education:
 Bachelor's of Science in Honors Marketing from DePaul University
 Profession: Corporate Human Resources
 Legal Status: U.S Citizen
 Born and Raised in Chicago
 Marital status : Divorced, no children
 Ethnicity: Pakistani
 Caste: Memon
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Family: Mom and Dad. No siblings.
 Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends. I also like trying new restaurants.
 Activities: Golfing, Ping Pong, Pool and Bowling, Movies
 Sports: Hockey, Football, Basketball, UFC, Boxing

LOOKING FOR:

 Female
 Age : 26 to 34
 Height: no preference
 Residence: USA
 Education: Bachelor's or higher
 Profession: No preference
 Legal Status: U.S Citizen
 Marital Status: Any (no kids).
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Indian or Pakistani Contact Admin 2055676126

Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 27 yrs
 Height: 5'8"
 Education: Masters in Mechanical Engineering (Residing in USA since 6 years)
 Profession: Production Engineer
 Residence: New Jersey, USA
 Legal Status: H1 B Visa
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: Urdu, Telugu, English, Hindi
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh, India
 Family: Parents are in India

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: No
 Age: 24 to 27Yrs
 Height: 5'4"
 Education: Bachelors or Masters
 Profession: Any
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status: US Citizen, greencard, H1 B visa
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh, India
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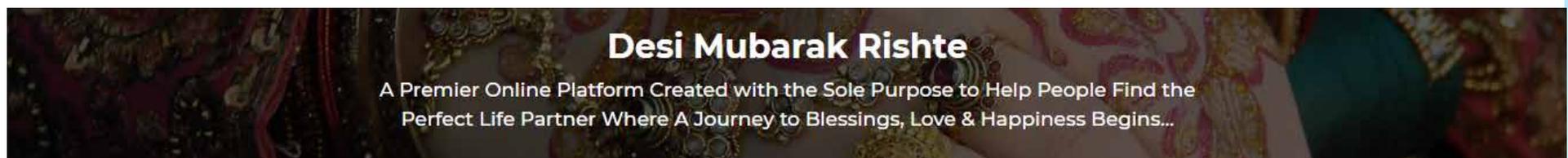
Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 27
 Height: 6 app
 Marital status: unmarried
 Legal Status: working on EAD
 Education: BE (Electrical) Mumbai University
 MS (Industrial engineering)
 Profession: sr. Associate in Atria New Jersey
 Working on EAD
 Residence: New Jersey
 Religious Sect: sunni
 Language: English Hindi Urdu
 Ethnicity: sunni
 Family: well educated

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: yes
 Age: between 21 to 27
 Height: min 5.3
 Marital Status: unmarried
 Legal Status:
 Education: Engineer or any professional course
 Profession:
 Residence:
 Religious Sect: sunni
 Ethnicity: sunni

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Male
 Name: MMAB
 Age: 31
 Height: 5.8
 Residence : USA
 Education: Bachelor of Engineering (OS-MANIA)
 Profession: I.T Engineer, Accenture
 Legal Status: H1B
 Marital status : Never married
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyd)
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Family:
 Father expired. Mother house wife
 4 brothers and 1 youngest sister.
 1) M.B.A Accounting Manager in Hyderabad
 2) M.B.A Auditor in Saudi Arabia. Married
 4) BPT, Studying M.S in U.S.A
 5) B.E , Studing M.S In Canada
 Language: Urdu, Eng, Arabic
 Hobbies: gym, sports
 Hijabi: N.A
LOOKING FOR:
 Age : less than 27
 Height: 5.3 to 5.6
 Residence: Hyd or USA &
 Education: Any
 Profession: N.A
 Legal Status: Any
 Marital Status: Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Hijabi: Preferred
 Ethnicity: Indian, hyderabadi preferred
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Gadhafi's son announces candidacy for president of Libya

CAIRO — The son and one-time heir apparent of late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi announced Sunday his candidacy for the country's presidential election next month, Libya's election agency said.

Seif al-Islam, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of crimes against humanity related to the 2011 uprising, submitted his candidacy papers in the southern town of Sabha, 400 miles south of the capital of Tripoli, the High National Elections Commission said in a statement.

Gadhafi's son was captured by fighters in the town of Zintan late in 2011, the year when a popular uprising, backed by the NATO, toppled his father after more than 40 years in power. Moammar Gadhafi was killed in October 2011 amid the ensuing fighting that would turn into a civil war.

In a video shared by an election official, Seif al-Islam addressed the camera, saying that God will decide the right path for the country's future. The 49-year old, who earned a PhD at the London School of Economics, wore a traditional Libyan robe, turban and spectacles. It was the first time in years that he appeared in public.

The second-born son to the longtime dictator, he was seen as the reformist face of the Gadhafi regime before the 2011 uprising. He was released in June 2017 after more than five years of detention. This July, he told The New York Times in

an exclusive interview that he was considering a run for the country's top office. His candidacy is likely to stir controversy across the divided country.

Seif al-Islam is wanted by the ICC on charges of crimes against humanity allegedly committed in the first weeks of the 2011 uprising. ICC spokesman Fadi El Abdallah declined to comment on Seif al-Islam's candidacy. "The Court doesn't comment on political issues, as for the legal side there is a pending warrant of arrest and that hasn't changed," he said.

Gadhafi's son, who has deeply rooted links to tribes across Libya, is the first major presidential hopeful to submit his candidacy to run for the country's highest post. Also widely expected to announce their bids are powerful military commander Khalifa Hifter, Parliament Speaker Agila Saleh and former Interior Minister Fathi Bashaga.

Seif al-Islam's campaign may focus on the failure of political parties and armed groups to establish a government capable of stabilizing and uniting the fractured country since the 2011 overthrow and killing of his father. However, he is highly likely to face stiff resistance from armed groups and militias particularly in the capital, Tripoli, and the western town of Misrata.

Abdel-Rahman el-Swahili, a lawmaker

from Misrata, voiced his rejection to Seif al-Islam's candidacy, saying that Gadhafi's son should be prosecuted, not running for president. "Those who believe in the possibility of Libya's returning to the era of dictatorship after all these sacrifices, are delusional," he wrote on Facebook.

A group of elders and militia leaders in the western town of Zawiya also announced their rejection of the candidacies of Seif al-Islam and Hifter, warning about the return of civil war. They threatened in a statement to shut polling stations if the elections proceeded with the current laws.

The election agency began the registration process for presidential and parliamentary hopefuls last week. Potential candidates have until Nov. 22 to register to run for the country's highest post, while parliamentary hopefuls have until Dec. 7 to register their candidacies.

Libya is set to hold presidential elections on Dec. 24, after years of U.N.-led attempts to usher in a more democratic future and bring the country's war to an end. Following the overthrow and killing of Gadhafi, oil-rich Libya spent most of the last decade split between rival governments — one based in the capital, Tripoli, and the other in the eastern part of the country.

The announcement of Seif al-Islam's



candidacy came after an international conference in Paris on Friday expressed support for holding "free, fair, inclusive and credible presidential and parliamentary elections" on Dec. 24. The long-awaited vote still faces challenges, including unresolved issues over laws governing the elections, and occasional infighting among armed groups. Other obstacles include the deep rift that remains between the country's east and west, split for years by the war, and the presence of thousands of foreign fighters and troops.

Gadhafi the dictator had eight children, most of whom played significant roles in his regime. His son Muatassim was killed at the same time Gadhafi was captured and slain. Two other sons, Seif al-Arab and Khamis, were killed earlier in the uprising. Another son, al-Saadi Gadhafi, was released in September after more than seven years of detention in the capital of Tripoli following his extradition from neighboring Niger.

By Associated Press

Rep. Ilhan Omar says a man who called her office and said 'tell her I'm going to kill her today' has been convicted of threatening lawmakers

A Florida man was convicted Wednesday of threatening three lawmakers.

Rep. Ilhan Omar said on Twitter that her office was among those targeted with a death threat.

The man was also convicted of calling another congressman and threatening to cut off his head.

A 73-year-old man in Venice, Florida, has been convicted of threatening three members of Congress, and Rep. Ilhan Omar said she was one of the targets.

A federal jury found Frank Anthony Pezzuto guilty Wednesday of sending "three separate threatening communications to injure certain members of Congress," according to the US Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida.

Pezzuto called the office of a congressman identified only as E.S. on January 25, 2020, saying he was coming to kill him, according to evidence presented at the trial.

On January 30, 2020, Pezzuto called the office of another congressman, identified as A.S., and claimed he was a member of the gang MS-13 and that the gang was coming to cut off A.S.'s head, according to the evidence.

The third call presented as evidence was to the

office of a congresswoman identified as I.O. on February 3, 2020. Pezzuto told the person who answered the phone: "Tell her I'm going to kill her today."

Omar, a Democrat from Minnesota, said in a tweet Wednesday that her office had received that call. "The use of violent rhetoric in political speech is incitement & is definitely creating an environment where members of Congress are receiving constant death threats. Enough!" she wrote. "Today, Florida man who left this chilling message with my staff was convicted."

The US attorney's office said Pezzuto made the calls from his home in Florida with his cell-phone while concealing his number. It added that the Capitol Police, which investigated the case, were able to identify him as the caller.

Pezzuto's sentencing date has not been set. He faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison.

Other members of Congress have also reported receiving death threats and other violent messages.

In April, a Trump supporter from New York, Brendan Hunt, was convicted of threatening to kill lawmakers after posting a video in January titled "KILL YOUR SENATORS: Slaughter them all," during which he said he would go to Joe Biden's inauguration and "shoot them and



kill them."

Capitol Hill staffers told Insider's Robin Bravender they had received abusive and threatening calls this week after the Republican representatives they worked for voted for the Democrats' infrastructure bill.

GOP Rep. Fred Upton, who also voted for the bill, said his office received an explosive-filled voicemail this week wishing death upon his entire family and staff.

Yahoo News
Kelsey Vlamis

Viewpoint: When Hindus and Muslims joined hands to riot

A hundred years ago, colonial Bombay (now Mumbai) was convulsed by one of the most unusual riots in Indian history. Hindus and Muslims fought together on one side, joining hands against other groups. Historian Dinyar Patel writes about the lessons that moment holds for today's India.

The riots of 1921 - or the so-called Prince of Wales Riots - are all but forgotten now in Mumbai. But, in these polarised times, history provides important lessons about religious intolerance and majoritarianism.

The violence that unfolded involved an Indian Independence hero, a future British monarch, and a tottering Ottoman sultan. It was fuelled by disparate ideologies and goals: swaraj (self-government), swadeshi (economic self-reliance), prohibition, and pan-Islamism.

The lawyer who fought for women's suffrage in India The singer who preached nonviolence to bandits

In November 1921, the Prince of Wales, the future Edward VIII, began a spectacularly ill-timed royal tour of the Indian empire.

India was then in the grips of Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement, the biggest threat to British colonial rule since the rebellion in 1857.

Under the banner of "Hindu-Muslim unity", Gandhi had joined forces with the Khilafat movement, led by Indian Muslims. They worried that after the Ottoman Empire's defeat in World War One, Great Britain would depose its sultan, whom they regarded as the legitimate caliph of Islam.

While ushering in a remarkable moment of communal fraternity, Hindu-Muslim unity raised fears of majoritarianism among smaller minority groups: Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and Jews. Gandhi said they had nothing to fear. "The Hindu-Muslim entente does not mean that big communities should dominate small communities," he declared.

The Prince of Wales, for his part, naively hoped that his visit would rouse loyalist sentiments and take the steam out of Gandhi's movement. In response, the Indian National Congress resolved to welcome the prince to Bombay with a hartal or

strike, and bonfires of foreign-made cloth, a symbol of Britain's economic imperialism.

On the morning of 17 November 1921, a significant number of Bombay's residents defied the strike and attended the prince's arrival by ship. Many of these well-wishers were Parsis, Jews and Anglo-Indians.

India's hidden massacre

Why is India's wealthy Parsi community vanishing?

Despite Gandhi's directive to remain non-violent, Congress and Khilafat volunteers reacted with rage. Homai Vyarawalla, who became India's first female photojournalist, was a young witness to these events. When I interviewed her in 2008, she recalled Parsi schoolgirls staging garbas - a traditional dance - to welcome the Prince of Wales. But in the following days, Vyarawalla observed pitched battles on Bombay's streets. Rioters used the marble stops of soda bottles as lethal projectiles. They targeted Parsi-owned liquor stores, hurling stones and threatening to burn them down.

Gandhi had tried hard to include prohibition in the non-cooperation movement, urging Parsis, who had a disproportionately large stake in the liquor trade, to voluntarily close down these shops. As violence shook Bombay, Hindu and Muslim rioters singled out liquor stores as symbols of Parsi economic dominance and their resistance to nationalist politics. They threatened to burn down one Parsi residential building with a liquor store on its ground floor, relenting only when the store owner emptied his stock into the street gutter.

Parsis and Anglo-Indians were not simply innocent victims. Many of them joined the fracas, wielding lathis or bamboo sticks and guns. They assaulted individuals dressed in khadi, the homespun garb of Gandhians, and yelled "Down with the Gandhi caps". Congress-aligned Parsis or Christians could be targeted by both sides.

Gandhi swiftly reacted to the violence, bringing together leaders of various communities to broker peace. On 19 November, he launched his first-ever hunger strike against religious rioting, vowing to abstain from food or drink until the violence abated.

Was Mahatma Gandhi a racist?

His tactics worked: by 22 November, Gandhi was able to break his fast, surrounded by Indians of various communities and political persuasions.

But the Prince of Wales Riots shook him to the core. "We have had a foretaste of swaraj," he declared with irony. He bitterly noted that the riots had validated smaller minorities' fears of violent majoritarianism.

And so, as Bombay recovered from the carnage, Gandhi feverishly worked to regain the trust of these minorities. He instructed Congress and Khilafat volunteers on the importance of minority rights and worked out reparations. Majority communities, Gandhi declared, had a sworn responsibility to uphold minorities' welfare. At meetings and in Congress publications, he yielded significant political space to minority representatives, who voiced their misgivings about Gandhian tactics and their worries about majoritarian impulses.

Most remarkably, Gandhi steadily replaced the slogan of Hindu-Muslim unity with a new one: "Hindu-Muslim-Sikh-Parsi-Christian-Jew unity".

It was an unwieldy phrase, but it did the job, helping convince smaller minorities that they would have a place in independent India.

At least 58 people died in the riots, while over one in six liquor establishments in Bombay were attacked. For the Prince of Wales, the riots marked an ominous beginning to his tour. Elsewhere in India, he was greeted with strikes or threats of assassination.

But Gandhi's steadfast diplomacy is the reason the riots are now forgotten. He dissipated the spectre of majoritarianism, ensuring that the riots did not permanently scar Bombay.

Herein lie some lessons for today. Communal violence, as the Prince of Wales Riots demonstrated, is largely a political construct.

It is not the product of ancient, unbridgeable religious differences. In 1921, the political mood impelled Hindus and Muslims to fight together against other com-



munities. Only a few years later, after the



collapse of the Congress-Khilafat alliance, Hindus and Muslims engaged in even bloodier skirmishes against one another.

There is another lesson. Majoritarianism is a fickle, unwieldy thing. Its underlying calculus can shift and fragment in unpredictable ways, just as it did on Bombay's streets in the 1920s.

Perhaps that is why Gandhi went to such lengths to foreswear majoritarianism, instead stressing tolerance of even the smallest of minorities.

A hundred years ago, he issued a prescient warning: if the majority unites today to oppress others, then "tomorrow the unity will break under the strain of cupidity or false religiosity".

Dinyar Patel is the author, most recently, of a biography of Dadabhai Naoroji
Yahoo News

Pakistan opposition cries foul as parliament approves electronic voting

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Pakistan's parliament passed a law allowing electronic vote counting despite furious protests from the opposition which said it had been pushed through by the government to rig the next election.

Opposition members tore up copies of the law, chanted slogans and called Khan a vote thief before walking out. "I believe that this is the blackest day of our parliamentary history. We condemn

it," the leader of the opposition in parliament, Shehbaz Sharif, said.

The government secured 221 votes against the opposition's 203.

The government has for months been trying to pass the law that will allow overseas Pakistanis to cast their ballot online.

Prime Minister Imran Khan enjoys widespread support among some nine million Pakistanis living abroad. The next national election is scheduled for 2023.

Pakistan has a history of parties alleging vote rigging after every election. Khan believes that electronic vote counting will ensure transparency.

The opposition and many political analysts say Khan is unlikely to secure another term.

The government has been grappling with a chronic economic crisis and rising inflation is at odds with the military over the appointment of a new head of the Inter

Services Intelligence



spy agency. The opposition alleges the military brought Khan to power in a rigged 2018 election, a charge both the government and the army deny, and said it would challenge the new law in court.

Yahoo News
Asif Shahzad

India's Prime Minister Modi to repeal controversial farm laws following more than a year of protests

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Friday he would repeal three contentious agricultural laws that sparked more than a year of protests, in a rare apparent climb down ahead of pivotal state elections.

"Today I have come to tell you, the whole country, that we have decided to withdraw all three agricultural laws," Modi said in an address to the nation, adding the process will be completed in a parliamentary session later this month.

Modi acknowledged the importance of farmers and the challenges they have faced. He said it was a priority issue for his ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "In this great campaign to improve the condition of the farmers, three agricultural laws were brought in the country," Modi said.

"This law was brought in with good intentions," he continued, adding that despite its efforts, the government was unable to "make them (farmers) understand the importance of the agricultural laws." National vice president of the Jai Kisan Andolan farmers' group, Deepak Lamba, said Modi's announcement "can be seen as a huge victory for farmers," but added the government has repealed the laws for "political compulsions."

"The government has taken this step, keeping in mind upcoming (state) elections," he said.

In India, farming is a central political issue, and the protests posed a unique challenge to the BJP.

Seven Indian states will hold elections early next year to determine whether Modi's BJP will retain power. His ruling

party currently governs six of the seven states, including predominantly agricultural Uttar Pradesh.

Farmers are the biggest voting bloc in the country, and the agricultural sector sustains about 58% of India's 1.3 billion citizens. Angering farmers could see Modi lose a sizable number of votes.

Gilles Verniers, assistant professor of Political Science at India's Ashoka University called Modi's move a "rare" political moment "that is very significant."

"The timing indicates there is an electoral motive," he said. "These farm laws have been repealed after a year of protest in which farmers have been through all manner of hardship (including) the cold, the heat, pollution ... violence, and, at times, state repression." Modi's announcement came on Gur Purab, the birth anniversary of the founder of the Sikh faith, Guru Nanak. Sikhism is the dominant religion in the northern state of Punjab, which is governed by the opposition Congress Party and is considered India's bread basket for its large agricultural force. However, some farmer groups vowed to maintain the pressure.

"The protests will not be withdrawn immediately," Indian Farmers' Union leader Rakesh Tikait wrote on Twitter.

"We will wait for the day when agricultural laws will be repealed in Parliament."

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha farmers' group welcomed the repeal of what they described as "anti-farmer, pro-corporate black laws," in a statement Friday, but said it would also wait for the announcement to take effect in Parliament.

"If this happens, it will be a historic vic-



tory of the one year long farmers' struggle in India," the group said. For more than a year, Indian farmers have fought the three laws, which they said leave them open to exploitation by large corporations and could destroy their livelihoods. The laws, which were passed last September, loosened rules around the sale and pricing of produce that have protected farmers from an unregulated free market for decades. Under the previous laws, farmers had to sell their goods at auction at their state's Agricultural Produce Market Committee, where they were guaranteed to receive at least the government-agreed minimum price. There were restrictions on who could buy, and prices were capped for essential commodities.

The new laws dismantled this structure, instead allowing farmers to sell their goods to anyone for any price. The government

said the reforms were needed to modernize the country's agricultural industry, but many farmers argued they would allow large corporations to drive prices down. In mid-January, India's Supreme Court temporarily suspended the laws. But Modi failed to quell the protests, with some farmers vowing not to leave until the laws were fully repealed.

