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Trump vows new tariffs on Mexico, Canada, China

President-elect Donald Trump provided details regarding proposed new tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, promising to enact them in the first days of his presidency.

Trump said on social media that he would impose a 25% tax on all products entering the country from Canada and Mexico, and 10% on goods from China in addition to current tariffs.

“On January 20th, as one of my many first Executive Orders, I will sign all necessary documents to charge Mexico and Canada a 25% Tariff on ALL products coming into the United States, and its ridiculous Open Borders,” he wrote on his Truth Social site, saying the move is necessary to crack down on illegal immigration and drugs.

Trump said the new tariffs would remain “until such time as Drugs, in particular Fentanyl, and all Illegal Aliens stop this Invasion of our Country!”

The U.S. is the largest importer of goods in the

world, with Mexico, China and Canada its top three suppliers, according to the most recent Census data. Tariffs could dramatically raise prices on everything from groceries to automobiles, according to CBS News.

The potential trade policy changes under the incoming Trump administration presents a new layer of unpredictability for contractors, according to industry economists. During the presidential campaign, Trump vowed to enact tariffs ranging from 10% to 20% on all imported goods and to raise tariffs on Chinese-made products to 60%.

“New or increased tariffs have the potential to raise prices for a wide range of construction inputs, including items produced domestically that compete with imports,” Ken Simonson, chief economist at the Associated General Contractors of America, told Construction Dive last week.

Contractors have largely benefited from input price stabilization in 2024 but that may change



next year, as it remains unclear how materials prices will react due to proposed tariffs, said Anirban Basu, Associated Builders and Contractors’ chief economist, in a news release last week.

“The next administration’s trade policy increases uncertainty regarding construction material costs,” said Basu. “Beyond the implications of potential tariffs, input prices may rise in the short term if purchasers rush to import materials prior to the implementation of those policies.”

Sebastian Obando contributed to this report.

Is the Sambhal Mosque survey legal?

In 1991, India’s Parliament passed the Places of Worship Act. That law essentially laid down that the religious character of all places of worship would remain the same as it was on August 15, 1947 — when British India was divided into India and Pakistan — and could not be changed.

The trigger for the law was the mass mobilisation campaign led by the BJP’s leaders to bring tens of thousands of activists to the city of Ayodhya to demand that a temple be built at the site of the historic Babri Masjid. Ayodhya, according to Hindu scriptures, was the birthplace of God Ram, and far-right Hindu activists have long alleged that the mosque was built on a demolished Ram temple.

The law could not stop a mob from tearing down the mosque in 1992. But in 2019, while awarding the land on which the mosque once stood to a trust to build a temple — and allotting a patch of land elsewhere for the construction of a mosque — the Supreme Court of India upheld the Places of Worship Act, making it clear that the “court cannot entertain claims that stem from the actions of Mughal rulers against Hindu places of worship today”.

However, when a similar mosque-atop-temple case, from Varanasi, Modi’s parliamentary constituency, reached the Supreme Court in May 2022, the court of then Chief Justice DY Chandrachud allowed an

archaeological survey.

While noting that there could be no conversion of the place, Chandrachud said the structure’s “original character” could always be determined. Later that month, a local court in Mathura admitted a plea seeking the transfer of the land of the Shahi Idgah mosque in the city to a Hindu trust for the construction of a temple to God Krishna.

“It was a really dangerous flip-flop by the chief justice,” said Colin Gonsalves, a senior lawyer and founder of the Human Rights Law Network. “It has opened floodgates of similar pleas that threaten the status of Muslims in India.”

Since then, many such cases have been filed, often supported by lawmakers of the BJP.

Who is responsible?

“By closing the Ayodhya verdict, the top court had believed that it has pushed the genie of communal majoritarianism back in the bottle,” said Sanjay Hegde, a senior Supreme Court lawyer.

However, Chandrachud’s “unguarded comments in the Varanasi case, which were not even sought by counsel for the parties, stoked the fires across the country and the genie resurfaced with fresh claims”.

Hegde added.

Nadeem Khan, the national secretary of the Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR), an advocacy group that is in Sambhal on a fact-finding mission, told Al Jazeera that the “survey of mosques has turned into an instrument of political strength”.

“The Muslim community fears that these surveys will lead to losses of their places of worship,” Khan told Al Jazeera. “Because of Chandrachud’s comments, people are losing their lives on the streets. The Supreme Court opened this Pandora’s box and paved the path for further hooliganism.”

Gonsalves, the lawyer, recalled being shocked by Chandrachud’s comments when the Varanasi case reached the top court.

“Instead of putting out the fire immediately, now the fires are burning everywhere in India,” he said. “The judiciary allowed the communal forces a kind of licence to take the law into their own hands.”

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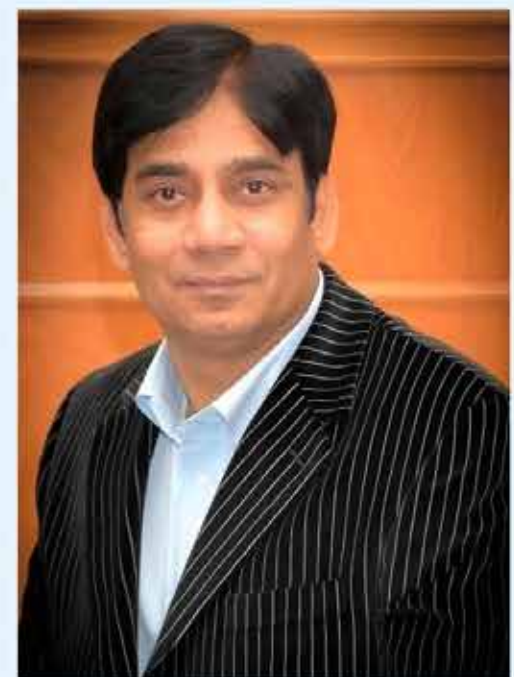
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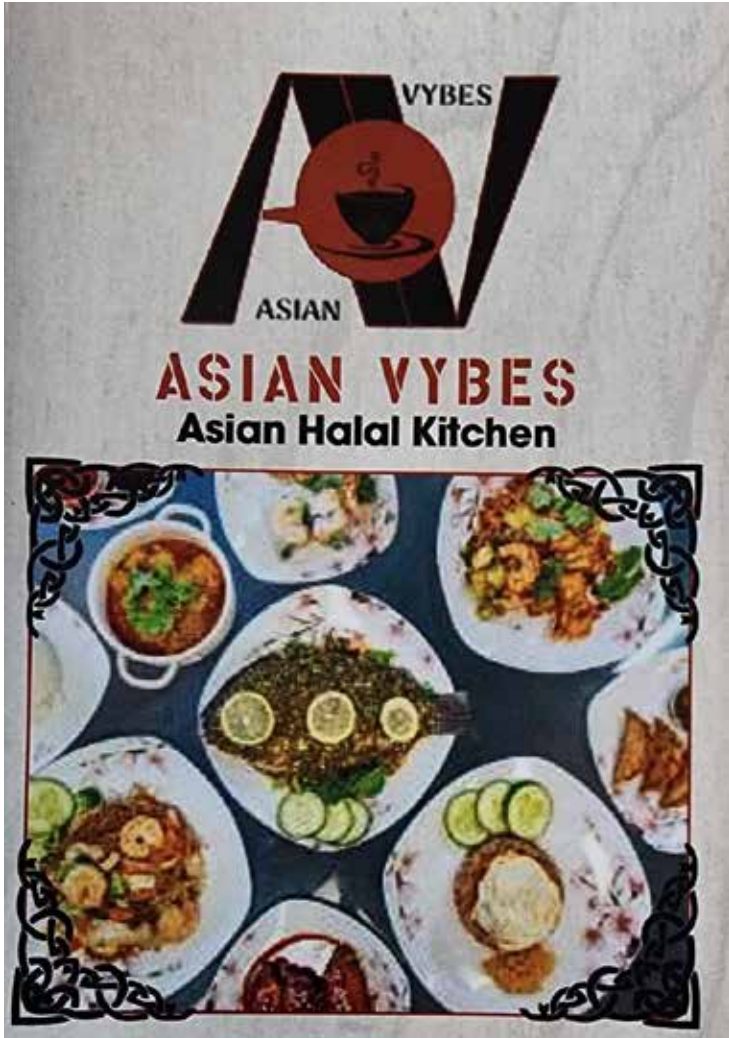
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Syed Ali

Texas man, 66, shot to death while selling cellphone on Facebook Marketplace: police

A 66-year-old Texas man was recently shot and killed after trying to sell a cellphone on Facebook Marketplace, according to the Dallas Police Department.

Amaya Medrano, 19, was charged with capital murder, police said. Police announced her arrest in a press release on Nov. 13.

connected with through Facebook Marketplace.

Surveillance foot-



According to Fox 4, Ahmad Alkhalaf was found dead at an Oak Cliff gas station on Nov. 8. Officers found his body next to his pickup truck.

“On November 8, 2024, at approximately 3 p.m., Dallas Police responded



to a shooting in the 300 block of South Marsalis Avenue,” police said in an announcement. “The preliminary investigation determined that one person had been shot.”

“Dallas Fire-Rescue transported the victim to a local hospital where they died from their injuries,” the statement continued.

According to FOX 4, Alkhalaf was trying to sell an iPhone 15 to a potential buyer he con-

age seemingly shows Alkhalaf and the suspect having a short conversation before the suspect turns around, shoots the 66-year-old man and runs away. The suspect was later determined to be Medrano based on

her prominent face and neck tattoos, according to police, who tracked down the suspect days later after they found the stolen phone listed by the same Facebook account that Alkhalaf had interacted with.

Court records obtained by FOX 4 show that Medrano pleaded guilty to stabbing someone in 2023 and was serving a five-year probation sentence over the incident at the time of her arrest.

The Dallas Police Department is investigating the incident. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call 214-671-4095.

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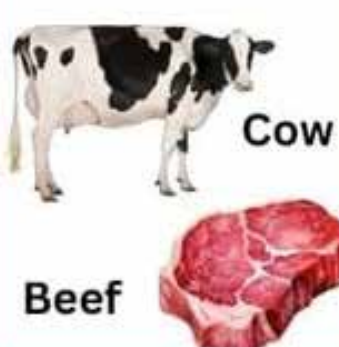
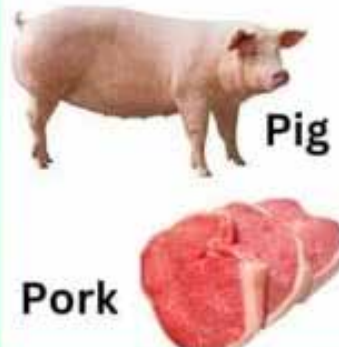


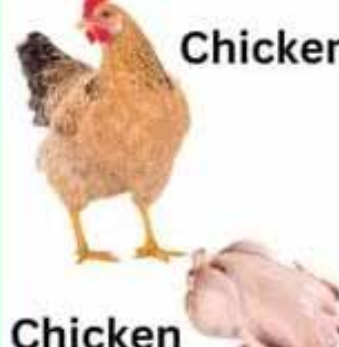
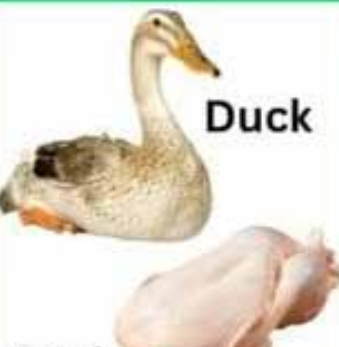



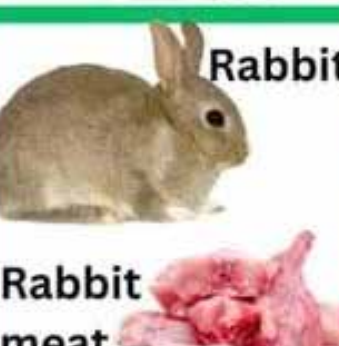
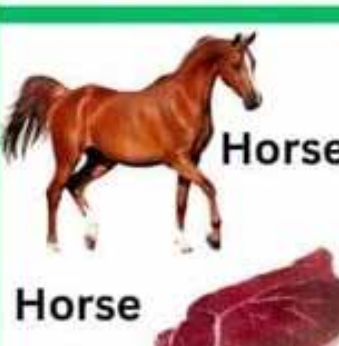
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Trump's expanding business ties come under ethics spotlight

President-elect Trump is entering office with a wider array of investments and potential conflicts of interest than was seen during his first term, setting the stage for greater scrutiny of his dealings.

Trump generally has the same empire of hotels and real estate holdings from the first term that sparked criticism that foreign governments could seek to influence him through his business ties.

But since leaving office, Trump has augmented his business ventures, launching a social media platform that stands to benefit from his return to the White House while getting involved in cryptocurrency and signing new deals across the globe.

"There are a number of a number of ways that he has expanded and broadened his portfolio, particularly in social media and in crypto, where the president of the United States has lots of ability to make policy decisions that would benefit his financial bottom line and do so potentially to the detriment of the American public," said Donald Sherman, chief counsel at Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW).

The Trump campaign did not respond to requests for comment for this story.

Trump ahead of his first term turned over control of the Trump Organization, which runs his hotels and properties, to his sons. He did not divest from them or put them in a blind trust, breaking with a precedent set by past presidents.

This time, it's not clear Trump will even go that far. Shortly after he won the election, he blasted the idea that he would sell the media company that oversees Truth Social. "I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SELLING!" Trump said in a Nov. 8 message on Truth Social, calling the site "an important part of our historic win."

Trump's past practices have already put the spotlight on his sources of income, triggering criticisms they run afoul of constitutional limitations on the income presidents can receive.

"The President-elect this time around doesn't appear to be interested or willing to create any sort of firewall or to remove himself from his business operations or divest from any holdings to decrease the appearance of those conflicts of interest," said Danielle Caputo, an ethics expert with the Campaign Legal Center.

Social media

Trump's social media company presents the same problem as his hotels, according to ethics and legal experts. Both provide an avenue for foreign governments or other interests to seek favor with the Trump administration. While Trump owns a majority of shares in Trump Media & Technology Group, anyone can buy stock in the publicly traded company or buy advertising on Truth Social.

"Saying to Trump 'I invested in Truth Social' is essentially what we saw foreign governments do when they stayed at the Trump Hotel, right? It gives you a sort of talking point and gives you a way to literally buy a chit with this president," Sherman said.

"This president has demonstrated time and time again that the best way to get an audience with him, the best way to get his attention, is by spending your money in a way that directly lines his pockets." Like with his hotels, spending through his social media company is also likely to raise concerns over possible violations of the emoluments clauses of the Constitution. Those provisions bar a president from accepting money from a foreign government without seeking permission from Congress and entirely bars accepting money from government agencies or states.

Trump's post indicating he would refuse to sell his shares highlights how much he stands to gain from increased interest in his company. His announcement prompted a surge in the company's stock, netting a \$500 million boost in his own stock in just a few days.

Trump has also tapped Elon Musk, owner of the social platform X, to co-lead a presidential advisory commission, the "Department of Government Efficiency," bringing the owner of another major social media company into his fold.

In practice, this leaves two social media moguls, who while friendly are also competitors, with potential sway over entities that could regulate their businesses.

Sherman raised the prospect that Trump's election could prompt departments across the government to join Truth Social — along with other businesses and entities that might seek Trump's favor.

Truth Social did not respond to a request for comment.

Crypto

While initially skeptical of digital currency, Trump has since vowed to make the United States the "crypto capital of the planet" and put an end to what he calls the "unlawful and unAmerican crypto crackdown."

It's a pivot that comes as the Trump family has gotten more involved in the sector themselves.

Trump has promoted World Liberty Financial, and during a September event alongside his sons, executives for the company said some tokens would be reserved for the family.

World Liberty Financial did not respond to a request for comment.

Richard Painter, who served as George W. Bush's chief ethics lawyer from 2005 to 2007, noted that the Trump family has been getting into crypto "in a big way" at a time where new regulations could have a big impact on investors' bottom lines.

"That's a very unregulated business with an enormous amount of sway in Washington," he said, noting that companies have made big donations on both sides of the aisle.

"And what's the regulatory framework? We don't know."

Trump is also in talks to buy Bakkt, a crypto trading platform headed by former Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-Ga.), who is the co-chair of Trump's inauguration committee.

Bakkt did not respond to request for comment.

Hotels and golf deals

Trump's hotels and properties saw significant spending from foreign countries and even government agencies during his first term, a dynamic likely to continue in his second.

An investigation by House Oversight and Accountability Committee Democrats found Trump properties took in some \$7.8 million from foreign entities in 20 countries — a figure reached after reviewing only a subset of documents collected from Trump's accounting firm.

Trump also charged the Secret Service some \$70,000 to stay in his hotel over another 11-month period for which the committee was able to review records.

Trump has given up his lease for the Washington hotel that was a spot to see and be seen during his first administration, closing a chapter for a property that was frequented by foreign delegations, lobbyists and party

officials.

But he still owns or licenses his name to properties across the globe and recently signed a deal with a Vietnamese developer to open hotels and golf courses there.

Trump has also been expanding prospects in the Middle East.

He signed a deal to develop a multibillion-dollar hotel and golf course on land owned by the Omani government, formalizing business ties with the country while failing to disclose the terms of the deal. Still, The New York Times found the Trump Organization has already brought in \$5 million under the deal, which would have them managing the properties for 30 years.

The Trump family has also deepened its relationships with LIV Golf, the Saudi-backed golf organization that had already held numerous tournaments at Trump courses.

The venture is backed by the same Saudi sovereign wealth fund that invested \$2 billion in the private equity firm of Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law.

The Trump Organization did not respond to a request for comment.

Oversight limitations

Trump has not signed the ethics agreement required under the Presidential Transition Act, leaving few avenues for addressing conflicts of interest as they arise.

It also shields the identity of donors who would otherwise be disclosed as funding the transition.

And while Democrats will likely be eager to probe Trump's dealings, they face significant roadblocks as the minority party and spent much of Trump's first administration tied up in lawsuits to gain access to his records, a challenge they'll face again in a second term.

Trump also isn't subject to the same conflict of interest laws that apply to other White House staffers — a nod to the breadth of a president's role.

Groups like CREW sued Trump over emoluments violations during his first term, but courts determined that they didn't have standing and that the suits would need to come from direct business competitors.

"The problem is there's no criminal statute," Painter said. "There's no mechanism for enforcing the Emoluments Clause other than impeachment by the House and removal by the Senate."

A frustration of many ethics experts is that guardrails have largely been self-imposed by presidents rather than being a matter of law.

