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Release Guantanamo Prisoners

The oldest prisoner at the Guantanamo Bay detention center went to his latest review board hearing with a degree of hope, something that has been scarce during his 16 years locked up without charges at the U.S. base in Cuba.

Saifullah Paracha, a 73-year-old Pakistani with diabetes and a heart condition, had two things going for him that he didn't have at previous hearings: a favorable legal development and the election of Joe Biden.

President Donald Trump had effectively ended the Obama administration's practice of reviewing the cases of men held at Guantanamo and releasing them if imprisonment was no longer deemed necessary. Now there's hope that will resume under Biden.

I am more hopeful now simply because we have an administration to look forward to that isn't dead set on ignoring the existing review process," Paracha's attorney, Shelby Sullivan-Bennis, said by phone from the base on Nov. 19 after the hearing. The simple existence of that on the horizon I think is hope for all of us."

Guantanamo was once a source of global outrage and a symbol of U.S. excess in response to terrorism. But it largely faded from the headlines after President Barack Obama failed to close it, even as 40 men continue to be detained there.

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Curfews could be coming to Houston if COVID-19 numbers continue to rise, Mayor Turner says

By Courtney Fischer



Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner says he isn't ruling anything out in response to the city of San Antonio issuing a Thanksgiving weekend curfew. In efforts to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, the San Antonio curfew went into effect Thursday, Nov. 26 through Monday, Nov. 30. During that time, residents cannot gather outside of their households between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., with the exception of seeking services from a business. When asked about San Antonio's curfew Thursday morning, Turner said he won't rule anything out.

For many families, it's a time-honored tradition to get crafty with leftovers in the days following a big holiday meal, but leftovers don't last forever. Here's what to know about leftover food safety.

"I'm watching the numbers very carefully, in terms of hospitalizations, we hit 900, and that was increasing," Turner said. "So, a lot of what we decide to do would depend on people's behavior, the communities, the extent of the community spread, and the status of our hospital health care delivery system. I don't rule out anything."

Turner emphasized that he's calling on local bars and restaurants to help limit the number of customers they serve and control crowds.

"I am asking bars who are now operating as restaurants, restaurants, other business establishments, to monitor the crowds in their establishments, to ensure that people are wearing their masks, to do everything they need to do to keep us from having to say, 'We're going to impose some sort of curfew,'" Turner said. "And a lot will depend on the degree of community spread and the impact on the health care system."

The bottom line? Turner says he'll do whatever it takes to keep cases down.

"I'll do whatever needs to be done to maintain the health and safety of the people in our city," Turner said.

The message comes as Harris County's COVID-19 positivity rate reaches

9.5%. The rate has been steadily increasing since October, when it reached a low of 5.5%

In an interview with CNN's "The Situation Room" Wednesday, Turner had an important message for Houstonians: "Don't invite COVID-19 to Thanksgiving."

When asked about the high coronavirus rates in other parts of the state, such as El Paso County, Turner said he had been in contact with the El Paso County Judge and had offered Houston's support.

"In Texas, we come together," Turner said.

The request comes as the county has used low-level offenders from the county jail to help transport bodies and as officials await a response from the Texas National Guard.

"We can be in a similar situation if we do not take note and modify our behavior," he warned.

Turner again touched on the matter in a tweet Saturday afternoon.

"The next 3 weeks will be critical for our City. We need each other, individuals and businesses, to act responsibly: stay away from crowded spaces, parties, clubs; get tested; keep your masks on; wash your hands; don't be selfish," he wrote.

The San Antonio curfew also applies to restaurants, which according to the city's website, will be required to close their dining areas. But, drive-thru, curbside or takeout services can still be offered.

Anyone who violates the curfew will be issued a \$1,000 fine.

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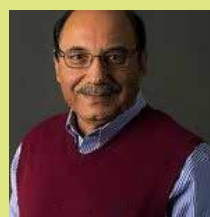
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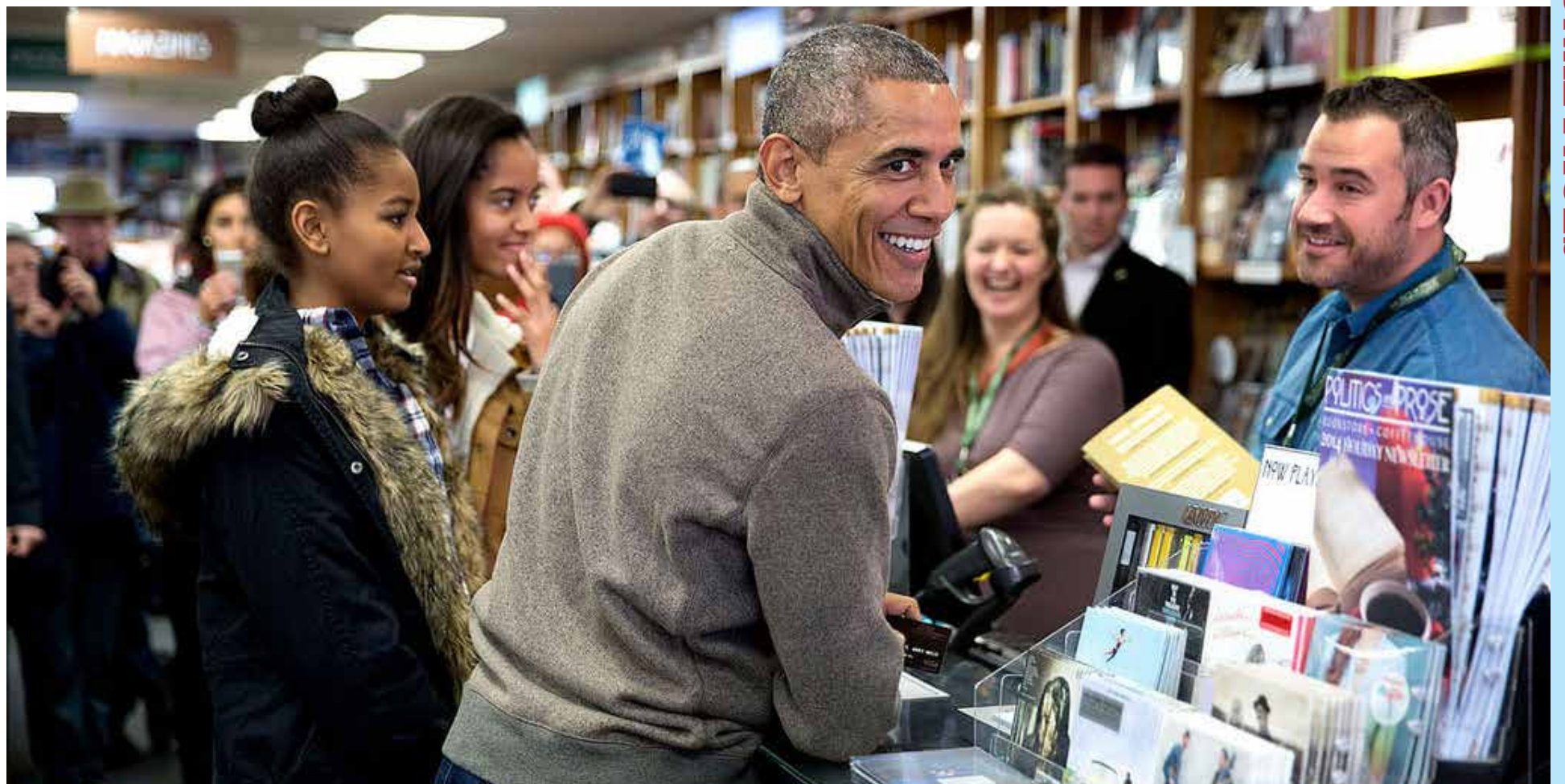
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The Correct Way to Deal with Blasphemy

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Punishing alleged blasphemers violates the Quranic and Prophetic teachings. In fact, people who seek to “protect” God or His Messenger via lynching or issuing death threats are themselves an insult to Islam and the Prophet.

“When it comes to blasphemy cases, even if the court declares you innocent, public sentiments are so high that they’d deliver their own verdict and be the judge, the jury and the witness, resulting in mob-killings.” BBC, “The Accused: Damned or Devoted?” February 2020

Angelina E. Theodorou writes that as of 2014, 26 percent of the world’s countries and territories had anti-blasphemy laws or policies (Pew Research Center, “Which countries still outlaw apostasy and blasphemy?”).

In a number of (formerly) Christian-majority states, such laws may criminalize abusive or scurrilous speech about Christianity and often other religions and their adherents, because such incidents “have the tendency to lead to a breach of peace” (Kamran Hashemi, “Religious Legal Traditions, International Human Rights Law and Muslim States,” 2008, p. 45).

However, the injudicious application of these laws and policies often defeats the intended objectives. Consider the British colonial era the Indian Penal Code, which remains in force in India and Pakistan. It was ostensibly enacted in 1860 to create harmony among the Subcontinent’s diverse populations through a uniform application of the law. Rising communal tensions during the 1920s due to various Hindu and Muslim revivalist movements, in 1927 the relevant laws were amended largely to maintain public order.

The British-era section 295A, which includes an anti-blasphemy law, of the [now] Indian [Pakistani and Myanmar] penal code, has not been repealed. Both India and Pakistan have used it to prevent a free and honest discussion on religious issues, a policy that threatens free expression.

Muslim scholars define blasphemy as insulting or showing disrespect, contempt or lack of reverence to God, Prophet Muhammad (salla Allahu ‘alyahi wa sallam), the Quran and the prophets mentioned therein. The five main jurisprudential schools -- Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi, Hanbali and Ja’fari -- regard it as a capital offense. Hanafi, Shafi, and Jafari scholars pardon those who repent; Maliki scholars do not.

Let us consider the case of Pakistan as an example. During 1987 to 2017, more than 1,500 cases were registered in Pakistan and some 75 extrajudicial killings have occurred. The ongoing Junaid Hafeez case illustrates the dichotomy between the Quran and the juristic position.

A Fulbright scholar in Mississippi, Hafeez returned home in March 2013 and joined the faculty of a university in Multan. He was arrested after some students accused him of posting derogatory comments on social media about the Prophet. Rashid Rehman, a prominent human rights lawyer who took up his case, was shot dead on May 7, 2014. In December 2019 Hafeez, who maintains his innocence and states that he comes from a religious family, was found guilty and sentenced to death. He remains in solitary confinement.

Hafeez’s case is not unique. In April 2017 a vigilante mob killed Mashal Khan, a 23-year-old university journalism student, and mutilated his corpse on the grounds that he had posted disrespectful statements on Facebook.

In 2010 Asia Bibi, a Christian female farm laborer from central Punjab, was accused of insulting the Prophet, charged with blasphemy and sentenced to death. Pakistan’s Supreme Court acquitted her in January 2019. Punjab governor Salman Taseer and federal minority affairs

minister Shahbaz Bhatti were killed for supporting her.

Angry Muslims demonstrated against Charlie Hebdo of Paris, a satirical magazine, for publishing cartoons that ridiculed God and the prophets. On Jan. 7, 2015, two Muslims killed 12 of its employees. The subsequent edition had a print run of 7.95 million copies in six languages, compared to its typical print run of 60,000 in French only.

Clearly, the Muslims’ negative reaction only made the magazine more popular. In response, an anti-Muslim group in Texas held a cartoon contest specifically to insult the Prophet (www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/shooting-outside-draw-muhammad-contest-texas-n352996). Copies of the Quran were burned in the U.S. and other countries.

A few Baha’is in Iran, Qadianis in Pakistan, Shias in Saudi Arabia and Christians in Egypt and Indonesia face blasphemy charges. In some instances, mobs don’t wait for the allegations to be substantiated. Seemingly, some Muslim jurists have also become judge, jury and executioner in such cases.

Negative Consequences

Many deemed novelist Salman Rushdie’s “The Satanic Verses” offensive to the Prophet. The vast majority of Muslims supported Ayatollah Khomeini’s fatwa of death against him, held rallies worldwide and burned copies of the book. Hitoshi Igarashi, the novel’s Japanese translator, was stabbed to death.

The fatwa only led some to turn against Islam and increased the book’s sales. Rushdie received honors and recognition in many countries, including a knighthood from the U.K.

Sheikh Ahmed Deedat (d. 2005), the well-known speaker on Islam, once stated: “The biggest enemy of Islam is an ignorant Muslim. His ignorance leads him to intolerance, and his actions destroy the true image of Islam. The people, in general, think that he is what Islam is.”

Many classical-era uslim scholars justified capital punishment based on their understanding of the relevant texts. However, their opinions are not eternal norms. Mohammad Hashim Kamali (“Freedom of Expression in Islam,” 1994), Taha Jaber Al-Alwani (“La Ikraha fi al-Din: Apostasy in Islam,” 2003) and other scholars oppose such rulings.

Some argue that earlier scholars feared that those who renounced Islam and joined the enemy might annihilate Muslims. These laws were misused frequently by rulers to rid themselves of political opponents. Given that there are 1.8 billion Muslims today, is this “fear” still realistic? There is also freedom of speech and religion. Of course any criticism of one’s religion hurts one’s feelings, but it in no way lowers the value of religion in its adherents’ eyes.

Most of the prophets sent by God throughout history were ridiculed, mocked and even tortured (36:30). And yet the Quran states that their opponents will be punished only in the Hereafter. As did Prophet Muhammad, these men only showed kindness toward such people.

Quranic Verses on Blasphemy

- “If you hear God’s revelations being mocked and ridiculed, don’t with them unless they delve into another subject. Otherwise you will be as guilty as they are. God will gather the hypocrites and the disbelievers together in Hell” (4:140)

- “do not befriend those among the recipients of previ-

ous scripture who mock and ridicule your religion, nor befriend the disbelievers.” (5:57)



- “... but indeed, they uttered blasphemy. If they repent, it will be best for them. But if they turn back (to their evil ways), Allah will punish them ... (9:74)

- Their just requital is Hell, in return for their disbelief, and for mocking My revelations and My messengers. (18:106)

- He had punished these people, annihilated them, and destroyed them as they did not take the truth seriously. (36:30)

- The evil of their deeds will become evident to them, and the very things they mocked will come back and haunt them. (45:33)

- Furthermore, have patience with what they say and leave them with noble (dignity) (73:10).

Verses 33:60:61 indicate that hypocrites were to be executed for committing treason against the state, not for blasphemy. According to Kamali, the dominant Quranic meaning of fitna (tumult) is “seditious speech that attacks a government’s legitimacy and denies believers the right to practice their faith.”

Prophetic Guidelines

The Prophet never called for executing his opponents. When an old woman who regularly threw garbage at him fell sick, he visited her. He didn’t take revenge on Suhail bin Amr, the poet who blasphemed him, but asked his Companions to treat him kindly after he was captured during the Battle of Badr. He also rejected his Companions’ advice to execute Abd Allah b. Ubayy, the chief hypocrite, because “People will say that Muhammad kills his Companions.”

Pro-death penalty scholars often cite the execution of the Jewish poet Ka’b ibn al-Ashraf to justify the death sentence, disregarding the fact that he was killed for treachery, not blasphemy.

While negotiating the Hudaibiyah treaty, the Makkan delegation asked Muhammad not to sign his name as the “Prophet of God.” He did so, reminding the upset Companions yet again that an angry response is counterproductive, for even the worst offenders could become friends by humility and gentle treatment. He forgave his archenemy Abu Sufyan and his wife Hind, free the slave Wahshi if he would kill and then mutilate Hamza’s corpse. Hamza was one of the Prophet’s uncles.

When a Companion slapped a Jew for saying that Moses was superior to the Prophet, the Prophet admonished him not to indulge in such a comparison.

Prophet Muhammad, sent as a mercy to humanity and a blessing to the universe, was entrusted only with getting all people to live in peace and harmony.

Punishing alleged blasphemers violates the Quranic and Prophetic teachings. In fact, people who seek to “protect” God or His Messenger via lynching or issuing death threats are themselves an insult to Islam and the Prophet.

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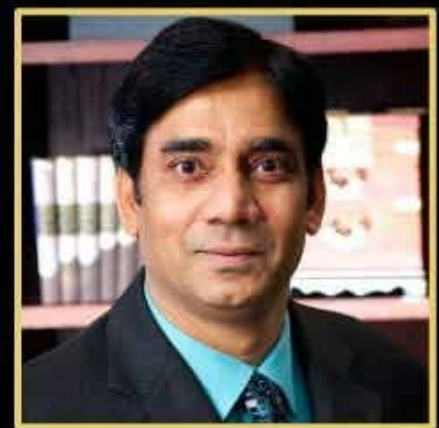
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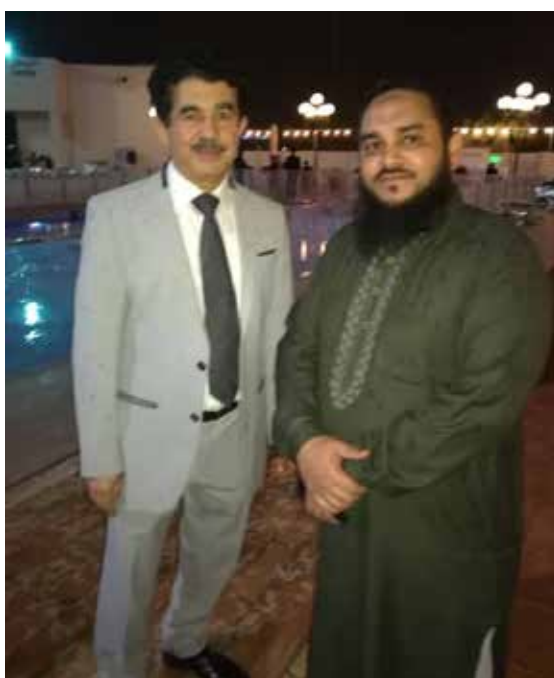
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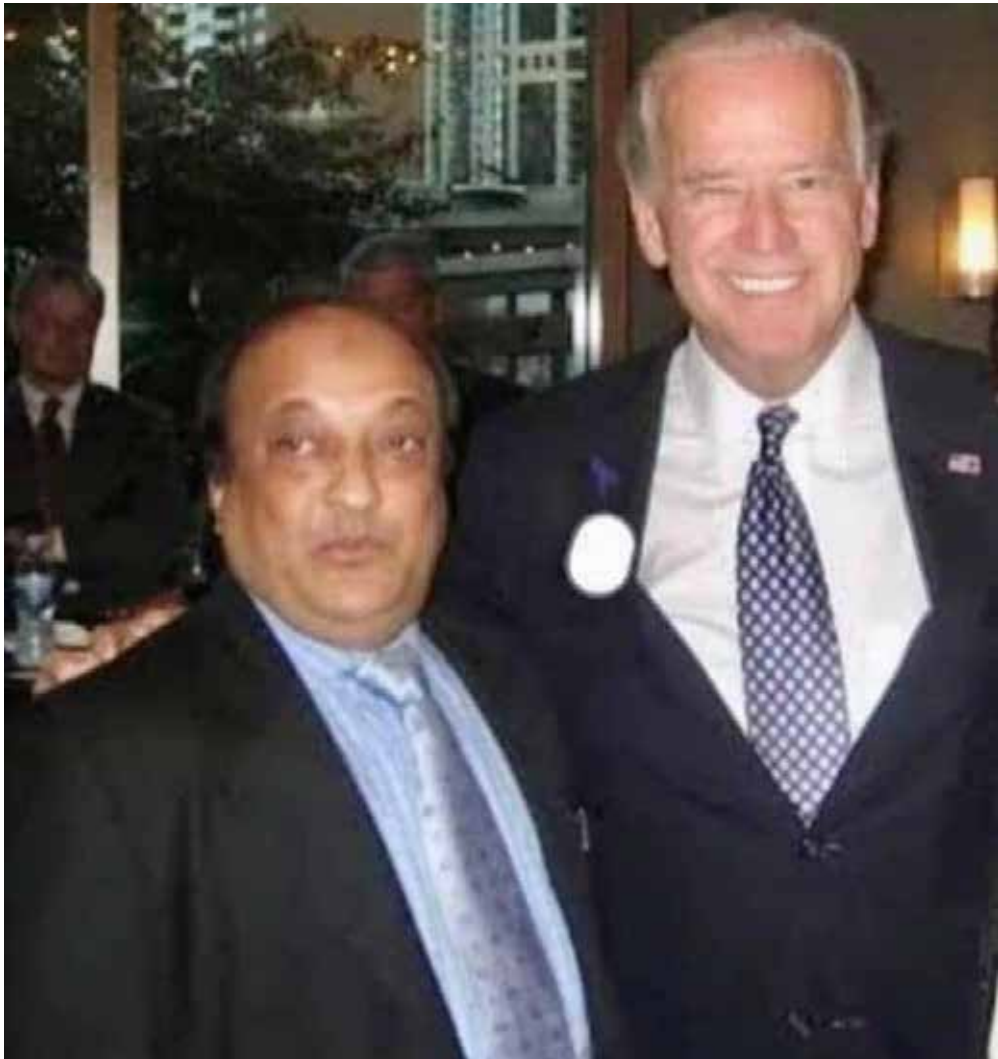
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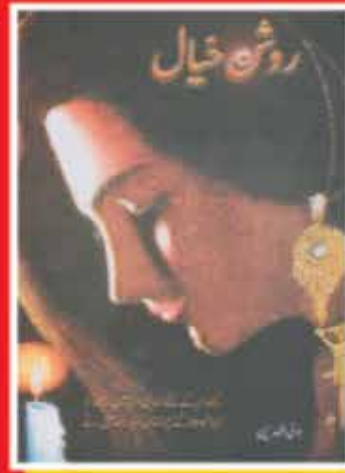
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Ahmed Patel's death is the biggest political event of 2020

When a public figure dies it is customary to use the phrase, "end of an era". The truth is, in most cases, the era had ended long before their demise. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee era had ended in 2004, L.K. Advani's career had ended in 2009, the Tarun Gogoi era in Assam was over when he lost in 2016.

If there is one person to whom the cliché applies in whole measure it is Ahmed Patel. When he tested positive for Covid-19 in October and checked into Metro Hospital in Faridabad, he was the man "running" the Congress party. His demise is truly "untimely", to use another cliché, because he was still in the thick of things, micro-managing the affairs of a rudderless party unable to decide its direction.

