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It is time the EDL was proscribed as a Terrorist organisation



In the 15 years since it was founded, the English Defence League (EDL) has gone from feared National Front successor to an overabundance of far-right thugs.

However, its influence continues to have a direct impact on towns and cities across the UK – especially when the mood is rather volatile. Supporters of the group are said to be behind the recent riot in Southport, which followed a horrific stabbing attack that claimed the lives of

Alice Dasilva Aguiar, nine, Bebe King, six, and Elsie Dot Stancombe, seven. Eight other children suffered stab wounds and five are in a critical condition, alongside two adults who were also critically injured.

Hundreds of people took part in a vigil a day after, with many in tears as they laid flowers and cards of remembrance. This was followed by the protest where demonstrators chanted far-right slogans and threw stones and bottles at officers.

Many Police officers were injured as large groups of demonstrators targeted the Merseyside town's Masjid, whilst vehicles were set alight.

Merseyside Police confirmed “a large group of people – believed to be supporters of the English Defence League” – began to throw items towards the mosque at around 7.45pm.” Further protests took place across the country, including in Hartlepool, Manchester, and Aldershot.

EDL cause mayhem and anarchy as Southport mourns the loss of angels

Demonstrators were seen launching beer cans and glass bottles at a line of police in riot gear in front of Downing Street and throwing flares onto the statue of Winston Churchill in Parliament Square.

The angry scenes also included loud chants of “we want our country back” and “Oh Tommy Robinson.”

Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist said: “Arrests were made for offences including violent disorder, assaults on police officers, possession of knives and offensive weapons and breach of protest conditions.

“Our officers faced unacceptable scenes of disorder and violence, as others across the country have done in recent days. They acted with great courage and the highest levels of professionalism in the face of hateful behaviour.

“All our thoughts should be with the victims and families of those impacted by the most dreadful attack in Southport. It is shameful that some have sought to exploit this tragedy as justification for their own violence and criminality. There is absolutely no place for this on our streets.

We will ensure that anyone involved in any violent disorder and criminal

behaviour will be stopped, arrested and will face justice.” Police in Hartlepool were attacked with missiles, glass bottles and eggs, Cleveland Police said.

A police car was also set alight during the violence after a large group of people gathered in the Murray Street area of Hartlepool on Wednesday evening.

In Manchester, demonstrators turned out in large numbers outside the Holiday Inn hotel on Oldham Road at around 6pm. Around 40 people, which the paper reports included children and men wearing balaclavas, gathered outside the Oldham Road premises in what the paper said “appeared to be a stand against asylum seekers currently being housed in the hotel”.

The hideous scenes of hatred and devastation were akin to previous protests involving the EDL, dating back to its earliest incarnation in 2009; amongst them leaders was Tommy Robinson. For four years, he was the driving force between the rise of the EDL, turning him into a widely recognised media figure and the group into the country’s biggest far-right street movement since the 1970s.

Robinson and his supporters would regularly turn up at the scene of vicious

crimes and attempt to stir division. However, demonstrations were more often than not, brimming with racist and Islamophobic chants, that would lead to violence.

Prominent politicians have called for the EDL to be proscribed as a terrorist organisation. Former Scottish first minister Humza Yousaf has called for the (EDL) to be proscribed as a terrorist organisation, thus ensuring membership of the organisation would be a criminal offence.

He has written to the Home Secretary Yvette Cooper calling on her to deal with Britain’s “far-right problem”.

He posted a picture of the letter whilst urging the Home Secretary to take heed: “Violence targeting police officers, the public, and mosques, all to drive forward the far-right’s hateful ideology. Rhetoric is not enough. We need to take action against the far-right. I have asked the Home Secretary to use her powers to proscribe the English Defence League.”

In his letter, Mr Yousaf insisted the “thugs” involved in the violence were chanting “the most vile Islamophobia ever witnessed on the streets of the UK”.



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Pointing out it was not the first time the EDL had been involved in scenes such as this, he said the group had a "long history of violence and bigotry" and insisted they fit the criteria as set out in the Terrorism Act 2000.

The Act states that terrorism is the use or threat of action which: involves serious violence against a person; involves serious damage to property; endangers a person's life (other than that of the person committing the act); creates a serious risk to the health and safety of the public or section of the public or is designed seriously to interfere with or seriously disrupt an electronic system.

It adds the use or threat of such action must be designed to influence the government or an international governmental organisation or to intimidate the public or a section of the public, and must be undertaken for the purpose of advancing a political, religious, racial or ideological cause.

