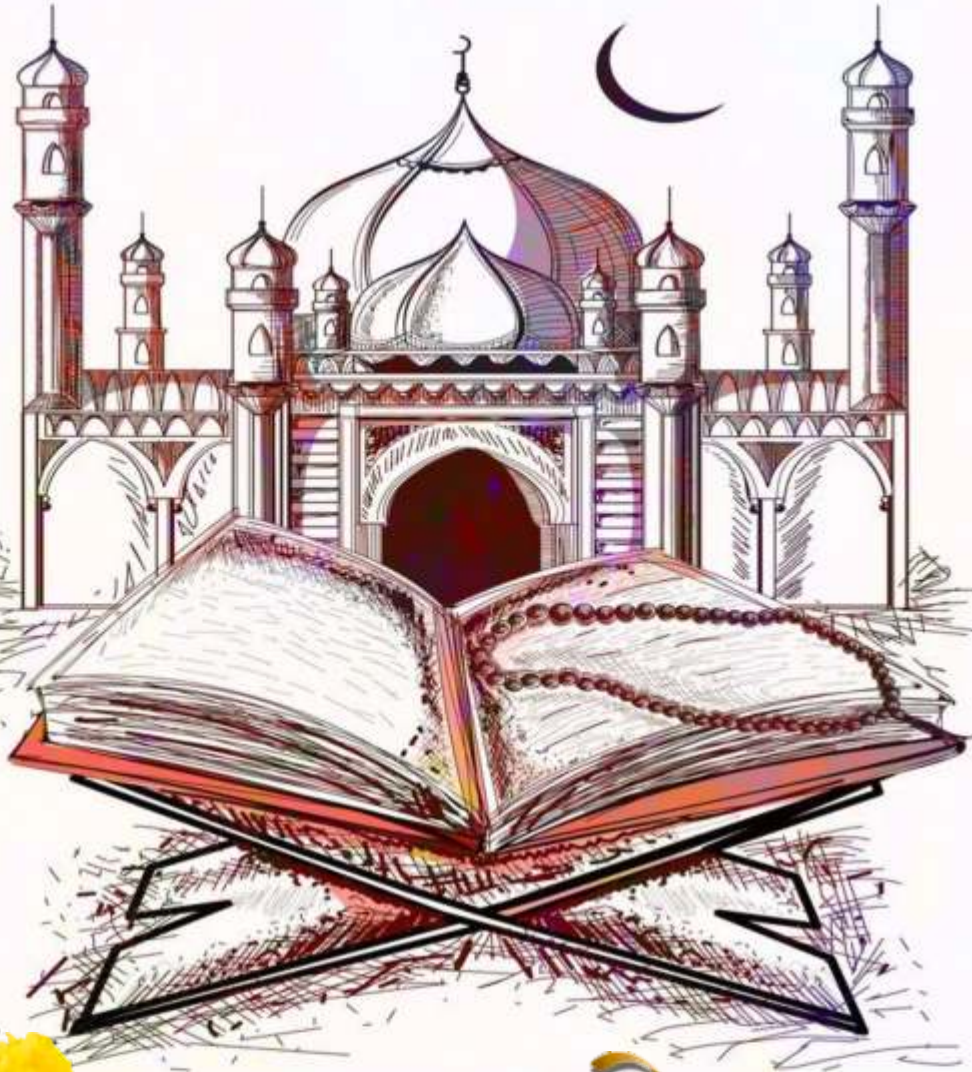


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New Delhi, INDIA – The Supreme Court has supported a plea by Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind for the government to halt the bulldozing of mainly Muslim informal businesses across the country. The group's president, Arshad Madani, tweeted that it had filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the dangerous politics of bulldozers that has been started to destroy minorities, especially Muslims under the guise of crime prevention in BJP-ruled states. But there was a global outcry after many businesses in a predominantly Muslim area of Delhi, including the entrance to a mosque, were bulldozed by the municipality on the alleged instruction of a ruling BJP leader, despite a Supreme Court injunction prohibiting this. Earlier, authorities demolished dozens of homes and shops, almost all of them belonging to Muslims accused of violence during the Hindu festival of Ram Naumi, in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, allegedly encouraged by the Hindu leaders of the states. Amnesty International said the demolitions "amount to collective punishment" of the minority community and called for a "thorough, impartial and transparent investigation" into the matter. Supreme Court lawyer Vrinda Grover said demolishing the property of a person accused of violence was "totally unconstitutional and illegal".

General said that the event was a clear manifestation of the racist and xenophobic mindset of the organisers and that their action went against all accepted norms and values of civilized society. The Secretary-General reiterated his conviction that the provocative event does not reflect the views of the majority of Swedish and European citizens.

Jeddah, SAUDI ARABIA – There has been global outrage at the ongoing Israeli violation of the Al-Aqsa Mosque through incursion, closure of the Mosque's gates and barbaric attacks against innocent worshipers, leading to hundreds of them being injured and arrested during the Holy month of Ramadan. The OIC has written to a wide range of international leaders, including the UN Secretary-General and the European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs, saying that "this dangerous escalation of Israel's aggression against the Al-Aqsa Mosque is an attack on the religious rights and sensibilities of the entire Islamic ummah. It also described the escalation as "a flagrant violation of the relevant international resolutions and instruments that may stoke religious war and violence in the region and beyond". The OIC called on all international leaders to move swiftly to pressure Israel, the occupying power, to guarantee the rights of Muslims to pray freely in the Al-Aqsa Mosque and to preserve the existing historical and legal status of the holy sites in Occupied Al-Quds.

Jeddah, SAUDI ARABIA - The Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has condemned the provocative actions of burning copies of the Holy Qur'an during anti-Muslim demonstrations, which have been taking place in Linköping, Norrköping, and other cities in Sweden. The Secretary-

New York, USA – The United Nations General Assembly has adopted March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. Global Islamic leaders have welcomed the move as a major step

towards creating increased awareness worldwide of the threat of hatred and fanaticism against Muslims. They said it would also encourage the international community to take concrete measures to combat the phenomenon and to advance tolerance and peaceful coexistence across the world. The resolution comes at a time when Islamophobia is rampant, especially after the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the United States, after which some countries began equating Islam with terrorism, a trend that also witnessed proliferation of hate speech against Muslims. The adoption of the resolution ended years of effort by Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iran, Niger and Indonesia to have the day declared an official UN Day.