Over the years, his designation had changed from political secretary to Congress president to treasurer of All India Congress Committee. No designation could ever describe what Ahmed Patel was. It would not be an exaggeration to say that he was the party. This is what various Congress leaders mean in their condolence messages when they say he is "irreplaceable".

For that reason, his demise is the most politically consequential event of 2020. When the main person running an establishment suddenly dies, there is bound to be some chaos. In managing the chaos, a whole new system emerges. The new people taking over will have their own way of doing things, will develop their own systems and their own managers. For better or worse, it will be a new Congress party.

Ahmed Patel was the flag bearer of status quo. After him, status quo is not viable. The 'old guard versus new guard' battle within the Congress made sure the party wasn't able to find its feet since at least 2014, if not earlier. Today Ahmed Patel is being described as a "bridge" between the old and the new guard, which is true. Yet, on many days, this battle seemed to be about the control of the party affairs between Rahul Gandhi and Ahmed Patel.

When Rahul Gandhi took over as party president in the December of 2017, he had to induct Ahmed Patel as party treasurer. Patel's powers had diminished, but he couldn't be dispensed with, not only because he was Sonia Gandhi's closest political confidant but also because he knew how things were done in the Congress — how leaders, workers, elections, media, donors, friends, enemies and fellow travellers were to be 'managed'. Even to create a new system you needed the old hand to tell you how things were done.

With Rahul Gandhi as Congress President and Ahmed Patel as treasurer, the situation in the Congress was privately described in party circles as "new CP, old AP". With AP's passing away, we should soon see a "new CP, new AP" system. The Sonia era is over. It is now that the Rahul era can actually begin, or Rahul-Priyanka era if you will. The tussle to be the "new AP" is on; Randeep Surjewala is said to be the front-runner.

As a backroom manager, Ahmed Patel was more powerful than any other. He succeeded in this role because he had no ambition other than being Sonia Gandhi's eyes and ears, voice and command. When Madhavsinh Solanki was replaced as Gujarat chief minister in July 1985, Ahmed Patel was already the go-to man for Rajiv Gandhi on Gujarat affairs. At this point, someone in Ahmed Patel's position would have been frontrunner for the CM's post, except it was politically unviable to have a Muslim as chief minister. Similarly, when Sonia Gandhi decided not to become prime minister in 2004, most people in her situation would make the closest political aide the PM. But AP was not even in the running. It seems to be a matter of political consensus that a Muslim can't be CM or PM. India has never had a Muslim prime minister, and the last time a Muslim became chief minister of a state other than Jammu & Kashmir was in the 1980s (Assam and Maharashtra).

Not that AP ever showed any such ambition. He didn't seek to be anything more than Sonia's man, a position in which he was arguably more powerful than any he could have held. Union ministers and chief ministers would have to seek his time, guidance and approval. If it was his weakness that he couldn't be CM or PM, he made it his strength. Other than Sonia Gandhi and Ahmed Patel, there has perhaps been no one who has enjoyed such power without holding executive office.

With no personal ambition beyond what he had, remaining just another Rajya Sabha member, Ahmed Patel could be trusted by all. This trust meant that if a Congress leader spoke to Ahmed Patel, s/he felt the word would reach Sonia Gandhi. And if Ahmed Patel said something, it would be seen as Sonia Gandhi's word.

It wasn't Ahmed Patel's fault that the backroom was better than the front room. The Gandhi family's ability to win votes in their own name waned over the years, making his managerial abilities all the more crucial in fighting the daily battles of politics, putting out fires and then lighting some.

Yet, it must be said that the Congress party's over-reliance on AP's micro-managing resulted in over-centralisation. In every state, there were two kinds of Congress leaders: the ones who were considered close to Ahmed Patel, and the ones who weren't. This was the standard Congress way of managing local leaders, making sure no one was able to become big enough to challenge the authority of the "High Command", a euphemism for Sonia Gandhi and Ahmed Patel. You could be critical of this culture, but in maintaining



it he was only being — to use another term being used a lot for him today — "loyal" to his boss. Ring in the new

The managerial regime of Sonia Gandhi and Ahmed Patel did a good job of managing things for a while: balancing relations between party and government, old guard and new guard, party and coalition leaders, and so on. It worked well enough to bring the Congress to power at the Centre for ten years, except that the limitations of this managerial system started showing in 2011.

The flip side of the centrality of the managerial approach was that the Congress under them played a defensive game, unable to 'revive' the party in places such as Bihar or Uttar Pradesh, unable to win a single election in Patel's home state, Gujarat. This boiled down to the inability of the Congress management to create and sustain new mass leadership.

A more critical assessment of the Ahmed Patel era can wait, since it is considered inappropriate to be critical of anyone who's just passed away. Nevertheless, Team Rahul will likely have both the merits and the pitfalls of the Ahmed Patel way on top of their minds as they proceed to establish a new system of running the party.

Rahul and his own team of managers now have to sink or swim. They no longer have AP to blame. When they take on this onerous responsibility, they will do well to remember that Ahmed Patel was the main crisis manager who helped Sonia Gandhi sail when she took over the party when it seemed to be collapsing in 1998.

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Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un,

With profound grief & sorrow, I regret to announce the sad & untimely demise of my father, Mr. Ahmed Patel at 25/11/2020, 03:30 AM. After testing positive for COVID-19 around a month back, his health worsened further due to multiple organ failures. May Allah grant him Jannatul firdaus, inshallah. I request all well wishers to adhere to COVID-19 law & order regulations by avoiding any mass gatherings and to also maintain social distancing norms at all times.

Regards,
Faisal Patel
Mumtaz Patel Siddiqui



All India Poet Conference held at Shringverpur Dham Prayagraj

Former MLA Prabha Shankar Pandey was the chief guest of the Kavi Sammelan, chaired by senior writer Ashok Snehi ji, the special guest was Dr. Samaj Shekhar and the president of the Ramayana Mela Committee, Dr. Balkrishna Pandey and General Secretary Umesh Dwivedi. - Preeti Vajpayee

Paid an emotional condolence visit to the family of Ahmed bhai in Gujarat today. Ahmed bhai's legacy, his ideas, thoughts, words & the grace he embodied will forever be part of me! - Ghulam Nabi Azad



Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un. United Cricket League and Entertainment's chief advisor Hameed Ullah Khan has passed away

Naeem Bukhari Appointed As Chairman PTV



Famous Pakistani media person and lawyer, Naeem Bukhari is appointed as Chairman Pakistan Television. He is given the responsibilities on the instructions of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Bukhari's appointment is widely appreciated and people have expressed warm wishes for him. Appreciations also carry huge expectations as Bukhari is considered as a very committed and hard working person. Bukhari, in his 70's now, has announced that he will not accept any salary or benefits from the institution and will revive the glory of Pakistan Television fastest as possible.

Pakistanis know Naeem Bukhari for decades and he was among the famous faces of PTV. He used to host different PTV programs and was one of the best compares in the past. He went away from the screen, like many other stars, when PTV had to face a total change during Parvez Musharraf regime.

Mr. Saeed Azmi has passed

Hifzur Rahman Azmi

We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return Our elder uncle Mr. Saeed Azmi has passed away today. May Allah have mercy on him and grant him Paradise. Amen, and may the sky spread the dew on your side. This incident of Ertha is not only a very painful and patient test, but also deprived us of a sincere guardian and unparalleled knowledgeable literary and social well wisher.



His personality was Gonagon Ausaf, over 85 years old and with full health, a successful businessman, as well as a selfless social worker, and true servant of Urdu language Wadab, his two poetry combinations in public. Those who are saddened by their intellectual and poetry skills, moreover, in a city like Mathura, they established Bazm Shidae Adab and held more than a hundred and a half-way poets and patronaged poetry for half a century. We were a living example of the ocean of kindness and love for the family, after father all grown up in age they would have taken the initiative to call if we were delayed, our mother her younger sister That's why their share was the most and their phone used to come unnecessarily morning and evening, alas, this series was also disconnected this morning, of course

it will be very difficult to not get uncle's call for the next few years. 2 days ago, on November 2, uncle made this journey very memorable with his immense love and kindness. Some moments and pictures will reach you three weeks before Facebook. His romance was amazing, the ongoing encyclopedia of history of movements and events. During the same meeting, he also explained in detail about the last resting place of Allama Hamiduddin Farhi in Mathira. There were many faces in this one face Whom I used to see in this one person Requesting all of you to pray that Allah forgive the deceased and grant patience to the family and friends.

Protesters hit streets in south Iraq



In the southern hotspot of Nasiriyah, anti-government activists accused the Sadrist of shooting at them Sadr had called on his followers to hit the streets in a show of force on Friday, prompting thousands to turn out NASIRIYAH: Anti-government protesters defied lockdowns and the threat of violence to demonstrate on Saturday in several Iraqi cities, with new clashes with security forces claiming the life of one protester. Tensions were high in several Iraqi cities, a day after clashes between the dwindling members of the October 2019 anti-government protest movement and supporters of populist Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr. Sadr had called on his followers to hit the streets in a show of force on Friday, prompting tens of thousands to turn out in the capital Baghdad and other cities. In the southern hotspot of Nasiriyah, anti-government activists accused the Sadrist of shooting at them and torching their tents in their main gathering place of Habboubi Square late Friday. Clashes continued into the night, with medics reporting a total of seven dead by Saturday morning, five of them from bullet wounds, and at least 60 wounded. Nasiriyah was a major hub for the protest movement that erupted last year against a government seen by demonstrators as corrupt, inept and beholden to neighboring Iran.

Violence also broke out on Saturday night in the southern city of Kut, where a police source told AFP on condition of anonymity that a protester was killed in skirmishes with security forces. Authorities in Kut had imposed new restrictions on movement at dawn on Saturday and fired tear gas at anti-government demonstrators in an effort to clear out their camp. The fresh violence has coincided with the one-year anniversary of one of the bloodiest incidents of the 2019 anti-government uprising. On November 28 last year, more than three dozen people died in protest-related violence at Nasiriyah's Zeitun (Olive) Bridge. The deaths sparked outrage across Iraq and prompted the resignation of then-prime minister Adel Abdel Mahdi. His successor, Mustafa Al-Kadhemi, has sought to reach out to protesters and set June 2021 as a date for early elections — a major demand of the youth-dominated movement. But in Nasiriyah on Saturday, demonstrators were just as enraged at him as they were at his predecessor a year ago. Despite a curfew imposed in the city since Friday night, outraged protesters gathered at Habboubi Square starting early on Saturday, their numbers swelling throughout the day.

Under an early winter drizzle, the young men erected metal frames and rolled out orange and blue tarps to hang atop them, an AFP correspondent said. A few carried a poster bearing pictures of both Kadhemi and Abdel Mahdi and the caption: "Two sides of the same coin." There were no police in sight around Habboubi Square, but a security source told AFP that units had been deployed to the city's edges to seal off access to Nasiriyah to anyone except its residents. Authorities had sacked the city's police chief, launched an investigation into the events and imposed an overnight curfew in Nasiriyah. But there is little hope that the official probe would lead to much closure, as families of those who died in last year's rallies say they are still waiting for justice. On Saturday evening, the massive crowd left Habboubi Square in a memorial march to honor those who lost their lives a year ago, carrying symbolic coffins as they made their way to Zeitun Bridge. Asaad Al-Naseri, an ex-Sadrist based in Nasiriyah, called on Kadhemi to step down. "Submit your resignation, have mercy on yourself and do Iraq a favor," he wrote on Twitter.

Abu Dhabi government grants citizens \$2 billion in homes, loans to mark National Day

The government of Abu Dhabi will grant billions of dirhams in homes and loans to more than 6,000 UAE citizens, the emirate's media office reported on Saturday.

Housing benefits, land plots and mortgage loans totalling 7.2 billion dirhams (\$2 bil-

lion) will be given to 6,100 citizens ahead of the UAE National Day on December 2, Abu Dhabi Media Office said. "Totalling 7.2 billion dirhams, the third package of housing benefits disbursed this year reflects the leadership's ongoing commitment to ensuring the social stability of

UAE citizens," the ADMO announced in a tweet.

"The package includes 3,099 plots of land, 2,000 housing loans and 601 homes, which were granted to citizens in Abu Dhabi, Al-Ain and Al-Dhafra, as well as

home loan repayment exemptions for 381 citizens, worth 340 million AED," it added.

The government will also waive mortgage repayments for some retirees and families of deceased citizens, the media office said.

Indian foreign Secretary winds up Nepal visit

India's Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla left for India after winding up his two-day Nepal visit.

During his stay in Nepal, Shringla held talks with his Nepali counterpart Bharat Raj Paudyal, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, President Bidhya Devi Bhandari and Minister of Foreign Affairs Pradeep Kumar Gyawali.

Issuing a press release, Embassy of India in Nepal said Shringla's meetings with Nepali dignitaries were conducted in a cordial and positive atmosphere.

In their meeting, the two foreign secretaries discussed and reviewed various aspects of bilateral ties between the two countries.

They expressed satisfaction over the substantial progress being made in different sectors of cooperation despite the constraints of the pandemic, according to a press release issued by the Indian Embassy. The Nepali side appreciated the Indian government's active facilitation in ensuring smooth and unhindered cross-border flow of trade and commerce and active implementation of development projects during this period. They also discussed the matters regarding boundary issues and exchanged views to complete the boundary work in the remaining segments.

"The two foreign secretaries agreed to maintain the renewed momentum in high-level bilateral engagements

and to further strengthen the traditionally close, friendly and multifaceted partnership between the two countries," said the Indian Embassy in its release.

Foreign Secretary called on President Bhandari and conveyed greetings on behalf of the President of India.

They discussed the close relationship between both countries and ways to further strengthen it.

During his call on Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, Shringla conveyed greetings on behalf of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He apprised the prime minister of his productive meetings with Foreign Minister Gyawali and Foreign Secretary Paudyal.

He underscored the consensus between both sides to maintain the momentum in bilateral engagements, strengthen people-to-people linkages, make tangible progress on substantive and strategic bilateral initiatives and issues of mutual interest, according to Indian Embassy press release.

During Shringla's call on the Foreign Minister of Nepal, they had a useful exchange of views on enhancing the bilateral relationship and further steps to be taken on maintaining the trajectory of exchanges and cooperation. Shringla briefed Gyawali about the notable progress recorded by India in 'our response' to the COVID-19 challenge.



Indian Foreign Secretary conveyed an invitation from External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar to Foreign Minister Gyawali to visit India for the next Joint Commission Meeting.

In a separate ceremony following the meeting, Shringla handed over 2,000 vials of Remdesivir to Foreign Minister Gyawali for treatment of COVID-19 patients.

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Christina Applegate! The actress is best known for her role in Married with Children turns 49



Maradona — the man who lived life on his own terms

Haseeb Asif - Dawn.com

The first time I watched a football match was during the 1994 World Cup. The tournament may have been won by Brazil but it was surrounded by the myth of Maradona. My father would categorically refuse to watch any team other than Argentina play. I even took to marking their games on a calendar. I have vague memories of Maradona scoring against Greece, and then disappearing just as my obsession with the sport was burgeoning. He failed a routine drug test and was banned for 15 months at the age of 34, which essentially meant the end of his career. But my father, my uncles, my elder cousins were all convinced it was a conspiracy to deny him what was rightfully his; the world itself.

Since those childhood days, I have watched many footballing greats announce themselves on the international stage, from the dynamism of the real Ronaldo to the impeccable grace of Zidane to the quiet dominance of Maldini to the outrageous skill of Ronaldinho to the emergence of Messi and his Portuguese rival; but I have never seen anyone command such a fanatical devotion as Maradona. The greats of today seem robotic, by comparison. They train, they score, they sign endorsements and they go home to their manicured lawns. They do not manifest worship.

My family of casual football fans tuned in to the sport every four years and was enamoured with this Argentinian with a stocky build and an unruly mop of hair. In 1990, he had reached the final but narrowly lost; in 1986, he had clinched the trophy almost on his own; in 1994, he might as well have called the tournament off when FIFA threw him out of it. Something that prompted protestations all over the world, even in India, even in Bangladesh and even in conversations in the small city of Jhelum that is my ancestral home.

In our village next to the river people thought of two otherwise separate nouns as being the same thing. Football meant Maradona.

This was a Pakistan where hockey was still the most popular sport. A sport that had the offside rule at the time, and a kinship with truly global sports. My people from Jhelum who were also migrants in Lahore and Faisalabad, would patiently sit beside the radio listening to Pakistan's field hockey exploits and our own triumphs. Then, channeling the same zeal, they would find someone with a television set to watch Argentina play.

It was his cult of personality. He was exactly like Muhammad Ali, the boxer — in that his myth far exceeded the confines of his profession. People who had never watched a boxing match knew who Muhammad Ali was. People who had never kicked a football knew what Maradona could do with one.

They also knew the things he was called. A rebel, a riot, a legend, a cheat, a loose cannon, a braggart, a loud mouth, a drug addict; he was many different things to many different people. But he inveigled special attention from all of them. Even after his playing days were over his tabloid days weren't. A generation of Pakistanis religiously followed the headlines even if they had no interest in football itself. Unlike cricket, this was not the gentleman's game, and Maradona was no gentleman.



There were other legends who had his prodigious skills with the ball, Pelé, Platini, Cruyff. But the career trajectories of those other maestros took an entirely different course. Like Maradona's slums of Buenos Aires, Pelé also came from the impoverished parts of Sao Paulo; but he courted the first world, the global north, for which he soon became the face of advertisements and brand ambassadorships. He took up polite causes and award ceremonies, passing around commemorations on behalf of football's governing body.

But unlike that sort of a bureaucratic role model, Maradona was more Chavez or a Castro. He had a tattoo of Che Guevara, he had shirts that called American statesmen war criminals. He had an unpublishable opinion on everything.

This is what was so appealing about him. People didn't need to know what hegemon he was standing up to, just that he was. He had that look about him. That impudence. The effortless demeanour of someone who did not care what was printed in tomorrow's press.

This was all before our bourgeois fascination with televised club football, before the export of the English Premier League. Wealth and class disparities in club football required more nuance to process and narrate. But everyone understood the World Cup. Everyone understood war and politics. Everyone knew the Falklands weren't just contested on the battlefields, they were contested in stadiums too.

People appreciated the stories; of when he dribbled past the entire population of England to score in '86 and when he described a goal in the same game as *la mano de dios* (the hand of god); when he moved to Europe and The Butcher of Bilbao tried hacking his legs into several pieces as a welcome to the north of Spain; when two years after that, he ended his Barcelona career with a 22-man brawl at the end of their rematch; of when he put Naples back

on the Italian map.

The stories were never-ending.

A decade later, as Argentina's manager during the qualification for the 2010 World Cup, I remember watching Maradona sliding away on his belly in the rain soaked grass, after his team put in an 89th minute winner against Peru. Middle aged, overweight and unfit by now, he had no reason to do that, whatsoever; which is precisely why he did.

A decade after that, at the Russian World Cup, I remember him falling asleep during a game while sitting in a special enclosure for spectators. He was poked awake after ending up being filmed, following which he addressed the cameras with a middle finger as Argentina scored.

That, in essence, is who he was. Someone who lived life on his own terms.

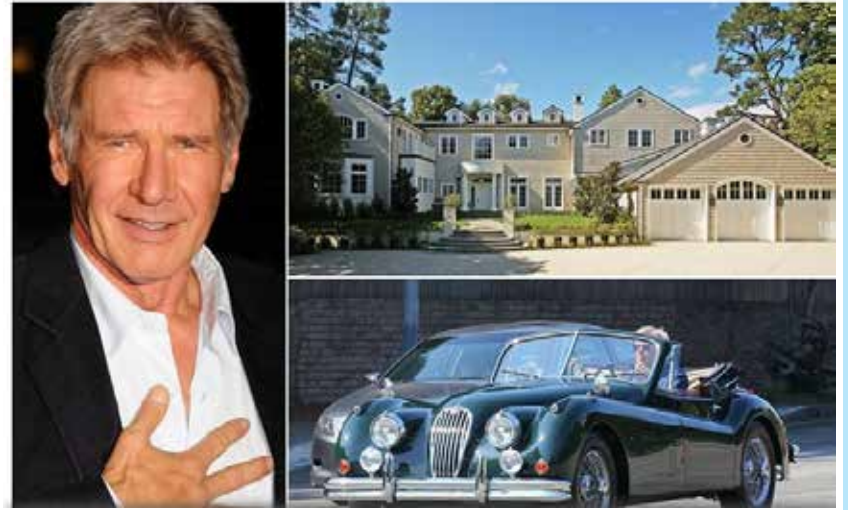
I remember when someone on the school playground tried anything audacious, anything beyond their means, something that had no chance of working out, we would say 'he thinks he's Maradona'. We weren't even sure what about Maradona translated to cockiness and conceit, we just knew that the taunt was potent.

There's little point eulogising some of his more problematic behaviours; he also ended the 2018 World Cup making a 'slant eyed' gesture to a Korean spectator, something he was made to usher an apology for — he was not sober for a large part of the tournament, if not his life — but his name maintains a great cultural and colloquial value the world over.

He's a name that isn't dying anytime soon.

Hollywood actors networth

HARRISON FORD: ACTOR - \$230M



WILL SMITH: ACTOR - \$260M



KEVIN COSTNER: ACTOR - \$250 MILLION



Brad Pitt \$300 M

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The British royal family has power, prestige and tons and tons of money (pounds and pounds and pounds, you could say, since we're dealing with British currency here). Contrary to popular belief, the Royals aren't funded by taxpayers. They're independently wealthy with inheritances, crown estates, and allowances. Alone, the crown jewels have an estimated worth between £3 and £5 billion (\$4 – \$6.6 billion). Their combined wealth is thought to be around \$88 billion.

So, how much are the British family members actually worth? Here are the richest and the poorest of the bunch. Spoiler: even the poorest royals are still wealthier than we could ever imagine.

Queen Elizabeth II (\$550 Million)

The only people in Britain whose wealth rivals the Queen's net worth are Victoria and David Beckham. Leave it to a Spice Girl and a football star, two of Britain's finest exports. Most of the Queen's monstrous worth comes from her properties. She's got a \$140 million castle in the Scottish Highlands and the \$65 million Sandringham House. She's also got a few unique collections. The Queen is the owner of every single wild swan in the U.K., and she's got the largest stamp collection in the world.