According to Verniers from Ashoka University, it would be difficult for Modi "to sell (the repeal) as a benevolent gesture." The decision was also likely to anger some of the Prime Minister's supporters, he added.

"They're not used to seeing their leaders backtrack on policy decisions," Verniers said.

CNN NEWS

By Manveena Suri, Vedika Sud, Arpit Goel and Rhea Mogul,

Durr rejects 'Islamophobia and all forms of hate' after meeting with Muslims

WASHINGTON TWP. – New Jersey Senator-Elect Edward Durr, who apologized last week for a tweet deriding Islam, left a meeting with Muslim community leaders Wednesday with a Quran and words of tolerance.

"I stand against Islamophobia and all forms of hate, and I do commit to that," Durr, a Republican who ousted one of the state's most powerful Democrats, said after the two-hour session.

"I think it was a very open discussion. We got ... a sense of each other," continued Durr, a trucker from Logan. "I think that's the real key to everything. As long as you know somebody, it's hard to hate somebody, don't you think?"

One Muslim leader described the meeting, which was closed to the media, as "a very productive conversation." Background: GOP candidate who shocked Sweeney apologizes for offensive tweet

"We had the opportunity to really break those barriers and learn from each other," said Selaedin Maksut, executive director of

the New Jersey chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

"His commitment to renounce Islamophobia means a lot to our community," Maksut told reporters outside the offices of Al-Minhal Academy for Islamic Education in Washington Township.

Maksut requested the meeting after the disclosure last week of an offensive tweet by Durr that called Islam "a false religion."

"Our aim is to explain why his tweet is so troubling, how it perpetuates falsities about Islam, and hatred and violence against Muslims," the CAIR-NJ leader said in seeking the meeting.

CAIR's national organization and another civil rights group, Muslim Advocates, had called on Durr to renounce the September 2019 tweet or to give up his Senate seat.

Durr responded the next day with a statement noting, "If I said things in the past that hurt anybody's feelings, I sincerely apologize."

In his remarks after the meeting, Durr

noted the need to get out of "your own bubble."

"You have to have dialogue," he observed. "You can't have yourself closed off. As long as people are talking, there is progress. And I believe we made some progress."

"It really means a lot to our community that you came to speak with us," Maksut told Durr. "We look forward to future conversations."

Durr, who spent just a few thousand dollars on his campaign, ousted Senate President Steve Sweeney by about 2,000 votes in the Nov. 2 general election. Sweeney, a union president from West Deptford, conceded defeat Wednesday in remarks delivered at the State House in Trenton.

In his comments on Wednesday evening, Durr asserted voters were sending a message by retiring Sweeney, who has represented the 3rd District in the Senate since 2002 and was the legislative body's



president since 2010.

"I'm a family guy who wants you to have a good family, have a good life ... and not suffer under the burdens of government," said Durr.

"I'm going to speak up. I'm going to make my voice heard," he declared. "That's what the people want. They want me to speak up for them in Trenton."

Yahoo News

Jim Walsh, Cherry Hill Courier-Post

Comedian's tale of 'two Indias' at U.S. show sparks outrage at home

He leaves his sellout shows to standing ovations in America. But back home in India, the popular comedian Vir Das has divided opinion — fiercely.

Das, 42, closed his set at Washington's Kennedy Center last Friday with a heart-felt reflection on the "two Indias" — highlighting the country's many paradoxes and tensions.

The reaction has underscored the country's divisions and the sensitivity of its Hindu nationalist ruling party, whose members and supporters have reacted with fury.

Before leaving the stage, the comic told his audience he would be returning not to one India but to two very different, yet parallel, places.

"I come from an India where we worship women during the day and gang rape them at night," Das said.

"I come from an India where we take pride in being vegetarians and yet run over the farmers who grow our vegetables," he added, referring to a deadly incident last month involving a vehicle linked to a government minister and ongoing protests against controversial agricultural reforms.

"I leave you tonight and I go back to that India. Which India am I going back to? Both of them. Which India am I proud of? One of them," he said.

Footage of the six-minute monologue has been viewed over 2.5 million times on YouTube as and has gone viral on social media, prompting debate across India.

As if to prove the comedian's point, it has split public opinion and drawn an outpouring of both support and outrage.

Opposition parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor lauded the speech, saying Das reflected the thoughts of millions of Indians. "A stand-up comedian who knows the real meaning of the term 'stand up,'" he tweeted.

Others, however, were less complimentary.

Ashutosh Dubey, a legal adviser to the ruling right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party, accused Das on Twitter of "defaming" and "spoiling the image of India" and said he had filed a police complaint against him Tuesday.

"Freedom of speech has a limitation that stops when we go against national integrity," Dubey told NBC News via Twitter. He said authorities in Mumbai had accepted his complaint and said they will follow up the case.

A police complaint has also been filed against the comedian in New Delhi, according to local media reports. NBC News has reached out to the police in both cities for comment.

The controversy continued as the complaints also divided opinions.

"My agreeing or [not] with Vir Das words... is irrelevant. What is condemnable, despicable & unpardonable is his being subjected to [two] complaints. He has violated no law & [should not be] harassed," Abhishek Singhvi of the opposition Indian National Congress tweeted following Dubey's complaint.

Addressing the response, the comedian said he was proud of his country and that his intention was to satirize its contradictions.

Addressing the "sizeable reaction" to the video in a statement posted to Twitter on Tuesday, Das said it was "a satire about the duality of two very separate Indias that do different things. Like any nation has light and dark, good and evil within it."

NBC News has reached out to Das for comment.

The comedian's speech comes as India grapples with the ongoing protests by farmers against three agriculture laws, enacted in September last year, which loosened rules around the sale and pricing of produce. Farmers say the laws will ruin



their livelihoods and leave them open to exploitation by large companies. The government has said the laws are necessary for modernization.

It also comes amid concerns about the country's treatment of women. Reports of gang rapes and other cases of sexual violence have drawn global attention to the issue in recent years. In August, the alleged gang rape of a 9-year-old girl in India sparked small protests.

Online vitriol against perceived criticism is not limited to India's own public figures, either. Earlier this year, pop star Rihanna and Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg drew fierce backlash from supporters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government after expressing support for the farmers.

Yahoo News
Rhoda Kwan

U.S.-Canada land border opening: The rules you need to know before crossing for the first time in over a year

As of Nov. 30, fully vaccinated Canadian citizens, permanent residents and individuals registered under the Indian Act who take a trip for 72 hours or less will not have to complete a PCR test before re-entering Canada. This change applies to trips both by land and air.

—Fully vaccinated Canadians will be able to cross the land and ferry border between the U.S. and Canada more freely in November, but the jury is still out about Canadians who received mixed doses.

No specific date has been announced for when these new rules come into effect.

"Great news that President Biden has heeded our call and is re-opening the Canadian border to vaccinated travellers," a statement from U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer reads.

"Families, communities, and businesses along the northern border will reconnect. And this will boost so many local economies." What do I need to have with me to enter the U.S. by land or ferry?

On Tuesday night, Alejandro N. Mayorkas, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, announced that individuals who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 can enter the U.S. through the Canadian and Mexican land border, or by ferry.

"In alignment with the new international air travel system that will be implemented in November, we will begin allowing travel-

ers from Mexico and Canada who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to enter the United States for non-essential purposes, including to visit friends and family or for tourism, via land and ferry border crossings," the statement from Secretary Mayorkas reads.

Cross-border travel creates significant economic activity in our border communities and benefits our broader economy. We are pleased to be taking steps to resume regular travel in a safe and sustainable manner.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security

Travellers will have to show proof that they have been fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination verification will be part of the standard U.S. Customs and Border Protection process. Border officials will have the ability to send travellers to a secondary screening to have these documents checked, at the discretion of the officer.

Individuals who do not have proof of full COVID-19 vaccination will not be allowed to travel for non-essential purposes.

There is no requirement to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test to enter the U.S.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are fully vaccinated have been allowed back to Canada since August, after waiting at least 14 days after they finished a full course of a Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine.

What vaccines are accepted by U.S. officials?



This announcement comes after U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention decided that Canadians who received the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine can visit the U.S. when new travel rules come into effect next month.

Rules have not been released for travellers who received mixed doses of COVID-19 vaccines. What do I need to do to re-enter Canada after visiting the U.S.?

The Canadian government has not announced any changes to the requirement for international travellers to show proof of a negative molecular COVID-19 test to enter Canada.

Travellers arriving by car, bus, boat, ferry or train from the U.S. must take a molecular

COVID-19 test within 72 hours of entry into Canada.

Acceptable molecular tests are polymerase chain reaction (PCR), nucleic acid test (NAT) or nucleic acid amplification test (NAATs), or reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP). Rapid antigen tests will not be accepted.

Testing and proof of vaccination information can be uploaded onto the ArriveCAN system. Yahoo News
Elisabetta Bianchini

HEALTH

Fight Health-Robbing Inflammation! with 7 Simple Steps

Science has proven that chronic, low-grade inflammation can turn into a silent killer that contributes to cardiovascular disease, cancer, type 2 diabetes and other conditions.

The fact that three out of five people around the world die from a disease linked to inflammation raises serious red flags.

Thankfully, there is plenty you can do to fight back.

The experts at the renowned Harvard Medical School have just published Fighting Inflammation—the Special Health Report that clearly exposes the threat that chronic inflammation poses to your health and well-being and reveals the medical and lifestyle steps you can take to protect yourself.

Give us the word, we'll send you a copy of Fighting Inflammation, which reveal the highly effective, evidence-based strategies you can use to dampen low-grade inflammation BEFORE it has a chance to compromise your health.

Step #1: Eat to beat inflammation. Harvard experts warn that many “anti-inflammatory diets” are not grounded in science.

In this Special Report, you'll discover the three best diet choices—plus essential food “do's and don'ts” to help suppress inflammation levels.

Step #2: Get moving! Fighting Inflammation reveals how much aerobic exercise (surprisingly little!) it takes to lower inflammation levels—and how too much exercise may actually provoke an inflammatory response.

Step #3: Manage your weight. Discover the simple strategies to help you zero in on reducing abdominal fat—the kind that produces pro-inflammatory chemicals. For example, you'll learn surprising no-pain secrets to help reduce sugar in your diet.

Step #4: Get enough sleep. Inadequate sleep not only robs you of energy and productivity it also elevates inflammation—which is especially hazardous to heart health. Fighting Inflammation reveals 4 simple steps to help you get a healthier and more refreshing night's sleep!

Step #5: Stop smoking. Kicking the habit can result in a dramatic reduction in inflammation levels within just a few weeks, experts say. Even if you've tried to quit



before, the steps revealed in this Special Report can help you succeed!

Step #6: Limit alcohol use. When it comes to inflammation, alcohol can be either your friend or foe. Find out in this Special Report why a little alcohol may be helpful and how much is over the line for keeping inflammation in check.

Step #7: Conquer chronic stress. Chronic stress can spark the development of inflammation and cause flare-ups of prob-

lems like rheumatoid arthritis, cardiovascular disease, depression and inflammatory bowel disease. Fighting Inflammation reveals 10 powerful ways to help lower unhealthy stress.

Whether you're aiming to prevent cancer, heart disease, diabetes, dementia, or other conditions connected to chronic inflammation, the sooner you incorporate these seven steps into your life, the better!

Controlling Your Blood Pressure

Controlling Your Blood Pressure is a powerful presentation that reveals how — no matter what your age — you can gain and maintain the protective benefits of lower blood pressure.

High blood pressure can jeopardize your health and rob you of your independence. Hypertension doubles your risk of heart attack and stroke and increases your risk of vision loss, kidney failure, and dementia.

Discover the steps and secrets to lowering your blood pressure now! New from Harvard Health Publishing, this course gives you the tools to build cardiovascular wellness by lowering your blood pressure and adopting strategies to keep it low. The course is impactful, engaging, and effective.

You'll find even small changes can pay big and lasting dividends. Did you know there is a remarkably easy diet plan that can lower systolic blood pressure 11 points in just 8 weeks? Or that just moderate exercise can end the need for blood pressure medication? Or that one simple change can halt dangerous “part-time” hypertension for good?

In Controlling Your Blood Pressure, you'll learn how to bring blood pressure into a normal range by adopting basic lifestyle

changes — from eating smart to easing stress. You'll get tips for weight loss, for choosing a blood pressure monitor, and for finding the best and safest medications.

Guidance you can trust. Changes you can make. Success you can measure! More than ever, you need to know where information is coming from — especially when it's your health. Controlling Your Blood Pressure comes to you from Harvard Medical School, the nation's top-ranked school for medical research. In the course, Harvard doctors share strategies for addressing hypertension's causes and show you how to use today's advances to your greatest advantage.

You will be introduced to specific, yet simple, lifestyle changes that will help you achieve a lasting reduction in your blood pressure numbers. The instruction is clear, concise, and uncomplicated.

You'll learn the best procedures for an accurate baseline test. The doctors will reveal two home monitors you should avoid... three taboos before a test...and the one important step that is often overlooked.

Of course, you've heard of “white coat” hypertension, but did you know about masked hypertension? You'll find how to unmask this dangerous condition. You'll find why, after age 65, women are at greater risk for high blood pressure...the seven

risk factors you can control... and six important tests your doctor may suggest.

And you'll welcome how easy it is to make strides without sacrifice. You'll be introduced to several easy and enticing eating plans that offer lean, minimally processed foods, packed with nutrients, but not calories. You'll find how to incorporate the three minerals essential to successful blood pressure management... and 15 smart low-sodium substitutes.

You'll get guidance for the most helpful exercises and for maintaining motivation. You'll master effective techniques to manage stress and improve sleep.

And the course offers an impartial, frank assessment of today's expanded array of medications to help you make the safest and smartest choices to meet your goals.

The good news is that what's gone up can come down. You can lower your blood pressure. You can safeguard your heart and your health. And you can do it now!

You'll want the doctor to take your blood



pressure! As you apply these simple proven strategies, you'll not only feel the difference, but with every blood pressure reading you — and your doctor — will see the difference.

This breakthrough learning package is loaded with illuminating slides and videos, interactive quizzes, charts, worksheets and more. This is a course that will set you on course for renewed cardiovascular health and dramatically reduced risk of heart attack, stroke, and age-related illnesses. Don't wait. Invest in yourself! Order Controlling Your Blood Pressure now!

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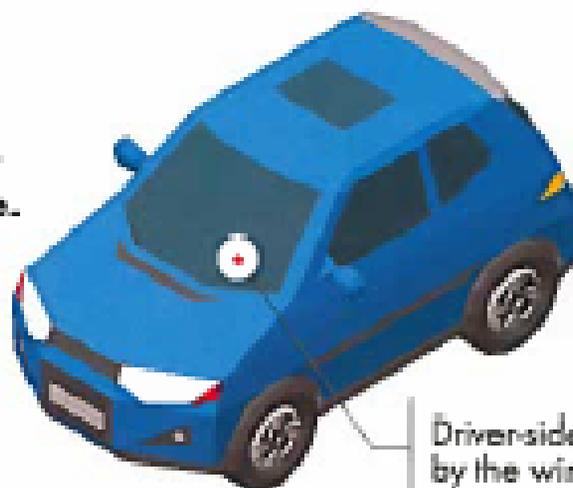
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SHRIMP SCAMPI

Ingredients

1 lb. Large Shrimp, shelled and deveined
 2 Tbsp. Olive Oil
 1 Package Alouette Garlic & Herbs Soft Spreadable Cheese (6.5 oz.)
 1/3 Cup Milk
 3 Cups of cooked Rice
 4 Plum Tomatoes, sliced and warmed
 1 lb. Asparagus, trimmed and cooked
 Salt and Pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Thread shrimp onto skewers.
2. Brush lightly with oil and season with salt and pepper.
3. Grill over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes per side. Cooked shrimp will be opaque throughout.
4. Blend Alouette Soft Spreadable Cheese

and milk. Microwave to warm the sauce mixture.

5. Divide rice onto 4 plates.
6. Arrange tomatoes and asparagus on rice.
7. Place shrimp on rice and vegetables.



8. Top with sauce.

Ingredients

16 Fresh basil
 1 Tbsp. Unsalted butter
 1 lb. Cooked linguini
 2 Tbsp. Olive oil
 1 Medium onion, chopped
 1 pin Crushed red pepper
 1 jar (24 oz.) Classico® Riserva Marinara Sauce

Directions

Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and saute for 5-10 minutes or until translucent. Add Classico® Riserva Marinara Sauce to the skillet along with about a dozen basil. Bring sauce to a low boil and then

lower heat to simmer. Whisk in butter until melted. Serve on top of cooked pasta, and garnish with remaining basil leaves.



Chrissy's Apple Crumble Chex™ Mix

A comforting and delicious snack mix inspired by your favorite fruit crumble dessert. Start by baking cinnamon oat clusters. Then toss with sweetly spiced Apple Cinnamon Chex™ cereal, crunchy apple chips and lightly salted almonds.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup old-fashioned oats
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
 1/2 cup cold butter, cut into pieces
 2 teaspoons water
 4 cups Apple Cinnamon Chex™ cereal
 3 cups apple chips
 1 cup lightly salted, roasted almonds

PREPARATION

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with cooking parchment paper. In

medium bowl, add oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and sea salt; mix well. Use pastry blender to cut in butter, until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in water until mixture comes together. Spread out evenly in pan; press down slightly on mixture to hold together. Bake 10 minutes; stir gently. Continue baking 10 to 13 minutes or until mixture is light golden brown. Cool completely on parchment in pan, about 1 hour. Carefully break into small clusters. In large serving bowl, mix cereal, apple chips and almonds; stir in clusters. Store in covered container at room temperature.

TIPS

Try this as a delicious topper to your favorite yogurt. You may need to break up the apple chips a bit before topping. Adding water to crumble mixture helps all of the dry, flour mixture come together before baking. Watch crumble during baking

for excessive browning around edges. Mixture will continue to bake in pan during cooling. Make this a caramel apple crumble by drizzling with your favorite caramel sauce right before serving!

NUTRITION

1/2 Cup Calories 190 (Calories from Fat 90); Total Fat 11g (Saturated Fat 3.5g, Trans Fat 0g); Cholesterol 10mg; Sodium 130 mg; Total Carbohydrate 20g (Dietary Fiber 1g, Sugars 8g); Protein 3g

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 4%; Vitamin C 2%; Calcium 6%; Iron 20%;

Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Other Carbohydrate,

2 Fat

Carbohydrate Choice: 1



Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake

A great alternative to pumpkin pie, especially for those cheesecake fans out there. Serve topped with whipped cream.

Ingredients

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 1/2 cup white sugar
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 eggs
 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust
 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 pinch ground cloves
 1 pinch ground nutmeg
 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions Step 1

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

Step 2

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Blend in eggs one at a time. Remove 1 cup of batter and spread into bottom of crust; set aside.

Step 3

Add pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg to the remaining batter and stir gently until well blended. Carefully spread over the batter in the crust.

Step 4

Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set. Allow to cool, then refrigerate



ate for 3 hours or overnight. Cover with whipped topping before serving.