"We are in a weird space now where there's no clear conflict of interest and ethics laws that apply to the president, and there are significant potential for conflicts of interest to appear in this upcoming administration, as it did in the last," Caputo said.

"There's no clear path forward on how we would deal with that, other than the president-elect choosing to respect the norms that usually come with the office of the presidency. ... Because we've been so reliant on these norms, as opposed to having actual legal provisions that would apply, he can essentially decide to do whatever he wants to do."

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Mohammed Azharuddin former India's cricket captain visited the residence of iftekhar shareef at Shamshabad, Hyderabad



Dinner at the residence of Mir Zulfiqar Ali MLA Charminar along with Iftexhar shareef , Brother Shajon Anthony principal Little Flower High School , Abid's Hyderabad



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Marriage reception of syed Sadiq's two nephews of Azizia Hotels group , attended by good friends Mohammed Azharuddin, CM Ibrahim former union minister for aviation, Baswaraj Ray Reddy MLA Raichur district advisor to chief minister of Karnataka on finance , Mayor of Hyderabad Vijayalakshmi Gadwal and Somnath Bharati MLA delhi , syed noor advocate

Thanksgiving dinner at Turkish center Chicago



Pakistani Descent Physicians Society Annual Dinner & Gala



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Tesla is bringing 20 Supercharging stations to Naperville Crossings and it was wonderful to see this project succeed!!

This is great news for Naperville's south side residents and electric vehicle (EV) enthusiasts!

Location Advantage: Naperville Crossings is a vibrant hub, offering convenient access to restaurants, shops, and entertainment. Placing the Tesla supercharging station there ensures EV drivers can recharge while enjoying the amenities.

Supercharging Efficiency: Tesla's superchargers can deliver up to 200 miles of range in just 15 minutes. This rapid charging capability makes long-distance travel and local commutes more seamless for Tesla owners.

Sustainability: The installation aligns with Naperville's broader sustainability and green energy goals. It supports the growing adoption of EVs, reducing the city's carbon footprint over time.

Economic Impact: The supercharging station may attract EV travelers and new customers to Naperville Crossings, benefiting local businesses.

This is another step toward building Naperville's reputation as a forward-thinking, EV-friendly city!

Please find some of the pictures of superchargers at 2708, showplace,



Naperville.

Ashfaq Hussain Syed

South Elgin's new Public Safety Center open house to build community

Syed Khalil Ullah,



On the afternoon of November 23, 2024, there were a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house tours of the new Public Safety Center in South Elgin, located at 50 S. Water St. (South Elgin Village)

The public received the inaugural look of South Elgin's new \$20 million Public Safety Center alongside a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours, before the police force transferring into a state-of-the-art facility.

We had to relocate from a small 6,000-square-foot building to a 30,000-square-foot one. We're excited about that all Together," said Brian Polkinghorn, deputy chief of operations.

In the afternoon, South Elgin Village President Steve Ward, State Representative Dan Ugaste, State Senator Don Wewitte, and Police Chief Jerry Krawczyk joined the event to cut the ribbon on their new Veterans Memorial Wall, Council Chambers, and Public Safety Center. The construction of this cutting-edge facility is a significant investment in the growth and development of their municipality.

Steve Super, the city administrator, and his team were also present.

Lamp Inc. oversaw the building's construction, which was designed by Kluber Architects and its engineers. Planning started in the summer of 2022 and involved staff, the village board, and the police department, in addition to excursions to observe 12 newer police stations in the Chicago suburbs, according to Brian Polkinghorn.

It takes the place of the existing police station, which is housed in village hall and was built to accommodate a police force of twenty officers. Even though the town's population has doubled to over 24,000 persons and the number of police officers has increased by more than 30%, the square footage has remained unchanged since 1997, according to Brian Polkinghorn.

According to Pierce, there are currently 35 sworn officers in the department, including the chief, two deputy chiefs, and six sergeants. Six civilian personnel, both full-time and part-time, are also present.

We still intend to add a few more police officers to our force.

For the first time, South Elgin police officers will have separate workspaces for each of the six sergeants, a roll call room, a break area, and locker facilities.

The exercise facility on the second level, which is also available to village employees, is what officers are most looking forward to, Polkinghorn said. Additional facilities include a command center for emergency operations, a hearing room for adjudication, a special location for social workers to help residents, victims, and their families, and areas for storing, processing, and investigating evidence. According to Polkinghorn, a "Scully Room," which serves as a drop-off location for inmates, was made to be big enough to fit an ambulance. It also has a place for stray pets, laundry machines, and a drying rack for evidence. Up to six police cars can fit in the nearby carport.

Islamabad massacre: Pakistan launches 'mid-night raid' to clear Imran Khan supporters after 6 die in 'do-or-die' protest

Pakistani security forces launched a midnight operation on Tuesday to disperse thousands of supporters of imprisoned former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who had gathered in Islamabad to demand his release. The protesters had earlier breached barricades and entered the high-security Red Zone, prompting clashes with authorities involving tear gas, gunfire, and mass arrests.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party's protests, demanding the release of its leader Imran Khan, took a violent turn on Tuesday, resulting in the deaths of four security personnel and two PTI supporters, the Dawn reported.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi confirmed the clearance of the Red Zone, which houses government buildings and embassies, after hours of confrontation. The area remains under heavy security, with the military controlling D-Chowk, where Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko is currently staying.

Tensions in Islamabad have been simmering since Sunday, when supporters of Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party began a "long march" from the northwest to demand the leader's release. The Tehreek-e-Insaf rally entered Islamabad on Tuesday under the leadership of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur marking the start of a significant 'do-or-die' protest for the release of PTI founder and the country's premier Imran Khan from prison, ARY News reported.

Imran Khan, imprisoned for over a year, faces more than 150 criminal charges, which PTI claims are politically motivated.



Bushra Bibi, Khan's wife, led the demonstrations but fled when security forces moved in. Protesters, some of whom vowed to stay until Khan was freed, clashed violently with police. "If they fire bullets again, we will respond with bullets," warned Shahzor Ali, a PTI supporter.

Violence surrounding the protests has claimed several lives. Six people, including four security personnel, died when a vehicle ploughed into a crowd, while a police officer was killed in a separate incident.

Authorities have arrested more than 4,000 PTI supporters since Friday, alongside suspending mobile and internet services in parts of the country. Platforms like WhatsApp, crucial to PTI's communication strategy, have been se-

verely disrupted, while access to X (formerly Twitter) has been blocked, even through VPNs.

The crackdown extends beyond arrests. Last week, a court banned public rallies in Islamabad, and shipping containers now block major roads into the capital, disrupting travel. Educational institutions remain closed amid the chaos.

Pakistan's Economic Fallout of Political Crisis The political turmoil has added to Pakistan's economic woes. The Pakistan Stock Exchange lost over \$1.7 billion on Tuesday, reflecting investor unease. "Rising political tensions are devastating for an already fragile economy," said economist Mohammed Sohail of Topline Securities.

Mike Tyson: "The first time I met Michael Jackson, he looked at me and said, 'Do I know you from somewhere?'" Michael Jackson destroyed my ego because I was in prime, the baddest man on the planet and everybody in the world knew me." Mike Tyson

"The first time I met Michael Jackson was probably like in 1989. It was in Cleveland and he had a concert. I'm with Don King and I told him 'Let's go see Michael Jackson at his concert.'" We go to the concert and when Michael Jackson performed his last song, and we were by the door and Michael Jackson stood by the door waiting for a car. And there's really nobody there except me and him. While he was waiting for the car, he was looking at places and people were coming over from the band, from the backstage, I tried to get closer to him since I went there to see him in person. When I got close to him, he looked at me and said with his small voice, "Where do I know you from?" And I was shocked cuz I was at the height of my career and I was the baddest man on the planet at that moment. Then Michael Jackson goes like, "Do I know you from somewhere?" Since he already destroyed my ego, I said NO SIR! You don't know me, I came to your show and I'm just a great admirer of yours. Then he said ok and turned around and got into his car with his composure. I said "Oh! I've gotta try what Mike just did to me on somebody famous!" Mike Tyson

Sometimes we can't help but wonder that there was time when everybody in a world of over 8-billion people knew Mike Tyson except Michael Jackson



Trump ups the ante on tariffs, vowing massive taxes on goods from Mexico, Canada and China on Day 1

President-elect Donald Trump on Monday promised massive hikes in tariffs on goods coming from Mexico, Canada and China starting on the first day of his administration, a policy that could sharply increase costs for American businesses and consumers.

The move, Trump said, will be in retaliation for illegal immigration and “crime and drugs” coming across the border.

“On January 20th, as one of my many first Executive Orders, I will sign all necessary documents to charge Mexico and Canada a 25% Tariff on ALL products coming into the United States, and its ridiculous Open Borders,” Trump posted on his Truth Social platform. “This Tariff will remain in effect until such time as Drugs, in particular Fentanyl, and all Illegal Aliens stop this Invasion of our Country!”

Trump said America’s neighbors can “easily solve this long simmering problem.”

Similarly, Trump said that China will face higher tariffs on its goods – by 10% above any existing tariffs – until it prevents the flow of illegal drugs into the United States.

“I have had many talks with China about the massive amounts of drugs, in particular Fentanyl, being sent into the United States – But to no avail,” Trump posted on Truth Social.

The president-elect claimed in the post that Chinese officials promised him the country would execute drug dealers caught funneling drugs into the United States but “never followed through.”

Responding to Trump’s announcement, Chinese Embassy spokesperson Liu Pengyu said his country has been in communication with the US about counter-narcotics operations and that “the idea of China knowingly allowing fentanyl precursors to flow into the United States runs completely counter to facts and reality.”

“About the issue of US tariffs on China, China believes that China-US economic and trade cooperation is mutually beneficial in nature. No one will win a trade war or a tariff war,” Liu said in a statement to CNN.

Mexico’s President Claudia Sheinbaum responded Tuesday, warning the president-elect that “neither threats nor tariffs will solve the issue of migration or drug consumption.”

“Imposing one tariff would mean another comes in response, continuing like this until we put shared companies at risk,” she said, reading from a letter addressed to Trump.

Canadian officials responded to the announcement in a statement posted to X on Monday night, saying that their country “places the highest priority on border security and the integrity of our shared border” and is “essential to US domestic energy supply.”

“We will of course continue to discuss these issues with the incoming administration,” Canada’s Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc said in the statement.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called Trump shortly after his social media post, an of-

ficial with the prime minister’s office said. The brief call was focused on border security and trade, a senior Canadian government source told CNN. They characterized the call as productive and said that Trudeau and Trump promised to stay in touch in the days to come.

Trudeau confirmed the call in Ottawa before arriving at a Cabinet meeting, saying, “This is a relationship that we know takes a certain amount of working on and that’s what we’ll do.”

“We obviously talked about laying out the facts, talking about how, how the intense and effective connections between our two countries flow back and forth,” Trudeau said. “We talked about some of the challenges that we can work on together and it was a good call. It’s something that we can do laying out the facts moving forward in constructive ways.”

A significant policy change The punishing tariffs, if enacted, could wreak havoc on America’s supply chains and industries reliant on goods from the country’s closest trading partners.

“The measures proposed this evening could hit a number of strategic US industrial sectors hard, add approximately \$272 billion a year to tax burdens, raise goods prices, lift interest rates, and sap strength in an already-vulnerable household sector,” said Karl Schamotta, chief market strategist at Corpay Cross-Border Solutions.

Immediately after the announcement, the Canadian dollar fell 1.2% against the US dollar, and the Mexican peso fell 2% against the dollar, but both recovered some of their losses Tuesday morning. China’s yuan, though controlled by the government, traded higher – above 7.6% – in offshore markets.

Although investors believed the tariffs could ultimately strengthen the dollar, America’s financial markets took a hit, too. The extraordinary tariffs would raise costs dramatically for Americans for everyday goods that had previously come over the border without any import taxes.

That stunning shift could stymie economic growth, especially if inflation-weary consumers spend less in the face of higher costs.

The Dow fell 50 points, or 0.1%, Tuesday. The broader S&P 500 and Nasdaq were slightly higher.

What America imports

The United States’ top import from Canada is oil, which reached a record 4.3 million barrels per day in July, according to the US Energy Information Administration. America also imports cars, machinery and other various commodities, plastics and wood from Canada, according to the United Nations’ Comtrade.

America imports the majority of its cars and car parts from Mexico, which surpassed China as the top exporter to the US in 2023, according to trade data released by the Commerce Department earlier this year. Mexico is also a major supplier of electronics, machinery, oil and optical apparatus, and a significant amount of furniture and alcohol comes from the country into the United States.

The United States imports a significant amount of

electronics from China, in addition to machinery, toys, games, sports equipment, furniture and plastics.

During Trump’s first term, CNN reported that he implemented tariffs on about \$380 billion worth of goods that applied to thousands of Chinese-made products, including baseball hats, luggage, bicycles, TVs and sneakers. The Trump tariffs also hit foreign steel, aluminum, washing machines and solar panels.

Many US imports from Canada and Mexico are exempted from tariffs because of the USMCA trade agreement between the three nations that Trump pushed for during his first administration. It’s not clear how Trump would plan to implement the proposed tariffs without violating the USMCA.

Trump has routinely referenced the passage of the USMCA, which replaced NAFTA, as a political victory and a highlight of his presidency.

Trump’s tariff plan

Trump campaigned on using tariffs as a cudgel against foreign countries – as he did in his first administration – to grow domestic manufacturing while increasing tax revenue to pay for large revenue gaps that his proposed tax cut plan would create.

Tariffs effectively serve as a tax on goods imported to the United States. Although Trump has repeatedly said targeted foreign countries pay the tariffs, they are in fact paid by companies that purchase the imported goods – and those costs are typically passed onto American consumers. Most mainstream economists believe tariffs will be inflationary, and the Peterson Institute for International Economics has estimated Trump’s proposed tariffs (before the new tariffs announced Monday night) would cost the typical US household over \$2,600 a year.

Scott Bessent, Trump’s pick for Treasury secretary, has said that tariffs would not add to inflation if they are implemented correctly. Wall Street cheered Bessent’s appointment, because he is widely expected to roll out tariffs gradually.

Although Bessent, if confirmed by the Senate, will be partly responsible for implementing the tariffs, in coordination with the Commerce secretary and US Trade Representative, Trump as president would wield significant power to levy tariffs with the stroke of a pen. He did just that when he was last in the White House, placing large tariffs on goods, primarily from China.

The problem with tariffs is that they often result in retaliatory actions by targeted countries, kicking off a trade war – and that’s exactly what happened during Trump’s first term. That blunted the tariffs’ effect on domestic manufacturing, because manufacturers’ goods became less attractive to overseas buyers.

Trump has promised significantly larger tariffs during his second term. Although he continues to discuss many different numbers, he has proposed a tariff upward of 60% on all Chinese goods, as well as an across-the-board tariff of either 10% or 20% on all other imports into the US. Yahoo/News David Goldman

'You are under digital arrest': Inside a scam looting millions from Indians

For a harrowing week in August, Ruchika Tandon, a 44-year-old neurologist at one of India's top hospitals, was ensnared in what felt like a high-stakes federal crime investigation.

Yet, it was an elaborate scam - a web of deceit spun by scammers who manipulated her every move and drained her and her family's life savings.

Under the pretence of "digital arrest" - a term fabricated by her perpetrators - Dr Tandon was coerced to take leave from work, surrender her daily freedoms, and comply with nonstop surveillance and instructions from strangers on the phone, who convinced her she was at the centre of a grave investigation.

The "digital arrest" scam involves fraudsters impersonating law enforcement officials on video calls, threatening victims with arrest over fake charges, and pressuring them to transfer large sums of money.

In Dr Tandon's case, they stripped her and her family of nearly 25m rupees (\$300,000; £235,000) across bank accounts, mutual funds, pension funds, and life insurance - years of savings lost in a manufactured nightmare.

She is not alone. Indians lost over 1,200m rupees to "digital arrest" hoaxes between January and April this year, according to official figures. These figures only scratch the surface, as many victims don't report such crimes. Stolen funds are often funnelled into overseas accounts or cryptocurrency wallets. More than 40% of the scams have been traced back to Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos, according to officials. Things are so bad that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked about the scam in his monthly radio talk in October.

"Whenever you receive such a call, don't be scared. You should be aware that no investigative agency ever inquires like this through a phone call or a video call," he said.

India faces a range of cyber crimes, from fake investment and trading to dating scams. But the "digital arrest" scam stands out as especially elaborate and sinister - meticulously planned, relentless, and invasive to every part of a victim's life.

Sometimes scammers reveal themselves during video calls, while other times they remain hidden, relying solely on audio. The plot could be straight out of an outlandish Bollywood thriller - except it is carefully choreographed.

On that fateful first day, scammers posing as officials from India's telecom regulator called Lucknow-based Dr Tandon, claiming her number would be disconnected due to "22 complaints" of harassing messages sent from it. Moments later, a man claiming to be a senior police officer took over. He accused her of using a joint bank account with her mother to launder money for women and child trafficking. In the background, a jarring chorus of voices echoed, "Arrest her, arrest her!"

"The police will be coming in five minutes to arrest you. All police stations have been alerted," the man warned.

"I was angry and frustrated. I kept saying this can't be true," Dr Tandon recalls.

The officer seemed to soften, but with a catch. He said India's federal detective agency, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), would take over as it was a "matter of national secrecy".

"I will try to talk and persuade them not to put you in physical custody. But you have to be in digital custody," he insisted.

Dr Tandon used a feature phone that lacked video calling, making it impossible for the scammers to proceed. So they forced her to drive to a store and buy a smartphone.

Over the next six days, three men and a woman, posing as police officers and a judge, kept her under constant surveillance on Skype, with her phone camera running nonstop.

They made her wake up her students at night to buy extra data packs to keep the scam going. She was required to place the phone throughout the house - while cooking, sleeping, and even outside the bathroom - tracking her every move.

She was also forced to lie to her hospital and relatives, claiming she was too ill to work or meet anyone. When an uncle visited, they ordered her to hide under a bed, with the phone camera running.

For a full week, Dr Tandon endured more 700 questions on her life and work, a staged trial, falsified court documents, and promises of a digital "bail" in exchange for her life savings. In the fake court she was ordered to dress in white to "show respect to the judge". The callers had switched off their video, leaving only their fake names and authentic-looking badges displayed on blank screens.

At one point, during the ordeal, the scammers even talked to Dr Tandon's 70-year-old mother, urging her to stay silent "for her daughter's sake".