On top of her over \$10 billion real estate holdings and royal art collection, Queen Elizabeth II gets a \$12.9 million government stipend for her role (which includes a small amount of taxpayer money).

Prince Philip gets paid just for his title, which shockingly isn't King. The Duke of Edinburgh never took the title of King because of strict regulations but he's still getting a massive \$442,000 a year for his royal title. Most of that is for the public duties he carries out in support of the Queen. We know the Queen is a total boss lady, but it doesn't hurt to have faithful and loving husband by your side.

The Duke of Cornwall is the current heir to the throne, which is why he's got a gargantuan net worth. No other royal besides his mum has him beat. Though Prince Charles may have an estimated \$100 million in cash, his assets are thought to be much, much higher (like around \$1.3 billion kind of higher) – but that's not all. Prince Charles has a huge real estate portfolio. Though he doesn't own the properties, he's entitled to receive income from the land because he's the sole beneficiary of the properties. In 2017, he raked in \$25 million from his real estate portfolio alone.

Prince William is second in line to the throne and as a result, has a pretty big net worth. Both he and his brother Prince Harry collected a huge chunk of their worth through an inheritance they received on their 30th birthdays. It included £13m in trust and estate from their mother Princess Diana, who tragically passed away in a car accident years before. - POSTFUN



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BJP has stooped down to divisive politics: Owaisi

Owaisi asked why was BJP branding their own citizens as Pakistanis, Afghans and Rohingyas and claiming to strike at Old City

HYDERABAD: AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said Bharatiya Janata Party was into pseudo nationalism and trying to bring differences among the countrymen. He said the party has leaders who have a high regard for Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse, who they label a nationalist.

Addressing various election meetings Owaisi said a sitting Member of the Parliament claimed that former Anti-Terrorist Squad chief Hemant Karkare died in Mumbai terror attacks as she had cursed him.

Owaisi said terrorism emerged as a new religion.

"Our party is against all kinds of terrorism and want to combat it. BJP leaders are contending that voting for Majlis is against the nation," he said.

He said BJP leaders who never came forward to help poor people in Hyderabad during the recent flood, are now coming in scores for the sake of votes.

"They are blaming me just because I uphold the Constitution and struggle politically and be within the frame of the Constitution. I have raised my voice against CAA and opposed the illegal law of triple Talaq.

He asked those leaders who are blaming Majlis whether they extended any kind of help from their government or party to Hyderabadis, who lost the properties. He was branded Jinnah as he spoke about problems of underprivileged communities.

Owaisi asked why BJP leaders are showing hatred for Hyderabad.

"Why they are branding their own citizens as Pakistanis, Afghans and Rohingyas and claiming to strike at Old City. Does our Constitution allow branding Indians as intruders? This kind of hatred will impact negatively on the minds of youth. It will also hamper the flow of foreign investment," he said. The MIM chief said BJP leaders were trying to brand them as communal, whereas MIM is striving to maintain communal harmony. Hyderabad is now free of communal riots. "Whenever communal differences emerge, we reach



the spot and ease the tension. We are fielding candidates from other communities, including underprivileged sections in civic body elections. There are five non-Muslim candidates in the GHMC elections as MIM nominees," he said. DECCAN CHRONICLE.

What was G Kishan Reddy doing if Pakistanis, Rohingyas are living in Hyderabad?' asks Owaisi

Hyderabad (Telangana) [India], November 26 (ANI): AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has slammed Union Minister of State (MoS) for Home G Kishan Reddy and asked if Pakistanis and Rohingyas live here, what was Reddy doing.

"A BJP leader yesterday said BJP will do a surgical strike at the Old City and take out Pakistanis and Rohingyas if it wins GHMC polls. Their leader is MP from Secunderabad and holding the post of MoS (Home). If Pakistanis and Rohingyas live here, what was he doing?" Owaisi asked.

Earlier, the AIMIM chief said that if Paki-

stanis are living here, then Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are responsible.

The GHMC elections will be held on December 1 and results will be declared on December 4.

Ahead of Hyderabad civic polls campaigning has heated up in the city with several BJP leaders, including Union Minister Smriti Irani and Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha chief Tejasvi Surya, alleging that AIMIM and TRS are working in tandem to give illegal immigrants a place in the state's voters list.

Telangana BJP President Bandi Sanjay Kumar had said that the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and AIMIM Chief were trying to win the GHMC polls with "Rohingyas, Pakistani and Afghani-stani voters". (ANI) Yahoo News



Maradona had a bizarre request for his body after death; Family deny his request

Few people had the power to say no to Diego Maradona during his extraordinary life but the Argentine legend's family have put their foot down after his death.

The world continues to mourn the devastating news of the 60-year-old's death, with tens of thousands of people lined up to say a final farewell to Maradona's coffin at Argentina's presidential palace. Following his passing, it's now emerged that Maradona told friends of a bizarre request for his body after death.

The 1986 World Cup winner told friends during coronavirus lockdown that when he died he wanted to be embalmed and put on show for fans, according to Martin Arevalo, a journalist who was close to the former Argentina captain.

"When the idea of a statue first came up he said: 'No, I want them to embalm me,'" Arevalo told TyC sports.

Arevalo, one of the few reporters who enjoyed Maradona's confidence, confirmed the details of the footballer's wishes to Reuters, adding Maradona wanted "to remain with us forever".

Two other legends of Argentina's modern history, President Juan Peron and his wife Eva Peron, were embalmed.

One of the people present when Maradona proposed the idea was his lawyer Matias Morla, who suggested the former Napoli and Boca Juniors forward formalise his request with a notary, something he did on October 13, Argentine media reported. Morla did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The family, however, were set to bury Maradona alongside his parents at a cemetery on the outskirts of Buenos Aires.

It comes as the footballing legend's lawyer has called for an investigation into the circumstances of his death, citing problems with the response time for emergency services.

Lawyer Matias Morla blasted first responders in a brutal statement released. Lawyer blasts health officials "Today is a day of deep pain, sadness and reflection," he wrote.

"I feel in my heart the departure of a friend whom I honoured with my loyalty and companionship until his last days. I made my farewell with him in person and the wake should be an intimate occasion. "It is inexplicable that for 12 hours my friend has not had attention or control from the legal health personnel.

"The ambulance took more than half an hour to arrive, which was CRIMINAL IDIOTY.

"This fact should not be overlooked and I am going to ask that the consequences be investigated until the end. As Diego said, 'You are my soldier, act without mercy.'" Doctor Alfredo Cahe also questioned why Maradona was transferred from hospital to his home after undergoing brain surgery two weeks ago.

"Diego wasn't looked after as he should have been," Cahe told news show *Telefe Noticias*.

"He should have been kept in hospital, not taken to a house which wasn't properly prepared.

"I'm in a state of complete shock. I've had



so many ups and downs with Diego for 33 years and he's just died in an unusual way. I have a lot of doubts. I don't know why he was taken to that house.

"When he left hospital it didn't seem logical to me. He should have stayed in a place with a good infrastructure, like when we took him to Cuba."

Yahoo News

Analysis: Covert Israeli-Saudi meeting sends Biden a strong message on Iran

RIYADH/JERUSALEM (Reuters) - A historic meeting between Israel's prime minister and Saudi Arabia's crown prince has sent a strong signal to allies and enemies alike that the two countries remain deeply committed to containing their common foe Iran.

Last Sunday's covert meeting in the Saudi city of Neom, confirmed by Israeli officials but publicly denied by Riyadh, conveyed a coordinated message to U.S. President-elect Joe Biden that Washington's main allies in the region are closing ranks.

It was the first publicly confirmed visit to Saudi Arabia by an Israeli leader and a meeting that was unthinkable until recently as the two countries do not have formal diplomatic relations. But it underlines the depth of the two countries' concerns about Iran, and shows how opposition to Tehran is bringing about a strategic realignment of countries in the Middle East.

"It's Iran, Iran, Iran," Israeli cabinet minister Tzachi Hanegbi told Israel's Army Radio when asked about the visit. "It is very, very important to create the axis which isolates Iran."

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto ruler, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu both enjoyed strong support from U.S. President Donald Trump and championed his "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran.

They fear Biden will adopt policies on Iran similar to those adopted during Barak Obama's U.S. presidency which strained Washington's ties with its traditional regional allies.

Biden has said he will rejoin the international nuclear pact with Iran that Trump quit in 2018 - and work with allies to strengthen its terms - if Tehran first resumes strict compliance.

Both Israel and Saudi Arabia have recently ramped up rhetoric against Iran, which is locked in several proxy wars with Riyadh

in the region.

Iran has built a network of armed Shi'ite militias across the Arab world, from Iraq to Syria and Lebanon and down into the Gulf and Yemen. Tehran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen attacked Saudi oil installations last week, the latest in a string of attacks on Saudi targets.

Israel is waging a shadow war against Iranian forces, mostly through regular air raids in Syria on Lebanese Shi'ite paramilitary group Hezbollah, on Iran's Revolutionary Guard, and on supplies of weapons as they are moved across the country.

SAUDI KING NOT INFORMED

Sunday's meeting was held in the presence of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Israel's spy chief, Israeli media said.

Pompeo, who has been trying to coax Saudi Arabia to follow the lead of the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Sudan in normalising ties with Israel, declined to confirm the meeting. But diplomats in the region said U.S. envoys had privately confirmed the meeting took place.

Netanyahu declined comment on the meeting. He has yet to visit the UAE and Bahrain since formal ties were established, with tacit approval from Gulf powerhouse Saudi Arabia.

On Thursday, he said he expected more countries to normalise ties with Israel in the next few months.

There was limited talk of the meeting on Saudi social media, but some opposition figures denounced the visit. Political analysts said the Saudi denial of the meeting could have been a way to test the waters at home.

Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Islam, has softened its stance on Israel in recent years, but signalled it is not yet ready to officially normalise ties, which analysts say would be a difficult move for King Salman in the absence of an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.



"(The meeting with Netanyahu) aimed to highlight that MbS (Mohammed bin Salman) is more willing than his father to take steps towards normalisation without first reaching a two-state solution," said Neil Quilliam, Associate Fellow at Chatham House think tank.

Despite this, normalisation is not expected to happen while King Salman is alive, said a well-connected Saudi source and a foreign diplomat in Riyadh.

"Normalisation ... is a carrot to get (Biden's) focus away from other issues, especially (Saudi) human rights," the diplomat said.

The Saudi source and the diplomat said the Saudi king was kept in the dark about Netanyahu's visit.

Although the king chaired last weekend's virtual G20 leaders' summit, rumours of his declining health have swirled since he was admitted to hospital this summer.

A video was leaked during the G20 summit which showed MbS correcting the confused king's recollection, a leak which sources said was intentional.

The Saudi government media office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

ISRAELI LEAK

The leak of Prince Mohammed's meeting with Netanyahu may have been intentional from Israel: an executive jet was used for the direct flight from Tel Aviv, which was quickly spotted on open-source flight trackers, and Israeli censors made no efforts to quash reporting on the trip.

The leak gave Netanyahu an opportunity to embarrass his political rival, Defence Minister Benny Gantz, who is due to take over as prime minister a year from now under a power-sharing agreement.

It included news that Netanyahu had not informed Gantz about the flight, in effect implying to Israeli voters that the centrist politician cannot be trusted to keep a secret, following speculation that an early election is on the cards.

Gantz called the leak "irresponsible".

Netanyahu has acknowledged he also kept Gantz in the dark about secret negotiations with the UAE that led to normalisation.

(Reporting by Marwa Rashad in Riyadh; Samia Nakhoul in Beirut; Jeffrey Heller and Dan Williams in Jerusalem. Additional reporting by Alexander Cornwell in Dubai and Mayaan Lubell in Tel Aviv; Writing by Raya Jalabi; Editing by Timothy Heritage) Yahoo News

Indonesian man collapses during flogging for child rape

An Indonesian man collapsed as he was flogged nearly 150 times Thursday for raping a child in conservative Aceh province, where public whipping is a common punishment for violating Islamic law.

The 19-year-old grimaced and cried out as a masked sharia officer lashed his back with a rattan stick in the town of Idi. He pleaded for the punishment to stop and was briefly treated by doctors before the flogging restarted.

The man was arrested earlier this year on charges he molested and raped the victim, whose age was not revealed.

He was sentenced to 146 lashes, a particularly high number reserved for the most

serious crimes.

"The maximum sentence is meant to be a deterrent," Ivan Nanjar Alavi, an official from the East Aceh prosecutor's office, told reporters.

Aceh, on the western tip of Sumatra, is the only region in Muslim-majority Indonesia to impose Islamic law under an autonomy deal with the central government that ended a long-running separatist insurgency.

Also on Thursday, a 40-year-old and a 21-year-old man were whipped 100 times each for having sex with underage partners.

Aceh's public whippings -- widely criti-

cised by rights groups -- can attract hundreds of spectators, but crowds have dwindled in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

The province allows whipping for a range of charges -- including gambling, adultery, drinking alcohol, and having gay or pre-marital sex. It has wide support among Aceh's mostly Muslim population.

Yahoo News



AstraZeneca says it will likely do another study of COVID-19 vaccine after accidental lower dose shows higher efficacy

AstraZeneca's CEO told Bloomberg that the pharmaceutical company will likely conduct another global trial of the effectiveness of its COVID-19 vaccine trial, following the disclosure that the more effective dosage in the existing Phase 3 clinical trial was actually administered by accident. AstraZeneca and its partner the University of Oxford reported interim results that showed 62% efficacy for a full two-dose regimen, and a 90% efficacy rate for a half-dose followed by a full dose – which the scientists developing the drug later acknowledged was actually just an accidental administration of what was supposed to be two full doses. To be clear, this shouldn't dampen anyone's optimism about the Oxford/Astra-

Zeneca vaccine. The results are still very promising, and an additional trial is being done only to ensure that what was seen as a result of the accidental half-dosage is actually borne out when the vaccine is administered that way intentionally. That said, this could extend the amount of time that it takes for the Oxford vaccine to be approved in the U.S., since this will proceed ahead of a planned U.S. trial that would be required for the FDA to approve it for use domestically.

The Oxford vaccine's rollout to the rest of the world likely won't be affected, according to AstraZeneca's CEO, since the studies that have been conducted, including safety data, are already in place from participants around the world outside of

the U.S.

While vaccine candidates from Moderna and Pfizer have also shown very strong efficacy in early Phase 3 data, hopes are riding high on the AstraZeneca version because it relies on a different technology, can be stored and transported at standard refrigerator temperatures rather than frozen, and costs just a fraction per dose compared to the other two leading vaccines in development.

That makes it an incredibly valuable resource for global inoculation programs,



including distribution where cost and transportation infrastructures are major concerns.

Darrell Etherington
Yahoo News

Senior leader of India's Congress party dies of coronavirus complications

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - A senior leader of India's Congress party died of coronavirus related complications on Wednesday, his family said, a second veteran from the opposition group to fall victim to the virus in recent days, as total cases in the country touched the 9.2 million mark.

Ahmed Patel, a lawmaker who was party treasurer and was seen as close to the Gandhi family that leads the party, was detected with COVID-19 a month ago and died of multi-organ failure, his family said in a statement.

"I have lost an irreplaceable comrade, a faithful colleague and a friend," Congress president Sonia Gandhi said in a statement.

Earlier this week, another Congress vet-

eran, Tarun Gogoi, died of health complications after contracting the virus in the eastern state of Assam, where he was chief minister for 15 years.

India reported 44,376 new infections and 481 deaths from the coronavirus, data from the health ministry showed. India has recorded 9.22 million infections, the second-highest in the world after the United States, and nearly 134,700 deaths. Single-day cases stayed below the 50,000 mark for the 18th straight day, according to a Reuters tally, but government officials and health experts have warned of a potential spike in the country after the busy festival season.

(Reporting by Devjyot Ghoshal in New Delhi and Shilpa Jamkhandikar in Mum-



bai, Editing by Raju Gopalakrishnan)
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Indian state criminalizes 'forced' religious conversions by marriage

LUCKNOW (Reuters) - India's ruling Hindu nationalist party approved a decree in the country's most populous state, laying out prison terms for anyone compelling others to convert their faith or luring them into these conversions through marriage, officials said.

The move follows a campaign by hardline Hindu groups against some interfaith marriages that they describe as "love jihad", Muslim men engaging in a conspiracy to turn Hindu women away from their religion by seducing them. Critics said the unlawful conversion order approved by the cabinet of Uttar Pradesh state, run by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's BJP, was aimed at further alienating India's 170 million Muslims by painting them as aggressors plotting to weaken Hindus.

Little data exists to show how many interfaith marriages took place in the state, the first in the country to bring in such legislation.

Uttar Pradesh cabinet minister Siddharth Nath Singh said prison terms of up to five years were necessary to stop unlawful conversions and provide justice to women who have suffered from them.

Under the new law, a man and woman belonging to different religions will have to give two months' notice to the district magistrate before they get married and they will be allowed to tie the knot if there are no objections.

Hindus makes up 80 percent of India's 1.3 billion population. But hardline groups accuse political parties of appeasing minority groups such as Muslims for votes and in recent years have stepped up a campaign for a Hindu-first India.

Nusrat Jahan, a member of the national parliament from a regional group most active in the neighbouring state of West Bengal, told NDTV television news channel the decree smacked of politics



- even though regional elections are at least a year away.

"This is just another agenda before the elections. There is nothing like 'love jihad' that exists. People can make their own decisions," she said.

(Reporting by Saurabh Sharma in Lucknow and Writing by Nupur Anand; Editing by Sanjeev Miglani and Alison Williams)
Yahoo News



Mohammed Azharuddin
Deeply disturbed to hear about the loss of a father figure.
May Allah grant him the highest place in paradise.
Rest in Peace Ahmed Patel Sir
Indian National Congress

Appointment of Palestinian to Biden leadership team sparks controversy in Israel

CHICAGO: President-elect Joe Biden's decision to appoint a Palestinian American to a key White House position sparked a storm of political controversy.

He announced on Monday that Reema Dodin will serve as one of two deputy directors of his legislative affairs team, which helps define presidential policies. The other is Shuwanza Goff, who is an African American.

The appointment of Dodin, a veteran Washington insider, adds substance to campaign promises made by Biden in his six-page "Plan for Partnership" with the Arab American community, published in August, in which he promised to repeal the Trump administration's Muslim ban and recognize Arab American rights.

"The American people are eager for our administration to get to work, and today's appointees will help advance our agenda and ensure every American has a fair shot," Biden said. "In a Biden administration we will have an open door to the Hill and this team will make sure their views are always represented in the White House."

Ron Klain, Biden's White House chief of staff, said: "President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris share a bold agenda that will build our nation back better than before. Our team will work with the president-elect and vice president-elect to implement that agenda and deliver results for American families."

Pro-Israel groups and organizations criticized the appointment of Dodin, accusing her of attempting to justify "suicide bombings." The allegation, which was supported by a twisting of the facts about past comments she made, is a common criticism leveled against Palestinians appointed to public office in US, based on presumed support for Palestinian rights.

The Jerusalem Post, a conservative, English-language Israeli newspaper, highlighted a comment Dodin allegedly made in 2002 in which she told an audience in Lodi, California, that "suicide bombers were the last resort of a desperate people."

She also participated in a rally supporting the Boycott, Divestment, Sanction (BDS) movement, which opposes Israel's policy of stealing land from Palestinians, setting up illegal settlements and harvesting the land for profit.

More than 26 US states, including Illinois, have passed legislation that makes support of BDS illegal and punishable in a number of ways.

Reacting to the appointment of Dodin, an article published on the website of anti-Arab extremist Sarah Geller said: "As predicted, the radical anti-Israel Left will have a prominent role in the potential Joe Biden administration. Palestinian American Reema Dodin, who has expressed support for suicide bombings against Israelis, will help negotiate legislation for Joe Biden."

The pro-Israel Jewish Press also slammed Dodin in their coverage, citing claims that she is "acting as an agent of influence for the [Muslim] Brotherhood's operations inside America." Dodin, who worked for many years as deputy chief of staff for Senator Dick Durbin, a moderate and popular Democrat from Illinois, immediately made her Twitter account private, apparently in an attempt to prevent critics from sifting through her past comments and using them to portray her as an extremist.

Durbin issued a statement in which he welcomed the appointment of Dodin to the Biden administration, and praised her service to his office. In a message posted on Twitter, he wrote: "Excited that my floor director, Reema Dodin, will be joining President-elect Biden's (Legislative) Affairs team. She is smart, trusted, and has the respect of members on both sides of the aisle. Reema is just what our new president needs to help him in the Senate."

Prominent Arab Americans and politicians rallied to Dodin's defense.

Ziad Asali, founder of the American Task Force on Palestine, said that Dodin had "worked her way from law school to community activity to Senator Durbin's office, all the way to the White House. Message to young Palestinian/Arab Americans: Yes you can. Belong and earn your way with competence and commitment. Meritocracy means success without waste."

Warren David, the president of media organization Arab America said: "We are so excited about Reema's appointment. It means so much to Arab Americans, who have been marginalized throughout the years, to see a senior official of Arab/Palestinian heritage in the White House. Hopefully, appointments such as this are not the 'exception' but the 'rule' regarding Arab Americans in public service."

Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal also welcomed the appointment, saying: "Over my 10 years in the Senate, Reema has been an invaluable source of insight and counsel. She is invariably conscientious and caring, and the Biden admin is lucky to have her. I'll miss her on the



Senate Floor but look forward to working with her in her new role."

Dodin was born to Palestinian immigrants whose origins can be traced to Dura in Palestine, near the Israeli-occupied city of Hebron.

She has been active in Arab American circles for many years. In May 2018 she participated in the Arab American Institute's annual Khalil Gibran Awards ceremony, during which she presented an award to Marcelle M. Wahba, the president of the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. and a former US Ambassador to the UAE.

Dodin has a strong resume, having served as Durbin's research director and an aide to his Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law. She was also a volunteer voter-protection counsel on a number of political campaigns, including Obama for America.

She is a Truman National Security fellow, a New Leaders Council fellow, an Aspen Socrates alum, a former term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of the Jenkins Hill Society, a consortium of women in politics supporting female politicians.

