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## Global Economy will need 2 years to recover if the war stops now

According to AI: Based on data from the first month of the U.S.-Israel conflict with Iran in 2026 (beginning February 28), the war has caused significant global economic disruption, with expert estimates of total global financial losses reaching roughly \$590 billion in the first 30 days alone. The broader market impact includes an estimated \$12 trillion in evaporated global market capitalization as of late March 2026, driven by high uncertainty and inflation fears.

### Key Global Impacts

**Energy Shock:** The closure of the Strait of Hormuz, through which roughly one-fifth of the world's oil and LNG passes, has resulted in the

largest oil supply disruption in history, exceeding the 1973 and 1979 crises combined. Brent crude prices surged past \$120 a barrel, a 40% increase from pre-war levels.

**Infrastructure Damage:** Iranian attacks on energy infrastructure, including a key Qatari natural gas facility, wiped out 17% of Qatar's LNG export capacity, with repairs expected to take up to five years.

**Economic Fallout:** More than 30 major economies are experiencing pressure due to rising fuel costs and disrupted trade, with the WTO warning of a potential 0.3% reduction in forecasted 2026 global GDP growth.

**Environmental Damage:** Continued strikes have resulted in lasting environmental damage, with experts predicting it could take 20 to 30 years to fully repair damaged ecosystems, air, and water sources.

**Humanitarian Impact:** Iran's economy is facing a projected 20% shrinkage in GDP, with an estimated 40 million people potentially falling below the poverty line.

### Military Costs

**U.S. Spending:** The war is costing the U.S. billions in operational costs, with early estimates showing over \$12.7 billion in spending in the first six days. By the end of March 2026, the Pentagon requested a \$200 bil-

lion supplemental spending request for the war. Losses: Over 8,700 deaths and 34,000 injuries were confirmed in the first 30 days, along with heavy damage to military infrastructure.

### Recovery Outlook

Even if military actions were to stop immediately, economists estimate that the global economy would need one to two years to recover from the disruptions, with the destruction of infrastructure leading to long-term economic pain.

## What USA gained in the War

Billions of dollars in US military equipment have been damaged or destroyed since the start of the US-Israeli war on Iran, mostly due to Iranian missile and drone attacks, according to a Wall Street Journal report published on Friday, Anadolu reports.

Losses in the first three weeks of the conflict are estimated at \$1.4 billion to \$2.9 billion, Elaine McCusker, a former Pentagon budget official now at the American Enterprise Institute, told the newspaper.

Among the incidents cited, three F-15E fighter jets were mistakenly shot down by a Kuwaiti aircraft on March 1, while an F-35 stealth jet made an emergency landing on March 16 after reportedly coming under fire. Iran claims it targeted the aircraft, according to the report.

A midair collision between two KC-135 refueling planes over Iraq also killed six crew members. Five more KC-135s were damaged in an Iranian missile strike on Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia and are undergoing repairs.

More than a dozen MQ-9 Reaper drones have been lost, including several shot down by missiles and others destroyed on the ground. Iranian strikes also damaged aircraft and radar systems at US bases in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Jordan.

A fire broke out on the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford on March 12; the ship is now undergoing repairs at Souda Bay, Greece, according to the US Navy.

The Pentagon plans to replace some of the damaged systems through a proposed \$200 billion supplemental spending request.

Anadolu could not independently verify the reported losses.

Regional tensions escalated after Feb. 28, when the US and Israel launched a joint offensive on Iran, killing more than 1,340 people. Iran has retaliated with drone and missile strikes targeting Israel and Gulf countries hosting US military assets.

So far, 13 US service members have been killed and roughly 290 others injured since the operations began.

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## The Strait of Hormuz will change the business world

Professor Ray Dalio, a researcher in the history of empires over 500 years and a manager of billions of dollars, published an article in which he said:

One sentence in it summarizes everything:  
“Losing control of the Strait of Hormuz may be, for America, like Britain losing control of the Suez Canal in 1956.”

Before you understand this sentence, we must talk about the year 1956.  
Because what happened in 1956 may be repeated today.

1956: The End of Britain

For 200 years, Britain was the superpower of the world.  
The British pound was the world’s currency, and its navy controlled the oceans.

The most important point of its

power: the Suez Canal.

A large portion of global trade passes through this canal. Whoever controls the canal controls global trade.

In 1956, Egypt nationalized the canal. They said: “It is ours now.”  
Britain threatened: “Open the canal or we will come.”  
Egypt did not open the canal.

Britain, along with France and Israel, launched an attack.  
But what happened, happened.

America said: “Enough.”  
The Soviets said: “Enough.”  
The United Nations said: “Enough.”

Britain was forced to retreat.

On that day, the world saw something:  
Britain was no longer a superpower.

What happened after that?

The British pound collapsed.  
Allies distanced themselves.  
Colonies began declaring independence.  
Capital fled from Britain.

Within twenty years, Britain became an ordinary country.

An empire that lasted 200 years ended because of one canal.

It was not just a canal — it ended because of one perception:  
“This country is no longer strong.”

The moment this perception took hold, money fled, allies withdrew, and the system collapsed.

Dalio says: the same thing may happen to America now.

Why is the Strait of Hormuz so important?

20% of global oil supplies pass through this strait.

Saudi oil comes through it.  
UAE oil comes through it.  
Kuwait oil comes through it.  
Iraq oil comes through it.

What happens if the strait is closed?

Oil prices will rise.  
The global economy will stop.  
Gulf countries will be unable to export.  
Europe will face an energy crisis.  
Asian factories will shut down.

Imagine it like this:

There is only one tunnel on a highway.  
All trucks pass through it — food, fuel, raw materials, everything.

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This is what Iran is doing now.



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## Frisco became strong because we chose community over fear. We can't lose that....

I recently came across statements made by a candidate for Mayor of Frisco on a podcast that concerned me. Not because I am easily offended, and not because political disagreements are new, but because of what those words represent for the kind of city we are becoming.

Frisco is not just where I live. It is where my family built its life, where my child grew up before heading off to college, and where I have spent years working with others to serve and strengthen our community. I have seen firsthand how people from different backgrounds, different faiths, cultures, and professions have come together here to build something special.

That is what makes this moment different.

Frisco is a city people chose because it felt safe, welcoming, and full of possibilities. That didn't happen by accident — it happened because we built trust with one another.

When entire communities, whether Indian, Muslim, or anyone else, are spoken about in a way that creates fear or suspicion, it does more than offend. It changes how neighbors start to see each other. It chips away at trust.

I also understand that, for some, the fear of Muslims comes from what they see or hear in the news. But the reality of who we are is far simpler. We are families who came to this country for the same reasons so many others did. For opportunity, stability, and a better future for our children. We go about our daily lives just like anyone else. We work, raise our families, volunteer, and try to contribute positively to the communities we are part of.

We follow the law of the land and respect the Constitution. We have no desire to impose our beliefs on anyone. Like most people, we simply want to live in peace, practice our faith, and give back to the society that has given us so much.

That is the Frisco I know.

We can disagree on policy. We can debate taxes, development, education, and the direction of our city. That is healthy. But there is a line between debating ideas and labeling people. When rhetoric shifts from issues to entire communities, it moves us away from

disagreement and toward division.

And that matters even more when it comes from someone seeking to lead our city.

A mayor is not just managing budgets or infrastructure. A mayor sets the tone. They influence how safe people feel, how welcome families feel, and how our children learn to see those who are different from them.

Frisco's growth did not happen by accident. People chose this city as their home. They invested here. They opened businesses, joined schools, volunteered, and built places of worship. They became neighbors.

That kind of growth depends on trust. And trust is fragile.

If we allow public discourse to normalize broad generalizations about entire groups, we risk eroding that trust. Not overnight, but slowly. And once that trust is gone, it is much harder to rebuild.

As someone who believes deeply in both my faith and the values of this country, I also believe in responsibility in how we speak. The Constitution protects our freedom of speech. But leadership is not just about what you are allowed to say, it is about what you choose to say, and the impact it has.

We do not have to agree on everything to coexist. We will not. But we do have to agree on one basic standard: our neighbors should not be reduced to labels or treated as threats because of who they are.

This is not about one individual. It is about the standard we set for leadership in Frisco.

We have built a city that many people are proud to call home. The responsibility now is to protect what makes it strong.

Frisco deserves leadership that brings people together and reflects the values of a diverse and growing community.

Because in the end, the kind of leadership we accept will shape the kind of city we become.

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accident — it happened because we built trust with one another.

Now we need leadership that protects that trust.

Frisco deserves a mayor who brings people together and reflects the values of a diverse, growing community. Because the leadership we choose will shape the city we become. We have worked too hard, for too long, to let fear-based rhetoric undo the trust that built this city. Frisco's strength has always come from its people — all of them.

Leadership should honor that.

Frisco became strong because we chose community over fear. We can't afford to lose that. Frisco deserves someone who unites, not divides. Someone who understands that every family here belongs.

The standard we set now will define the future our children inherit.

This moment demands leadership that lifts people up, not pushes them apart. The kind of leadership we accept today will decide the kind of city we live in tomorrow.

Muhammed Azfar Saeed is a Frisco resident.

## Carrollton man charged with wife's murder less than a month of marriage: affidavit

On March 18 at around 4:40 a.m., Carrollton Police responded to a call about a disturbance at an apartment located in the 1700 block of Metrocrest Drive.

Officers discovered a victim with an injury to her throat who was not breathing. Police found two individuals in the apartment, including 23-year-old Francisco Mendez-Marin, who was found with blood on his clothes and a bloody pocket knife.

The arrest affidavit states that the officer's body camera footage shows the suspect saying, "I didn't do anything bad" and "I was obligated to do it" in Spanish. Officers then determined Marin-Mendez

committed the offense and arrested him, charging him with murder.

Officials found a marriage license dated to Feb. 26, 2026 in the suspect's apartment showing the victim, 20-year-old Karla Rangel, was married to Mendez-Marin.

Carrollton PD later confirmed the incident began as a domestic dispute before turning violent. Another individual was in the apartment at the time of the incident.

Mendez-Marin was taken to the Carrollton City

Jail and later moved to Dallas County Jail. He is also currently on an immigration hold.

What we don't know

We don't know what Mendez-Marin's bond has been set at or the status of the other individual in the apartment at the time of the incident.

Yahoo/News  
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## Boris Johnson At University Of Dallas: Attacks

### 'Trump Derangement Syndrome,' Warns Of 'Axis Of Tyranny'

Former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson took the stage at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, on Friday for a speech on Western civilization, the Iranian threat, and the war in Ukraine.

The event, hosted by the Young America's Foundation, drew a packed crowd that was moved to applause and laughter by Johnson's quick quips and cadence. Johnson opened with a nod to his complicated relationship with America, recounting how he once walked with a "heavy heart" to Grosvenor Square – the site of the former U.S. Embassy in London – to formally renounce his American citizenship after running afoul of the IRS over a property tax liability in England.

"I genuinely feared that U.S. Navy SEALs would come crashing through my window," he joked.

The evening's tone would turn more serious. Johnson delivered an urgent warning centered around the Strait of Hormuz, condemning the dangerous complacency of Western allies in dealing with Iran in the crucial waterway. At the heart of the threat, he argued, stands the Islamic Republic anchoring an alliance of global adversaries: Russia, China, and North Korea, which he called an "axis of tyranny" united by a shared desire to see Western democracies fail.

"They are the mutually reinforcing coalition of autocracies," Johnson said, "and they are part of the same ball of wax."

Johnson was particularly vocal about Iran's domestic brutality, describing a regime that "executes women for wearing the wrong head coverings" and ordered the killing of some 30,000 protesters who took to the streets of Tehran demanding freedom.

Johnson spoke on his personal experience, when he worked on the case of a British national held captive in Tehran, an anecdote that ended with the former prime minister calling Iranian authorities "absolute liars."

Time and again, Johnson circled back to the Strait of Hormuz – that narrow, critical chokepoint – and called out other Western nations for acting as if the threat from Iran was "someone else's problem."

He recalled that the United Kingdom lowered its flag in the Gulf in 1972, "relinquishing" its responsibilities in the region. He argued that history made it all the more absurd for European leaders to now claim the conflict is not their concern.

"This is not a European war? – What rubbish," he said flatly.

Johnson reserved some of his sharpest criticism for what he described as a kind of self-induced confusion among Western European leaders, suggesting many have succumbed to what he called "Trump derangement syndrome," allowing their frustration with the American president to cloud their strategic judgment. He also acknowledged ongoing tensions within the NATO alliance but insisted the transatlantic partnership remains the most consequential geopolitical force of the past two centuries. "There is absolutely no power on earth that can prevail against us," Johnson said, if the West remains united.

Ukraine dominated the latter portion of his speech. Johnson called Ukrainians "brave as lions," insisting they are on the right side of an irreversible tide. "Putin is up against something absolutely irresistible – the love of liberty."

Johnson made the case that increased support for Kyiv was both a moral duty and a strategic necessity. He voiced optimism that Ukraine could deliver a decisive result this year, even suggesting tapping into frozen Russian assets to help finance the war effort.

Johnson then lashed out at Western campus protest culture, expressing bewilderment at liberal students who demonstrate in solidarity with Hamas or the Iranian government. "Do they know what Hamas actually does?" he asked.

He illustrated the point with a story about a water park in Gaza – "Crazy Water Park" – which Hamas militants reportedly burned to the ground, objecting to what they described as the "undressed human form." "Whose side are you on tonight, here in Dallas?" Johnson asked the crowd. "Are you on the side of Hamas, or Crazy Water Park?"

During the question-and-answer session, Johnson fielded queries from students in the audience on topics ranging from Islam in America to free speech in the United Kingdom. On the former, he noted that his own great-great-grandfather was Muslim, and said that no religion is inherently threatening to Western values. Rather, Johnson claims, it is political extremism, not faith, that poses the danger.

On free speech, he acknowledged that both Britain and the United States have developed a troubling intolerance for opposing viewpoints, though he expressed optimism that British police, after a period of arresting people over "social media posts," are beginning to correct course.

"We need to grow up," he said, and develop "thicker skin."

Asked to identify the single greatest threat to the West, Johnson answered by focusing on a failure of moral clarity. "Not being clear on who our friends are, who our enemies are – and not being clear on our values," he said.

Johnson called on Washington to plainly articulate the difference between Ukraine and Russia, in the tradition of Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, who he said were masters at clearly outlining who their enemies were to the world.

Johnson closed the evening with a recitation from Homer's Iliad – delivered entirely from memory, at great length, and to a great applause – before wrapping with a final call for confidence in the West.

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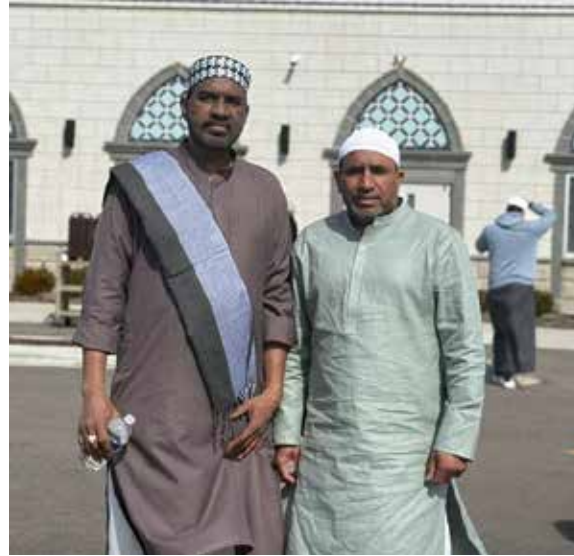
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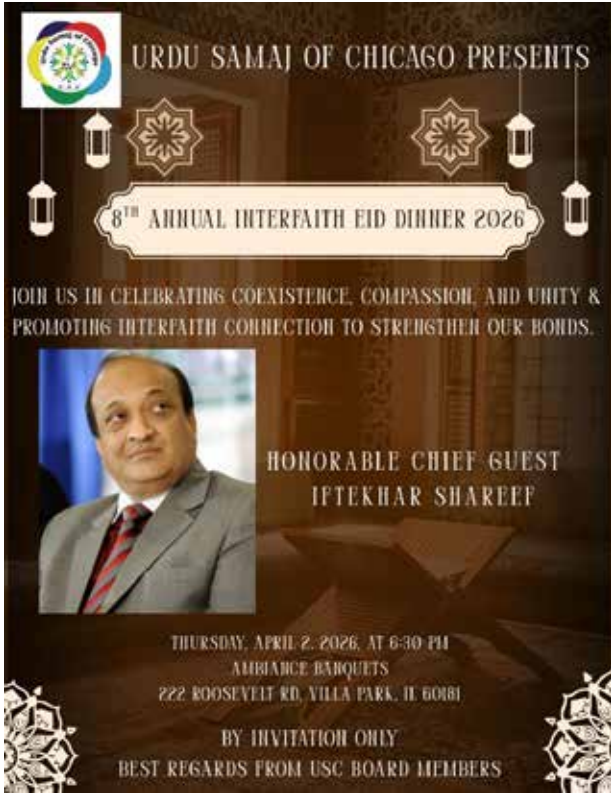
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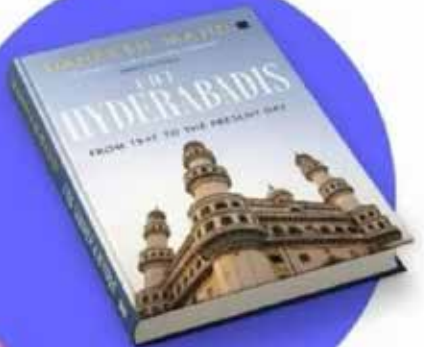
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## Trump lashes out at Europe as growing number of allies reject US calls for help

US President Donald Trump has asked European allies for a lot lately – the use of military bases, the potential relocation of missile defense systems and generally stronger support for US military action against Iran.

Many responses have been lukewarm, with allies offering limited defensive support but also repeatedly calling for de-escalation. But increasingly, White House requests have been met with a firm “no.” Or nie, non, rifiuto.

This week, Italy denied a US request for aircraft to land at a military base in Sicily, according to state broadcaster RAI on Tuesday.

RAI reported that “the (US) plan had been communicated while the aircraft were already in flight, and checks revealed that these were not normal or logistical flights and therefore not covered by the treaty with Italy.” An Italian defense ministry spokesperson confirmed the reports to CNN but declined to comment further.

The office of Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni – one of Trump’s key allies in Europe – said Italy was “acting in full compliance with existing international agreements.” Reading between the lines of the official statements, it appears that means Italy considers any offensive actions related to attacks on Iran not in compliance.

Along with the United Kingdom, France and Germany, Italy has joined efforts to send air defense

assistance to Gulf allies. But when it comes to the offensive campaign, Meloni has joined the chorus of European leaders calling the war in Iran illegal, or as she put it, “outside the scope of international law.”

“One key issue for European countries is the issue of legality,” said Kamil Zwolski, a fellow on terrorism and conflict studies at the UK-based Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). “What Europeans mean when they say that this war has no legal basis is that the United Nations has not approved it – there was no resolution. They also mean that this is not a war of self-defense, because there was no evidence of imminent attack of Iran against the US or Israel.”

“At the minimum, what they also mean is that this war was not agreed by NATO allies. They were not consulted,” Zwolski told CNN.

Against that backdrop, other examples of European refusals and hesitations are mounting.

Spain’s Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has perhaps been the most outspoken – doubling down on his condemnation of US strikes and his position of not authorizing the use of Spanish military bases or airspace for any activity relating to war in Iran.