Mr Yousaf wrote: "There can be no doubt the EDL meet these criteria. They have, on several occasions, orchestrated serious violence to both intimidate the public and attempt to influence government, while being driven by a racist, white supremacist ideology.

"Home Secretary, Britain has a far-right problem. We need to acknowledge it, confront it and deal with it. I hope you will show courage and not back down in the face of populist voices that have poisoned

our political and societal discourse for far too long."

Blackburn MP Adnan Hussain has said communities must not give in to 'hatred and division' following the far-right demonstrations in parts of the UK and in the wake of the stabbing of children in Southport.

Independent MP Mr Hussain said: "The appalling events of the other night in Southport demonstrated the worst of what we as a society, as a country can be. However, I am convinced that this is not the way it has to be, because the community of Southport, in the aftermath of this devastating tragedy which took the lives of Alice, Bebe, and Elsie, showed us an alternative."

MCB Secretary-General Zara Mohammed said: "At a time of great tragedy, loss, and mourning, we must stand firm against the cynical forces of hatred and division. This does not represent our diverse Britain and the people of Southport.

The Government must address the increasing rise of violent far-right extremism targeting Muslim communities. More must be done to tackle Islamophobia and offer reassurance at this time. We commend the authorities for their swift action, and our prayers are with the mosque, the families of the victims of yesterday's attack, and the local community."

The mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, previously blamed former Home Secretary,

Suella Braverman for emboldening the far-Right.

He tweeted: "The scenes of disorder we witnessed by the far right at the Cenotaph are a direct result of the home secretary's words. The police's job has been made much harder. The Met have my full support to take action against anyone found spreading hate and breaking the law."

IMWS Chair Aziz Daji told Paigaam that the entire community sent their condolences to the families of the young girls and everyone who has been affected.

"We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the families of the young girls. May they rest in peace. We also hope and pray everyone who was injured, makes a speedy recovery," said Mr daji.

The Home Secretary Yvette Cooper has said that she will examine calls for the English Defence League to be placed alongside other far-Right groups such as National Action on the list of proscribed terrorist organisations. In the wake of violent unrest, the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, reminded senior police leaders in Downing Street that people who "exploit" the right to protest in order to "sow hatred" or commit "violent acts" should be met with "the full force of the law".

He said he would commit to working in partnership with police forces across the UK to stop "mindless violence" following scenes of unrest in Southport, London, Hartlepool and elsewhere.



Is the Police force in Britain

The British Muslim community has expressed their distress and shock after a young South Asian man was kicked in the head and stamped on after a fracas by a police officer.

Community leaders spoke outside the police station, and made comparisons to the death of Mark Duggan, a Black-British man killed by police in 2011, which triggered riots throughout the country.

“What is going on, is that the police is institutionally racist. Let’s make that clear, the police is a racist organisation,” one protester said outside Rochdale police station.

Former Met Police chief superintendent Dal Babu also believes racism “played a significant part” in the incident.

He said: “I think racism played a significant part in this. This is a very, very serious incident, and at a time when trust in the police is so low, this is another example of an incident where people will be further concerned. I think no matter where you go, more and more people have less confidence in the police.”

“I’m not sure that Greater Manchester police has the skills necessary to manage working with the communities to try and reduce the tension.”

The British Muslim community firmly believe that racism played a part in the airport incident.

Muslim organisations have cited the longstanding erosion of trust in police that coexists with a quite sophisticated understanding that although the individual actions of police officers are often the catalyst for protest – and the officers must be held personally accountable – the role of the police is, in the final analysis, to act in the interests of the state.

The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) said the force used by the police was ‘alarming’.

“It has been disturbing to watch the extensive footage showing the alarming force used by police on passengers at Manchester Airport,” said a spokesperson.

“The repeated kicks to the head followed by aggression to the passenger who lay on the floor, the mother trying to protect her son, visibly distressed and crying, has been heartbreaking.”

Former Yorkshire cricketer, Azeem Rafiq, 33, who gave harrowing testimony to a select committee in 2021 about the racism he suffered as a cricket player, that led to a major overhaul in the county’s leadership said the British Muslim community was shocked and appalled

by the actions of the police. “I found the footage incredibly triggering; not just me, but the whole community and the rest of my family,” Mr Rafiq, said.