Originally from California, Dodin is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Neither Dodin nor Durbin's office responded to requests by Arab News for comment.

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Health Hazards of Winter

As we continue to respond to wintry conditions in west, central and north Texas, let's take a time out to discuss health hazards associated with winter operations and their symptoms.

Health Hazards of Winter Operations
Winter health hazards include: the effects of wind chill (video), risks of frostbite and hypothermia

Hydrate throughout your shift to maintain focus and prevent dehydration

Layer clothing and stay warm to avoid hypothermia

To avoid drowsy driving, get plenty of sleep and hydrate when off shift

While on shift, take a break and boost en-

ergy with stretch and flex to renew focus and increase blood flow

Work as a team to identify folks who may be suffering from winter health hazards
If you or other workers experience symptoms, take a break to get warm, hydrate, rest, and recover

If symptoms of hypothermia increase, seek medical attention

Safety Reminders:

Buckle Up, every rider and every ride

Turn off cruise control in rain, ice, snow, sleet, fog or when the pavement is wet

Slow down; speed should be based upon conditions

Drive with Lights On to increase visibility

Avoid complacency, as you approach a motor vehicle incident, anticipate that the conditions that caused the incident still exist – slow down and approach with caution

MATRIMONY

FEMALE
 Looking for my Niece
 Hijabi / Beard: Yes /No
 Age: 25
 Height: 5.3
 Education: masters in Business management
 Profession: HR lead
 Residence: Basheerbagh Hyderabad
 Legal Status: Indian
 Marital status: single
 Religious Sect:Sunni
 Family: Well reputed family from Hyderabad Deccan

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Hijabi / Beard: Yes /No
 Age: more than 26 years
 Height: any
 Education: any
 Profession:well settled
 Residence: any
 Legal Status: any
 Marital Status: single
 Religious Sect:Sunni

WhatsApp #65 -8511 3147

FEMALE
 Hijabi :No
 Age: 43
 Height: 5.5
 Marital status: Divorced
 Legal Status: Citizen
 Education: MS in CSE from NCSU
 Profession: Software Architect In a Bank
 Residence: Birmingham
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Family: Indian

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: No problems
 Age: 35-50
 Height: Any
 Marital Status: Divorced or Any
 Legal Status:
 Education: Any PReferably Bachelors and Masters
 Profession:
 Residence:
 Religious Sect:
 Ethnicity:
 Contact:
 WhatsApp #205 617 4149

Female
 Hijabi : Yes
 Age: 21
 Height: 5'8"
 Marital status: unmarried
 Legal Status: Born US Citizen
 Education: MS (Student)
 Profession: Education Field
 Residence: Maryland
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: English/Urdu
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad/Indian
 Family:
 Father : Engineer
 Mother: Teacher
 Three Brothers (Older)

*LOOKING FOR: MALE *
 Beard: Yes
 Age: 23 - 26
 Height: 5' 9" Above
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Legal Status: Born US Citizen
 Education: MS or BS
 Profession: Any
 Residence: US (Preferred East coast)
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Any
 Contact: Parent
 WhatsApp # 4432424105

FEMALE N.B
 Hijabi /No
 Age: 28
 Height: 5'5
 Education:Bachelors Degree in Business administartion and management
 Profession:Human Resource Assistant
 Residence: New Jersey Woodbridge
 Legal Status: US citizen
 Marital status: Single
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu,Punjabi, English
 Ethnicity: Pakistani
 Family: Parents and 2 brothers , 1 sister

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: yes an short one
 Age: 28-33
 Height:5'5-6'0
 Education:Bachelors or Masters Degree
 Profession:Any descent profession
 Residence: only USA prefer Tristate area
 Legal Status:Us citizens or Greencard holder
 Marital Status:Single
 Religious Sect:Sunni
 Ethnicity:Pakistani
 Contact:Mother
 WhatsApp # 631 951 8824

FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 23
 Height: 5'4
 Education: Associate degree in Graphic design(on going)
 Profession: Student
 Residence: Virginia
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: English and Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian, Hyderabad
 Family: Parents and two younger brothers
 Has sweet loving nature, enjoys baking and reading books. Family oriented and kids love her. Self efficient and independent. Moderately religious but with strong Islamic values.

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Short beard or no beard, both are acceptable
 Age: 26-29
 Height: 5'10 and above
 Education: Masters or higher
 Profession: Doctor, IT, Data Scientist, Cyber Security, Pharmacist
 Residence: No preference
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim, Prays Namaz and keeps Fasts. Moderately religious but has strong Islamic values.
 Ethnicity: Indian or Pakistani
 Contact: Father
 WhatsApp #732-887-4379

FEMALE
 Hijabi: No
 Age: 32 (look younger) Ma shaa Allah
 Height: 5.7
 Education: graduated as pre medical student (hoping to get further education in field of optometry in shaa Allah).
 Profession: not working
 Residence: Kentucky
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Marital status: never married nor engaged
 Religious Sect: Sunni Syed
 Language: Urdu, English
 Ethnicity: Pakistani Karachi (she was born and raised in karachi Pakistan)
 Family: parents , one brother and two sisters Ma shaa Allah

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: doesn't matter
 Age: 32 to 40
 Height: above 5.8
 Education: Doctor, Engineer, or Masters
 Profession: can be any as long as earning halal
 Residence: Any (my daughter is willing to relocate).
 Legal Status: can be citizen, green card holder, work permit or other legal Work status.
 Marital Status: ONLY never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Only Pakistani
 Contact father: 5024187318

Female: Non Hijab
 Name: KG
 Age: jun 94
 Height: 5'4
 Residence: Maryland
 Education: Bachelors in Biological Sciences Neurobiology & Physiology
 Legal Status: US citizen
 Marital status: Never married
 Ethnicity: Pakistani
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Family: parents, younger brothers , younger sister
 Language: English, Urdu
 Hobbies: Reading, traveling, hiking, trying new things/food, staying active (currently doing Masters in public health policy analysis and evaluation)

LOOKING FOR:
 Age: 27 to 32
 Height: 5'6 or taller
 Residence: US
 Education: Bachelors/Masters
 Profession: N/A
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Contact at: +1301-515-2755

ASAK. Looking rishta for my 23 years old daughter.
 DOB: 1996
 Height: 5'2"
 Education: Bachelors in Statistics from University of Illinois,Urbana champagne. Graduated in May 2019.
 Work: Campus selection from a fortune 100 tech company.
 Open for relocation.
 Job position:
 Official title is solutions integration manager.
 Mix of data engineering & project management.
 Sect: Sunni
 Religious inclination: Moderate
 Non hijabi
 Family: Well educated parents and two older brothers.
 Looking for someone from 24 to 27 only
 From a well educated family.
 Boy should be in gud professional job.
 US citizens only.
 If interested please contact mom on whatsapp: 614 747 5526
 Initially only text please.

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MATRIMONY

Beard Yes
 Age 1986
 Height 5'11"
 Education Bachelors in Pharmacy from Hyderabad
 Two years Pharmacy Technician course from Canada.
 Profession Pharmacy Technician in Hospital Toronto
 Residence Toronto
 Legal status PR holder Applied for Citizenship
 Marital status unmarried
 Religious sect Sunni
 Languages English Urdu Hindi
 Ethnicity Indian
 Family Father Doctor
 Mother House wife
 Two Sisters Married
 Brother one
 LOOKING FOR FEMALE
 Hijabi No
 Age 26 to 32 years
 Height Above 5'3"
 Education Bachelors and above
 Profession Any
 Residence Canada
 Legal status Citizen/PR holder
 Marital status unmarried
 Religious sect Sunni
 Ethnicity Indian/Pakistani
 Contact
 WhatsApp 00919951771531

Name: MMAB
 Age: 31
 Height: 5.8
 Residence : USA
 Education: Bachelor of Engineering (OS-MANIA)
 Profession: I.T Engineer
 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 elder brother married
 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, hyderabad preferred
 Contact:
 Mother: +91 81428 03081
 Brother: +966 54 575 3488
 USA: +19283068704

Age: 29 years
 Height: 5'9"
 Residence : San Francisco, CA
 Education: Masters in Computer Science
 Profession : Software Engineer
 Marital status : Single (Never Married)
 Legal Status : Work Permit
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad , raised in Saudi Arabia
 Religion: Sunni Hanafi Muslim
 Father : Civil Engineer
 Mother : Home maker
 Sibling : Younger brother
 Language: Urdu, Arabic, Hindi & English
 Hobbies: Sports, traveling , hiking , gym and spending time with family and friends.
 LOOKING FOR:
 Age : 22 to 30 years
 Height: 5'3" and above
 Residence: US Citizen/ Canadian Citizen Only
 Education: High School, Bachelors, MBBS/ MD, Engineer, Teacher
 Marital Status: Single (Never Married)
 Religion: Sunni Hanafi Muslim
 Legal Status : US Citizen/ Canadian Citizen Only
 Ethnicity: Indian / Pakistani
 Serious inquires only
 If you match these requirements then only message parents on WhatsApp : +1 (469) 773-9419 ; 408-800-1423

Male
 Age: 30
 Height: 5'11
 Education: BCOM and MBA from Hyderabad, India.
 Masters in Information Technology from US
 Profession: Looking for a new project in IT but in the mean time working as a front desk administrator
 Residence: Virginia, USA
 Legal Status: OPT
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: English and Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)
 Family: 3 brothers and 3 sisters, All the siblings are married and settled
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Must be a Hijaabi, and Niqaabi (Preferred)
 Age: 20 and above
 Height: 5'2 or more and slim
 Education: any
 Profession: any
 Residence: any
 Legal Status: USA citizen or Canadian citizen
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: sunni
 WhatsApp #613222443

Male
 Beard: Yes
 Age: 27
 Height: 5'11
 Education: Hafiz e Quran and persuing Masters in Computer Science Engineering (UK)
 Profession: IT
 Residence: Baltimore, MD, US
 Legal Status: B1B2
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim
 Language: Urdu, Hindi, English
 Ethnicity: Hyd, Indian
 Family: Parents US Permanent resident, 1 sister married US Citizen
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 18-27
 Height: Any
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Residence: US
 Legal Status: PR/Citizen
 Marital Status: Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani
 Contact: 443-985-8481
 WhatsApp # 443-985-7800

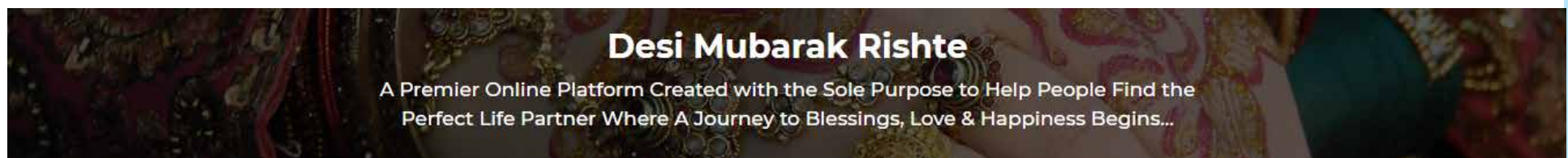
Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 30
 Height: 5' 4"
 Education: Masters IT/CS
 Profession: IT Analyst
 Residence: Chicago Suburb
 Legal Status: H1 Visa
 Marital status: Divorced, No Kids
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu, English
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)
 Family: Mother, 2 sisters (Married) lives in India and 1 Brother (Married) Lives in USA
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 20 - 27
 Height: 4' 9" - 5' 5"
 Education: Any Graduate
 Profession: Any, not working is fine.
 Residence: USA or Hyderabad
 Legal Status: Any
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Religious Sect: Any
 Ethnicity: Any
 Contact: 1 415 598 8577
 WhatsApp # 1 415 598 8577

MALE
 Beard: Yes
 Age: 26
 Raised in UAE
 Height: 5.7"
 Education: BE, MS Industrial Engineering from USA
 Working in TOYOTA company
 Residence: TEXAS
 Legal status: OPT
 Marital status: Never married
 Religious sect: Sunni
 Language: Arabic Urdu English
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad
 Family: Father mother and siblings
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 20—25
 Height: 5.2"—5.6"
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Residence: Any
 Legal status: Gulf born, GC, PR, Cityzen
 Marital status: Never married
 Religious sect: Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani
 Contact: 971507116717

Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 27
 Height: 5'8
 Education: Bachelors in Cyber Security
 Profession: Cyber Security Engineer
 Residence: TX, U.S.A
 Legal Status: U.S Citizen
 Marital status: Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: English, Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad
 Family: Parents. 3 brothers, 1 sister.
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi : Yes
 Age: 21 - 25
 Height: Any
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Residence: U.S or Canada
 Legal Status: Citizen or Green card holder
 Marital Status: Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact: 469-200-9613

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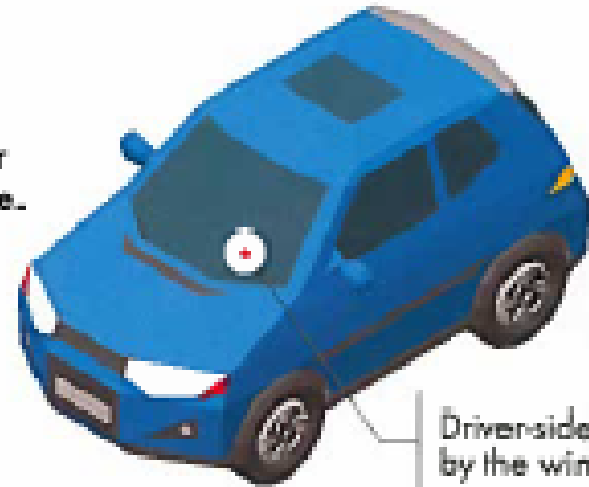
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Treasury Secretary Mnuchin is moving \$455 billion of unspent stimulus money into a fund the incoming Biden administration can't deploy without Congress

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is moving \$455 billion in unspent stimulus money into a fund that the incoming Biden administration cannot deploy without Congress, Bloomberg reported on Tuesday.

It will leave Mnuchin's likely successor, Janet Yellen, with only \$80 billion in relief funds at her discretion.

Experts say Mnuchin's move greatly limits the tools available to the Biden administration to manage the economic fallout of the pandemic.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is moving \$455 billion in unspent stimulus money into a fund that the incoming Biden administration cannot deploy without Congress, Bloomberg reported. That amount includes money that Mnuchin is yanking from the Federal Reserve and unused loans for companies. The funds will be deposited into the Treasury's General Fund, which requires legislative approval to use the money elsewhere. The Treasury Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The move, experts say, will likely undercut the ability of Mnuchin's likely successor, Janet Yellen, from restarting the Fed's

lending programs at a similar scale early next year. Instead, she will have only \$80 billion at her discretion.

Ernie Tedeschi, a policy economist at Evercore ISI, called Mnuchin's decision "a dangerous move" as the US economy faces a perilous moment in the pandemic.

"It's one more enormous risk we are piling onto the winter in the US atop of other risks already there," Tedeschi told Business Insider. "We may need that backstop again as cases have now blown through their prior peaks, state and local governments are making cuts, and we're about to kick off millions of people from unemployment insurance."

Bharat Ramamurti, a Democratic member of a congressional panel overseeing the funds, criticized the move.

This is Treasury's latest ham-handed effort to undermine the Biden Administration," he wrote on Twitter. "The good news is that it's illegal and can be reversed next year."

The development came after Mnuchin recently announced he was not extending most of the Fed's emergency lending programs past December 31, including

those supporting markets for corporate bonds and another providing loans to medium-size businesses and state governments.

The Treasury and central bank jointly operate the lending programs under the CARES Act, which Congress approved in March. The pandemic relief law doesn't mandate Mnuchin move the money into the Treasury's General Fund -- it could keep it within easy reach for President-elect Joe Biden in another pot of money until 2026.

Mnuchin also requested last week that Fed Chair Jerome Powell return unspent stimulus money. He objected and said the lending programs should continue, sparking a rare public clash between two figures that had collaborated closely to contain the economic devastation from the pandemic. The Fed later said in a letter it would return the funds.

Mnuchin then called on Congress to repurpose the unspent money, and he drew support from Republicans like Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.



"We don't need this money to buy corporate bonds. We need this money to go help small businesses that are still closed or hurt, no fault of their own, or people who are going to be on unemployment that's running out," he told CNBC last week.

Congress has been fiercely divided on passing another coronavirus relief bill that most economists say is urgently needed. Nearly 12 million workers are at risk of losing all of their federal unemployment aid next month, according to an analysis from the progressive Century Foundation. Joseph Zeballos-Roig
Yahoo News

Janet Yellen Will Be Joe Biden's Pick For Treasury Secretary: Reports

President-elect Joe Biden plans to nominate Janet Yellen to be his treasury secretary, according to reports in The Wall Street Journal and CNBC.

Yellen, who served for one term as the chair of the Federal Reserve, would make history as the first female secretary of the Department of the Treasury, a particularly influential role now with the economy still reeling from the pandemic.

The 74-year-old economist is used to breaking barriers and will be one of the most experienced economic policy advisers to hold the position, especially compared to current Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who came to the White House with experience producing films and in banking.

She was the first woman to run the White House Council of Economic Advisers and served as a Fed governor in the 1990s.

Yellen isn't simply breaking a gender barrier. If she's confirmed as treasury secretary, Yellen would be the only person to have held all three of the most important economic policy positions in government -- running the Fed, the Council of Economic Advisers and then the Treasury Department.

"She brings a depth of experience that frankly no one else has," said Claudia Sahm, a former Federal Reserve economist who served when Yellen was board chair.

Sahm said that Yellen is an exceptional leader who excels in making everyone feel heard and drawing in different perspectives, exactly the kind of fresh perspective and thinking needed at the Treasury right now after four years of the Trump administration. "We have federal institutions that need to be rebuilt and reenergized."

As Federal Reserve chair, Yellen was known for bringing more attention to the labor market as a key factor in making decisions about raising interest rates. And she also spoke up about how family-friendly federal policy could boost the economy.

As Treasury secretary, Yellen would have more influence to see those kinds of fiscal policies translate into reality.

Though some progressives criticized her for raising rates too soon during the Obama administration, possibly at a time when unemployment rates could have dropped further, many were heartened by the news.

"I'm very happy about the Yellen announcement," said Heidi Shierholz, who leads the economic policy team at the progressive Economic Policy Institute and served in the Obama administration, citing Yellen's strong performance as Fed chair. "One key thing about her: Her decisions are guided by data and evidence, not ideology and not partisanship -- it's data. It's evidence."

Sahm said that while she may not have agreed with every decision Yellen made as Fed chair, she believes that they were made in good faith and backed by deliberative thinking.

"She reflects. There is no stone left unturned when she's getting ready to make a policy decision," Sahm said.

She also noted that Yellen has made an effort to speak out about diversity and inclusion in economics, a profession that still suffers from an overwhelmingly white, male perspective.

"We cannot do the best for the economy if we don't understand the economy, if we don't look (at least somewhat) like the people we are serving," Sahm said. (Sahm herself is known for her criticisms over the lack of diversity in the economics world.) It's a searing point at a moment when the fragile economic recovery from the coronavirus doesn't seem to have made its way to a number of vulnerable communities. The unemployment rate for Black men, for example, is still in the double-digits even as it has dropped to 6.9% overall. Yellen was nominated to the Fed by President Barack Obama and received bipartisan support in 2014, when 11 Republican senators voted to confirm her. Many observers were surprised when Trump failed to renominate her in 2018, a break with precedent. Some, including this reporter,



attributed Trump's ditching of a qualified woman for a man to pure sexism. Recently, Yellen has advocated for the government to do more to help boost the economy right now. "There is a huge amount of suffering out there. The economy needs the spending," Yellen said in an interview last month, according to the Journal.

Congressional Republicans are currently holding up any further efforts to stimulate the economy, even as unemployment benefits and other measures passed to deal with the coronavirus this spring are set to expire at the end of the year and as the U.S. faces a third surge of COVID-19 cases and deaths.

Emily Peck-Senior Reporter, HuffPost
Yahoo News

HEALTH

Use everyday habits to keep your memory in good shape

Your daily habits and lifestyle — what you eat and drink, whether you exercise, how stressed you are, and more — affect your mental health every bit as much as your physical health. A growing body of research indicates that regular exercise and a healthful diet can help protect your memory from aging-related decline.

Exercise

Physical fitness and mental fitness go together. People who exercise regularly tend to stay mentally sharp into their 70s, 80s, and beyond. Although the precise “dose” of exercise isn’t known, research suggests that the exercise should be moderate to vigorous and regular. Examples of moderate exercise include brisk walking, stationary bicycling, water aerobics, and competitive table tennis. Vigorous activities include jogging, high-impact aerobic dancing, square dancing, and tennis. Exercise helps memory in several ways. It reduces the risk of developing several potentially memory-robbing conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, and stroke. Exercise is good for the lungs, and people who have good lung function send more oxygen to their brains. There is some evidence that exercise helps build new connections between brain cells and improves communication between them. Finally, exercise has been linked to increased production of neurotrophins, substances that nourish brain cells and help protect them against damage from stroke and other injuries.

Here are some ways to build physical

activity into your daily routine:

- Walk instead of driving when possible.
- Set aside time each day for exercise. For extra motivation, ask your spouse or a friend to join you.
- Use the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Plant a garden and tend it.
- Take an exercise class or join a health club.
- Swim regularly, if you have access to a pool or beach.
- Learn a sport that requires modest physical exertion, such as tennis.
- Go Mediterranean

Mediterranean-type diets highlight whole grains, fruits and vegetables, and healthy fats from fish, nuts, and healthy oils. This eating style helps promote heart health and may also lessen the risk of memory and thinking problems later in life. In a study that followed more than 2,000 people over four years, those who most closely followed a Mediterranean-type diet had a lower risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease. A later study suggested that following a Mediterranean-type diet could slow the conversion of mild cognitive impairment into full-blown dementia.

The types of fat that predominate in the diet also seem to affect memory. As part of the national Women’s Health Initiative, 482 women ages 60 and older were observed for three years. They reported on their diets, and researchers tested their memory and thinking skills at the beginning of the study and at the end. Those who ate more unsaturated fat (which is abundant in vegetable oils and fatty fish)

and less saturated fat (from red meat and full-fat dairy foods) had significantly less decline in memory than those who ate relatively little unsaturated fat.