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Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V823
 Manufacturer : Sutphen Corporation
 Subject : Rear LED Lights Too Bright/FMVSS 108
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 SUTPHEN FIRE TRUCK 2017, 2020
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 Manufacturer : Orange EV
 Subject : Pitman Arm Bolt Not Tightened Properly
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 ORANGE EV T-SERIES ELECTRIC TRUCK 2019-2021
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 Subject : Unexpected Engine Shut Down
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 Manufacturer : Great Dane Trailers
 Subject : iABS Securing Screws Improperly Tightened
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 GREAT DANE CHAMPION 2020-2022
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 PALFINGER MATERIAL HANDLING CRANES 2015-2021
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Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
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 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
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 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject : Rearview Camera Image May Be Blocked from View
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V856
 Manufacturer : Mack Trucks, Inc.
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 MACK GRANITE (GR) 2021
 MACK LR 2021
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 Subject : Tires May Contact Fenders
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 RANGER TRAIL BOAT TRAILER 2022
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V860
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
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 KIA STINGER 2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V866
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company
 Subject : Incorrect Tire Information on Federal Label

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 Subject : Flanged Wheel Lug Nuts Improperly Tightened
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 HME RAM 5500 2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V808
 Manufacturer : HME, Inc.
 Subject : Engine Calibration May Not Warn of Low Oil Volume
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V816
 Manufacturer : Schwarze Industries, Inc.
 Subject : Unintended Conveyor Movement/Crushing Hazard
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 NEWMAR LONDON AIRE 2020-2022
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 Manufacturer : Sutphen Corporation
 Subject : Improperly Crimped Lifting Cable
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 SUTPHEN FIRE TRUCK 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V831
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject : License Plate Not Illuminated Properly/FMVSS 108
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 BMW X4 2022
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 Manufacturer : Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA
 Subject : Incorrect VIN On Federal Certification Label
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 YAMAHA MTT9GT 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V839
 Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.
 Subject : Engine Harness Damage May Cause Stall
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 Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America
 Subject : Brake Fluid Contamination
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 HYUNDAI PALISADE 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V842
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)
 Subject : Rear Spoiler May Detach While Driving
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 DODGE DURANGO 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V843
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
 Subject : ECU Software May Cause Engine Stall
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 MERCEDES-BENZ S580 2021-2022
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V844
 Manufacturer : Kia Motors America
 Subject : Engine Damage May Cause Stall or Fire
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 KIA OPTIMA HYBRID 2017-2018
 KIA OPTIMA PHEV 2017-2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V845
 Manufacturer : Thor Motor Coach
 Subject : External Compartment Door May Separate
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 THOR CHALLENGER 2017
 THOR MIRAMAR 2017
 THOR OUTLAW 2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V846
 Manufacturer : Tesla, Inc.
 Subject : Unexpected Activation of Automatic Emergency Brake
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 TESLA MODEL 3 2017-2021
 TESLA MODEL S 2017-2021
 TESLA MODEL X 2017-2021
 TESLA MODEL Y 2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V848
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)
 Subject : Tires with Incorrect Load Rating/FMVSS 110
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 ALFA ROMEO GIULIA 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V849
 Manufacturer : Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC
 Subject : Transfer Switch Wires May Come Loose
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 HEARTLAND CYCLONE 2020-2021
 HEARTLAND ROAD WARRIOR 2019-2021

DECEMBER 2021 Monthly Horoscope

Aries (March 21st – April 20th)

Direct and honest, you are one of the most no-nonsense signs of the zodiac, but nevertheless have proven to be a bit elusive for someone who has been keen to get up close and personal with you. Early December, they nally catch up with you, and sparks y (and it's not just the Christmas tree bulbs popping!) For a few days, the pair of you are burning with an intensity that takes you both by surprise as Venus and Mars travel closely together in the sky – but mid-month your beloved may suddenly seem to change ('you acted strangely...and why I'll never know' Cue the music!) But happily, you will know – for it's all written in the stars, and the reason for their blowing seemingly as cold as the winter wind outside your door, is that Sagittarius is suddenly giving them the need for space and freedom. What do you do about it? Well, armed with this knowledge, let them have that space, don't take it personally and by Boxing Day, you should be back in tune with your beloved and singing from the same carol sheet again, as your ruling planet also moves into freedom-loving Sagittarius.

And if you need further confirmation from the skies, good news planet Jupiter (if the planets performed a Xmas panto, you'd be nately be cheering for it...!) is bouncing cheerily through your solar house of signi cant relationships, suggesting that this is a positive time for you on that front. So, eat, drink and be merry for, after a potentially confusing time mid-month, this should be an enjoyable and enlightening Christmas! Festive Greetings and a peaceful New Year

Taurus (April 20th – May 21st)

It's always the quiet ones you have to watch out for – and steady, determined Taureans demonstrate that old saying perfectly, and never more so than this month!

Let's not beat about the holly bush, you've had your eye on a certain someone recently haven't you – or have been keen to put some extra spice back into your relationship?

Well, dear sensuous bull, I bring you glad tidings – for, on the 5th day of Christmas, your true love brings to you – themselves. Yes, perhaps it's the romantic glow of Christmas – but more likely your determined efforts – but nally, you've caught up with them and they'll be just as keen as you are for some passion under the mistletoe, as Venus and Mars travel closely together in the skies. It's fantastic, it's headily passionate, it's just what you wanted – or is it? The trouble with intensity like that, can leave you feeling not just breathless, but like you haven't got room to breathe – and when your planetary ruler Venus moves into freedom-loving Sagittarius mid-month, you feel a sudden need for space. Days later, Venus moves into a challenging aspect with unpredictable Uranus in the heavens, reinforcing this need to break free, and surprising your beloved, who may nd your sudden change of mood dif cult. Faced with wounded pride, you may feel like disappearing completely over the horizon – but please, try and resist this urge, for the planets suggest that this is a relationship that could really stay the distance. Your patience will be rewarded, for on Boxing Day, that special someone may surprise you by shifting into a more lighthearted gear as they inject some fun into the relationship and introduce you to outside interests that the two of you can share together, and going into the New Year, this looks like being a relationship that can really broaden your horizons.

On the work front, there is much to do in the way of everyday, routine tasks before you take your Christmas break, and regarding that next career move you are hankering after – be careful to take everything into consideration and do your sums. Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Gemini (May 21st – June 21st)

It's a very important month for you and those close to you, whether they are love partners or business partners. There is a stumbling block, though, that has been causing a minor irritation in your relationship, and you've been too-ing and froing over it – but just as you think you have sorted it out, something makes you stand still again and blocks your progress as you realize that it needs further consideration and communication. 'Oh boy, what a great December I'm about to have I can hear you saying – but here's where the good news kicks in. Around the start of the third week, the picture clears and you can look forward to moving forwards again, and as the year draws to a close, beautiful, pleasure-giving Venus graces her way right up next to Mercury, giving extra harmonious qualities to your communication with that signi cant other and joyous Jupiter also makes contact with Mercury, indicating this will bring glad tidings all around, and it's possible that the news may not be too dissimilar to that which the shepherd brought....

Finally, as the party season's here, and as you are undeniably one of the irtiest, naughtiest, cheekiest signs of the zodiac (and I mean that in the nicest possible way – heck, I've got Gemini rising!), you will be glad to know that Venus's contact with your ruler will ensure you look absolutely fantastic over the Christmas festivities. The horoscope of the year 2022 (<https://www.yearly-horoscope.org/horoscope2022/>) for all the 12 signs – from Aries to Pisces

Cancer (June 21st – July 23rd)

The natural-born homemaker, carer, and nurturer of the zodiac, it goes without saying that this month is always one of your busiest of the year, as you prepare for your festive feasts, and make sure that everyone is not just catered for but cared for too. But this year the planetary patterns in the sky indicate that you're going to be even busier than usual on that front, with your solar house of everyday work and duties lled to bursting – the Sun and Mercury are both traveling through this area of your chart, indicating that you will not just be busy doing but will also be busy planning your Christmas lunch, down to every last detail, as Mercury is in the exacting sign of Virgo – though if you're a typical Cancer, you'll always cook twice as much as is needed anyway! Venus also moves into this busy area of your chart on the 16th, indicating you will derive much pleasure from all of this activity, which would wear out lesser mortals. But not you, lovable, sensitive Cancer. To complete the astrological picture, energetic Mars gets in on the act, moving rather ttingly into your solar house of work on Christmas Day – indicating that it will be gone, go, go, and your Sherry at the end of the day will be well deserved, to say the least! Amidst all this Christmas chaos, though, unpredictable Uranus gives you the sudden desire to broaden your horizons by learning an unusual or offbeat new skill, which may con ict with your desire to be Mother Christmas, to everybody, all year round! You're ruled by the Moon, so trust your instinct on this one – it will usually be right. As December draws to a close, the Full Moon falls in Cancer, and in your solar house of ego and outlook – so as we approach the New Year you will feel in your element, and the spotlight will be really turned on you, your outlook and a new way of approaching things as you welcome in 2022.

Leo (July 23rd – August 23rd)

This is one of your favorite times of the year, with your penchant for drama, glamour, and all things glitzy – and the fact that if you're a typical Leo, deep inside you still like to believe in Father Christmas (go on, admit it, there's nothing wrong with that – I still hang my stocking up!!) – and this year promises to be one of your best Christmases ever, as your solar house of

fun and creativity (not to mention love affairs) is positively packed to bursting! Your planetary ruler, the Sun, and mind and communication planet Mercury are already in that house, putting the focus rmly on enjoyment – and from the third week on they are joined by energetic, impulsive Mars and pleasure-giving Venus, so this really is a month to let that Leonine mane of hair down (like the lion, Leo's hair is often their crowning glory, but I don't need to tell you that, do I?) and have fun, fun, fun. Don't worry about tomorrow too much, this is the time to make hay while the sun shines (or to use a more seasonally appropriate analogy, create snowmen while it's snowing!) because, in a few months time, responsible, sensible Saturn will make sure you are rmly grounded on Planet Earth as it moves into the area of your chart concerned with your general outlook and approach, so there will be plenty of time to do all that more serious stuff later! Oh yes, and early on in the month, enjoy some powerful romantic energy on the homefront as Mars and Venus meet up in the sky – or if you're single, a productive, energetic and enjoyable time is in store on the domestic or family front. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Virgo (August 23rd – September 23rd)

Just when you think your communications have been sorted out on the home front, you are halted in your tracks and forced to readdress something that needs further consideration – it could be that you were about to move, extend your house or even just make some subtle décor changes, but the skies indicate that there could be some delay on this front.

Around the third week of December, though, Mercury – your planetary ruler – stops kicking its heels and starts moving forward again indicating that things will start moving forward again for you – perhaps the contracts will be exchanged, the perfect color scheme (<https://www.yearly-horoscope.org/lucky-colors-2021/>) will nally come to you – or it could even be that a communication problem on the homefront, or concerning family members, nally reaches a satisfying conclusion. Most importantly, it's all sorted in time for you to enjoy a fantastic Christmas, and with Venus joining the Sun and Mercury things will be harmonious and enjoyable on the homefront – oh, and for those of you buying a house or revamping your current abode, what great taste you have, what an aesthetically pleasing home. As 2021 draws to a close, a lovely aspect between good news planet Jupiter and your planetary ruler Mercury suggests that all your activity and resolution on the home front will be good news nancially – or, perhaps, more importantly, it will make you feel like a millionaire. Seasons Greetings, and a peaceful New Year!

Libra (September 23rd – October 22nd)

With both energetic Mars and your ruler Venus in your solar house of money and self-worth, this suggests a busy and fortuitous month nancially, with the two combining together in a powerful aspect in the rst week – and there could hardly be a better time of year than now to receive glad nancial tidings, for you re ned Librans do put great stock on quality and a certain nesse when it comes to buying presents. Mid-month, the emphasis will shift to busying yourself locally with general everyday activities as Venus moves into Sagittarius and your solar house of communications and local environment – and just at this time the New Moon provides the opportunity for a new start in this area or new approach, so if you have been neglecting your neighborly duties recently, or fallen out over parking spaces, accept their offer of a Christmas tittle, or invite them round for one yourself, for it's the perfect time to patch up your quarrel, as Mercury is also in this area of your chart and suggests communication will be the key to resolutions you make. As the month ends, the Full Moon turns the spotlight brightly on your career and ambitions – and it's possible that your new relationship with a neighbor or someone in your locality, could bring fruitful rewards in this department. Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Scorpio (October 22nd – November 21st)

With your traditional planetary ruler, Mars, in Scorpio for the rst three weeks of December, you are going to be feeling very much in your element and there will be an incredible intensity to your actions, feelings, and general outlook on life. With beauteous Venus also in your solar house of appearance, you will be glad to know that this Christmas, those bewitching, penetrative scorpion eyes of yours will be even more magnetic than usual and you will outshine the sparkliest tinsel on the tree! But the chief focus for you this month will be on nances – the Sun and Mercury are in your solar house of money and self-worth, indicating that you are likely to be both planning and sorting out your nances – and the New Moon on the 12th gives you the perfect opportunity for a fresh overhaul in this department, which let's be honest maybe much needed given all the Christmas spending you're planning on doing – eventually! Several days later, when bene c Venus moves into your solar house of worth, you will see the bene t of that nancial re-jig, and when Mars moves alongside Venus on Christmas Day, you really will feel richly blessed and your sense of self-esteem and self-worth will be sky-high. As the year draws to a close the Full Moon puts the spotlight on broadening your horizons, either mentally or physically – why not take up a new evening class in the New Year.

Sagittarius (November 21st – December 21st)

For Saggies, December is one long party, and a time of double celebration – for not only is it the festive season, most of you will also be celebrating your birthday. For the rst three weeks of the month, the Sun is passing through your solar house of ego and appearance, so it's a great time to re-evaluate your outlook on life and where you are going – or perhaps just consider a change in your appearance for the festive season. Whatever changes you make, the planets suggest they will be fantastic, as, from mid-month onwards, Venus will be bestowing harmony and beauty on you, lighting you up just in time for all those Christmas parties – and making you the belle of the Christmas ball! Come Christmas Day you are likely to be the center of much of the conversation and action, as energy-giving Mars moves out of Scorpio and your solar house of privacy and secrecy into your own sign of Sagittarius, making you even more buoyant and energetic than usual – but be careful not to overdo it. The planets suggest you won't though, as just as Mars joins forces in your packed house of ego, so the Sun moves out of it as Christmas draws near. Just as well, as no one else would have been able to get a word in edgeways, and they probably still might not be able to! For all those of you celebrating your birthday this month, many happy returns – and to all of you, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Capricorn (December 21st – January 19th)

As everyone rushes around like headless chickens (or, with apologies to our feathered friends everywhere, should I say turkeys?!) in the run-up to Christmas, you are likely to be feeling distinctively out of step with the general mood of the masses – for the Sun and Mercury are both passing through your astrological house of introspection, privacy, and re ction, giving you the urge to stand back and re ct on the last 12 months. 'What? In the busiest party season of the year?' you chorus.

Well actually, yes... and no – for the thing about the planets is they often have lovely synchronicity and balance, so although you do need to take moments out by yourself to recharge your batteries, energetic Mars and pleasure-seeking Venus are both passing through your solar house of social activities for the rst half of the month, indicating that you will not only get great enjoyment from this year's round of parties, or simply quiet Christmas drinks with friends, you will also be very busy with your social diary full to bursting! Just try and balance the two, listen to your body's needs – then when the Sun moves into your sign just before Christmas, starting a whole new zodiac year for you, you will feel ready to put yourself out there and let people see just how brightly you can shine – and there will be plenty of chances, not just at Christmas parties and your own birthday celebrations, but also in your career, as glad tidings planet Jupiter is traveling through your solar house of ambition.

For those of you celebrating your birthday, many happy returns, and to all of you, a very merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Aquarius (January 19th – February 19th)

Let's get ready to rumble! Always one of the most sociable signs of the zodiac, this month will be one of your busiest of the year with communication planet Mercury, and the Sun – which shows the current focus of your life – both in your house of friendship and sociability and from mid-month pleasure-giving Venus joins them, indicating a very enjoyable party season.

As Christmas Day approaches, the Sun moves out of the area of your chart connected with all things social, and into the area connected with all things private, introspective, and re ctive, urging you to take time alone to re ct on the past year – I know, hardly what you want when it's the festive season! BUT... fear not... the angels said... (Cue music!), as one planet leaves, another arrives, and as the Sun takes time out, energetic Mars moves into your house of sociability, evening the score.

It is true that you may not be leading the chatter over Christmas lunch, or even very talkative – by your standards at least – but the key thing is that you will enjoy being with your friends and family this Noel, with Venus adding a harmonious and pleasure-giving tone to your seasonal social interaction. With your ruler Saturn still in your solar house of duty and everyday tasks, as it has been for the past two years now, you are likely to still be feeling all too well aware of responsibilities in that area but midmonth, someone you meet socially could bring some light relief from all those duties

Pisces (February 19th – March 21st)

Dreamy Pisces, you are generally more concerned with satisfying your soul than with material wealth, so are not considered one of the most ambitious signs of the zodiac – but arguably mistakenly so, for ambition need not be synonymous with monetary success, and you dear Pisces know that better than most.

That dream job you are after, this is the month to apply for it, for your solar house of aspiration and ambition is like Piccadilly Circus – on a quiet day!

The Sun, which indicates where your focus and spotlight in life will be, is currently passing through your house of ambition, as is Mercury – and from midmonth they are joined by bene c Venus, suggesting that this could be good news nancially too, or that this new job will really give you that increased sense of self-worth you are after. This is also reinforced by Jupiter, the planet of glad tidings, making a wonderfully harmonious aspect to Mars and Venus in the skies above as the month draws to a close.

Be aware though that your unorthodox outlook in certain areas, or possibly the way you present yourself, may not be to the liking of those you are trying to impress – weigh things up, and bear this in mind, but don't compromise the essence of who you are, I think you know what I'm saying here. The main thing is that you get that application out.

Anyone who lives with a Pisces will know that they often have a tendency to put things off until the next day, then the next... just happy to often go with the ow as long as they possibly can, but this month, the planets are determined that come what may they will give Pisces a push in the right direction as towards the end of the month energetic, impatient Mars also moves into the area of your chart concerned with ambition, too. Work, work, work – and no play! Acceptable, just about for some signs, but not for Pisces, you wait... But fear not, the planets have ensured you will have an enjoyable Christmas, as the Sun moves into your house of sociability on the 21st, just before the festive bells ring out. Merry Christmas – and a peaceful New Year!

Bezos makes gifts to Obama foundation and NYU medical center

Former President Barack Obama's foundation said Monday it has received a \$100 million donation from Amazon founder Jeff Bezos that it says is the largest individual contribution it has received to date.

Separately on Monday, NYU Langone Health, a medical center affiliated with New York University, said it has received a \$166 million gift from Bezos and his family.

For its part, the Obama foundation said in a statement that the gift from Bezos is intended "to help expand the scope of programming that reaches emerging leaders" in the United States and around the world.

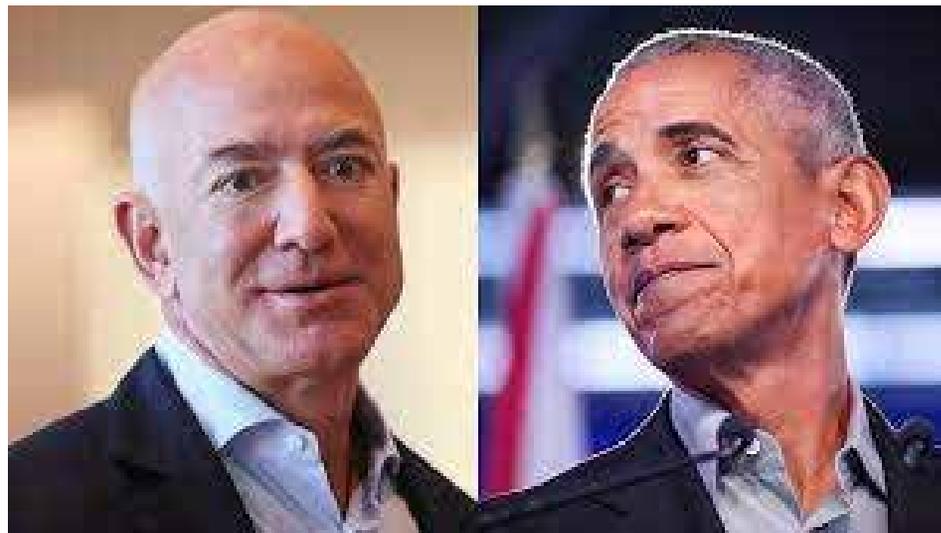
The donation, it said, was also given in honor of John Lewis, the congressman and civil rights icon who died last year. As part of the gift, the foundation said Bezos has asked for the plaza at the Obama Presidential Center, under construction in Chicago's South Side, to be named after Lewis. Valerie Jarrett, a former senior adviser to Obama who serves as the foundation's CEO, said in a statement that the foundation was "thrilled" by that idea.