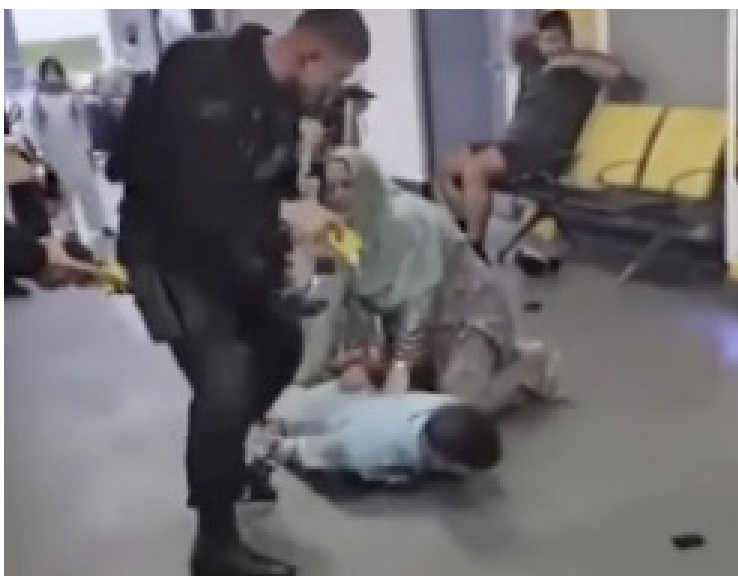
In Manchester airport, like all such places, as well as being equipped with batons and tasers, police are armed with deadly automatic weapons and sidearm’s, and on high alert for terrorist incidents.

However, Mr Rafiq believes the Muslim community is disproportionately targeted at airports.

He said: “It’s infuriating because that resonates, plus the way you get treated in airports generally, as a Muslim, since 9/11.

MEND - a not-for-profit organisation that helps empower and encourage British Muslims within local communities to be more actively involved in British media and politics urged Greater Manchester mayor Andy Burnham, to “highlight that the use of such disproportionate force against an unarmed incapacitated man was unacceptable, regardless of what events may have transpired beforehand.”

In 2021, a report commissioned by the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham concluded that Greater Manchester Police was “institutionally racist,” a finding which was rejected by GMP’s Chief Constable Stephen Watson, who still leads the force.



Institutionally racist?



GMP was only recently lifted out of special measures after it failed to record a fifth of all reported crimes

Ameen Hadi, from Manchester Stand Up to Racism, said: "This is the latest in a long catalogue of misogynistic, racist and homophobic behaviour.

"Chief Constable Watson must be held accountable by GM Mayor Andy Burnham and sacked.

"GMP is rotten to the core and must be dismantled."

Kevin Blowe, campaigns co-ordinator of Netpol, an organisation that seeks to monitor public order, protest and street policing, and to challenge and resist policing which is excessive, discriminatory or threatens civil rights, said that the incident "could easily have proven fatal."

He said: "Having been involved in police monitoring for over three decades, what also stood out for me was the unlawful efforts by officers to stop others from documenting what they saw and later the police spin seeking to somehow justify it.

"All too often this is what radicalised communities in Manchester and beyond are forced to endure: not just a profoundly racist police force, but also the gas lighting and denial of the daily reality of oppressive policing."

Stop Watch, a coalition of academics,

lawyers, civil society representatives, and community stakeholders that promotes fair, effective, and accountable policing said the video "shows a blatant disregard for the principle of minimal force.

Stop Watch Director, Habib Kadiri said: "Worst of all, the actions of officers towards a Muslim family at an airport reveals an Islamophobic strain of violence that confirms a growing fear among racialised minorities that the police do not keep them safe."

A statement released by the Muslim Association of Britain said the events are "against a backdrop of rising incidents of police brutality, particularly targeting minority ethnic communities.

"Already, those on the far-right fringes of society are attempting to justify these actions and sow division. We must not allow their divisive rhetoric to take hold."

The family of the men involved - named as brothers Fahir Amaaz and Muhammad Amaad - are set to lodge a formal complaint with the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).

Their solicitor, Scottish human rights lawyer Aamer Anwar, has confirmed that they have spoken with the watchdog with a view to calling for an investigation into the officers involved.

Meanwhile, it has emerged that the IOPC has confirmed that the police officer in the

video has been informed that he is under criminal investigation for assault

And although the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham has advised the public to allow the investigation to take its course after he was shown the full video, the family has asked "on what legal basis" the video should be shown to a politician before they were given an opportunity to see it.

Mr Anwar said that, while any of the family found to engaged in criminality should be "subjected to due process", that there should "never be any legal justification" for the use of "excessive, disproportionate and potentially lethal force against a civilian who is incapacitated and poses no threat".

In a statement, Mr Anwar said: "I have now spoken to the IOPC with regards to lodging a formal complaint against officers from Greater Manchester Police." He added: "We also seek to understand on what legal basis Andy Burnham was shown the complete CCTV and by whom.