When the doctor repeatedly broke down on camera, the scammers told her: "Take a deep breath and relax. You have not committed a murder. You have just laundered money."

In a desperate bid for freedom, she transferred her entire savings from half-a-dozen different bank accounts to accounts controlled by the scammers, believing she would be refunded after "government verification". Instead, she lost everything. The callers disconnected the line after transfer was completed.

Back at work after a week, exhaustion drove Dr Tandon to search terms like "digital custody" and "new CBI investigation methods" on the internet.

This led to newspaper stories detailing similar "digital arrest" scams across the country. She still had refused to accept she was a victim of an elaborate hoax, and had rushed to the police station, hoping that "the police station and officers were real".

Dr Tandon says she approached the police station, anxious.

"I've been receiving strange calls for days," she started, trying to explain.

Before she could say more, a woman officer interrupted sharply, "Have you transferred any money?"

At another police station, "the moment they heard my case, they began laughing", Dr Tandon recalls.

"This is very common now," a policeman said.

Over 500km (310 miles) away in Delhi, author and journalist Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay narrowly escaped the scam in July.

He endured 28 hours under "digital arrest," as scammers claimed that his defunct bank account had been used to launder money. Mr Mukhopadhyay's suspicions aroused when a caller asked him why he hadn't redeemed his mutual funds - not a question a police officer would usually ask on the phone.

Mr Mukhopadhyay slipped from his study, where scam-

mers were surveilling him on his desktop, and confided briefly with his wife. Friends, alerted by his message, quickly asked her to disconnect his modem, freeing him from their grip.

"I became a digital slave until my friends exposed the scam," says Mr Mukhopadhyay. "I had moved my funds into my account, ready to transfer it all to them. I felt like a fool when it was over."

Progress on catching these scammers remains unclear, with many victims frustrated by slow moving complaint processes.

Dr Tandon, however, has seen some success: police have arrested 18 suspects, including a woman, from across India. About a third of the stolen money has been recovered in cash and seized in different bank accounts. She has received only 1.2m of the 25m rupees of her looted money so far - that was the cash recovered.

Investigating officer Deepak Kumar Singh says the scammers were running an elaborate operation.

"The scammers are educated men and women - fluent in English and various Indian languages - including engineering graduates, cyber security experts, and banking professionals. Most operate through Telegram channels," Mr Singh, a senior police official, told the BBC. The scammers were clever, using targeted information from their victims' social media, investigators believe.

"They track you, gather personal information, and identify your weaknesses," says Mr Singh. "Then they strike quickly, using a hit-and-run approach with potential victims."

The scammers knew Mr Mukhopadhyay was a journalist and writer - author of a biography on Prime Minister Modi. They knew Dr Tandon was a doctor and had attended a conference in Goa. They had their biometric national identity numbers. Mr Mukhopadhyay wonders if they were aware he was among the journalists whose house was raided by Delhi police in October 2023 as part of an investigation into the funding of NewsClick (Critics had deplored the move as an attack on press freedom, a charge the government denied.)

They also made errors. Mr Mukhopadhyay's caller was unaware of how long it typically took to redeem funds, which raised his suspicions. Dr Tandon's fake judge, called himself Judge Dhananjay and displayed a fake insignia with a picture of the recently retired Chief Justice Dhananjay Chandrachud. Yet, overwhelmed by the moment, she missed the clue.

Dr Tandon says she still lives in a haze, struggling to separate reality from the nightmare that overtook her life. Even when she filed the police complaint, she wondered, "Was the police station also fake?"

Every phone call stirs fresh anxiety.

"At work, I sometimes go blank, filled with fears. Days are better, but after dusk, it becomes hard. I get nightmares."

Yahoo/News Soutik Biswas



Saudi Arabia's ruler used to be one of Trump's biggest fans. This time it's complicated.

Saudi leader Mohammed bin Salman welcomed Donald Trump's first election win.

But this time round, Gulf leaders may be wary about his victory.

Arab leaders fear he could hasten the region's descent into all-out war, say analysts. Donald Trump's first trip as US president to Saudi Arabia in 2017 was a lavish spectacle.

He joined a traditional sword dance, had his image projected onto the Ritz Carlton in Riyadh, and signed a multibillion-dollar arms deal with the kingdom.

At the time, leaders like Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman lavished praise on him and welcomed his brash style, particularly toward Iran.

Now, however, attitudes toward Iran have changed, and Gulf leaders' reactions to Trump's reelection as US president will likely be less enthusiastic.

"Gulf Arab states have concerns about Trump being unpredictable and the risks of having him back in the White House," Giorgio Cafiero, CEO of consultancy Gulf State Analytics, told Business Insider.

Of particular concern, said Cafiero, is the fear that Trump could inflame the Middle East at a time when it is on the brink of all-out regional war.

The Middle East on the brink

The threat of an all-out regional war in the Middle East was triggered by Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel on October 7, 2023.

In response, Israel has sought to destroy Hamas and its ally, the Lebanese militia Hezbollah.

It's launched attacks on Gaza and Lebanon that have devastated the Iran-backed groups and resulted in tens of thousands of civilian casualties.

The war could escalate into a direct conflict between Israel and Iran, with Iran launching missile attacks on Israel twice this year, and Israel responding with strikes on targets in the Islamic Republic.

President Joe Biden provided military backing to Israel after October 7 and tried to persuade its prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, to scale back Israel's response.

Trump, during his term in office, backed controversial Israeli policies such as West Bank settlements and had a warm relationship with Netanyahu.

Some in the region are concerned he'd offer Israel even stronger support for its wars than Biden, said Cafiero.

"His first administration had a highly Israel-centered foreign policy in the region and there are many open questions about how he'll approach the wars in Gaza and Lebanon after his second term begins in January 2025," he added.

MBS is likely wary Saudi's ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed, is increasingly wary that the war between Israel and Iran's network of regional militias could escalate further, pulling in the kingdom and other Gulf states.

The region is a patchwork of allegiances, with the Gulf states and Israel broadly aligned with the US while Iran is aligned with Vladimir Putin's Russia. In September, Iran, through backchannels, warned Saudi leaders that the kingdom's energy sector would be targeted if it allowed Israel to use Saudi airspace for attacks on Iranian oil or nuclear sites.

"How Trump will go about addressing such disagreements is unclear, but his unpredictable nature must be causing some policymakers in the GCC [Gulf Cooperation Council] to have some concerns about what it will be like working with his second administration," said Cafiero.

Mahjoob Zweiri, a fellow at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs, said that world leaders have to realize that Trump is not the same man he was during his first presidency.

"His time in power has changed him, and his approach has evolved," he said. "Another significant point is his naturally rebellious political stance, which challenges the conventional norms of both domestic and foreign policy.

"In other words, he has a strong, personal perspective on events, and he imposes it."

A fragile peace

Amid growing tensions, Crown Prince Mohammed has been trying to maintain Saudi Arabia's fragile truce with Iran.

In 2023, China brokered a resumption in diplomatic relations between the longtime regional foes that have held despite the new wave of conflict sweeping the region.

The Saudi ruler on Monday hosted Muslim leaders in Riyadh, where, according to reports,



he described Israel's attacks on Palestinian civilians as a "genocide" and condemned its attacks on Iran.

Both Trump and Biden had sought to broker a deal to normalize ties between Saudi Arabia and Israel, but the future of the deal appears at best uncertain amid regional hostility to Israel's campaign.

Analysts say Crown Prince Mohammed believes that tamping down regional conflict is crucial for achieving his grand ambitions of transforming Saudi Arabia's economy as part of his Vision 2030 Project.

He's also concerned about potential Iranian ballistic missile attacks, and domestic anger at Israel in Saudi Arabia, executive vice president of the Washington, DC-based Quincy Institute Trita Parsi told CNN.

"Now that there is much uncertainty in the region with direct Iran-Israel confrontations moving toward a point of becoming increasingly normalized, and the Trump 2.0 factor, Riyadh and Tehran have been signaling to each other that they remain committed to the Beijing-brokered diplomatic deal," said Cafiero.

If the Iran-Israel confrontation intensifies and the US gets pulled in, it's unclear if Trump would respect Saudi Arabia's wish to remain on the sidelines.

"If Trump puts you in a situation where you have to decide [which side to take] because he's going against Iran, it's a big problem," a senior Arab diplomat told The Financial Times this week. "Trump is not the kind of guy who takes 'no' for an answer."

Yahoo/News Tom Porter

Saudi executes more than 100 foreigners in 2024: AFP tally

Saudi Arabia has executed more than 100 foreigners this year, according to an AFP tally indicating a sharp increase which one rights group said was unprecedented.

The latest execution, on Saturday in the southwestern region of Najran, was of a Yemeni national convicted of smuggling drugs into the Gulf kingdom, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

That brought to 101 the number of foreigners executed so far in 2024, according to the tally which is compiled from state media reports.

This is almost triple the figures for 2023 and 2022, when Saudi authorities had put to death 34 foreigners each year, according to AFP tallies.

The Berlin-based European-Saudi Organisation for Human Rights (ESOHR) said this year's executions had already broken a record.

"This is the largest number of executions of foreigners in one year. Saudi Arabia has never executed 100 foreigners in a year," said Taha al-Hajji, the group's legal director.

Saudi Arabia has faced persistent criticism over its use of the death penalty, which human rights groups have condemned as excessive and out of step with efforts to soften its forbidding image and welcome international tourists and investors.

The oil-rich kingdom executed the third highest number of prisoners in the world after China and Iran in 2023, according to Amnesty International.

In September, AFP reported that Saudi Arabia had carried out its highest number of executions in more than three decades, surpassing its previous highs of 196 in 2022 and 192 in 1995.

Executions have continued at a rapid clip since then and totalled 274 for the year as of Sunday, according to AFP's tally.

- 'Execution crisis' -

Foreigners executed this year have included 21 from Pakistan, 20 from Yemen, 14 from Syria, 10 from Nigeria, nine from Egypt, eight from Jordan and seven from Ethiopia. There were also three each from Sudan, India and Afghanistan, and one each from Sri Lanka, Eritrea and the Philippines.

Saudi Arabia in 2022 ended a three-year moratorium on the execution of drug offenders, and executions for drug-related crimes have boosted this year's numbers.

There have been 92 such executions so far this year, 69 of them of foreigners, according to the AFP tally.

Diplomats and activists say that foreign defendants usually face a higher barrier to fair trials, including the right to access court documents.

Foreigners "are the most vulnerable group," said Hajji of the ESOHR.

Not only are they often "victims of major drug dealers" but also "subjected to a series of violations from the moment of their arrest until their execution," he said.



Saudi Arabia is notorious for beheading those convicted of capital crimes, although official statements tend not to mention the method of execution.

The high number of executions undercuts statements by Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who told The Atlantic in 2022 that the kingdom had eliminated the death penalty with the exception of murder cases or when an individual posed a threat to many lives.

Jeed Basyouni, who heads Middle East anti-death penalty advocacy for the NGO Reprieve, said persistent drug arrests were "perpetuating the cycle of violence".

The overall number of executions was on track to exceed 300 for the year, she noted.

"This is an unprecedented execution crisis in Saudi Arabia," said Basyouni.

"Families of foreign nationals on death row are understandably terrified that their loved one will be next."
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and first lady Jill Biden will attend President-elect Trump's inauguration in January, the White House said.

"The president promised that he would attend the inauguration of whomever won the election. He and the first lady are going to honor that promise and attend the inauguration," White House senior deputy press secretary Andrew Bates told reporters

Trump did not attend Biden's January 2021 inauguration, and he left the White House that day under a cloud of controversy after losing

the 2020 race and amid scrutiny over his actions surrounding the riot at the U.S. Capitol earlier that month.

Bates said that Biden views attending the inauguration "as an important demonstration of commitment to our democratic values and to honoring the will of the people as we continue to provide an orderly and effective transition."

The president in August suggested he would attend a January 2025 swearing-in for Trump if he won the 2024 race, while taking a jab at his predecessor's manners.

"I have good manners, not like him," the president said at the time.

Biden then committed to a peaceful transition of power after his successor defeated Vice President Harris to win back the White House.

"I will do my duty as president. I will fulfill my oath; I will honor the Constitution. On Jan. 20,



we will have a peaceful transition of power here in America," Biden said in remarks at the White House earlier this month.

Trump and Biden have since met at the White House, during which they also pledged a peaceful transition.

THE HILL by Alex Gangitano

An Indian family froze to death crossing the Canada-US border, a perilous trip becoming more common

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — On the last night of their lives, Jagdish Patel, his wife and their two young children tried to slip into the U.S. across a near-empty stretch of the Canadian border.

Wind chills reached minus 36 Fahrenheit (minus 38 Celsius) that night in January 2022 as the family from India set out on foot to meet a waiting van. They walked amid vast farm fields and bulky snowdrifts, navigating in the black of an almost-moonless night.

The driver, waiting in northern Minnesota, messaged his boss: "Make sure everyone is dressed for the blizzard conditions, please."

Coordinating things in Canada, federal prosecutors say, was Harshkumar Patel, an experienced smuggler nicknamed "Dirty Harry." On the U.S. side was Steve Shand, the driver recently recruited by Patel at a casino near their Florida homes, prosecutors say.

The two men, whose trial is scheduled to start Monday, are accused of being part of a sophisticated human smuggling operation feeding a fast-growing population of Indians living illegally in the U.S. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Over the five weeks the two worked together, documents filed by prosecutors allege they spoke often about the bitter cold as they smuggled five groups of Indians over that quiet stretch of border.

"16 degrees cold as hell," Shand messaged during an earlier trip. "They going to be alive when they get here?"

On the last trip, on Jan. 19, 2022, Shand was to pick up 11 more Indian migrants, including the Patels. Only seven survived.

Canadian authorities found the Patels later that morning, dead from the cold.

In Jagdish Patel's frozen arms was the body of his 3-year-old son, Dharmik, wrapped in a blanket.

Dreams of leaving India

The narrow streets of Dingucha, a quiet village in the western Indian state of Gujarat, are spattered with ads to move overseas.

"Make your dream of going abroad come true," one poster says, listing three tantalizing destinations: "Canada. Australia. USA."

This is where the family's deadly journey began. Jagdish Patel, 39, grew up in Dingucha. He and his wife, Vaishaliben, who was in her mid-30s, lived with his parents, raising their 11-year-old daughter, Vihangi, and Dharmik. (Patel is a common Indian surname and they are unrelated to Harshkumar Patel.) The couple were schoolteachers, local news reports say. The family was fairly well off by local standards, living in a well-kept, two-story house with a front patio and a wide veranda.

"It wasn't a lavish life," said Vaibhav Jha, a local reporter who spent days in the village. "But there was no urgent need, no desperation."

Experts say illegal immigration from India is driven by everything from political repression to a dysfunctional American immigration system that can take years, if not decades, to navigate legally.

But much is rooted in economics, and how even

low-wage jobs in the West can ignite hopes for a better life.

Those hopes have changed Dingucha.

Today, so many villagers have gone overseas — legally and otherwise — that blocks of homes stand vacant and the social media feeds of those who remain are filled with old neighbors showing off houses and cars.

That drives even more people to leave.

There was so much pressure in the village, where people grew up aspiring to the good life," Jha said. Smuggling networks were glad to help, charging fees that could reach \$90,000 per person. In Dingucha, Jha said, many families afforded that by selling farmland.

Satveer Chaudhary is a Minneapolis-based immigration attorney who has helped migrants exploited by motel owners, many of them Gujaratis.

Smugglers with ties to the Gujarati business community have built an underground network, he said, bringing in workers willing to do low- or even no-wage jobs.

"Their own community has taken advantage of them," Chaudhary said.

The pipeline of illegal immigration from India has long existed but has increased sharply along the U.S.-Canada border. The U.S. Border Patrol arrested more than 14,000 Indians on the Canadian border in the year ending Sept. 30, which amounted to 60% of all arrests along that border and more than 10 times the number two years ago.

By 2022, the Pew Research Center estimates there were more than 725,000 Indians living illegally in the U.S., behind only Mexicans and El Salvadorans. In India, investigating officer Dilip Thakor said media attention had led to the arrest of three men in the Patel case, but hundreds of such cases don't even reach the courts.

With so many Indians trying to get to the U.S., the smuggling networks see no need to warn off customers.

They "tell people that it's very easy to cross into the U.S. They never tell them of the dangers involved," Thakor said.

U.S. prosecutors allege Patel and Shand were part of a sprawling operation, with people to scout for business in India, acquire Canadian student visas, arrange transportation and smuggle migrants into the U.S., mostly via Washington state or Minnesota.

On Monday, at the federal courthouse in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Patel, 29, and Shand, 50, will each face four counts related to human smuggling.

Patel's attorney, Thomas Leinenweber, told The Associated Press his client came to America to escape poverty and build a better life and "now stands unjustly accused of participating in this horrible crime."

Shand's attorney's did not return calls seeking comment. Prosecutors say Shand told investigators that Patel paid him about \$25,000 for the five trips.

His final passengers, though, never made it.

The last night

By 3 a.m. on Jan. 19, 2022, the 11 Indian migrants



had spent hours wandering in gusting snow and brutal cold trying to find Shand. Many were in jeans and rubber work boots. None wore serious winter clothing.

Shand, though, was stuck. Prosecutors allege he had been heading to the pickup spot in a rented 15-passenger van when he drove into a ditch roughly a half-mile (0.8 kilometers) from the border.

Eventually, two migrants stumbled across the van. Sometime later, a passing pipeline company worker pulled the vehicle from the ditch.

Soon after that, a U.S. Border Patrol agent, on watch for migrants after boot prints were found near the border, pulled over Shand.

Shand repeatedly insisted there was no one else outside, even as five more desperate Indians wandered to the vehicle from the fields, including one going in and out of consciousness.

They had been walking for more than 11 hours.

There were no children among the migrants, but one man had a backpack filled with toys, children's clothes and diapers. He said a family of four Indians asked him to hold it, because they had to carry their young son.

Sometime in the night they had become separated.

Hours later, the Patels' bodies were found just inside Canada, in a field near where the migrants had crossed into the U.S.

Jagdish was holding Dharmik, with daughter Vihangi nearby. Vaishaliben was a short walk away.

Hemant Shah, an Indian-born businessman living in Winnipeg, some 70 miles (110 kilometers) north of where the migrants were found, helped organize a virtual prayer service for the Patels.

He's accustomed to hard winters and can't fathom the suffering they endured.

"How could these people have even thought about going and crossing the border?" Shah said.

Greed, he said, had taken four lives: "There was no humanity."