Bezos' gift to the foundation was first reported by Puck News.

Construction on Obama's legacy project is expected to cost about \$830 million and to be completed by 2025. In the meantime, the foundation said it's giving donors the opportunity to "honor and elevate the names of those who have fought for a more just and equitable world" by naming public spaces in the future presidential center.

"Freedom fighters deserve a special place in the pantheon of heroes, and I can't think of a more fitting person to honor with this gift than John Lewis, a great American leader and a man of extraordinary decency and courage," Bezos said in the statement released by the foundation. "I'm thrilled to support President and Mrs. Obama and their Foundation in its mission to train and inspire tomorrow's leaders."

Since stepping down as CEO of Amazon this year, Bezos has begun to focus more of his attention on philanthropy. NYU Langone, which received the other Bezos gift announced Monday, said in a statement the donation will be used to aid "with the health and wellness of diverse populations" across NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn community, one of the school's teaching hospitals and trauma centers in Brooklyn.



Last year, Bezos committed to spend \$10 billion by 2030 to enhance climate change efforts through his Bezos Earth Fund. In recent months, he has released some details on how he plans to spend that money.

Bezos, whose personal wealth is estimated by Forbes at roughly \$212 billion, had long been questioned about the relatively modest level of his charitable giving and reluctance to sign The Giving Pledge. The pledge, developed by Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, is intended to persuade the world's wealthiest to donate more than half their worth to philanthropic organizations.

MacKenzie Scott, Bezos' former wife whose fortune is estimated at \$61 billion, has signed the pledge. Scott has made a splash in the philanthropy world over the past 17 months by donating \$8.7 billion — without any strings attached — to numerous nonprofits across the country.

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Florida clears Groveland Four of 1949 rape of white woman

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A judge on Monday officially exonerated four young African American men of the false accusation that they raped a white woman seven decades ago, making partial and belated amends for one of the greatest miscarriages of justice of Florida's Jim Crow era.

At the request of the local prosecutor, Administrative Judge Heidi Davis dismissed the indictments of Ernest Thomas and Samuel Shepherd, who were fatally shot by law enforcement, and set aside the convictions and sentences of Charles Greenlee and Walter Irvin. The men known as the Groveland Four, who ranged from 16 to 26 at the time, were accused of raping a woman in the central Florida town of Groveland in 1949.

"We followed the evidence to see where it led us and it led us to this moment," said Bill Gladson, the local state attorney, following the hearing in the same Lake County courthouse where the original trials were held. Gladson, a Republican, moved last month to have the men officially exonerated.

The men's families said maybe this case will spark a reexamination of other convictions of Black men and women from the Jim Crow era so those falsely convicted can have their names cleared.

"We are blessed. I hope that this is a start because lot of people didn't get this opportunity. A lot of families didn't get this opportunity. Maybe they will," said Aaron Newson, Thomas' nephew. He broke into tears as he spoke. "This country needs to come together."

Thomas was killed by a posse that shot him more than 400 times shortly after the rape accusation. The local sheriff, Willis McCall, fatally shot Shepherd and wounded Irvin in 1951 as he drove them to a second trial after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned their original convictions, saying no evidence had been presented. The sheriff claimed the men tried to escape, but Irvin said McCall and his deputy shot them in cold blood.

Gilbert King, who won the Pulitzer Prize for his 2012 book about the case, "Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America," attended the hearing with Thurgood Marshall Jr., the son of the late U.S. Supreme Court justice.

Thurgood Marshall Sr., then with the NAACP, represented Irvin during his second trial, but an all-white jury again convicted him and he was sentenced to death. Irvin narrowly escaped execution in 1954 and Gov. LeRoy Collins commuted his sentence to life with parole. Greenlee, also sentenced to life, was paroled in 1962 and

died in 2012. Irvin died in 1969, one year after he was paroled.

King said having the men exonerated in the same building where the trials were held was "of significant importance because upstairs there was a courtroom where 72 years ago (an) abomination of justice took place." He praised Gladson for pursuing justice.

"He could have easily kicked this case down the road and let someone else deal with it," King said. "Even when it got frustrating and he felt there was no path toward this day, he dug in harder."

Marshall Jr. said that, perhaps more than any other case, the Groveland Four "haunted" his father.

"But he believed better days were ahead," Marshall Jr. said.

The Florida Legislature in 2017 formally apologized to the men's families. Gov. Ron DeSantis and the state's three-member Cabinet granted posthumous pardons more than two years ago. In 2018, then-Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi directed the state Department of Law Enforcement to review the case. Earlier this year, the agency referred its findings to Gladson for his review.

Gladson and an investigator interviewed

the grandson of Jesse Hunter, the now-deceased prosecutor of two of the Groveland Four defendants. According to the grandson, Broward Hunter, his grandfather and a judge in the case knew there was no rape.

The grandson also suggested to Gladson, based on letters he found in his grandfather's office in 1971, that Willis may have shot Shepherd and Irvin because of the sheriff's involvement in an illegal gambling operation. Shepherd was believed to be involved with the gambling operation too, and Willis might have seen a rape case as a "a way to get some people that were on his s— list," Hunter told the prosecutor and investigator.

Gladson also said that James Yates, a deputy who served as a primary witness, likely fabricated evidence, including shoe casts.

The prosecutor also had Irvin's pants sent to a crime lab in September to test for semen, something that was never done at Irvin's trial, even though jurors were given the impression that the pants were stained. The results showed no evidence of semen, the motion said.

"The significance of this finding cannot be overstated," Gladson said in his motion.
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California couple who swindled millions in COVID relief funds cut off their electronic bracelets and fled, leaving their 3 teenage children behind, reports say

A couple convicted of scheming to take \$20 million in COVID relief funds has fled, prosecutors said.

They pair used the swindled money to buy mansions, jewelry, and luxury goods, authorities said.

The couple told their children they'd be taking a "brief break from one another," reports said.

A California couple who ran a scheme that stole millions in COVID-19 relief funds cut off their electronic bracelets and fled while waiting for their prison sentences, authorities said on Tuesday.

Richard Ayvazyan, 43, and his wife, Marietta Terabelian, 37, used fake identities — including the names of elderly or deceased people and foreign-exchange students who had left the US — to claim money meant to aid small businesses and people suffering from the pandemic, federal prosecutors said.

Ayvazyan recruited others who have already been sentenced, and together they made about 150 fraudulent loan applications while scheming to take \$20 million in funds, prosecutors said.

The couple then used the cash to buy luxury homes in Tarzana, Glendale, and Palm Desert, as well as gold coins, jewelry,

luxury watches, designer handbags, and a Harley Davidson motorcycle, among other lavish items, prosecutors said.

The couple and Ayvazyan's brother, Artur, were found guilty on June 25 of wire fraud, bank fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

On August 29, the couple fled and left a note for their three teenage children, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"We will be together again one day. This is not a goodbye but a brief break from one another," they wrote.

On Monday, the pair was sentenced in absentia by US District Judge Stephen V. Wilson, who handed Ayvazyan a 17-year sentence and gave Terabelian six years in prison. Artur Ayvazyan was given five years in federal prison.

The couple's children were "visibly distraught" in the courtroom on Monday as they listened to the judge sentence their parents and uncle, the LA Times reported. The children — ages 13, 15, and 16 — are living with their grandparents, Ayvazyan's

attorney said, The New York Times reported.

At the sentencing hearing, Wilson called Ayvazyan an "endemic, cold-hearted fraudster with no regard for the law." He said he couldn't recall a fraud case conducted in such a "callous, intentional way," a Justice Department statement said.

"If given the opportunity, he would concoct another fraud, because the way he spoke of this fraud indicates that that is his way of life," Wilson said, the LA Times reported.

Ashwin J. Ram, Ayvazyan's attorney, said his client should have gotten a sentence of six years at most, and that the convicted fraudster's absence made it difficult to show the judge that he was a family man, churchgoer, and legitimate businessman, the LA Times reported.

He also said that the couple's family believed they were abducted by coconspirators who haven't been caught and sought to silence them, CNN reported.



Ram did not immediately respond to Insider's request for comment.

Ryan Fraser, Terabelian's lawyer, described her in an email to Insider as a "loving mother and devoted wife who has tirelessly supported not only her three children, but also her parents, mother-in-law, and sister."

"Judge Wilson recognized this in his sentence, imposing significantly less than one-third the time the prosecutors sought in their memorandum," Fraser added. In the meantime, the FBI is offering a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Ayvazyan and Terabelian.

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'QAnon Shaman' Jacob Chansley sentenced to 41 months in prison for role in US Capitol riot

Jacob Chansley, the so-called "QAnon Shaman," was sentenced to 41 months in prison for his role in the US Capitol riot.

The Justice Department had asked for Chansley to receive a harsh sentence as a way to set an example among the January 6 rioters, and prosecutors have positioned Chansley as emblematic of a barbaric crowd.

Since then, Chansley gained fame as the "QAnon Shaman," a figure known in the fringe online movement and for widely shared photos that captured him wearing face paint and a headdress inside the Senate chamber.

Judge Royce Lamberth has had Chansley held in jail since his arrest, despite his multiple attempts to gain sympathy and his release.

Other judges are likely to look to Lamberth's sentence as a possible benchmark, since Chansley is one of the first felony defendants among more than 660 Capitol riot cases to receive a punishment. Pictures of Chansley at the Capitol went viral because of his bizarre appearance while leading others through the Capitol, shouting into a bullhorn. As one of the first 30 rioters inside the building, he made his way to the Senate dais that was hastily vacated earlier by then-Vice President Mike Pence, and left a note that read, "It's Only A Matter Of Time. Justice Is Coming!" according to his plea documents. Chansley also carried an American flag on a speared flagpole, which prosecutors have characterized as a weapon.

Lamberth asked only a few questions -- about Chansley's leaving a note for Pence and whether he knew of other threats to Pence's life coming from the crowd, and about his choices that day.

"He made himself the image of the riot, didn't he?" Lamberth said to Chansley's defense attorney. "For good or bad, he made himself the very image of this whole event."

Prosecutor Kimberly Paschall used several videos to show Chansley's entrance into the Capitol building and Senate chamber, yelling along with the crowd. "That is not peaceful."

Paschall called his role as the "flag-bearer" of the mob "chaos" and "terrifying."

Before January 6, Chansley "posted vitriolic messages on social media, encouraging his thousands of followers to expose corrupt politicians, to ID the traitors in the government, to halt their agenda, to stop the steal, and end the deep state," Paschall said. "That was a call to battle."

After the riot and his arrest, Chansley asked then-President Donald Trump for a pardon. He also went on a hunger strike in an attempt to get organic food while in custody and spoke to "60 Minutes" from jail without permission. In September, Chansley pleaded to a felony charge of obstructing Congress' certification of the 2020 vote.

Spoke for more than a half-hour. For more than 30 minutes, Chansley spoke to Lamberth about the impact jail has had on him, and the guilt he feels for breaking the law.

He said he was wrong to enter the Capitol on January 6, and that he is not an insur-

"I think your remarks are the most remarkable I've heard in 34 years," Lamberth



rectionist or domestic terrorist, but rather a "good man who broke the law."

His sprawling speech held the attention of the judge, as Chansley quoted Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and "The Shawshank Redemption," and described wanting to live his life like Jesus Christ and Gandhi.

"The hardest part about this is to know that I'm to blame. To have to look in the mirror and know, you really messed up. Royally," Chansley said.

"I was in solitary confinement because of me. Because of my decision. I broke the law ... I should do what Gandhi would do and take responsibility," he says. "There's no ifs, ands or buts about it, that's what men of honor do." He promised to never have to be jailed again.

told Chansley, calling his speech "akin to the kind of thing Martin Luther King would have said."

But, Lamberth added, "what you did here was as horrific as you now concede," and he could not justify a shorter sentence.

After the hearing, Chansley's attorney Albert Watkins said that Chansley is "embracing being held accountable."

Chansley will get credit for the time he has already served behind bars. He will also have to pay \$2,000 for damage done to the Capitol building during the riot, and will serve three years of supervised release at the end of his prison term.

CNN News
By Hannah Rabinowitz and Katelyn Polantz

History Made in Boston as Michelle Wu Is Sworn in as Mayor

Michelle Wu, the first woman and person of color elected to be mayor of Boston, was sworn in, the latest historic achievement for the former city councilor in her adoptive city.

Wu took the oath of office flanked by her two children and her husband, vowing to “faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as mayor of the City of Boston.”

Afterward, Wu spoke about the full-circle moment it was for her personally, having entered city government in Boston under the administration of Mayor Tom Menino. And she reiterated her campaign pledge -- an answer to critics of her progressive agenda -- that her administration will tackle major change while at the same keeping the city functioning.

“Not only is it possible for Boston to deliver basic city services and generational change, it is absolutely necessary in this moment. We’ll tackle the biggest challenges by getting the small things right,” she said.

Wu entered the City Council chamber with outgoing Mayor Kim Janey, and the chamber erupted in applause when Matt O’Malley, the council’s president, mentioned at the start of the ceremony the history being made on Tuesday. In attendance were some of Massachusetts’ top politicians, including Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey and Rep. Ayanna Pressley.

“I feel good knowing that you share my love and my passion for Boston. I’m confident that you will lead our city with integrity and that you will center equity in all that you do. I know that Boston is in good hands, and I am so proud to call you ‘madam mayor,’” Janey said ahead of the swearing-in.

The achievement felt completely out of reach to Wu when she first stepped foot in City Hall over a decade ago, she said.

“The first time I set foot in Boston City Hall, I felt invisible, swallowed up by the maze of echoing concrete hallways,” Wu said. But she went on to become the city’s first Asian city councilor and the first to nurse a child during a council meeting.

“Michelle has already accomplished things that people said were not possible,” said Warren, Wu’s one-time Harvard Law School teacher, in an interview after the swearing-in.

The senator said Wu has the heart and the determination to succeed, while Pressley said Wu has the mandate, after a nearly 30-point win in the election, “to ensure we have an equitable recovery but that we are charting a more just path forward.”

There will be another ceremony marking Wu’s ascendancy to leading Boston -- her inauguration in January.

Wu won Boston’s mayoral election just two weeks ago with 60% of the vote. The special election to replace former Mayor Marty Walsh, who left for a presidential cabinet position, meant that Wu had far less time to make the transition than past mayors.

Before Wu, Boston had only elected white men to the top political job. Wu’s business cards are already in with her title listed in several different languages, a nod to her platform of making Boston more inclusive. The swearing-in means Wu will now face the daunting task of trying to make good on a series of sweeping policy proposals that were the backbone of her campaign. To help push back against soaring housing costs that have forced some former residents out of the city, Wu has promised to pursue rent stabilization or rent control.

The biggest hurdle to that proposal is the fact that Massachusetts voters narrowly approved a 1994 ballot question banning rent control statewide. Another of Wu’s top campaign promises is to create a “fare free” public transit system.



Wu has said the proposal would strengthen the city’s economy, address climate change and help those who take the bus or subway to school or work. Like the rent control pledge, Wu can’t unilaterally do away with fares on the public transit system. Wu has said she would try to work with partners in state government to make each proposal a reality.

Bostonians asked Tuesday what they want to see Wu take on first, repeated by staff and wire reports the same thing: affordable housing.

“I know Boston is pretty high and it just keeps skyrocketing,” said Scarlett Yeung, a Chinatown resident.

A recent survey of zip codes across the country found 02119 -- Back Bay -- the second-most-expensive in the country. Only Silicon Valley in California tops it.

And the high cost of housing keeps many on the edge of homelessness.

“The first thing I’d do [is] move the money for the rent because I can’t be homeless in the cold weather like this. Michelle out

to know that,” said Mireille Ancion, of Roxbury.

Other issues that residents mentioned including the coronavirus pandemic and education.

The 36-year-old Wu, whose parents immigrated to the U.S. from Taiwan, grew up in Chicago and moved to Boston to attend Harvard University and Harvard Law School. Also marks the end of Janey’s tenure as mayor. She stepped into the role eight months ago after Walsh left to be U.S. Secretary of Labor, becoming the first woman or person of color to serve as mayor in an acting capacity. “I am proud to pass the baton to Michelle Wu and thrilled to call her Madam Mayor. I know that she will work with all of you to build that even better Boston. And, I know that she will value all of the energy and creativity that you bring to our city, just as I did,” Janey said in a farewell message to the city.

Janey endorsed Wu after Boston’s preliminary election in September, from which Wu and fellow City Councilor Anissa Essaibi George progressed. Boston News

US blocks companies aiding Chinese military’s quantum computing efforts

The US is taking extra steps to prevent China’s military from claiming quantum computing dominance. The Commerce Department has added eight technology producers to its Entity List to prevent them from supporting the Chinese military’s quantum computing efforts. Officials are concerned the entities could feed “emerging” US tech that could aid with breaking encryption, producing ‘unbreakable’ encryption and developing anti-stealth or anti-submarine systems.

The list focuses on a mix of companies and researchers, including QuantumCTek and the Hefei National Laboratory for Physical Sciences at Microscale. The US also added three affiliates of Corad Technology Limited, a Chinese firm on the list since 2019, although it wasn’t clear

that quantum computing was involved — it was also accused of backing Iran’s military and space programs as well as North Korea “front companies.”

The broader Entity List update included 27 organizations and people, including 13 in Pakistan accused of backing the country’s “unsafeguarded” nuclear or ballistic missile programs.

This is unlikely to put a stop to China’s military uses of quantum computing when the country may need to research and develop much of the technology in-house. The expanded blacklist might slow things down, however, by limiting China’s access to American processors and other

equipment that could fast-track development. Consider this a stumbling block that gives the US a better chance of taking or maintaining the lead.





Ghazal Singer Anup Jalota Received Honorary Doctorate in Music from International Internship University in New Delhi

Rahila Furtinurewala, a former assistant of a Bollywood actress, who was released on bail after 10 months, said she was framed in the drug cases as she was the assistant of an actress, who was on the radar of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

Rahila was first arrested in a case related to Nawab Malik's son-in-law Sameer Khan and later in a drugs case related to the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

Rahila said her initial questioning was around the actress. "There were no drugs found in my possession but a small quantity was found with my sister. My sister got bail in a day but I didn't. I realised the reason later when I was asked questions about the actress. I was asked whether I had seen her smoke and procured drugs for her, which I refused."

Rahila also revealed there was an attempt to extort money from her family like it was done in Aryan Khan's case. "Some people approached my family saying that if they paid, the case against me would be diluted. But there was no way to establish the credentials of these people and my family didn't entertain them."