Islamabad, PAKISTAN - Foreign Ministers of the member countries of the OIC reaffirmed their unequivocal support for the people of Palestine and Kashmir, calling for the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, including non-use of force, sovereign equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs, and pacific settlement of disputes to be used to resolve the issues. This was part of the "Islamabad Declaration" issued at the end of the 48th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC. The Declaration emphasised the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in accordance with UN General Assembly resolution 194 and that of the people of Jammu and Kashmir to self-determination in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and the wishes of the Kashmiri people.



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Eid - The day of Festivity

by: Naasik Ahmad Mohamed (Burood)

We know that Ramadan is a month that inculcates self-discipline, patience, and social responsibility. The day of Eid symbolizes piety and fortitude. From a social perspective, the day of Eid reminds us to share the festivities with the poor, the underprivileged, the destitute, etc. This is one of the reasons why we have to give out our Fitra. The philosophy of Eid is not to just celebrate the end of fasting, but rather to continue on one's spiritual journey. There is no doubt that Eid is a special day because it tells us as Muslims that we have made sacrifices in the month of Ramadan and Eid is a day filled with happiness and celebration. The question here is what is it that Allah Almighty wants from us on the day of Eid?

When we look back at the month of Ramadan, many people will display sadness that it is over because they perhaps were able to do more acts of worship than the previous Ramadan. For others, they feel that this Ramadan was a disappointment because they know that they could have done better. Therefore, when they look back they tell themselves that they cannot believe that they missed the opportunity. Whatever it is, at the end of the day, we have to have hope in Allah Almighty. The fact that we are celebrating Eid is fulfilling one of the purposes of Ramadan. Allah Almighty mentions in the Holy Quran: "Allah Almighty wants ease for you and He does not want difficulty for you" (S2: V185). We know there have been days that were hot and the fast seemed even longer. There have been people who have been going through difficulties on top of their fast and this can be seen all over them (that is why we say the fast got them). With all this happening, Allah Almighty still wants ease for us. The question is 'If Allah Almighty wants ease for us then why not let us fast for 2-3 days?' Why does He ask us to fast for an entire month? The answer is that Allah Almighty wants ease for us because if we can sacrifice our bodily needs, our desires, etc. for an entire month solely for His pleasure, then we have proven to ourselves and Allah Almighty that we know how to hold back. We know how to gain control of our inner-self. Now everything that Allah Almighty asks us outside of Ramadan should be much easier. He wants ease for us because we have proven that we can obey Him in the most basic of ways. During the day, He stopped us from eating that which is Halaal, and we obeyed Him by not eating. He stopped us from drinking that which is Halaal, and we obeyed Him by not drinking. Now the door is open for us to eat and drink. Now it is easier for us to avoid eating and drinking that which is not permissible.

Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran: "And that you complete the (training) period" (S2: V185). The month of Ramadan is an institute and Eid is the graduation ceremony. In any institute, we have to go through some 'challenges'. One would say that there are so many fasts still to go whilst another would say that there are only a few fasts left. The fact of the matter is that Ramadan is an institute and the Eid is our graduation. However, what are we

graduating for? We are graduating because we have been able to pass the test/exam that Allah Almighty has given us. Allah Almighty wants us to be pleased that we have completed the stipulated period, and that is why He wants ease for us.

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran: "And that you glorify Allah Almighty as He has guided you" (S2: V185). When we go for the Eid Salaah, we constantly recite the Takbeer. What is the Takbeer and why do we recite it? Undoubtedly, we have made Allah Almighty our priority in Ramadan and we have tasted the sweetness of reciting the Holy Quran in Ramadan. The recitation of the Takbeer is a fortification of our continued yearning for the sweetness of the Holy Quran. It is our special act of ensuring that we will continue to Allah Almighty our greatest priority just as He was our greatest priority in Ramadan. Thus, the Takbeer is something that we have lived in the entire month of Ramadan and now we need to live it outside of Ramadan.

As much as we know that Eid is the day of festivity and celebration, we need to remember that it is a day wherein we need to inculcate a fundamental value that Islam teaches us. Allah Almighty mentions in the Holy Quran: "And that you be grateful" (S2: V185). We celebrate Eid to express our gratitude to Allah Almighty for granting us the blessings and favours of Ramadan and for having received guidance and bounties in this glorious month. Our gratefulness is also our expression of happiness that is felt after completing an important task i.e. completing not only the fasting but also the spiritual training that came with the blessed month of Ramadan. We express gratitude to Allah Almighty that He has made Eid one of those days wherein we can exchange our love for each other through the exchange of gifts (which we call Eidy). This exchange of gifts symbolizes the sharing of love and joy with each other. Furthermore, we thank our Lord for having given us the strength to keep our tensions and conflict with each other aside, greet, and hug each other thus giving these relations a fresh start that is based on love and unity.



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Eid-ul-Fitr The Festival

The following is Mustahab on Eid's Day:

- To trim the nails
- To have a bath
- To brush the teeth with a Miswaak
- To wear nice clothing- preferably new, if not, then freshly washed clothing
- To use Attar (scent)
- To perform Fajr Salaah in the Masjid
- To pay Fitra before the Eid Salaah
- To walk to the Masjid or Eid Gah in one route and to return on another
- To eat dates or something sweet before going for the Eid Salaah
- To express joy and donate generously
- To recite the Takbeer on route to the Eid Gah or Masjid

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ط
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ ط

Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar. Laa Illaha Illalahu
Wal Laahu Akbar. Allahu Akbar Wa Lillahil Hamd

"Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. There is none worthy of worship besides Allah and Allah is the Greatest and to Allah belongs all Praise.

The Eid Salaah

The Eid Salaah is Waajib upon every person on whom the Jumma Salaah is Waajib. There are only two Rakaats in the Eid Salaah. These two Rakaats are offered as an expression of thanks to the Almighty Allah for giving us the strength, courage Taufeeq to keep fast, perform Taraweeh and I'tikaf etc. during the Mubarak month of Ramadhaan. This is also where Allah rewards us for our fast, patience and sacrifices.