The fact of the matter is that the public perception of the police force is that racism, combined with the long history of violent police actions can spark street protests that easily become riots.

These tensions are rooted in decades of wearying austerity and wars. Without a fundamental shift in wealth and power, policing is forever condemned to its repressive role in class conflict.

EDITORIAL

Who will stand up for British Muslims?

Donald Trump's choice for vice-president recently provoked fury by describing the UK under Labour as an "Islamist country" with nuclear weapons.

Ohio senator JD Vance, who was announced as Mr Trump's running mate, just two days after an attempt to assassinate the former president, who is challenging Kamala Harris for the White House in November.

He said: "I was talking about, you know: what is the first truly Islamist country that will get a nuclear weapon?"

"Maybe it is Iran, maybe Pakistan already kind of counts, and then we finally decided that it's actually the UK – since Labour just took over."

Under Labour so far, it looks like 'the special relationship' between the UK and USA will look like Britain nodding along to whatever bigotry and conspiracy is generated from across the pond.

New Foreign Secretary David Lammy previously called JD Vance 'a friend' whilst the highest ranking Labour frontbenchers seemed unable to gather together the words to condemn Vance's flagrant Islamophobia. Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner dismissed concerns about the comments, simply saying she 'does not recognise' this characterisation of Britain, whilst Minister

James Murray smirked when asked about Vance's remarks and stated that 'it's for America to decide who they elect'.

Just weeks into their reign, the new Labour government has already proven itself powerless, in relation to foreign policy. During David Lammy's first overseas trip as Foreign Secretary, he has been photographed shaking hands emphatically with the very architects of the utter decimation happening in Gaza.

If this new Labour government can't offer any strong rebuttal to the Islamophobia being spewed towards Britain, directed at the very citizens that have already been isolated from their party, then what hope can Labour offer in the face of whatever far-right, populist and dangerous rhetoric another Trump term will likely whip up around the globe?

In addition, Reform UK MP Lee Anderson has said he would give the police officer who stamped on a man's face and kicked him in the head during an arrest at Manchester airport "a medal".

Anderson said: "The message I am getting from my constituents is they are fed up with seeing police dancing around rainbows and being nice to people and running off from rioters. They want police to do their job, and I think these police yesterday should be commended. In fact, I'd give them a medal."

Reform UK leader, Nigel Farage is "nothing better than a Tommy Robinson in a suit," according to Brendan Cox, the campaigner and husband of the murdered Labour MP, Jo Cox.

Farage had posted a video on X in which he said he had "one or two questions" as he speculated about whether the stabbing suspect was being monitored by security services. "I just wonder whether the truth is being withheld from us. I don't know the answer to that, but I think it is a fair and legitimate question," he said.

Comments ranged from predictions of a coming race war, sharing of misinformation, antisemitic tropes and claims of a cover-up. "This is clearly not a case of accidental mischaracterisation. This is Reform and Farage in particular actively spreading disinformation and actively using insinuation to incite anxiety, concern and inflame emotions," Cox said.

In addition, Lord Pearson of Rannoch gave a "disgusting and outrageous" speech in the House of Lords, where he said "We should start monitoring our mosques and madrasahs and imprison or deport our extremist imams."

He also called for the burqa to be banned and accused "Islamists" of trying to take over the UK by stealth.

Anniversary of Srebrenica Genocide has many comparisons with Gaza

Around 8,000 Bosniak Muslim men and boys killed in 1995 by Serb forces. This is commonly known as the Srebrenica Genocide.

This year is had even more significance - for the first time 11 July was be marked as the International Day of Reflection and Commemoration, following a UN General Assembly ruling in May.

The Srebrenica massacre, recognised by the UN as a genocide, was the shocking climax of the war in Bosnia - a conflict that erupted after the breakup of Yugoslavia in the early 1990s. In Bosnia, one of the countries emerging after the breakup, three communities were in conflict - on the one hand, Bosnian Serbs, backed by Serbia, and, on the other, Bosniaks and Croats.

About 40,000 Bosniak Muslims lived in Srebrenica. Many were forced to flee a Bosnian Serb campaign of ethnic cleansing during the 1992-95 war. The town was declared a UN safe zone in 1993 and a small group of international peacekeepers were charged with protecting it from any attacks.

But in July 1995, Bosnian Serb forces - led by military commander Ratko Mladic - stormed the town, overwhelming the peacekeepers who failed to protect the civilians sheltering there.

The Serb forces rounded up the town's men and boys, most of whom were never seen alive again. They were either killed in droves or murdered when they tried to escape through the wooded hills around Srebrenica.