- India Today



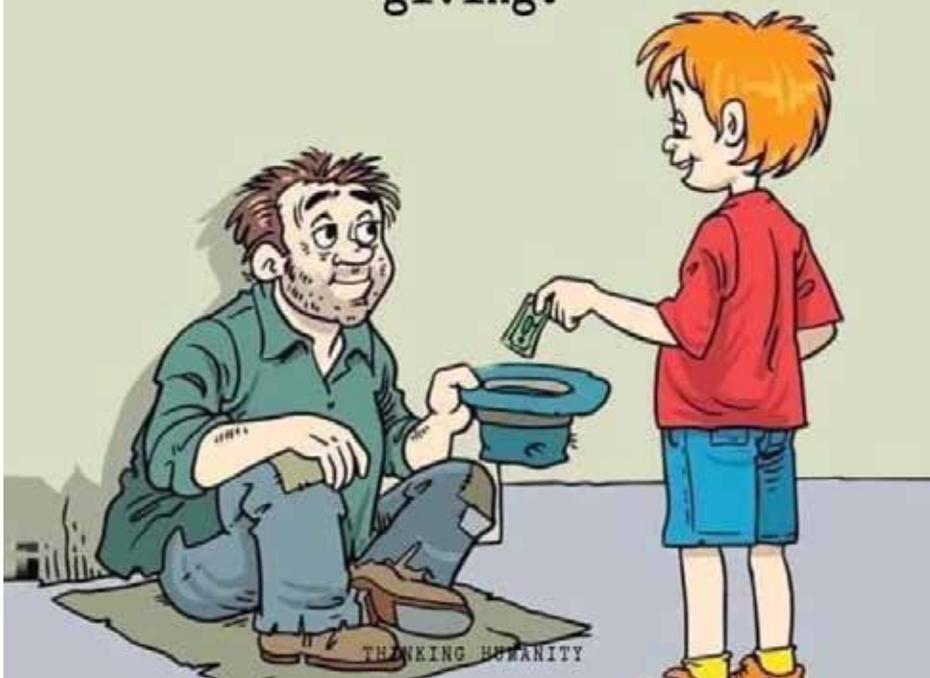
Bollywood's "Bad Man" is famous for his ability to influence his negative roles in movies. Gulshan Grover looks like he was born for evil roles. His thin looks and style make him one of the all-time favorite villains.



Gulshan Grover terrorized many participating stars on the screen, and often attacked them with a knife or an ax. He's one of the few actors in the industry who has experienced the maximum disguise of the characters he played

Grover holds a higher studies certificate from Sri Ram Commercial College in Delhi, sharpening his acting skills in the theater, and was associated with the "small theatre group" long before its launch in the Indian cinema industry.

When life blesses you financially, don't raise your standard of living. Raise your standard of giving.



8 years old and sold for marriage: Desperate Afghan families sell their daughters for cash

SHAIIDAI, Afghanistan — Bashful, with long locks of rust-colored hair dyed with henna, Benazir fidgets with a handful of gravel when the topic of her marriage comes up.

She looks down at the ground and buries her head in her knees when she is asked whether she knows she has been promised to another family to marry one of their sons.

Her father says he will receive the equivalent of \$2,000 for Benazir, but he hasn't explained the details to her or what's expected of her. She's too young to understand, he says.

Benazir is 8 years old. It is traditional for families here to pay dowries to brides' families for marriages, but it is extreme to arrange a marriage for a child so young. And the economic collapse after the Taliban's takeover in August has forced already poor families to make desperate choices. The days are filled with hardships for children here in Shaidai, a desert community on the mountainous edge of Herat in western Afghanistan.

Children like Benazir and her siblings beg on the streets or collect garbage to heat their simple mud homes because they don't have enough money for wood. Her father, Murad Khan, a day laborer who hasn't found work in months and has eight children to feed, looks much older than his 55 years — his face is worn with worry. His decision to sell Benazir to marriage at such a young age comes down to a cold calculation.

"We are 10 people in the family. I'm trying to keep 10 alive by sacrificing one," he said in Pashto.

Khan said the arrangement is for Benazir to be married to a boy from a family in Iran when she reaches puberty. He hasn't received the money yet for her dowry, and he said that as soon as he does, Benazir will be taken away by the man who bought her. "He will just take her hand and take her away from me," he said. "He will take her away and say, 'She's ours now.'" A

combination of a severe drought that decreased livestock and farmers' yields and the freezing of foreign aid by governments that don't recognize the new Taliban government has pushed poor Afghans over the edge. Promising their daughters early for marriage in exchange for cash is seen as a lifeline for families that barely have a scrap of bread to eat.

The U.N. Population Fund has warned that it is "deeply concerned" by reports that child marriage is on the rise in Afghanistan.

Henrietta Fore, the executive director of UNICEF, said in a statement: "We have received credible reports of families offering daughters as young as 20 days old up for future marriage in return for a dowry." A piece of your heart Benazir's best friend, Saliha, who is just 7, has been sold for marriage for the same price, \$2,000, to someone in the family of her father-in-law in Faryab province in the north. Benazir and Saliha already have responsibilities in the community. They go to a local mosque together to collect water, a scarcity in the desert, and haul the hefty jugs together back to their homes. Like her older neighbors, Saliha also spins yarn — pulling at a matted cloud of wool brought by traders and twisting it into neat spools of string. It takes four days to refine 8 pounds of the material, which earns her a dollar. But the family is in debt. Saliha's father, Muhammed Khan, says he took out loans from store owners in town. "I've been telling the shopkeepers I've sold my daughter and I will be paying them back, so they have given me some food as a loan," he said. The money he makes from selling Saliha will help pay it all back and feed her four siblings. It was a soul-wrenching decision, he says. "Your children are a piece of your heart. If I wasn't forced to do this, why would I do it?" he says. Afghanistan was a poor country before the Taliban took over, propped up by foreign aid. According to the World Bank, about 75 percent of public finances were supplied



by grants from the U.S. and other countries. When the U.S. military withdrew and the hard-line Islamist Taliban government took over, a lot of that aid money was frozen. Salaries dried up and the flow of cash came to an abrupt halt, creating a humanitarian crisis. And things look likely to get worse as the crisis spirals, with more than half the population facing hunger and 3.2 million children suffering from malnutrition, according to the U.N. World Food Program. The agency said it has never seen so many people facing emergency levels of food insecurity in Afghanistan, where all 34 provinces are affected. In the relatively wealthy province of Herat in western Afghanistan, an emergency feeding center is running out of beds. The Doctors Without Borders-run facility at Herat Regional Hospital treats the most severely malnourished babies, like tiny Farzana, who at 8 months old weighs just 6 ½ pounds. She is one of 75 babies being cared for here. Her father is a butcher. His business has collapsed so badly that he couldn't keep feeding his family. Farzana lies without making a sound, a tiny, pale, bone-thin arm sticking out, and her wide eyes don't blink. "What we are seeing is very small kids, which are not well breastfed by the

mothers because the mothers are all so malnourished they can't produce enough breast milk to feed them," said Gaia Giletta, Doctors Without Borders' head nurse for pediatrics at the feeding center.

Because of disruptions to health care and aid agencies across the region, Giletta said, many kids get no primary care. For many who arrive, it is already too late — a child dies nearly every day here. Another baby at the center, Ali, is small and pale, barely mustering up energy to cry. His mother, Smita Umar, was herself malnourished, so Ali was born too weak to suckle. At 4 months old, he has already spent three months at the center.

"My husband is a house painter," Umar said. "But he sold his tools so we could feed the baby. Things have got worse since the Taliban came. What little we had went to zero."

Yahoo News
Richard Engel and Gabe Joselow and Ahmed Mengli and Yuliya Talmazan

Dress of Ramayan Express staff changed after seers' protest

NEW DELHI/UJJAIN: Barely hours after a group of seers from Ujjain threatened to stop the Ramayan Express if the waiters in the train continued wearing their saffron uniform, the ticketing and catering arm of the Railways, IRCTC, changed their dress code on Monday in its bid to put the controversy to rest.

The seers had complained that the saffron attire of the waiters was an insult to Hindu religion and its seers. They had opposed the waiters donning saffron attire with a sadhu-like headgear and wearing rudraksha malas (necklaces). "We have changed the dress code and now there is no issue. There was no intention to hurt the sentiment of anyone," a railway ministry official said. The country's first Ramayan circuit train had started off on a 17-day tour from Safdarjung railway station on November 7. This train

visits 15 places associated with the life of Lord Ram. It covers more than 7,500 km, taking the pilgrims to Ayodhya, Prayag, Nandigram, Janakpur, Chitrakoot, Sita-marhi, Nasik, Hampi and Rameshwaram. The railway ministry plans to run more such trains such as G ..

The railway ministry plans to run more such trains such as Guru Kripa Express for Sikh pilgrims and South India Darshan in the near future. It will float tenders for such services, sources said. Earlier in the day, news agency PTI quoted Ujjain Akhada Parishad's former general secretary Avdeshpuri saying that they had written to Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw lodging their protest against waiters serving refreshments and food in the Ramayan Express in saffron. He had said the seers would stop the train at Delhi's Safdarjung railway station



if the saffron dress of the waiters was not changed
The Times Of India

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

Neighbors watch out for neighbors! If you will be staying home or traveling, help keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it to your local law enforcement. This makes communities safer.

Let someone you trust know when you're traveling. Have them watch your house and retrieve any newspapers and collect your mail. If you are going to be gone long, contact your United States Postal Service and put your mail on hold. When out shopping, stay vigilant! Park in a well-lit area.

Avoid shopping alone! Consider shopping with friends or relatives so everyone looks out for each other.

If you are shopping with children, coach them on what to do if they become separated. Make sure they know their first and last name, have contact phone numbers memorized and teach them about 911.

Do not leave packages in plain view in your vehicle. Lock your vehicle and place all your merchandise in the trunk.

If you place packages in your vehicle and plan to go back inside for more shopping, please consider driving away from your current parking spot and park somewhere new, so no one knows what valuable items you just left unattended.

Remember where you parked and be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car. Prior to getting into your vehicle take a look inside and around before entering. Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason. Many thieves will use different methods to distract you with the intention of taking your money or merchandise. Consider Instead, volunteer-

ing or donating to a charity.

Keep a secure hold on your purse. When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.

Keep your home safe! Set lights on timers, giving the impression the house is not alone. Make sure to close all blinds and lock all entry points such as windows, sliders, and all your doors.

Celebrate responsibly by planning ahead. Even if you've had only one drink, play it safe and designate a sober driver or use a ride-share service to get home. If you plan on drinking, don't plan on driving.

Don't use a debit card. Many people like using a debit card due to convenience or as a budgeting tool, but debit cards lack the same consumer protections that credit cards do. Should your account be compromised, you can be responsible for a greater share of the loss than if you had used a credit card

Be wary of online deals that are too good to be true. Do your research on whoever you are buying from.

If an online seller asks you to wire payment, be suspicious. Many times fraudsters will advertise a great deal on a high dollar item, but will only accept a money wire transfer. Once the money is wired to an account, it is very difficult to recover it if later on it turns out you were the victim of fraud.

Only do business with vendors who use secure websites.

Keep an eye on your credit cards at all times. A common tactic of fraudsters employed by a legitimate company is to take the card you present as payment, swipe it

through the legitimate payment system, and then swipe it again through their own collection device. Your credit card information can then be used by the crook for their own purpose or sold to other crooks.

Guard your identity the same as you would your pocketbook. Criminals not only want your money, they want your identity. With it, they can use it to get credit and make purchases while sticking you with the bill. Your information is valuable and can be sold to other criminals as well. Be suspicious of people claiming to be from your credit card company who need to "verify" information. If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from your credit card company asking you to verify Personally Identifiable Information be careful.

The caller could be a scammer who is gathering information that will later on help him steal your identity. If you feel there is some legitimacy to the callers questions, terminate the call and call back the company using a phone number you know is legitimate. You can find these numbers on your credit card statement or the company's website.

Monitor bank statements for suspicious activity. With increased activity during the shopping season, it is easy for a bad guy to slip in a few unauthorized transactions without you knowing it. Monitor bank and credit cards regularly for suspicious



transactions and question anything that does not look legitimate regardless of the amount. Most financial companies offer online access to your account and you can monitor transactions in real time.

Limit use of free Wi-Fi. Don't use free wireless networks, such as those in coffee shops, when you shop online. Fraudulent Wi-Fi hotspots are too easy to set up and are often disguised to look like legitimate services offered by reputable companies. Bad guys use these fraudulent sights to capture your data or install malware on your device. Waiting until you have a secure connection at home or using data from your own personal cellular plan is a good way to eliminate this type of operation.

Stay informed by following the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Headquarters social media pages and your designated patrol station to help keep you up-to-date on crime trends and safety tips.

Holiday Home Food Safety Tips

Enjoying food with family and friends is one of the highlights of the holiday season and while everyone wants to join in to help, too many cooks in the kitchen can result in an increased risk of food poisoning. Food-borne illness can cause severe and even life-threatening illnesses. Easy-to-do, safe food handling practices protect everyone in the family from getting sick.

Here are some tips to avoid common kitchen blunders when preparing meals, buffets and even homemade food gifts this holiday season. Tweet this

Share the Gift of Home Food Safety This Season

Follow these simple steps to properly handle food and reduce your risk of food poisoning:

Defrost carefully. Never allow foods to defrost at room temperature, on the counter or in warm water. Defrost food only in the refrigerator, in the microwave or in a cool water bath with water that is changed every 30 minutes. When defrosting food in the refrigerator, remember to cover raw meat and place it on the bottom shelf so juices won't drip onto other foods. When defrosting food in the microwave, cook it immediately afterward.

Wash hands before, during and after food preparation. Proper hand-washing may eliminate a large percentage of food poisoning cases. Remember to wash hands when switching tasks, such as handling raw meat and then cutting vegetables. Wash hands thoroughly in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.

Keep kitchen surfaces clean. Use hot, soapy water to wash countertops and surfaces,

cutting boards, refrigerator door handles and utensils. After cleaning, keep it clean by avoiding cross-contamination.

Use two cutting boards. Dedicate one for raw meat, poultry and fish and the other for ready-to-eat foods, such as fruits and vegetables. Make it easy to remember by using color-coded cutting boards, one for raw meats and one for ready-to-eat foods.

Employ different utensils for different tasks. Use separate spoons and forks to taste, stir and serve food.

Resist temptation. When baking, avoid eating foods containing raw eggs such as cookie dough or cake batter. Raw eggs may contain harmful bacteria that can lead to food poisoning.

Buy and use a food thermometer. It is the only reliable way to determine the doneness of your food and ensure that food is cooked to proper temperatures. (Do not rely on "clear juices" to tell that the turkey is done.)

Refrigerate food within two hours of serving. This helps to prevent the growth of harmful bacteria that can lead to food poisoning. This is especially important when serving buffets. Use a refrigerator thermometer and make sure it's set at below 40°F. Download the Kitchen Safety Checklist. Ensure your kitchen is ready with the tools and resources you need before the big event. Are Your Guests at High Risk for Food Poisoning?

While you should always practice safe food handling, some guests might be particularly vulnerable to food poisoning, including older adults, pregnant women, young children and people with weakened immune systems. This may mean taking special



precautions and keeping certain high-risk foods off the menu.

Whether you're bringing a holiday dish to the party or preparing the holiday feast yourself, it's important to practice safe food handling and keep in mind the needs of those who may be vulnerable to food poisoning. Tweet this

Take special care during the holidays to ensure that vulnerable guests avoid high-risk foods, such as raw or under-cooked eggs, raw or unpasteurized dairy products, raw fish or shellfish, raw or rare meat or under-cooked poultry.

Joy to the Leftovers

Holiday meals often bring leftovers. Perishable food should not be left at room tem-

perature for more than two hours. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within two hours of serving or throw them out. In hot weather, when 90°F or above, toss within one hour of serving. Use an appliance thermometer to check that the refrigerator is cooling to 40°F or below and the freezer is 0°F or below.

Store leftovers in shallow containers (2 inches deep or less). Remove turkey from the bone and store it separately from the stuffing and gravy. Slice breast meat; legs and wings may be left whole. Use turkey within 3 to 4 days; stuffing and gravy within 1 to 2 days. Reheat leftovers to 165°F.

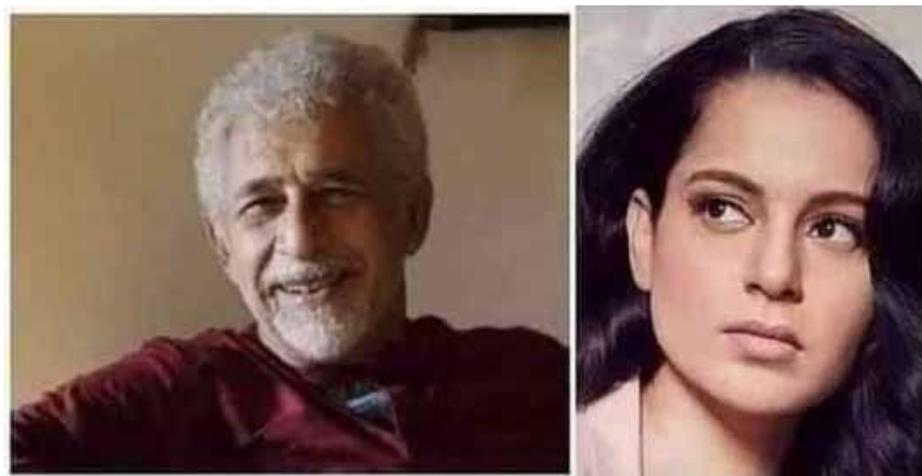


Writer Salim Khan

Salim Abdul Rashid Khan (born 24 November 1935) is an Indian actor, film producer and screenwriter. As a screenwriter, he wrote the screenplays, stories and scripts for numerous Bollywood films. Khan is one half of the prolific screenwriting duo of Salim–Javed, along with Javed Akhtar. The duo were the first Indian screenwriters to achieve star status in Hindi cinema, and became the most successful Indian screenwriters of all time. While working together, Salim Khan was largely responsible for developing the stories and characters, while Javed Akhtar was largely responsible for developing the dialogues.

Salim-Javed revolutionised Indian cinema in the 1970s, transforming and reinventing the Bollywood formula, pioneering the Bollywood blockbuster format, and pioneering genres such as the masala film and the Dacoit Western. Salim Khan was also responsible for creating the “angry young man” character archetype and launching Amitabh Bachchan’s career. Their films are among the highest-grossing Indian films of all time, including *Sholay* (1975), the highest-grossing Indian film ever at the time, as well as films such as *Seeta Aur Geeta* (1972), *Zanjeer* (1973), *Deewaar* (1975), *Kranti* (1981), and the *Don* franchise. *Sholay* is also considered to be one of the greatest Indian films of all time.

Khan is also known as the founder of the Salim Khan family, as the father of three Bollywood actors, Salman Khan (one of the big three Khans of Bollywood), Sohail Khan, and Arbaaz Khan, and film producer Alvira Khan Agnihotri. He is married to Sushila Charak (a.k.a. Salma Khan) and to actress Helen Richardson Khan. Salim Khan won six Filmfare Awards as part of Salim-Javed, and he was later awarded the Padma Shri in 2014.



Kangana Ranaut has problem with almost every Actor except Narendra Modi. !!