Niyah-Intention

Before beginning the Eid Salaah, ensure that you have Wudhu. Say the Niyah as follows:

نَوَيْتُ أَنْ أُصَلِّيَ لِلَّهِ تَعَالَى رَكَعَتَيْنِ مَعَ سِتَّةِ تَكْبِيرَاتٍ
صَلَاةَ عِيدِ الْفِطْرِ اقْتَدَيْتُ بِهَذَا الْإِمَامِ مُتَوَجِّهًا
إِلَى جِهَةِ الْكَعْبَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ ط

Nawaytu an usalliya Lillahi Ta'aala Rak'ataini ma'a Sittati Takbeeraati Salaata Eidil Fitri Iqtadaytu Behaazal Imaami Mutawajjihan Ila Jihatil Ka'batish Shareefah.

"Oh Allah I am performing two Rakaats Eid-ul-Fitr Salaah with six extra Takbeers for You, as a follower behind this Imam facing towards the Holy Ka'bah.

Method of the Eid Salaah

After the Imam says the first Takbeer (Takbeer-e-Tahreema), recite Thanaa (SubhanakAllah Humma). Thereafter the Imam will say three extra Takbeers, raising the hands to the ears each time and releasing them to your side after the first and second extra Takbeers. Now, after the third extra Takbeer, fold and place your hands below the navel. The Imam will read Surah Fatiha and a Surah and complete the Rakaat in the usual manner.

In the second Rakaat after Surah Fatiha and the Surah, before going into Ruku, the Imam will say three extra Takbeers, raising your hands to the ear and releasing them to the sides each time. Thereafter, the Imam will say Allahu Akbar and go into Ruku, complete the Salaah in the usual manner.

After the Salaah the Imam will make a Duaa, and deliver a Khutba.

There is no Azaan nor Iqaamah for the Eid Salaah.

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PAKISTAN BETRAYED

By Moulana Muhammad Hussain Noori



Despite the ruling given by the deputy speaker of the National Assembly on the 3rd of April - to dismiss the no-trust move against Imran Khan which he termed as contradictory to Article 5 of the constitution that makes loyalty to the state mandatory for all citizens - the deputy speakers ruling was subsequently voided by the Supreme Court and for the first time in the history of Pakistan the no-trust resolution took place on the 10th of April. As a result, Prime Minister Imran Khan was removed from office without any corruption charges being placed against him and the accused Shahbaz Sharif who was facing trail for money laundering and out on bail was nominated as the new Prime Minister of Pakistan on the same day in which he had a court hearing. Before Shahbaz Sharif was nominated as the new PM, all PTI members collectively resigned from the national assembly and left the opposition to vote on their own.

It all began with a foreign telegram which was received on the 7th of March by the former Pakistani ambassador to the United States Asad Majeed from Donald Lu, which was an open threat stating that: "If Prime Minister Imran Khan remains in office, he will be isolated from the US and we will take the issue head on. If the vote of no-confidence succeeds all will be forgiven". A day later, it could not have been a coincidence that the opposition parties submitted a motion of no confidence against Imran Khan to the National Assembly's secretariat. Due to which Imran Khan stated that the no-confidence move against him was part of a foreign conspiracy, for how else could they have known about the no-confidence motion even before it was filed? The opposition claim that they had nothing to do with that foreign telegram, however, the letter states otherwise. DG ISPR Major General Babar Ifikhar while addressing a press conference stated that the details of what was said during one of the national security council meetings could not be discussed, however, the conclusion was brought to the public notice as to what was mentioned in the telegram and what was not. He continued by saying that one could review to see whether the word 'conspiracy' is mentioned and that he does not think that the letter had anything to do with a conspiracy. There is a debate taking place whether the letter hints towards a conspiracy or whether it was a sign of foreign intervention. Recently, the national security council has concluded that no foreign conspiracy took place in Pakistan, on the contrary, it was a foreign intervention for according to the investigation there was no proof of foreign conspiracy. Despite pressure from the government the former ambassador, Asad Majeed remained firm by not making any changes to his statement. He said, it is true that threatening words were used in the telegram, how could I change my statement to say that this was not a direct intervention in our internal affairs.

Whatever the case may have been one cannot deny the facts that firstly, whatever was mentioned in the telegram had actually occurred, secondly, beginning from august last year the opposition had already began communicating with foreign diplomats and in October what was known as the beginning of

this conspiracy became clear when an American Charge d'affaires a.i. Angela Aggeler met both Maryam Nawaz and Shahbaz Sharif separately on the same day in Lahore. No official report was issued for this visit, however, pictures were taken which serve as proof to this conspiracy. After which a series of such visits began where the same foreign diplomats began meeting leaders of other opposition parties and this continued up until they began to meet those PTI members of assembly that left Imran Khan and shifted to the other side. As these visits gained momentum so did the scattered opposition parties gather and come to terms with each other. Lastly the fact that members from Imran Khan's party (PTI) were openly bought to complete the number of votes on the opposition side cannot be forgotten. In the words of Imran Khan, they were bought shamelessly as sheep and goats are bought in the open market, whom he later termed as Mir Jafar and Mir Sadiq who in history, made their countrymen slaves of the British by betraying the Muslims.

A few months back all the top leaders of Nawaz Sharif's party (PMLN) shared the same view that the vote of no confidence cannot be achieved without the help of the establishment. Similarly, on the 1st of April, Imran Khan announced that in context of the no-confidence motion against him, three options were discussed with the "establishment" to choose from viz: "resignation, no-confidence (vote) or elections. While the army has made it clear that no one should drag them into politics, an important question is raised as to who the establishment actually refers to if both the politicians and army are excluded from it.

Shireen Mazari, who served as the Federal Minister for Human Rights said that "a conspiracy is first formed, only then does one begin to openly interfere in someone else's affairs. A conspiracy is covert by nature, once put into action it becomes overt. Both conspiracy and intervention are stages of the same thing, namely, regime change. To succeed in a classic operation of regime change one needs to make use of the media and gain the confidence of the politicians on the oppositions side. America has a long tradition and history of changing regimes. For instance, from the year 1898 to 1994, the US had orchestrated regime changes in Latin America almost 41 times".