Rather than tread lightly, Spain’s defense minister Margarita Robles Fernández has called the war launched by the US and Israel “profoundly illegal and profoundly unjust.”



The U.S. national debt has officially reached a staggering \$39 trillion as of March 2026. The most alarming factor is the sheer speed of this growth, with the total climbing by \$1 trillion roughly every few months in a historic surge.

This debt now exceeds the size of the entire U.S. economy. Current projections suggest it could reach 120% of GDP within a decade. Meanwhile, annual interest payments alone cost nearly \$900 billion, driven higher by rising defense spending and global economic pressures. The fiscal trajectory has shifted from a long-term concern to an immediate reality. With the gap between trillion-dollar milestones shrinking rapidly, the jump to \$40 trillion is approaching faster than expected. The question is no longer if this matters, but when it peaks.

He served 37 years in the Navy. Became the first Black commander of U.S. Southern Command. Then the Defense Secretary told him: “You’re either on the team or you’re not.” He chose to leave.

Admiral Alvin Holsey, the first Black commander of U.S. Southern Command and a 37-year Navy veteran, was pushed out after raising concerns about the legality of the Trump administration’s boat strikes in the Caribbean. The strikes targeted suspected drug vessels near Venezuela and killed at least 87 people across more than 22 attacks.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Hegseth asked Holsey to step down after months of tension. In one exchange, he reportedly told the admiral: “You’re either on the team or you’re not.” Holsey offered to resign during an October 6 Pentagon meeting. His retirement — two years early — was announced ten days later. The controversy deepened when it emerged that Hegseth gave a directive to “kill everybody” aboard a boat during a September 2 strike, and that a follow-up strike killed two survivors. Congress has demanded testimony.



## Iranian ambassador refuses to leave Lebanon after being declared persona non grata, AFP reveals

“The ambassador will not leave Lebanon, in accordance with the wishes of the speaker of parliament Nabih Berri and of Hezbollah,” AFP reported, citing an anonymous source.

The Iranian ambassador to Lebanon reportedly refused to leave the country after being declared persona non grata by the Lebanese government, Agence France-Presse (AFP) reported, citing diplomatic sources.

“The ambassador will not leave Lebanon, in accordance with the wishes of the speaker of parliament Nabih Berri and of Hezbollah,” the source told AFP.

The report comes days after both Hezbollah and Amal (Berri’s party) politicians boycotted parliamentary sessions after the Lebanese government’s decision to expel the Iranian diplomats.

Lebanon ordered Iran’s ambassador-designate, Mohammad Reza Sheibani, to leave the country

on Sunday, but the move reportedly will not materialize.

“I instructed today the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants to summon the Iranian Chargé d’Affaires in Lebanon to inform him of the decision to withdraw the agrément for the designated Iranian Ambassador, Mohammad Reza Shibani, declare him persona non grata, and request that he leave Lebanese territory no later than 29 March, 2026,” Lebanese Foreign Minister Youssef Raggi confirmed.

Over 100 IRGC officials deployed to Lebanon. A Reuters report on March 21 said that Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) had roughly 100 officers to rebuild its military command after its heavy losses in 2024.

According to two people familiar with these IRGC activities, the overhaul was the first of its kind for Hezbollah, highlighting a direct involvement approach after the blows of the 2024



war, including the killing of its leader Hassan Nasrallah and other top commanders.

Iran’s investment seemed to pay off, getting Hezbollah back on its feet in time to enter the current war.

The two sources said IRGC officers tasked with helping Hezbollah recover arrived shortly after a ceasefire in November 2024, and set to work even as Israel continued to strike Hezbollah targets throughout the country.

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The Jerusalem Post

## Usha Vance Says She Was Happy with 3 Kids, but JD Persuaded Her to Get Pregnant Again After Becoming VP

“I knew that I’d be happy if we only had three kids, and I knew that I’d be happy if we had four,” she said. “And so here we are”

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Second lady Usha Vance says her husband, Vice President JD Vance, was persuasive in convincing her to have a fourth child during his time in office

Usha says that although their family felt complete with three kids, she was always open-minded about welcoming more children

The couple’s baby boy will arrive in July 2026

Second lady Usha Vance is opening up about her decision to have another child with her husband, Vice President JD Vance, as she adjusts to the spotlight in Washington. The couple will become the first vice presidential family since the 1870s to welcome a child while in office.

JD, 41, and Usha, 40, revealed in January that the second lady was pregnant with baby No. 4 and said the due date for their baby boy is in late July. The Vances are already parents to sons Ewan, 8, and Vivek, 6, and daughter Mirabel, 4.

While talking about her family with NBC News, Usha recalled a viral comment that her husband made in March, when he said he persuaded her to get pregnant again.

“I remember when we decided to run for vice president, I said, ‘Honey, I really want to have a fourth kid,’ “ he said at the Michigan event. “And she said, ‘Well, you can become vice president or you can have a fourth baby.’ But, ladies and gentlemen, I am persuasive, because I got both.”



While recalling his words to NBC, Usha laughed and said her husband did, in fact, persuade her to have another kid “in a manner of speaking,” adding, “I’ve never closed the door on that.”

“I grew up in a family of two. And I thought that was a great number. And then I had two kids, and I thought — I didn’t feel quite done, right?” she said. “So I really wanted to have a third child.”

After the arrival of Mirabel, Usha said her family felt complete, but she was still open to having another baby.

“We have our daughter, who’s amazing, and it was great. And so I just wasn’t sure. But as time passed,

I realized that I was feeling more and more, kind of, excited about that possibility,” she said.

“And so if there was a chance, I should take it, and I knew that I’d be happy if we only had three kids, and I knew that I’d be happy if we had four. And so here we are,” she added.

Only one other second lady has given birth during her time in office, according to public records. In 1870 — just one month into Vice President Schuyler Colfax Jr.’s term — he and second lady Ellen Wade Colfax welcomed a son, Schuyler III, who grew up to be a local Indiana politician.

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Joyann Jeffrey

# Israeli parliament passes budget, allowing Netanyahu to avoid early elections

Israel's parliament on Monday passed its annual budget in a marathon overnight session, ensuring that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government can complete its term until the fall.

Israel needed to pass a budget before April 1 in order to avoid triggering early elections. Netanyahu still reserves the right to call early elections before then if he wants.

Israel's opposition slammed the budget for increasing funding to Israel's ultra-Orthodox communities at a time when the country is facing soaring costs over its war in Iran and is still reeling from a two-year war in Gaza.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid called it "the greatest theft in the state's history."

"The government of gluttony and evasion

carried out a nocturnal heist," former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, who is expected to challenge Netanyahu in upcoming elections, wrote on X.

Opposition parties were especially furious over a last-minute amendment providing an additional \$250 million to ultra-Orthodox schools. Anger has increased at the ultra-Orthodox community for its refusal to allow its young men to serve in the military while it is stretched to its breaking point and is in desperate need of additional soldiers. Military service is mandatory for most Jews.

Far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich praised the budget for "taking care of all Israeli citizens, without exception."

Netanyahu's government is in the final months of its four-year term and is required to hold



elections by the end of October. Israeli governments rarely last their full terms, though the budget's passage means Netanyahu, whose popularity has dropped since Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack, is now likely to complete his term.

The budget passed 62-55. Sirens warning of missiles launched from Iran toward Jerusalem interrupted the discussions three times, according to the parliament's spokesperson. The session took place in the building's auditorium, rather than the plenum, because it is located closer to a bomb shelter.

The \$270 billion budget, Israel's largest ever, included a 20% increase for the Ministry of Defense due to the ongoing war against Iran. The ministry's budget has swollen to \$45 billion, forcing cuts in other government ministries.

Recent opinion polls in Israel indicate that while Israelis overwhelmingly support the war, Netanyahu and his political coalition don't appear to be benefiting.

Iran continues to fire missiles at Israel each day, disrupting the lives of millions of anxious and exhausted voters. Israel's war with Hezbollah militants in Lebanon also is intensifying, while the disruption of the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf has upended the global economy. Pushing off elections until the fall could allow Netanyahu to harness momentum from the Iran war once middle-of-the night sirens are a more distant memory for Israelis. But the election would also fall close to the anniversary of the Oct. 7 attack, the worst in Israel's history.

Israel's military recently extended its wartime guidelines for civilians, which prevent large gatherings and encourage people to stay within a certain distance of bomb shelters, for an additional week. This means the wartime guidelines will include at least the first part of the week-long Passover holiday.

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# Trump Ballroom Trashed Over Its Humiliating Design Flaws



Architects are warning that President Donald Trump's ballroom vanity project has disastrous design flaws.

The National Capital Planning Commission, which Trump has stacked with loyalists, is expected to take a final vote on the ballroom on April 2. But the president has already entirely demolished the East Wing to make way for the new event space.

Ahead of the vote, the New York Times published a piece on Sunday by a trained architect, fine arts expert, and urban planning writer who warned about serious flaws in the ballroom mockups.

The authors warned that the ballroom has "fake windows on the north side," columns that "block interior ballroom view," and an "unnecessarily big" rooftop area.

The Times story also warned about "its stairs lead nowhere," as several of the staircases from the ground appear not to be connected to a way into the ballroom.

The ballroom, as it stands, is set to be more than three times the size of the White House, which will disrupt the historic property's symmetry, the experts also noted.



"The hurried reviews, with construction cranes already swiveling above the White House grounds, are an abrupt departure from how new monuments, museums and even modest renovations have been designed and refined in the capital for decades," the Times wrote. "And the ballroom will be worse off for it, architects warn."

The scale and scope of the project have changed since the Trump administration first demolished the East Wing, once home to the Office of the First Lady and her staff. The White House has maintained that the new ballroom's \$300 to \$400 million price tag will be "privately funded."

The president's vanity project has been met with immense public pushback. Around 98 percent of 32,000 public comments are against the construction of the ballroom, according to a review by the Times.

One comment said in part, "I grew up near Washington, D.C. I visited the White House many times as a child. I wept when I saw the rubble where once stood the beautiful East



Wing..."

"The White House is not a palace. It is not a tsar's residence. The National Trust oversees this building because it belongs to us, the people, not to any president," another public commenter wrote. "I know that taste is subjective, but we all know what it is to be modest. A ballroom that dwarfs the White House is not modest, and I would say it is tasteless and tacky."

"I am totally disgusted with the administration's plan to build a ballroom to replace the Eastwing of the White House. We don't need another ugly display of tone deaf actions by this president," another person wrote in a public comment.

Kate Schwennsen, former national president of the American Institute of Architects, said, "If any of my previous students had submitted the proposed Ballroom addition to the White House as currently designed, I would have given them a failing grade."

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Annabella Rosciglione

## Trump Education Secretary Bluntly Tells Fox News How 'Terribly' American Kids Are Doing in School

Trump Education Secretary Linda McMahon gave a startling answer when asked by Fox News's Harris Faulkner how well American kids are doing in school.

I am excited to have this conversation because you bring so much sunshine to a topic that's been tough," Faulkner began. "First of all, tell us where we are with what kids are doing just scholastically in the country." "We're doing terribly," McMahon said. "I mean, our education system has failed our kids. The latest NAEP scores, which were released just after the president took office — and that's a national report card — only about 30% of high school and eighth graders can read proficiently or do math proficiently. Think about that. Public schools across the country only about 30%. Some places, 35%. But, it's just terrible."

Later in the interview, McMahon changed course, saying kids were doing "very well" with a traveling history quiz put together by the Trump administration.

"I know you are on tour right now, all 50 states, either you and/or your team," Faulker said. "It is a nonpartisan tour, and typically includes a speech followed by a history quiz, and actually

a bit of a game show, so we'll get into that. But queue the left's outrage anyway," Faulkner said.

"Even though it is not partisan and it's completely positive, at least four stops have been canceled in Massachusetts, Alabama, and Connecticut. Stops in Wisconsin, New Jersey and Illinois have been met with protesting," Faulkner said.

"It is crazy," McMahon said. "I don't know what they think it is about. If they come in and listen to the questions, they are about the Constitution, about the Declaration of Independence, our forefathers. It is learning about our country in civics, and a lot of the questions are relative to U.S. History. And we also have questions tailored to their states. It's a civics lesson. It's in



lock-step with the president's 250th celebration, the country's 250th celebration."

"How are they doing with the questions?" Faulkner asked.

"They are doing very well with those questions. It could be they get them ahead of time. I don't know," McMahon said.

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# SAFE DRIVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS



Inclement weather can pose many hazards and dangerous road conditions for operators. Workers should be aware of impacting weather events and its effects on safely driving and operating vehicles and equipment.

## BE PREPARED

### CHECK LOCAL FORECAST

Stay caught up on the latest weather conditions for your area. In the event of severe weather, operations may need to be altered to accommodate the changes.

### CONDUCT PLAY OF THE DAY

Based on current and future weather conditions, detailed communication in regards to each worker's assigned task, safe routes to take, and specific operations should be discussed in-depth.

### PERFORM THOROUGH PM

Check tires, windshield wipers, fluids, lights, and other essential equipment functions that will ensure the vehicle is ready to operate safely and efficiently.

## SLOW DOWN

### BE DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE

Practice safe driving techniques related to defensive driving and Smith System 5 Keys. By using these tools, drivers can remain vigilant in their efforts to arrive safely.

### USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

Drive with lights on and use warning devices to effectively communicate with other drivers. When pavement is wet, you should decrease speed, turn off cruise control, and increase following distance.

### SEEK COVER

With a threat of excessive wind gusts, hail, or even tornadoes, limit driving to an as needed basis. Secure loads, protect vehicles and equipment, and seek shelter when severe weather is near.

## STAY FOCUSED

### MAINTAIN AWARENESS

Situational awareness will be essential during inclement weather. Pay careful attention to weather, roadway, and traffic conditions as they may change abruptly.

### BE PROACTIVE

Remember to Stop. Speak. Act! It is important to stay engaged with the environment around you and make good decisions to ensure the safety of yourself and your teammates.

### COMMUNICATE

Keep constant communication with team members about conditions. Radios will be an essential resource in the event that cell towers or electricity are impacted by storms.

# HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS



## BE PREPARED

### VERIFY CONDITIONS

In high water operations, it is important to remain aware of locations that may become impacted by flooding. All employees should be briefed and updated regularly regarding this information.

### ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

Equip vehicles with necessary supplies to respond to flooded roadways. This includes PPE, signage, tools, and water/snacks, especially if employees will be stationed for long hours at these locations.

### PLAN FOR MORE

Flooding creates hazardous conditions for workers. Verify that first aid kits are stocked, and fire extinguishers are charged before response.

## SLOW DOWN

### TURN AROUND

When roadways are covered in water, turn around and never attempt to drive through. It may be worse than what it initially appears. Vehicles are not equipped to handle high water, which may cause the engine to flood or be carried away.

### BE CAUTIOUS

In the event of rain or wet pavement, drive carefully to the current conditions to avoid loss of traction on the roadway. Operators should turn off cruise control, slow down, and increase following distance.

### HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

Avoid areas that would require backing. If backing becomes necessary, use a spotter, when available. Perform 360 walkaround to confirm surroundings are free of hazards.

## STAY FOCUSED

### OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

Identify unsafe travel paths and avoid driving through these areas. Debris, fixed objects, downed powerlines, or other items may be hidden. If you don't know, don't go!

### CALL A TIME-OUT

When faced with situations that may become unsafe, workers should utilize stop work authority and communicate hazards with others. When conditions improve, a new plan of action may be taken.

### REMAIN ALERT

Long hours in this type of emergency response may affect workers ability to remain vigilant. It is essential to communicate with supervision about this to ensure operational readiness.

RECIPES

Chicken Pesto Pasta

INGREDIENTS

Extra-Virgin Olive Oil: Since most pestos use olive oil as their base, I chose to cook the chicken in olive oil as well. If you don't have olive oil, neutral would work just fine.

Chicken: I prefer chicken breasts here because the slightly leaner white meat is a great foil for the richness of the pesto—but if you only have boneless, skinless thighs, you could use those in a pinch.

Garlic & Red Pepper Flakes: Freshly chopped garlic brings additional depth of flavor to the sauce. The red pepper flakes add a kick, which balances the fattiness of the heavy cream, pesto, and cheese (don't worry—it won't necessarily make the dish spicy!).

Cream: Cooking the pasta in a little heavy cream as well as water builds a light, creamy base to fold the cheese and pesto into.

Pasta: I chose penne for this recipe, but any short or small tube-shaped pasta would work here. Try rotini, rigatoni, ziti, or even farfalle.

Parmesan: Most pestos already contain Parmesan, so adding a little extra just bumps up the flavor. Make sure you're grating it finely so it melts into the sauce well. Whatever you do, make sure it's from an actual chunk of cheese, not a can!

Pesto: You can use store-bought or homemade pesto here. I tested with Gotham Greens pesto, which is my preferred brand, but feel free to use whatever you like best!

Basil: Topping this pasta with basil is totally optional—but the basil does provide a fresh finish

to the pasta!

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Start by cooking the chicken. In a large, deep skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the cubed chicken and season with salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the chicken is browned and cooked through. This should take 4 to 5 minutes, but if you have a probe thermometer, you can also just use that to check and make sure the thickest pieces are temping at 160°. Remove the cooked chicken to a clean plate and set aside.

To the now-empty pan, combine the chopped garlic and red pepper flakes. Cook, stirring constantly, until you can smell them (about 30 seconds), then pour in the water and heavy cream; season with 1/2 tsp. salt. Bring the liquid to a boil, then add the pasta and simmer until the pasta is just tender. This reliably took me 8 minutes, but depending on the brand of pasta you're using, it could take a little longer. By the time the pasta is cooked, the liquid should have reduced to a thin sauce.

Once the pasta is tender, stir in the cheese and reserved chicken until the cheese is melted and the chicken is warmed through. Remove the pan from the heat and fold in the pesto, then taste and season with more salt as needed. Top with fresh basil (if you're using!) and serve.

Recipe Tips

Choose a pesto you LOVE: While there are other ingredients to enhance the overall flavor, this pasta sauce is primarily pesto, so what-



ever pesto you use will have a big impact on the flavor. If you use store-bought pesto, make sure you've tasted it and that you like the flavor before adding it to your dish.

Mix up the pasta shapes: Penne is great here—but if there's another short pasta shape you love, feel free to try it out. Fusilli, rotini, or farfalle would all be great options.



Summer Salmon Skillet

Ingredients

4 (5- to 6-oz.) center-cut skinless salmon fillets

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1/2 tsp. sweet paprika

2 1/4 tsp. kosher salt, divided

1 Tbsp. harissa paste

1 shallot, finely chopped

3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

8 oz. yellow and red grape or cherry tomatoes

3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided

2 Tbsp. crumbled feta or goat cheese

1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh dill

Directions

Step 1

Arrange a rack in center of oven; place a large stainless steel or cast-iron skillet on rack. Pre-

heat oven to 450°.

Step 2

Pat salmon dry; season all over with cumin, paprika, and 1 1/2 tsp. salt. Rub one side of each fillet with harissa paste.

Step 3

In a medium bowl, toss shallot, garlic, tomatoes, and 1 Tbsp. oil; season with remaining 3/4 tsp. salt and toss again to combine.

Step 4

Using an oven mitt or dry kitchen towel, remove skillet from oven and drizzle in remaining 2 Tbsp. oil. Arrange salmon in skillet harissa side up, then scatter tomato mixture around fish.

Step 5

Bake until salmon flesh easily flakes with a fork and tomatoes are softened, 9 to 11 minutes.



Step 6

Top salmon and tomatoes with feta and dill.