As the war ended, around 100,000 people were dead and the nation was deeply divided along ethnic lines. Ethnic cleansing was rampant, and the Srebrenica massacre has been officially recognized as genocide by numerous international bodies, including the UN.

High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell and Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi of the European Union made a joint statement commemorating the 29th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.

They said, "It is our duty to honour the memory of the over 8,300 boys and men who were systematically murdered in the hills around Srebrenica. We call upon leaders to reject divisive rhetoric and act with truth, justice, trust, and dialogue."

Amongst those present at the commemorations was Palestinian journalist Motaz Azaiza, who fled Gaza in January with some family members, showcasing the between Gaza and Srebrenica. "I want to thank the people who raised the flags of Palestine alongside the flags of Bosnia and Herzegovina. I wasn't born when all

this happened in Srebrenica," Azaiza told journalists at the ceremony. Since I was little, I listened to what happened here, through the news, through friends. The people here have great support from the people of Palestine, and I thank you for your solidarity."

The mayor of Sarajevo, also drew direct comparisons between Srebrenica and Gaza. Writing on social media, Benjamina Kari, lambasted Israel for its actions in Gaza, labelling it a "genocide".

"The reaction of the world public to these terrible and painful wounds on the body of Bosnia and Herzegovina was: 'Never again!' Today, three decades later, we are witnessing the terrible crimes and genocide being carried out against the people of Palestine," she said.



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Health Page

Obesity: how to lose weight

The term obese describes a person who has excess body fat.

In the UK it's estimated that around 1 in every 4 adults and around 1 in every 5 children aged 10 to 11 are living with obesity.challenges.

How to tell if you're living with obesity

The most widely used method to check if you're a healthy weight is body mass index (BMI).

Body mass index (BMI)

BMI is a measure of whether you're a healthy weight for your height. You can use the NHS BMI healthy weight calculator to find out your BMI.

Treating obesity

The best way to treat obesity is to eat a healthy reduced-calorie diet and exercise regularly.

To do this, you can:

Eat a balanced calorie-controlled diet as recommended by a GP or weight loss management health professional (such as a dietitian).

take up activities such as fast walking, jogging, swimming or tennis for 150 to 300 minutes (2.5 to 5 hours) a week.

You may benefit from joining a local weight management programme with group meetings or online support. Your GP can tell you about these.

You may also benefit from receiving support and counselling from a trained healthcare professional to help you better understand your relationship with food and develop different eating habits.

If you're living with obesity and lifestyle and behavioural changes alone do not help you lose weight, a medicine called orlistat may be recommended. If taken correctly, medicine works by reducing the amount of fat you absorb during digestion.

Your GP will know whether orlistat is suitable for you. A specialist may prescribe other medicines called liraglutide or semaglutide. They work by making you feel fuller and less hungry. For some people living with obesity, a specialist may recommend weight loss surgery.

Other obesity-related problems

Living with obesity can cause a number

of further problems, including difficulties with daily activities and serious health conditions.

Day-to-day problems related to obesity include:

- breathlessness
- increased sweating
- snoring
- difficulty doing physical activity
- often feeling very tired
- joint and back pain
- low confidence and self-esteem
- feeling isolated

The psychological problems associated with living with obesity can also affect your relationships with family and friends, and may lead to depression. Living with obesity can also increase your risk of developing many potentially serious health conditions.

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Zahid Kahut: It is a privilege to help

Batley West Councillor (Kirklees Community Independents Group) Zahid Kahut insists it is a privilege and an honour to serve the ward, outlining his commitment to local residents and the issues that affect them.

“I believe that being an elected councillor for Batley West showcases that I am a custodian for the people within my ward who deserve my commitment and help,” said Mr Kahut.

Zahid has identified and built relations with community groups in order to effectively represent people. The impact of independent councillors like myself has extended beyond individual initiatives, as we have demonstrated our ability to help people.

He said: “I have attended meetings at Batley Library to support its efforts to remain open at its current location. I spoke on this matter at the council Cabinet meeting on 10th July 2024.”

Zahid has also helped a local community group that has called for the reopening of Batley Baths, which has been closed for over 2 years.

Downs and Special Friends, a Support Group for families with children with Down Syndrome, Autism, Cystic Fibrosis, Tourettes and other diagnosed or undiagnosed disabilities are hoping to transform Batley Baths into a vibrant, inclusive, and multi-functional activity centre.

“I have been supporting campaigning for the reopening of the Batley Swimming Baths from the outset. Brother Akhtar Khasia has taken the initiative with this for the Downs and Special Friends group and I am fully supporting Akhtar and the organisation,” he said.