After being ousted, Imran Khan has so far hosted mega rallies in the three major cities, Peshawar, Karachi and Lahore while receiving massive support from the general public who came to the streets to show their support for a cause that made it clear that it would not accept foreign slavery. The campaign began by denouncing the new government as an imported government from the west. #Imported government unacceptable was the top trend around the world. Overseas Pakistanis all over the world made public demonstration against the new government and showed solidarity for Imran Khan. Recently, Imran Khan has called the public to march towards the capital, Islamabad and called for instant elections. With Pakistan's politics being unpredictable as it is, the fate of this country is heading once again to an extended slump and uncertainty in its future as a potential key player in the Muslim world.

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The Beloved Daughters of Nabi Muhammad (SAW)

BY SHIREEN ISMAIL



PART 1

The scholars agree that Satiating Khadija (Radi Allahu Anha), the blessed wife of Nabi Muhammad (ﷺ), gave birth to four beautiful daughters. The beloved daughters of Nabi Muhammad (ﷺ) were Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha), Sayidatina Umm Kulthoom (Radi Allahu Anha), Sayidatina Ruqaiyya (Radi Allahu Anha), and our Noble Lady Sayidatina Fatimah Az-Zahra (Radi Allahu Anha), the flower.

Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha)

Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) was the eldest daughter of Sayidatina Khadija (Radi Allahu Anha) and Nabi Muhammad (ﷺ). The beloved daughter Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) was married to her cousin Abu'l As bin Rabi' and their marriage took place before the advent of Islam. Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) was well-loved by her parents, husband, and in-law family. The good family bonds increased with the birth of their two children, a boy named Ali and a girl named Umamah.

The eldest daughter was aware of the onset of Prophethood and immediately declared her belief as a Muslim. Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) loved Nabi (ﷺ) deeply and confronted the difficulties that came with Prophecy with great courage and became worthy of being the daughter of Nabi Muhammad (ﷺ). Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) was concerned whether her husband would accept the new religion or deny the message. Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) was steadfast with her faith despite her husband's non-acceptance of the religion.

Multiple events occurred with the spread of Islam and Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) was an integral part of these atrocities

and felt that how could she live happily with her loving husband while her father and the followers of Islam were tortured. The family endured suffering, patience, cruelty, oppression, and injustice hence the migration from Makkah to Medina took place. Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) after the death of her mother and the separation from her father and siblings was feeling very lonely. This was a difficult period but the news of the great victories of Islam brought solace and relived her pain. Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) hoped that her husband would accept Islam and take her to Madina.

Then came the Battle of Badr and the unbelievers including Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha)'s husband fought against Nabi (ﷺ). She was sad as her father, the dearest one to her heart, led the believers to meet the Quraysh. Her husband promised Nabi (SAW) to allow the beloved daughter to emigrate to Madina because Islam had separated them. Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha)'s journey was long and troubled, and she yearned for her father who received her with great happiness. Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) was however feeling disturbed and wondered why she did not hear from her husband as he loved her. Days passed and she waited patiently, eventually her husband whilst in Makkah announces his acceptance of Islam. The people were shocked. He emigrated to Madina where he uttered the testimonies before Nabi Muhammad (ﷺ). The people congratulated him, and they knew that the Messenger (ﷺ) wished for Abul 'As to be a Muslim.

Her father now allowed Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) to return to her husband. The family rejoiced and was happy with the reunion. The people realised that Nabi Muhammad (ﷺ) loved Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) dearly and was pleased to see her reunited with her husband. A year later Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) became ill and passed on. Her husband mourned deeply for the loss and Nabi Muhammad (ﷺ) supported him and too grieved the loss of the beloved daughter. Nabi (ﷺ) gave the women who prepared the burial a piece of his clothing and said, "Wrap her in it" and the women placed Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha) in the beloved Messenger (ﷺ)'s garment and buried her in it.

Sayidatina Zaynab (Radi Allahu Anha)'s daughter, Umamah remained as the sweet memory of her mother, and she was one of the loveliest members of the Messenger (ﷺ)'s family and dearest to her grandfather.

Ahmed, E. Noble Women Around the Messenger (ﷺ)
Elahi, A. The Daughters of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ)



Be wary of Saudis and Emirates Dangling Poisonous Carrots

BY FIROZ OSMAN

"Servants of the Haramain" is a self-designated religious title that shelters the Saudi Arabian regime from censure for its debauched and immoral conduct since its installation by the British in 1932. The 2 billion Muslims regard the birthplace of Islam, Makkah, and the Prophet's city Medina, and the Masjid al-Aqsa in Al-Quds (Jerusalem), as the most venerated cities in the world.

The de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia, Muhammad Bin Salman (MBS), has shamefully violated the basic tenets of Islam. The brutal dismemberment of the Saudi dissident Jamal Khashoggi at its embassy in Istanbul, sawing his body into pieces and dissolving it in acid, shocked the world. Furthermore, the unwarranted and indiscriminate bombing of Yemen for over seven years has killed thousands, impoverished and decimated this country, with 13 million people facing starvation.

MBS has entrenched his rule, imprisoning and killing a number of leading religious leaders, royal family members opposed to his rule, and Palestinian activists. He is on record as saying that "Israel is not an enemy, but a potential ally".

Whilst the Saudis have covert relations with the Zionist entity, the strategically important American and British tool, United Arab Emirates (UAE) have openly normalised its relations with Israel, thereby legitimising the Zionist occupation of Palestinians. With their Saudi allies, they too have pummelled the Yemenis and the Syrians, inflicting untold carnage on the innocent.

Under Dubai's ruler, Muhammad bin Zayed (MBZ), the Sheikhdome has spearheaded the secularization of Islam and Muslim societies, becoming part of the global profiteering economic system in entrenching Dubai's role facilitating corruption and global illicit financial flows.

A Carnegie Endowment study in 2020 revealed how Dubai has become a shopper's paradise, and an oasis for the world's well-to-do. While the vast majority of financial, business, and real estate transactions in Dubai are not associated with illegal activity, part of what underpins Dubai's prosperity is a steady stream of illicit proceeds borne from corruption and crime.