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# Usha Vance, Who Was a Democrat Until She Married JD, Says She and Husband Don't 'See Eye to Eye on Everything': 'I Can Be Myself'

The second lady also addressed rumors that her husband plans to run for president in 2028  
NEED TO KNOW

Second lady Usha Vance, wife of Vice President JD Vance, was a registered Democrat until at least 2014

In a recent interview, she said she doesn't feel it affects her ability to support her husband or his administration

"I don't feel like I have to walk around pretending anything of any sort," she said, adding, "Everyone knows that I really care greatly about JD's success"

Usha Vance, the wife of Vice President JD Vance, hasn't always been a supporter of the Republican Party. But in a new interview, she said that hasn't affected her support of her husband during his political ascension.

The second lady sat down with NBC News' Kate Snow for an interview that aired on Today on Monday, March 30. During the conversation, she opened up about her partisan past. Usha, 40, was a registered Democrat until at least 2014. However, she voted for her husband in the Republican Senate primary in 2022 and confirmed to Snow that she is currently a registered Republican.

"I don't feel like I have to walk around pretending anything of any sort. I didn't think I had to do that [in 2014], actually," she said. "Sometimes I have thoughts that fit very comfortably into one side or another. Sometimes I have views that are way more idiosyncratic."

"I do feel very comfortable in that no one has ever asked me to engage in any kind of litmus test on anything," she said, adding, "And what



However, Usha said that conversation isn't a "priority" for her and her husband just yet. "JD is very focused on the midterm elections right now, on all the things that are happening right this moment, which are obviously exceedingly important," she explained. "And so if you come back in 2027 and ask me, I'll have a better sense of, you know, what he's thinking in that way. But that's not the priority in our conversations."

"My attitude is, none of this has been planned. I think that my role here is to support him in what he might wish to do and help him in this moment."

The family certainly has plenty more on their plate, especially with a new baby, their fourth, due in July.

The Vances already share three kids — Ewan, 8, Vivek, 6, and Mirabel, 4 — and announced in January that they were expecting no. 4.

At an event in Michigan earlier this month, the vice president joked that he was the one who "persuaded" his wife to make another addition to the family.

"I remember when we decided to run for vice president, I said, 'Honey, I really want to have a fourth kid.' And she said, 'Well, you can become vice president or you can have a fourth baby,' " he recounted. "But, ladies and gentlemen, I am persuasive because I got both."

In her interview with NBC, Usha said that while her husband did get his way, "in a manner of speaking," she had "never closed the door on that."

"I grew up in a family of two. And I thought that was a great number. And then I had two kids, and I thought — I didn't feel quite done, right?" Usha said. "So I really wanted to have a third child."

"We have our daughter, who's amazing, and it was great. And so I just wasn't sure. But as time passed, I realized that I was feeling more and more, kind of, excited about that possibility," she added. "I knew that I'd be happy if we only had three kids, and I knew that I'd be happy if we had four. And so here we are."

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## Human Body

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Total Teeth	: 32
Total Bones in Adult	: 206
Filter of Blood	: Kidney
Largest External Organ	: Skin
Largest Internal Organ	: Liver
Largest Bone	: Femur (Thigh)
Smallest Bone	: Stapes (Ear)
Total Muscles	: 600+
Strongest Muscle	: Masseter (Jaw)
Total Blood in Adult	: 5-6 liters
Total Brain Weight	: 1.3-1.4 Kg
Cranial Nerves	: 12 Pairs
Spinal Nerves	: 31 Pairs
Longest Nerve	: Sciatic Nerve
Graveyard of RBCs	: Spleen
Hardest Substance	: Tooth Enamel
Total Pairs of Ribs	: 12 (24 Ribs)
Number of Kidneys	: 2
Number of Lungs	: 2
Largest Gland	: Liver
Smallest Gland	: Pineal Gland
Master Gland	: Pituitary Gland
Chromosomes	: 46 (23 Pairs)
Total Cells	: 35-40 Trillion
Body Temperature	: 37°C (98.6°F)
Blood pH	: 7.35-7.45
Normal Blood Pressure	: 120/80 mmHg
Life Span of RBC	: 120 Days
Smallest Muscle	: Stapedius (Middle Ear)
Hardest Substance	: Tooth Enamel
Fastest Healing Tissue	: Epithelium (Skin lining)

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top 10 most important organs

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I've found is that I was myself in 2014. I can be myself today. And I feel very comfortable in that world."

She said, "And it's a world that I think is actually rather accepting of that, since everyone knows that I really care greatly about JD's success."

The second lady notes that she sees her role as someone with whom her husband can have honest conversations about the issues with "no expectation that we are going to see eye to eye on everything."

"I'm not his staffer. I'm not involved in this in any professional sense," she added. "The expectation is that we are going to be open-minded and have a conversation, and that I'll provide meaningful input from, you know, the perspective of someone who loves him and wants him to succeed. So even if we don't agree, I think it's always very productive."

Though the second Trump administration is only just over a year old, there's already plenty of speculation about which Republican leader might succeed Donald Trump in the 2028 election, and the vice president is at the top of many lists.

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## History Around

Ismail I, the founder of the Safavid Empire, played a decisive role in shaping the foundations of modern Iran.

In 1501, Ismail I captured Tabriz and proclaimed himself Shah, unifying much of the Iranian plateau after centuries of political fragmentation. One of his most important decisions was declaring Twelver Shi'ism as the official religion of the Safavid state, transforming a largely Sunni region into a Shi'a-centered society. This decision permanently changed the religious identity of Iran and distinguished it from neighboring Sunni powers such as the Ottoman Empire.

Under Ismail and his successors, the Safavid rulers strengthened Shi'ism through state institutions, religious

scholars, and cultural reforms. Over time, Shi'a beliefs, rituals, and clerical authority became deeply rooted in Iranian society. The Safavid dynasty ruled for more than two centuries and unified most territories that correspond to modern Iran, helping create a recognizable Iranian political and cultural identity. The policies of Ismail I—especially the establishment of Twelver Shi'ism and the political unification of Persia—laid the ideological, religious, and territorial foundations of modern Iran. Although the modern Iranian state emerged centuries later, the Safavid transformation created the distinct Shi'a identity and centralized political tradition that still shape Iran



**King of Kings Ismail I** declared **Twelver Shi'ism** the official religion of the **Safavid Empire** in 1501, a historic decision that transformed the political and religious landscape of the **Middle East** and laid the foundations for the religious identity of **modern Iran**.

HISTORY AROUND IT

## Think about it

The Maldives just became the 13th country to ban Israeli passports. And it won't be the last.

The Maldives is not the first country to ban Israeli passport holders. At least 12 other nations already refuse entry to anyone carrying an Israeli passport, including Algeria, Bangladesh, Brunei, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen. Several of these bans have been in place for decades and predate the current conflict by generations.

What makes the Maldives ban notable is the country's dependence on tourism. With tourism accounting for roughly 21% of GDP, the decision

carries direct economic consequences. The parliament passed the measure unanimously, citing solidarity with Palestinians and condemning what it described as ongoing Israeli atrocities in Gaza. Israel has rejected all genocide allegations.

The Maldives is now the first major tourism destination to implement a full passport ban, raising questions about whether other tourism dependent nations could follow.

Benjamin Netanyahu says he is defending democracy, while a Spanish MP warns that if the world fails to act, no one will be safe — two sharply contrasting views of the same conflict.

Spanish MP Ione Belarra said that if the international community does not intervene, Israel's actions toward Palestinians could become a broader global precedent. In a video shared on her X account, she stated: "If we do not stop Israel in time, it will do to the whole world what it has already done to the Palestinians."

Belarra, leader of the Podemos party and Spain's former Minister of Social Rights (2021–2023), has been an outspoken critic of Israel's actions. After October 7, she began describing the campaign as a "planned genocide" and has called on Spain to cut ties with Israel and support legal action against Benjamin Netanyahu at the ICC.



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# Trump Is Already Plotting Another Military Operation

President Donald Trump is considering sending U.S. forces into Iran to extract nearly 1,000 pounds of uranium.

With no end in sight to his weeks-long war with Iran, the 79-year-old commander-in-chief is eyeing the operation as a path to a key goal—ensuring Iran can never build a nuclear weapon, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Trump has not yet decided whether to give the order as he weighs the danger to U.S. troops, U.S. officials told the Journal.

The high-risk mission would potentially keep American troops on the ground for days or longer, but Trump remains generally open to it. The president and some allies have privately suggested U.S. troops could seize the uranium in a focused mission without prolonging the war beyond the four-to-six-week time frame that Trump has publicly outlined, a source familiar with the discussions told the Journal.

Trump has also told his advisers to make surrendering the uranium a condition for ending the war, according to a person familiar with Trump's thinking.

The potential operation would carry serious risk, with U.S. forces likely having to fly under fire from Iranian drones and missiles to reach the two sites in Isfahan and Natanz, where the uranium is believed to be stored.

Once on site, combat troops would have to hold the perimeter while engineers with excavating equipment would have to sift through debris, scanning for mines and booby traps, the Journal

## Pete Hegseth Accused of Jaw-Dropping Act of Greed in Build-Up to War

A broker for Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth reportedly sought to invest in major defense companies just weeks prior to the commencement of Donald Trump's war on Iran, a new report has alleged.

According to three people familiar with the matter who spoke to the Financial Times, a Morgan Stanley broker representing Hegseth contacted investment firm BlackRock in February about a potential multi-million-dollar investment in its Defense Industrials Active ETF.

On Feb. 28, Trump began conducting joint strikes with Israel on Iran, killing Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and starting a new war in the Middle East.

The Financial Times notes that the inquiry was flagged internally at BlackRock, and the investment ultimately did not proceed because the fund was not yet available to Morgan Stanley clients.

The \$3.2bn equity fund pursues "growth opportunities by investing in companies that may benefit from increased government spending on defense and security amid geopolitical fragmentation and economic competition." Its largest holdings include Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and RTX, as well as Palantir.

The Financial Times notes that it is unclear whether the broker representing Hegseth found an alternative defense-focused fund to invest in.

BlackRock, Morgan Stanley, and the Pentagon declined to comment when contacted by the Financial Times.

reported, citing former U.S. military officers and experts.

A special operations team, trained to handle radioactive material in conflict zones, would then need to secure several truckloads of uranium—a process that could take days or even a full week. "This is not a quick in and out kind of deal," retired Gen. Joseph Votel, the former commander of U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command, told the Journal.

"Watch Mark Levin interview of Brilliant Marc Thiessen tonight at 8:00 P.M., on FoxNews. Will discuss the importance of hitting Iran, HARD!!! President DJT," the president posted on Truth Social.

During the segment, Levin, a Trump ally, advocated putting boots on the ground in Iran to secure enriched uranium, the main material used for making a nuclear weapon.

"Why would we need troops on the ground? Well, there's a lot of reasons—and we wouldn't need 300,000 of them. It's this uranium," Levin said on his Life, Liberty & Levin show.

"If it cannot be destroyed, if it cannot be altered, we've got to get it for the reason I just said, you can make dirty bombs, and over time, you can still make sophisticated missiles," he continued. "So you need to get to the uranium."

Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth have repeatedly refused to rule out boots on the ground in the war. The arrival of 2,500 Marines and 2,500 sailors brings the American troop presence in the Mideast to more than 50,000,

When reached for comment by the Daily Beast, BlackRock declined to comment. The Daily Beast has contacted the Pentagon and Morgan Stanley for comment. Chief Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell wrote on X in response to the Times' report that the allegation was "entirely false and fabricated."

"Neither Secretary Hegseth nor any of his representatives approached BlackRock about any such investment. This is yet another baseless, dishonest smear designed to mislead the public," Parnell continued. "We demand an immediate retraction. Secretary Hegseth and the Department of War remain unwavering in their commitment to the highest standards of ethics and strict adherence to all applicable laws and regulations."

The defense secretary has been one of the most vocal proponents of Trump's war with Iran, with the president himself acknowledging that Hegseth was disappointed by the suggestion that the war was close to its end.

"You know, the only two people that were quite disappointed, I don't want to say this, but I have to," Trump said during an appearance in the Oval Office last week. "I said, 'Pete and General Razin Caine, I think this thing is going to be settled very soon,' and they go, 'Oh, that's too bad.'"

Hegseth reiterated his stance during the first Pentagon Christian worship service after the war began, opting to pray for "overwhelming violence." "Let every round find its mark against the enemies of righteousness and our great nation," Hegseth said,



according to The New York Times.

Asked on Sunday evening whether he would put boots on the ground, Trump sidestepped the question, saying, "I just have lots of alternatives." He later said of Iran, "They're going to give up nuclear weapons. They're going to give us the nuclear dust. They're going to do everything that we want to do."

"But if they don't do that, they're not going to have a country," he added.

The Daily Beast has reached out to the White House and the Pentagon for comment. "It's the job of the Pentagon to make preparations in order to give the commander-in-chief maximum optionality. It does not mean the president has made a decision," White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told the Journal. The Pentagon didn't comment to the publication, while a spokesman for U.S. Central Command also declined to comment.

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Erkki Forster

reading a prayer he attributed to the chaplain who ministered to the soldiers involved in the seizure of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro in January.

"Give them wisdom in every decision, endurance for the trial ahead, unbreakable unity, and overwhelming violence of action against those who deserve no mercy."

He also recited from the Psalms: "I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and did not turn back till they were consumed."

At least 13 U.S. service members have been killed during the war, and at least 200 more have been injured. More than a dozen U.S. service members were wounded in one Iranian strike on a Saudi air base. Preliminary figures suggest that over 1900 Iranians have been killed, and more than 24,000 have been injured.

Iran responded to claims that the Trump administration is attempting to manipulate the markets with a Monday social media post from the speaker of Iran's parliament, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf.

"Heads-up: Pre-market so-called 'news' or 'Truth' is often just a setup for profit-taking. Basically, it's a reverse indicator," Ghalibaf wrote on X.

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## Health & Wellness

### For healthy summer eating, start with 'MyPlate'

The importance of healthy eating is not a new concept. In fact, it's been on the radar with the USDA since the early 1900s, when the organization empowered Americans to be mindful of their diet by providing guidelines for healthy eating. As the science of nutrition has evolved, those guidelines have changed and been refined over the years. As recently as 2005, the "My Pyramid Food Guidance System" stressed the importance of variety, moderation, and proportion when it came to food groups. In 2011, the concept was revised to "MyPlate," to better illustrate the five food groups that are the building blocks for healthy eating.

MyPlate is an educational tool for people to be aware of their healthy eating style and maintain it throughout their lifetime. Everything you consume has an impact on the body — and the right combination of foods can help you live a healthier life.

MyPlate is divided into four sections: 30 percent grains, 40 percent vegetables, 10 percent fruits, and 20 percent protein, accompanied by a smaller circle representing dairy, such as a glass of milk or a yogurt cup. Within that mix comes a wide variety of options to meet individual needs.

Regardless of a person's individual food options, certain guidelines remain the same for everyone: choose foods and beverages with less saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars; use

Nutrition Facts labels and ingredient lists to help determine how healthy a particular food or beverage may be; start with small changes to build healthier eating styles; and support healthy eating for everyone in your family by setting a consistent example.

#### MyPlate and summer eating

One of the pleasures of the summer season is looking forward to barbecues, picnics, parties, and open-air fun where tempting foods of all kinds are right on tap. But for mindful healthy eaters, the season can present a challenge. Take heart, there are ways to substitute healthier foods without sacrificing flavor.

For example, lean meats, such as skinless chicken breasts, are also good substitutions for barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. Plant-based foods, like bean burgers, vegetable kabobs, and grilled corn, can also substitute foods that are high in saturated fat.

If substitutions to the traditional favorites don't appeal, use the 'crowding out' strategy: rather than completely abstaining from your favorite barbecue meats, have less of them by filling your plate with vegetables and healthy salads.

Healthy eating quick tips for summer  
Work more veggies into your diet. Summer's seasonal vegetables offer a bounty of good taste with minimal calories, such as eggplant, cucum-



bers, and zucchini. Different vegetables offer important, disease-fighting nutrients.

Be careful with the fruit. Some fruits are packed with sugar, such as grapes. In excess, sugar can increase the risk of diabetes and weight gain. Choose fruits that are higher in fiber, such as berries.

Minimize sweet temptations. They're calling you — ice cream cones, slushies, iced coffees and teas, lemonade — but they're all laden with sugar. Indulge once in a while but be mindful of portion sizes and frequency. Avoid processed and refined sugars and instead have green smoothies or Greek yogurt with berries. Beware of "low-fat" foods: Many low fat foods have added sugars listed on their labels. Manufacturers often have to compensate for the lack of fat with more sugar in order to make the foods palatable. In fact, the fear of fat is changing and the new guidelines recognize that there are "good fats," such as walnuts, avocado, and dark chocolate that are healthy and nutritious. Drink up! It's important to stay well hydrated during the hot summer months. Always quench thirst with water — aim for eight, 8-oz glasses (half a gallon) a day to decrease risk of dehydration in the heat.

## Simple Habits Doctors Swear by to Avoid Colds and the Flu

We've reached the time of year when people start to despair over the fact that winter is not only here, but it appears that it's not ready to leave just yet. And that means cold and flu season continues to be in full effect.

#### Keep your hands clean

"The number one way to prevent the spread of flu is hand washing," says Drew Massengill, RN, BSN, an infection preventionist at Natividad Hospital in Salinas, CA. "I can't speak to that enough. Our hands are very dirty, and a lot of people cough into their hands or wipe their noses constantly. The CDC recommends that hand washing last 20 seconds—about the time it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday' twice—and make sure you wash your thumbs, the backs of your hands, and your cuticles."

If at any point you don't have access to soap and running water, hand wipes or sanitizers can do in a pinch. "I carry hand sanitizer with me everywhere I go and use it frequently throughout the day," says Kumar Dharmarajan, MD, chief scientific officer at Clover Health. "The reality is, there are a lot of potential bugs out there, whether it's the common cold or stomach flu, so it is important to keep your

hands as clean as possible."

#### And keep your hands off your face

"Besides frequent hand washing, the next best thing to do to prevent colds or the flu is to keep your fingers and hands away from your face," says Kim Langdon, MD, a doctor at Medzino.

"Any bacteria or virus can live on the surface of your skin without causing any problems but once they're transported through the nasal passages or mouth, they become infectious." That means it's a good idea to avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.

#### Make sleep a priority

"The biggest thing I do is get the right amount of sleep," says Michael Breus, PhD, author of *The Sleep Doctor's Diet Plan*. To that end, Breus says he makes sure to maintain a consistent sleep schedule, exercise on a regular basis, limit his caffeine and alcohol intake, and enjoy 15 minutes of sunlight each morning in order to support his circadian clock. "On mornings where there is little sun, I use a light therapy box," he says.

L"“The best thing is avoidance,” says Kristine Arthur, MD, an internist at MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center in Fountain Valley,



California. "If you have the option of working from home—take it. If you can work in an area that is less crowded or has less contact with people, do it. When shopping, I try to avoid peak busy times when stores are crowded, and you are exposed to a higher number of possibly sick shoppers."

If you're sick or interacting with people who might be, then do your best to avoid shaking hands, says Richard Honaker, MD, chief medical officer at Your Doctors Online. "The Japanese bowing practice should be used worldwide as it is sterile and respectful," he says. "Also, surprisingly, a hug is safer than a handshake when it comes to transmission of microorganisms."

## Tips for a Healthy Summer Picnic

As summer brings warm days and later evenings, many of us head outdoors for good fun and food. Whether you're hosting a backyard cookout, or planning a picnic on the go, be sure to fuel your family with summertime meals that are both nutritious and safe.