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This CEO fired 90% of his staff for missing a morning meeting. He stands by the choice

Rage quitting is one thing. But one CEO has introduced a new spin on the concept: rage firing.

Baldvin Oddson, CEO of a Wyoming-based musical-instrument online storefront, the Musicians Club, fired 90% of his staff—99 out of 110 employees and freelancers—via Slack message for missing just one morning meeting at 8:30 a.m.

One former employee detailed the shocking event in a now-deleted post on Reddit's "mildlyinfuriating" forum. "I joined an internship, and an hour later, the entire team got fired," the original user wrote.

'Get the f-k out'

"For those of you who did not show up to the meeting this morning, consider this your official notice: you're all fired," Oddson wrote in the all-team Slack. "You failed to do what you agreed to, you failed to complete your part of the contract, and you failed to show up for the meetings you were supposed to attend and work for." Oddson then instructed the group, who all work remotely, to sign out from all accounts, return any company property, and consider any contracts terminated.

"I gave you an opportunity to make your life better, to work hard, and to grow. Yet, you have shown me that you don't take this seriously," he went on. "Out of 110 people, only 11 were present this morning. Those 11 get to stay. The rest of you are terminated. Get the f-k out of my business right now."

Many workers fired from the Musicians Club

DOGE aims to cut the number of federal workers. Here are the 20 highest-paying government jobs.

Trump's new Department of Government Efficiency aims to reduce the number of federal workers.

Business Insider looked at the highest average salaries of federal civilian employees by occupation.

The top 20 had average salaries over \$160,000, with medical officers ranking No. 1.

Federal workers who are employed as medical officers, ship pilots, and general attorneys earn lucrative pay on average — but their jobs might be at risk under President-elect Donald Trump's new government efficiency initiative.

Trump's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, is spearheaded by Tesla CEO Elon Musk and former GOP presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy. The two leaders of the commission wrote in a recent opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal that they will aim to slash government spending and reduce head count at federal agencies, meaning government workers are at risk of losing their jobs.

Using US Office of Personnel Management data as of March, Business Insider looked at the average salaries of federal civilian employees for all agencies to see who is earning the most on average among

were unpaid remote part-timers (jobs are marketed toward classical music students looking for work experience). A job listing from earlier this year for an unpaid operations manager role with the company received 51 applicants.

The listing said the job would provide "in-depth understanding of e-commerce operations within a competitive market," "practical experience in managing and optimizing online sales platforms," and a "high potential for full-time paid conversion in 2025."

You get what you pay for

The Musicians Club is essentially a lean startup, the former intern wrote on Reddit, adding that Oddson's company "relies on remote interns" willing to work for free.

Evidently, Oddson got what he paid for—workers who are essentially volunteering likely don't hold themselves to the same standards as those with a salary and benefits.

"Internally, everyone was put into a frenzy," the intern wrote. "There were some workers that had worked with the CEO for literal years and had no warning about something like this. A big problem was that because all of the workers are unpaid and remote, they all had different schedules, so apparently it was difficult to set a specific time for attendance, which was what the CEO was so mad about."

For his part, Oddson posted about the event on LinkedIn with neither shame nor apology last week. (His LinkedIn shows that he founded the

hundreds of occupations.

Three of the five jobs with the highest average salaries were health-related. Medical officers, who largely worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs, had the highest average salary. Financial analysis workers rounded out the top 20 highest-paying jobs on average; their largest employer, with about 300 analysts, was the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Most of the top jobs were classified as white-collar by OPM.

Looking at the average salaries of workers within cabinet-level agencies regardless of occupation, the Department of Education and the Department of Energy had the highest, with averages over \$140,000.

Musk and Ramaswamy floated in the op-ed requiring all federal employees to come into the office five days a week, which may lead to higher voluntary turnover. Office of Personnel Management data showed around 1.3 million federal civilian workers as of March were "eligible to participate in telework," many of whom were professional and administrative workers.

"DOGE intends to work with embedded appointees



Musicians Club in 2022, and also teaches trumpet at the prestigious Juilliard School in New York.)

"While some attempted to 'cancel' me, it has completely backfired," Oddson wrote. "Our traffic has surged to over 20,000 views, sales are at an all-time high, and we're receiving hundreds of applications daily."

"I stand by my decisions and the values we uphold," he went on. "Firing those individuals was the right move for our organization, and we are stronger than ever." (Oddson didn't immediately respond to Fortune's request for comment.)

Even so, Oddson's LinkedIn profile picture is framed by the ubiquitous purple #HIRING banner.

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in agencies to identify the minimum number of employees required at an agency for it to perform its constitutionally permissible and statutorily mandated functions," Musk and Ramaswamy wrote.

Musk and Ramaswamy also suggested early retirement and severance packages to incentivize lower headcount but didn't provide further detail on the benefits they would offer impacted employees.

"The American people re-elected President Trump by a resounding margin giving him a mandate to implement the promises he made on the campaign trail," Karoline Leavitt, a spokesperson for the Trump-Vance transition, previously told BI when asked about DOGE's plan for spending cuts. "He will deliver."

Are you a federal worker worried about your employment or looking to move into the private sector? Reach out to these reporters at mhoff@businessinsider.com and asheffey@businessinsider.com to share.

Yahoo/News Madison Hoff, Ayelet Sheffey

Opinion - Donald Trump won the election. Now he's losing it.

Americans hired Donald Trump to do three things: put more money into their pockets; lower prices for gas, groceries and rent and restore order at the southern border.

Trump was not hired to gut the Justice Department, abolish the FBI, pardon the Jan. 6 rioters, weaken our intelligence agencies, eliminate the Department of Education or “go wild on health.”

Trump's initial nominations of Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) for attorney general (now withdrawn), Pete Heston for secretary of Defense, Tulsi Gabbard as director of national intelligence, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as secretary of Health and Human Services, and Mehmet Oz as administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services go far beyond the directives he received from voters.

Instead of lending expertise to those departments, Trump is determined to exact revenge by gutting them. As Trump consigliere Steve Bannon says, “It ain't morning in America.” In 1967, social scientists Lloyd Free and Hadley Cantril explained that Americans were ideological conservatives who wanted to reduce the size of government, but programmatic liberals who did not want to cut Social Security and Medicare or eliminate education and environmental spending.

Vivek Ramaswamy, who is working with Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency, says that Musk “doesn't bring a chisel, he brings a chainsaw, and we're going to be taking it to that bureaucracy.” Ramaswamy added, “It's going to be a lot of fun.”

But chainsaws are not what the voters ordered. The “fun” will stop when they conclude that less government is very different from no government.

Trump is determined to overstep the instructions he received from the voters. In so doing, he is repeating a pattern that has plagued recent presidencies.

The twin examples of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush are illustrative.

In 1992, Bill Clinton was elected to improve economic conditions and lead the United States into a post-Cold War world. Campaigning as a New Democrat, Clinton rejected Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal one-size-fits-all approach to big government.

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Similarly, Clinton's order allowing gays to serve in the military under the “don't ask, don't tell” policy also ran counter to what voters were willing to accept.

Finally, Clinton's ban on assault weapons was viewed as an attack on the Second Amendment.

By 1994, voters wondered whether they had elected George McGovern instead of Bill Clinton. Using the slogan “God, guns and gays,” Newt Gingrich led his fellow Republicans to a resounding victory. For the first time since 1953, Republicans controlled both houses of Congress.

Assessing the outcome, Bill Clinton admitted voters sent him a message: “We just don't like what we see when we watch Washington, and you haven't done much about that.”

George W. Bush suffered a similar fate. In 2004, he won reelection on his promise to keep America safe following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the homeland.

But flush with victory, Bush boasted, “I earned political capital in this campaign, and I intend to spend it.” He spent that capital (and more) with his unpopular proposal to partially privatize Social Security. Incurring immediate opposition, his plan never received a vote even though Republicans controlled both houses of Congress.

That failure, the response to Hurricane Katrina, and the quagmire of the Iraq War led to a backlash in the 2006 midterm elections. Democrats were put back in charge on Capitol Hill, and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) began her long tenure as House Speaker. A humbled George W. Bush called the results “a thumping.”

There is something about the presidency that causes its victors to overreach beyond what the voters want. The late George Reedy, who was Lyndon B. Johnson's press secretary, wrote in “The Twilight of the Presidency” that a state of euphoria envelops every president-elect when “caution, introspection, and humility are most needed.”

Winning the presidency is a heady experience. The victor sits atop the political world as their White Houses, as Reedy wrote, resemble a king's court. Suddenly emboldened, these newly minted Chief Magistrates want to exercise vast powers beyond those voters wished to confer with few around to tell them “no.”



Writing in *The New Yorker* after John F. Kennedy's 1960 win, Richard Rovere perceptively noted that the “sovereign people” had given Kennedy “a victory without a verdict and a majority without a mandate.”

A humble Kennedy understood the fragility of his political situation. When liberal Democrats sought his backing for progressive social programs, he would remind them that he had not won a mandate and needed to be reelected first.

Trump will never face the sovereign voters again. Lacking any such accountability makes it even more likely that those inside the Trump White House will treat its occupant, as Reedy once explained, “with all of the reverence of a monarch.”

Humility is not a personal characteristic associated with either monarchs or Trump. And presidents with outsized egos have caused more than one administration to end in failure.

Even before Trump renews his promise to “preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States,” the twilight of his presidency is already visible on the horizon.

Yahoo/News John Kenneth White, opinion contributor

Jaleel White says Jonathan Brandis' death after their TV pilot wasn't picked up made him question acting

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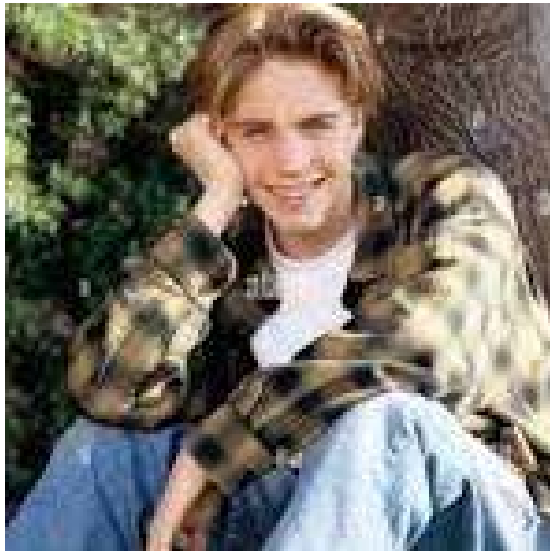
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Escarole Salad with Preserved Lemon Vinaigrette

This crisp, refreshing salad is the perfect complement to the richer, heartier dishes on your holiday spread. Finely chopped preserved lemon adds a pop of brightness, while roasted almonds and goat cheese achieve the perfect crunchy-creamy play in every bite.

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 3/4 tsp. honey
- Rind from 1/4 preserved lemon, pulp scraped and discarded, finely chopped (about 1 heaping tbsp.)
- 1 medium head escarole (about 1 1/2 lb.), leaves

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- 1/4 c. sliced chives
 - 1/4 c. roasted salted almonds, roughly chopped
 - 4 oz. fresh goat cheese, crumbled
- Directions**

In large bowl, whisk together oil, lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and honey; stir in preserved lemon rind. Add escarole, chives, and almonds and toss to combine. Arrange on large platter and top with goat cheese.
By Tina Martinez



Turkey Kielbasa With Apples and Lentils

Packed with smoky turkey kielbasa and hearty lentils simmered with apple cider, this saucy, stewy one-pot meal encapsulates all the cozy vibes we want in fall fare.

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
- 1 13-ounce package turkey kielbasa, sliced 1/3 inch thick on bias
- 1 1/2 c. apple cider, divided
- 1 yellow onion, sliced into 1/4-inch wedges
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 Gala apple, cored and sliced into 1/4-inch wedges
- 1 Tbsp. whole-grain mustard
- 1 17.6-ounce package cooked lentils
- 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1/2 c. flat-leaf parsley leaves, finely chopped

Directions

Step 1

Heat 1 Tbsp oil in large Dutch oven on medium-high. Cook kielbasa in single layer, flipping halfway through, until browned on both sides, 5 to 6 minutes. Transfer to bowl. Add 1/4 cup cider to Dutch oven and scrape up browned bits from bottom; transfer to same bowl.

Step 2

Reduce heat to medium and heat remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons oil. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender and starting to brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Add apple, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 tsp pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until apple is tender, 3 to 4 minutes.

Step 3

Stir in mustard and remaining 1 1/4 cups cider and scrape any browned bits from bottom of pan.

Step 4

Bring to a gentle simmer, then add lentils and kielbasa along with with juices from bowl. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until most of liquid is absorbed, 2 to 3 minutes.

Step 5

Remove from heat and stir in vinegar and all but 2 tablespoons parsley. Divide among plates and sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons parsley.

A+ APPLE: We love the Gala variety for its sweet, balanced flavor and ability to stand up to simmering.



NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (per serving): About 458 calories, 17.5 g fat (3.5 g saturated), 57 mg cholesterol, 1,276 mg sodium, 51 g carbohydrate, 10 g fiber, 16.5 g sugar (0.5 g added sugar), 26 g protein
By Tina Martinez

Winter Citrus Mimosas

Swap your normal OJ for tangerine or blood orange juice for an elevated, extra-festive twist on the brunch favorite.

Ingredients

- 3/4 c. blood orange, grapefruit, or tangerine juice, chilled (we used Natalie's)
- 1 50-mL bottle sparkling wine, chilled
- Citrus twists, for garnish

Directions

Step 1

Add 2 Tbsp juice to each of 6 champagne flutes, then top with sparkling wine and garnish with citrus twists if desired.

BY Kate Merker



10 Countries Where the U.S. Won't Send Your Social Security Payments

If you're entitled to Social Security benefits, you don't have to live in the United States to get them. Payments are sent nearly everywhere around the world, though there are some exceptions.

U.S. citizens can continue to receive payments outside the country as long as you're eligible for a payment and are in a country where payments are sent, according to the Social Security administration. If you're not a U.S. citizen, you must meet certain conditions for payment. Living "outside the United States" means you are not in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa for at least 30 days in a row. The SSA considers you to be "outside the United States" until you return and stay in the U.S. for at least 30 days in a row.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you also might have to prove you were lawfully present in the United States for that 30-day period.

As of June 2023, there are the 10 countries where the United States won't send your Social Security payments:

- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Cuba
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Moldova
- North Korea
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

Read: Latest Social Security Proposal Would See Millions 'Receive More, and No One Would Receive Less'

If you're a U.S. citizen residing in either Cuba or North Korea, you can get all the payments the SSA withholds once you move to a country where payments are allowed. If you're not a U.S. citizen, you can't receive payments for the months you lived in Cuba or North Korea — even if you go to another country and satisfy all other requirements.

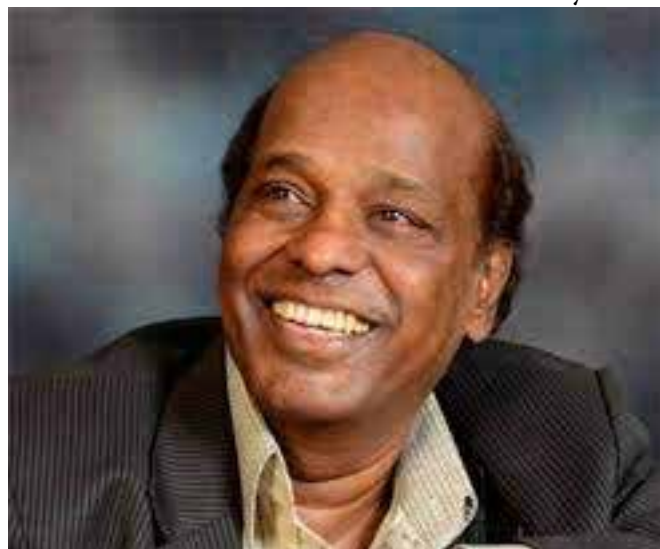
As for the other eight countries on the banned list: The SSA said it will make exceptions for certain eligible persons. To qualify for an exception, you must meet and agree to restricted payment conditions. For more information about these con-

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Rahat Sahab's feast in "Bally's Hotel"

Javed Shah Khajrana (writer)
There is a decent anecdote of old Indore. There was a poetry named loyalty. Very less participated in Mushayra, but his voice is often heard in Akashvani Lucknow. Many of his lions are very famous. Mulhija said "I did not plant the trees of dreams thinking that, Who will water the tree planted in the forest?" "Once upon a time, I brought Indore Tashreef to participate in the mushayra on the behest of Rahat Indori Sahab. Rahat Saheb had told while speaking that Wafa Begum used to say the best lion. She made such a statement that not only poetry but also poet fades in front of her. In those days, there were no five star hotels in Indore and Mushayra was not lucky enough to go to expensive hotels. That's why Rahat Sahab reached 'Balle ki Hotel' in front of the railway



station beside the Kalyan rest. The "Bally Hotel" still stands today. Indore has been leading in catering from the beginning. Bally's Hotel Meat ~ Baffle were very famous. So tasty that the eater licks even the fingers. Hotel made of tin sheets and covered with tin. There was no chair~table or bunk but arrangement of eating by laying mat on the ground. There people used to go to settle meat~baffle. Dal-Bafle is very famous in Malwa and Rajasthan, its non-veg version is meat-baffle. When Rahat Sahab reached the hotel with him, he explained to Balle ji of Balli hotel, then talked to Wafa Begum and told him that there is arrangement for food sitting on the mat, there is no table chair or bunk. Would you sit here and eat? Wafa Begum was an English teacher in Girls Inter College.

Very senior from Rahat Sahab. They had a stupidity. They said__ Oh relief !!! Rahat Saheb said_ 'It will be fun. Believe it' Somehow she dressed up. Bally's hotel was typical desi dhaba. Closed water bottles were not common. Didn't even have water mugs and steel jugs. Truck drivers who used to throw empty oil cans were cut in half and made them worth drinking water. Indori was a jugaad. In the shameful of Rahat Sahab, Lafa Begum enjoyed the meat and buffalo by throwing palanquin on the ground. Like Rahat

Sahab's host, his favorite dish means meat ~ buffalo were also appreciable. After that memorable feast, whenever Wafa Begum and Rahat Saheb face to face at Digar Makamat. Wafa wife says__ Rahat you call me to Indore once. Just call for meat ~ baffle. I will not take money for mushayra, just feed me meat and baffle with the same love by sitting on the ground. In front of Indore Railway Station Beside Kalyan Rest Home, Film Colony Road Even today, there are many catering hotels made of teen shed, among them, Bally's hotel is still present for the happy memories of hosts like Rahat Sahab. Have you seen it guys !! Rahat Indori hosted this way. Wafa Begum did not forget the feast of meat for whole life. How can I forget the love of Indori which was mixed in the feast. It seems that Rahat Indori Saheb has written this poem regarding an occasion or feast like this Sit on the sack, drink water in the axe, We are Qalandar, our host is different. When offered Javed Shah Khajrana



Property Brothers explain ‘the biggest problem’ still driving up home prices

The current state of the housing market has many people worried — including brothers and housing experts Drew and Jonathan Scott, known for their HGTV show “The Property Brothers.”