Corrupt and criminal actors from around the world operate through or from Dubai. Corrupt rulers ranging from Afghan warlords, Asian dictators, Russian mobsters, African kleptocrats, European money launderers and gold smugglers, all find Dubai a conducive place to operate.

Many migrant workers are also treated as commodities in Dubai through the kafala system, an exploitative migrant labor scheme that shares some characteristics with human trafficking.

The UAE hosted the foreign ministers of four Arabian regimes who met with Israeli foreign minister Yair Lapid under the watchful eye of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on March

28. Dubbed the 'summit of shamelessness', three other treacherous Arabian rulers, Bahrain, Morocco and Egypt, embrace Zionist Israel. These Arabian regimes, all dictatorships that brutalize their hapless people, do not represent the sentiments or interests of their Muslim populations.

But perhaps the most perfidious of the lot is the Palestinian Authority (PA), whose octogenarian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, openly connives with the Zionist Israeli entity to oppress his own people. He unashamedly declared that the PA's association with Israeli intelligence is "sacred". Millions of dollars are poured into the PA's coffers by Israel, the West and the Arab regimes, to stifle the legitimate Palestinian resistance against Israeli apartheid and colonisation.

The shameful collaboration of the PA with Israel in re-arresting Palestinian prisoners that escaped from a highly fortified Israeli facility exemplifies its double-dealing. The escape galvanised the support entire Palestinian peoples. However, it simply demonstrates that, just as the illegitimate Arab regimes are in the service and totally dependent on the West, the PA serves only Israel.

What, then, should be the role of ordinary Muslims, and those seeking justice, do to counter this treachery? Be wary of the "gifts" brought by the Saudis and Emirates. The carrots that they dangle can be poisonous and harmful to the soul.

The spiritual and emotional bond that Muslims share with Makkah, Medinah and al-Aqsa, the three harams, is natural and strong. Meeting their representatives evokes natural sympathy. It is, however, critical for Muslims to distinguish between the regime propagandists who exploit these sentiments to obscure its heinous crimes against humanity.

Sharing public platforms with them lends them unwarranted legitimacy.

The Emirates and Saudis entice gullible Muslim organisations and individuals with funds and pilgrimage privileges under the guise of dispensing charity, or tug at the emotional attachment for al-Aqsa, to cover up the regimes' injustices. Normalisation with these regimes is a malicious and subversive process.

Any meeting with them must be within the framework of support for the resistance movements to achieve justice for the oppressed, to end the illegitimate rule and establish fundamental human rights. Otherwise it will be a futile exercise to inflate one's self-importance and ego.

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12 Unexpected but Great Uses for Vicks VapoRub

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Vicks VapoRub is a popular common cold remedy with medicated vapors. Its main ingredients — camphor, menthol, and eucalyptus — help relieve cough and nasal congestion. However, these are not the only benefits of the product.

12. Works as an insect repellent

Try using an open Vicks VapoRub jar to repel mosquitoes, flies, and other insects. It's perfect when you suddenly run out of repellent or you have left it at home.

11. Relieves headaches

Menthol, one of the main ingredients of Vicks VapoRub, helps lower blood pressure in your head and, as a result, relieves pain. Just rub a little on your forehead.

10. Takes good care of your feet

Before going to bed, apply some Vicks to your heels, especially to the cracked and dry areas, and put your socks on. Make sure you're using old socks because the next day they will have a super strong menthol smell. In the morning, wash your feet with cold water, use a pumice stone to scrub away dead skin, and then apply your regular foot care product. Keep doing so every night, and soon you'll see some noticeable results.

9. Prevents pet incidents

Things happen, and if you don't want your pet to pee inside your house, leave some Vicks in those places where the incidents happen more often. Veterinarians say that both dogs and cats can't stand the smell of Vicks, so this method will definitely work.

8. Stops your cat from ruining your furniture

If your cat loves to scratch everything it can get its claws on, such as doors or new curtains, leave some VapoRub there. Your furry little friend will learn their lesson and will stop ruining your furniture.

7. Reduces stretch marks

Rub some Vicks VapoRub on your stretch marks, and in just 2 weeks you will see that they gradually become less visible.

6. Treats toenail fungus

If you suffer from toenail fungus, try applying some Vicks to the affected nail every night and then put your socks on. The next day, wash your feet and clip off as much infected nail as possible. Repeat every night until your nails recover completely.

5. Helps get rid of bruises

Gently rub some Vicks VapoRub on your bruise, and observe the healing process. The ointment will reduce all the swelling, and the bruise itself will disappear faster.

4. Relieves earache

Here's one simple way to relieve earache: put a small cotton ball with Vicks VapoRub in your ear, and leave it there for a few hours until you see your doctor. Remember: although this method does help relieve ear pain, it doesn't cure the infection itself. So it's very important that you consult your health professional as soon as possible.

3. Brings noticeable results on your face

Apply a thin layer of Vicks VapoRub to the problem areas (acne, pimples, etc). Leave it overnight, and clean your face in the morning. Be persistent, and you will see positive changes very soon.

2. Relieves muscle and back pain

Thanks to its natural ingredients, Vicks VapoRub helps relax stressed muscles. If you're suffering from "tennis elbow," try massaging some Vicks on the affected area until the pain is gone.

1. Helps get rid of belly fat

Mix one tablespoon of crushed tablet camphor, one tablespoon of baking soda, and half a jar of Vicks VapoRub until you get a paste. Before doing your physical exercises, apply this paste to your abdomen or to the area that you plan to work on, and wrap yourself with plastic wrap. When you finish your workout, rinse with plenty of water.

Having the same effect as those expensive slimming creams, such homemade applications, performed 2-3 times a week, can make a real difference.

General recommendations before using Vicks VapoRub

- * Just like any other product that is used on the skin, Vicks VapoRub must be tested on your skin before you use it. To see if you have an allergic reaction, put some Vicks on the back of your hand and watch for a while. If you notice burning, redness, or any other symptoms, don't use it at all.

- * The product shouldn't be used on children under 2 as it can adversely affect the respiratory tract.

- * If you have doubts, always consult your doctor before using.