### Best Picnic Eats

If you plan to bring food that will remain outdoors for several hours, choose foods that won't wilt, melt, or spoil easily in the heat. Good choices are fresh firm vegetables (raw or cooked), chopped fruit, whole grains, pasta salad, beans, and trail mix! Here are some additional ideas to inspire your picnic basket or cookout spread:

Make vegetable kabobs with raw or lightly grilled cubed zucchini and summer squash, bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, and mushrooms. Pair with heat-friendly dips such as salsa, pesto, hummus, or baba ganoush (pureed eggplant). Crunchy Roasted Chickpeas make a flavorful high-fiber protein-packed snack.

Slice peaches, mango, melon, strawberries, and pineapple, or any other combination of fruit to create a brightly-colored fruit salad. Or, finely dice the fruit and sprinkle with cinnamon, lime juice, and lime zest to create a fruit salsa. Serve on top of mini brown rice cakes.

Consider going meatless with plant proteins that hold up well in the heat like beans, nuts, seeds, tofu, or tempeh. These can be mixed into salads, grain dishes, and casseroles.

While soft high-moisture cheeses can spoil, firm lower moisture cheeses like cheddar or parmigiana reggiano are good alternatives. For a savory-sweet dessert, serve thin cheese wedges with walnuts or shelled pistachios and dried fruit like figs, apricots, cherries, mango, or pineapple.

Check out these other picnic-friendly (and portable!) ideas:

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS Watermelon, Feta, Arugula salad Eggless Caesar Salad

Green Beans with Dried Cherries

Southwestern Corn Hash

Spicy Indian Slaw

Citrus Salad with Ginger Lime Dressing

Arugula, Watermelon, Feta, and Mint Salad

with Balsamic Vinaigrette

WHOLE GRAINS AND BEANS

Farro Roasted Confetti Vegetables

Fantastic Bulgur Dish

Whole Wheat Penne with Pistachio Pesto and Cherry Tomatoes

Whole Wheat Pasta with Fresh Basil Pesto, Corn, and Zucchini

Vegetarian Refried Beans can be spread in a whole grain tortilla and topped with the Farro Roasted Confetti Vegetables or Spicy Indian Slaw listed above

**DON'T FORGET TO HYDRATE!**

strawberry mint infused water Skip the usual beverage haul that involves lugging a heavy cooler filled with ice and individual drink bottles or cans. To reduce waste and lighten

the load, have everyone carry their own reusable insulated water bottles. If refills are needed, bring a jug filled with ice water or one of these refreshing naturally sugar-free healthy beverage recipes.

### A Healthier Grill

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausages are popular choices for grill food but rank low in healthfulness. They are linked with an increased risk of colorectal and stomach cancers, diabetes, and heart disease. Along with high amounts of sodium, processed meat contains added nitrates and heme iron (a type of iron found only in animal foods) and are usually cooked with very high heat, all of which can produce cancer-causing compounds called heterocyclic amines (HCAs). During grilling, the fat from rich cuts of meat tends to drip into the flames, producing more smoke and carcinogens called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. To reduce your exposure to these elements: Avoid breathing in smoke produced from the grill.

Try grilling fish, or lean poultry trimmed of any visible fat, veggie burgers, and a range of veggies. These recipes are great for grilling:

Miso-Marinated Salmon Grilled on Alder

Wood Grilled Watermelon Salad with Roasted Figs Roasted or Grilled Tomatoes Stuffed with Goat Cheese, Garlic, and Basil

Reduce your grill time: fish, vegetables, and veggie burgers cook quickly. Poultry or meat can be cut into small chunks for kebobs.

Try using a marinade, which may reduce the production of carcinogens. Some research suggests specific ingredients for marinades such as the acid from lemon or vinegars, or herbs with antioxidant properties like rosemary, garlic, and thyme. If serving meat, some other suggestions include: Avoid charring meat, or remove any charred parts before eating.

Wrapping the meat in foil, which can speed cooking time and protect it from smoke.

### Food Safety

Cases of foodborne illness tend to spike in the summer. There are several reasons. One is that harmful bacteria thrive in warm humid temperatures. The danger zone is between 40-140°F when bacteria can double in number in about 20 minutes, and even faster between 90-100°F. Another potential safety hazard is preparing and serving meals outdoors with unwashed hands or on contaminated surfaces. Bring sanitizer to use before and after eating, after using a restroom, after handling pets, and after changing diapers.

Although common fare at picnics, reconsider bringing the highly perishable foods listed below. If you can prevent food from spoiling in warm weather, there is less food to throw out and less waste. If you must bring perishable items, surround them with ice packs and store in a shady spot. According to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, discard perishable foods that have been left at room tempera-



ture for more than two hours (one hour if the temperature is higher than 90°F).

Dishes or dips made with dairy (butter, cream, cream cheese, or other soft cheeses)

Mayonnaise-containing dishes like salads (potato, chicken, tuna, egg) and deviled eggs basil rosemary and other herbs

Don't be shy in seasoning your food with herbs and spices. Not only do they infuse diverse flavors into your dish and offer beneficial plant chemicals called polyphenols (these are also abundant in some fruits, vegetables, and teas), but research has demonstrated the antimicrobial properties of certain herbs and spices. Garlic, onion, oregano, thyme, cinnamon, tarragon, rosemary, and cloves have been shown to prevent the growth of and even kill some bacteria including strains of E. coli, salmonella, and streptococcus. However, the exact amount of herbs and spices needed in food to produce an antibacterial effect as well as its form (as extracts, essential oils, dried vs. fresh, etc.) is conflicting, so do not rely on herbs and spices alone for food safety!

### Minimize Waste

An overflowing trash bin is a common site at cookouts and picnics. Instead of bringing disposable paperware and utensils, soda cans, and single-use water bottles, use products made of glass, bamboo, cloth, wood, ceramic, or stainless steel that can be washed and reused. Consider these tips to reduce waste: summer picnic salads set out on a table Prepare finger foods so that extra utensils are not needed, or invest in compostable or reusable flatware. Use cloth napkins and tablecloths instead of paper or plastic.

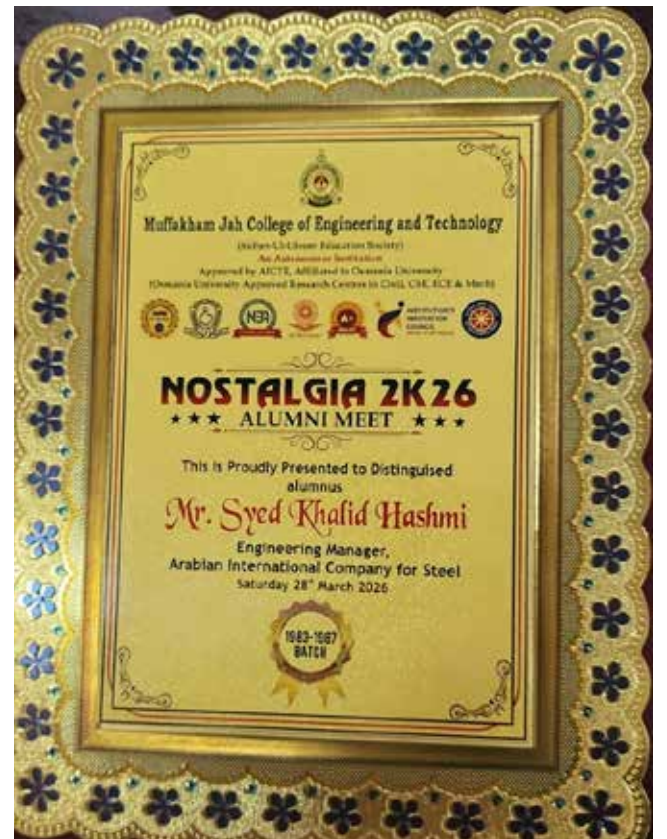
To minimize food waste, prepare a little less food than you think you'll need, as the tendency is often to bring too much. Store in reusable containers such as lightweight stainless steel so that leftovers can be brought home (however, discard perishable foods that were not stored in a cooler or were left at room temperature for more than two hours).

Use metal skewers instead of wood or plastic skewers for kabobs.

Bring an extra bag to store any recyclable items (e.g., single-use water bottles, aluminum cans, plastic containers, paper packaging) to toss into your recycle bin at home.



Syed Khalid Hashmi received Award from Zafar Javed Chairman of MJCET at the Muffakham Jah College of Engineering and Technology (MJCET) Alumni Meet 2026. Established in 1980 by the Sultan-Ul-Uloom Education Society (SUES), Muffakham Jah College of Engineering and Technology (MJCET) is a premier minority-run institution in Hyderabad, India. Located in Banjara Hills, it is affiliated with Osmania University, approved by AICTE, a recognized as one of the city's earliest private engineering colleges.



The Jashn-e-Eid Milap, hosted by Dr. Nawab Shaik Ibrahim—National Vice Chairman of All India Unorganised Workers and Employees Congress (KKC), Chairman of NSI Global Council, Trade Commissioner at the India Tunisia Trade Council, and Founder of Eagle Infra and Kabeer Khan, Chief Advisor of NSI Global Council and senior INC politician, at The Trails Villas, Manikonda, distinguished personalities, including Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar G. Vivekanand Aduri Laxman and Tareq Ansari Chairman Minority Commission Telangana State dignitaries, reflecting the hosts' commitment to fostering community, leadership, and social unity.

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List of Hindi film APRIL 2026

Opening	Title	Director	Cast	Studio (production house)
10	<i>Dacoit: A Love Story</i> <sup>[β]</sup>	Shaneil Deo	Adivi Sesh · Mrunal Thakur · Anurag Kashyap · Prakash Raj · Sunil · Atul Kulkarni · Zayn Marie Khan · Kamakshi Bhaskarla	Annapurna Studios
	<i>Bhooth Bangla</i>	Priyadarshan	Akshay Kumar · Paresh Rawal · Rajpal Yadav · Tabu · Wamiqa Gabbi · Jisshu Sengupta · Manoj Joshi · Mithila Palkar · Asrani · Rajesh Sharma	Balaji Motion Pictures, Cape of Good Films
24	<i>Ginny Weds Sunny 2</i>	Prashant Jha	Avinash Tiwary · Medha Shankr	Zee Studios, Soundrya Productions
	<i>The Wardrobe</i>	Saurabh Choubey	Rajneesh Duggal · Divya Agarwal	Raj Gavali Production

### Dacoit: A Love Story

Scheduled for an April 10, 2026, release, *Dacoit: A Love Story* is a bilingual crime-action-romance starring Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur, helmed by director Shaneil Deo. The film focuses on the emotional journey of former lovers reunited amidst a violent, high-stakes robbery setting, rather than a traditional, mystery-driven, plot  
 Plot & Tone: Described as a “neo-Western” and a “modern-day Sholay,” the film features intense drama with themes of betrayal, vengeance, and romance. It is set against a backdrop of desert, fire, and rain, per The Times of India and Hindustan Times.

Cast: Adivi Sesh plays a “deeply layered” character, starring alongside Mrunal Thakur and Anurag Kashyap, who is noted for an authentic, intense performanc.  
 Production: The film is produced by Supriya Yarlagadda under Annapurna Studios and is simultaneously shot in Telugu and Hindi, notes The Times of India and Rotten Tomatoes.  
 Teaser Reception: Early reactions suggest a high-octane visual experience with a focus on the female lead, Mrunal



Thakur, taking an active role in the narrative, say YouTube and Reddit.

### Bhooth Bangla

*Bhooth Bangla* is an upcoming horror-comedy film led by Akshay Kumar and directed by Priyadarshan. This collaboration marks their reunion after 14 years, having previously worked together on successful films like *Hera Pheri* and *Bhool Bhulaiyaa*. The additional cast includes Paresh Rawal, Rajpal Yadav, and Asrani, bringing the OG trio back together. The film is under the banner of Balaji Telefilms and in association with Cape of Good Films, with shooting expect-

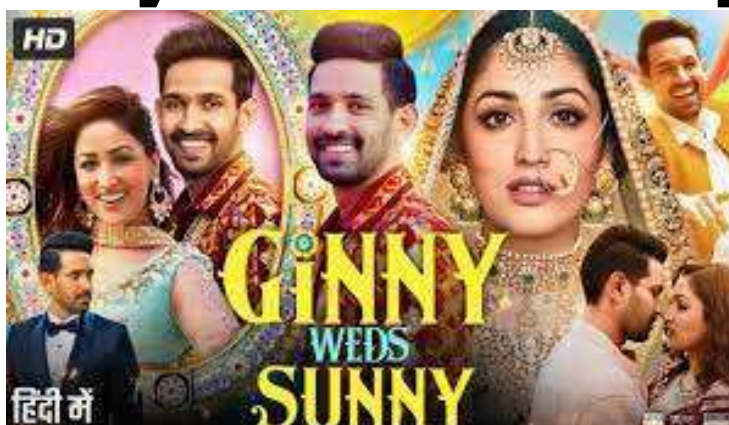


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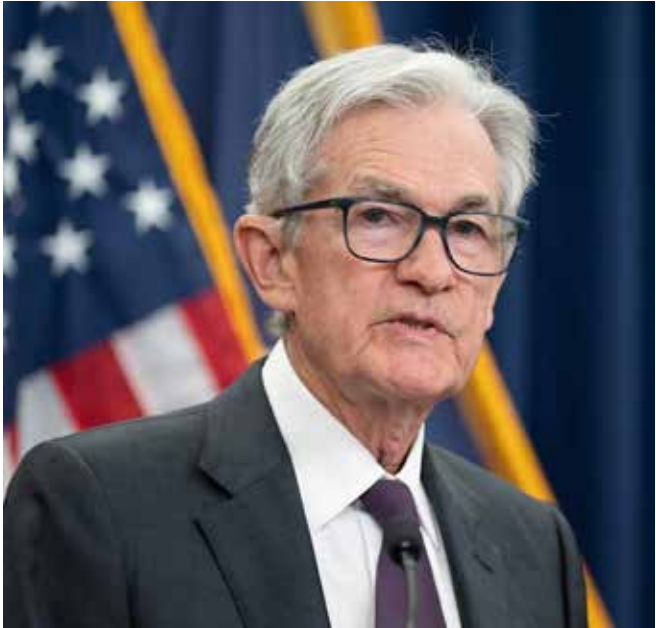
### Ginny Weds Sunny

The 2026 sequel, *Ginny Weds Sunny 2*, starring Avinash Tiwary and Medha Shankr, is set for theatrical release on April 24, 2026, promising a fresh, chaotic take on romantic comedy. The first look suggests a continuation of the brand’s vibrant, mismatched love stories with a new cast.

Note: The results indicate a 2026 sequel starring a new cast, while the initial 2020 film starring Yami Gautam and Vikrant Massey was largely panned by critics as predictable and boring.



## Federal Reserve's March Inflation Forecast Just Worsened



Until late February, the widely followed Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJINDICES: ^DJI), broad-based S&P 500 (SNPINDEX: ^GSPC), and growth-stock-dominated Nasdaq Composite (NASDAQINDEX: ^IXIC) had been virtually unstoppable. A bull market that's extended into its fourth year (for the Dow and S&P 500) has seen the S&P 500 briefly top 7,000, the Nasdaq eclipse 24,000, and the Dow touch 50,000.

But Wall Street's bull market rally may be more precarious than investors realize. Although headwinds are always threatening to drag down equities, there's arguably no greater risk for stocks right now than inflation-based uncertainty caused by the Iran war.

Will AI create the world's first trillionaire? Our team just released a report on the one little-known company, called an "Indispensable Monopoly" providing the critical technology Nvidia and Intel both need. The effects of war are felt well beyond the battlefield

A little over one month ago, on Feb. 28, U.S. and Israeli forces commenced military actions against Iran. Around this same time, Iran announced a virtual closure of oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz. This narrow channel between Iran and Oman sees approximately 20 million barrels of liquid petroleum traverse it daily.

This shutdown has disrupted roughly 20% of the world's liquid petroleum, and the effects are being felt at home.

According to data from AAA, the nationwide price of a gallon of regular gas has jumped 34% to \$3.98 over the last month, as of March 25. The 43% increase in diesel over the trailing month is even more staggering.

Soaring crude oil prices are hitting consumers' pocketbooks and directly impacting transportation costs for businesses. Higher transportation and production costs often mean consumers will pay more for goods and services beyond the

gas pump. The million-dollar question is: How much more?

The Federal Reserve's March inflation forecast just got worse

When the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported the February inflation data on March 11, it showed a 2.4% increase in prices over the trailing year. It was also the 59th consecutive month that the prevailing inflation rate has been above the Federal Reserve's long-term target of 2%.

On April 10, the BLS will unveil the March inflation report, and things are expected to look a lot different.

With the understanding that goods sector inflation tied to President Donald Trump's tariff and trade policy has proven stickier than expected, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's Inflation Nowcasting tool predicts that the trailing 12-month inflation rate will jump from a reported 2.4% in February to 3.16% in March. That's up another 14 basis points from where the projection stood on March 19. Rapidly rising inflation could be a death knell for the current bull market. The stock market entered 2026 at its second-priciest valuation in history. One of the main reasons investors have tolerated premium valuations has been the expectation of further interest rate cuts in 2026.

According to projections from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, there's less than 14% chance of a rate cut by the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) -- the 12-person body, including Fed Chair Jerome Powell, responsible for setting the nation's monetary policy -- by June 17. Conversely, there's a greater than 41% probability of a rate hike by mid-June.

Though the Inflation Nowcasting tool updates regularly, the message is clear that rate cuts may be off the table. This could lead to a valuation reset for pricey equities and a tough road ahead for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500,

and Nasdaq Composite.