Ballooning home prices and rising interest rates have made many hopeful first-time homeowners feel like buying a home is still not attainable. And according to the brothers, a lack of housing supply is the greatest factor preventing people from buying.

“Right now, the biggest problem is the inventory is really, really bad,” Jonathan Scott told Brian Sozzi on Yahoo Finance’s Opening Bid podcast (see video above or listen below). He noted that the US’s housing inventory is about 4.5 million homes short of “healthy market” levels.

“When you don’t have a healthy inventory of homes, that’s probably the biggest driver [of unaffordability] because competition is what drives prices up and down,” he added. Though the Federal Reserve began cutting short-term interest rates, totaling three-quarters of a percentage point since September, mortgage rates have continued to tick upward.

When the Fed announced its first cut of this cycle in September, 15-year mortgage rates were at a 52-week low of 5.15%; now the same fixed-rate mortgage sits at 6.02%, per Freddie Mac. 30-year mortgage rates have similarly increased in that time frame and are three-quarters of a percentage point higher than they were two months ago.

It’s not just the present real estate market that has the brothers concerned.

“My fear is that in 20 years, our kids won’t be able to afford to buy a house,” Jonathan Scott said. “Nobody will be able to get into the market because it’s going to be so crazy expensive. We need to start tackling that problem now.”

Though the brothers admitted it’s “healthier” for the market when interest rates come down, Jonathan predicted that lenders may introduce new products to “incentivize” young homeowners, noting that these products may come with strings that could leave homeowners paying off their mortgages for a longer period of time. “Lean on the fact that lenders want you to get their products — they want to lend you the

money, they’re going to come out with products that are going to make it a little more accessible,” Jonathan said. “Though, the problem is they’re going to extend the amortization period so it’s going to take you longer to pay off that investment.”

Though it may not immediately address the issue of housing inventory, the brothers’ Healthy Home Innovation Fund, in partnership with Groundbreak Ventures, aims to offer solutions to other consistent problems in the market. The fund backs potential products and innovations that aim to “offset the housing crisis” by lowering costs for homeowners, renters, builders, and more.

Beyond that kind of support, the brothers encouraged prospective buyers to approach homeownership more creatively.

“I think people just need to think creatively if [they] want to own a home,” Drew said, “whether it’s partnering with a friend or a family member or other creative ways like building an [accessory dwelling unit] or another auxiliary unit.”

Yahoo /Finance Sara Belcher

Anne Limas’s Post

Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj are two of India’s most prominent fast bowlers, known for their pace, skill, and match-winning performances, particularly in Test and ODI formats. Mohammed Shami is an experienced fast bowler known for his lethal reverse swing, ability to bowl consistent yorkers, and knack for picking up wickets in crucial moments. Since his debut in 2013, Shami has been a key part of India’s bowling attack across all formats. His ability to maintain a consistent line and length, combined with his seam movement, has made him one of the top fast bowlers in the world. Shami has delivered some of his best performances in Test cricket, where he has crossed the milestone of 200 wickets. In ODIs, Shami played a crucial role in the 2019 Cricket World Cup, where he became the second Indian bowler to claim a World Cup hat-trick. His skills with the old ball in reverse swing make him a potent threat, especially in subcontinental conditions. Mohammed Siraj, on the other hand, is a relatively newer face in international cricket but has quickly made a name for himself with his pace, aggression, and control. Since his debut in 2017, Siraj has rapidly risen to become a frontline bowler for India, particularly in Test cricket. Siraj’s breakthrough came during the 2020-21 Border-Gavaskar series in Australia, where he led India’s injury-depleted pace attack and played a key role in India’s historic series win. His ability to generate movement off the pitch and deliver consistently fast spells has impressed cricket fans and experts alike. Siraj is also becoming a crucial player in the limited-overs formats, providing early breakthroughs in powerplays and maintaining pressure throughout the innings.



Mohd Shami	VS	Mohd Siraj
34 years	Age	30 years
2013	Debut	2017
1	Trophy	0
6.25 Crore	IPL Salary	7 Crore
5	IPL Teams	2
85 Crores	Networth	50 Crores

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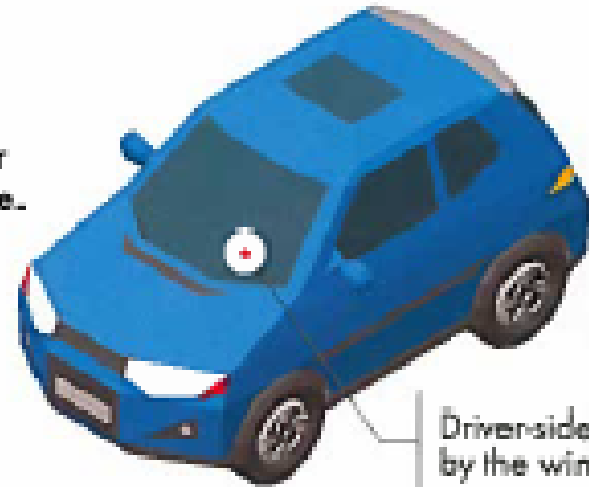
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Winter Weather Safety

Wintertime poses a wide range of threats to residents of the Midwest. Whether it be exposure to the cold, vehicle accidents caused by slick roads, or fires resulting from the improper use of heaters, hundreds of people are injured or killed each year as a direct result of winter weather.

Blizzard

Winter storms range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a massive blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states while others affect only a single community.

High winds, freezing rain or sleet, heavy snowfall, and dangerously cold temperatures are the main hazards associated with winter storms. Impassable snow drifts can maroon people at home without utilities or other services for days

after an event. Heavy snowfall and blizzards easily trap motorists in their vehicles and make walking to find help a deadly effort. Bitter cold temperatures and wind chills during and after a winter storm can lead to hypothermia and kill anyone caught outside for too long. The aftermath of a winter storm can impact a community or region for days, weeks or even months, incurring steep economic costs.

Terms to Know:

Blizzard: Blowing and/or falling snow with winds of at least 35 mph, reducing visibilities to a quarter of a mile or less for at least three hours. Winds lofting the current snow pack and reducing visibilities without any falling snow is called a ground blizzard.

Freezing Rain: Caused by rain falling on surfaces with a temperature below freezing. The rain freezes upon contact with the ground. Large



build-ups of ice can down trees and power lines and coat roads.

Sleet: Rain/melted snow that has begun refreezing when it reaches the ground. Sleet tends to be softer than hail and is easily compacted. Sleet can make roads slippery very quickly.

Wind Chill: The apparent temperature the body feels when wind is factored into the equation.

Safety Guidelines: During & After a Winter Storm

Key points

Take steps to heat your home safely and know what to do if the power goes out.

Limit outdoor time and take precautions to stay safe and warm.

Know the signs of hypothermia and frostbite and what to do if you or someone else has them. Protect yourself during and after winter storms. Winter storms are dangerous. They can bring cold temperatures, power failures, loss of communication services, and icy roads. This can make being outside dangerous, so you should limit your time outside. Although staying indoors as much as possible can help reduce the risk of car crashes and falls on the ice, you may also face hazards inside your home.

Heat your home safely.

If you plan to use a wood stove, fireplace, or space heater, be extremely careful. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and remember these safety tips:

Have extra heat sources in case the power goes out.

Have at least one of the following heat sources in case the power goes out:

Extra blankets, sleeping bags, and warm winter coats

Fireplace that is up to code with plenty of dry firewood or a gas log fireplace

Portable space heaters or kerosene heaters.

Check with your local fire department to make sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.

Use space heaters safely.

Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements.

Keep heat sources, like space heaters, at least 3 feet away from drapes, furniture, bedding, or

other flammable materials. Never cover your space heater.

Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.

Never leave children unattended near a space heater.

Make sure that the cord of an electric space heater is not a tripping hazard, but do not run the cord under carpets or rugs.

Avoid using extension cords to plug in your space heater.

If your space heater has a damaged electrical cord or produces sparks, do not use it.

Follow additional heat safety guidelines.

Use fireplaces, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside and do not leak gas from the flue or exhaust into the indoor air space.

Make sure you have proper ventilation if you must use a kerosene heater.

Have your heating system serviced by a qualified technician every year.

Do not burn paper in a fireplace.

Use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use—don't substitute.

Light your home safely.

If there is a power failure:

Use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns rather than candles, if possible. Candles can lead to house fires.

If you do use candles, never leave lit candles unattended.

Visit What to Do to Protect Yourself During a Power Outage for more information on power outage safety.

Use generators and other appliances safely.

Generators should be located at least 20 feet from any window, door, or vent and in a space



where rain and snow will not reach them.

Protect yourself from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning by installing a battery-operated CO detector.

Never using generators, gas or charcoal grills, camp stoves, or similar devices inside your home, in basements, in garages, or near windows. The fumes are deadly.

Plug in appliances to the generator using individual heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords.

Do not use the generator or appliances if they are wet.

Do not store gasoline indoors where the fumes could ignite.

Conserve heat.

Some gas-fueled heaters, such as vent-less gas fireplaces, require some ventilation. Otherwise, if you don't need extra ventilation, keep as much heat as possible inside your home.

Avoid unnecessarily opening doors or windows. Close off unneeded rooms.

Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.

Close draperies or cover windows with blankets at night.

List of Bollywood films of DECEMBER 2024

6	<i>Agni</i>	Rahul Dholakia	Pratik Gandhi · Divyenndu · Saiyami Kher · Jitendra Joshi · Sai Tamhankar
13	<i>Zero Se Restart</i>	Vidhu Vinod Chopra	Vikrant Massey · Medha Shankar · Anant V Joshi · Anshumaan Pushkar
	<i>Despatch</i>	Kanu Behl	Manoj Bajpayee · Shahana Goswami
20	<i>Vanvaas</i>	Anil Sharma	Nana Patekar · Utkarsh Sharma · Simrat Kaur · Rajpal Yadav
25	<i>Baby John</i>	Kalees	Varun Dhawan · Keerthy Suresh · Wamiqa Gabbi · Jackie Shroff · Sanya Malhotra
	<i>Sitaare Zameen Par</i>	R.S. Prasanna	Aamir Khan · Genelia Deshmukh
	<i>Oye Bhootni Ke</i>	Ajay Kailash Yadav	Mimoh Chakraborty · Rohit Suryavanshi · Nikita Sharma · Diana Khan

Agni trailer: Pratik Gandhi, Divyenndu's film pays tribute to firefighters' courage

The trailer for Rahul Dholakia's upcoming film, *Agni*, was released on November 21. The film will celebrate the bravery and sacrifices made by firefighters.

Written and directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Rahul Dholakia, the film stars Pratik Gandhi and Divyenndu in lead roles, supported by Saiyami Kher, Sai Tamhankar, Jitendra Joshi, Udit Arora, and Kabir Shah.

The trailer, spanning two minutes 42 seconds, shows Vithal (Pratik Gandhi) and his brother-in-law, Samit (Divvyendu), a hotshot police officer, begrudgingly joining forces to unravel the mystery behind the fires in the city. As they battle their own differences and a race against time, they must reconcile personal conflicts to crack the case and protect Mumbai from impending disaster. Director Rahul Dholakia said, "With *Agni*, I am thrilled to bring a story to life that celebrates the bravery of firefighters and explores their emotional journeys. Firefighters are real-life heroes, facing countless risks and challenges. This film is a tribute to their sacrifice, loyalty, and resilience."

Actor Pratik Gandhi called the project transformative, noting, "*Agni* is not just a film; it's a tribute to the courage of firefighters -- the unsung heroes of our society. Delving into their challenges has been an honour, and I can't wait for audiences to experience this story of human resilience." Co-star Divyenndu described the role as a significant milestone in his career. "Playing a cop immersed in the intense world of firefighters was deeply meaningful. *Agni* enabled me to explore raw and emotional depths of my craft, and I believe it will resonate with audiences worldwide," said The Railway Men actor.



December 6.

The film will premiere on Prime Video on De-

Best stand up comedian of India

Murad and Sapru



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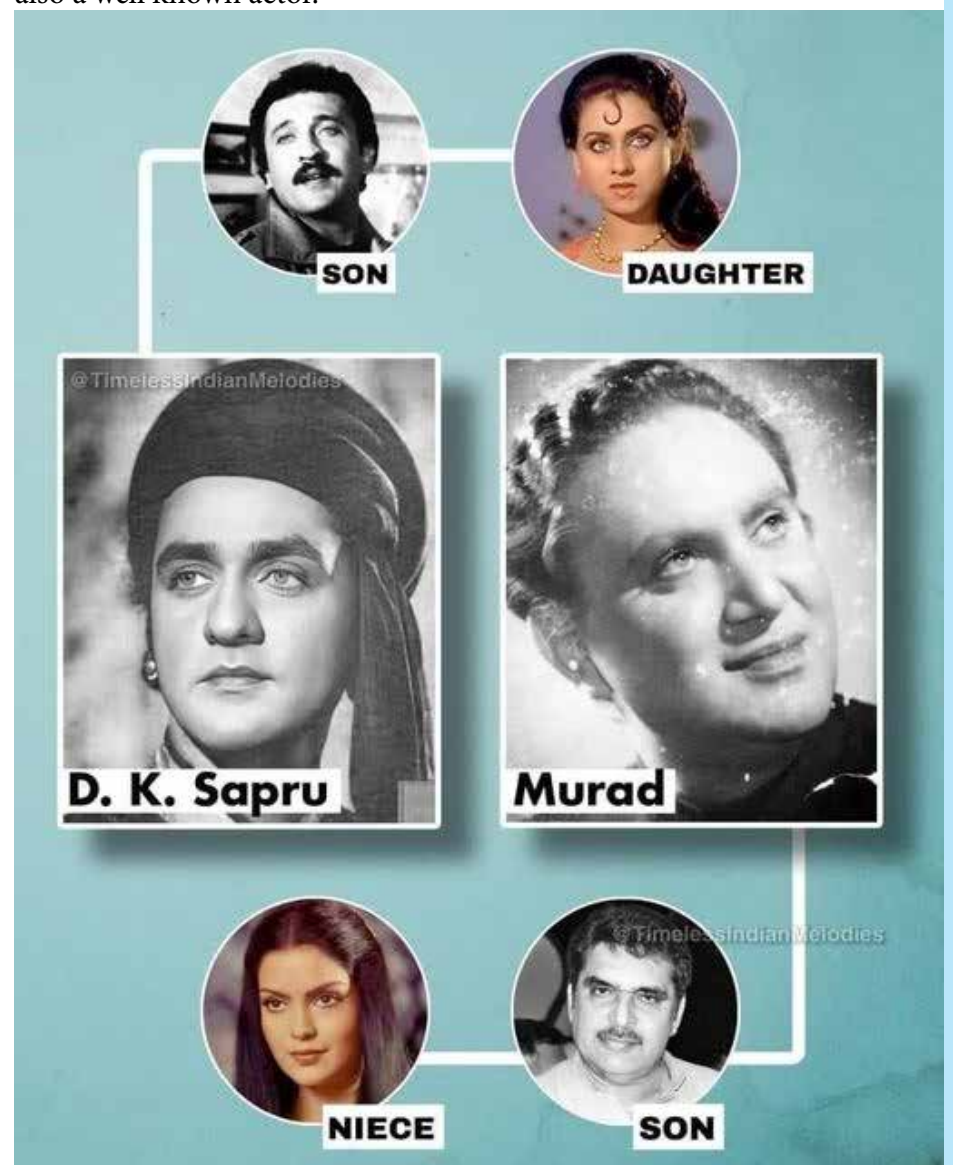
SALIM KHAN FAMILY

We often get confused between #Murad and #Sapru. Not only because of their looks, but also because of the similar kind of characters they played on screen. Here are some details on the works of two wonderful character artists of Indian cinema – Murad and D K Sapru.

◆Murad started his career with Najma (1943) and worked in over 100 films over the next five decades. His usual roles were that of father, judge, emperor, zamindar or police commissioner. In fact he played the role of Ashok Kumar’s father in Najma – his first film. He played the role of Deputy saheb – the girls father in Mehboob Khan’s Anmol Ghadi (1946) which was a musical hit starring Surendra, Noor Jahan and Suraiya.

Some of his other well known films include Andaz (1949), Deedar (1951), Aan(1952), Do Bigha Zameen (1953), Mirza Ghalib(1954) , Amar(1954) , Devdas(1955) and K Asif’s magnum opus Mughal-E-Azam where he played the role of Raja Mann Singh.

Murad passed away sometime in the late 1990’s.His son Raza Murad is also a well known actor.



◆ Daya Kishan Sapru (1916-79) or Sapru was a Kashmiri pandit and went on to become a popular character artist from 1940’s till 1970’s. His debut film was the Prabhat Films marathi production RamShas-tri(1944).

He then moved over to hindi films and played various roles such as Judge , Police Commissioner and zamindar ; just like Murad. His notable films include Kalapani (1958), Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam(1962) ,Jewel Thief(1967) and Pakeezah(1972).

His role in Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam is still remembered by film lovers as he portrayed the role of the menacing Zamindar – Majhle Sarkar, the head of the haveli. Speaking very few lines but relying more on his in-timidating presence, Majhle Sarkar ultimately orders the killing of choti bahu , the central character of the film.