- NASEERUDDIN SHAH

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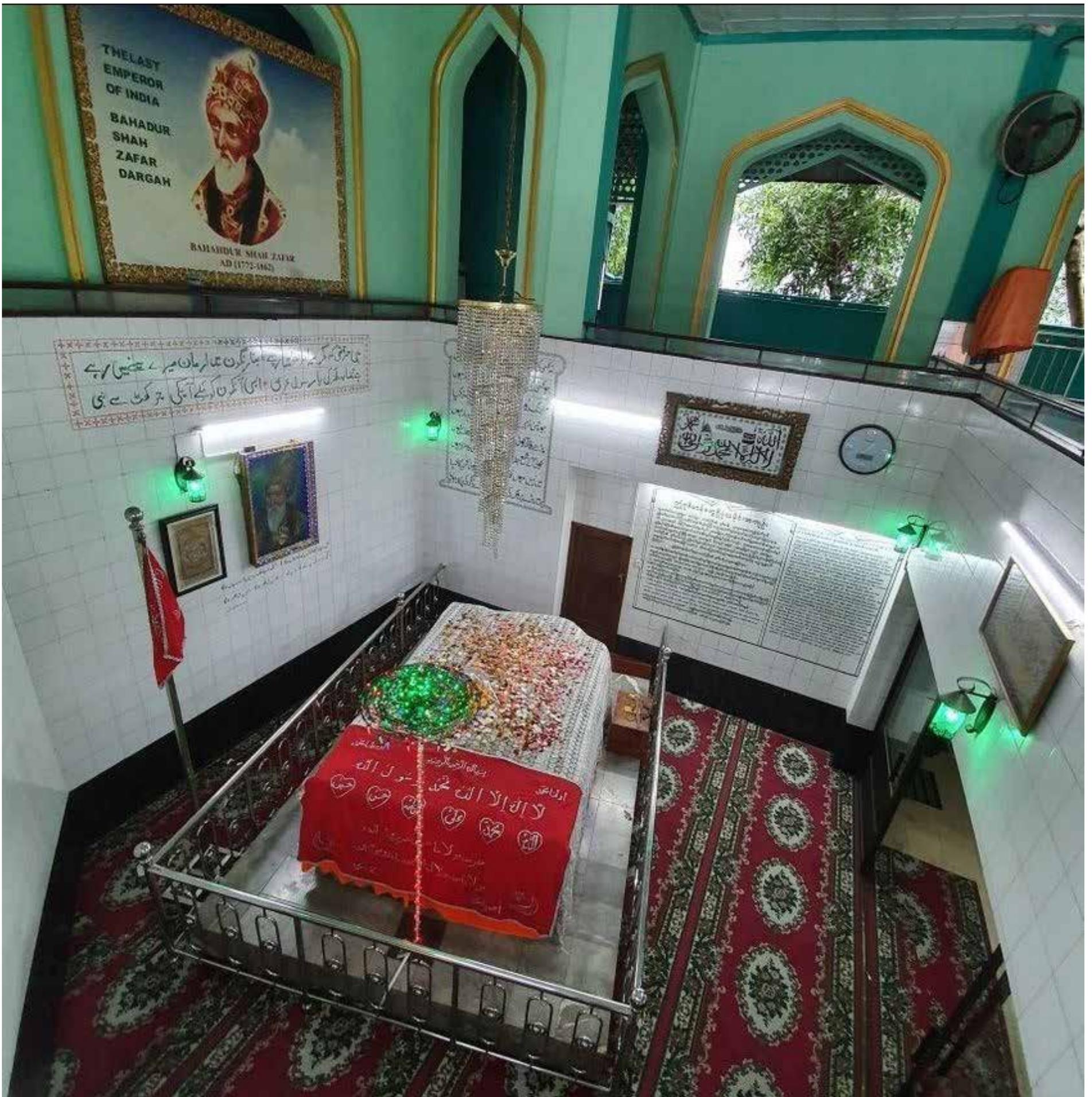
Queen Soraya Tarzi of Afghanistan, 1927 (c).

Formal photograph of Soraya during her tenure as Princess consort of Afghanistan.

Soraya Tarzi mostly known as Queen Soraya was the first Queen consort of Afghanistan in the 20th century and the only wife of King Amanullah Khan. Born in November, 1899 in Damascus Syria, where she studied and learned modern values.

She became the Princess of Afghanistan in 1913 after marrying Prince Amanullah. She was crowned as Queen in 1919 and became one of the most influential woman of the world. To prevent the civil war King Amanullah abdicated and went into exile in 1929. Soraya lived in Rome and died in April 1968. Her body was taken to Afghanistan and buried in Bagh-e-Amir shaheed in Jalalabad.





On this day in history (7th November, 1862), during the early hours of Friday, the last Timurid-Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar died at the age of 87 during his forceful exile in Rangoon, modern day Yangon, Burma.

In a bid to ensure that Bahadur Shah Zafar's resting place would not become a site of pilgrimage for both Hindus and Muslims, that would potentially incite another freedom struggle in the memory of the Emperor, the British hastily buried the deceased Emperor in a secret location.

However by chance, in the year 1991, the burial site of the last Emperor was discovered, leading to the construction of a tomb to honour the last Emperor of Hindustan.

Today, the resting site of Bahadur Shah Zafar is maintained as a Sufi derga, with locals visiting the tomb on a daily basis as Bahadur Shah Zafar was recognised as a Sufi Pir during his reign as Emperor of Hindustan. Mughal Imperial Archives

'Guilty': Jury finds all 3 men guilty of murder in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery

A Georgia jury convicted three white men of murder on Wednesday in the death of Ahmaud Arbery, 21 months after the 25-year-old Black man was chased down and shot to death while out for a Sunday jog.

Travis McMichael, who fatally shot Arbery in February 2020, was convicted on all nine charges, including malice murder, four counts of felony murder, aggravated assault with a shotgun, aggravated assault with a pickup truck, false imprisonment and criminal intent to commit a felony. McMichael's father, Gregory McMichael, 65, a former Georgia police officer, was found not guilty of malice murder but was convicted on the remaining charges, including the felony murder counts.

Rev. Al Sharpton and Wanda Cooper-Jones, mother of Ahmaud Arbery, raise their hands...
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The McMichaels' neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, 53, was found guilty of three of the felony murder counts as well as charges of aggravated assault with his pickup truck, false imprisonment and criminal intent to commit a felony.

'A long fight'

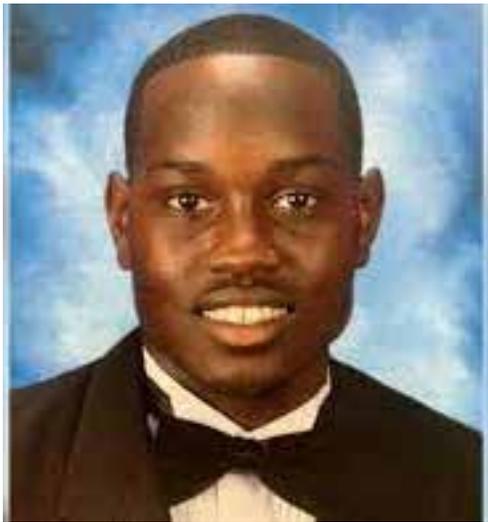
"It's been a long fight, it's been a hard fight. God is good," Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, said during a news conference outside the courthouse surrounded by supporters and her primary lawyers, Ben Crump and Lee Merritt.

Calling her son, Ahmaud, by his nickname "Quez," Cooper-Jones said, "He will now rest in peace."

Arbery's father, Marcus Arbery, added, "Today is a good day."

The jury verdicts were read in court by the presiding judge in the case, Timothy Walmsley.

Marcus Arbery, who was in the courtroom, shouted out "long time coming" as the verdicts were read. The outburst prompted Walmsley to halt the proceedings briefly and order Marcus



Arbery to leave the court.



As the verdicts were read in court, none of the defendants showed any emotions.

Outside the courthouse, a huge collective cheer went up from a large crowd of protesters.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who was in Brunswick throughout the trial and sat in the courtroom with Arbery's parents, led a prayer of thanks outside the courthouse, saying, "we've never had a Thanksgiving Day like today."

"Let the word go out all over the world that a jury of 11 whites and one Black in the deep South stood up in the courtroom and said Black lives do matter," Sharpton said.

President Joe Biden released a statement following the verdicts saying Ahmaud "should be here today" and that "the verdict ensures that those who committed this horrible crime will be punished."

"While the guilty verdicts reflect our justice system doing its job, that alone is not enough. Instead, we must recommit ourselves to building a future of unity and shared strength, where no one fears violence because of the color of their skin," Biden's statement read.

Prosecutor says jury 'did the right thing'
The lead prosecutor in the case, Linda Dunikoski, joined Arbery's parents at the post-verdict news conference to thank them for putting their faith in her and her prosecution team, saying, "This was a gigantic team effort."

"The verdict today was a verdict based on the facts, based on the evidence. That was our goal," Dunikoski said. "The jury system works in this country and when you present the truth to people and they see it, they will do the right thing

and that's what this jury did today in getting justice for Ahmaud Arbery."

Dunikoski was tapped to lead the prosecution team after Cobb County District Attorney Broady Flynn was appointed as the special prosecutor in the Glynn County case after two previous district attorneys refused to file charges against the men, finding their actions appeared justified. Former Brunswick Judicial Circuit District Attorney Jackie Johnson, who once had a working relationship with Gregory McMichael, was accused of mishandling the case, leading to her indictment in September on felony charges of violating her oath of office and obstructing police.

The McMichaels were arrested and charged with Arbery's murder about two months after the fatal Feb. 23, 2020 shooting in the Satilla Shores neighborhood near Brunswick. Bryan was arrested about two weeks later.

The arrests came only after a cellphone video Bryan took of the confrontation that captured part of the shooting and was heavily used by both prosecutors and defense attorneys during the trial was leaked to the media despite Bryan having turned it over to Glynn County police on the day of the killing.

"To tell you the truth, back in 2020 I never thought this day would come, but God is good," Cooper-Jones said.

Verdict delivered

The jury sent Walmsley a note around 1:30 p.m. on Nov 24 saying they had reached a verdict after deliberating about 11 hours over two days.





President Kovind. Ji presented the Padma Shri award to Mohammad Shareef for Social Work. He is a cycle mechanic turned social worker. He performs last rites of unclaimed dead bodies of all religions with full dignity



Former Indian Football Team captain Oinam Bembem Devi honoured with the Padma Shri Award



A woman worthy of it all! Congratulations to P V Sindhu on being awarded the prestigious Padma Bhushan for Sports

Indian Football Team Captain Sunil Chhetri receives the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award from the President of India See More



The Rev. Bernice A. King, the youngest child of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, said she was “deeply saddened” by Malikah’s death. “Be at peace, Malikah,” she wrote in a message on Twitter.

Ms. Shabazz’s death was the latest in a series of tragedies to befall the family, whose matriarch, Betty Shabazz, died from injuries sustained in a fire at her home in Yonkers in 1997. She was 61. Her 12-year-old grandson, Malcolm Shabazz, pleaded guilty to charges that he set the fire and served five years in juvenile detention. In 2013, Mr. Shabazz, then 28, was beaten and killed in Mexico during a dispute over a bar tab while in the country to advocate for construction workers’ rights.

Malikah Shabazz, Daughter of Malcolm X, Is Found Dead in Brooklyn

Malikah Shabazz, one of the youngest daughters of Malcolm X and his wife Betty Shabazz, was found dead at home in Brooklyn on Monday, the police said.

The death of Ms. Shabazz, 56, did not appear to be suspicious, said a spokeswoman for the city medical examiner, who will determine the cause of death. A high-ranking police official said accidental food poisoning may have played a role.

Ms. Shabazz was found dead four days after a judge exonerated two men who were convicted in 1966 of assassinating Malcolm X the year before.

She was found unresponsive on her living room floor by her 23-year-old daughter, who lives with her in the apartment in the Midwood section of Brooklyn, the police said. Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference on Tuesday that there was no indication that Ms. Shabazz’s death was a crime or the result of foul play. A spokeswoman for the city medical examiner said the office was conducting tests to determine the cause of death.

The death of Ms. Shabazz was a “horrible” turn of events for the family of Malcolm X, who was one of the most important leaders of the 20th century, Mr. de Blasio said.

And it only added to the renewed anguish over his assassination, which was once again in the spotlight last week when the Manhattan district attorney admitted that major flaws in the case had led to two wrongful convictions.

“This family has been through hell over and over again, and there’s some horrible injustice to someone who ultimately did so much good for the world,” Mr. de Blasio said.

Ms. Shabazz and her twin sister, Malaak, were born in 1965 after their father was assassinated. Tributes poured out online as news spread of her death.

Binaca Geetmala Annual List (1956)

<p>1</p>	<p>Ae Dil Hai Mushkil Jina Yaha, Zara Hatke <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.39 - 1057 votes</p>	Geeta Dutt, Mohammed Rafi	O P Nayyar	Johnny Walker
		C. I. D. (1956)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Masti Bhare Geet
<p>2</p>	<p>Nain So Nain Nahin Milao <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.31 - 800 votes</p>	Hemant Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar	Vasant Desai	Gopi Krishna, Sandhya
		Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baje (1955)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Songs about Eyes, Romantic Songs
<p>3</p>	<p>Tu Pyar Ka Sagar Hai Teri Ek Bund Ke Pyase Hum <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.55 - 2185 votes</p>	Manna Dey	Shankar Jaikishan	Balraj Sahni
		Seema (1955)	Shailendra	Prayer
<p>4</p>	<p>Nirbal Se Ladai Balvan Ki, Ye Kahani Hai Diye Ki Aur Tufaan Ki <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.51 - 356 votes</p>	Manna Dey	Vasant Desai	Nanda, Ulhas, Rajendra Kumar
		Toofan Aur Deeya (1956)	Bharat Vyas	Motivational Songs
<p>5</p>	<p>Ai Dil Mujhe Bata De, Tu Kis Pe Aa Gaya Hai <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.44 - 998 votes</p>	Geeta Dutt	Madan Mohan	Ashok Kumar, Shyama
		Bhai Bhai (1956)	Rajinder Krishan	Happy Songs, Romantic Songs, Masti Bhare Geet
<p>6</p>	<p>Leke Pahla Pahla Pyar (Part 1) <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.38 - 827 votes</p>	Shamshad Begum, Mohammed Rafi	O P Nayyar	Sheela Vaz, Dev Anand, Shakeela
		C. I. D. (1956)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Masti Bhare Geet, Romantic Songs
<p>7</p>	<p>Halke Halke Chalo Saanvare <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.48 - 200 votes</p>	Hemant Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar	Salil Chowdhury	Anita Guha, Shammi Kapoor, Nirupa Roy, Jayant, Balraj Sahni, Gope
		Tangawali (1955)	Prem Dhawan	Romantic Songs
<p>8</p>	<p>Kaise Aao Jamuna Ke Tir <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.37 - 173 votes</p>	Lata Mangeshkar	Chitalkar Ramchandra	Anjali Devi
		Devta (1956)	Rajinder Krishan	Classical Songs
<p>9</p>	<p>Aankhon Hi Aankhon Men Ishaaraa Ho Gayaa <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.40 - 967 votes</p>	Geeta Dutt, Mohammed Rafi	O P Nayyar	Waheeda Rehman, Dev Anand, Shakila
		C. I. D. (1956)	Jan Nisar Akhtar	Songs about Eyes, Romantic Songs
<p>10</p>	<p>Piya Piya Piya Mora Jiya Pukare, Hum Bhi Challenge Saiya Sang <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.36 - 1377 votes</p>	Asha Bhosle, Kishore Kumar	O P Nayyar	Kishore Kumar, Chand Usmani
		Baap Re Baap (1955)	Jan Nisar Akhtar	Romantic Songs, Happy Songs

List of Bollywood films of DECEMBER, 2021

3	<i>Tadap</i>	Milan Luthria	Ahan Shetty · Tara Sutaria
	<i>Bob Biswas</i>	Diya Annapurna Ghosh	Abhishek Bachchan · Chitrangada Singh
	<i>Cobalt Blue</i>	Sachin Kundalkar	Prateik Babbar · Neeley Mehendale · Anjali Sivaraman
10	<i>Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui</i>	Abhishek Kapoor	Ayushmann Khurrana · Vaani Kapoor
	<i>Velle</i>	Deven Munjal	Abhay Deol · Karan Deol · Anya Singh
24	83	Kabir Khan	Ranveer Singh · Deepika Padukone · Tahir Raj Bhasin · Jiiva · Saqib Saleem · Ammy Virk · Harrdy Sandhu
31	<i>Jersey</i>	Gowtam Tinnanuri	Shahid Kapoor · Mrunal Thakur · Pankaj Kapur · Sharad Kelkar

Tadap

Tadap (transl. Yearning) is an upcoming Indian Hindi-language erotic romance action drama film directed by Milan Luthria and produced by Sajid Nadiadwala under the Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment banner, with Fox Star Studios serving as distributor and co-producer. A remake of blockbuster Telugu film RX 100 (2018), the film stars debutant Ahan Shetty and Tara Sutaria. The film is scheduled to be released theatrically on 3 December 2021.

Cast
Ahan Shetty as Ishana

Tara Sutaria as Ramisa
Saurabh Shukla as Ishana's father
Kumud Mishra as Ramisa's father
Sumit Gulati as Ishana's friend
Production
In March 2019, Sajid Nadiadwala announced the remake of the 2018 Telugu film RX 100 with debutant Ahan Shetty, son of actor Suniel Shetty. Tara Sutaria was cast opposite him to play the lead. The director Milan Luthria told that the plot is intriguing and it is a love saga. In a statement, he said, "It's a stark love story, with

both the leads having strong parts. I have seen Tara and Ahan perform together during the rehearsal workshops and they have immense chemistry." The principal photography began on 22 April 2019 in the Central Plaza theatre in the South Mumbai. Major portion of the film was shot in Mumbai and Mussoorie. The film was wrapped up on 10 March 2021, with Shetty



writing, "It's a wrap on my first film!! Going to hold on to these memories forever

Amitabh Bachchan reviews Abhishek's Bob Biswas Trailer: 'Proud of to say you are my son'

In Bob Biswas, Abhishek Bachchan looks every-inch convincing as a contract killer. He plays a cold-blooded murderer in the film. The over two-minute long nail-biting trailer encapsulates the journey of Bob Biswas, a middle-aged hitman-for-hire who comes out of a prolonged coma not being able to remember any details about his life and his past including his own family. Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan is basking in praises by the critics for his exceptional performance in the upcoming film Bob Biswas. The makers of the film recently dropped the trailer of Abhishek's much-awaited thriller. While several stars praised the actor for his unrecognisable look, it was megastar Amitabh Bachchan's review that caught our attention. Big B retweeted Red Chillies Production's tweet featuring Abhishek's trailer and expressed

that he was proud of him. He wrote, "I am proud to say you are my Son ! In Bob Biswas, Abhishek Bachchan looks every-inch convincing as a contract killer. He plays a cold-blooded murderer in the film. The over two-minute long nail-biting trailer encapsulates the journey of Bob Biswas, a middle-aged hitman-for-hire who comes out of a prolonged coma not being able to remember any details about his life and his past including his own family. As he tries to remember his identity, episodes from his past come alive, putting him in a moral dilemma between the history of his own deeds versus his newly developed sense of right and wrong. Apart from senior Bachchan, Abhishek's sister Shweta Bachchan, Katrina Kaif, Bobby Deol, and other celebs also expressed their excitement about the upcoming

thriller. Earlier played by Saswata Chatterjee, the Bob Biswas spin-off has been long requested by the fans of Vidya Balan's Kahaani, which released in 2012. Bob Biswas trailer out: Abhishek Bachchan looks unrecognisable as contract killer in spine chilling thriller Bob Biswas' is all set to premiere on December 3. Produced by Red Chillies Entertainment and Bound script, 'Bob



Biswas' will premiere on ZEE5. The film is directed by Diya Annapurna Ghosh and produced by Gauri Khan, Sujoy Ghosh and Gaurav Verma. The film was postponed multiple times in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.



Mufti Khaleel Ahmed laid the foundation of secretariat mosques in the presence of Akbaruddin Owaisi floor leader AIMIM, Home Minister Mahmood Ali and other leaders.

Dr Sarib Rasool Khan

I, Mohammed Razi Ullah Qurashi, IQ NEWS express my greatest appreciation for Dr Sarib Rasool Khan.-IQNEWS

Few people have the heart of Mother Theresa, the brain of Stephen Hawking, the passion of Da Vinci and the moves of Kasparov, but Managing Director like Mr. Sarib Rasool Khan must be almost Olympian in his abilities. Wherever you are in the management tier, question how you deliver on these skills.

Mr. Sarib Rasool Khan had succeeded and have a combination of deep integrity, humility and people engagement skills. Talents that connect on a human and emotional level take time to build, but can unearth and nurture huge potential. Providing tough feedback while empowering someone to do better can either make people feel like failures or feel mentored. The strongest leaders are those who are lifelong students. Great managers like Mr. Sarib Rasool Khan turn hard times into opportunities for change. Likewise, generals are proven only in the heat of battle, not on the parade grounds.

What seems insurmountable is achievable with optimism and hard work.