Zahid, who recently helped our Independent Candidate for Dewsbury and Batley get elected as an MP, has also urged Kirklees Council to listen, learn and deliver in relation to a flood of pleas for help with a lack of grass being cut in parks and public areas.

Kirklees Council cut £1.3 million from its grounds maintenance budget which meant grass cutting was stopped in some parks while grass verges were allowed to grow wild.

Now the Grounds Maintenance team has warned that it is under pressure again and service levels may need have to be reduced further.

The problem was outlined in a report to the council’s Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel.

The Grounds Maintenance team, responsible for horticultural maintenance in all parks and recreation grounds across Kirklees, has an ageing workforce of 70 full-time staff.

There is also a problem recruiting trained staff with vacancies running at 20%.

The team receives no central funding directly from council budgets and instead relies on contracts with other council departments such as Homes and Neighbourhoods, Highways and Bereavement Services and also academy schools and Kirklees Active Leisure, which runs the district’s sports centres.

However, Zahid has asked the council to take heed of the pleas of local people.

He said: “I have lobbied the council to get this done but they have explained that due to the financial mismanagement the council has made redundancies of

grounds man, this was we are told decided on March 2024 before the outcome of local elections so is not as a result of the inefficiency of independent Councillors.

“I have supported the Pavilion bowling club to ensure that their grass has been cut, however it has not been weeded properly so I am still working with that.

“Furthermore I have supported specific families with housing issues.”

Zahid has also supported a number of local initiatives and events.

“I supported Mount football club to help ensure the grass in the park was cut as well as ensuring the use of the large TV screen for the England game was authorised.”

Should Batley East residents have any concerns, please contact Zahid direct.

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Thousands of Palestinians missing amid Israel's war in Gaza

It is envisaged around 6,400 Palestinians reported as missing since the outbreak of the war in Gaza on 7 October are yet to have been found, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has said.

Many Gazan's are said to be either trapped under the rubble, buried without any identification, or held in Israeli detention.

In addition, many Palestinians have been separated from their loved ones, who have been unable to contact them.

Around 1,100 new cases of missing people have been registered and remain unsolved since April, the ICRC said.

"Each week we can receive anywhere between 500 and 2,500 calls to our hotlines, and the majority of these are requests for missing family members," said Sarah Davies, an ICRC spokesperson.

"The level of requests fluctuates, sometimes depending on the situation in

areas of Gaza – if there are hostilities close to large numbers of people, or evacuation instructions issued, our hotline operators receive more calls with tracing requests in the hours and days that follow.

"Unfortunately, in such chaotic situations, people can be separated easily. People are panicked, sometimes it is dark and difficult to see, if there are explosions nearby people flee and lose one another."

Davies said that when people were injured and taken to hospital in an ambulance, their family members don't always know which one they are at. "People can lose their phones, connections can be disrupted, sim cards are changed. There are untold reasons people get separated in a war zone."

The persistent violence has severely disrupted communications, with hospitals coming under attack, complicating efforts for medical personnel to document casualties and identify the deceased.

The unrelenting warfare, coupled with movement restrictions and communication breakdowns, has created significant challenges in monitoring and locating missing individuals. Moreover, access for forensic and human rights experts has been restricted, preventing the identification of victims.

In a recent report, Save the Children said: "Even if they had the equipment, the intensity of Israeli airstrikes and hostilities between the parties – as well as unexploded bombs and missiles in the debris – means it's too dangerous for families, first responders, and humanitarian workers to search through the rubble."

Since 7 October, the ICRC has reported more than 8,700 missing Palestinians in Gaza and has engaged with 7,429 Palestinian families to gather information. About 2,300 cases have been resolved, meaning families have found their relatives, either alive or dead.

UN - Israel has tortured Palestinian prisoners

The United Nations human rights office has revealed that Palestinians detained by Israel since the outbreak of the war in Gaza have been tortured.

The UN report gathered testimony from men, women and children who had been detained, who said "they were held in cage-like facilities, stripped naked for prolonged periods, wearing only nappies".

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk said reports received by his office suggested Israeli authorities may have inflicted "appalling acts" on detainees, including "waterboarding and the release of dogs."

Many have been held without without charge, access to a lawyer, and in "deplorable conditions," the report adds.

In addition, Israeli far-right protesters broke into an army base in a show of support for soldiers accused of severely mistreating a Palestinian prisoner there.

Large crowds gathered outside the Sde Teiman compound after Israeli military police entered it to detain the reservists, who are now subject to an official investigation.