Source : Timeless Indian Melodies

HELEN - ACTRESS & DANCER

November 21 Today is 86th Birthday of Helen Helen Ann Richardson popularly known as only Helen is a Indian film actress and dancer, working in Hindi films. She has received two Filmfare awards and has appeared in over 700 films and is often cited as the most popular nautch dancer of her time. She was the inspiration for four films and a book. She is the second wife of veteran writer-producer Salim Khan. Helen Ann Richardson was born in Rangoon, Burma to an Anglo-Indian father and Burmese mother. Her father's name was George Desmier. She has a brother named Roger and a sister name Jennifer. Their father died during World War II. The family then trekked to Mumbai in 1943 in order to escape from the Japanese occupation of Burma. She quit her schooling to support her family because her mother's salary as a nurse was not enough to feed a family of four. Helen was 19 years old in 1957 when she got her first big break in Howrah Bridge. Helen was introduced to Bollywood when a family friend, an actress known as Cukoo, helped her find jobs as a chorus dancer in the films Shabistan and Awara (1951). She was soon working regularly and was featured as a solo dancer in films such as Alif Laila (1954) and Hoor-e-Arab (1955). She got her break in 1958, aged 19, when she performed the song "Mera Naam Chin Chin Chu" in Shakti Samanta's film, Howrah Bridge, which was sung by Geeta Dutt. After that, offers started pouring in throughout the 1960s and 1970s. During her initial career, Geeta Dutt sang many songs for her. The Bollywood playback singer Asha Bhosle also frequently sang for Helen, particularly during the 1960s and the early 1970s. She was nominated for the Filmfare Best Supporting Actress Award in 1965 for her role in Gumnaam. She played dramatic roles such as the rape victim in Shakti Samanta's Pagla Kahin Ka (1970). Writer Salim Khan helped her get roles in some of the films he was co-scripting with Javed Akhtar: Immaan Dharam, Don, Dostana, and Sholay. This was followed by a role in Mahesh Bhatt's film Lahu Ke Do Rang (1979), for which she won a Filmfare Best Supporting Actress Award. In 1999 Helen was given India's Filmfare lifetime achievement award. Helen was selected for the Padma Shri awards of 2009 along with Aishwarya Rai and Akshay Kumar. List of her films are: Sawan, Awara, Shabistan, Khazana, Nazariya, Bandhan, Ambar, Rail Ka Dibba, Malikha Saloni, Khoj, Alif Laila, Mayurpankh, Pilpili Sahib, Laalpari, Kasturi, Ali Baba Aur Chalis Chor, Veer Rajputani, Shah Behram, Hatim Tai Ki Beti, Teerandaz, Sitara, Santosham, Pehli Jhalak, Miss Coccola, Mast Qalandar, Jagadguru Shankaracharya, Hoor-e-Arab, Flying Man, Aab-e-Hayat, Taj, Shrimati 420, Naya Admi, Khul Ja Sim Sim, Guru Ghanताल, Baghi Sardaar, Ank Ka Nasha, Taaksal, Anjan, Sipahsalaar, Sailaab, Patrani, Mr. Lambu, Marmaveeran, Qismat, Justice, Inqilaab, Halaku, Fifty Fifty, Delhi Darbaar, Chaar Meenaar, Amarsingh Rathor, Shahi Bazaar, Mr. X, Chamak Chandni, Yahudi Ki Larki, Qaidee, Naag Mani, Duniya Rang Ranggeeli, Coffee House, Chotey Babu, Changez Khan, Begunah, Bara Bhai, Barish, Sim Sim Margina, Pia Milan, Chalti Ka Naam Gari, 12 O'Clock, Bhookailas, Neelofar, Yahudi, Taqdeer, Sitamgar, Night Club, Milan, Khazanchi, Karigar, Kabhi Andhera Kabhi Ujala, Howra Bridge, Sawan, Maharani Padmani, Chand, Anari, Insaan Jaag Utha, Gali Theke Rajpath, Zara Bachkey, Pyar Ki Rahen, O Tera Kya Kehna, Naach Ghar, Mr. John, Main Nashey Main Hun, Love Marriage, Cheechak Vadha, Kangan, Jawani Ki Saza, Jaalsaaz, Heera Moti, Guest House, Duniya



Na Maney, Commander, CID Girl, Bus Conductor, Bedard Zamana Kya Janey, Bazigar, Nache Nagin Bajey Been, Laal Qila, Bewaqoof, Tun Nahi Aur Sahi, Trunk Call, Superman, Singapore, Road No. 303, Return to Mr. Superman, Police Detective, Kala Bazaar, Jaali Note, Ham Hindustani, Ghunghat, Dr. Shaitaan, Do Dost, Dil Apna Aur Preet Parai, Chaabili, Bahana, Baghdaad, Angulimaal, Abdullah, Mr. India, Modern Girl, Miss Chaalbaaz, Lucky Number, Hawra Express, Ganga Jumna, Elephant Queen, Ramu Dada, Jungle, Zamana Badal Gaya, Warrant, Wanted, Shola Jo Bharka, Senapati, Sapney Sohane, Sampooran Ramaya, Saya, Reshmi Rumaal, Pyar Ki Dastaan, Pasport, Umar Qaid, Maya, Main Aur Mera Bhai, Jadunagri, Hurricane Express, Flat No.9, Do Bhai, Chotey Nawaab, Bhaiyya, Babasa Ri Laadi, Sacchey Moti, Madam Zoro, Jadu Mahel, Hong Kong, Haryali Aur Rasta, Isi Ka Naam Duniya Hai, China Town, Neeli Ankhen, Main Chup Rahungi, Jadugar Daku, Hawa Mahel Half Ticket, Gyara Hazaar Larkian, Ganga Maiyya Tohe Pyari Charhaibo, Dr. Vidiya, Bombay Ka Chor, Bezubaan, Ustadon Key Ustaad, Tarzen Aur Gorila, Pataal Nagri, Mulzim, Lakhon Vanzaro, Aik Tha Ali Baba, Taaj Mahel, Sunehri Nagin, Shikari, Raja, Pyar Ka Bandhan, Pyar Kya To Darna Kya, Paras Mani, Maya Mahel, Lado Rani, Laagi Nahi Chotey Ram, Kabli Khan, Harishchandra Taramati, Dekha Pyar Tumhara, Captain Sheroo, Badeisiya, Been Ka Jadu, Awara Abdullah, His Highness, Awara Badal, Wo Kaun Thi, Cha Cha Cha, Zindagi, Shabnam, Jekara Charanva Main Lagle Paranva, Hercules, Baghi, Aya Tofaan, Sindbaad, Ali Baba aur Aladin, Shahi Raqqasa, Sant Tukaram, Sab Key Ustaad, Chor Darwaza, Baghi Haseena, Gumnaam, Tarzen Comes to Delhi, Sikan-dar-e-Azam, Shankar Seeta Ansuya, Rustam-e-Hind, Nishaan, Namastey Jee, Mohabbat Isko Kehtey Hain, Lutera, Khandaan, Kajal, Ham Deewaney, Faraar, Faisala, Aik Saal Pehley, Bhakta Prahald, Vidyarthi, Spy in Goa, Sarhadi Lutera, Jadu, Do Matwaley, Afsan, Street Singer, Tasveer, Teesri Manzil, Press for Time, Ye Raat Phir Na Aygi, Thakur Jarnail Singh, Smuggler, Sagaai, Love And Murder, Labela, Kunwari, Insaaf, Das Laakh, Dada, Chaley Hain Susraal, Chaddian Dee Doli, Briadri, Badal, Shamsher, Raju, Raat Andheri Thi, Nasihat, Mohabbat Aur Jung, Dil Ne Pukara, Chand Pe Chariye, Jewel Thief, Sardaar, Noor Jahan, Night in London, Milan Ki Raat, Lambu in Hong Kong, Jaal, Harey Kaanch Ki Choriant, Dulhan Aik Raat Ki, Dilruba, CID 909, Bahu Begum, Lady Killer, Aik Raat, Baazi, Vasna, Shikaar, Kahin Din Kahin Raat, Har Har Ganga, Golden Eys Secret Agent 077, Aik Phool Aik Bhool, Aulaad, Anjaam, Yaqeen, The Killers, Pyar Ka Sapna, Geo Aur Jeeney Do, Ghunda, Aik Masoom, Badmaash, Anjaan Hai

Koi, Pyasi Shaam, Bagdat Hirsizi, Talash, Shatranj, Samey Bara Balwaan, Sacchai, Road to Sikkem, Pyar He Pyar, Prince, Qismat, jahan Pyar Miley, Jaal Saaz, Inteqaam, Ham Aik Hain, Aik Shrimaan Aik Shrimati, Bhai Behen, Ansoo Ban Gai Phool, Taqat Aur Talwaar, Sau Saal Beet Gai, Daghabaaz, Bhagwan Parshuram, Begunah, The Train, Kab Keyun Aur Kahan, Tum Haseen Main Jawan, Bombay Talkie, Ye Khoon Rang Layega, Truck Driver, Raaj Kumari, Puruskaar, Pagla Kahin Ka, Maharaja, Ishq Par Zor Nahi, Inspector, Aik Nannhi Munnni Larki Thei, Ehsaan, Aag Aur Daagh, Shri Krishnan Ka Devta, Kahin Aar Kahin Paar, Ustaad Pedro, Upaasna, Adhikaar, Janey Anjaney, Elaan, Parwana, Preetam, Nadaan, Hangama, Maryada, Man Mandir, Kathputli, Ham Tum Aur Wo, Halchal, Karvan, Bikhrey Moti, Behroopia, Kaun Saccha Kaun Jhoota, Dr. X, Sange Muzhangu, Apraadh, Victoria No. 203, Yaar Mera, Sultana Daku, Saza, Rakhi Aur Hathkari, Raja jani, Pistol Wali, Pida ? Piduga, Moom Ki Guriya, Merey Jeevan Sathi, Do Gaz Zameen Key Neechey, Dil Daulat Duniya, Dharkan, Bindiya Aur Bandoor, Kaadu Makrani, Chimini Ka Dhuan, Pyasi Nadi, Bara Kabootar, Dhamkee, Taxi Driver, Shareef Badmaash, Mehmaan, Kunwara Badan, Khoon Khoon, Heera, Dharma Chaliya, Barkha Bahaar, Anamika, Agni Rekha, Aaj Ki Taaaza Khabar, Kshitji, Jurm Aur Saza, Geeta Mera Naam, Jab Andhera Hota Hai, Ameer Ghareeb, Call Girl, Benaam, Ujala He Ujala, Madhosh, Fasla, Chotey Sarkaar, Veer Champaraj Walo, Merey Sartaaaj, Kaam Shastra, Apney Rang Hazaar, Andhera, Dharmatma, Zakhmee, Kala Sona, Sholey, Zindagi Aur Tofaan, Sanyasi, Saazish, Merey Sajjan, Kaghaz Ki Nao, Dhوتي Lota Aur Chopati, Kalicharan, Raeeszada, Shankar Dada, Saccha Mera Roop Hai, Aik Sey Bharh Kar Aik, Bairaag, Yamla Jutt, Sikka, Raees, Raakhi Aur Rifel, Jai Mahalaxmi Maa, Ginny aur Johnny, Deewangi, Ali Baba, Aap Beeti, Aaj Ka Ye Ghar, Yaron Ka Yaar, Hunterwali 77, Imaan Dharam, Khoon Pasina, Khel Khilari Ka, Amar Akbar Anthoney, Aap Ki Khatir, Pandit Aur Pathaan, Thieves of Baghdaad, Khel Qismat Ka, Kaccha Chor, Jagirti, Inkaar, Duniya Dari, Darling Darling, Chalu Mera Naam, Agent Vinod, Aakhri Sajda, Sampoorana Sant Darshanam, Jalan, Bandee, Besharam, Don, Phandey Baaz, Phool Khiley Hain Gulshan Gulshan, Apna Khoon, Chor Key Ghar Chor, Swarg Narak, Parmatma, Karwa Chouth, Kala Admi, Assignment Bombay, Prem Bandhan, Naya Bakra, Jhoota Kahin Ka, The Great Gambler, Alavuddin Athbuta Vilakkum, Maghroor, Guru Hoja Shuru, Duniya Meri Jaib Main, Lahu Key Do Rang, Do Shikari, Qanoon Ka Shikaar, Raakhi Ki Saugandh, Billa, Be Rehem, Abdullah, Friendship, Hamqadam, Rambalram, Shaan, Teen Ikkey, Khoon Kharaba, Jayen To Jaeyn Kahan, Garam Khoon, Bombay 405 Miles, Angaar, Paanch Qaidee, Chaska, Bulandi, Sannata, Chuppa Chupai, Shaka, Raaz, Josh, Bhula Na Dena, Aarti, Kacchey Heerey, Chorni, Dial 100, Teesri Ankh, Toryee, Sawaal, Heeron Ka Chor, Ayyash, Waqt Waqt Ki Baat, Sultana Daku, Shiv Charan, Mayuri, Haadsa, Daulat Key Dushman, Paakhandi, Bond 303, Akeyla, Ansoo Baney Angaarey, Khamoshi the Musical, Aakhri Sangharsh, Sazish, Ham Dil Dey Chukey Sanam, Mohabbaten, Shararat, Ab Tak Chappan, Dil Ney Jisey Apna Kaha, Anjaney, Hamko Deewana Kar Gaya, Marigold, Dono Ye Na Janey Keyun, One Room Kitchen, Jori Breaker, Heroien, and Bachpan Aik Dhoka.

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Thumb / Rank	Song Heading	Singer / Movie	Music By / Lyricist	Actor / Category
 1	Mere Man Ki Ganga Aur Tere Man Ki Jamuna Ka <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.11 - 263 votes	Vijayanthimala, Mukesh	Shankar Jaikishan	Vyjayantimala, Raj Kapoor
		Sangam (1964)	Shailendra	Ched Chad Songs, Roothna Manaana
 2	Yeh Mera Prem Patra Padhkar, Ke Tum Naaraz Na Hona <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.20 - 3779 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Shankar Jaikishan	Rajendra Kumar, Vyjayantimala
		Sangam (1964)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Romantic Songs, Raag Based Songs, Raga - (Alaiya) Bilawal
 3	Mere Mehboob Tujhe, Meri Mohabbat Ki Kasam <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.36 - 1619 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Naushad	Sadhana, Rajendra Kumar
		Mere Mehboob (1963)	Shakeel Badayuni	Ghazals, Roothna Manaana, Filmfare Awards Nominee, Romantic Songs, Raag Based Songs, Raga - Jhinjhoti
 4	Tumhe Aur Kya Du Mai Dil Ke Sivaye, Tumko Hamari Umar Lag Jaye <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.13 - 363 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Shankar Jaikishan	Rajendra Kumar, Dharmendra, Saira Banu
		Ayee Milan Ki Bela (1964)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Happy Songs, Party Songs, Raag Based Songs, Raga - Bhairavi
 5	Tum Kamsin Ho Nadan Ho Nazuk Ho Bholi Ho <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.30 - 177 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Shankar Jaikishan	Saira Banu, Rajendra Kumar
		Ayee Milan Ki Bela (1964)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Romantic Songs
 6	Mere Mehboob Qayamat Hogi, Aaj Rushwa Teri Galiyo Me <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.30 - 3861 votes	Kishore Kumar	Laxmikant Pyarelal	Kishore Kumar, Kumkum
		Mr. X in Bombay (1964)	Anand Bakshi	Sad Songs, Shikwa Shikayat Songs
 7	Ye Chand Sa Roshan Chehra <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.48 - 432 votes	Mohammed Rafi	O P Nayyar	Sharmila Tagore, Shammi Kapoor
		Kashmir Ki Kali (1964)	S H Bihari	Romantic Songs, Tareef Songs
 9	Nainaa Barase Rimajhim Rimajhim <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.48 - 250 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Madan Mohan	Sadhana, Manoj Kumar
		Woh Kaun Thi (1964)	Raja Mehdi Ali Khan	Rain Songs, Sad Songs
 10	Main Kya Karun Ram Mujhe Buddha Mil Gaya <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.05 - 323 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Shankar Jaikishan	Vyjayantimala, Raj Kapoor
		Sangam (1964)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Dance Songs, Ched Chad Songs
 11	Duniyaa Kahati Happy Birthday To You <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.14 - 192 votes	Asha Bhosle, Manna Dey, Mohammed Rafi	Ravi	Saira Banu, Pran, Om Prakash, Manorama, Joy Mukherjee, Johnny Walker
		Door ki Awaaz (1964)	Shakeel Badayuni	Birthday Songs, Songs for Kids, Party Songs

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Gulbarga, Karnataka, India - Sulaiman Khateeb Memorial gold was given to Noreen Fakharuddin for securing top marks 613/620 in 10th examination(Urdu Medium). Sulaiman Khateeb Memorial Trust has been giving the award for the last 34 years in the name of Dakhani Urdu poet Sulaiman Khateeb to the top scorer of SSLC Urdu medium annual examination.
L to R Shameem Surayya, Hakeem Shakir, Nishat Bevanhalli, the awardee Noreen Fakharuddin, Jaleel Tanveer & Wajahat Abdullah.

Telangana BJP MPs & legislators met PM Modi





The four km-long flyover from Aramghar to Bahadurpura is on fast pace. The civil works have been completed and it is ready for inauguration —P. SURENDRA

New Aramghar-Zoo flyover to ease Old City traffic woes

NABINDER BOMMALA | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The Old City is poised for major relief from traffic woes with the soon to be inaugurated second-longest flyover in the city connecting Aramghar to Nehru Zoological Park. Alongside this, other infrastructure projects, including the Malakpet Road under Bridge (RuB) and the flyover from Chanchalguda to IS Sadan, are under construction to further improve commuting conditions.

The new bi-directional six-lane flyover which is 4.04 km long aims to alleviate traffic at five major junctions: Aramghar, Shastripuram, Kalapathar, Darul Uloom, Shivrampally, and Hassannagar. This facility is expected to ease several bottlenecks along the main road between Aramghar and the zoo. The city's longest flyover remains the 11.6-km PVNR Expressway.

Another major project underway is the 3.38-km four-lane bi-directional flyover connecting Nalgonda crossroads to Santoshnagar. Currently under construction, this

READY FOR INAUGURAL

4.048 km ARAMGHAR TO ZOO FLYOVER

WORK IN PROGRESS

3.38 km Nalgonda X-roads to Santoshnagar

NEW MALAKPET RUB

37-metre-long and 11-metre wide

● This development to ease congestion at IS Sadan, Saidabad, and Chanchalguda traffic

THE MALAKPET RuB is being constructed adjacent to the existing structure and includes approach roads.

This new RuB is set to resolve decades-old traffic issues for commuters travelling from Dilsukhnagar to Koti. Once operational

flyover starts at the Government Printing Press in Chanchalguda. One ramp ends at Yadagiri theatre in Santoshnagar, while the other ramp is meant facilitate traffic towards Champapet.

This development will ease congestion at IS Sadan, Saidabad, and Chanchalguda traffic junctions.

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muters travelling from Dilsukhnagar to Koti. Once operational, both the Nalgonda crossroads to Santoshnagar flyover and the Malakpet RuB will provide a conflict-free traffic corridor between Nalgonda crossroads and Kanchanbagh Road.