Eating several servings of fruits and vegetables can also protect memory. Foods from plants are chock full of vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients that may protect against age-related deterioration throughout the body.

The effects of marijuana on your memory

As you get older, certain aspects of memory normally decline, but that does not mean you are powerless to protect your brain as you age. In fact, there is a lot you can do. In addition to getting regular exercise and eating a Mediterranean style diet, you can also consider what is known and not known about marijuana.

Cannabis contains varying amounts of the potentially therapeutic compound cannabidiol (CBD), which may help quell anxiety. However, there’s no question that marijuana (the dried flowers and leaves of the cannabis plant) can produce short-term problems with thinking, working memory, executive function, and psychomotor function (physical actions that require conscious thought, such as driving a car or playing a musical instrument). This is because marijuana’s main psychoactive chemical, THC, causes its effect by



attaching to receptors in brain regions that are vital for memory formation, including the hippocampus, amygdala, and cerebral cortex. The extent to which long-term use of marijuana (either for medical or recreational purposes) produces persistent cognitive problems is not known.

The laws regarding marijuana differ from state to state. Some outlaw it altogether, while others allow it for medical purposes—to help relieve pain and nausea, for example. And in a growing number of states, marijuana is legal for recreational use. But it remains illegal at the federal level. For that reason, it has been difficult for researchers in the United States to obtain federal research funding to study marijuana, limiting the amount of high-quality evidence available.

What you can do: If you use marijuana, understand you may have problems with memory and related cognitive functions while under the influence. There also is the possibility of developing cognitive problems with long-term use.

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You’ll be introduced to easy-to-follow brain-friendly diets. You’ll find five delicious foods linked to better brainpower. And you’ll learn a little-known secret to maximizing exercise’s cognitive benefits. You’ll find tips to ease stress and to get the sleep essential for memory. You’ll learn the keys to a brain-power nap, 10 tested methods to manage stress, and tricks to

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Research is proving there’s a lot you can do to keep your brain healthy, lessen the risk of brain disease, and stay cognitively fit for a lifetime.

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the brain-based skills essential for full, rewarding and independent living. You’ll discover how, by integrating simple, specific changes—in diet, exercise, and lifestyle—into your daily routine, you can add years of enduring mental stamina and vitality. The Special Health Report will show you how to...

...“super-max” the benefits of food and exercise. Are there brain foods? There sure are! (The top five are revealed on page 25.) Can exercise give a memory boost? You bet! (Two no-sweat choices on page 33). Is there a diet to cut the risk of Alzheimer’s? Yes—by as much as 50%! (See page 28)

...recapture needed sleep...and release unwanted stress. With age, you may find it harder to get the sleep essential for memory. Chronic stress can have damaging effects on key areas of the brain. This Special Health Report provides explicit, winning strategies to resolve your issues with sleep and stress.

...stay connected...and challenged! Steadysocial contact protects cognitive function as you age. Intellectually challenging activities keep your brain agile.

RECIPES

MONGOLIAN BEEF

INGREDIENTS:

1 beef Top Sirloin Steak, cut 1 inch thick (about 1 pound)
 2 tablespoons minced garlic, divided
 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoons crushed red pepper
 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 1/4 cup oyster sauce
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger
 2 cups bamboo shoots, edamame, baby corn or water chestnuts
 2 cups hot cooked rice

COOKING:

Cut beef Top Sirloin Steak in half length-

wise, then crosswise into 1/8-inch strips. Toss beef with 1 tablespoon garlic and red pepper. Heat non-stick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add half of beef; stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining beef. Remove from skillet. Add remaining 1 tablespoon garlic, green onions, oyster sauce, sugar and ginger to same skillet; cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until sauce is hot. Return beef to skillet. Add bamboo shoots; cook and stir until bamboo shoots are hot. Serve over rice.

Nutrition information per serving: 343 Calories; 45 Calories from fat; 5g Total Fat (2 g Saturated Fat; 2 g Monounsaturated Fat); 70 mg Cholesterol; 555 mg Sodium; 42 g Total Carbohydrate; 2.6 g Dietary Fiber; 31 g Protein; 3.7 mg Iron; 9.9 mg Niacin; 0.9 mg Vitamin B6; 1.5 mcg Vitamin B12; 6.2 mg Zinc; 39.5 mcg Selenium; 101 mg Choline.

This recipe is an excellent source of Protein, Iron, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Zinc, Selenium, and Choline; and a good source of Dietary Fiber.



Shepherd's Pie

What is shepherd's pie?

In England, the birthplace of this hearty dish, shepherd's pie is most often made with a ground-lamb filling. In the States, people use ground beef, which is what we call for here. Our sauce is super simple. We sauté veggies, beef, and thyme, add flour, then simmer the mixture in stock. It tastes amazing, but the best part of the dish is the FLUFFY MASHED POTATO TOPPING.

Do I need to make mashed potatoes?

If you have leftovers, this is the perfect opportunity to repurpose them. If you don't, then yes, you need to make them. But it's insanely easy, and our recipe is BOMB. The secret: milk, sour cream, and melted butter.

Can I make this ahead of time?

Yes! You can make the mashed potatoes as well as the filling ahead of time. But we recommend waiting to assemble and bake until right before you plan on serving it.

How can I make this healthier?

Substitute the mashed-potato topping with mashed cauliflower! Our low-carb Cauliflower Shepherd's Pie is a top-rated fan favorite.

Have you made this recipe?

Rate it below and let us know in the comments what you think.

Need more St. Patrick's Day inspiration? Find dozens of Irish-inspired recipes and get cooking!

INGREDIENTS

FOR POTATOES

1 1/2 lb. potatoes, peeled
 Kosher salt
 4 tbsp. melted butter
 1/4 c. milk

1/4 c. sour cream

Freshly ground black pepper

FOR BEEF MIXTURE

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
 1 large onion, chopped
 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 1 tsp. fresh thyme
 1 1/2 lb. ground beef
 1 c. frozen peas
 1 c. frozen corn
 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
 2/3 c. low-sodium chicken broth
 1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°. Make mashed

potatoes: In a large pot, cover potatoes with water and add a generous pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and cook until totally soft, 16 to 18 minutes. Drain and return to pot.

Use a potato masher to mash potatoes until smooth. Add melted butter, milk, and sour cream. Mash together until fully incorporated, then season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Make beef mixture: In a large, oven-proof skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion, carrots, garlic, and thyme and cook until fragrant and softened, 5 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until no longer pink, 5 minutes more. Drain fat.

Stir in frozen peas and corn and cook until warmed through, 3 minutes more. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle meat with flour and stir to evenly distribute. Cook 1 minute more and add chicken broth. Bring to a simmer and let mixture thicken slightly, 5 minutes. Top beef mixture with an even layer of mashed potatoes and bake until there is very little liquid visible and mashed potatoes are golden, about 20 minutes. Broil if



desired.

Garnish with parsley before serving.

by LENA ABRAHAM

Carrot Cake Bread

In the world of quick breads, banana bread and zucchini bread used to be our favorite. But then we met carrot bread. Which on its own, though nice and spiced, could be rather humble. But spread some cream cheese frosting on top and you've got CARROT. CAKE. BREAD. It's not as dramatic as our layered carrot cake, but it's just as good.

If you're looking for a breakfast carrot bread, just skip the frosting. Leave it plain or drizzle it with a simple glaze instead (2 tbsp. softened cream cheese + 1/4 c. powdered sugar + 1 tbsp. whole milk).

Made it? Let us know how it went in the comment section below

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE BREAD

Cooking spray
 1 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
 1 tsp. baking powder
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/2 tsp. ground ginger

1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
 3 large eggs
 1 c. granulated sugar
 1 c. vegetable oil
 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
 2 c. grated carrots (from about 4 medium)
 1/2 c. golden raisins
 1/2 c. toasted chopped pecans

FOR THE FROSTING

4 oz. cream cheese, softened
 2 tbsp. butter, softened
 1 c. powdered sugar, sifted
 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
 1/4 c. toasted chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9"-x-5" loaf pan with cooking spray and line with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. In a large bowl whisk eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. While whisking, slowly



pour in oil until well combined, then add vanilla. Stir dry ingredients into wet until just combined. Fold in carrots, raisins, and 1/2 cup of the pecans.

Pour batter into prepared pan and bake until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 1 hour 10 minutes. Let cool slightly in pan, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Meanwhile, make frosting: In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat cream cheese and

butter until smooth. Add powdered sugar, vanilla, and 1/4 teaspoon salt and beat until smooth.

Spread frosting over loaf and sprinkle with chopped pecans.

by LAURA REGE

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Indian palaces you can actually stay in

Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad

Spread over 32 acres, this opulent hotel was built in 1894 and was home to the famous Nizams of Hyderabad. Falaknuma night mean 'mirror of the sky', but the palace was built in the shape of a scorpion, with the wings acting as the scorpion's two stings. The palace's luxurious interiors reflect its decadent past and give guests the opportunity to live like kings and queens if only for a few nights.



Work on the palace started in 1464 and it was abandoned almost 500 years later in 1947. In 1991 it was opened to the public in its current avatar and is now a massive property spread over 14 levels, with stunning views of the surrounding landscape and town down below. The hotel boasts 17 rooms/suites restored to their former glory, plus hanging gardens, an amphitheatre, and a roof-top restaurant where you can immerse yourself in history and step back to medieval times.



Strategically nestled in the countryside of the Aravali range, this palace fortress overlooks one of the three main passes that provide access to the valley. Completed in 1760, the palace was constructed using local marble and features decorations of semi-precious stones in all the suites. The exteriors feature ornate traditional designs that provide an interesting juxtaposition to the modern and minimalist design seen in the interiors. This hotel offers stunning views of the surrounding hills, making it a great option for those looking to live closer to nature, but without sacrificing on modern amenities



Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur

This exquisite white marble palace floats in the middle of Udaipur's Lake Pichola and is a synonymous with opulence and exclusivity. Built in the 1700s, the hotel was once the winter palace of the royal Mewar dynasty and became famous around the world when the Bond movie Octopussy was filmed there. With 18 grand suites and 65 lavish rooms, the hotel offers breathtaking views of the surrounding lake and the sparkling city of Udaipur.



Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

Perched at the highest point in Jodhpur, this magnificent hotel was once the residence of the royal family of Jodhpur, making it the sixth largest private residence in the world. The palace was completed in 1943, and was constructed using the same beautiful palm court marble that was used in the Taj Mahal. Surrounded by 26 acres of sprawling lush gardens, the hotel, which is only a wing of the palace, has 64 luxury rooms where guests can experience the royal life.



Ananda in the Himalayas, Tehri Garhwal

Perched 3,000 feet up above on a hill, this former-palace-turned-into-luxury-resort is famous for its spectacular views, which include the the River Ganges and the ancient city of Rishikesh. The Viceregal palace was built for the Maharajah of Tehri Garhwal and has been restored to its former majesty, including the maharaja's billiards room, which is home to India's oldest billiards table (over a 100 years old)



Samode Palace, Jaipur

This splendid palace was built in the early 19th century, but it is surrounded by an outer structure, ie a fort, built in the 16th century. Designed in the Indo-Saracenic style, the hotel is known for beautifully melding both Rajput and Mughal design elements. Admire the breathtaking Sheesh Mahal, the mural-lined rooms, hand-painted walls, crystal chandeliers, regal silver armchairs, and then lounge around the rooftop infinity pool to catch a sunset that shows off the Aravalis in all their glory.



Laxmi Niwas Palace, Bikaner

Commissioned in 1904 and built entirely of red sandstone, Laxmi Niwas Palace was the stately residence of Bikaner's maharaja Ganga Singh and has hosted the whose who of royalty and dignitaries, including King George V and Queen Mary. The hotel retains the palace's regal charm and grandeur, with antique artworks, period-style rococo furniture, hand-painted friezes, four-poster brass beds, and ceilings with gold inlaid carvings that make the past come alive.



Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur

Another stunning palace in Jaipur, Rambagh Palace was built in 1835 as a hunting lodge and royal residence for the then maharaja of Jaipur. To say this upscale palace hotel that stands on a 47-acre plot is opulent is an understatement. Think spacious rooms with extremely high ceilings, bathrooms full of marble, grand furnishings, antiques and artwork around every corner, majestic gardens where peacocks strut, a croquet lawn, and a restaurant that gives you the feeling you're dining with the queen



Neemrana Fort Palace, Alwar

This exquisite resort, built on the Aravalli hills, is one of the oldest near Jaipur.

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Shah Rukh Khan's Look for New Film Pathan Reminds Fans of Don 2

After two years, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan is all set to return to the silver screen with his action-drama movie Pathan. Directed by Sidharth Anand, the shoot for the movie began two-weeks ago. King Khan began the shooting without much fanfare in Mumbai itself and was joined by lead actress Deepika Padukone on Monday.

Mumbai Mirror reports that the movie is about the intriguing world of agents and Deepika will get to perform a lot of action sequences as well. Even though the title focuses on Shah Rukh, Deepika plays an edgy character, who joins Pathan on a mission. It is pretty similar to actor Katrina Kaif's role opposite Salman Khan in the Tiger franchise.

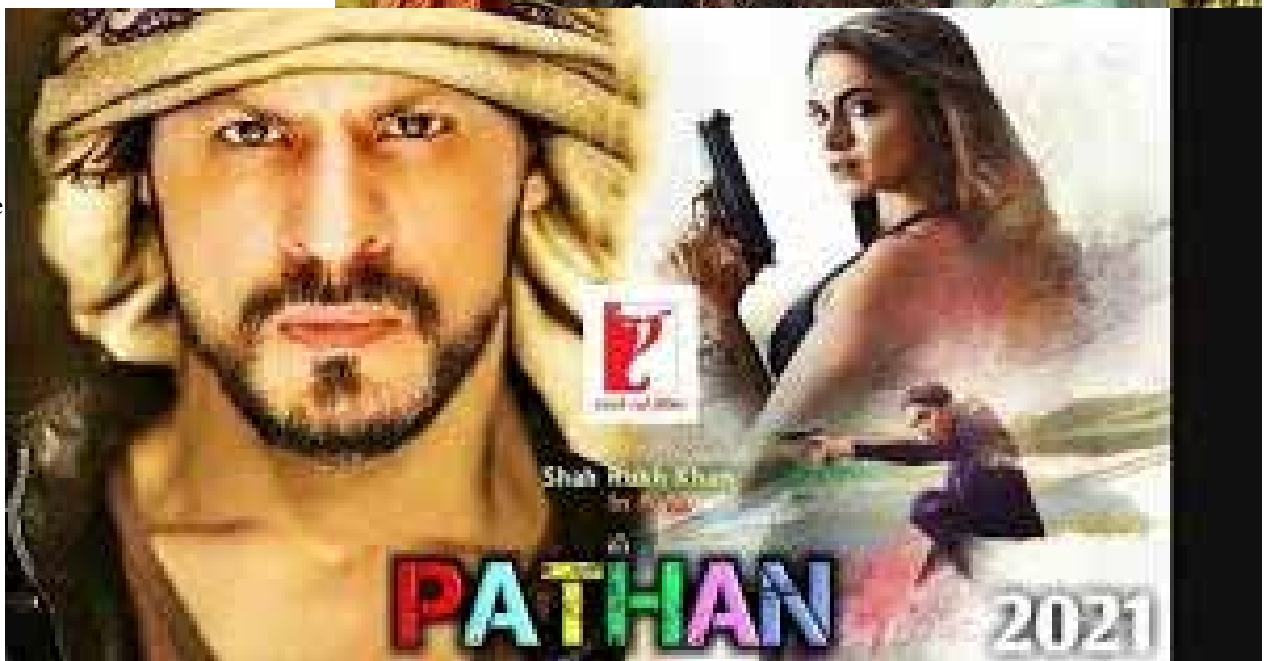
Shah Rukh's return to the big screen has already excited his fans. What also piqued their curiosity further was the actor's look in which he was recently spotted on the sets of Pathan. SRK was seen in long hair with a braid on one side, flaunting a rough and rugged look for his character. The picture went viral on the internet and fans were immediately reminded of Shah Rukh's 2011 crime-drama Don 2, in which he had pulled off a similar look like a vicious criminal.

The actor was once again spotted at the Gateway of India. However, this time, he had made sure to keep his look a secret by wearing a hoodie and a face mask. The report added that the actor was on his way

to Alibaug for the shoot. The 55-year-old actor also happens to own a lavish farmhouse in Alibaug. Meanwhile, Deepika started shooting for the movie at Yash Raj Studios on Tuesday. The movie also stars John Abraham.

With Pathan, Deepika will return to Yash Raj Films after the 2008 romantic-comedy Bachna Ae Haseeno. The film also marks Shah Rukh Khan's return to the production house four years after Maneesh Sharma's Fan.

Shah Rukh was last seen in the 2018 film Zero that did not do well commercially. The film starred Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif. SRK had played the role of a vertically-challenged man. Yahoo News



Erdogan slams jailed Kurdish leader, fuelling scepticism about reform pledge

ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said a jailed Kurdish leader has "blood on his hands", scotching some hopes that a reform plan could lead to wider liberties for the opposition and dissidents.

Erdogan promised a slate of judicial and economic reforms two weeks ago, leading to expectations of the possible release of politicians, including Kurdish ones, and human rights advocates from jail. Former deputy prime minister Bulent Arinc, a founder of Erdogan's AK Party in 2001, added to that speculation with a call for the release of Selahattin Demirtas, former leader of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP).

Erdogan slammed those comments saying: "It offended me that he suggested everyone read the book written by a terrorist," referring to Arinc urging people to read a book by Demirtas to understand Turkey's Kurdish issue.

"There is no Kurdish issue in this country," Erdogan said. Demirtas, he said, defends "terrorism" and has the "blood of thousands of Kurds on his hands".

Arinc resigned from the presidential advisory board.

Demirtas has been in prison for more than four years on charges related to protests against the Turkish army's inaction during a militant attack on the Syrian Kurdish town Kobani.

Erdogan said the AKP would carry out the reforms together with its Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) coalition partner - staunch opponents of the Kurdish political movement. The details of the plans to make judicial processes easier and quicker have yet to be made public.

HDP lawmaker Meral Danis Bestas, a senior figure in the party, dismissed the reform pledges as politicking.

"This reform narrative is not sincere. This is a party which has been in power for 18 years and which has until now totally trampled on the law," she told Reuters.

"It has one aim: to win back the support which has been lost," she said. The next election is not due for three years, but the parties have been dipping in the polls. The HDP, chaired by Demirtas between



2014 and 2018, has had thousands of its officials and members arrested in recent years. It has generally been accused of links to Kurdish militants fighting an insurgency in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast.

Erdogan on Wednesday defended the removal of elected HDP mayors from posts in the southeast. The state has appointed

caretaker mayors to 59 out of a total of 65 municipalities that the HDP won in local elections in March 2019.