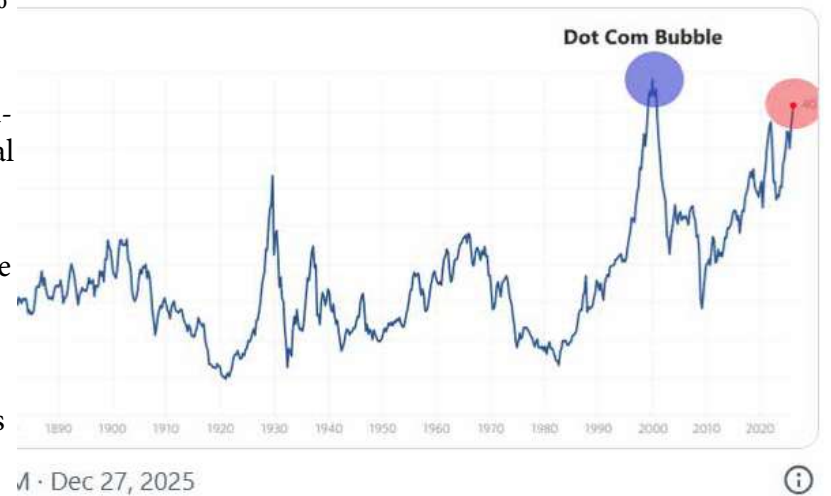
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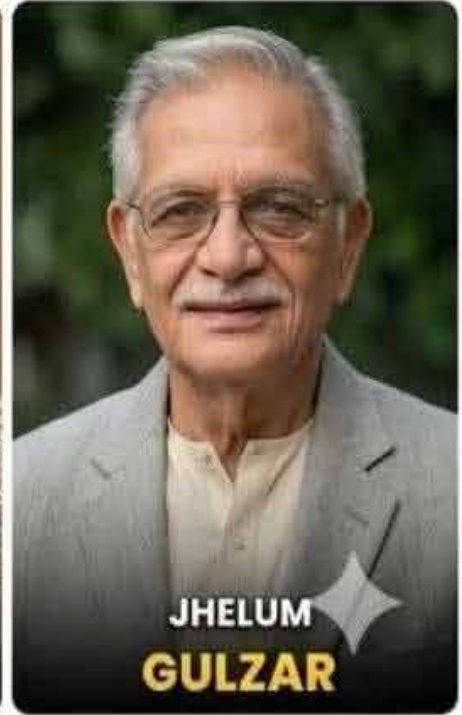
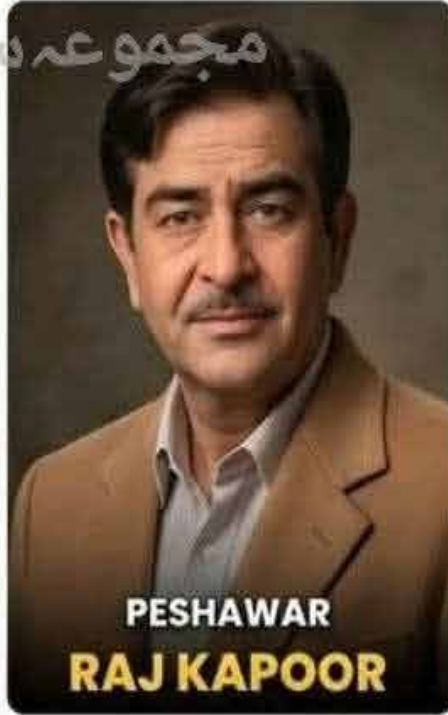
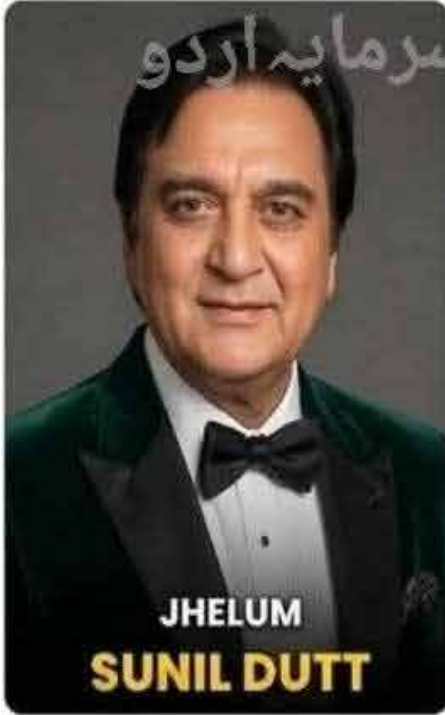
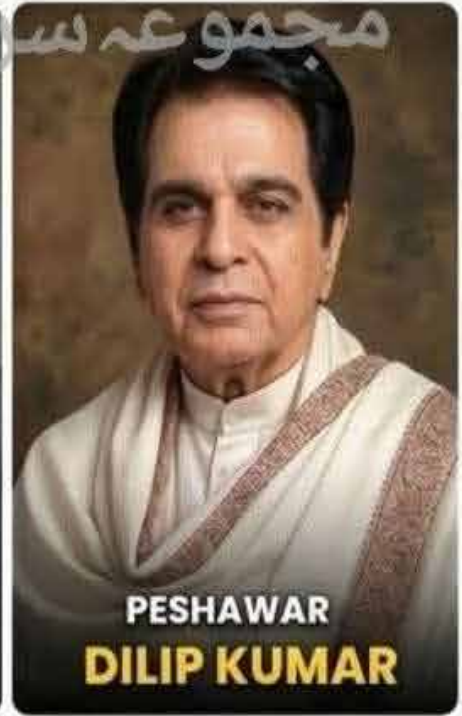
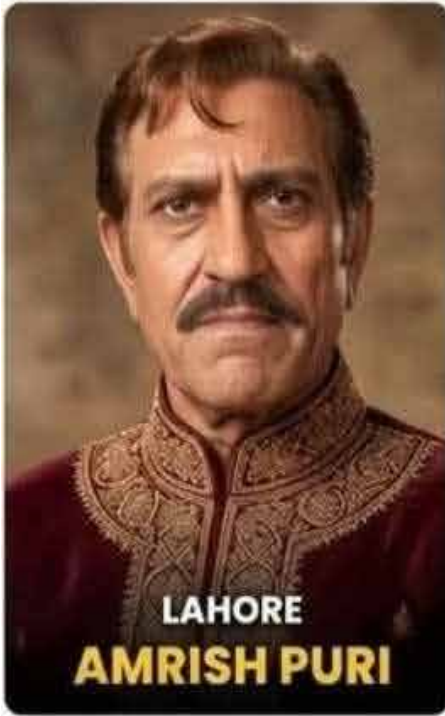
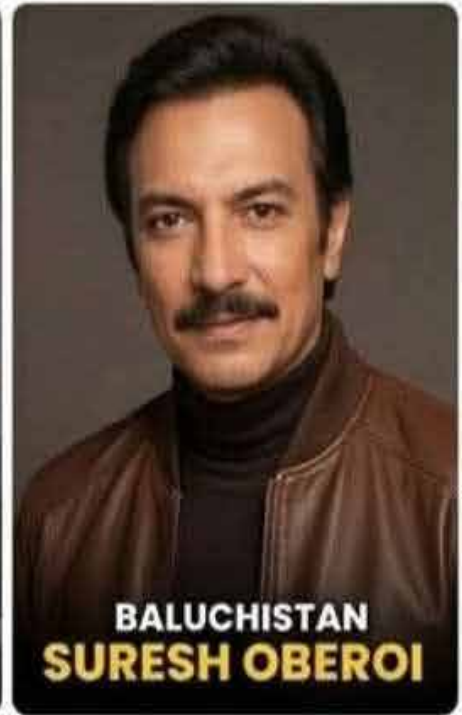
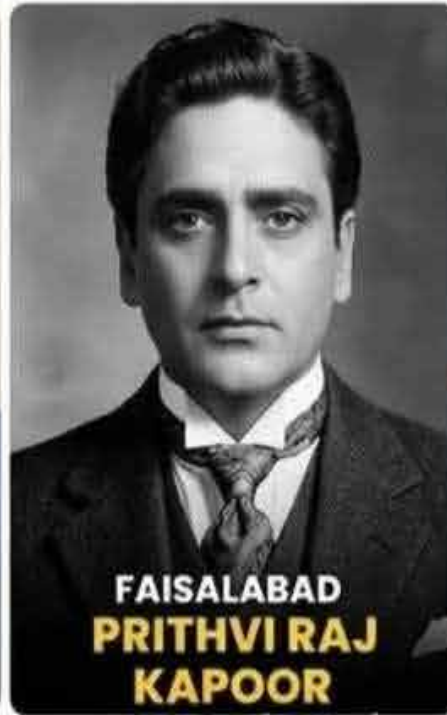
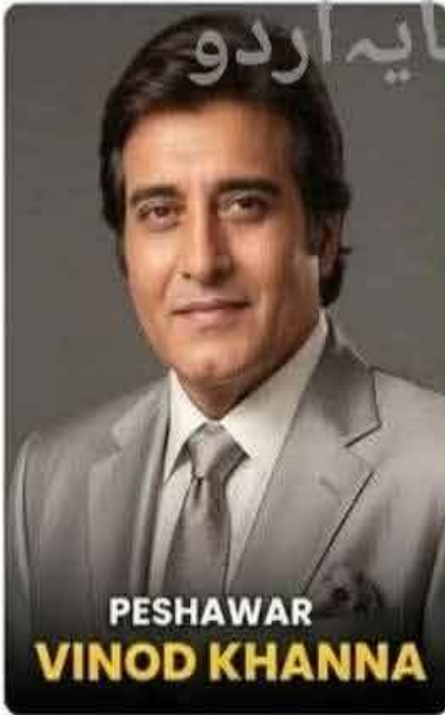
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# Pakistani Music & Entertainment of 90s and Beyond

## TOP INDIAN CELEBRITIES BORN IN PAKISTAN



Binaca Geetmala Annual List for Year 1980



<p>1</p>	<p>Dafli Wale Dafli Baja</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.07 - 224 votes</p>	Mohammed Rafi, Lata Mangeshkar	Laxmikant Pyarelal
		Sargam (1979)	Anand Bakshi
<p>2</p>	<p>Om Shanti Om - Meri Umar Ke Naujawano</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.00 - 242 votes</p>	Kishore Kumar	Laxmikant Pyarelal
		Karz (1980)	Anand Bakshi
<p>3</p>	<p>Shisha Ho Ya Dil Ho Aakhir</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 3.80 - 276 votes</p>	Lata Mangeshkar	Laxmikant Pyarelal
		Aasha (1980)	Anand Bakshi
<p>4</p>	<p>Aap Jaisa Koi Meri Zindagi Mein</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.07 - 270 votes</p>	Nazia Hassan	Kalyanji Anandji
		Qurbani (1980)	Biddu
<p>5</p>	<p>Koyal Boli Duniyaa Doli Samajho Dil Ki Boli</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.10 - 176 votes</p>	Lata Mangeshkar, Mohammed Rafi	Laxmikant Pyarelal
		Sargam (1979)	Anand Bakshi
<p>6</p>	<p>Lailaa Main Lailaa Aisi Hun Lailaa</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 3.99 - 122 votes</p>	Kanchan, Amit Kumar	Kalyanji Anandji
		Qurbani (1980)	Indeevar
<p>7</p>	<p>Ae Yaar Sun Yaari Teri Mujhe Zindagi Se</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.23 - 60 votes</p>	Shailendra Singh, Mohammed Rafi, Asha Bhosle	Laxmikant Pyarelal
<p>8</p>	<p>Pal Do Pal Ka Saath Hamara</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.31 - 172 votes</p>	Asha Bhosle, Mohammed Rafi	R D Burman
		The Burning Train (1980)	Sahir Ludhianvi
<p>9</p>	<p>Teri Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi</p> <p>YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 3.79 - 97 votes</p>	Shailendra Singh, Mohammed Rafi, Asha Bhosle	Laxmikant Pyarelal
		Suhaag (1979)	Anand Bakshi

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## گل بوکی حکایت

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## 70 کوئی دُنیا میں ہمیشہ نہیں رہے گا

**اُردو حکایت:** اک صاحب نے اک چھوٹا سا معمولی مکان بنوالیا۔ کسی نے اُن سے کہا: آپ تو بڑے صاحب حیثیت تھے اس سے بہتر مکان بنوا سکتے تھے۔ انہوں نے جواب دیا: بھائی! اس قصے کو چھوڑو۔

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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۔ نوعمری میں والدین کے ساتھ پہلا حج کیا اور اپنی زندگی میں چودہ حج پاپیادہ 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 اوج کمال پر پہنچا دیا۔ گلستاں اور بوستاں کی بنیاد قرآن، حدیث، تربیت، اخلاقیات، تجربات، دور رس اور دانشوری پر رکھی ہوئی ہے۔ ان دو کتابوں کی حکایات میں کچھ ایسا سبق پوشیدہ ہے کہ جس کو پڑھنے کے بعد آدمی اپنے علم و عمل سے انسانیت کے اعلیٰ مقام پر پہنچ سکتا ہے اس لئے ان کا مطالعہ بنی نوع انسان کے لئے نہایت فائدہ مند ہے۔

اُردو ادب کے ممتاز ادیب و شاعر ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد نے حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی کی سدا بہار فارسی تصانیف گلستاں و بوستاں کی افادیت کو پیش نظر رکھتے ہوئے ان دونوں کتابوں کی منتخب حکایات کے نثری و منظوم ترجمہ کا کام کئی برس پہلے شروع کیا تھا جس کی اشاعت و رسم اجرائی کا اہتمام زیر ترتیب ہے۔ ویسے تو گلستاں و بوستاں کے تراجم دُنیا کی تقریباً تمام بڑی زبانوں میں ہو چکے ہیں لیکن صرف انگریزی و عربی میں نثر کا ترجمہ نثر اور نظم کا ترجمہ نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ اُردو زبان میں موثر اور مفید ترجمہ کی ایسی کوئی مثال نہیں ملتی۔ ”گل بو“ (گلستاں سے گل اور بوستاں سے بو) گلستاں اور بوستاں کی منتخب مثالی حکایتوں کا اور ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کا زیر ترتیب اُردو زبان کا وہ سب سے پہلا شاہکار مشترکہ و منفرد گلدستہ ہے جس میں فارسی نثر کا ترجمہ اُردو نثر میں اور فارسی نظم کا ترجمہ اُردو نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ گل بو کی حکایت کے عنوان سے ہم گلستاں و بوستاں کی حکایات کو عوامی استفادہ کی خاطر ”ایشیانا نمز کی الکترا تک اشاعتوں میں ثواب جاریہ کی نیت سے سلسلہ وار شائع کر رہے ہیں۔ (ادارہ)

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## کچھ سمجھے



یہ اس زمانے کی بات ہے نام کا ولی ہوں سوچتا ہوں کدھر  
جب ہم شکاگو کے ایک اردو اخبار جاؤں شکاگو میں جب جنرل پرویز  
میں ہفتہ وار کالم لکھا کرتے تھے۔ مشرف تشریف لائے تو ہماری بھی  
ایک مرتبہ ہمارا کالم شائع ہوا تو ان سے ملاقات رہی اور پروگرام  
اتفاق دیکھئے کہ اسی صفحے پر جنرل کے دوران میں نے اپنی کتاب  
پرویز مشرف صاحب کے دورہ روشن خیال ان کو پیش کی اور کہا۔  
امریکا کی خبر بھی تھی۔ ان کی اور اس میں وہ میری تحریر ضرور  
ہماری تصویر میں شبہت کے پڑھیں اگر میں جنرل مشرف ہوتا  
بارے میں کچھ فون کال اور ای میل بھی دوستوں نے کئے۔  
ہمارے کچھ رشتہ داروں نے بھی ساٹھ امریکہ کا رویہ سب کے  
اکثر محفل میں ذکر کیا ہماری شکل سامنے تھا۔ تو خیر میں نے لکھ دیا تھا  
جنرل پرویز مشرف صاحب سے کہ وہ کیا کر سکتے تھے پاکستان اور  
ملتی جلتی ہے۔ اس زمانے میں ان حالات میں امریکا میں  
ہمارا ہیرا سائل اور حلیہ بھی کچھ ایسے صدارتی انتخابات ہو رہے ہیں  
ہی تھا۔ یہ سن کر اتنا تعجب نہیں ہوا۔ ڈیموکریٹک پارٹی کے امیدواروں  
کیونکہ اس سے قبل نوید مشرف جو بائیڈن اور صدر ٹرمپ آمنے  
(جنرل مشرف کے بھائی) نے سامنے ہیں۔ میں نے سوچا کہ طنز و  
ایک ملاقات کے دوران کچھ ایسا مزاح کا سہارا لے کر حقیقت اور  
ہی کہا تھا۔ یہ ہمارے لیے ایک سچائی پر کچھ لکھ دیا جائے۔ میاں  
اعزاز سے کم نہیں تھا۔ کہاں وہ فوج امریکا میں موجود حالات میں ایک  
اور قوم کے ہیرو، ملک کے صدر اور نئی تاریخ لکھا جا رہی ہے۔ اس  
کہاں ہم۔ ہمارے لیے تو اتنا ہی لیے کہ صدر ٹرمپ نے سعودی  
کافی تھا کہ تھوڑی بہت شکل ان بادشاہوں اور ڈکٹیٹر کے طور پر اپنی  
سے ملتی ہے کیونکہ میں وہ تو نہیں ہر بات منوانے کی مہم چلائی ہوئی  
ہوں جو ہر کسی میں نظر آؤں جس ہے اسی طرح سے پرانے زمانے

یہ کہتا ہوں کہ اگر میں اس کے نئے زمانے کے شیخ اور بادشاہ کی  
ایکشن کی مہم اور اشتہار، تقاریر کے طرح اپنے دربار سے شاہی فرمان  
بارے میں ایڈائزر ہوتا تو پھر کہتا جاری ہوتے ہیں۔ جو فیصلے  
کہ یار و شریف اور شرافت والی کانگریس کو پاس کرا کر پھر قانون  
بات نہیں صدر ٹرمپ کے لیول پر آ بنانے کے بجائے ان کو صدر ٹرمپ  
کر بات کرنا اور بحث مباحثہ کرنا ایک طرف کر کے اپنا فرمان  
ضروری ہے ایسے ہی اس کو کو گینز ایگزیکٹو آڈرنکال کر پریس کانفرنس  
بک آف ورلڈ میں نام آنا چاہیے۔ میں دکھا دیتا ہے۔ میں نے پہلے بھی  
سفید آدمی کے سفید جھوٹ، چار کہا تھا کہ میں نے کافی فنکاروں  
سال اور اس کی حکومت رہے تو سمجھ کے ساتھ پروگرام کیے ہیں اور یہ  
لیں کہ تعصب اور رنگ و نسل کا امریکن صدر بھی خود کو بڑا فنکار اور  
مسئلہ ایسے ہی بڑھ جائے گا جیسا کہ آرٹسٹ سمجھتا ہے اس کی اس کو  
ہمارے کراچی میں 1970 کے صرف اپنی شخصیت اور اپنے  
زمانہ میں مہاجر، سندھی، پٹھان فائدے اور نمبر بڑھانے کی فکر  
وغیرہ کا سلسلہ چل پڑا تو ہم امریکا رہتی ہے۔ عوام کو رونا اور دوسرے  
آگئے اب ٹرمپ اور مودی کی کشمیر مسائل ایک طرف میں  
کی پالیسیاں بھی یہ ہی کہتی ہیں کہ ڈیموکریٹک پارٹی کے کانگریس اور  
آگے بڑھے اور سچ کا ساتھ دیں۔ دوسرے عہدہ داران اور ایکشن  
ویسے بھی مودی اور ٹرمپ کے ایڈوینز سے کہتا ہوں کہ اگر ایکشن  
ستارے ایک جیسے ہیں ایسی لیے جیتنا ہے تو پھر صدر ٹرمپ کی طرح  
دونوں کے کرتوت بھی سارے اس کی ذہنیت اور اتنے ہی  
ایک جیسے ہیں انشاء اللہ پھر ملاقات اسٹائٹس کمرشل ایکشن مہم  
ہوگی مشورے سے نوازیں۔ چلائیں۔ چاہے وہ کسی بھی نوعیت  
کی ہو کیونکہ اب اینٹ کا جواب کی ہو کیونکہ اب اینٹ کا جواب  
پتھر سے دینا ہے۔ میں یہ تو نہیں

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

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## سود کی لعنت

اللہ تعالیٰ نے سود پر روپیہ دینے اور لینے والے پر لعنت بھیجی ہے اور سود حرام فرمایا ہے۔ سود کھانے والے پر شیطان پوری طرح مسلط ہو جاتا ہے۔ اس لیے اللہ تعالیٰ نے قرآن شریف میں بار بار فرمایا ہے: اے آدم کی اولاد شیطان تمہارا کھلا دشمن ہے۔ ہر وہ عمل کرتا ہے جو اپنے معبود کو ناپسند ہے۔ سود کھانے والے میں شیطان اللہ کی صفت پیدا کر دیتا ہے۔ مثلاً قرض لینے والا قرض کے لئے پیر پڑھتا ہے، روتا ہے، عاجزی، انکساری کرتا ہے۔ یہاں تک کہ پیروں پر سر بھی رکھ دیتا ہے۔ یہ سر جو صرف اپنے اللہ کے سامنے جھکنا لازم ہے وہ سود خوروں پر جھکتا ہے۔ سود خور خوش ہوتا ہے اور حاجت من دکی تکمیل کر دیتا ہے اور اس میں غیر پڑھے انپڑ لوگ زیادہ شامل ہو جاتے ہیں۔