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HAZRAT AMIR KHUSRAU

The Beloved of Mehboob-e-Elahi ﷺ

About 16 days after Id-ul-fitr, many Muslims and some non-Muslims in and around Delhi take part in another festive occasion they call the Satrahvin Sharif - literally Holy Seventeenth. This is the Urs or death anniversary of Hazrat Amir Khusrau, the favorite companion of 12th century Saint Nizamuddin Aulia. Thousands of people throng the twin Dargah (tomb) and offer their nazrana (of flowers, chaadar and sweets), say the fatehas (oblation), tie threads of mannat (vow) on the tomb's jali, or just sit there listening to ecstatic qawwalis. There is also Charaghan (illumination with lamps) inside the tomb, and outside, everyone makes merry in a colourful fete, which goes on for three to four days.

One might ask as to why someone's death is celebrated and not mourned. According to Khwaja Hasan Sani of Dargah Nizamuddin, the death for common people could be a sad, mournful affair, but for a Sufi it is only a transition – the final step to the soul's communion with God, a milan or wedding with the divine which the Sufi had been aspiring his/her entire life – hence the celebration. In fact the Arabic word Uroos from which Urs is taken, literally means a wedding. There may be thousands of saints in the Indian subcontinent whose tombs become centres of such occasions at least once every year, yet the legend of Amir Khusrau and Nizamuddin Aulia is something special in the history of Indian Sufism. Amir Khusrau, according to the popular belief, was a steadfast Sufi and the favourite disciple of Nizamuddin Aulia. However, the contemporary scholars of history and Persian language know him as a court poet who successfully managed to appease more than seven rulers of Delhi Sultanate with his charming poetry that can still be considered some of the best literature produced in the entire Persian world, apart from being a mine of source-material for historians.

Hazrat Amir Khusrau (RA), the legendary poet, composer, inventor, linguist, historian and scholar, one of the intellectual giants of Indian history, was Nizamuddin Aulia's most loved and devoted mureed. As an Amir (noble) in the court, Khusrau may have indulged in all sorts of material pursuits, but only in his pir's Khaneqah he found the real love and an atmosphere for the evolution of his creative and spiritual faculties.

Khusrau who had an Indo-Turkish parentage was introduced to Khwaja Nizamuddin at an early age. There are endless anecdotes – in oral tradition as well as documented history – as to how passionately the two loved each other, right from their first meeting till the moment of their death. Nizamuddin Aulia who was visited in his monastery by thousands of people every day, used to say that he often gets fed up with every one including sometimes himself – but with Khusrau, Never ! He also wished if his religion allowed, he would have Khusrau and himself buried in the same grave after their death.

The death of the two men was also an unusual event which highlighted that Khusrau's love and respect for Hazrat had reached its Zenith. When Nizamuddin Aulia breathed

his last, Khusrau was away at Lakhnawati in Bengal on Mohammad Tughlaq's royal mission. When he heard the sad news, he couldn't control himself, and rushed back to Delhi. On seeing his pir's grave, he blackened his face and rolled over in dust in utter grief, tearing his garments, reciting the following Hindi doha impromptu:

**Gori sovay sej par,
Mukh par daray kes;
Chal Khusrau ghar aapnay,
saanjh bhaee chahu des.
The fair maiden rests
On a bed of roses,
Her face covered
With a lock of hair;
Let us oh Khusrau, return home now,
the dark dusk settles in four corners of the world.**



After this, it is said, Khusrau's condition started deteriorating and within exactly 6 months of his master's death, he too expired, or rather his love met with the ultimate consummation on Friday 29th Ziq'ad 725AH/1325. This incident and the above couplet is remembered as the highest point in Khusrau's relationship with Nizamuddin and also probably the reason for their becoming a combined legend.

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Hazrat Sayed Mohammed Iqbal Shah Chishty Sabiree Jahangiri Kambal Posh (RA)

by: Naeem Khan Sabri

Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA was born in the city of Ajmer in 1899 and was the eldest son of Hazrat Sayed Mohammed Jahangir Shah Chishty Sabiree Kambal Posh RA. His early education was done under the tutorship of Hazrat Kabeer Aalam Shah RA from whom he learnt Quran, tafseer, Hadith and fiqh while his spiritual training was done directly under his noble father Hazrat Jahangir Shah RA. Hazrat Kabeer Aalam Shah was a murid of Hazrat Jahangir Shah RA. Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA had an extremely good memory and if he read something once he would memorise it so in this manner Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA memorised the Holy Quran. He had great knowledge on homeopathic medicine and used this knowledge to be of service to humanity free of charge until his last day. At the age of 25 Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA was bestowed with Khilafat of the Chishty Sabiree spiritual order by his father. After the passing away of his father in 1924 the spiritual leadership fell upon the shoulders of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA and through his efforts the Sabiri Sufi Order spread through many parts of India.

Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA possessed an extremely warm, soft and loving personality and it is said that when one sat in his company nobody felt like leaving. He lived a simple life being non attached to the world and often slept on the bare floor without any bedding. He never sought favours from the wealthy but loved keeping company with the poor, destitute and orphans. Many of the Nawaabs who were the disciples of his father often sent gifts to Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA but he refused the gifts saying to them "are you trying to purchase a Faqeer (Spiritual Pauper) with your wealth".

Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA was married to saintly and pious lady who was a direct descendant of a great Sufi Master Hazrat Ghulam Mohammed Miskeen Shah RA. He was a Khalifa of Hazrat Shah Niyaz Ahmed Bareilvi Chishty Nizami RA who was a Khalifa of the great Sufi Master Hazrat Moulana Khwaja Fakhruddeen Fakhre Jahaan Chishty Nizami RA. It was upon the instruction of his spiritual guide that Hazrat Ghulam Mohammed Miskeen Shah RA migrated from Kashmir and settled in Jaipur in 1842. From this marriage Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA had 5 sons and 2 daughters. The names of his sons are Sayed Goolam Sabir Shah, Sayed Ghulam Muhayuddeen Shah, Sayed Alamgir Shah, Sayed Mehboob Shah and Hazrat Sayed Mohammed Khalid Shah RA.