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 WINNEBAGO ERA 2012-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V660
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
 Subject : Steer Axle Spindle Nut Snap-Ring Installation
 Make Model Model Years
 FREIGHTLINER 108SD 2021
 FREIGHTLINER 114SD 2021
 FREIGHTLINER BUSINESS CLASS M2 2021
 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA 2020-2021
 WESTERN STAR 4700 2021
 WESTERN STAR 4900 2021
 WESTERN STAR 5700 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V661
 Manufacturer : Braun Ambulances
 Subject : Side Facing Seatbelt Anchored Improperly
 Make Model Model Years
 DEMERS AMBULANCES EXE 2017-2020
 DEMERS AMBULANCES TSE 2017-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V662
 Manufacturer : Jayco, Inc.
 Subject : Motor In Bedlift System May Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 JAYCO ALANTE 2021
 JAYCO EMBLEM 2021
 JAYCO PRECEPT 2021
 JAYCO PRECEPT PRESTIGE 2021
 JAYCO VISION 2021
 JAYCO VISION XL 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V670
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company
 Subject : Inverter may be Wired Incorrectly
 Make Model Model Years
 KEYSTONE COUGAR2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V676
 Manufacturer : Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
 Subject : Gear Misengagement may cause Transmission Damage
 Make Model Model Years
 KAWASAKI NINJA 2018-2020
 KAWASAKI ZX1002A 2018-2020
 KAWASAKI ZX1002B 2018-2020
 KAWASAKI ZX1002D 2019-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V679
 Manufacturer : Thor Motor Coach
 Subject : Transfer Switch May Malfunction
 Make Model Model Years
 FOUR WINDS MONTECITO 2010-2011
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V682
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering

& Manufacturing
 Subject : Fuel Pump May Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 LEXUS ES350 2018-2020
 LEXUS GS 200T 2017
 LEXUS GS 350 2017-2019
 LEXUS GS300 2019
 LEXUS GX460 2018-2019
 LEXUS IS 300 2019
 LEXUS IS 350 2019
 LEXUS IS200T 2017
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 TOYOTA 4RUNNER 2018-2019
 TOYOTA AVALON 2019-2020
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 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER 2018-2019
 TOYOTA RAV4 2019-2020
 TOYOTA SEQUOIA 2019-2020
 TOYOTA SIENNA 2017-2020
 TOYOTA TACOMA 2017-2020
 TOYOTA TUNDRA 2019-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V683
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject : DCDC Converter May Short Circuit
 Make Model Model Years
 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2020
 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V685
 Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.
 Subject : Over Cured Tires Can Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 NISSAN ALTIMA 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V690
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
 Subject : Vehicle May Move While Lift Is Deployed/FMVSS 403
 Make Model Model Years
 THOMAS BUILT BUSES MINOTOUR 2008-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V701
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
 Subject : High Voltage Battery May Catch Fire
 Make Model Model Years
 CHEVROLET BOLT EV 2017-2019
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V619
 Manufacturer : Lance Camper Manufacturing, Corp.
 Subject : Stove Saddle Valves may Leak Gas
 Make Model Model Years
 LANCE TRAVEL TRAILER 2018-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V620
 Manufacturer : Lance Camper Manufacturing, Corp.
 Subject : Stove Saddle Valves may Leak Gas
 Make Model Model Years
 LANCE TRAVEL TRAILER 2018-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V625
 Manufacturer : The Toro Company
 Subject : Tow Pole Bolts May Break
 Make Model Model Years
 TORO LOG SPLITTER 2017-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V629
 Manufacturer : Shyft Group
 Subject : Throttle Pedal May Get Trapped In Open Position
 Make Model Model Years
 UTILIMASTER WALK-IN VAN 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V631

Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC
 Subject : Damaged Brake Hose may Result in a Leak
 Make Model Model Years
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 1500 2020
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 2500 2020
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 3500 2020
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 4500 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V634
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
 Subject : Incorrect GAWR on Certification Label/FMVSS 120
 Make Model Model Years
 FREIGHTLINER 108SD 2020-2021
 FREIGHTLINER 114SD 2020-2021
 FREIGHTLINER CORONADO 2020-2021
 WESTERN STAR 4700 2020-2021
 WESTERN STAR 4900 2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V635
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Tire Pressure Monitoring System Malfunction
 Make Model Model Years
 FORD ESCAPE 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V636
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Engine May Overheat
 Make Model Model Years
 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT 2019-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V637
 Manufacturer : Genie Industries, Inc.
 Subject : Slew Bearing Bolts Incorrectly Tightened
 Make Model Model Years
 GENIE TZ-34 2020
 GENIE TZ-50 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V638
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
 Subject : Driver's Seat Belt Tensioner Cable May Separate
 Make Model Model Years
 CHEVROLET CAPRICE POLICE PURSUIT 2014-2016
 CHEVROLET SS 2014-2016
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V639
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
 Subject : Insufficient Fuel Supply may Cause Engine Stall
 Make Model Model Years
 BUICK ENCLAVE 2020
 CADILLAC XT5 2020
 CADILLAC XT6 2020
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 GMC ACADIA 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V641
 Manufacturer : Shyft Group
 Subject : Body Mount Bracket May Rub Brake Line
 Make Model Model Years
 UTILIMASTER AEROMASTER 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V644
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
 Subject : Incorrectly Bolted Driver's Seat Frame
 Make Model Model Years
 AUDI Q3 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V645
 Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.
 Subject : Vacuum Pump Failure Due to Heat Exposure
 Make Model Model Years
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FEC7T 2019-2021
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FEC9T 2019-2021
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FECZT 2019-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V646
 Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.
 Subject : Exhaust Studs and Nuts may be Loose
 Make Model Model Years
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FEC7T 2019-2021
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FEC9T 2019-2021
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FECZT 2019-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V654

Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Shore Cord Inlet Wiring Insulation May Cause Fire
 Make Model Model Years
 FOREST RIVER CHEROKEE 2019-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V655
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Furnace Fresh Air Intake Sleeve Too Short
 Make Model Model Years
 FOREST RIVER CARDINAL 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V656
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Antenna Wing may Detach
 Make Model Model Years
 FOREST RIVER PALOMINO 2019-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V658
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
 Subject : Head Injury from C-Pillar Impact in a Crash
 Make Model Model Years
 AUDI Q7 2018-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V668
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
 Subject : Missing Bolts on Start/Stop Accumulator
 Make Model Model Years
 BUICK ENCLAVE 2019-2020
 BUICK ENCORE 2019-2020
 BUICK LACROSSE 2018-2019
 CADILLAC XT4 2019-2020
 CADILLAC XT6 2020
 CHEVROLET BLAZER 2019-2020
 CHEVROLET CRUZE 2018-2019
 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2018-2020
 CHEVROLET MALIBU 2018
 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE 2018-2020
 GMC ACADIA 2019-2020
 GMC TERRAIN 2018-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V671
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Possibly Recessed Middle Seat Belt Buckle
 Make Model Model Years
 MERCEDES BENZ GLE580 2020
 MERCEDES-BENZ AMG GLE53 2021
 MERCEDES-BENZ AMG GLE63 2021
 MERCEDES-BENZ GLE350 2020-2021
 MERCEDES-BENZ GLE450 2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V672
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Fusebox may Loosen in Engine Bay
 Make Model Model Years
 MERCEDES BENZ GLA250 2019
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V673
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Front Passenger Seat Missing Adjustment Limit Stop
 Make Model Model Years
 MERCEDES-BENZ AMG E53 2019-2021
 MERCEDES-BENZ E350 2021
 MERCEDES-BENZ E450 2021
 MERCEDES-BENZ E63 AMG 2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V675
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Rear Suspension Toe Link Fracture
 Make Model Model Years
 FORD EXPLORER 2013-2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V681
 Manufacturer : Volvo Car USA LLC
 Subject : Air Bag Inflator Fragments May Strike Driver
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 VOLVO S60 2001-2003
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Coronavirus Impact on Global Economy

By:Shoaib Habib Memon

The fast-spreading new coronavirus that originated in the Chinese city of Wuhan is, at its most immediate level, a public health crisis. But it is also much more than that. As governments struggle to contain the epidemic, the virus is already having economic ramifications in China and around the world.

While it remains unclear how far the virus will spread because Viruses don't see borders and when it will peak, economists are already trying to estimate the impact on gross domestic product (GDP) in the world's second-largest economy and beyond. Chinese authorities put the death toll at 361, with 17,302 confirmed cases. Experts predict more than 100,000 could become infected worldwide, however, with the virus having already spread to 26 countries, including other major population centers in Asia such as India.

With schools and factories shut in China, air travel curtailed, and major cities resembling ghost towns, the economic effects of the world's worst health crisis in decades are becoming more damaging by the day.

Australia joined the United States and Singapore in blocking entry to noncitizens traveling from China, with more

than 60 nations imposing entry restrictions on Chinese nationals.

Financial markets have also felt the effect of the health crisis. The coronavirus outbreak already having a damaging economic and business impact, affecting everything from tourism to the supply of parts to the automotive and technology industries.

Stock markets around the world are lower than they were two weeks ago. China's market fell 8% on the first day of trading after the holiday.

There has been a particularly marked impact on the prices of industrial commodities, as China is such an important buyer.

Crude oil hit its lowest level in more than a year.

It has dropped by about 15% in the past two weeks, reflecting declining demand from China - underlined by reports the country's leading refiner, Sinopec, is cutting back.

A group of oil exporting nations is considering production cuts in an effort to reverse the price fall.

Copper is also cheaper - by about 13% over the past two weeks.

It is an important material for the construction industry, which is also sure to be affected in China.

Airbus has stopped its production line in Tianjin as travel restrictions imposed by Beijing take their toll. GSK, one of Britain's largest drugmakers, said its medicine packaging facility in Tianjin, which employs about 100 people, remained closed. Apple, which has suppliers in Wuhan, said the reopening of some suppliers' factories had been postponed from the end of January to mid-February. Ikea has closed all of its 30 stores in China, while McDonalds shut about 300 restaurants, 10% of its network in the country, and Starbucks has shut about half of its 4,100 cafes. The London-listed InterContinental Hotels has 443 outlets in China and has waived cancellation fees for a period, adding to the impact from a drop-off in domestic and inbound travel.

India's richest man believes any Indian can become a Bill Gates or Dhirubhai Ambani

India's richest man believes if college dropouts like him and Bill Gates can build out multi-billion-dollar multinationals, so can any average Indian.

"My father founded Reliance with a table, a chair, and Rs1,000 five decades ago. It then became a micro-industry, then it became a small industry, and medium, and today you can consider us large," Reliance Industries (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani said during a fireside chat with Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella today (Feb. 24). "I have been very fortunate in terms of knowing Steve (Ballmer) and Bill (Gates) from my Stanford days... Why I am saying this is fundamentally to just drive the point that every small business and entrepreneur has the potential in India to become a Dhirubhai Ambani or a Bill Gates and this is the power... that is what differentiates India from the rest of the world."

Four decades ago, in 1980, Ambani was summoned home from Stanford University—mid-way through his two-year programme—to help his father build RIL. Gates had already begun working on Microsoft by then. Around the

same time as the Indian billionaire's return, Gates convinced Ambani's classmate, the then 24-year-old Ballmer, to drop out of his MBA course and join his tech startup.

By 2018, RIL was in the coveted \$100-billion club. By 2019, Microsoft was a \$1 trillion company.

"There must have been something in the air that both of you dropped out," Nadella joked during the fireside chat. One of Silicon Valley's most-celebrated Indian-American CEOs, Nadella took the reins from Ballmer in 2014, concluding the latter's 14-year tenure.

Micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) contribute about 45% of the manufacturing output of India, over 40% of country's total exports, and around 8% of its GDP.

"They have done this with zero technical enablement (sic) and adoption," Ambani stresses. "Our opportunity be-



tween Jio and Microsoft is to really give them full service. To make sure they're fully enabled with the toolsets and data sets because the mindset already exists to really propel India forward."

By Ananya Bhattacharya
Tech reporter

'Aadhaar Has Nothing To Do With Citizenship' Claims UIDAI After Notices To 127 In Hyderabad Asking For Citizenship Documents

At least 127 residents of Hyderabad have been served notices by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), asking them to prove their citizenship. At least three of them are Muslim.

In a press statement released on Twitter on Tuesday, the UIDAI said that these notices were sent out after their regional office in Hyderabad received reports that these 127 people had obtained Aadhaar under "false pretences."

"It may be noted that the RO Hyderabad received reports from the state police that 127 people have obtained Aadhaar on false pretences as in their preliminary enquiry they were found illegal immigrants who were not qualified to obtain an Aadhaar number," the UIDAI said.

Those who have been served notices have been asked to appear before the UIDAI deputy director in Hyderabad for a personal hearing on February 20.

This comes even as protest continue across

the country against the discriminatory Citizenship Amendment Act that offers citizenship to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who have sought refuge in India. The contentious law conspicuously leaves out Muslims.

Scroll.in accessed a notice sent to Talab Katta resident Mohd Sattar Khan that clearly states that he needs to prove his citizenship and he needs to bring docu-

ments to support it. The notice has been signed by UIDAI deputy director Amita Bindroo.

Scariest Notice to residents of #Hyderabad "You are not an Indian national" attend before enquiry officer with all the necessary documents to prove #Citizenship is it indirect #N

Rohini Chatterji
HuffPost India

UAE halts new visas to citizens of 13 mostly Muslim states: document

DUBAI (Reuters) - The United Arab Emirates has stopped issuing new visas to citizens of 13 mostly Muslim-majority countries, including Iran, Syria, Afghanistan and Pakistan, according to a document issued by a state-owned business park.

A source briefed on the matter told Reuters the visas had temporarily stopped being issued to Afghans, Pakistanis and citizens of several other countries over security concerns, but did not provide details of those concerns. The document, sent to companies operating in the park and seen by Reuters, cited an immigration circular that came into effect on Nov. 18.

The document said applications for new employment and visit visas had been suspended for nationals - those outside the UAE - of 13 countries that also included Somalia, Libya and Yemen until further notice.

The ban also applies to citizens of Algeria, Kenya, Iraq, Lebanon, Tunisia and Turkey, it says.

It was not clear if there were any exceptions to the ban.

The UAE's Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship had no immediate comment when contacted by Reuters.

The circular took effect a week after the French Embassy in the UAE urged its citizens to maintain vigilance after a bomb attack in Saudi Arabia on diplomats claimed by Islamic State.

The explosion, which occurred during a World War One commemoration ceremony in Jeddah, was the first attack in years where explosives were used in an attempt to hit foreigners in the conservative kingdom.

The visa ban also comes two months after the Gulf state established formal ties with Israel, a move that broke with decades of Arab policy and angered some Muslim states and communities. Others welcomed it.

Still, the source familiar with the matter said the ban was unrelated to the UAE's relationship with Israel and was expected to last only for a brief period.

A diplomat commented that the UAE had strained relations with some of the states



listed, such as Turkey.

Last week, Pakistan's foreign ministry said the UAE had stopped processing new visas for its citizens and those of some other countries, but that those already holding valid visas were not affected and could still enter the UAE.

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Yahoo News



Ethiopian PM rejects 'interference' ahead of surrender deadline

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said he rejected international "interference" in Ethiopia's affairs, hours before a deadline for Tigray's rebellious leaders to surrender or face an assault on their capital.

Abiy, the winner of last year's Nobel Prize, late Sunday gave the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) 72 hours to surrender -- an ultimatum rejected by the leader of the dissident northern region, who has said his people are "ready to die" for their homeland.

As the clock ticked down, the UN Security Council held its first meeting on the three-week old crisis, with particular concern for civilians in the regional capital Mekele.

Ethiopian forces say they are encircling the city with tanks ahead of an assault on the TPLF, and have urged its half million residents to leave.

Rights groups have warned that attacking the city could constitute a war crime. The UN, US, EU and others have urged restraint, and called for an immediate halt to hostilities.

Abiy has resisted calls for mediation and insists the "law enforcement operation" against the TPLF is entering its decisive final stage.

In a statement Wednesday, he said Ethiopia appreciated the concern but stressed his government was "very much capable" of resolving the matter on its own.

"While we consider the concerns and advice of our friends, we reject any interference in our internal affairs," Abiy said.

"We therefore respectfully urge the international community to refrain from any unwelcome and unlawful acts of interference and respect the fundamental principles of non-intervention under international law."

The African Union (AU), headquartered in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, has dispatched three former African presidents as special envoys to try and broker talks.

A spokesman for an Ethiopian committee handling the conflict said Monday the government would meet the envoys "as a matter of respect" but flatly ruled out negotiations with the TPLF. Jake Sullivan, the newly-appointed national security advisor to US President-elect Joe Biden, on Wednesday urged Ethiopia's warring parties to immediately begin dialogue through AU mediators.

"I'm deeply concerned about the risk of violence against civilians, including potential war crimes, in the fighting around Mekele in Ethiopia. Civilians must be protected and humanitarian access must be opened," Sullivan posted on Twitter.

- Humanitarian crisis -

Fighting between the Ethiopian army and



Tigrayan forces has raged since November 4, when Abiy ordered a military response to what he said were TPLF attacks on federal military camps.

More than 40,000 refugees have fled the violence into eastern Sudan, and rockets have fallen on the Eritrean capital Asmara and Ethiopian cities outside Tigray, spurring fears the conflict could widen.

Hundreds have reportedly been killed, including at least 600 civilians that Ethiopia's rights watchdog says were massacred in the town of Mai-Kadra.

The EU's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell on Tuesday discussed the worsening humanitarian crisis with Ethiopia's foreign minister, and warned the fighting was already destabilising the wider region.

Tigray remains under a communications

blackout and media access to the region has been restricted, making independent verification of claims from both sides difficult.

The government said Tuesday that Tigrayan troops were surrendering, while the TPLF claimed to have routed an army battalion.

The TPLF led the overthrow of Ethiopia's military Derg regime in 1991 and dominated the country's politics until Abiy became prime minister in 2018.

Since then, TPLF leaders have complained of being sidelined by Abiy and blamed for the country's woes, and tensions have festered between the regional leadership and the federal government in Addis Ababa.
Yahoo News

Trump is forgoing legal advice and instead listening to friends, TV hosts, and relatives on who to pardon, report says

President Donald Trump is leaning on the advice of aides, family members, and TV hosts on who to pardon before leaving office, The Washington Post reported. Presidents usually consider cases vetted by Justice Department lawyers as part of a formal application process.

Trump on Wednesday pardoned Michael Flynn, his former national security advisor who lied to FBI agents about his contact with Russian officials in 2016. President Donald Trump is leaning on the counsel of friends, TV hosts, and family members in deciding who to pardon before he leaves office on January 20.

Usually, people convicted of federal crimes can apply to the White House to be considered for a presidential pardon, and their cases are reviewed by Justice Department attorneys.

But Trump is relying on the recommendations of people close to him, particularly Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and advi-

sor, sources told The Post. The newspaper described Kushner as having played an important role in Trump's previous pardons. Speculation is growing about who the president will pardon in his last weeks in office. The Post did not specify which people Trump's circle had suggested for pardons.

The New York Times reported on speculation that a pardoning "blitz" could include George Papadopoulos, a former Trump campaign aide who pleaded guilty to lying to investigators as part of Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Traditionally, presidents reserve their pardons for people who've been victims of a miscarriage of justice. But Trump has been accused of using the power to shield his associates from punishment.

There has even been speculation that Trump could pardon himself, an unprecedented move that some legal experts



believe would be struck down by the Supreme Court.

The president on Wednesday said he had pardoned Michael Flynn, his former national security advisor who pleaded guilty to lying to FBI agents about his contact with Russian officials before Trump took

office. Trump claimed that Flynn did not receive a fair hearing.

But Trump is not the first president to be accused of misusing pardons — Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton were also accused of abusing the power. Yahoo News

Trump approves huge Taiwan arms deal in latest blow to China relations

The US State Department has approved the sale of advanced weaponry systems to Taiwan, in a deal worth some \$1.8bn that includes sensors, missiles and artillery, the Pentagon said.

Congress still needs to give final approval to the deal, and can raise objections to any arms sales within 30 days of the issuance of a formal notification.

Among the weapons systems in Wednesday's deal were 11 truck-based rocket launchers made by Lockheed Martin Corp, known as the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS), at an estimated cost of \$436.1m.

The deal also includes 135 precision-guided cruise missiles, as well as mobile light rocket launchers and air reconnaissance pods that can be attached to fighter jets.

The defence and foreign ministries in Taiwan welcomed the news, saying the weapons would help improve defensive capabilities.

"This arms sale shows that the United States attaches great importance to the strategic position of the Indo-Pacific region and the Taiwan Strait, and is actively assisting our country in strengthening our overall defence capabilities," Taiwan's Defence Ministry said.

Responding to the arms deal, China's Foreign Ministry said that it would have a major impact on its relationship with the US and that it would respond as necessary.

In recent years, tensions over the self-ruled island have increased as Beijing has more forcefully asserted its claim to sovereignty. In January the island re-elected incumbent

president Tsai Ing-Wen, who campaigned on a ticket of defending Taiwanese sovereignty.

The arms deal also comes as relations have deteriorated between China and the US administration of Donald Trump, ahead of the 3 November US election. Mr Trump has made a tough stance against China a central theme of his foreign policy during the campaign for a second term.

Analysts say Washington has been eager to see Taiwan bolster its defence capabilities in the face of increasingly assertive moves from Beijing, which has been ratcheting up pressure on the island ever since President Tsai was first elected in 2016. Taiwan said this month that it spent almost \$900m last year scrambling its air forces to meet Chinese incursions.

Namita Singh
Yahoo News



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On the occasion of Gyarvi Sharif "Ghilaf E Ziyarat" Naatiya & Manqabati Mushaira,-IQNEWS

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Hyderabad Municipal election: Event in Moghalpura



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		<i>Darbaan</i>	Bipin Nadkarni Sharib Hashmi · Sharad Kelkar · Flora Saini · Rasika Dugal		Opticus Picture Company, ZEE5
	11	<i>Durgamati</i>	G. Ashok Bhumi Pednekar · Arshad Warsi		Abundantia Entertainment, T-Series, Cape of Good Films, Amazon Prime Video
		<i>Lahore Confidential</i>	Kunal Kohli Richa Chadha · Arunoday Singh · Karishma Tanna		JAR Pictures, ZEE5
		<i>Indoo Ki Jawani</i>	Abir Sengupta Kiara Advani · Aditya Seal		T-Series, Emmay Entertainment, Electric Apples
	25	<i>Torbaaz</i>	Girish Malik Sanjay Dutt · Nargis Fakhri · Rahul Dev · Gavie Chahal · Rahul Mittra · Pransh Chopra		Wave Cinemas, Netflix
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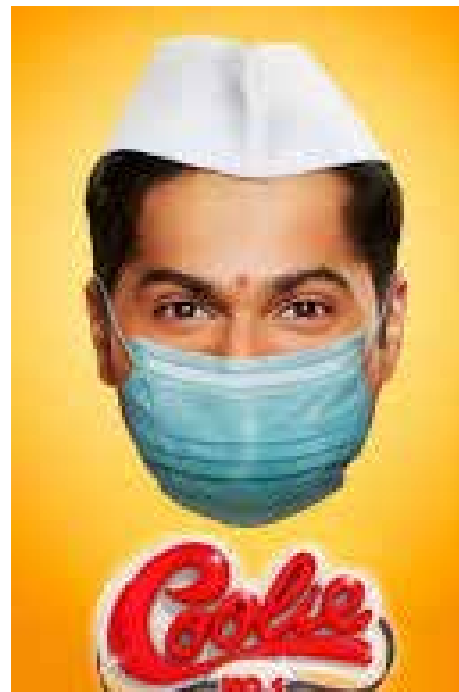
Coolie No. 1 Remake

The first trailer for Varun Dhawan and Sara Ali Khan's Coolie No.1 is out. The film shows Varun as the new-age coolie, donning multiple avatars in a colourful comedy of errors. The trailer begins with Paresh Rawal looking for the richest man in India to wed his daughter (Sara Ali Khan) to. He lands on Varun Dhawan, a rich son of a rich dad, who whiles away his time playing golf at home and on conference calls with ATM aka Ambani, Trump and Modi. He quickly wins over Sara with some song and dance and Paresh is a happy father.

However, back home, he runs into another man, a coolie named Raju who looks just like his son-in-law to be. Does he have a twin or is the coolie really fooling everyone?

The movie also stars Johnny Lever, Rajpal Yadav and Jaaved Jaaferi. This movie directed by David Dhawan and produced by Vashu Bhagnani will be a remake of 1995 film of the same name starring Govinda and Karishma Kapoor in lead, which is famous for its amazing performances, great comedy, and melodious music.

Earlier, the star also announced the start of shooting of his new film Jug Jug Jeeyo co-starring Kiara Advani which will also mark a comeback of Neetu Kapoor in Indian cinema.



From Madhubala To Sridevi : Bollywood Actresses Gone Too Soon

Bollywood has lost some gems quite untimely and that is where it feels that they went away too soon! Well, we miss them dearly till date
Bollywood has seen some very tragic deaths and untimely departures of some really talented and promising people who went away too soon! Surprisingly, there are many names here who were actresses who came, shine and rose to fame but left us just when we wanted the most of them! Here are a few of them...

Madhubala : The killer combination of elegance, grace and poise and the first female superstar who was known even in Hollywood, Madhubala died when she was in her 30's. She got detected with ventricular septal defect (a hole in her heart) in 1954. She was loved by all and was actually the 1st screen goddess Bollywood ever saw. Her untimely death really shook everyone who was close to her and obviously her many fans!