“It’s not how you start the race, it’s how you finish it.-IQNEWS

Prayers requested for Vicar Pasha



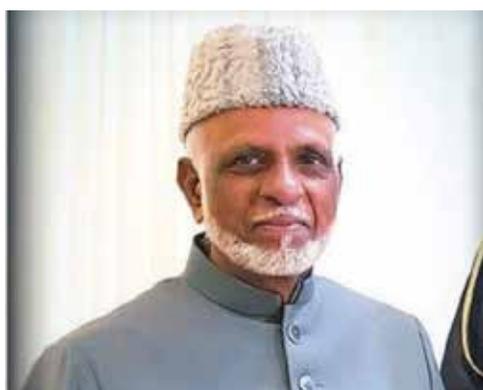
Janab Syed Vicaruddin sahab, Chairman, Indo Arab League and Chief Editor Rehnuma e Deccan Daily Newspaper admitted in Olive Hospital, Nanalagar for Treatment. Requesting You All Please Pray for Vicar Pasha Bhai for Good Health and Wishing for his Speedy Recovery. Aameen May Almighty Allah SWT Grant him Good Health to Continue his Guidance and Urdu Journalism. Seen here with Mohammed Niaz Ahmed Khan

Mr. Zaheeruddin Babar Qadri, passed away

This is to inform you that Mr. Zaheeruddin Babar Qadri, passed away by the will of Allah on Nov,7th 2021, in Jeddah, and buried in Amma Hawa Grave Yard in Jeddah. He was born in Hyderabad India, he was 80 years of old, and was living in Jeddah Saudi Arabia since 1976. every Friday he used to go to Madina Munawarah for Juma prayers, he was a very pious gentleman,

Inna lillahi wa inna elahi rajeoun, May the merciful Allah SWT in sadaqa of Syeedina Huzoor Pak Sallallahu Allahi Wassalam, Panjataan Pak, and their Blessed Beloveds give him a special place near Syeedina Huzoor Pak Sallallahu Allahi Wassalam,

And sabr e jameel to the entire family. Aameen Ya Rabbal Aalameen bijahi Nabiil kareem Syedina Muhammad Rasoolullah Sallallahu Alaihi wasalam wa Ala Aalihi Tayyibeen khususan Ibnhi Sayyiduna Abdul Qadir Jilani Ghouse-ul-Azam Dastagir Radhi>Allahu Ta'ala Anhu wa arza.



Mohammed Tahoor khan son of Mohammed Basheer Khan wedding ceremony. Saud Boam and freinds Urooj Zaheer, Taiyab Mahraj, Mr. Adbal Ex Corporator and others
Photo- Fareeduddin Sabiri



ولی الدین
آنکھوں کی بیماری

چھپاتے ہیں کالے چشمے سے آنکھوں کو
ممکن ہے کسی بات کی پردا داری ہو
ہم جس کو شرابی آنکھیں کہتے رہے
شاید وہ آنکھوں کی بیماری ہو
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آج کل کی دعوتیں

مہمانوں کا پاس نہیں وقت کا احساس نہیں
کتنی مشکل سے زندگی سے رشتہ جوڑ رکھا ہے
اب کیسے بتائیں تیری دعوت کے چکر میں
دو دن سے کھانا پینا چھوڑ رکھا ہے
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Body Guard

دس بار گزرتے ہیں اُس کی گلی سے
کھڑکی میں نظر ظالم کا چہرہ نہیں آتا
کبھی بھیا ہے ساتھ تو کبھی امی یارو
جب بھی آتا ہے وہ حسین تنہا نہیں آتا
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نemat بارہ بیلکوی
غزل

وہی پھر مجھے یاد آنے لگے ہیں
جنہیں بھولنے میں زمانے لگے ہیں
وہ ہیں پاس اور یاد آنے لگے ہیں
محبت کے ہوش اب ٹھکانے لگے ہیں

سنا ہے ہمیں وہ بھلانے لگے ہیں
تو کیا ہم انہیں یاد آنے لگے ہیں
ہٹائے تھے جو راہ سے دوستوں کی
وہ پتھر مرے گھر میں آنے لگے ہیں

یہ کہنا تھا ان سے محبت ہے مجھ کو
یہ کہنے میں مجھ کو زمانے لگے ہیں

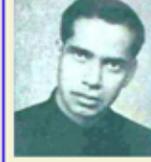
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اب ایسے بھی طوفان آنے لگے ہیں

قیامت یقیناً قریب آگئی ہے
نemat اب تو مسجد میں جانے لگے ہیں
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ڈاکٹر راحت اندروی
متفرق اشعار

سبھی کا خون ہے شامل یہاں کی مٹی میں
کسی کے باپ کا ہندوستان تھوڑی ہے
میں نور بن کے زمانے میں پھیل جاؤں گا
تم آفتاب میں کیڑے نکالتے رہنا
سیلابوں سے آنکھ ملاؤ طوفانوں پر وار کرو
ملاحوں کا چکر چھوڑو تیر کے دریا پار کرو
سب کی پگڑی کو ہواؤں میں اچھالا جائے
سوچتا ہوں کہ اخبار نکالا جائے
سرحدوں پر بہت تناؤ ہے کیا
کچھ پتا تو کرو چناؤ ہے کیا
خوف بکھرا ہے دونوں سمتوں میں
تیسری سمت کا دباؤ ہے کیا
بڑے سلیقہ سے تقسیم کر دیا ہم کو
اگر یہ شاخ نہ کٹتی تو آج پھل ہوتا
انصاف ظالموں کی حمایت میں جائے گا
یہ حال ہے تو کون عدالت میں جائے گا
دستار نوج نوج ناچ کے احباب لے اڑے
سرفج گیا ہے یہ بھی شرافت میں جائے گا
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اوج یعقوبی
نظم: حوالدار عبدالحمید

اے جری! اے سرفہرست مہمانِ وطن
جان دی تو نے
ہے تیرے خون سے رنگینی دامانِ وطن
آج روشن ہے لہو سے تیرے فانوسِ وفا
ڈس گئی موت تجھے، پائی ناموسِ وفا
جنگ بندی کا نیا خط ہے ترے خون کی لکیر
خط بھی ایسا کہ ہر اک زندہ ضمیر
خواہ دشمن ہی سہی
آکے اس موڑ پر رک جائے گا
اس کا سرچشم سے جھک جائے گا
ہم کو روٹے میں ملی ہے تجھ سے
سرفروشی کی ادا جذبہ حبِ وطنی
ہم ترے خون کی ہر چھینٹ کو کرتے ہیں سلام
کردیا تیری شہادت نے دلوں کو بیدار
ٹوٹے بختا ہے وہ جذبہ جو ہے قومی کردار!
(گرفت نظر)
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جون ایلیا
غزل

عمر گزرے گی امتحان میں کیا
داغ ہی دیں گے مجھ کو دان میں کیا
بولتے کیوں نہیں مرے حق میں
آبلے پڑ گئے زبان میں کیا
خامشی کہہ رہی ہے کان میں کیا
آ رہا ہے مرے گمان میں کیا
دل کہ آتے ہیں جس کو دھیان بہت
خود بھی آتا ہے اپنے دھیان میں کیا
وہ ملے تو یہ پوچھنا ہے مجھے
اب بھی ہوں میں تری امان میں کیا
یوں جو تکتا ہے آسمان کو تو
کوئی رہتا ہے آسمان میں کیا
ہے نسیم بہار گرد آلود
خاک اڑتی ہے اس مکان میں کیا
یہ مجھے چین کیوں نہیں پڑتا
ایک ہی شخص تھا جہان میں کیا
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پروین شاکر
غزل

کچھ تو ہوا بھی سرد تھی کچھ تھا ترا خیال بھی
دل کو خوشی کے ساتھ ساتھ ہوتا رہا ملال بھی
بات وہ آدھی رات کی رات وہ پورے چاند کی
چاند بھی عین چیت کا اس پہ ترا جمال بھی
سب سے نظر بچا کے وہ مجھ کو کچھ ایسے دیکھتا
ایک دفعہ تو رک گئی گردش ماہ و سال بھی
میری طلب تھا ایک شخص وہ جو نہیں ملا تو پھر
ہاتھ دعا سے یوں گرا بھول گیا سوال بھی
اس کی سخن طرازیوں میرے لیے بھی ڈھال تھیں
اس کی ہنسی میں چھپ گیا اپنے غموں کا حال بھی
گاہ قریب شاہ رگ گاہ بعید وہم و خواب
اس کی رفاقتوں میں رات بھر بھی تھا وصال بھی
اس کے ہی بازوؤں میں اور اس کو ہی سوچتے رہے
جسم کی خواہشوں پہ تھے روح کے اور جال بھی
شام کی نا سمجھ ہوا پوچھ رہی ہے اک پتا
موج ہوائے کوئے یار کچھ تو مرا خیال بھی
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احمد فراز
غزل

قربت بھی نہیں دل سے اتر بھی نہیں جاتا
وہ شخص کوئی فیصلہ کر بھی نہیں جاتا
آنکھیں ہیں کہ خالی نہیں رہتی ہیں لہو سے
اور زخم جدائی ہے کہ بھر بھی نہیں جاتا
وہ راحت جاں ہے مگر اس در بدری میں
ایسا ہے کہ اب دھیان ادھر بھی نہیں جاتا
ہم دوہری اذیت کے گرفتار مسافر
پاؤں بھی ہیں شل شوق سفر بھی نہیں جاتا
دل کو تری چاہت پہ بھروسہ بھی بہت ہے
اور تجھ سے بچھڑ جانے کا ڈر بھی نہیں جاتا
پاگل ہوئے جاتے ہو فراز اس سے ملے کیا
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منیر نیازی
غزل

آگئی یاد شام ڈھلتے ہی
بجھ گیا دل چراغ جلتے ہی
کھل گئے شہر غم کے دروازے
اک ذرا سی ہوا کے چلتے ہی
کون تھا تو کہ پھر نہ دیکھا تجھے
مٹ گیا خواب آنکھ ملتے ہی
خوف آتا ہے اپنے ہی گھر سے
ماہ شب تاب کے نکلتے ہی
تو بھی جیسے بدل سا جاتا ہے
عکس دیوار کے بدلتے ہی
خون سا لگ گیا ہے ہاتھوں میں
چڑھ گیا زہر گل مہلتے ہی
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دسمبر کی شاعر

ڈاکٹر اراؤ کا مران علی



ڈرامے بازوں میں سے کوئی پانچ سات فیصد ہی کامیاب عاشق ہیں جنہوں نے دسمبر کی کڑکتی سردی میں محبوب کے ساتھ کچھڑے اڑائے ہیں، فلمی انداز میں ہیرو صاحب نے ہیروئن کو گرم شال سے ڈھانپا ہے یا ایک ہی گرم چائے کی پیالی کو سڑک کے لگا لگا کر دونوں نے شیر کیا ہے، عہد و پیمانے کئے ہیں اور پھر واقعتاً کچھڑے ہیں، تو انکی دسمبری شاعری تو بنتی ہے۔ میں نے ہونکوں کی طرح منہ کھول کر پوچھا، اور باقی یہ نوے فیصد سے بھی زائد، انکی کس چکر میں اداسیاں اور شاعریاں ٹپک رہی ہوتی ہیں؟

”مراد نامراد“ نے میری طرف ترس کھائی نگاہوں سے دیکھتے ہوئے کہا، اوکملے، یاد صرف یہی نہیں ہوتی کہ اس راستے پر ہم ہاتھ میں ہاتھ ڈال کر چلتے تھے۔ دسمبری عاشقوں اور شاعروں کے لئے تو یہ بھی یادِ عشق ہے کہ وہ تانگے پر جاتی تھی اور میں سائیکل پر سردی میں کانپتا، اسکے پیچھے خوار ہوتا تھا، وسط دسمبر میں انھی دنوں اُس نے مجھے بار بار تاڑتا دیکھ کر غصے سے مٹھی کھول کر پانچوں انگلیاں پھیلا کر دکھائیں تھیں، اور

میں نہیں ہوئی تو کیسا چھوڑے کا غم اور کاہے کی شاعری؟

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شکاگو، امریکہ

گل بوکی حکایت

سدا بہار، سبق آموز مذہبی سماجی و اخلاقی بنیادوں کا انمول و نادر خزانہ



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اُردو حکایت: نوشیروان عادل نے مرتے وقت اپنے بیٹے کو وصیت کی کہ اپنے آرام پر اپنی رعیت کے آرام کو ترجیح دینا۔ درویشوں کی خدمت کرنا، مخلوق خدا کو نہ ستانا، کسی پر ظلم نہ کرنا، خدا سے نہ ڈرنے والے متکبروں سے ہشیار رہنا، نیکوں کا راستہ اختیار کرنا، خدا کے عذاب سے ڈرنا اور اُس کی رحمت کا اُمیدوار رہنا۔ ظالموں کو کھلی چھٹی نہ دینا کیونکہ عقلمندوں کو یہ پسند نہیں کہ چرواہا سویا ہو اور بھیڑیا بکریوں میں گھسا ہو۔ جو لوگ تیرے وفادار ہیں اگر ان سے کبھی لغزش ہو جائے تو درگزر کرنا۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

ظالموں کو تو کھلی چھٹی نہ دے
کھا نہ جائیں بکریوں کو بھیڑیے

فارسی شعر:

مُرُوْت نَبَا شَد بَدِی بَاکَسے
کَزَاو نِیْکُوئی دِیدَہ بَاشِی بَسے

حاصل کلام:

ایسے شخص کے ساتھ بُرائی کرنا انسانیت کے خلاف ہے
جس کی جانب سے تو نے اکثر نیکی دیکھی ہو۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

بُرائی کی نظر مت ڈال ایسے شخص پر ہرگز
اگر اُس کی طرف سے تجھ کو کچھ نیکی نظر آئے



داناے مشرق، بلبل شیراز، حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ فارسی زبان کے عالمی شہرت یافتہ ادیب، شاعر، سیاح و دانشور گزرے ہیں۔ آپ کی پیدائش تقریباً آٹھ سو سال قبل سادات کے اک معزز گھرانے میں ہوئی جو برسوں پہلے مکہ سے ہجرت کر کے شیراز میں آ بسا تھا۔ خاندان میں دینداری کا بول بالا تھا اس لئے ابتدائی تعلیم گھر پر ہوئی اور چھوٹی سی عمر میں تمام ضروری دینی مسائل یاد ہو گئے جس کے ساتھ عبادت، شب بیداری اور تلاوت کلام پاک کا شوق پیدا ہو گیا۔ گیارہ سال کی عمر میں کلام مجید حفظ کر لیا۔ تفسیر، فقہ، حدیث اور صرف و نحو کی ابتدائی کتابیں پڑھیں اور سن بلوغ کو پہنچنے سے پہلے ہی نہایت اعلیٰ و ارفع اخلاق و کردار کے مالک بن گئے۔ ان کی سلیقہ مندی، زہد و تقویٰ، ذہانت و دانشمندی کا ہر طرف چرچا ہو جائے گا۔ نوعمری میں والدین کے ساتھ پہلا حج کیا اور اپنی زندگی میں چودہ حج پایادہ کئے۔ بغداد کے مدرسہ نظامیہ میں تقریباً تیس سال تک مشہور زمانہ علمائے کرام سے تحصیل علم و فیض صحت حاصل کر کے قرآن، حدیث، تفسیر، منطق، فلسفہ، ریاضی اور دیگر علوم پر عبور حاصل کیا۔ ساتھ ہی کئی اجنبی زبانوں میں بھی مہارت حاصل کر لی۔ تحصیل علم سے فارغ ہو کر حضرت سعدی شیرازی نے سیاحت پر کمر باندھ لی اور عمر کا بیشتر حصہ ایشیاء، آفریقہ اور دُنیا کے دیگر ممالک کی سیرو سیاحت میں بسر کیا۔ کہا جاتا ہے کہ مشرقی سیاحوں میں ابن بطوطہ کے سوا شیخ سعدی سے بڑھ کر کوئی اور سیاح نہیں۔ انہوں نے سیاحت کے دوران بڑی صعوبتیں اٹھائیں اور بڑے تجربے حاصل کئے۔ ایک اندازے کے مطابق شیخ سعدی کی تصانیف تیس سے متجاوز اور ایک سے بڑھ کر ایک ہیں لیکن ان کی دو

کتابوں گلستاں اور بوستاں نے لازوال عالمی شہرت حاصل کی اور حضرت سعدی کے مقام کو بلند و بالا کر کے اورج کمال پر پہنچا دیا۔ گلستاں اور بوستاں کی بنیاد قرآن، حدیث، تربیت، اخلاقیات، تجربات، دور رس اور دانشوری پر رکھی ہوئی ہے۔ ان دو کتابوں کی حکایات میں کچھ ایسا سبق پوشیدہ ہے کہ جس کو پڑھنے کے بعد آدمی اپنے علم و عمل سے انسانیت کے اعلیٰ مقام پر پہنچ سکتا ہے اس لئے ان کا مطالعہ بنی نوع انسان کے لئے نہایت فائدہ مند ہے۔ اُردو ادب کے ممتاز ادیب و شاعر ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد نے حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی کی سدا بہار فارسی تصانیف گلستاں و بوستاں کی افادیت کو پیش نظر رکھتے ہوئے ان دونوں کتابوں کی منتخب حکایات کے نثری و منظوم ترجمہ کا کام کئی برس پہلے شروع کیا تھا جس کی اشاعت و رسم اجرائی کا اہتمام زیر ترتیب ہے۔ ویسے تو گلستاں و بوستاں کے تراجم دُنیا کی تقریباً تمام بڑی زبانوں میں ہو چکے ہیں لیکن صرف انگریزی و عربی میں نثر کا ترجمہ نثر اور نظم کا ترجمہ نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ اُردو زبان میں موثر اور مفید ترجمہ کی ایسی کوئی مثال نہیں ملتی۔ ”گل بو“ (گلستاں سے گل اور بوستاں سے بو) گلستاں اور بوستاں کی منتخب مثالی حکایتوں کا اور ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کا زیر ترتیب اُردو زبان کا وہ سب سے پہلا شاہکار مشترکہ و منفرد گلدستہ ہے جس میں فارسی نثر کا ترجمہ اُردو نثر میں اور فارسی نظم کا ترجمہ اُردو نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ ”گل بو کی حکایت“ کے عنوان سے ہم گلستاں و بوستاں کی حکایات کو عوامی استفادہ کی خاطر ”ایشیانا نثر کی الیکٹرانک اشاعتوں میں ثواب جاریہ کی نیت سے سلسلہ وار شائع کر رہے ہیں۔ (ادارہ)

گردوارے میں گربانی کے ساتھ اذان اور نماز بھی ہوگی گڑگاؤں گردوارا انتظامی کمیٹی کا فیصلہ۔ نفرت پھیلانے والوں کے منہ پر طمانچہ!