According to local media reports, at least nine Israeli soldiers at the base are accused of abusing the Palestinian detainee, a suspected Hamas fighter who

was captured in Gaza. He is said to have been hospitalised after what Israeli media reports describe as serious sexual abuse and injuries to his anus that left him unable to walk.

The Israeli military said its advocate general had ordered an inquiry "following suspected substantial abuse of a detainee".

The Palestinian Authority's called on the international community to urgently intervene by carrying out an UN-mandated investigation. However some Israeli politicians have denounced the arrest of the reservists. Itamar Ben-Gvir, the far-right national security minister, called their detention "nothing less than shameful".

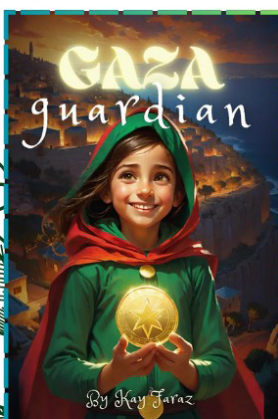
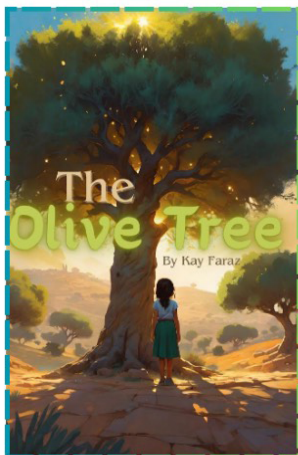


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IMWS makes £10k contribution to Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust



The much-needed radiology diagnostic suite will include x-ray, ultrasound and CT scanners as well as a new generation, 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner. Much of the projected cost is funded by NHS grants and the Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust.

Keith Ramsay, chair of Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust thanked IMWS for their continued support for our trust.

Mohammed Patel, Chair of the IMWS Charity Committee said: “We would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire community for their support. The MRI scan can be used to examine almost any part of the body, including the brain, spinal cord, bones and joints.

The Indian Muslim Welfare Society has come forward to provide a significant contribution to the Mid Yorkshire Teaching Trust MRI Appeal. Members of the Executive Committee provided a cheque for £10,000 presented a cheque to

representatives from the charity arm of the hospital.

It is envisaged, a final £750,000 for the planned diagnostic suite will be raised at Pinderfields Hospital, before the end of the year.

“They also play a crucial role in the management of patients, particularly those with cancer, heart disease and strokes. It will be very beneficial to our community.”



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Nadat Solicitors Receives Specialist Quality Mark (SQM) Re-Accreditation

Nadat Solicitors has successfully achieved specialist quality mark (SQM) re-accreditation from Recognising Excellence, reaffirming our commitment to excellence and continuous improvement in the provision of legal services.

The Specialist Quality Mark (SQM) Standard is owned by The Legal Aid Agency (The LAA) and independently administered by Recognising Excellence (RE) as the approved audit administration body.

Inayat Nadat of Nadat Solicitors said the re-accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of his entire team, who strive daily to uphold the highest standards of service, integrity, and professionalism.

“It reflects our ongoing efforts to provide

exceptional legal services to our clients and to foster an environment of innovation and quality,” said Mr Nadat.

“The rigorous re-accreditation process involved a thorough review of our policies, procedures, and performance outcomes.

We are proud to have met and exceeded the stringent criteria set by Recognising Excellence, demonstrating our adherence to best practices and our commitment to maintaining a culture of excellence.

“This re-accreditation not only validates our current practices but also encourages us to continue our journey toward even greater achievements.

“We remain dedicated to enhancing our legal services and ensuring that we remain at the forefront of our industry.”

Mr Nadat also thanked everyone associated with the company for their support.

“We extend our gratitude to everyone involved in this significant accomplishment, including our dedicated staff, supportive clients, and our business partners,” added Mr Nadat.

“Your trust and collaboration are invaluable to our success.

“Thank you for your continued support as we embark on the next chapter of our journey, committed to excellence and continuous improvement.”

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Tues	Harmony ladies' social group (free) runs every 2 weeks- open to all females 9.30am-11.30am		Free Ladies aerobics 5pm-6pm Provided by IMWS	Free Men's Circuit Training 7pm-8pm Provided by IMWS
Wed	ESOL Entry 1 Speaking and Listening (Free) 10am-12pm Full ESOL Entry Level 1 Reading (Free) full 9.30am-12pm			
Thurs	ESOL Entry Level 1 Reading (Free) 10am-12pm Full ESOL L1/L2 Speaking and Listening (Free) 9.30am-12pm Full	Sahara Social Group (free) First Thursday of every month open to all females 11am-1pm Contact Zohfina 07823668714	Ladies lunchtime exercise class 12pm-1pm Term time only Ready Steady Active 07974647062 Small fee applies	

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અલ્લાહપાક બંદાની દુઆ કબુલ કરે જ છે.