Parveen Babi : The Bollywood diva who ruled millions of hearts had quite a sad and shocking death. Parveen Babi was found dead on 22 January 2005 after her residential society secretary alerted the police that she had not collected milk and newspapers from her doorstep for three days. The police suspected that she may have been dead for up to 72 hours before her

body was found. The reason of the death is said to be starvation/organ failure.



Divya Bharti : Was she drunk or was she pushed from the fifth floor of a building or did she lose her balance and fell? No one knows till now but all said and done, we lost a vivacious and talented actress too soon. Divya Bharti was just 19 years of age when she died. Her death came as an utter shock



Jiah Khan : A beautiful actress, Jiah Khan who rose to fame after her films like Nishabd and Ghajini was found dead in her apartment with less to track down further on why and how she died? There were accusations on her current beau of that time, Sooraj Pancholi that he had killed her after she told him about her pregnancy and about her will to get married. No one knows the truth till now and we are still waiting! She was just 25



Sridevi : When the news of the always iconic and the legendary actress Sridevi's death surfaced on the internet during the wee hours of last Sunday, everyone was stunned and shocked. No one could have even imagined or thought that an actress who has been around everywhere and was radiating in beautiful gowns & dresses at events and family functions will leave us so soon. 'Gone too soon' became the signature term used after Sridevi's demise and we totally agree with it. As per the latest medical, autopsy and post-mortem reports, it has been announced that Sridevi died due to accidental drowning and there were blood traces in her blood report as well which combines to something fishy.



ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد
شکاگو، امریکہ

گل بو کی حکایت

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



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حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

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ظالم بادشاہ اور خدا رسیدہ بزرگ

اردو حکایت: ایک ظالم بادشاہ کے عہد حکومت میں ایک خدا رسیدہ بزرگ بغداد میں داخل ہوئے، بادشاہ نے اُن کی دُعاؤں کے مقبول ہونے کی شہرت سنی تو اُن کو بلا بھیجا اور کہا کہ ”آپ میرے حق میں بھی دُعا ئے خیر فرمائیے۔“ انھوں نے دُعا مانگی کہ ”الہی اس کو موت دیدے۔“ بادشاہ نے کہا۔ ”حضرت! آپ یہ کیسی دُعا مانگ رہے ہیں۔“ بزرگ نے فرمایا ”یہی دُعا تیرے لئے اور تمام مسلمانوں کے لئے بہتر ہے۔“

فارسی شعر:

اے زبردست زیر دست آزار
گرم تاکہ بماند این بازار
بچہ کار آیدت جہاں داری
مردنت بہ کہ مردم آزاری

حاصل کلام:

اے زبردستوں کو ستانے والے زبردست! تیرے ظلم و جور کا بازار کب تک گرم رہے گا؟ بادشاہت ترے کس کام آئے گی؟ ترا مرنا ہی بہتر ہے کہ مخلوق کو ستاتا ہے۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

اے زبردست! زیر دستوں کو ستانے والے بول
گرم ہے، یہ ظلم کا بازار، آخر کب تلک؟
بادشاہت تیری، تیرے کام آسکتی نہیں
تو جو مر جائے تو خوش مخلوق ہو زیر فلک



دانائے مشرق، بلبل شیراز، حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ 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 آسا 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۔ نو عمری 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 ایشیا، آفریقہ اور دنیا 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 اوج 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۔

اردو 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 دنیا 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۔ اردو 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 اردو زبان کا وہ سب سے پہلا شاہکار مشترکہ و منفرد گلدستہ ہے جس میں فارسی نثر کا ترجمہ اردو نثر میں اور فارسی نظم کا ترجمہ اردو نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ ”گل بو کی حکایت“ کے عنوان سے ہم گلستاں و بوستاں کی حکایات کو عوامی استفادہ کی خاطر ”ایشیا نامہ کی الیکٹرانک اشاعتوں میں ثواب جاریہ کی نیت سے سلسلہ وار شائع کر رہے ہیں۔ (ادارہ)

جذباتی قوم غیر جذباتی مسائل

ڈاکٹر راؤ کامران علی



پہلے "چکھتے" ہیں پھر "نگلتے" ہیں! کشمیر میں پانچویں اسٹیج دو مہینے میں گزر گئیں اور یہ حوصلہ افزا نتیجہ "چکھ کر پورے انڈیا کے مسلمانوں کو نگلتے" کی طرف قدم بڑھا دیا! وہاں بھی شکر ہے کہ پوری انڈین کمیونٹی مزاحمت کر رہی ہیں ورنہ ہمارے جذباتی شاہین تو رو دو ہو کر بیٹھ چکے ہوتے۔

دنیا میں وہی قومیں ترقی کرتی ہیں جو زلزلوں اور طوفانوں کو آنے سے پہلے سونگھ لیتی ہیں اور بچاؤ کے لئے تیار ہوتی ہیں ورنہ جب خواب خرگوش کے مزے لوٹی قوم پر یکدم طوفان آتا ہے تو اسکے اوسان خطا ہو جاتے ہیں۔ وقت ہے کہ سیاسی طور پر دنیا کے اہم مراکز میں طاقتور ہو جائے! اگر آپ امریکی شہری یا گرین کارڈ ہولڈر ہیں تو روز کا صرف ایک ڈالر چندہ ایک گلے میں ڈالیں اور سال کے بعد ساری رقم پاک پیک pakpacusa dot org پر بھیجیں! بلکہ اپنے بچوں سے ڈلوائیں تاکہ ان میں سیاسی سوجھ بوجھ اور شوق پیدا ہو۔ مزید برآں آپ محض سالانہ ایک سو ڈالر میں ممبر بن سکتے ہیں۔ ہم آج تیار ہوں گے تو کل کے طوفان کا مقابلہ کر سکیں گے۔ جذبات قیمتی ہیں اگر ان کے مطابق عمل کیا جائے! تو آئیں پھر مل کر عمل کریں؛ اور نعروں سے نہیں عمل سے دشمن کا مقابلہ کریں۔

اپنے بچوں کو اردو پڑھائیے
اردو ایک زندہ زبان ہے
اس کی تشہیر کیجئے

امریکیوں نے چند سال پہلے AIPAC کی طرح (PAKPAC) Pakistani American Political Action Committee کی بنیاد رکھی اور جذباتی بیان بازی کی بجائے امریکی کانگریس کے ساتھ اتنا مضبوط بندھن باندھا کہ کشمیر کی تاریخ میں پہلی بار ایک ریپبلکن کانگریس مین جم بینکس اور ایک ڈیموکریٹ کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ نے مل کر باقی کانگریس کو خط لکھا کہ کشمیر کے لوگوں پر ظلم بند کرواؤ۔ پاک پیک کے چپاس سے زائد ممبران پورے امریکہ سے واشنگٹن ڈی سی میں اکٹھے ہوئے اور سینتیس کانگریس مین کو اس خط پر دستخط پر آمادہ کیا (خط کی تصاویر کالم کے ساتھ اٹیچ ہیں) اور آج جب سب چیخ چلا کر سکون سے بیٹھے ہیں، پاک پیک جنرل برگ مین سے لیکر کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ تک سے ہفتہ وار مذاکرات کر رہی ہے، ان کے لئے فنڈ ریزنگ کر رہی ہے اور کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ پر جیا پال کے بل کو کامیاب بنا رہی ہے (بل کی تصویر اٹیچ ہے) جو کہ کشمیر کے لوگوں پر ظلم روکنے کے لئے ہے۔ ایک انڈین ہندو کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ پر میلا جیسا پال ان لاکھوں "ایمان والوں" سے بہتر ہے جو رو پیٹ کر چپ ہو گئے اور یہ خاتون پورے انڈیا کے دباؤ کے باوجود انسانی حقوق کی پامالی کے خلاف ڈٹی ہوئی ہے۔ یہ ہوتا ہے وقتی جذبات اور مستقل مزاج اصولوں میں فرق۔ طاقت کے کھلاڑی "دکھ کی پانچ اسٹیجوں" سے مکمل طور پر واقف ہیں اور

ایسے لوگ جن کے پردادا کشمیر سے تھے اور خود کبھی کشمیر کی شکل نہیں دیکھی لیکن "کشمیری" بن کر شور شرابہ کرتے رہے، چند "بڑوں" کی نظروں میں نمایاں ہوتے رہے، اب سکون سے آرام فرما رہے ہیں۔ کیا ایسے مسئلے حل ہوتے ہیں؟ کیا ہماری قوم جذباتی ڈرامہ بازی سے عقل اور عمل کی طرف نہیں جاسکتی۔ اب سوال یہ پیدا ہوتا ہے کہ:

1- پاکستان اتنا مضبوط اور طاقتور ہو کہ حملہ کر کے کشمیر آزاد کروالے۔ گو کہ سوشل میڈیا کا سوشل سروسز گروپ راجہ داہر، لڑکی کی فریاد اور محمد بن قاسم کی تلوار کی بڑکیں گرم بستر پر بیٹھ کر مارتا رہتا ہے اور اس کا خیال ہے کہ پاکستانی فوجی جوانوں کی جانیں اتنی ارزاں ہیں کہ انکے جذبات پر ٹھنڈ ڈالنے کے لئے چپاس ساٹھ ہزار شہید بھی ہو جائیں تو کوئی بڑی بات نہیں؛ گویا وہ نہ کسی کے بیٹے ہیں نہ باپ اور نہ شوہر۔ وہ طبقہ بھی "ہمارے ٹیکس پر پلنے والی فوج" کو لڑوانا چاہتا ہے جس کی پچھلی تین پشتوں میں سے کسی نے ٹیکس نہیں دیا۔

دوسرا طریقہ ہے دعا کے ساتھ ساتھ دنیا میں طاقت کے مراکز میں اپنی لائنگ کی جائے اور کشمیر کے حق میں رائے عامہ بڑھائی جائے۔ جسے ہم امریکہ میں یہودی لابی کہتے ہیں وہ (AIPAC)، American Israel Public Affair Committee ہے اور وہ اسرائیل کے قیام کے محض تین سال بعد امریکہ میں 1951 میں قائم کی گئی؛ یہ ہوتا ہے ویژن اور حب الوطنی! پاکستانی

ایزبتھ روس، یونیورسٹی آف شکاگو کی ماہر نفسیات تھی اور دکھ کی پانچ اسٹیجوں کی محقق تھی۔ اس نے مرتے ہوئے لوگوں پر تحقیق کی تو پتا چلا کہ مرنے والے یا انکے رشتہ دار پانچ اسٹیجوں سے گزرتے ہیں؛ پہلا ہے ڈینسئل (denial) یعنی اگر کسی خاتون کا شوہر فوت ہو جائے تو وہ چپلا کر کہہ رہی ہو، "تم مجھے چھوڑ کر نہیں جاسکتے"؛ دوسرا ہے ناراضگی (anger) یعنی وہ کہے، "مجھ سے میرا شوہر چین کر ظلم کیا خدا نے" تیسرا ہے بارگیننگ (bargaining) یعنی "اے خدا مجھے اٹھالے اور میرا شوہر واپس کر دے"؛ چوتھا ہے ڈپریشن یعنی چپ چاپ، رہنا دکھ میں رہنا اور پھر آتا ہے، ہتھیار ڈال دینا (acceptance) یعنی جو اللہ کا حکم!

لگ بھگ دو سو دن پہلے انڈیا نے کشمیریوں پر ظلم کی نئی تاریخ رقم کر دی، ان سے خود مختاری چھین لی؛ پوری پاکستانی قوم دنیا میں ہر جگہ جذباتی ہو گئی۔ فیس بک اور توئیٹر پر آگ لگ گئی؛ اپنے ہی ملک میں انڈیا کے خلاف جلوسوں میں ہلڑ بازی۔ امریکہ کے مختلف شہروں میں ریلیوں کے لئے چندہ اکٹھا ہو رہا ہے اور دھواں دھار تقریریں!!!! اور پھر کیا ہوا۔ سب کے سب "باتوں کے شیر"، ایزبتھ روس کی پانچ اسٹیجوں سے گزر کر سکون سے بیٹھ گئے گویا مسئلہ کشمیر حل کروا لیا ہو۔ حتیٰ کہ جو محض فیس بک پر ہی شیر اور ٹیگ کر کے خود کو سوشل میڈیا جہاد کے "محبس عزیز بھٹی" سمجھ بیٹھے تھے وہ بھی چین سے بیٹھ گئے! امریکہ میں

جنت مرزا 50 گھنٹوں کا سفر کر کے پاکستان پہنچ گئیں

ٹک ٹاک پر ایک کروڑ سے زائد فالوورز انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ پر موجود تھیں۔ جنت مرزا رکھنے والی پاکستان کی نمبر ون ٹک ٹاک اسٹار نے انسٹاگرام پر تصویریں شیئر کرتے ہوئے کہا جنت مرزا 50 گھنٹوں کا سفر کر کے اپنے تھاکے ہائے ہائے جاپان، ہیلو پاکستان۔ واضح آباہی وطن پہنچ گئی ہیں۔ گزشتہ چند ماہ سے فیملی رہے کہ گزشتہ روز جنت مرزا نے انسٹا اسٹوری



کے ہمراہ جاپان میں رہنے والی ٹک ٹاک اسٹار جنت مرزا کچھ گھنٹے پہلے ہی پاکستان پہنچی ہیں اور اس حوالے سے انہوں نے سوشل میڈیا سائٹ انسٹاگرام پر اسٹوری میں اپنے گھر کی تصویر شیئر کی ہے۔ جنت مرزا نے انسٹا اسٹوری میں اپنے گھر کی تصویر شیئر کرتے ہوئے مداحوں کو بتایا کہ آخر کار 50 گھنٹے کا سفر کرنے کے بعد وہ اپنے گھر پاکستان پہنچ گئی ہیں۔ ٹک ٹاک اسٹار نے پاکستان پہنچنے پر اللہ تعالیٰ کا بھی شکر یہ ادا کیا۔ اس سے قبل انہوں نے انسٹاگرام پر اپنی کچھ تصویریں شیئر کی تھیں جن میں وہ قطر کے حاد

شاہ رخ خان اور سلمان خان ایک بار پھر اسکرین پر ساتھ نظر آئیں گے؟

ماضی میں بالی وڈ کی کئی مقبول ترین فلموں میں ایک ساتھ جلوہ گر ہونے والے بھارتی فلم اسٹار شاہ رخ خان اور سلمان خان ایک بار پھر



بڑی اسکرین پر ساتھ نظر آنے والے ہیں۔ بھارتی میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق بالی وڈ کنگ شاہ رخ خان اور چل بل پانڈے کے نام سے مشہور سلمان خان کے نئے پراجیکٹ سے متعلق کچھ خبریں سامنے آ رہی ہیں کہ یہ دونوں اسٹار ایک فلم میں کام کرنے والے ہیں۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق شاہ رخ خان اور سلمان خان نے ابھی تک باضابطہ طور پر اپنی نئی فلم سے متعلق کسی قسم کا کوئی اعلان نہیں کیا ہے لیکن دعویٰ کیا جا رہا ہے کہ ان کی فلم میں اداکاران ابراہم ولن کا کردار ادا کریں گے جبکہ ڈیپیکا پڈوکون فلم کی مرکزی ہیروئن ہوں گی۔ میڈیا رپورٹس کا کہنا ہے کہ شاہ رخ خان اور سلمان خان کی اس فلم کے حوالے سے توقع کی جا رہی ہے کہ اداکار اس نومبر کے آخر میں اس فلم پر کام شروع کریں

بالی وڈ منشیات کیس، ارجن رامپال کے گھر پر این سی بی کا چھاپہ

بالی وڈ منشیات تحقیقات میں نارکوٹکس کنٹرول بیورو (این سی بی) کی جانب سے بھارتی فلم انڈسٹری کے نامور اداکار ارجن رامپال کے گھر پر چھاپہ مارا گیا ہے۔ بھارتی میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق بالی وڈ منشیات کیس کی تحقیقات کرنے والے ادارے نارکوٹکس کنٹرول بیورو (این سی بی) کی جانب سے آج صبح اداکار ارجن رامپال کے گھر چھاپہ مارا گیا جس کے بعد ان کے گھر کی تلاشی جاری ہے۔ میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق گزشتہ روز بالی وڈ کے پروڈیوسر فیروز کی اہلیہ کو گرفتار کیا گیا تھا کیونکہ

اندر منشیات ایجنسی کے چھاپے کے دوران ان کے گھر سے مبینہ طور پر 10 گرام چرس برآمد ہوئی تھی۔ این سی بی آفیسر نے بھارتی میڈیا کو بتایا کہ اہلیہ کی گرفتاری کے بعد پروڈیوسر فیروز کو طلب کیا گیا ہے لیکن وہ ابھی تک پیش نہیں ہوئے۔ واضح رہے کہ این سی بی کی جانب سے منشیات کیس اُس وقت شروع کیا گیا جب رواں سال سشانت سنگھ راجپوت کی خودکشی کے بعد منشیات سے متعلق کچھ واٹس ایپ چیٹس منظر عام پر آئیں۔ اس میں خان بھی ان کے ساتھ مل کر منشیات کا استعمال کرتی تھیں۔ ریا چکرورتی نے بتایا تھا کہ ناصر وہ بلکہ اداکارہ سارہ علی خان، راکول پریت سنگھ اور سمن کھبانا بھی سشانت کے ساتھ مل کر منشیات استعمال کرتے رہے ہیں۔

بیورو (این سی بی) نے جن بالی وڈ اداکاروں کے خلاف تحقیقات کی تھی ان میں صف اول اداکارہ دیپیکا پڈوکون اور ان کی مینیجر کریشمہ پرکاش،



نئے سماج کے نقیب سلیمان خطیب

کو تعمیر سے زیادہ تخریب پر مائل کر دیا ہے۔ نئی نسل کی اس بے راہ روی کی ایک جھلک ہمیں خطیب کی نظم ”علاش گمشدہ“ میں ملتی ہے جس میں ایک والد صاحب اپنے گمشدہ فرزند کی خوبیوں کا بیان یوں کرتے ہیں:

اچھے خاصے بساں کو توڑنگا
لینا دیکھاں تمام پھوڑنگا
علیٰ علیٰ میں اس کی پارہ ہے
گلی گلی گھما گھما کو چھوڑنگا
جس نام نہاد تہذیب کے پیچھے ہمارا نوجوان طبقہ
دوڑ رہا ہے اُس کا بھرم بہت جلد ٹوٹ جانے والا
ہے۔ محض ہدیت کی تبدیلی انقلاب دہر کا باعث نہیں
ہو سکتی۔ انقلاب کے لئے انداز فکر میں تبدیلی، علم میں
وسعت اور شعور میں پختگی کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے۔ یہی
وجہ ہے کہ ”پہلی ازم“ کو ناکامی حاصل ہوئی۔ ”پہلی کٹ“
میں نئی نسل کی خام خیالی کا اچھا خاکہ اڑایا گیا ہے:

اب توجہ ہے نوجوانوں کی
اپنی مونچھوں پہ سر کے بالوں پر
’ذوقِ تعلیم‘ کو بڑھانا تھا
’خط‘ بڑھایا ہے صرف گالوں پر
لیکن شاعر نوجوانوں کے اس رجحان سے دل
برداشتہ نہیں بلکہ وہ دعا گو ہے:

یہ تو شاہین زادے ہیں یارب
ان کو تھوڑی سی آگہی دیدے
صحن گلشن میں یہ پھلیں پھولیں
میری پلکوں کی کچھ نمی دیدے
وہ جانتا ہے کہ یہی نوجوان طبقہ مستقبل کا معمار
ہے۔ اگر یہ صحیح راہ پر گامزن رہے تو اتنا طاقتور بن
جائے گا کہ سماج کے بوزھے ڈھانچے کو بدل کر اُس کی
یکسر ترتیب و ترمیم کر سکے۔ پھر اس سماج میں کوئی بھوکا
نہ رہے گا اور نہ ہی کوئی مفلس و مجبور، کوئی باپ اپنی بیٹی
کو ذفن کرنے کی نہ سوچے گا۔ کوئی معصوم طالب علم
سیاست کا شکار نہ ہو سکے گا۔ کوئی بے گناہ مذہب کی
بنیاد پر قتل نہ ہو سکے گا۔ یہی وہ مستقبل ہے جس کے
لئے شاعر خود بھی قلم بکف ہے۔

میں ظلمتوں کا دشمن ماہِ تمام جیسے
لڑتا ہوں ہر بدی سے، رن میں امام جیسے

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خون برہمن ہے یا ہریجن ہے
خون ادنیٰ کہ خون اعلیٰ ہے
کوئی مذہب ہے دھرم ہے خوں کا
کوئی اس کی زبان ہوتی ہے
کوئی اس کا مقام ہوتا ہے
کہیں خوں کا بھی نام ہوتا ہے؟

سلیمان خطیب نے سماج کی ایک اور لعنت ”جہیز
کی رسم“ کے خلاف بھی آواز اٹھائی۔ ہندوستان میں
جہیز کا رواج ایک ایسی بُرائی بن گیا ہے جس کی وجہ سے
کئی لڑکیاں اُن بیانیہ رہ گئیں۔ بہت ساری عمر رسیدہ
اشخاص کو شریک حیات بنانے پر مجبور ہو گئیں۔ لین
دین کو بنیاد بنا کر رشتے توڑ ڈالنا اور لڑکیوں کو زندہ
جلادینا ہمارے مہذب معاشرہ کا معمول ہے۔ جہیز کی
لعنت نے ہنستے کھیلتے گھرانوں کو ماتم کدہ بنا دیا
ہے۔ لڑکا خواہ کیسا ہو اپنے والدین کے لئے خوش بختی کا
دروازہ ہوتا ہے چنانچہ اُن کے مطالبات کی کوئی حد
نہیں ہوتی:

بھابھ والے تو بھوت پوچھیں گے
گھر کا بچہ ہے گھر کا زیور دیو
ریڈیو سیکل تو دُنیا دیتی ہے
اللہ دے رائے تو ایک موٹر دیو
بھوت چیزاں نکو جی تھوڑے بس
ایک بنگلہ ہزار جوڑے بس
(نظم۔ چھورا چھوری)