Many miracles are attributed to Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA. One of his disciples by the name of Lal Mohammed who was a cotton and wheat merchant was falsely accused for a crime. When the police came to arrest him and placed handcuffs on his hands he called out "O my spiritual guide come to my assistance, look at a condition I am facing". Immediately a senior police officer came running saying Lal Mohammed is innocent and has nothing to do with the crime. On another occasion in Ajmer he was invited for meal but the number of people that came exceeded the amount of food that was prepared, the host began to worry that the food must not run short and addressed his concern to Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA, at that time Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA was wearing a shawl of his noble father Hazrat Jahangir Shah RA. He took the shawl and covered the mouth of the pot saying to the host "feed the people but do not look inside the pot", in this manner hundreds of people were fed without the food in the pot diminishing.

In 1947 when the partition of India and the creation of Pakistan took place, Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA was spiritually instructed by Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaaz RA to migrate from Ajmer to Hyderabad in the Sind Province of newly created Pakistan. This migration of people is considered the biggest migration of people in history in which more than a million people lost their lives. Through these hazardous conditions Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA migrated with his family to Hyderabad. This now became the families residence since then.

It is through the grace of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA that the Chishty Sabiree Sufi Order was established in South Africa. In 1944 Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA instructed his murid Hazrat Ibrahim Madari to leave India and establish the Chishty Sabiree Sufi Order in South Africa.

Upon Hazrat Ibrahim Madari's arrival in South Africa the Buzme Shah Iqbal Chishty Sabiree of South Africa was formed and the first Urs Sharif of Hazrat Saabir Paak RA was held in Durban. Hazrat Ibrahim Madari was assisted by Abdul Carrim Chand and another senior disciple Ameer Mia Sabiree, who was a murid of Hazrat Jahangir Shah RA and a travelling companion of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA who had already settled in South Africa. The constitution of Buzme Shah Iqbal Chishty Sabiree of South Africa is signed by Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA and under his spiritual guidance the spiritual practices of the Sabiree Tariqa of Zikrullah, Khatme Khwajagaan etc was established for the spiritual upliftment of the disciples. These practices that were established in 1944 have continued without a break and is maintained until this present day at the Chishty Sabiree Jahangiri Khanqa in Durban.

Thou Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA never visited South Africa but through the efforts of his mureeds under the leadership of Hazrat Ebrahim Madari the Sabiree Sufi Order spread throughout South Africa. The disciples of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA possessed such pious character that people looking at them decided to become disciples of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA. Hazrat Ibrahim Madari acted as the representative of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA in South Africa and all those who wished to become the disciples of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA and be initiated into the Chishty Sabiree Sufi order did so at his hand. Letters would be written and sent to Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA and he would write a reply that would arrive many weeks later whether he accepted the disciple or not.

When Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA health began to deteriorate he wrote a letter to his beloved disciple Hazrat Ibrahim Madari in around mid February 1954 requesting him to come to Pakistan. Hazrat Ibrahim Madari went to Pakistan and served his spiritual master for several months. On Friday the 21st May 1954 at 8:30am (17 Ramadaan) Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA passed away in the arms of his dear mureed Hazrat Ibrahim Madari in Karachi Hospital. Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA blessed body was transported to Hyderabad where his funeral and burial took place. His mazaar stands today in Tando Yusuf in Hyderabad where till this day people receive his spiritual blessing. Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA had left a wasiyat (Testimony of will) with Hazrat Ibrahim Madari that his fifth son Hazrat Sayed Mohammed Khalid Shah RA will be his spiritual successor. This will was carried out officially on the 40 days Fatiha of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA where a ceremony of succession had taken place.

The Urs Sharief of Hazrat Iqbal Shah RA is celebrated in South Africa by the the Hazrat Khalid Shah Urs Committee and instruction to commemorate this Urs Sharif was given by Hazrat Khalid Shah RA to his beloved mureed and Khalifa Hazrat Rasool Khan Chishty Sabiree RA. The first Urs Sharif was held in 1960 in a small and humble manner at the residence of Khalifa Rasool Khan Chishty Sabiree RA who at that time resided in Porchestroom and by the grace of Allah and spiritual bounties of the Khwajagaan this Urs Sharif has been celebrated annually since inception in 1960 and continues to be commemorated till the present day.



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SAVE THE CHANGES



During the Mubarak and beautiful month of Ramadaan many have navigated themselves to the Deen of Allah and have brought about substantial positive deeni changes. Now is a critical time to click on the right tab- Save those changes!

Nearly everyone in this age of modern technology has at some stage worked with a P.C. We have used it to draft documents, amend these documents, copied and pasted onto documents, used the 'undo' icon, edited documents, just to mention a few of the time saving operations that we find on this device.

After opening a document that we have worked upon previously and made the necessary changes and improvements a little box appears on the screen asking the question: Do you want to save the changes you have made to this document? You are then given the option of selecting the YES tab or the NO tab. Selecting the YES tab will give you the desired results while selecting the NO tab literally takes you back to square one. All the effort made in editing, improving and shaping the document becomes an exercise in futility.

Don't we all find ourselves in a similar predicament when the blessed month of Ramadaan passes us? Just think of your book of deeds like a document on your P.C. During the month of Ramadaan we have done amongst other things the following-

- * Increased our Ibaadah and acts of charity;
- * Took control of our feelings and emotion;
- * Responded with compassion and sensitivity to the needs of other;
- * Multiplied our good deeds;
- * Repented: we have spent many hours on the Musallah begging for Allah's forgiveness for our sins, errors and transgressions.

The vital question that needs to be asked is :

Do we want to save the changes that we have made in the month of Ramadaan? Are we going to press the YES tab or the No tab?

Pressing the YES tab will leave us with a new, improved version. A version of heightened spirituality, a version of righteousness, a version that is pleasing to our Creator. Pressing the NO tab will take us back to square one; back to our old habits before Ramadaan, back to the life of sin and immorality, back to a life of heedlessness and back to a life subjecting ourselves to the wrath of the Almighty.

How do we improve on this document; the document of our lives, the document of our deeds, the document that we are going to present to Allah the Almighty on the Day of Reckoning? Here are some hints: Copy and Paste from the life of our illustrious master Muhammad Sallallahu alayhi Wasallam.

Use the 'undo' icon by making Taubah immediately after any transgression as the Hadith states "The one who repents from sin is like one who has committed no sin at all"

There may not be a need to do a "spell check" but there is certainly a need to do a "sincerity check" and a "Shari'ah check"? Are we complying?