بعض ایسے بھی اس میں شامل ہو جاتے ہیں، حدیث جاننے والے بھی ہیں مثلاً جو تاویلات فتوے وغیرے کے حوالے دیتے ہیں کہ: ایک شخص بیکار ہے وہ رقم لیتا ہے سود پر کمائی میں سے ہم کو منافع دیتا ہے۔ ورنہ وہ بے روزگار رہتا ہے ہم اس کے کاروبار کے لئے روپیہ دیتے ہیں۔ بہر حال اس روپیہ پر منافع لینا سود ہے اور حرام ہے۔

اللہ تعالیٰ قرآن پاک میں فرماتا ہے: ترجمہ پارہ ۳، تک الرسول البقرہ آیت نمبر ۲۲-۲۲۶ اور نماز کی پابندی، زکوٰۃ میں ان کے لئے اخراجات میں ان کو ثواب ہوگا۔ ان کے پروردگار کے نزدیک اور آخر میں ان پر کوئی خطرہ نہیں ہوگا اور نہ وہ مغموں ہوں گے۔ آئے ایمان والو اللہ

سے ڈرو اور جو کچھ سود کا بقیہ ہے چھوڑ دو۔ اگر تم ایمان والے اور پھر تم اس پر عمل نہ کرو گے تو جنگ کا اللہ کی طرف سے اور اس کے رسول کی طرف سے تم پر جہاد ہوگا اگر تم توبہ کر لو گے تو تم کسی پر ظلم کرنے نہ پاو گے اور تم پر کوئی ظلم کرنے آئیگا۔

حضور صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے سود سے بچنے کی کس طرح تعلیم اپنے عمل سے دی ہے۔ صحیح بخاری شریف جلد نمبر اول اردو عربی صفحہ نمبر ۳۸۔ فرمان الہی اے اہل ایمان والو سود بڑھا چڑھا کر نہ کھایا کرو اور اللہ سے ڈرتے رہو تاکہ کامیاب ہو۔

حضرت ابو ہریرہؓ سے روایت کرتے ہیں۔ رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم فرمایا لوگوں پر ایک دور آئے گا جب اس کی تمیز نہ آئیگی کے مال حرام یا حلال کس ذریعہ سے حاصل ہو رہا ہے۔ صحیح بخاری شریف عربی اردو جلد اول صفحہ نمبر ۸۰۔ کتاب ال وکالہ

عقیبہ بن روایت کرتے ہیں میں نے ابوسعیدؓ قدری کو کہتے سنا کہ بلال رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے پاس برنی کھجور (بہت ہی عمدہ قسم کے کھجور ہوتے ہیں) لے کر آئے حضورؐ نے پوچھا کہاں سے لائے وہ بولے میرے پاس خراب کھجوریں تھیں میں نے ایک صاع کے بدلے میں دو صاع بیچ دیں تاکہ آپ کو کھلا سکوں۔ حضورؐ نے فرمایا۔ توبہ توبہ یہ تو سود ہے۔ یہ تو بالکل سود ہے ایسا نہ کرو بلکہ تم خریدنا چاہو تو اپنی کھجور کسی چیز کے بدلے فروخت کر دو اور پھر اس سے دوسری کھجورے لو۔

صحیح بخاری شریف عربی اردو صفحہ نمبر ۳۸۔ ارشاد باری تعالیٰ سود خور یوں کھڑے ہوں گے جیسے انہیں شیطان

نے مجبوظ الحواس بنا دیا ہے۔ اس لیے کہ انہوں نے کہا تھا تجارت بھی ایک طرح کا سود ہے جب کہ خدا تعالیٰ نے تجارت کو حلال اور سود کو حرام قرار دیا ہے جو خدا کی طرف سے نصیحت پانے پر باز آ گیا تو بہتر ہے جو ہو سو ہو۔ اگر کسی نے جاری رکھا تو وہ جہنمی ہے ایسے لوگ ہمیشہ جہنم میں رہیں گے۔ صحیح بخاری شریف عربی اردو صفحہ ۳۹۔ کتاب السبوع سمیرہ بن جندبؓ۔ روایت کرتے ہیں رسول اللہ صلی

اللہ علیہ وسلم نے فرمایا میں نے دو آدمیوں کو خواب میں دیکھا وہ میرے لیے آئے اور مجھے ارض مقدس کی طرف لے گئے ہم ایک خون کی نہر کے قریب گئے جس میں ایک شخص کھڑا ہوا تھا جس کے سامنے پتھروں کا امبار رکھا ہوا تھا نہر میں ایک اور دوسرا شخص کھڑا تھا جو شخص نہر میں تھا اس نے وہاں سے نکلنے کا ارادہ کیا تو کنارے پر کھڑے ہوئے شخص نے اُسے پتھر مارا وہ لڑھک گیا جہاں پہلے تھا اور وہ جب بھی نکلنا چاہتا تو اُسے پتھر مار کر وہاں پہنچا دیتا تھا۔ میں نے پوچھا ایسا کیوں وہ کون ہے؟ بتلایا گیا آپ نے نہر میں کھڑا ہوا دیکھا وہ سود خور تھا۔ ایک روایت ہے کہ جب حضورؐ شب معراج عرش پر تشریف لے گئے تو آپ نے دیکھا کچھ لوگ ہیں جن کے پیٹ بڑے ہیں وہ بڑھتے ہیں تو تھوڑی کے بل گر جاتے ہیں اور پیٹ پھٹ جاتے ہیں اور پھر وہ کھڑے ہوتے ہیں پیٹ بڑے ہوتے ہیں پھٹتے رہتے ہیں۔ آپ نے جبرئیل علیہ السلام سے پوچھا یہ کون لوگ ہیں اور اس عذاب میں مبتلا ہیں۔ یہ سود خور ہیں۔

اور ایک بڑی معتبر روایت ہے کہ ایک یہودی عورت حاملہ تھی اس نے منت مانگی تھی اور قسم کھائی تھی کہ مجھے لڑکا ہوگا تو اُس کا فضلہ یعنی پاخانہ کھالوں گی لڑکے پیدائش کے وقت وہ مسلمان ہو چکی تھی وہ عورت رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے پاس حاضر ہوئی اور اپنی قسم و منت کے بارے میں عرض کی۔ یہ سن کر حضورؐ نے فرمایا کہ تم کیسی سود خور کے گھر کے سایہ میں بیٹھ کر کھانا کھا لو، تو تمہارے لیے کافی ہے۔

لہذا سود کے بارے میں اور آیتوں اور حدیثوں کا ایک لامتناہی سلسلہ ہے اس کے بعد کوئی سود کھاتے ہوئے مر گیا تو یہ تصور ہوگا کہ اللہ اور اُس کے رسول سے جنگ کرتا ہوا مر گیا۔ (اور جہنم رسید ہو گیا)

آج کل سود کے جھگڑے ہر محلے ہر گاؤں میں اس قدر بڑھتے جا رہے ہیں اس کی عام وجہ یہ ہے کہ قرض لینے والے کی اصل رقم قائم رہتی ہے اور کئی گناہ اصل رقم سے زیادہ وہ ادا کر چکا ہوتا ہے جس کی وجہ سے قرضداروں کی لڑکیاں گھروں میں بن بیابھی رہ جاتی ہیں یہاں تک کہ قرض دار خود کشی کرنے پر مجبور ہو جاتا ہے۔ سود ایک ایسی لعنت ہے کہ جو انسان کے اعمال اور اُس کی گھریلو زندگی کو دیمک کی طرح چاٹ جاتی ہے سود خود کی ہر حال میں دین بھی خراب دُنیا بھی خراب ہو جاتی ہے۔ مثال کے طور پر کوئی اپنی شان کے لیے اچھا کام یا تقریب کرے تو لوگ فوری یہ کہہ دیتے ہیں کہ اس کو کیا فرق پڑتا ہے روپیہ پیسے کا وہ تو سود کھاتا ہے۔

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## ایران پر امریکی اسرائیلی ظالمانہ حملے

پچھلے سال کے حملوں کے بعد امریکہ اور اسرائیل کا 28 فروری کو ایران پر دوبارہ حملہ آور ہو کر پہلے ہی حملے میں تقریباً 50 کے قریب ایرانی سرکردہ رہنماؤں بشمول سپریم لیڈر آیت اللہ علی خامنہ ای کو شہید کرنے کے بعد حکومت مخالف قوتوں کو بلہ شیری دینا کہ عوام ایران کی حکومت پر قبضہ کر لیں مگر انکی لکار کا ایسے بیکار جانا جیسے کنستربھردیسی گھی کا دریائی ریت پر گر کر ضائع ہو جانا۔ پھر حملے جاری رکھتے ہوئے دونوں ممالک کا ایران کے 150 سے زیادہ شہروں اور قصبوں پر تقریباً 15000 حملے کر کے 2 ہزار کے لگ بھگ ایرانیان بشمول پونے دو سو اسکول کی معصوم بچیاں شہید اور سارے ملک کا انفراسٹرکچر تباہ کر ڈالنا۔ مگر اس کے باوجود نہ صرف ایرانی رجیم چینج کے خواب کا بکھر جانا بلکہ یہ قول CNN کے رپورٹر کے ایران کے دارالحکومت تہران میں زندگی کا تقریباً معمول پر رہنا۔ اس سے میرے ذہن میں چار تاریخی مثالیں ابھرنے لگتی ہیں مگر انہیں ڈسکس کرنے سے پہلے امریکہ اور ایران کے تعلق کے ہسٹوریکل ڈائنامکس سمجھنا بہت ضروری ہے۔ 1951 میں نیشنل فرنٹ کے ٹکٹ پر تیل کی نیشنلائزیشن کے ایجنڈے کیساتھ منتخب ہونے والے وزیر اعظم مصدق نے جب 1953 میں تیل کی انڈسٹری قومیا نے کی کوشش کی تو غیر ملکی کمپنیوں نے قانون کے مطابق یہ پالیسی قبول کرنے کی بجائے گھناؤنا کھیل کھیلا اور امریکہ اور برطانیہ نے اپنی ایجنسیوں کے ذریعے ایرانی حکومت کا تختہ الٹ کر وزیر اعظم مصدق کو ہٹا دیا۔ اور رضا شاہ پہلوی جسکی اس وقت تک صرف آئینی بادشاہت

تھی، کو کھٹ تیلی حکومت کا سربراہ بنا دیا۔ اپنے منصوبے کے عین مطابق اگلے 25 سال میں ایرانی عوام کا کھربوں ڈالر کا تیل اپنی کمپنیوں کے ذریعے برطانیہ اور امریکہ لوٹ کر لے جاتے رہے۔ مگر 1978 میں 1906 کی طرح عوام دوبارہ اٹھ کھڑے ہوئے اور لمبی تحریک کے بعد 1979 میں معاشی استحصال کا خاتمہ کرتے ہوئے شہنشاہیت کو اٹھا کر باہر پھینک دیا۔ پھر مذہبی حکومت سے ڈرتے ہوئے پچھلے 47 سال سے امریکہ نے ایران پر معاشی پابندیاں لگا کر ایرانی عوام کو مہنگائی کی چکی میں پیسا۔ اسکے باوجود انقلابی حکومت اور عوام نے ہار نہ مانی تو 2026 میں ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ کی قیادت میں استعماری اور استحالی قوتوں نے یہ فرض کرنے کی حماقت کیوں کی کہ وہ اس دفعہ نظریاتی انقلاب کو ختم کر لیں گے؟ اسکا جواب ان چار تاریخی مثالوں میں ملے گا۔ پہلی مثال: امریکی صدر ٹرمپ کی اس معاملے میں Self-defeating سوچ کا منبع سمجھنے کیلئے ہمیں عراقی صدر صدام حسین مرحوم کے کویت پر حملے پر غور کرنا ہوگا۔ اس وقت کی امریکی ایمبیسڈر ایپریل گلیسی، جسے امریکہ میں یہودیوں کی نمائندہ تنظیم نے سفارش کروا کے سفیر لگوا یا تھا، نے حملے سے صرف 8 دن پہلے صدر صدام کو جا کر کہا تھا کہ یہ آپ لوگوں کا آپس کا معاملہ ہے۔ اگر کویت کو سزا دینے کیلئے عراق اس پر حملہ کرتا ہے تو امریکہ کو کوئی اعتراض نہیں ہوگا۔ یہ حکمت عملی تل ابیب میں طے ہوئی تھی، تاکہ مستقبل میں اسرائیل کیلئے خطرہ بننے والی مشرق وسطیٰ میں واحد عرب مضبوط فوج اور قیادت کو امریکی فورسز کے ہاتھوں

کالونی برصغیر کی کاٹن اور ایران کو وینزویلا اور پانامہ سمجھنا چھوڑ دیں۔ آپ کسی صورت ایران کے تیل کے کنٹرولر اور حکمراں نہیں بن سکتے۔ چوتھی مثال: سنتے، پڑھتے آئے ہیں کہ پچھلی صدی میں اگر کسی علاقے میں امن و امان کی اچھی صورتحال اور شرافت کا بلند لیول بیان کرنا مقصود ہوتا تھا تو کہا جاتا تھا کہ یہ علاقہ اتنا اچھا ہے کہ کوئی خاتون اپنے سارے زیورات پہن کر اکیلے اپنے گاؤں سے چار پانچ کلومیٹر دور پیدل دوسرے گاؤں جاسکتی ہے۔ لیکن اس سے پچھلی یعنی انیسویں صدی میں برصغیر میں ایسا کم ہی ہو سکتا تھا، مسٹر ٹرمپ! موجودہ انڈسٹریل زمانے میں تیل شاید کسی بھی ملک کیلئے سب سے بڑا زیور ہے، کیونکہ انرجی (تیل) استعمال کر کے ہی آجکل معاشرہ خوبصورت بنایا جاسکتا ہے۔ آپ جس کسی کے پاس اچھا زیور (تیل) دیکھتے ہیں، اسے لوٹ لینے کا منصوبہ بنا لیتے ہیں۔ لیکن ہر عورت وینزویلا کی طرح کمزور نہیں ہوتی۔ کوئی عورت چیمپئن آف دی ورلڈ محمد علی کلبے کی باکسر چیمپئن بیٹی لیلی کی طرح بھی ہو سکتی ہے، جو ٹکے مار مار کر آپ کا بھر کس نکال دے۔ اب ایران آپ کا بھر کس نکالے گا۔ عظیم قائد آیت اللہ علی خامنہ ای زندگی میں صہیونی اور امریکی استحالی قوتوں کیخلاف جرات مندانہ اسٹینڈ لیکر دنیا کے تمام اصول پسندوں کی آنکھ کا تارا تو تھے ہی مگر شہید ہو کر انہوں نے نہ صرف ایرانی قوم کو متحد کر دیا ہے، بلکہ پوری دنیا کے باضمیر انسانوں کو ظالم حملہ آوروں کیخلاف صف آرا کر دیا ہے۔



## جہنم کی آگ سے اللہ کی پناہ

سَمِعَ سَامِعٌ بِحَمْدِ اللَّهِ وَحُسْنِ بَلَايِهِ عَلَيْنَا رَبَّنَا صَاحِبِنَا وَأَفْضَلِ عَلَيْنَا عَائِدًا بِاللَّهِ مِنَ النَّارِ. (ابوداؤد)  
**ترجمہ:** سننے والے نے ہم سے اللہ کی حمد و ثنا اور اللہ کے ہمیں (اچھی طرح) آزمانے کو سنا، اے ہمارے رب تو ہمارا ساتھی ہو جا اور ہم پر فضل فرما۔  
 میں جہنم کی آگ سے پناہ لیتے ہوئے کہہ رہا ہوں۔

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا کو روزانہ پڑھتے رہنے سے جہنم کی آگ سے آزادی مل جاتی ہے۔

## جہنم سے اللہ کی پناہ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُعِينَنِي مِنَ النَّارِ وَتُدْخِلَنِي الْجَنَّةَ. (ابن السنی: ۸۴)  
**ترجمہ:** اے اللہ میں آپ سے سوال کرتا ہوں کہ مجھے جہنم سے پناہ دیجئے اور جنت میں داخل کیجئے۔

## وساوسِ شیطان سے حفاظت کا نبوی نسخہ

اللَّهُمَّ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَمَلِيكَهَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِي وَمِنْ شَرِّ الشَّيْطَانِ وَشَرِّ كَيْدِهِ وَأَنْ أَقْتَرِفَ عَلَى نَفْسِي سُوءًا أَوْ أَجْرَهُ إِلَى مُسْلِمٍ. (ابوداؤد، صحیح ترمذی: ۱۴۲/۳)  
**ترجمہ:** اے اللہ آسمانوں اور زمین کو بنانے والے پوشیدہ اور ظاہر کو جاننے والے ہر چیز کے پروردگار اور حقیقی مالک میں اس بات کی گواہی دیتا ہوں کہ آپ کے سوا کوئی عبادت کے لائق نہیں ہے اور آپ کے ذریعہ میں نفس کی برائی اور شیطان کی برائی سے اور اس کے شرک سے پناہ مانگتا ہوں اور اس سے پناہ مانگتا ہوں کہ کوئی برائی کروں جس کی وبال میرے نفس پر پڑے یا کسی مسلمان کو کوئی برائی پہنچاؤں۔  
**فضیلت:** جو شخص صبح کے وقت اس دُعا کو پڑھ لے، وساوسِ شیطان سے اس کی حفاظت ہوتی ہے۔

## ہر قسم کی عافیت کا نبوی نسخہ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ وَأَهْلِي وَمَالِي. اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي وَآمِنْ رَوْعَاتِي اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْنِي مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِي وَعَنْ يَمِينِي وَعَنْ شِمَالِي وَمِنْ فَوْقِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ بِعَظَمَتِكَ أَنْ أُغْتَالَ مِنْ تَحْتِي.  
**ترجمہ:** اے اللہ میں آپ سے عافیت مانگتا ہوں دُنیا اور آخرت میں۔ اے اللہ میں آپ سے معافی اور سلامتی مانگتا ہوں میرے دین اور میری دنیا میں اور میرے گھر والوں میں اور میرے مال میں۔ اے اللہ ڈھانپ لے میرا سب اور خوف کی چیزوں سے مجھے بے فکر کر دے، اے اللہ میری حفاظت کر میرے آگے اور میرے پیچھے سے، اور میرے دائیں سے اور میرے بائیں سے اور میرے اوپر سے اور میں آپ کی عظمت کی پناہ لیتا ہوں اس کے ہلاک کیا جاؤں میرے نیچے سے۔ (ابوداؤد صحیح ابن ماجہ: ۳۳۶/۲)  
**فضیلت:** حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے زندگی بھر یہ دُعا کبھی نہیں چھوڑی، ہر وقت روزانہ پڑھتے تھے۔ ہر قسم کی آفت سے محفوظ رہے گا۔