اپنی بیٹی کی زندگی کو خوشگوار بنانے کے لئے
والدین مقررہ ہوجاتے ہیں۔ اسی لعنت کی بدولت
وہ اپنی پھول جیسی بیٹی کو پہاڑ سمجھنے لگتے ہیں اور کبھی اس
عذاب سے جان چھڑانے کے لئے وہ ایسا سوچنے پر
بھی مجبور ہوجاتے ہیں کہ:

جی میں آتا ہے اپنی بیٹی کو
اپنے ہاتھوں سے کیوں نہ دفن دیں
لال جوڑا تو دے نہیں سکتے
لال چادر میں کیوں نہ کفن دیں
یہ بھی دلہن ہے گھر سے جاتی ہے
موت مفلس کو کیا سہاتی ہے
(نظم۔ چھورا چھوری)

سماج کی اس بُرائی کی وجہ نوجوانوں کا ناپختہ
شعور، ادھوری تربیت اور اخلاق و کردار کی ناہمواری
ہے۔ زندگی کے تلخ اور لایخ مسائل نے نوجوان طبقہ

کی جز معاشی کی تصویر ہے بلکہ سماج کے منہ پر ایک
بھر پور طمانچہ بھی۔ ایک کلرک کی بیوہ کس رقت آمیز
انداز میں کہتی ہے:

جینا مرنا تمہارا قرضے کا
آج پھولاں اُدھار لائی ہوں
یتا احسان ہم پو کرنا تھا
تنخواہ لینے کے بعد مرنا تھا
”پہلی تاریخ“ بھی نہ صرف میاں بیوی کی نوک
جھونک ہے بلکہ جز معاشی کا رونا ہے۔ نظم ”روٹی“ میں
اس حقیقت کو اس طرح بے نقاب کیا گیا ہے:

دُنیا میں قتل عام ہے روٹی کے واسطے
شمشیر بے نیام ہے روٹی کے واسطے
یہ امن کے امین بھی گندم فروش ہیں
دُنیا اسیر دام ہے روٹی کے واسطے
لیکن شاعر صرف اس تلخ حقیقت کو بیان کر کے
نہیں رہ جاتا بلکہ وہ محنت اور جستجو کا پیغام بھی دیتا ہے جو
روشن مستقبل کے لئے ضروری ہے:

چلو کھیتاں ہے بلاتے ہیں
اپنے رٹھے سے ہم کمائیں گے
جس کی محنت ہے اُس کی نعت ہے
ساری دُنیا کو ہم دکھائیں گے
(نظم۔ محبوب صاحب، محبوب بی)
سلیمان خطیب جانتے تھے کہ محنت کش طبقہ ہی
انقلاب لاسکتا ہے اور نئے سماج کی باگ ڈور اُس کے

ہاتھ اُسی کے ہاتھ ہوگی:
کنکر مٹی ڈھونے والو
میلا کھیلا ڈھونے والو
دانہ دانہ بونے والو
آج کے بھٹکے سونے والو
کل کے راجا ہونے والو
چلے چلو رے، چلے چلو
(نظم۔ چلے چلو)

وہ ایک ایسے سماج کا خواب دیکھتے ہیں جس میں
تمام انسانی تفریقات ختم ہوجائیں گی۔ سماجی، معاشی
اور نسلی نامساوات کا وجود پارہ پارہ ہوجائیگا۔ ندرنگ و
نسل کے جھگڑے ہوں گے نہ ذات پات کا امتیاز ”بلذ
بنک“ میں اسی خیال کو پیش کیا گیا ہے:

خون ہندو کہ خون مسلم ہے
خون گورا کہ خون کالا ہے

فرد اور سماج کا رشتہ اٹوٹ ہے دونوں ایک
دوسرے پر اثر انداز ہوتے ہیں۔ کبھی سماج فرد کی کایا
پلٹ دیتا ہے تو کبھی افراد سماجی انقلاب کے ذمہ دار
ہوتے ہیں۔ اس انقلاب کے نتیجے میں پرانی قدریں
نوٹی اور نئی قدریں جنم لیتی ہیں۔ سماج کا ہر فرد اتنا
باشعور نہیں ہوتا کہ وہ بروقت حالات کے تقاضے کو سمجھے
اور اچھی و بُری قدروں میں تمیز کر سکے۔ اکثر
ایسا ہوتا ہے کہ وہ بدلتے ہوئے حالات کو عارضی تغیر
سمجھ کر اپنے آپ کو اُن سے ہم آہنگ کرنے میں ناکام
رہتا ہے۔ ایسے میں ایک شاعر یا ادیب اپنی عصری
سوچ بوجھ کی بنا پر حالات کی اصلیت کو پیش
کرتا، بُرائیوں کی نشتر زنی کرتا اور صالح عناصر کو
پروان چڑھانے کی کوشش کرتا ہے تاکہ معاشرتی ارتقا
صحیح خطوط پر ہو۔

سلیمان خطیب کو بھی ہم ایک ایسے شاعر کے روپ
میں دیکھتے ہیں جو سماج کی فرسودہ روایات سے متنفر اور
صالح قدروں کا مونیہ ہے۔ ان کی شاعری کے
موضوعات سماج سے وابستہ مسائل ہیں جیسے بھوک
اور افلاس، مزدور اور سرمایہ دار، کسان، ساہوکار، امیر و
غریب، ذات پات کی تفریق وغیرہ۔ سماج کی تلخ
حقیقتوں کو پیش کر کے وہ عوام کو ان کے خلاف جدوجہد
پر آمادہ کرتے ہیں تاکہ ایک ایسا سماج جنم لے سکے جو
ان لعنتوں سے مُبرا ہوا ان معنوں میں وہ نئے سماج کے
نقیب کہلائے جاسکتے ہیں۔

سماج کا ایک بنیادی مسئلہ معاشی بدحالی ہے۔ آج
کا انسان محض اس لئے انتشار و اضطراب کا شکار ہے کہ
اُسے پیٹ بھر روٹی اور تن بھر کپڑا بہ آسانی میسر
نہیں۔ وہ انسان جو خلاء کی وسعتوں کو ناپ چکا اور
چاند پر کند ڈال چکا ہے روزگار کے مسئلہ کو حل نہ کر سکا۔
انسان کی اسی ”بے چارگی“ کا ذکر سلیمان خطیب اس
طرح کرتے ہیں:

یہ فضاؤں میں اُڑتا ہوا آدمی
جس کی مُٹھی میں شمس و قمر بند ہیں
ایک چاول کی مُٹھی کا محتاج ہے
چونکہ انسان کو معاشی تحفظ حاصل نہیں ہے اس لئے
وہ زندگی کی دوڑ میں ہمیشہ پیچھے رہ جاتا ہے۔ لگی بندھی
آدمی اُس کی ضروریات زندگی کے لئے ناکافی ہوتی
ہے۔ نتیجتاً ساری عمر قرض کے بوجھ تلے کٹ جاتی
ہے۔ نظم ”اٹھائیں تاریخ“ نہ صرف غریب متوسط طبقہ

بہنیں ایسی کیوں ہوتی ہیں بہن کی محبت

صبح صبح چائے کی دکان پہ میرا دوست میرے پاس بیٹھا مجھے سلام کیا اس کی آنکھوں میں آنسو تھے میرا ہاتھ پکڑا روتے ہوئے بولا فارس میں آج خود کو بہت چھوٹا محسوس کر رہا ہوں میں حیران تھا اس کی کمر پہ تھپکی دی ارے ایسا کیا ہوا گیا شیر کو وہ مجھ سے نظریں نہ ملا رہا تھا پھر زور زور سے رونے لگا سب لوگ اس کی طرف دیکھنے لگے میں اس کو چپ کروا یا ارے پاگل سب دیکھ رہے ہیں میرے سینے سے لگ گیا روتے ہوئے بولا فارس بہنیں ایسی کیوں ہوتی ہیں میں سوچ میں گم۔۔۔ کیا ہو گیا تم کو ایسا کیوں بول رہے ہو کہنے لگا فارس پتا ہے بہن کی شادی کو 6 سال ہو گئے ہیں میں

میرے بڑے بیٹے کو ٹی بی ہو گئی میرے پاس اس کا علاج کروا اور جا اٹھ نائی کی دکان پہ جا داڑھی بڑھا رکھی ہے شکل تو دیکھ ذرا کیا حالت بنا رکھی تم نے میں خاموش تھا بہن کی طرف دیکھے جا رہا تھا وہ آہستہ سے بولی کسی کو نہ بتانا کنگن کے بارے میں تم کو میری قسم ہے میرے ماتھے پہ بوسہ کیا اور ایک ہزار روپیہ مجھے دیا جو سو پچاس کے نوٹ تھے شاید اس کی جمع پونجی تھی میری جیب میں ڈال کر بولی بچوں کو گوشت لا دینا پریشان نہ ہو کر تیرے بھائی کو تنخواہ ملے گی تو آؤں گی پھر جلدی سے اپنا ہاتھ میرے سر پہ رکھا دیکھ اس نے بال سفید ہو گئے اب بازار جاؤ اور داڑھی منڈوا کر آؤ وہ جلدی سے جانے لگی اس کے پیروں کی طرف میں دیکھا ٹوٹی ہوئی جوتی پہنی تھی پرانا سا دوپٹہ اوڑھا ہوا تھا جب بھی آتی تھی وہی دوپٹہ اوڑھ کر آتی فارس بہن کی اس محبت میں مر گیا تھا ہم۔ بھائی کتنے مطلب پرست ہوتے ہیں بہنوں کو پل بھر میں بیگانہ کر دیتے ہیں اور بہنیں بھائیوں کا ذرا سا دکھ برداشت نہیں کر سکتیں وہ ہاتھ میں کنگن پکڑے زور زور سے رورہا تھا اس کے ساتھ میری آنکھیں بھی نم تھیں اپنے گھر میں خدا جانے کتنے دکھ سہہ رہی ہوتی ہیں کچھ لمحے بہنوں کے پاس بیٹھ کر حال پوچھ لیا کریں شاید کے ان کے چہرے پہ کچھ لمحوں کے لیے ایک سکون آجائے،



پریشان تھا میں قرض بھی لے لیا تھا لاکھ دو بھوک سر پہ تھی میں بہت پریشان تھا کمرے میں اکیلا بیٹھا تھا شاید رورہا تھا حالات پہ کے اتنے میں بہن گھر آ گئی میں غصے سے بولا اب یہ آ گئی ہے منحوس بیوی میرے پاس آئی کوئی ضرورت نہیں گوشت یا بریانی پکانے کی اس کے لیے پھر ایک گھنٹے بعد وہ میرے پاس آئی بھائی پریشان ہو میں مسکرایا نہیں تو بہن نے میرے سر پہ ہاتھ پھیرا بڑی بہن ہوں تمہاری گود میں کھیلنے رہے ہو اب دیکھو مجھ سے بھی بڑے لگتے ہو پھر میرے قریب ہوئی اپنے پرس سے سونے کے کنگن نکالے میرے ہاتھ میں رکھے آہستہ سے بولی پاگل توں اوں پریشان ہوتا ہے تیرا بھائی شہر گیا ہوا تھا بچے سکول تھے میں سوچا دوڑتے دوڑتے بھائی

کو بند کریں سب ماں چپ رہی لیکن بہن نے ساری باتیں سن لی تھیں میری بہن کچھ نہ بولی 4 بج رہے تھے اپنے بچوں کو تیار کیا اور کہنے لگی بھائی مجھے بس سناپ تک چھوڑاؤ میں نے جھوٹے منہ کہا رہ لیتی کچھ دن لیکن وہ مسکرائی نہیں بھائی بچوں کی چھٹیاں ختم ہونے والی ہیں پھر جب ہم دونوں بھائیوں میں زمین کا بیڑا ہو رہا تھا تو میں نے صاف انکار کیا بھائی میں اپنی زمین سے بہن کو حصہ نہیں دوں گا بہن سامنے بیٹھی تھی وہ خاموش تھی کچھ نہ بولی ماں نے کہا بیٹی کا بھی حق بنتا ہے لیکن میں نے گالی دے کر کہا کچھ بھی ہو جائے میں بہن کو حصہ نہیں دوں گا میری بیوی بھی بہن کو برا بھلا کہنے لگی وہ بیچاری خاموش تھی کورنا کے دن ہیں فارس کام کاج ہے نہیں

کبھی اس کے گھر نہیں گیا عید شب رات کبھی بھی میں ابو یا امی جاتے ہیں میری بیوی ایک دن مجھے کہنے لگی آپ کی بہن جب بھی آتی ہے اس کے بچے گھر کا حال بگاڑ کر رکھ دیتے ہیں خرچ ڈبل ہو جاتا ہے اور تمہاری ماں ہم سے چھپ چھپا کر کبھی اس کو صابن کی پیٹی دیتی ہے کبھی کپڑے کبھی صرف کے ڈبے اور کبھی کبھی تو چاول کا تھیلا بھر دیتی ہے اپنی ماں کو بولو یہ ہمارا گھر ہے کوئی خیرات سینئر نہیں فارس مجھے بہت غصہ آیا میں مشکل سے خرچ پورا کر رہا ہوں اور ماں سب کچھ بہن کو دے دیتی ہے بہن ایک دن گھر آئی ہوئی تھی اس کے بیٹے نے ٹی وی کا ریموٹ توڑ دیا میں ماں سے غصے میں کہہ رہا تھا ماں بہن کو بولو یہاں

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ولی الدین

انکل

میں بھی بوڑھا ہو رہا ہوں ولی ہو گیا اس کا احساس کل مجھے جس شوح و چنچل کے دیوانے تھے ہم اس حسینہ نے کہہ دیا انکل مجھے

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واعظ

کر کے ذکر حور دل کو پریشان کرے شیخ جی واعظ بھی کچھ ایسا بیان کرے ولی گر ہمت ہو تو کہہ دو ان سے موت کا ذکر نہ اس درمیان کرے

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ریموٹ

شوہر پردیس میں ہوتا ہے اور بیوی دیس میں اتنی دور سے ہوتا ہے رومانس بھلا کس اوت سے جانے کیسے ہو رہا ہے پھر بھی بچوں میں اضافہ ولی کیا یہ بھی کام ہونے لگا ہے اب ریموٹ سے

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بشری اعجاز

غزل

محبت میں کوئی صدمہ اٹھانا چاہئے تھا بھلایا تھا جسے وہ یاد آنا چاہئے تھا گری تھیں گھر کی دیواریں تو صحن دل میں ہم کو گھروندے کا کوئی نقشہ بنانا چاہئے تھا اٹھانا چاہئے تھی راکھ شہر آرزو کی پھر اس کے بعد اک طوفان اٹھانا چاہئے تھا کوئی تو بات کرنا چاہئے تھی خود سے آخر کہیں تو مجھ کو بھی یہ دل لگانا چاہئے تھا کبھی تو اہتمام آرزو بھی تھا ضروری کوئی تو زیت کرنے کا بہانا چاہئے تھا مری اپنی اور اس کی آرزو میں فرق یہ تھا مجھے بس وہ اسے سارا زمانہ چاہئے تھا

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اندر اور ما

غزل

آج پھر چاند اس نے مانگا ہے چاند کا داغ پھر چھپانا ہے کاش کچھ اور مانگتا مجھ سے چاند خود گردشوں کا مارا ہے دور ہے چاند اس زمیں سے بہت پھر بھی ہر شب طواف کرتا ہے بستیوں سے نکل کے صحرا میں جستجو کس کی روز کرتا ہے کس خطا کی سزا ملی اس کو کس لیے روز گھٹتا بڑھتا ہے چاند سے یہ زمیں نہیں تنہا اے فلک تو بھی جگ لگایا ہے آج تاروں کی بزم چمکی ہے چاند پر بادلوں کا سایا ہے روشنی پھوٹ نکلی مصرعوں سے چاند کو جب غزل میں سوچا ہے

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انجم رہبر

غزل

لانا تھا اتفاق بچھڑنا نصیب تھا وہ اتنی دور ہو گیا جتنا قریب تھا میں اس کو دیکھنے کو ترستی ہی رہ گئی جس شخص کی ہتھیلی پہ میرا نصیب تھا بستی کے سارے لوگ ہی آتش پرست تھے گھر جل رہا تھا اور سمندر قریب تھا مریم کہاں تلاش کرے اپنے خون کو ہر شخص کے گلے میں نشان صلیب تھا دفنا دیا گیا مجھے چاندی کی قبر میں میں جس کو چاہتی تھی وہ لڑکا غریب تھا

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ذکیہ غزل

غزل

عشق میں تیرے جنگل بھی گھر لگتے ہیں کانٹے اور ببول صنوبر لگتے ہیں بھور بھنے آکاش سے سورج جاگے تو چاند ستارے کتنے بے گھر لگتے ہیں چہرے کو چہرے سے ڈھانپنے پھرتے لوگ بولتے ہیں تو لہجے بنجر لگتے ہیں خوشیوں کے بازار میں غم بھی جکتے ہیں اور غم کے بازار تو اکثر لگتے ہیں خون کے رشتے مول کے بازاروں میں ماں جائے بھی اب تو پتھر لگتے ہیں

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حجاب عباسی

غزل

دعا ہی وجہ کرامات تھوڑی ہوتی ہے غضب کی دھوپ میں برسات تھوڑی ہوتی ہے رہ وفا کی روایت ہے سر جھکا رکھنا بساط عشق پہ یہ مات تھوڑی ہوتی ہے جو اپنا نام صف معتبر میں لکھتے ہیں خود ان سے اپنی ملاقات تھوڑی ہوتی ہے بہت سے راز دلوں کے دلوں میں رہتے ہیں اسے بتانے کی ہر بات تھوڑی ہوتی ہے دل و نظر میں جو بس جائے دل رہا تھہرے کہ دل رہائی کوئی ذات تھوڑی ہوتی ہے حجاب اہل جنوں میں شمار ہونے کی اساس عزت سادات تھوڑی ہوتی ہے

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تسنیم عابدی

غزل

راز کا بزم میں چرچا کبھی ہونے نہ دیا ہم نے اپنے کو تماشا کبھی ہونے نہ دیا ہم کو اس گردش دوراں نے کہیں کا نہ رکھا پھر بھی لہجے کو شکستہ کبھی ہونے نہ دیا سے کدے میں بڑے کم ظرف تھے پینے والے آنکھ کو ساغر و مینا کبھی ہونے نہ دیا دل میں اک درد کا طوفان چھپائے رکھا آنکھ سے راز کو افشا کبھی ہونے نہ دیا روز جلنا ہے اسے روز جلانا ہے اسے آتش شوق کو ٹھنڈا کبھی ہونے نہ دیا عمر رشتوں کے تقاضے ہی نبھاتے گزری زندگی نے مجھے اپنا کبھی ہونے نہ دیا سب سے محفوظ مقام غم تنہائی ہے فکر دنیا نے اکیلا کبھی ہونے نہ دیا

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پوجا بھاشیا

غزل

کس ہنر کے مظاہرے میں ہو تم تو خود سے مقابلے میں ہو قتل کرنا تو اس کو ٹھیک نہیں عشق کی موت حادثے میں ہو چاند آئے گا صلح کرنے کو جاگ جاؤ مغالطے میں ہو نام میں دوسرا محبت کا تم ہو پاگل یا پھر نشے میں ہو آتے آتے ہنسی یوں پھسلی ہے جیسے اشکوں کے راستے میں ہو چاند غائب ہے چاند راتوں سے کیا پتہ میرے آنے میں ہو تم چلے تھے خلا کو بھرنے کیوں؟ لوٹ آئے کہ راستے میں ہو کون منصف بنے سوا دریا اک جزیرہ جو کنگھڑے میں ہو

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On the lighter side....

On a recent flight to Chicago it seemed that all the departure times were coming and going.

I inquired to the ticket agent, "What good are the departure times?"

"Well," began the genial agent, "if it weren't for those posted departure times we'd have no way of finding out how late we depart."

Two old guys, Fred and Sam went to the movies. A few minutes after it started, Fred heard Sam rustling around and he seemed to be searching on the floor under his seat.

"What are you doing?" asked Fred.

Sam, a little grumpy by this time, replied "I had a caramel in my mouth and it dropped out. I can't find it."

Fred told him to forget it because it would be too dirty by now. "But I've got to," said Sam, "my teeth are in it!"

Just found out on my tax return that there's a limit on dependents...

I thought 45 was reasonable, but I was wrong.

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test.

Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

Farmer: "I've arranged my garden so as not to be caught



by droughts this summering."

Neighbor: "What did you do?"

Farmer: "I planted my potatoes and onions in alternate rows. The onions will make the potatoes eyes water and reduce the need for water."

Milkman (to new hand): "Did you put water in the milk this morning?"

New hand: "Yes sir."

Milkman: "Don't you know this is wicked?"

"But you told me to mix water with the milk?"

"Yes, but I told you to put the water in first and then pour the milk into it. Then, you see, we can tell the people we never put water in our milk."

The clergyman of a large church, having just arrived in Fort Smith, was being shaved by a local barber that was addicted to occasional drinking sprees. There was an unmistakable odor of whisky around the barber's face and the razor suddenly nicked the man's face.

"You see, that comes from taking too much drink," said the clergyman.

"You're right," said the barber. "Drinking does make the skin tender, that's a fact."

Why is Cinderella bad at soccer?

Because she's always running away from the ball.

Two old settlers out in the FAR WEST, confirmed bachelors, got to talking about cooking.

"I got one of them cookery books once, but I could do nothing with it."

"Too much fancy work in it, eh?"

"You said it! Every one o'them recipes began the same way... 'Take out a clean dish... that settled me.'"

In the days before calculators, accountants were frequently unable to get their debits to balance with their credits. So, in order to overcome the discrepancy, they often created a bogus account titled "Taste" to store the unbalanced amount and allow the books to balance.

Unfortunately, the government soon heard of this practice and declared a new law... there would, from this point on, be no accounting for Taste.

Seeing her friend Marcia wearing a new locket, Ashley asks if there is a memento of some sort inside.

"Yes," says Marcia, "a lock of my husband's hair."

"But Larry's still alive?"

"I know, but his hair is gone."



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