These infrastructure enhancements are expected to benefit local residents but also officials working in the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL), and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).



BREAKING

Lok Sabha: Asaduddin Owaisi gives adjournment notice over killing of Muslim men in Sambhal

Hyderabad MP and AIMIM Chief Asaduddin Owaisi has given an adjournment motion notice in Lok Sabha to discuss the issue of "killing of three youths in police firing in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh yesterday."

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AIMIM President Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi along with other MPs of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Waqf Amendment Bill today met with the Loksabha Speaker Om Birla and requested him to Extend the time period of Joint Working Committee on Waqf Amendment Bill 2024.

HYDERABAD | MONDAY | 25 NOVEMBER 2024

Nine-day bash to mark 1 year of Cong. regime

Competitions for CM Cup to be held in all villages till Dec. 7

MOULI MAREEDU | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The state government, as directed by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is preparing for a nine-day celebration to mark one year of the Congress in power. Reddy has directed officials to give priority to development and public welfare programmes during the celebrations, which will be held from December 1 to 9.

As part of the celebrations, a ground-breaking ceremony will be held for the new integrated residential school complex buildings. The process on these buildings has already started in 28 Assembly constituencies. The government recently sanctioned inte-

grated residential schools in 26 more constituencies. The foundation stones for these will be laid during the celebrations.

Competitions for the Chief Minister Cup will be held in all villages till December 7. The Sports Authority will organise these competitions from the village to the state level. Besides, at least 15 nursing colleges and 23 para-medical colleges will be established. Along with these, 213 new ambulance vehicles will be made available. On the other hand, an exclusive clinic for transgender persons will be set up in the districts.

The Chief Minister has already announced that the services of transgen-

dents will be used to control traffic services in Hyderabad after being appointed as traffic volunteers.

Foundation stones and inauguration ceremonies of various development projects in Hyderabad will be held during the celebrations. The ground-breaking ceremony for the new building of the Osmania General Hospital at Goshamahal is also on the agenda as also the inauguration of the Aramghar zoo park flyover and six STPs that have been completed recently.

The foundation stone for various works to be undertaken as part of the HCIT project will be laid. Along with this, a mega project of ₹26 crore will be launched to develop six junctions

with flyovers and underpasses near KBR park.

The foundation stone of the Telangana Forest Development building will be laid. A government ITI and advanced technology centre for girls will be set up in Ghatkesar. Malleshwari, Medchal and Nalgonda ATCs, where work is already underway, will be opened.

Classes of the Young India Skill University, which has already started, will be inaugurated. Foundation stone for sport university will be laid, while several agreements will be signed along with the arrangements for AI City, under the joint auspices of the IT and industries departments.



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گل بوکی حکایت

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



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حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ

55 بخیل کی دولت

اردو حکایت: اک دولت مند بخیل کا لڑکا سخت بیمار تھا۔ اُس کے دوستوں نے اُس سے کہا کہ قرآن مجید کا ختم کرو۔ ایک قرآن پڑھ کر اُس کی صحت یابی کے لئے دُعا کرو یا قربانی دو۔ بخیل سوچ میں پڑ گیا اور پھر کہنے لگا قرآن ختم کرنا زیادہ مناسب ہے کیوں کہ قربانی کے جانوروں کا ریوڑ بہت دور ہے۔ اک صاحب دل نے یہ سنا تو کہا قرآن ختم کرنا اس کو اس لئے پسند آیا کہ قرآن تو اُس کی نوک زبان پر ہے اور روپیہ اُس کی جان میں اٹکا ہوا ہے۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

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به دینارے چو خردر گل بمانند
ور الحمدی بخوابی صد بخوانند

حاصل کلام:

عبادت الہی، اکثر لوگوں اور بالخصوص بخیلوں پر بہت گراں گزرتی ہے۔ اگر اس کے ساتھ ہاتھ سے دینے کی بھی شرط ہوتی۔ بخیلوں کو ایک دینار خرچ کرنا پڑے تو وہ کچھڑ میں پھنسنے ہوئے گدھے کی طرح بن جاتے ہیں ہاں اگر الحمد پڑھو اور تو سو بار پڑھ دیں گے۔

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پھنسنے دلدل میں بچا کر روپیہ مانند خر
ہاں! اگر الحمد پڑھو، پڑھیں گے ایک صد



دانائے مشرق، بلبل شیراز، حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ فارسی زبان کے عالمی شہرت یافتہ ادیب، شاعر، سیاح و دانشور گزرے ہیں۔ آپ کی پیدائش تقریباً آٹھ سو سال قبل سادات کے اک معزز گھرانے میں ہوئی جو برسوں پہلے مکہ سے ہجرت کر کے شیراز میں 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 ایشیاء، آفریقہ اور دُنیا کے دیگر ممالک کی سیرو سیاحت میں بسر کیا۔ کہا جاتا ہے کہ مشرقی سیاحوں میں ابن بطوطہ کے سوا شیخ سعدی سے بڑھ کر کوئی اور سیاح نہیں۔ انہوں نے سیاحت کے دوران بڑی صعوبتیں اٹھائیں اور بڑے تجربے حاصل کئے۔ ایک اندازے کے مطابق شیخ سعدی کی تصانیف تیس سے متجاوز اور ایک سے بڑھ کر ایک ہیں لیکن ان کی دو

کتابوں گلستاں اور بوستاں نے لازوال عالمی شہرت حاصل کی اور حضرت سعدی کے مقام کو بلند و بالا کر کے اورج کمال پر پہنچا دیا۔ گلستاں اور بوستاں کی بنیاد قرآن، حدیث، تربیت، اخلاقیات، تجربات، دور رس اور دانشوری پر رکھی ہوئی ہے۔ ان دو کتابوں کی حکایات میں کچھ ایسا سبق پوشیدہ ہے کہ جس کو پڑھنے کے بعد آدمی اپنے علم و عمل سے انسانیت کے اعلیٰ مقام پر پہنچ سکتا ہے اس لئے ان کا مطالعہ بنی نوع انسان کے لئے نہایت فائدہ مند ہے۔

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 دُنیا کی تقریباً تمام بڑی زبانوں میں ہو چکے ہیں لیکن صرف انگریزی و عربی میں نثر کا ترجمہ نثر اور نظم کا ترجمہ نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ 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 ”ایشیانا نغمہ کی الیکٹرانک اشاعتوں میں ثواب جاریہ کی نیت سے سلسلہ وار شائع کر رہے ہیں۔ (ادارہ)

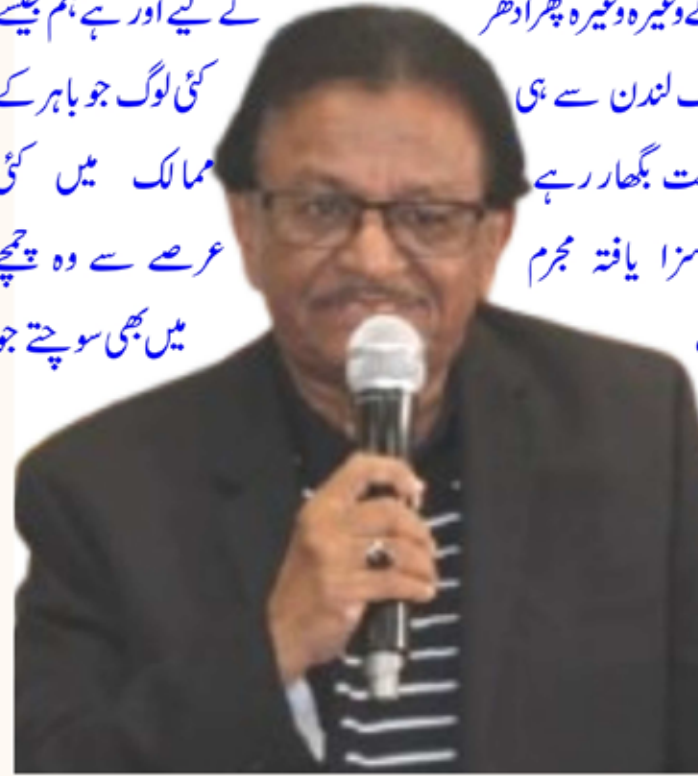
شاید کہ اتر جائے ترے دل میں مری بات

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اصل بات تو یہ ہے کہ آپ نے اپنی اصلاحات میں پہلے کن کن باتوں تو ترجیح دی ہے کیا صرف بیان بازی کا مقابلہ کرتے رہنا ہے یا پھر روٹی کپڑا اور مکان کے وعدے کو پورا کریں گے لوگوں کو بھلے نوکریاں فراہم کریں تعلیم کی سہولتیں اور کوٹہ سٹم پر نظر ثانی کرتے رہیں صرف قابلیت کی بنیاد پر داخلے ہونے چاہئیں روز مرہ کی زندگی کی اشیا ضرورت کے مطابق اور صحیح دام میں ملتے رہنا چاہئے کسی بڑے پروجیکٹ اور یونیورسٹی کی سنگ بنیاد کی تقریب سے زیادہ ان مسائل پر کچھ کر کے دکھاتا ہے بجلی پانی گیس روزہ مرہ کی چیزیں اس کے مسائل ختم کریں تو عوام کو اندازہ ہوگا کہ کچھ آپ کر رہے ہیں عام لوگوں کی زندگی پر نظر انداز ہونے کی باتیں ہی نیوز میڈیا پر آتی ہیں اور کچھ کام مستقبل کی پلاننگ کے لیے اور کچھ ابھی اور اس وقت کے لیے ضروری ہے پھر تبدیلی خود آجائی ہے عمران خان کو کہنے کی ضرورت نہیں کہ تبدیلی آگئی ہے الفاظ کسی کا پیٹ نہیں بھر سکتے انشاء اللہ پھر ملاقات ہوگی۔



لیڈرن سے دوستی اور وکیل حضرات کے لیے بھی کہا جا سکتا ہے کہ پیسہ پھینک تماشہ دیکھ والی بات ہے عام آدمی کے لیے قانون دوسرا اور ان کے لیے اور ہے ہم جیسے کئی لوگ جو باہر کے ممالک میں کئی عرصے سے وہ چمچے میں بھی سوچتے جو



کہ جس طرح نواز شریف اپنی بیٹی کو پراہلم مسٹر بنانے کے چکر میں ہے تو دوسری زرداری بلاول بھٹو کے لیے اس طرح کی کوشش بھی لگے ہیں جس پر میں نے یوں بھی لکھا تھا۔
جانشین کا سلسلہ شروع ہو گیا ہے مغرب سے سورج طلوع ہو گیا ہے بھٹو خاندان کے مقابل نواز خاندان ہے پر بالی ووڈ نہیں ہے یہ پاکستان ہے ہماری تو عمران خان اور ان کی حکومت سے یہ درخواست ہے کہ مدینہ کی ریاست کہنے اور تبدیلی کی باتیں کرنے سے کچھ نہیں ہوتا۔

لگتا ہے کہ کسی فلم کی شوٹنگ ہو رہی ہے کمال کی بات یہ ہے کہ MQM کے لیڈر پر لندن سے خطاب کرنے پر پابندی لگ گئی الزامات لگے غداری کے وغیرہ وغیرہ پھر ادھر نواز شریف لندن سے ہی اپنی سیاست بگھار رہے ہیں وہ سزا یافتہ مجرم حکومت اور فوج کے خلاف بولتا رہتا ہے۔

اس کی مودی سے دوستی سب کے علم میں ہے وہ فوج اور حکومت کے دوسرے اداروں کے بارے میں غلط سلط بولتے رہے ہیں حکومت کا لوٹا ہوا پیسہ اپنے چچوں اور نیوز میڈیا کے لفافے جرنلسٹ پر خرچ کر رہے ہیں نواز شریف کی ریمورٹ سے چلنے والی صاحبزادی بھی چار جماعت پاس حاصل کی طرح بد تمیزی کے الفاظ استعمال کرتی ہے کیا وجہ ہے کہ ان سب کو اتنی چھوٹ ملی ہوئی ہے کیا یہ بات اس طرف اشارہ نہیں کرتی کہ حج صاحبان کی

کسی نے پوچھا کہ سیاست دان اور وکیل کی کامیابی میں ایک بات کا دخل ہوتا ہے؟ وہ کیا ہے؟ جواب ملا کہ دونوں کو چھوٹ بولنے میں مہارت ہونی چاہیے اتنا صاف جھوٹ کہ سچ معلوم ہونے لگے لیکن یہ بات ذرا پرانی ہو چکی ہے کیونکہ لگتا ہے کہ اچھا اور کامیاب وکیل وہ ہوتا ہے جسکی حج حضرات سے اچھی دوستی ہو یہ بات مذاق میں کہی جاتی تھی لیکن بعض اوقات سچ ثابت ہوتی ہے خاص طور پر اپنے ملک میں بڑے بڑے لیڈر بڑے مافیا کے صدر معلوم ہوتے ہیں عدلیہ کی حالت کچھ ایسی ہے کہ ہر جرم کا مرتکب ہونے کے بعد وہ نہ صرف رہا ہوتے ہیں بلکہ ملک سے باہر بھی جا کر رہتے ہیں۔ جیل ان کے لیے ایک گیسٹ ہاؤس ہوتا ہے جہاں وہ عام قیدیوں کی طرح نہیں رہتے اور وہ زندگی بھر عام آدمی کی طرح زندگی بسر نہیں کرتے اور نہ ہی جیل کی مشقت تو پھر بھلا وہ کس طرح عام آدمی کے مسائل کے بارے میں بات کرتے ہیں TV پر اپنے چچوں کی فون کے ساتھ آتے ہیں اور خوب ڈائیلاگ بول کر جاتے ہیں

منائل ملک اور امشار حمان کے بعد متھیرا کی نجی میڈیا ایسٹریٹجی اور تصاویر لیک

پاکستانی سوشل میڈیا اسٹارز ایک کے بعد انڈسٹری کے روایتی اصولوں کی خلاف ورزی کی ہے۔ ان کے جرات مندانہ بیانات نے انہیں پاکستان بھر میں مشہور کیا، جہاں کے مشہور میزبان اور سوشل میڈیا انفلوئنسر متھیرا قدامت پسند معاشرے میں کچھ مخصوص



کی غیر اخلاقی ویڈیوز اور تصاویر لیک ہو گئی ہیں۔ سوشل میڈیا پر کچھ صارفین کی جانب سے متھیرا سے منسوب نازیبا ویڈیوز اور تصاویر شہیر کی جارہی ہیں، لیکن ان تصاویر اور ویڈیوز کی صداقت کے حوالے سے ابہام ہے۔ معروف اداکارہ اور ٹی وی شو کی میزبان اپنی بولڈ عوامی شخصیت کے لیے مشہور ہیں اور طویل عرصے سے پاکستانی میڈیا کے منظر نامے میں تعریف اور تنقید کا نشانہ بنی ہوئی ہیں۔ اپنے ماڈلنگ کیریئر سے لے کر مانع حمل مصنوعات کے اشتہار تک متھیرا نے پاکستانی

مس یونیورس مقابلہ حسن میں پاکستان کی نمائندگی کر نیوالی نور زربینہ کون؟

میکسیکو میں منعقد ہونے والے مس یونیورس 2024 کے فائنل مقابلے میں پاکستان کی نمائندگی کرنے والی اداکارہ و ماڈل نور زربینہ نے عالمی سطح پر مقبولیت حاصل کی۔ رواں برس میکسیکو میں 73 واں مس یونیورس مقابلہ ہوا، جو عالمی ثقافت، حسن اور مقابلے میں حصہ لینے والوں کے جذبات اور اقدار کو بھی ظاہر کرتا ہے۔ وہیں پاکستان کی نمائندگی کر نیوالی ماڈل نور زربینہ نے ملکی روایت کو اپناتے ہوئے عالمی سطح پر پاکستانی ثقافت کی فخر کے ساتھ نمائندگی کی ہے۔ اپنے شاندار لباس اور دلچرپہ موجودگی سے سامعین کو متاثر کرنے کے بعد وہ مس یونیورس مقابلے کا فائنل مقابلہ جیتنے کے لیے بے تاب ہیں۔ نور زربینہ کون ہیں اور تعلق کہاں سے ہے؟ اسلام آباد سے تعلق رکھنے والی 29 سالہ ماڈل نور زربینہ نے مس یونیورس مقابلے میں ٹاپ 10 فائنلسٹ میں جگہ حاصل کی۔ انہوں نے پاکستانی خاندان میں پرورش پائی اور اپنے ثقافتی ورثے کو مسلسل منایا ہے۔ بزنس اور بائیولوجی کی تعلیم حاصل کرنے کے بعد نور زربینہ ایک نئے مقصد کے ساتھ پاکستان واپس آئیں۔ خیال رہے کہ اس سے قبل نور زربینہ مس یونیورس پاکستان 2024 کا ٹائٹل اپنے نام کر چکی ہیں۔ انہوں نے حسن کے مقابلے میں 21 امیدواروں کو شکست دی تھی۔

سدا ہونے کیلئے شرط رکھ دی

دُنیا بھر میں غیر معمولی شہرت بنونے والے بھارتی ٹی وی پروگرام دی گریٹ انڈین بس وہ برتن نہیں ہے جس میں یہ سارے پھول



رکھنے ہیں، گلہستہ بنانا ہے۔ انہوں نے سدا ہونے کیلئے شرط رکھ دی ہے جس میں یہ سارے پھول



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مصیبت سے نجات کی دعا

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ. (بخاری، رقم: ۲۳۰۷)

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے سے اس کے گناہ معاف ہوتے رہتے ہیں، صبح و شام پڑھتے رہیں۔

❖ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے سے دین و دنیا میں امن سے رہتا ہے۔

❖ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ أَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ.

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے سے موت کے وقت آسانی ہوتی ہے، رمضان مبارک میں بکثرت پڑھتے رہیں۔

جنت کا خزانہ

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ (تفسیر مظہری، معارف القرآن، جلد: ۸)

فضیلت: یہ دعا رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے حضرت عوف بن مالکؓ کو مصیبت سے نجات کے لئے تلقین فرمائی، روزانہ کثرت سے پڑھتے رہو جنت کا خزانہ ملتا ہے۔

❖ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ (مسلم شریف، کتاب الذکر)

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے سے فرشتے اس کی مغفرت کی دعا مانگتے رہتے ہیں، اور گناہ جھڑتے رہتے ہیں۔ جیسے سردیوں کے موسم میں درختوں سے پتے جھڑتے رہتے ہیں۔

❖ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ أَحَدٌ صَدَّقَ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ.