## حیدرآباد شہر میں پٹرول، ڈیزل اور گیس کی قلت!

مودی ہے تو ممکن ہے، نے ہندستان میں ہراس شے کو ممکن بنا دیا ہے جس کا تصور بھی ہندستانوں نے نہیں کیا تھا، 2014 کے بعد سے ملک میں نعروں کی حکومت چل رہی ہے اور جو نعرے مشہور ہوئے ان میں سب سے زیادہ معروف نعرہ 'مودی ہے تو ممکن ہے' رہا اور بھکتوں نے ہر طرح کے حالات میں اس نعرہ کا سہارا لیتے ہوئے وزیر اعظم کی تائید کی۔ ایران۔ امریکہ و اسرائیل کے درمیان جاری جنگی حالات کا اثر اب راست ہندستان پر دیکھا جانے لگا ہے اور ملک کے مختلف شہروں کے ساتھ ریاست تلنگانہ کے اضلاع اور دونوں شہروں حیدرآباد و سکندرآباد میں گیس، پٹرول اور ڈیزل کی قلت کے علاوہ خوف کے عالم میں خریداری شروع ہو چکی ہے۔ 6 سال قبل 24 مارچ 2020 کو جن حالات کا سامنا ہندستان کے شہریوں کو تھا آج 24 مارچ 2026 کو بھی اسی طرح کے حالات کا سامنا ہے۔ وزیر اعظم نریندر مودی کے راجیہ سبھا میں بیان اور گذشتہ یوم لوک سبھا میں دیئے گئے بیان کے بعد دونوں شہروں حیدرآباد و سکندرآباد کے علاوہ ریاست کے بیشتر اضلاع میں خوف کے عالم میں عوام جمع خوری میں مصروف ہو چکے ہیں جس کے نتیجے میں کئی دکانات پر گاہکوں کا ہجوم ریکارڈ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ پٹرول پمپ، سوپر مارکٹس، ترکاری کے منڈی اور کئی مقامات پر لوگ پریشانی کے عالم میں خریداری کرتے ہوئے دیکھے گئے۔ دونوں شہروں حیدرآباد و سکندرآباد میں

کئی پٹرول پمپوں کے علاوہ گیس اسٹیشنوں پر طویل قطاریں دیکھی جا رہی تھیں لیکن دوپہر کے بعد سے اجناس کی خریدی پر بھی اچانک لوگ ٹوٹ پڑے اور گیس حاصل نہ ہونے کے سبب یہ صورتحال پیدا ہو رہی ہے۔ بتایا جاتا ہے کہ دونوں شہروں میں آج دن بھر کے دوران زائد از 80 فیصد پٹرول پمپ



توجہ دینے کے بجائے آئندہ چند ماہ کا راشن جمع کرنے پر توجہ مرکوز کئے ہوئے نظر آئے۔ ملک میں بے روزگار کے مسئلہ اور اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ نوجوانوں کے پکڑے فروخت کرنے کے مسائل کو حکومت کے سامنے پیش کرنے پر خود حکومت اور بھکتوں نے کہا تھا 'پکڑے تلنا اور فروخت' کرنا بھی ایک کاروبار ہے لیکن اب گیس کی قلت کے بعد پکڑے فروخت کرنا بھی ممکن نہیں رہا اور یہ سب 'مودی ہے تو ممکن ہے'۔ ملک میں پھیل رہی بے چینی کے متعلق شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ خوف کے عالم میں ہونے والی خریداری کی بنیادی وجہ حکومت کی جانب سے ذہن سازی کرنے والے بیانات ہیں اور عالمی حالات کے تناظر میں مرکزی حکومت کے غیر دانشمندانہ فیصلوں کے نتیجے میں عوام خوف و ہراس کے عالم میں خریداری پر مجبور ہونے لگے ہیں۔ بتایا جاتا ہے کہ نوٹ بندی کے علاوہ کورونا وائرس کے نتیجے میں پیدا شدہ حالات میں حکومت نے جس طرح کی بے بسی کا اظہار کیا تھا اسی طرح کے حالات اب دوبارہ پیدا ہونے لگے ہیں جس کے نتیجے میں کئی صنعتی اداروں میں خدمات انجام دینے والے نوجوان روزگار سے محروم ہونے لگے ہیں۔ روزگار سے محروم ہونے والے نوجوانوں کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک میں جو حالات پیدا ہو چکے ہیں اور جن حالات کا سامنا آئندہ دنوں میں ہندستانی شہریوں کو کرنا پڑے گا وہ بھی 'مودی ہے تو ممکن ہے'۔

جس کے نتیجے میں کئی سوپر مارکٹس میں ہجوم دیکھا گیا۔ شہر حیدرآباد میں ہونے والی اس ہنگامی اور خوف کے عالم میں خریداری کو دیکھتے ہوئے ریاستی حکومت کی جانب سے اس بات کی وضاحت کی گئی کہ ایل پی جی، این جی، پٹرول اور ڈیزل کی کوئی قلت نہیں ہے اس کے باوجود بھی عوام نے حکومت کے اعلان پر توجہ دینے کے بجائے خریداری پر توجہ مرکوز رکھی حالانکہ محکمہ سیول سپلائز نے ریاست میں کسی بھی شے کی قلت نہ ہونے کا واضح اعلان کیا۔ پٹرول پمپ اور گیس اسٹیشنوں پر 'نواسٹاک' کے بورڈ آویزاں کئے جانے کے بعد شہریوں کی بے چینی میں مزید اضافہ ہو گیا اور شہر کے کئی مقامات پر اسٹاک نہ ہونے کی بنیاد پر پمپ اور گیس اسٹیشن بند کر دیئے گئے۔ پٹرول پمپ مالکین و ڈیلرس کا کہنا ہے کہ انہیں درکار مقدار میں پٹرول، ڈیزل

بندر ہے اور کئی مقامات پر پکوان گیس سیلنڈر کے حصول کے لئے شہریوں کو ہنگامہ آرائی کرتے ہوئے دیکھا گیا تو کئی مقامات پر پکوان گیس کے لئے طویل قطاریں دیکھی گئیں۔ قلب شہر مانصاحب ٹینک کے علاقہ میں گیس سربراہ کرنے والے آٹو کو روکتے ہوئے ہنگامہ آرائی کی شکایات موصول ہوئیں اور اس سلسلہ میں صارفین اور سربراہ کرنے والوں کے درمیان ہونے والی ہنگامہ آرائی کی ویڈیو بھی وائرل ہوئی۔ آٹو ڈرائیورس کی اپنے آٹو میں گیس بھرانے کل رات سے کئی گیس اسٹیشنوں پر طویل قطاریں دیکھی گئیں۔ حیدرآباد کے علاوہ تلنگانہ کے اضلاع کے عوام میں خوف کو دیکھتے ہوئے پولیس نے بھی شہریوں سے اپیل کی ہے کہ وہ خوف کے عالم میں خریداری سے اجتناب کریں لیکن عوام کسی بھی اپیل پر

## حیدرآبادی پکوان کے چٹخارے

بھری مرچیں ڈال کر چولھے کی آنج ہلکی کر دیں۔ بیس پچیس منٹ بعد لیموں کا رس چھڑک کر کے چولھا بند کر دیں۔

### کچے گوشت کی بریانی:

**اجزاء:** گوشت (بکرے کا) ایک کلو، چاول (ایک گھنٹا قبل بھگو دیں) ایک کلو، لہسن، ادراک کا پیسٹ دو کھانے کے چمچ، دہی ایک کپ، نمک حسب منشاء، کالا زیرہ ایک چائے کا چمچ، ٹماٹر (کاٹ لیں) ایک پاؤ، پیاز (کاٹ لیں) تین عدد، لال مرچ پاؤڈر ایک کھانے کا چمچ، ہلدی آدھا چائے کا چمچ، دار چینی دو عدد، لونگ آٹھ عدد، چھوٹی الائچی چار عدد، کالی مرچ ثابت دس عدد، سبز مرچیں پانچ عدد، پیپٹا (پسا ہوا) چار چائے کے چمچ، عرق گلاب دو چائے کے چمچ، زردہ رنگ اور تیل۔

**ترکیب:** ایک پیالے میں گوشت، دہی، ادراک، لہسن کا پیسٹ، لال مرچ پاؤڈر،

لہسن کا پیسٹ ڈال کر بھون لیں۔ پھر ہلدی، نمک اور ہری مرچیں ڈال کر بھونیں۔ اس کے بعد دہی والا آمیزہ ڈال کر اتنا بھونیں کہ مسالا تیل چھوڑ دے۔ پھر چکن ڈال کر تھوڑا سا بھونیں اور ایک کپ پانی ڈال کر گلنے کے لیے رکھ دیں۔ چکن گل جائے، تو گرم مسالا، ہرا دھنیا اور پودینا ڈال کر مزید بھون لیں۔ آخر میں لیموں کا رس اور بادام ڈال دیں۔

### اچار گوشت:

**اجزاء:** بکرے کا بون لیس گوشت (چھوٹی بوٹیاں کر لیں) آدھا کلو، ہلدی آدھا چائے کا چمچ، نمک حسب ذائقہ، سُرخ مرچ پاؤڈر ایک چائے کا چمچ، پیاز (کاٹ لیں) ایک عدد، ادراک، لہسن کا پیسٹ ایک چائے کا چمچ، سفید زیرہ دو چائے کے چمچ، میتھی کے بیج ایک چائے کا چمچ، سونف ایک چائے کا چمچ، کلونچی ایک چائے کا چمچ، ہری مرچ بڑی دس

ثابت لال مرچ اور کڑی پتے کا بگھار دے کر دیگر مسالے ڈال کے اچھی طرح بھون لیں۔ جب مسالا بھن جائے اور تیل نظر آنے لگے، تو بیٹنگن اور املی کا گودا شامل کر کے مدھم آنج پر پکنے دیں، بیٹنگن نرم ہو جائیں، تو سبز مرچ، ہرا دھنیا، پودینا باریک کاٹ کر چھڑک دیں۔ چٹ پتے، خوش ذائقہ بگھارے بیٹنگن تیار ہیں۔

جب بات ہو، حیدرآبادی کھانوں کی، تو ان کی لذت و ذائقے کا سوچ کر ہی منہ میں پانی بھر آتا ہے کہ حیدرآبادی پکوانوں کے چٹخارے دُنیا بھر میں مشہور ہیں۔ تو لیجیے، اس اتوار اپنے پیارے گھر کا پیارا دسترخوان چند مشہور حیدرآبادی کھانوں سے آراستہ کریں۔

### بگھارے بیٹنگن:

**اجزاء:** بیٹنگن آدھا کلو، کھوپرا (پسا ہوا)



### حیدرآبادی قورما:

**اجزاء:** چکن دو کلو، پیاز (باریک کاٹ لیں) چار عدد، ہری مرچیں (کاٹ لیں) آٹھ عدد، لہسن، ادراک کا پیسٹ دو کھانے کے چمچ، دہی (چھینٹ لیں) دو کپ، گرم مسالا پاؤڈر ایک کھانے کا چمچ، ہلدی آدھا چائے کا چمچ، مونگ پھلی کے دانے ایک چوتھائی کپ، کھوپرا (پسا ہوا)، بادام کی گری حسب منشاء، سورج مکھی کے بیج ایک کھانے کا چمچ، ہرا دھنیا ایک گڈی، پودینا (باریک کاٹ لیں) ایک تہائی کپ، لیموں کا رس دو کھانے کے چمچ، نمک حسب ذائقہ اور تیل۔

**ترکیب:** چکن دھو کر چھلنی میں رکھ دیں، تاکہ پانی خشک ہو جائے۔ مونگ پھلی اور سورج مکھی کے بیج کوٹ کر دہی میں شامل کر کے الگ رکھ دیں۔ اب ایک پین میں تیل گرم کر کے بادام فرائی کریں اور ایک پلیٹ میں نشوونپہر رکھ کر اس میں نکال لیں۔

اسی تیل میں پیاز فرائی کر کے ادراک،

دو کھانے کے چمچ، تیل دو کھانے کے چمچ، ثابت دھنیا دو کھانے کے چمچ، مونگ پھلی دس عدد، ثابت سفید زیرہ ایک کھانے کا چمچ، خشکاش ایک کھانے کا چمچ، ہلدی ایک چوتھائی چمچ، سُرخ مرچ دو کھانے کے چمچ، نمک حسب ذائقہ، پیاز دو عدد، ادراک، لہسن کا پیسٹ دو چائے کے چمچ، ثابت لال مرچ دو تین عدد، املی (بھگو کر گودا نکال لیں) حسب منشاء، کڑی پتا چند پتے، ہری مرچیں تین عدد، ہرا دھنیا آدھی گڈی، پودینا آدھی گڈی اور تیل حسب ضرورت۔

**ترکیب:** ہر بیٹنگن کے چار چار کنگڑے اس طرح کریں کہ وہ آخری سرے سے آپس میں جڑے رہیں۔ پھر انہیں نمک کے پانی میں بھگو دیں۔ کھوپرا، تیل، ثابت دھنیا، مونگ پھلی، سفید زیرہ اور خشکاش تو سے پر علیحدہ علیحدہ بھون کر پیس لیں۔

اب ایک پتیلی میں تیل گرم کریں اور پیاز ڈال کر سنہری کر لیں۔ پھر ادراک، لہسن کا پیسٹ ڈال کر کوئی ایک منٹ تک فرائی کر کے



ہلدی اور پیپٹا اچھی طرح کس کر کے رکھ دیں۔ پھر دوسری پتیلی میں پانی لے کر اس میں چاول، دار چینی، لونگ، چھوٹی الائچی، کالا زیرہ، ہری مرچیں اور کالی مرچ ڈال کر اُبال کر چھلنی میں رکھ دیں۔ اب ایک پتیلی میں تیل گرم کر کے گوشت، پیاز اور ٹماٹر ڈال کر بھون لیں۔ جب مسالا اچھی طرح بھن جائے، تو اس کے اوپر چاول پھیلا دیں۔ عرق گلاب میں رنگ گھول کر چاولوں کے اوپر چھڑک دیں اور چولھے کی آنج ہلکی کر کے دم پر رکھ دیں۔

سے بارہ عدد، لیموں کا رس ایک تہائی پیالی، دہی آدھی پیالی اور تیل۔

**ترکیب:** سب سے پہلے سفید زیرہ (ایک چمچ)، میتھی کے بیج، سونف اور کلونچی تو سے پر ہلکے سے بھون کر موٹے موٹے کوٹ لیں اور بڑی سبز مرچوں کو لمبائی میں کاٹ کر یہ مسالا ان میں بھر دیں۔ اب پتیلی میں تیل گرم کر کے اس میں بقیہ زیرہ ڈال کر گوشت بھون لیں اور دیگر مسالے شامل کر کے اس قدر پانی ڈالیں کہ گوشت گل جائے۔ جب گوشت گل جائے، تو مسالا



## پاکستان کی تاریخی فلموں پر ایک نظر

پاکستان میں ایکشن، رومانک، سوشل اور کامیڈی فلموں کے علاوہ تاریخی موضوعات کی کہانی پر سرکاری خرچ پر بنائی گئی ایک "قومی فلم" تھی جسے دیکھ کر یہی



پر بھی فلمیں بنائی گئی ہیں۔! تاریخی فلموں میں خصوصاً قیام پاکستان یا تقسیم ہند کے علاوہ مختلف تاریخی شخصیات اور واقعات کو فلمایا گیا ہے۔ برصغیر کی اسلامی تاریخ، مسلمانوں کی رومیوں اور تاتاریوں سے کشمکش، مغلیہ دور، انگریز سامراج، کشمیر اور پاک بھارت جنگوں کے علاوہ فلسطین اور "افغان جہاد" وغیرہ پر بھی فلمیں بنیں۔ ان کے علاوہ افسانوی کرداروں پر مشتمل بہت سی تاریخی نوعیت کی جنگ و جدل سے بھرپور کاٹیجیوم فلمیں بھی بنائی گئیں۔ تاریخ پاکستان، فلموں کی زبانی دستیاب معلومات کے مطابق، پاکستان کی تاریخ پونے آٹھ لاکھ سال پہلے وادی سواں سے شروع ہوتی ہے جس میں پھر ٹیکسلا، ہڑپہ، موہنجودڑو اور گندھارا وغیرہ کا ذکر بھی ملتا ہے لیکن یہاں بات صرف موجودہ پاکستان کی اسلامی تاریخ پر ہوگی جس پر فلمیں بھی بنائی گئی ہیں۔

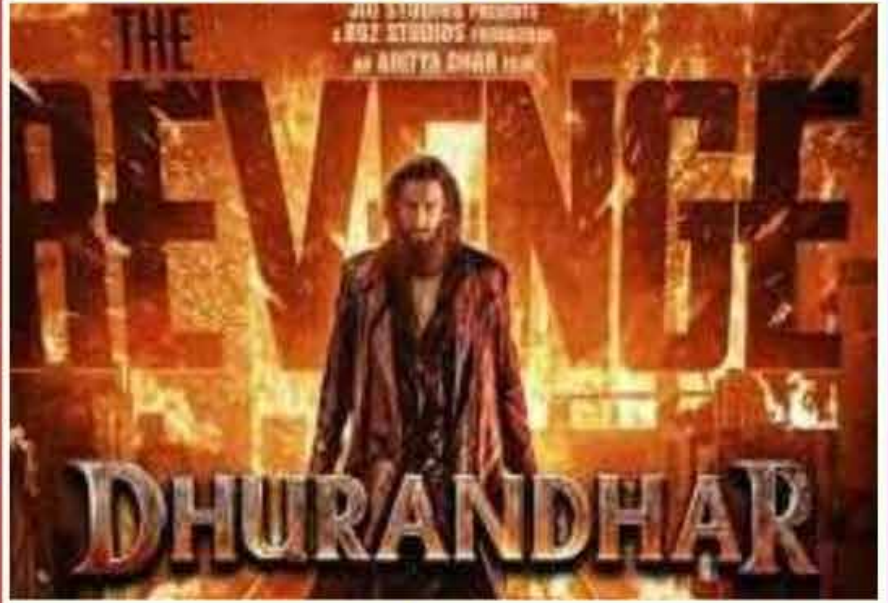
تاریخ پاکستان کو اگر فلموں کی زبانی جاننا ہو تو پاکستان کی فلمی تاریخ میں صرف دو ہی خالص فلمیں تقسیم ہند یا قیام پاکستان کے موضوع پر بنائی گئی ہیں۔ ان میں سے پہلی فلم کرتارنگھ (1959) اور دوسری فلم خاک اور خون (1979) تھی۔

زیر نظر مضمون میں پاکستان کی مکمل اسلامی تاریخ کو پاکستان کی تاریخی فلموں کی زبانی بیان کرنے کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے۔ خاک اور خون (1979) فلم خاک اور خون (1979)، ممتاز ادیب نسیم حجازی کے تقسیم ہند پر لکھے ہوئے ایک ناول



## فلم دھورندھر 2025 کی نمبر ایک فلم بن گئی

رنویرنگھ کی فلم دھورندھر صحیح معنوں میں جانے والی بین انڈیا فلم کا نتارا چیمپٹر 1 ریلیز 2025 کی سب سے بڑی بلاک بسٹر بن گئی ہوئی۔ جیسا کہ سب کی توقع تھی اس نے باکس