There may be files and folders that we want to keep while there could

be some others we would not even want others to know exist. Many of us begged Allah to "delete" our sins and dark deeds. We cried before Allah, shed tears of remorse and vowed not to commit those sins in future. Going back to the sins that we have asked Allah's forgiveness for would be like making a visit to the "recycle bin".

What about viruses? P.C. users are also very wary about e-mails they receive and the sites that they visit, fearing the admission of a virus that may pollute their system and cause it to malfunction. The environment and people who we associate with could adversely infect us! Why do we then subject our minds and thoughts to immoral sites and dens of vice which would pollute our moral system and cause us to malfunction? What anti-virus software have we installed to ward off the variety of Fitnahs that confront us everyday?

We need to install the right version of the anti-viruses. There is indeed only One version. Without delay install every Command of Allah and the Sunnah of Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wassallam) onto our harddrives (lives). This will allow us to repel the attempts by shaytaan and other evil forces to infect our PC's (souls).

It's Now time to Run the Programs...

Begin By:

Connecting ourselves to the right network. When we need an I.T solution we go to I.T specialist. We also in our lives need to consult with Ulama and pious people so that we are connected to the right network!

Delete ALL harmful programs Permanently! Lets Repent over past evil deeds and make a firm niyyah (intention) NEVER to Redo those evil deeds.

Ensure that the service provider provides the installation guide for the following programs to be run on your PC:

Program 1: Dawat (Inviting ourselves, families, communities and humanity towards Allah and help Allah's Deen by striving for it)

Program 2: Taalim (Learning and teaching Deen)

Program 3: Ibaadat-Worship (Salaah, Haj, Umrah, Quran, Zikr, Dua and all other forms of Ibadat)

Program 4: Khidmat- Acts of Charity (All acts Charity including Zakaah especially helping the Ummah in whatever possible way)

Now lets connect ourselves to Deen of Islam and the Amaal (good actions) that takes place in our Musjids...as no one knows when his or her PC will crash(when we will die)! By performing Good Deeds we will have Permanently Backed Up our records in Jannah (Paradise). Be careful not to engage ourselves in Evil lest we Back-Up our evil deeds in Jahannam (Hell)

Fortunate is the person who has "saved the changes". Extremely unfortunate is the person who has made no changes as he /she has nothing to save.!

IMPORTANT: As we don't know the time when our PC will shut down ...Make those Change Now and more important.....Save it!



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THE AWAKENING

by: Faizul Khamker



Following the Ukrainian crisis and the refusal of Imraan Khan of Pakistan to co-operate with America and their allies and side with them against Russia. This refusal went to the extent of a public denouncement of the pressure put on Pakistan on this matter and Imraan Khan going as far as saying that Pakistan is not the slaves of The West. This refusal followed (over a number of years) the expulsion of American military bases in Pakistan as well as the courting the movement away from the "petro-dollar system". The reaction of the Americans where to pour billions of dollars into a successful regime change where Imraan Khan was then removed as Prime Minister of Pakistan. The result of these events led to massive demonstrations, a scale very rarely seen before, in Pakistan and elsewhere in the world. These events together with various social media platforms exposed the international state capture agenda and awakened the masses.

This awakening has not been limited to Pakistan but in many countries in Africa, South America and India. It must be anticipated that there will be reactions and counter reactions from the powers within the political and financial corridors of power. Historically it is known that challenging the power has not only led to regime change, including the assassinations of political leaders but also to destruction, loss of lives, pushing millions into poverty, extreme hardship and creating the massive refugee problem experienced in this era. The push back against those opposing international state capture agenda has however been screened from public scrutiny until now when its manifestation has become clear for all to see. This push back can no longer find a safety haven under the conspiracy theory counter. It has also exposed mainstream media who will pour in billions of dollars to produce a counter propaganda and more censorship on the social media platform.

In order to ensure a more secure and safe world, which could eradicate the huge global suffering, this awakening must not be allowed to go into a state of slumber. The role of social and

alternative media must be enhanced and strengthened in all ways. The way forward will be strewn with obstacles and will be far from easy. More people must become more involved in whichever way they can. It is important to remember that regime change can take place only at a limited scale and at the masses level there is generally immune from this. The billions poured into the removal of Imraan Khan cannot be spent on the masses as this will be counter-productive to a global state capture.

The role of two key components of society will be vital. The first being the religious fraternity who must now strengthen their teaching and propagation of justice in particular and morality in general. They must not allow any form of detraction or to sway away from these core issues. The awakening of the moral consciousness of the masses will ensure that the global masses will be able to act with a clear agenda in pursuing a peaceful world by selecting moral upright leadership and pressurising that leadership to act with a clearly laid down moral compass. Furthermore, in doing so this sector of society will come under intense pressure and the will to stand for a just world order must not waver.

The second key component will be members of the academia who have preserved their moral integrity. They must ensure that the large majority of the people are able to recognize fact and be able to differentiate between false narratives and propaganda. The ability to correctly analyse and articulate the reality is extremely important. The limitations on education where thinking is limited to enhance the international state capture agenda must be replaced with an intellectual class who will not be misled nor will they mislead.

The two key components have proven that their contribution is vital and in South Africa we have witnessed the push back against The Pepuda Bill, The Hate Crime Bill and the Amendments to the Health Act regulations. These are encouraging signs and must be fostered even further.

Hazrat Khadim Ghulam Jilani Baba Sabri (RA) "SABRI...I'm just a Sabri!"

Those who met him, no matter how briefly, will testify to the uplifting experience only a saint could show. A rare quality of attending to one and all at the same time a reception leaving you feeling as if you were his favourite person. Intense affection and detailed attention, oozing charm and fragrance. Yet his appearance commanded awe, recognition, and a respect surpassing leaders and societal hierarchs, even with his pauper-like image. He worked as caretaker of the Sabri shrine in Kalyar Shareef, India, and also served as a senior Peer and elder in the Sabri sufi line. I am prevented from any further praise only in respect of a direct order he issued me...

"I am Ghulam Jilani the khadim of Sabir Paak. If you want to write or say anything about me, that is all you should say!"

- Irshad Ahmed Siddiqi Sabri



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