گڑگاؤں گردوارا انتظامی کمیٹی کے سربراہ شیر دل سدھو نے کہا کہ اگر ہندو تنظیمیں مسلمان چاہیں تو ان کے گھر کے آگن میں بھی نماز ادا کر سکتے ہیں۔ اکتے نے کہا کہ ایسے بہت سے ہندو اور ہیں جو مسلمانوں کو نماز کے لئے جگہ دینے کے لئے تیار ہیں۔ میڈیا



رپورٹ کے مطابق، گزشتہ کئی ہفتوں سے نماز جمعہ کے لیے جگہ تلاش کرنے والے مفتی سلیم اب مطمئن ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ اس بار وہ جمعہ کی نماز کے لیے پریشان نہیں ہیں کیونکہ تمام ہندو اور سکھ انہیں جگہ دینے کے لیے تیار ہیں۔ گڑگاؤں کے مفتی سلیم کہتے ہیں، ”میں بہت خوش ہوں کہ سدھو صاحب جیسے لوگ آگے آئے ہیں۔ چند لوگ ہی ہیں جو ماحول کو خراب کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔“ خیال رہے کہ گزشتہ کئی جمعہ سے نماز سے عین قبل کچھ ہندو تنظیمیں نماز کے مقام پر یا تو پوجا کرنا شروع کر دیتی ہیں یا پھر مذہبی نعرے لگا کر شور مچا دیتی ہیں۔ دو سال تک گڑگاؤں انتظامیہ نے ہندو اور مسلم تنظیموں کے ساتھ بیٹھ کر نماز ادا کرنے کے لیے 37 مقامات مختص کیے تھے، جنہیں بعد میں ہندو تنظیموں کے دباؤ پر کم کر کے 20 کر دیا گیا۔ ہریانہ انتظامیہ تمام اختیارات ہونے کے باوجود ہندو تنظیموں کو روکنے میں کامیاب نہیں ہو سکی۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ گڑگاؤں کے سکھ اور ہندو بھائی آگے آ کر انتظامیہ کو سخت پیغام دے رہے ہیں کہ ملک بچانے کا جو کام انتظامیہ نہیں کر پار ہی ہے اسے وہ لوگ انجام

وسیم رضوی کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کارروائی کی جائے بیرسٹر اویسی کی مجلسی ارکان اسمبلی کے ساتھ کمشنر پولیس حیدرآباد سے شکایت

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اسلمین کی قیادت میں ایک وفد نے کمشنر سٹی پولیس حیدرآباد انجینی کمار سے ملاقات کرتے ہوئے توہین رسالت کے مرتکب یو پی شیعہ وقف بورڈ کے سابق صدر نشین وسیم رضوی کے خلاف شکایت کی۔ انکے ہمراہ قاید مجلس مقننہ جناب اکبر الدین اویسی کے علاوہ تمام مجلسی ارکان اسمبلی بھی موجود تھے۔ بعد ازاں میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے بیرسٹر اسد الدین اویسی نے کہا کہ کمشنر پولیس سے نمائندگی کی گئی کہ وسیم

کمال تحریک پھوڑی کے کہتے ہیں؟ مچھوڑی کسی انسان میں کس وقت آتی ہے؟ مچھوڑی کا ایک لیول یہ ہوتا ہے کہ آپ وضاحت دینا چھوڑ دیتے ہیں اور خاموش ہو جاتے ہیں، بحث نہیں کرتے اگر کوئی آپ کو برا بھلا بھی کہہ دے تو یہ کہہ کر مسکرا کر آگے بڑھ جاتے ہیں کہ Yes I'm. اس کا مطلب یہ نہیں ہوتا کہ آپ سچ میں ویسے ہی ہوتے ہیں فرق صرف یہ ہے کہ وہ بات آپ کے لیے اہمیت ہی نہیں رکھتی۔ یاد رکھیں۔ گاڑی کے پیچھے کچھ فاصلے تک ہی کتا بھونکتا اور دوڑتا رہتا ہے، نہ ہی کتا آپ سے گاڑی چھیننا چاہتا ہے نہ گاڑی میں بیٹھنا چاہتا ہے اور نہ ہی اسے گاڑی چلانی آتی ہے ایسے ہی زندگی کے سفر میں کچھ اسی عادت کے لوگ بنا کسی مقصد کے آپ کی راہ میں رکاوٹ پیدا کرنے کی کوشش کرتے ہیں۔ اس لئے جب آپ اپنی منزل پر رواں دواں ہوں اور لوگ آپ کی راہ میں رکاوٹیں ڈالنے کی کوشش کریں تو ان سے الجھنے کے بجائے اپنی منزل کی طرف متوجہ رہیں۔ یاد رکھیں، آپ کو تلخ نہیں ہونا، آپ کو بدلہ لینے والا نہیں بننا۔ آپ کو چالیں چلنے والا، جال بچانے والا بھی نہیں بننا۔ آپ کو ایسا بھی نہیں ہونا کہ آپ شاطر کہلائیں۔ اور ایسا بھی نہیں کرنا کہ آپ گڑھے کھودیں۔ آپ کو لگے زخم ہیں، دل پر ہیں اور روح پر بھی ہیں، لیکن ان کے لیے مرہم بدلہ لے کر تیار نہ کریں۔ مرہم آسمانی ہی اچھے ہوتے ہیں۔ مرہم رحمانی ہی شفاء دیتے ہیں۔ چھوڑ دیں جو ہوا، جانے دیں جس نے جو کیا۔ اپنے پیچھے دروازے بند کر کے آگے بڑھ جائیں۔ زخم دینے والوں، تکلیف پہنچانے والوں، روح کو روند دینے والوں کو ان کے حال پر چھوڑ کر اپنا حال ٹھیک کریں۔ کیونکہ آپ کو وہ نہیں بننا جو حالات آپ کو بنا رہے ہیں۔ آپ کو وہ بننا ہے جو اعمال بناتے ہیں۔ ”رب کا بندہ بننے کی کوشش کریں“ بندہ مومن۔۔۔ یعنی ایک بہترین انسان۔

ناریل قدرت کا عطا کردہ صحت بخش پھل

ناریل پانی کے فوائد

● ناریل کے پانی میں اہم الیکٹرولائٹس ہوتے ہیں، جو جسم کو ہائیڈریٹ کرتے ہیں۔ حقیقت یہی ہے کہ ناریل کا پانی ان ہی الیکٹرولائٹس سے بھرپور ہوتا ہے جو قدرتی طور پر انسانی جسم میں پائے جاتے ہیں۔ لہذا جب آپ پانی کی کمی کی وجہ سے ان الیکٹرولائٹس سے محروم ہو جاتے ہیں تو یہ انھیں ممکنہ حد تک قدرتی طریقے سے پورا کرنے میں مدد کرتا ہے۔

● دوسرے صحت بخش مشروبات کے مقابلے میں اس میں نسبتاً کم سوڈیم ہوتا ہے، لہذا آپ کو بلڈ پریشر یا دیگر متعلقہ بیماریوں کے بارے میں فکر کرنے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔

● ناریل کا پانی کئی دیگر غذائی اجزاء جیسے میگنیشیم، میگنیشیم، پوٹاشیم اور فاسفورس سے بھی بھرپور ہے۔ اس میں سے ہر ایک میں ہڈیوں کی صحت، خلیوں کی صحت اور بڑھاپے میں صحت مندرہنے کے فوائد حاصل ہوتے ہیں۔ ناریل کا پانی زبانی حفظان صحت کے لئے بھی اچھا ہے کیونکہ اس سے ہڈیوں اور دانتوں کی صحت بہتر بنانے میں مدد ملتی ہے۔

● ناریل کے پانی میں تھامین یا وٹامن بی 1 ہوتا ہے، جو آنکھوں کی صحت بہتر کرنے اور گلوکوما کو روکنے میں مدد کرتا ہے۔

● ناریل کا پانی دماغی صحت کیلئے بھی بہت فائدہ مند ہے۔ ناریل کے پانی کا باقاعدہ استعمال (دن میں ایک یا ایک سے زیادہ کپ) افسردگی کا مقابلہ کرتا، تناؤ کو ختم کرتا، یادداشت کو بہتر کرتا اور بے خوابی کو ٹھیک کرتا ہے۔

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لبلبہ اور جگر پر تناؤ کم ہو جاتا ہے اور یہ معدے کی صحت کو بھی بہتر بناتا ہے۔

● حالیہ تحقیق میں یہ انکشاف ہوا ہے کہ اس میں سچو ریڈ فیٹی ایسڈ ہوتا ہے، خاص طور پر یہ لوریک ایسڈ (Lauric Acid) سے مالا مال ہے جو صرف اچھے کولیسٹرول کی سطح کو بڑھاتا ہے۔

● ناریل کا تیل پٹھوں کو مضبوط بنانے کے لیے بھی بہت اچھا ہوتا ہے کیونکہ یہ میڈیم چین ٹرائگلیسر ایسڈز سے مالا مال ہے، جو توانائی میں اضافہ کرتا ہے۔

● ناریل کا تیل یادداشت بڑھانے، الزائمر، پارکنسنز اور دماغ سے وابستہ دیگر بیماریوں کی روک تھام میں مدد کرتا ہے۔

● یہ تیل پیشاب کی نالی کے انفیکشن کو ٹھیک کرنے میں مدد دیتا ہے، کیونکہ اس میں موجود قدرتی اینٹی بائیوٹکس یوٹی آئی کے بیکٹیریا کو ختم کر سکتا ہے۔

● ایک اچھے فیٹی ایسڈ کی طرح، ناریل کا تیل آپ کے جوڑوں کو چکنائی فراہم کرتا ہے اور اسی طرح یہ گھٹیا اور جوڑوں کے دیگر مسائل کا علاج کرنے کا ایک بہترین ذریعہ ہے۔

دنیا میں دو طرح کے ناریل پائے جاتے ہیں، جس کا مطلب ہے کہ انہیں ابتدا میں دو مختلف علاقوں میں لگایا گیا تھا۔ ایک بحر ہند کے طاس میں اور دوسرا بحر الکاہل کے طاس میں۔ بحر ہند کے خطے میں، جنوبی مشرقی ایشیائی ممالک جیسے ملائیشیا، فلپائن، انڈونیشیا اور کچھ مشرقی پولینیشیائی جزائر، سری لنکا، مالدیپ اور جنوبی ہندوستان ناریل کی کاشت کا مرکز تھے۔ یہاں سے ناریل امریکا منتقل کیا گیا تھا اور کیریبین اور ساحلی امریکا کے ساتھ ساتھ برازیل میں کاشت کیا گیا۔ ہسپانوی دور حکومت میں ناریل فلپائن سے میکسیکو کے مغربی ساحل پہنچا اور یوں یہ پوری دنیا میں پھیل گیا۔ آج، ناریل اپنے حیرت انگیز فوائد کی وجہ سے پوری دنیا میں رغبت سے کھایا جاتا ہے، جن پر ذیل میں نظر ڈالی جا رہی ہے۔

ناریل کے فوائد:

● ہمارے مدافعتی نظام کو بہتر طریقے سے چلانے کے لیے متوازن غذا انتہائی ضروری ہے اور ناریل مدافعتی نظام کے لیے بہترین ہے۔ یہ اینٹی بیکٹیریل اور اینٹی پیراسائٹک ہے۔ ناریل کی گرمی کے بارے میں کہا جاتا ہے کہ اس میں شفا بخش خصوصیات ہیں کیونکہ اس میں اینٹی آکسیڈنٹس ہوتے ہیں اور یہ آپ کے جسم میں سوزش کو کم کرتی ہے۔

● ناریل فائبر سے بھی مالا مال ہے، یعنی یہ بدہضمی اور تیزابیت کو روکنے میں مدد کرتا ہے۔ ساتھ ہی آنتوں کی حرکات کو مستحکم کرتے ہوئے مجموعی طور پر پیٹ کے لیے بہت اچھا ثابت ہوتا ہے۔ نیز، غذائیت سے بھرپور ناریل کھانے سے آپ کو جلد

بھوک نہیں لگتی اور نہ ہی آپ کو بار بار کچھ کھانے کی طلب ہوتی ہے۔

● کچا ناریل کھانے سے آپ کے خون میں ایل ڈی ایل (کم کثافت والا لیپو پروٹین) یا نقصان دہ کولیسٹرول کی مقدار کم ہوتی ہے اور یہ آپ کے جسم کو دل کی مختلف بیماریوں کے خلاف مضبوط بناتا ہے۔

● ناریل میں موجود میگنیزیم وزن میں کمی لانے اور جسم کا مینا بولزم بڑھانے میں مدد کرتا ہے۔

● آپ ناریل کو کچا کھا سکتے ہیں۔ نرم ناریل اور پختہ ناریل کی گرمی دونوں ہی فوائد میں بھرپور ہوتی ہیں۔ ان کو چٹنی اور سالن میں بھی استعمال کیا جاسکتا ہے۔

● کچا ناریل کھانے اور اس کا پانی پینے سے گلے کے انفیکشن، برونکائٹس، ٹیپ ورم اور جراثیموں کی وجہ سے ہونے والے دیگر انفیکشن کے علاج میں مدد مل سکتی ہے۔ یہ وٹامن سی، ای، بی 1، بی 3، بی 5 اور بی 6 سے بھی بھرپور ہوتا ہے۔ ساتھ ہی آرن، سلینیم، سوڈیم، میگنیشیم اور میگنیشیم کے حصول کا بھی عمدہ ذریعہ ہے۔

ناریل کے تیل کے فوائد:

● ناریل کے تیل میں پکا ہوا کھانا کھانے سے

شاہ رخ خان کی 5 بڑی فلموں کا انتظار

بالی ووڈ بادشاہ شاہ رخ خان کافی عرصے سے فلموں سے دور ہیں۔ وہ آخری بار کٹرینہ کیف اور انوشکا شرما کے ساتھ فلم 'زیرو' میں نظر آئے تھے جو 2018



آئے تھے جو 2018 میں ریلیز ہوئی تھی۔ اس کے بعد شاہ رخ کسی فلم میں بڑے پردے کی زینت نہیں بنے حالانکہ حالیہ دونوں میں ان کی دو فلمیں پٹھان اور ناٹنگر 3 میں سلمان خان کے ساتھ نظر آنے کے کافی چرچے رہے لیکن آریں خان کے منشیات کے مقدمہ میں پھنس جانے کی بعد شاہ رخ شوٹنگ سے دور ہو گئے تھے لیکن اب، کنگ خان واپس آگئے ہیں اور اس مرتبہ وہ پٹھان سے واپسی کر رہے ہیں۔ ایش راج فلمز کی طرف سے پروڈیوس کردہ اس فلم پٹھان میں دیپیکا پڈوکون اور جان ابراہم بھی شامل ہیں۔ پٹھان کی ریلیز کی تاریخ ابھی تک طے نہیں ہوئی ہے لیکن شائقین کنگ خان کو دوبارہ ایکشن میں دیکھنے کے لیے زیادہ پر جوش ہیں۔ وہ اسی فلم کے لیے اپنے بال بھی بڑھا رہے ہیں۔ فلم پٹھان کے علاوہ شاہ رخ کی چند بڑی فلمیں قطار میں ہیں جس کا ان کے مداحوں کو بے صبری سے انتظار ہے جن میں فلم ساگی ہے جو جنوبی ہند کے اٹلی کے ساتھ بنائی جا رہی ہے۔ شاہ رخ خان کی یہ فلم کا بھی کافی چرچا ہے۔ خبر یہ ہے کہ فلم کا نام اٹلی رکھا گیا ہے۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق جنوبی ہند کی ٹاپ اداکاروں میں سے ایک، نیتارا ایک اور فلم کا حصہ ہیں۔ شاہ رخ کی ایک اور فلم برہمسترا ہے۔ خبر ہے کہ شاہ رخ خان عالیہ بھٹ اور رنبیر کپور کی سائنس فائی فلم براہمسترا میں اپنیل کیمبو کرنے جا رہے ہیں۔ راکتری: نمبی افیٹ میں بھی شاہ رخ خان میں بھی نظر آنے والے ہیں۔ راجکمار بہرانی کے ساتھ بھی ایک فلم میں شاہ رخ نظر آئیں گے۔

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’کھیل کھیل میں‘ بہت کچھ کہنے والی پہلی پاکستانی فلم

کورونا کیسز میں نمایاں کمی کے بعد انہیں فیس ماسک پہننے کی ہدایات بھی کی جا رہی ہیں جب کہ سماجی فاصلے کو بھی یقینی بنایا جا



کے تین ہفتے بعد پہلی پاکستانی فلم ’کھیل کھیل میں‘ ریلیز کر دی گئی۔ ملکی سینماؤں میں تقریباً دو سال بعد کوئی مقامی فلم ریلیز کی گئی ہے، اس سے قبل سال 2020 کے آغاز میں پاکستانی فلمیں ریلیز کی گئی تھیں۔ پاکستان بھر میں کورونا کی وبا کے باعث مارچ 2020 کے آغاز میں سینما بند کر دیے گئے تھے جو اکتوبر 2021 کے وسط تک بند رہے تھے مگر یکم نومبر کو کراچی، لاہور اور اسلام آباد سمیت دیگر شہروں میں بھی سینما کھول دیے گئے تھے۔ سینما کھلنے کے تین ہفتوں بعد 19 نومبر کو پاکستان بھر میں فلم ساز نیل قریشی کی پوٹیکل تھرلر فلم ’کھیل کھیل میں‘ ریلیز کر دی گئی۔ ’کھیل کھیل میں‘ کی ریلیز کا اعلان گزشتہ ماہ ہی کیا گیا تھا اور اب ممکنہ طور پر اگلے ماہ مزید مقامی فلمیں ریلیز کی جائیں گی۔ ’کھیل کھیل میں‘ کو کراچی، لاہور، اسلام آباد، حیدرآباد، فیصل آباد، گجرات اور ملک کے دیگر شہروں کے سینماؤں میں ریلیز کر دیا گیا، تاہم سینماؤں میں اتنا زیادہ رش نہیں دیکھا جا رہا۔ سینماؤں کا رخ کرنے والے افراد کا ویکسینیشن ریکارڈ چیک کرنے سمیت واقعے کو پیش کیا گیا ہے۔

بشاہ رخ خان کی 5 بڑی فلموں کا انتظار بالی ووڈ

"Don't be afraid of the dog," said the lady to Little Johnny, who was delivering her groceries.

"You know the old proverb, 'A barking dog never bites?'"

"Yes," replied Little Johnny. "You know the proverb. I know the proverb. But does your dog know the proverb?"

Why did the superhero flush the toilet?

Because it was their doo-dy!

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"

One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."

A man had just got his car stuck in a during a drive in the country and he needed help getting it out. So he walked until he found a farm and asked the farmer for help. The farmer agrees to help the guy out. So he takes a horse out of the stable and leads him to the car. The farmer then ties a harness around the horse and the other end to the car.

The farmer yells, "Pull, Sandy!"

The horse just stands there.

The farmer yells, "Come on now, pull Twister!"

The horse once again just stands there.

Finally the farmer yells, "Ok dangit, PULL RANGER! You're just standing there!"

Finally the horse springs forward and with all the strength he has he pulls the car out of the ditch and onto the road-side.

The man thanks the farmer many times, but before leaving the farmer why he yelled out names of horses that weren't there.

The farmer just smiles and replies, "Oh, you see Ranger there is completely blind and a lazy horse. He wasn't going to pull if he thought he was the only one trying."

The test I gave my math class covered everything we'd studied all year -- fractions, percentages and portions of whole units.

But maybe I could have explained things better. To the question "What portion of a foot is six inches?"

One student answered, "The toes?"

What branch of the military accepts newborns?

The infantry.

I adopted a 9 month old female Chihuahua; after a two week struggle for dominance she won leaving me somewhat perplexed.

After going over the training events step by step an epiphany graced me with a large dose of reality.

"If one wishes to train a dog he must first be smarter than the dog."

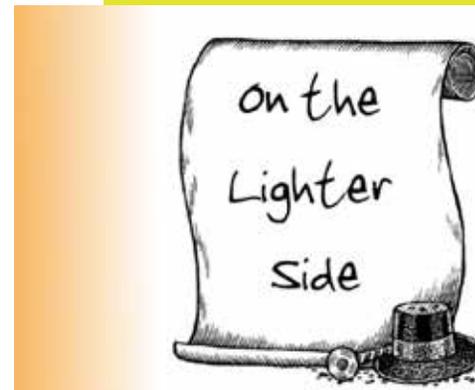
When I look at chocolate, I hear two voices in my head.

The first one says, "You need to eat the chocolate."

The second one says, "You heard. Eat the chocolate."

I asked my wife when her birthday was.

She said March 1st.



So I walked around the room and asked again.

Her: Could you loan me ten dollars please?

Him: What did you say?

Her (a bit louder): Could you loan me twenty dollars please?

Him: I thought you asked for ten!

You know that you're a really boring person when someone steals your identity and then tries to give it back.

Why was a new born puppy mad at his mother?

He felt that she gave him a licking for no reason.

Little Johnny: "Having a farm is really hard work."

Billy: "It's an ant farm Johnny, all you have to do is supervise."

Where do you find lost silverware?

Answer: At the fork in the road.



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