ہے۔ صرف 18 دنوں میں اس نے اس سال ریلیز ہونے والی دیگر تمام بڑی بلاک بسٹروں کو پیچھے چھوڑ دیا ہے اور سرفہرست مقام حاصل کر لیا ہے لیکن دھورندھر کا یہ سفر یہیں ختم ہوتا نظر نہیں آتا۔ فلم جس رفتار سے کمائی کر رہی ہے اس سے اندازہ ہوتا ہے کہ وہ اس ہفتے 1000 کروڑ کے ڈریم کلب میں شامل ہو جائے گی۔ اس کے ساتھ یہ کئی بڑے سوپر اسٹارز کے ریکارڈ توڑ دے گی۔ آدتیہ دھر کی ہدایت کاری میں بننے والی یہ فلم ہر روز نئی تاریخ رقم کر رہی ہے۔ فلم کی کمائی اس رفتار سے ہے جو اس سے پہلے کسی اور فلم نے حاصل نہیں کی۔ کانٹرا چیمپٹر 1 جیسی ایک بڑی کثیر زبانی بین انڈیا فلم نے 58 دنوں میں جو حاصل کیا، دھورندھر نے صرف 18 دنوں میں حاصل کیا اور اس سے بھی آگے نکل گئی۔ 2025 میں چاوانے ابتدائی طور پر سب سے زیادہ کمائی کرنے والی فلم کا ریکارڈ قائم کیا۔ فروری میں ریلیز ہوئی فلم نے اپنی پوری دوڑ میں 800 کروڑ روپے سے زیادہ کما کر پہلے ہی مقابلے کو مشکل بنا دیا تھا۔ اس کاریکارڈ اس وقت تک برقرار رہا جب تک کہ جنوب کی جانب سے بہت زیادہ انتظار کی



## ایران نے آخر کار ٹرمپ کی طاقت کی حد بے نقاب کر دی

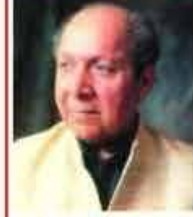
ایران نے آبنائے ہرمز کھولنے سے انکار کی صورت میں تہران کے توانائی نظام کو 'مٹا دینے' کی اپنی دھمکی مؤخر کر کے ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ نے امریکی طاقت کی حدود کو نمایاں کر دیا ہے۔ یہ حدود امریکہ کے دشمن سمجھتے ہیں، مگر اس کے صدر نہیں۔ ٹرمپ کا دعویٰ ہے کہ ایران کی توانائی کا نظام تباہ کرنے کے منصوبے پر پانچ دن کا 'وقفہ' تہران کے ساتھ 'بہت اچھی اور نتیجہ خیز بات چیت' کے بعد آیا، حالانکہ ایران کا کہنا ہے کہ ایسی کوئی بات چیت ہوئی ہی نہیں۔ لیکن امریکی صدر کو تہران کے محتاط رد عمل کا حساب ضرور کرنا پڑا۔ ایران نے اپنے پہلے جواب میں کہا: ایسا کرو، اور ہم خلیج میں ان تمام نمکین پانی کو میٹھا بنانے والے پلانٹس کو اڑا دیں گے جو تمہارے خلیجی اتحادیوں کو صحرا میں زندہ رکھتے ہیں۔ ہم آبنائے ہرمز بند کر دیں گے جب تک تم وہ سب کچھ ٹھیک نہیں کرتے جسے تم نے بمباری سے تباہ کیا ہے، اور ہم اسرائیل کے خلاف حملے مزید سخت کر دیں گے۔ بعد میں تہران نے ان دھمکیوں کو کسی حد تک واپس لیتے ہوئے غیر معمولی طور پر اخلاقی برتری برقرار رکھنے کی کوشش کی، کیونکہ اقوام متحدہ نے مشاہدہ کیا کہ پانی کے نظام کو تباہ کرنا جنگی جرم ہو سکتا ہے۔ ایران نے کہا کہ وہ خلیجی ممالک کے بجلی گھروں کو نشانہ بنانے پر توجہ دے گا، جو اتفاقاً سمندر کے پانی کو میٹھا بنانے کے لیے بھی توانائی فراہم کرتے ہیں۔ ایرانی حکومت نے سرکاری میڈیا پر کہا: 'جھوٹ بولنے والے امریکی صدر نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ پاسداران انقلاب خطے کے ممالک میں پانی کو میٹھا بنانے والے پلانٹس پر حملہ کرنا چاہتے ہیں اور لوگوں کو مشکلات میں ڈالنا چاہتے ہیں۔ ہم کسی بھی دھمکی کا جواب اسی سطح پر دینے کے لیے پرعزم ہیں جس سطح پر وہ پیدا کی جاتی ہے تاکہ ڈینرس

قائم رہے۔ اگر تم بجلی پر حملہ کرو گے تو ہم بھی بجلی پر حملہ کریں گے۔' یہ وقفہ خلیجی ممالک کو اپنی تیزی سے کم ہوتی فضائی دفاعی صلاحیتیں بحال کرنے کا موقع دیتا ہے۔ یہ ایران کے اب انتہائی غیر مرکزی فوجی نظام کو ممکنہ شدید حملوں سے وقتی مہلت فراہم کرتا ہے۔ اور یہ ٹرمپ کو، اگر وہ غور و فکر کرنے کے قابل ہیں، اس دلدل سے نکلنے پر سوچنے کا موقع دیتا ہے جس کی تیاری تہران نے پہلے ہی کر رکھی ہے۔ ایران پر اسرائیل اور امریکہ کے حملے، جو اب چوتھے ہفتے میں داخل ہو چکے ہیں، تیل اور قدرتی گیس کی قیمتوں میں شدید اضافے کا باعث بنے ہیں اور عالمی کساد بازاری کا خطرہ پیدا کر رہے ہیں۔ نومبر میں ہونے والے وسط مدتی انتخابات کے پیش نظر ٹرمپ امریکی پٹرول پمپس پر قیمتوں کے آسمان کو چھونے کے متحمل نہیں ہو سکتے۔ توانائی پر دھمکیوں کا یہ سلسلہ اسرائیل نے شروع کیا تھا، جس نے یوکرین میں روسی حکمت عملی کی نقل کرتے ہوئے ایران کے ساتھ پارس گیس فیلڈ پر بمباری کی۔ قطر اپنی دولت انہی زیر زمین ذخائر سے حاصل کرتا ہے، اور جب مائع قدرتی گیس کی قیمتیں مزید بڑھنے لگیں تو ٹرمپ نے اسرائیل سے مطالبہ کیا کہ وہ ایران کے خلاف ایسے حملے بند کرے۔ مگر یہ بحث بے معنی ہے۔ امریکہ اور اسرائیل کا خیال تھا کہ وہ ایران پر بمباری کر کے حکومت کی تبدیلی لاسکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے حالیہ تاریخ کا سبق بھلا دیا کہ ایک سپر پاور کی دھمکی اکثر اس طاقت کے عملی استعمال سے زیادہ مؤثر ہوتی ہے۔ سیاسی مقاصد حاصل کرنے کے معاملے میں امریکی قیادت میں فوجی کارروائیوں کی حدود 2003 میں عراق پر امریکی حملے کے دوران تلخی سے سامنے آچکی ہیں۔ امریکی قیادت میں قابض افواج کے

نااہل رہنماؤں نے ایسی صورت حال پیدا کی جس سے خونریز بغاوت نے جنم لیا اور بالآخر نام نہاد دولت اسلامیہ کے قیام کی راہ ہموار ہوئی۔ اسی دوران ایران کی پاسداران انقلاب اور اس کے اتحادیوں عراق، دمشق (اسد حکومت) اور لبنان (حزب اللہ) کو دو دہائیوں تک پھیلنے پھولنے کا موقع ملا۔ پاسداران انقلاب نے عراق میں لڑائی لڑی اور افغانستان میں امریکی قیادت میں افواج کو الجھتے اور خون بہاتے دیکھا، اور یہ سبق سیکھا کہ ایک عالمی سپر پاور کو طویل مدت میں شکست دی جاسکتی ہے۔ ممکن ہے کارروائی نہ کرنا درست فیصلہ رہا ہو مگر اسد اور تہران میں اس کے سرپرست یہ نہیں جانتے تھے۔ انہوں نے جو اکیلا اور جیت گئے، جبکہ امریکہ میں نہ ہمت تھی نہ قوت کہ ان کے خلاف اقدام کرتا۔ ہفتے کے آخر میں ٹرمپ کی اس دھمکی کے جواب میں کہ وہ ایران کے تیل کے میدانوں کو 'مٹا دیں گے'، تہران نے کہا: 'ایران کے ساحلوں یا جزیروں پر حملے کی کوئی بھی کوشش خلیج میں تمام رسائی کے راستوں کو مختلف اقسام کی سمندری بارودی سرنگوں سے بھر دے گی، جن میں تیرتی ہوئی سرنگیں بھی شامل ہوں گی جو ساحل سے چھوڑ دی جائیں گی۔ اس صورت میں پوری خلیج ایک طویل عرصے تک عملاً آبنائے ہرمز جیسی صورت حال میں رہے گی۔' یہ باغیانہ حکمت عملی ہے جسے امریکہ اور اسرائیل جنہوں نے عسکریت پسند بغاوتوں کے خلاف برسوں تک جنگیں لڑی ہیں نظر انداز کر بیٹھے۔ یہ ممکن ہے کہ یہ محض ایک دھمکی ہو۔ شاید ایران کے پاس اب عالمی معیشت کو اس طرح مفلوج کرنے کی صلاحیت نہ رہی ہو۔ تہران کی یہ دھمکی دراصل ایک چیلنج بھی تھی۔ کیا امریکہ واقعی اس بات پر جو اکیلے گا کہ ایران دنیا کے 20 فیصد تیل اور

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میں ہوں تیرا تو نصیب اپنا بنا لے مجھ کو  
مجھ سے تو پوچھنے آیا ہے وفا کے معنی  
یہ تری سادہ دلی مار نہ ڈالے مجھ کو  
میں سمندر بھی ہوں موتی بھی ہوں غوطہ زن بھی  
کوئی بھی نام مرا لے کے بلا لے مجھ کو  
تو نے دیکھا نہیں آئینے سے آگے کچھ بھی  
خود پرستی میں کہیں تو نہ گنوا لے مجھ کو  
باندھ کر سنگ وفا کر دیا تو نے غرقاب  
کون ایسا ہے جو اب ڈھونڈ نکالے مجھ کو  
خود کو میں بانٹ نہ ڈالوں کہیں دامن دامن  
کر دیا تو نے اگر میرے حوالے مجھ کو  
میں کھلے در کے کسی گھر کا ہوں ساماں پیارے  
تو دبے پاؤں کبھی آ کے چرا لے مجھ کو  
کل کی بات اور ہے میں اب سارہوں یا نہ رہوں  
جتنا جی چاہے ترا آج ستا لے مجھ کو  
بادہ پھر بادہ ہے میں زہر بھی پی جاؤں قتیل  
شرط یہ ہے کوئی ہاتھوں میں سنبھالے مجھ کو

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حمافتار امام صدیقی



غزل

تو نہیں تو زندگی میں اور کیا رہ جائے گا  
دور تک تہائیوں کا سلسلہ رہ جائے گا  
کیجئے کیا گفتگو کیا ان سے مل کر سوچئے  
دل شکستہ خواہشوں کا ذائقہ رہ جائے گا  
درد کی ساری تہیں اور سارے گزرے حادثے  
سب دھواں ہو جائیں گے اک واقعہ رہ جائے گا  
یہ بھی ہوگا وہ مجھے دل سے بھلا دے گا مگر  
یوں بھی ہوگا خود اسی میں اک خلا رہ جائے گا  
دائرے انکار کے اقرار کی سرگوشیاں  
یہ اگر ٹوٹے کبھی تو فاصلہ رہ جائے گا

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ڈاکٹر نور امروہوی



غزل

کوئی رستے کا پتھر بن گیا ہے  
بچھڑنا ہی مقدر بن گیا ہے  
جہاں بچھڑے تھے ہم اک بار مل کے  
کسی کا اس جگہ گھر بن گیا ہے  
اسے کرنا تھی بیٹی کی حفاظت  
سپاہی سے وہ لشکر بن گیا ہے  
مرے دل نے بہت جھیلے ہیں صدے  
اب اس دیوار میں در بن گیا ہے  
ترا لہجہ ہے زہریلا کچھ اتنا  
ترا ہر لفظ نشتر بن گیا ہے  
روانی آنسوؤں کی کہہ رہی ہے  
جو دریا تھا سمندر بن گیا ہے  
یہاں فٹ پاتھ پر گز بھر کا رقبہ  
کسی مفلس کا بستر بن گیا ہے  
ترے رخسار پر جس وقت ڈھلکا  
وہ اک آنسو بھی گوہر بن گیا ہے

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ولی الدین



انگل

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

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چپ تو بھی لوگوں پہ رعب جما رہیں  
بیوی پہ کتنا کنٹرول ہے بول کو بتا رہیں  
اصل پوچھو تو ایچ شوہراں پارٹی بعد  
اکیلے بیگم کے ساتھ گھر جانے کو گھبرا رہیں

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سوچتے ہیں چھٹیاں لے کر ہیں جائیں ہم دونوں  
بچوں کو تمہاری مٹی کے حوالے کر جائیں ہم دونوں  
کہتی ہے ”اکیلے میں تم کو رومانس کی سوجتی ہے“  
”چلو ایک بار پھر سے اجنبی بن جائیں ہم دونوں“

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جلال عارف



غزل

جدائی، سوزِ دل، دردِ جگر تہائیاں میری  
زبانِ بجز پر ہے نامکمل داستاں میری  
اسیرِ عشق ہوں زنجیرِ زنداں سے محبت ہے  
کہے صیاد سے کوئی نہ کھولے بیڑیاں میری  
اگر اپنے تشخص کو بچانے مر بھی جاتا ہوں  
شہادت ہوگی یہ، ہوگی نہ مرگ ناگہاں میری  
مجھے حق نے دیا ہے حق یہاں اعلیٰ حق کا جب  
رہنم وقت ہو کر کیوں رہیں گی یہ زباں میری  
کتابِ حرمت کے صفحہ اول سے آخر تک  
زمانہ پڑھ چکا ہے داستاں خونچکاں میری  
بظاہر میں تو ہوں بے دست و پا بے آسرا پھر بھی  
کوئی تو بات ہے جو فکر میں ہے یہ جہاں میری  
گلی میں جب تری آتا ہوں میں دیدار کو تیرے  
پذیرائی کو رہتا ہے ہجومِ عاشقاں میری  
ادا و حسن پر جس کو بڑا ہی ناز تھا کل تک  
وہ عارف ڈھونڈتا پھرتا ہے اب پر چھائیاں میری

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فکر تلگندی



غزل

ابر دے یا نہ کسی ابر کا سایہ دے دے  
حوصلہ دھوپ میں چلنے کا خدایا دے دے  
نفرتوں سے بھرے ماحول میں دم گھٹتا ہے  
ایک جھونکا ہی سہی تازہ ہوا کا دے دے  
ترے قبضے میں تلاطم ہے تو حیرت کیا ہے  
کاغذی ناو کو چاہیے تو کنارہ دے دے  
ساری بہہ جائے گناہوں کی سیاہی یارب  
میری آنکھوں میں امنڈتا ہوا دریا دے دے  
تو مرے پیر میں چھتا ہوا کاٹنا دے دے  
گھو گیا ہے وہ جس بھول بھلیوں میں کہیں  
گم شدہ مجھ کو وہی پھر مرا چہرا دے دے  
میری باتوں میں نئی سوچ نئی فکر رہے  
سب کے سینے میں اتر جائے وہ لہجہ دے دے

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خالد علوی



غزل

آرزو کوئی ہو اس کو حد امکان میں رکھ  
دستِ قاتل کو سدا دستِ نگہبان میں رکھ  
گاؤں اپنا ہے مگر کون خریدے گا مجھے  
مجھ کو لے جا کے بڑے شہر کی دوکان میں رکھ  
زندگی توڑ نہ دے موت سے پیمانِ وفا  
چند مر جھائے ہوئے پھول بھی گل دان میں رکھ  
کام بے مایہ سی شے بھی کبھی آتی ہے بہت  
خاک کا ذرہ سہی پھر بھی مجھے دیان میں رکھ  
سرنگوں ہو گا کسی روز تو موجوں کا عتاب  
کشتیِ زیت بھی سوچ کے طوفان میں رکھ  
ذوب جاتے ہیں یہاں شام سے پہلے سورج  
اب قدم سوچ کے تو وادیِ ارمان میں رکھ  
دل کی تہائی پہ روئے گا کہاں تک علوی  
ایک بلتیس بھی اس قصرِ سلیمان میں رکھ

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یامین خطیب



غزل

ظاہر میں جو دیکھا تو انسان نظر آئے  
باطن میں مگر کچھ تو شیطان نظر آئے  
احباب کو ٹھکرا کر غیروں میں رہے جا کر  
جب بھی انہیں دیکھا ہے پریشان نظر آئے  
طاقت کا نشہ اُترا دولت کا گھمنڈ ٹوٹا  
ہاتھوں میں لئے کاسہ سلطان نظر آئے  
ہر اک کو لوٹا ہے اور کی ہے دغا بازی  
بربادی مقدر ہے وہ ہر آن نظر آئے  
نفرت سے حقارت سے ملکوں کو کیا غارت  
ہیں موت کے سوداگر انسان نظر آئے  
ادراک نہ تھا اُن کو خود اپنی جوانی کا  
آئینہ میں جب دیکھا حیران نظر آئے  
عرصہ ہوا یامین کو جو بھول گئے تھے  
وہ دوست آج پھر مہربان نظر آئے

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Speaker: "Money doesn't grow on trees!"  
 Attendee: "Wrong. It's made of paper, isn't it?"

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Client: "Your rates are very high."  
 Consultant: "That's because I give business-class service in an economy world."

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My business is like my hairline... slowly fading but still hanging on.

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Passenger: "Why is the flight delayed?"  
 Ground Staff: "Sir, the pilot is stuck in Bangalore traffic."  
 Passenger: "Should've asked him to come by flight!"

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Attendant: "Sir, would you like some snacks?"  
 Politician: "No thanks, I already made promises to feed everyone for free."

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Flight Attendant: "Please keep your cabin bags in the overhead compartment."  
 Passenger: "There's no space!"  
 Attendant: "Sir, try like Indian Railways. Squeeze, stack, and pray."

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News Anchor: "We have our correspondent live from the protest."  
 Camera pans to a reporter standing near a chai shop.  
 Reporter: "The protestors haven't arrived yet, but the tea is fantastic."

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Journalist: "Sir, what is your party's vision for the youth?"



Candidate: "We promise to give 100% job security."  
 Journalist: "That's great! How?"  
 Candidate: "We'll make everyone influencers."

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A young reporter from a village published: "Alien sighting in Punjab!"  
 Turns out it was just a foreign tourist in a neon raincoat trying to buy samosas.

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Journalist: "Should I fact-check this tweet before publishing?"  
 Editor: "Don't worry. We'll correct it in the next viral tweet!"

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What if Oxygen went on a date with Potassium?  
 Its OK.

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What did the thermometer say to the graduated cylinder?

"You may have graduated but I've got so many degrees"

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What did the male magnet say to the female magnet?  
 From your back, I thought you were repulsive. However, after seeing you from the front, I find you rather attractive.

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Boss: "Why didn't you deduct TDS on the client's payment?"  
 Junior Accountant: "Sir, he already looked sad. I didn't want to deduct anything else."

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Girl: "I want someone who's emotionally balanced."  
 CA Guy: "My balance sheet is always balanced. Marry me."

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Friend: "You and Neha broke up?"  
 Accountant: "Yes, we added too much GST in our relationship - Great Stress Tension."

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Wife: "Let's go on a date."  
 CA Husband: "It's March 31st. My only date today is with the Income Tax department."

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How many software engineers does it take to change a light bulb?  
 None, that's a hardware issue!

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Why don't civil engineers ever fight?  
 Because they always find common ground.



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