یوم عرفہ (ذوالحجہ) کی دعا

❖ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ (بخاری کتاب ۲۵۵، ترمذی شریف، ۵/۵۱۵)

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے سے آل اسمعیلؑ میں سے چار غلام آزاد کرنے کا ثواب ملتا ہے، اور یوم عرفہ کے دن خاص کر بہت زیادہ پڑھنا چاہئے۔

الفضل الدعاء - الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے والوں کے لئے قبر میں نور ہوگا اور قیامت کے دن میزان عمل میں وزنی ہوگی۔

❖ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ (بخاری کتاب الدعوات)

فضیلت: یہ دونوں دعائیں حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کو بہت ہی عزیز تھیں، روزانہ پڑھتے تھے، کیونکہ میزان میں وزنی ہوں گی۔

❖ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ (ابوداؤد کتاب الادب)

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے سے دل و دماغ کو سکون ملتا ہے اور قیامت کے روز چہرہ پر نور ہوگا۔

❖ اللَّهُمَّ اجْزِنِي مِنَ النَّارِ

فضیلت: یہ دعا روزانہ فجر و عصر اور مغرب کی فرض نماز کے بعد سات بار پڑھیں۔

❖ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ (مسلم شریف ۱/۲۰۹)

فضیلت: یہ دعا پڑھتے رہنے سے ایمان پر موت واقع ہوتی ہے، دل و دماغ کو سکون و آرام ملتا ہے۔

❖ يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ (ترمذی شریف کتاب الدعوات: ۲۷۳)

فضیلت: حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کا ارشاد گرامی ہے فجر کی سنت نماز کے بعد (۴۰) دفعہ یہ دعا پڑھنا چاہئے۔

یورپ غیر معیاری غذاؤں کی فروخت میں پہلے نمبر پر

میں فروخت کئے جانے والے مختلف اقسام کے پھلوں اور سبزیوں کے عریقات کی جانچ سے یہ عقدہ بھی کھلا کہ ان میں ایسا کچھ شامل نہیں، جس کا لیبل ان جوہر کے ڈبوں پر لگایا گیا تھا۔ بعض دکانداروں کا دعویٰ ہے کہ شاید سپلائر کمپنیوں کی جانب سے ان غذائی اشیاء پر غلطی سے لیبل لگا دے گئے ہیں۔ لیکن یارک شائر کونسل کی جانب سے اس عذر کو بدتر قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ یارک شائر پبلک اینالائٹ ڈاکٹر ڈیکن کیمبل کا کہنا ہے کہ دکانوں اور مارکٹوں میں فروخت کئے جانے والے سامان میں غیر معیاری اشیاء کی ملاوٹ اور جعلی سازی کا عنصر بڑھ رہا ہے اور اس معاملے پر ان کے تحفظات بھی موجود ہیں۔ لیکن ایسی جعلی، ناقص اور مضرت خورد و نوش میں سے 33 فیصد جعلی انڈی پینڈنٹ (independent) کے مطابق، یورپ بھر کی مارکیٹوں میں فروٹ جوہر، سبزیوں کے جوس، پیزا، بیمر، برگر، سینڈویچز، نیبر، دودھ، بچوں کی ٹافیاں اور دیگر اشیاء خورد و نوش غیر معیاری خام مال سے بنا کر فروخت کی جا رہی ہیں۔ جبکہ فوڈ سیفٹی کے ادارے اور اہلکار ان دو نمبر اشیاء کی خرید و فروخت رکوانے میں ناکام رہے ہیں۔ یہی سبب ہے کہ برطانیہ سمیت یورپ بھر میں عام افراد، بالخصوص نوجوان مہلک بیماریوں میں مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں۔ یورپ بھر میں جعلی اور مضرت خورد و نوش اور مشروبات بنا کر فراہم کرنے والے گروہوں کو "آرگنائزڈ کرمنل گروپس" کا نام دیا گیا ہے، جو یورپی ملکوں میں شرابوں کے جعلی برانڈز کو گھنٹیا قسم کی شرابوں اور کیمیائی مواد کی آمیزش سے بنا کر فروخت کرتے ہیں۔ جبکہ بکری کے دودھ کے نام پر گائے کا زائد المیعا دودھ، پانی اور کیمیکل ملا کر فروخت کیا جاتا ہے۔ برطانوی اور یورپی بازاروں میں جعلی طور پر تیار کیا جانے والا پیئر بھی دھڑلے سے فروخت کیا جا رہا ہے۔ آرگنائزڈ کرمنل گروپ کے حوالے سے برطانوی میڈیا یہ انکشاف بھی کر چکا ہے کہ یورپ، بالخصوص برطانیہ میں مسلمانوں کے لئے مقدس "آب زم زم" کا جعلی برانڈ بھی تیار کر کے بیجا جا چکا ہے۔ برطانوی جریدے ڈیلی ایکسپریس کا کہنا ہے کہ حکام باوجود کوششوں کے اس منظم

تک پانی (inInject) ڈالا گیا تھا اور اس کے بعد ان جھینگوں کو جمادیا گیا، تاکہ ان کا وزن بڑھ جائے۔ گارجین کے مطابق، گائے کے گوشت میں خنزیر کے سستے گوشت کو ملا یا جاتا ہے۔ جبکہ قیمر، سائیج اور سینز وچز میں بھی "دو

گروہ کا سراغ نہیں لگائے ہیں، جن کی جعلی غذاؤں اور فوڈ پروڈکٹس کے استعمال سے معاشرے میں آنتوں کی بیماریاں اور جلد کے مسائل بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ یورپی طبی ماہرین نے اپنی وارننگ میں کہا ہے کہ یورپی معاشرے



نمبر" ملایا جانا معمول ہے۔ بیمر، برگر، پیزا سمیت فاسٹ فوڈ کی قبل میں آنے والی تیار (ready to use) غذاؤں میں بھی مضرت خورد و نوش اشیاء ملائی جاتی ہیں۔ بالخصوص ایسے سامان میں "جعلی پیئر" کا استعمال عام ہے۔ جبکہ پیزا میں ایسی گھنٹیا اور باسی سبزیاں استعمال کی جاتی ہیں، جو پھینک دئے جانے کے لائق ہوتی ہیں۔ گارجین کی رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ ویسٹ یارک شائر کی مارکیٹوں سے اٹھائی جانے والی 900 اقسام کی غذائی اشیاء کے ٹیسٹ لے کر مقامی لیبارٹری میں ان کی جانچ کی گئی تھی۔ جس میں یہ روح فرسا انکشاف ہوا کہ مارکیٹوں میں موجود 33 فیصد غذا میں جعلی ملاوٹ شدہ تھیں۔ جن کے استعمال سے انسانوں کو شدید خطرات لاحق ہیں۔ گارجین کو یارک شائر کی لیبارٹری کی جانب سے کی جانے والی جانچ کے نتائج سے بھی آگاہ کیا گیا ہے، جس میں انکشاف کیا ہے کہ مارکٹ میں وزن کم کرنے کیلئے مشہور (herbal slimming tea) بنائی جانے والی جانچ سے پتہ چلا کہ اس چائے میں نباتات کے نام پر عام درختوں کے پتے ڈال کر گلوکوز کا پاؤڈر ملا دیا گیا۔ دلچسپ بات یہ ہے کہ یہ گلوکوز بھی گھنٹیا تھا اور اس کے استعمال سے استعمال کنندگان کا وزن بڑھ سکتا تھا۔ اس میں 13 فیصد اور رڈوز مقدار ملائی گئی تھی۔ رپورٹ میں مزید بتایا گیا ہے کہ مارکٹ

میں جعلی غذاؤں کے استعمال کی جعلی چیزوں کو مارکیٹوں میں فروخت ہونے سے روکا جاسکے۔ independent کا کہنا ہے کہ مارکیٹ میں فروخت کئے جانے والے بادام کے پاؤڈر کی جگہ گھنٹیا قسم کا مونگ پھلی پاؤڈر ایسنس ڈال کر فروخت کیا جاتا ہے، جو خوشبو کے لحاظ سے بادام کا پاؤڈر ہی لگتا ہے، لیکن اصل میں یہ مونگ پھلی ہوتی ہے، جس کے استعمال سے جلد کے مسائل پیدا ہو رہے ہیں۔ جریدے کا پولیس اور انوسٹی گیشن ٹیموں کے حوالے سے کہنا ہے کہ یورپی مارکیٹوں میں فروخت کئے جانے والے چاولوں کی کوائٹی اگر چہ گھنٹیا ہوتی ہے لیکن انہیں صرف بے چاولوں کا فائدہ اٹھا کر، ایشیائی ممالک کے مشہور اور بیچل باسٹی چاولوں کا برانڈ قرار دے کر میٹھے داموں بیچا جاتا ہے۔ جب کہ ایسے غیر ملکی برانڈز کی شرابوں اور بالخصوص روسی شراب ووڈ کا، کا جعلی برانڈ بھی تیار کر کے اصلی پیکنگ کی شکل میں مارکیٹوں میں فروخت کیا جا رہا ہے۔ برطانوی جریدے گارجین کی جانب سے پیش کی جانے والی رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ برطانوی اور یورپی مارکیٹوں میں دستیاب ہر تین پروڈکٹس میں سے ایک میں ملاوٹ یا جعلی اجزاء ملائے جانے کا انکشاف ہوا ہے اور اس بات کی تصدیق مختلف لیبارٹریز میں بھی ہو چکی ہے۔ مارکیٹوں میں صاف شدہ منجمد (frozen) جھینگوں میں 50 فیصد

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دلی الدین

اعتبار

ان کو اس عمر میں بھی اعتبار نہیں ہوتا کہتے ہیں بڑھاپے میں دل پہ اختیار نہیں ہوتا

اتنی بڑی بڑی انشورنساں کرائے تو بولتے کب یہ چراغ بھڑک کو بجھتا انتظار نہیں ہوتا

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کہتے ہیں میری بیوی بہت نیک ہے وہ سیدھا جنت میں جائے گی یہ سن کر وتی نے نیکی چھوڑ دی کہ پھر وہ جنت میں بھی مل جائے گی

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خود غرض ہو گئے ہیں کسی کی فکر نہیں مذہب کو بھول بیٹھے خدا کا ڈر نہیں زمین پہ جنت بنانے والوں سے کہہ دو وتی ”سامان سو برس کا ہے پل کی خبر نہیں“



انجم رہبر

غزل

تم کو بھلا رہی تھی کہ تم یاد آ گئے میں زہر کھا رہی تھی کہ تم یاد آ گئے

کل میری ایک پیاری سہیلی کتاب میں اک خط چھپا رہی تھی کہ تم یاد آ گئے

اس وقت رات رانی مرے سونے صحن میں خوشبو لٹا رہی تھی کہ تم یاد آ گئے

ایمان جانے کہ اسے کفر جانے میں سر جھکا رہی تھی کہ تم یاد آ گئے

کل شام چھت پہ میر تقی میر کی غزل میں گنگنا رہی تھی کہ تم یاد آ گئے

انجم تمہارا شہر جدھر ہے اسی طرف اک ریل جا رہی تھی کہ تم یاد آ گئے

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دپتی مشرا

غزل

وہ نہیں میرا مگر اس سے محبت ہے تو ہے یہ اگر رسوں رواجوں سے بغاوت ہے تو ہے

سچ کو میں نے سچ کہا جب کہہ دیا تو کہہ دیا اب زمانے کی نظر میں یہ حماقت ہے تو ہے

کب کہا میں نے کہ وہ مل جائے مجھ کو میں اسے غیر نا ہو جائے وہ بس اتنی حسرت ہے تو ہے

جل گیا پروانہ گر تو کیا خطا ہے شمع کی رات بھر جلنا جلانا اس کی قسمت ہے تو ہے

دوست بن کر دشمنوں سا وہ ستاتا ہے مجھے پھر بھی اس ظالم پہ مرنا اپنی فطرت ہے تو ہے

دور تھے اور دور ہیں ہر دم زمین و آسماں دوریوں کے بعد بھی دونوں میں قربت ہے تو ہے

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اندر اورما

غزل

ابھی سے کیسے کہوں تم کو بے وفا صاحب ابھی تو اپنے سفر کی ہے ابتدا صاحب

نہ جانے کتنے لقب دے رہا ہے دل تم کو حضور جان وفا اور ہم نوا صاحب

تمہاری یاد میں تارے شمار کرتی ہوں نہ جانے ختم کہاں ہو یہ سلسلہ صاحب

کتاب زیت کا عنوان بن گئے ہو تم ہمارے پیار کی دیکھو یہ انتہا صاحب

تمہارا چہرہ مرے نکل سے ابھرتا ہے نہ جانے کون بدلتا ہے آئینہ صاحب

رہ وفا میں ذرا احتیاط لازم ہے ہر ایک گام پہ ہوتا ہے حادثہ صاحب

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ارسہ مین

غزل

ہم نے ہنس کر فریب کھائے ہیں ہم پہ دشواریوں کے سائے ہیں

اب تو ہم زندگی سے جا بھی چکے آپ اب ہم سے ملنے آئے ہیں

جو مرے ساتھ ساتھ رہتے تھے اب مرے شہر سے پرائے ہیں

ناخنوں سے کھرچ کے تیرے نقوش اپنی تقدیر سے مٹائے ہیں

کوئی پوشیدہ قہقہہ تو نہیں آپ نے دانت کیوں دبائے ہیں

منزلیں آپ کا مقدر ہیں میری رہ میں کئی سرائے ہیں

ہمیں تربت پہ چھیڑنے مت آ دل کے ارمان اب سلائے ہیں

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ارم زہرا

غزل

میں کئی برسوں سے تیری جستجو کرتی رہی اس سفر میں آرزوؤں کا لبو کرتی رہی

کیا خبر تجھ کو گزاری کیسے میں نے شام غم آنسوؤں کا پانی لے کر میں وضو کرتی رہی

جب تری یادوں نے مجھ کو نیم پاگل کر دیا میں تری تصویر سے ہی گفتگو کرتی رہی

کس طرح اپنی تمناؤں کا میں کرتی شمار بس تجھے پانے کی ہر دم آرزو کرتی رہی

دل کے دروازے پہ جب بھی یاد کی دستک ہوئی میں تصور میں جگر اپنا رفو کرتی رہی

دل کی دھڑکن کہہ رہی ہے تو اچانک آئے گا خود کو دن بھر آئینے کے روبرو کرتی رہی

سوچنا بھی مت کبھی تجھ کو بھلا دے گی ارم وصل کی خواہش ہر اک لمحہ نمود کرتی رہی

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اسنی بدر

غزل

خوابوں کی دنیا پھر سے دکھلا دو اماں سونے جاگنے والی گڑیا لا دو اماں

میں دنیا کی چالاکی کو جان نا پاؤں مجھ کو میرا بھولا پن لوٹا دو اماں

ہر چہرے کے پیچھے اک چہرہ دکھتا ہے دل کی آنکھوں سے یہ بھید چھپا دو اماں

دنیا کو خوش کرتے کرتے تھک جاتی ہوں ہونٹوں پر سچی مسکان سجا دو اماں

دھوپ اگے تو کوئی پھول نہیں کھلتا ہے آنگن کے ان پودوں کو یہ بھلا دو اماں

جب تم نے ہم سب کو اک ہی لبو پلا یارنگ برنگے کیوں ہیں ہم بتلا دو اماں

نیند کہاں کی خوابوں سے اب کیسا رشتہ خالی لوری دے کر ہی بھلا دو اماں

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انادولوی

غزل

جب کبھی حسن کی پاکیزہ کہانی لکھنا شام کے عشق میں میرا کو دوانی لکھنا

تم کسی پھول کو مرجھاتے ہوئے دیکھنا جب اس گھڑی بیٹھ کے انجام جوانی لکھنا

زندگی جس کے تصور سے سنور جاتی ہے میرے حصے میں وہی شام سہانی لکھنا

اپنے مقصد کے لئے اہل سیاست نے یہاں کس طرح کھوئی بزرگوں کی نشانی لکھنا

اس بہانے سے اتر جائے گا یہ دل کا بوجھ اپنا ہر قصہ غم اپنی زبانی لکھنا

ذکر جب بھی چھڑے تہذیب کا دنیا میں آنا اس قلم سے کوئی تاریخ پرانی لکھنا

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On the lighter side....

The phlebotomist entered the hospital room to draw blood. Noticing an apple on the patient's nightstand, she remarked, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

"That's true," the patient replied. "I haven't seen a doctor in three days."

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in her paintings that were on display. "Well, I have good news and bad news," the owner responded. "The good news is that a gentleman noticed your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. I told him it would and he bought all 10 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The gentleman was your doctor."

Hearing his wife as she sings, the husband says, "You know dear, when you sing like that I just wish you were on the radio."

The wife smiles and replies, "Wow honey, you think I am that good?"

"No, but at least that way I can change the station or turn it off."

A woman had bought lots of shoes over time and she decided it was time to kick the habit. She really took it seriously, even changing her driving route to avoid her favorite shoe store. One evening, however, she arrived home carrying a shoe box. Her husband grinned at her, but it didn't faze her at all.



"These are very special shoes," she explained. "I accidentally drove by the shoe store and there in the window were the most perfect shoes I've ever seen! I felt this was no accident, so I thought I'd let fate decide. If I would get a parking spot directly in front of the shop, the shoes were meant for me. And sure enough, the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

A ham and cheese sandwich walks into bar and asks for a drink.

Bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here."

Father: What do you see in that boyfriend of yours?

Teen daughter: Well... he's reliable.

Father: He's always late picking you up!

Teen daughter: I know and I can always count on it. Remember when you had to sit in the front room with my dates until I was ready?

Father: Now that you mention it, I'm beginning to like this guy!

Patient: Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a dog.

Doctor: Lie down on the couch and I'll examine you.

Patient: I can't, I'm not allowed on the furniture.

A woman with a minor injury was at the hospital because her doctor said she wanted to take a closer look at it to make sure everything was all right. The woman's husband sits patiently in the waiting room. After a few minutes, the doctor comes out and asks her assistant for a wrench, which understandably concerns the husband.

Then, after a couple more moments, the doctor re-enters the room, this time asking for a screwdriver. The husband grows worried and begins to pace in circles. Then, a little later, the doctor bursts through the doors screaming for a hammer and at that, the husband, in a state of frenzied fear, runs up and asks, "Doctor, what the heck is wrong with my wife?"

"I don't know," replies the flustered doctor, "I can't get my bag open!"

A woman had been talking on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up.

"Wow," said her husband, "that was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?"

"Wrong number," replied the wife.



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