એક વ્યક્તિ ગાડીમાંથી ઉતર્યો અને ઝડપથી એરપોર્ટમાં ધુસ્યો. વિમાન ઉડવા માટે તૈયાર હતું. આ વ્યક્તિને કોઈ કોન્ફરન્સમાં પહોંચવાનું હતું. જે ફક્ત તેના માટે આયોજિત કરવામાં આવી હતી. તે પોતાની સીટ ઉપર બેઠો. અને વિમાન ઉડ્યું. હજુ થોડીજ દૂર વિમાન પહોંચ્યું હતું કે, વિમાનના કેપ્ટને એનાઉન્સ કર્યું કે, તોફાન, વરસાદ અને કડકતી વિજળીના કારણે વિમાનની રેડિયો સીસ્ટમ બરાબર રીતે કામ કરી રહી નથી જેથી તેઓ નજીકના એરપોર્ટ ઉપર ઉતરવા માટે મજબૂર છે. વિમાન ઉતર્યું. પેલી વ્યક્તિ વિમાનની બહાર નીકળી કેપ્ટનને ફરિયાદ કરી રહ્યો હતો કે, એની એક એક મિનીટ ઘણીજ કીમતી છે અને જે કોન્ફરન્સ થઈ રહી છે તેમાં તેનું પહોંચવું ખૂબજ જરૂરી છે. તેની બાજુમાં ઊભા રહેલ બીજા મુસાફરે આ વ્યક્તિને ઓળખી લીધો. અને બોલ્યો ડોક્ટર જીસાન સાહેબ તમો જ્યાં પહોંચવા માંગો છો ત્યાં ત્રણેક કલાકમાં ટેક્ષીથી પહોંચી શકો છો. ડોક્ટરે ધન્યવાદ કહી ટેક્ષી પકડી નીકળી પડ્યા.

પરંતુ આ શું? આંધી તૂફાન, વીજળીના કડાકા, અને વરસાદના કારણે આગળ વધવું મુશ્કેલ થઈ પડ્યું. છતાં પણ ટેક્ષી ડ્રાઈવર કાર હંકારી રહ્યો હતો. અચાનક ડ્રાઈવરને એહસાસ થયો કે તે રસ્તો ભટકી ગયો છે. ના ઉમ્મીદ અને ઉતાર ચઢાવ વચ્ચે તેને એક નાનું સરખું ઘર દેખાયું. આ તુફાની રાતમાં તેને ગનીમત સમજી ગાડી રોકી બન્ને નીચે ઉતર્યા અને ઘરનો દરવાજો ખટખટાવ્યો. અંદરથી અવાજ સંભળાયો જે કોઈ પણ હોય અંદર આવી જાવ! દરવાજો ખુલ્લો જ છે.

અંદર એક વૃદ્ધા મુસલ્લો બિલાવી નમાજ પઢી રહી હતી. ડોક્ટરે કહ્યું માજી અગર ઈઝાજત હોય તો તમારો ફોન વાપરી શકું? વૃદ્ધા હસીને બોલી બેટા! કેવો ફોન? અહીં ન કોઈ ફોન છે ન વિજળી. પણ તમે બેસો સામે ચા મૂકી છે, પ્યાલામાં નાંખી તે પી લ્યો. તમારી થકાન દૂર થઈ જશે. અને ખાવા માટે પણ કંઈ ને કંઈ મળી જશે. ખાઈ લ્યો કે જેથી આગળની તમારી સફર માટે તે મદદરૂપ થાય.

ડોક્ટરે શુક્રિયા અદા કરી ચા પીવા લાગ્યા. વૃદ્ધા નમાજ અને દુઆમાં મશગુલ હતી, ડોક્ટરની નજર મુસલ્લા પાસે પડી. એક નાનું બાળક બ્લેન્કેટમાં લપેટેલું હતું જેને વૃદ્ધા થોડી થોડી વારે હલાવી દેતી હતી. વૃદ્ધા નમાજથી ફારિગ થઈ તો ડોક્ટરે કહ્યું, તમારા ઈપ્લાસ અને એહસાને મારા ઉપર જાદુ કરી દીધો છે. મારા માટે પણ તમે દુઆ કરી દીધો.... મને ખાતરી છે કે તમારી દુઆ જરૂર કબુલ થતી હશે.

વૃદ્ધા બોલી ના ના બેટા! એવી કોઈ વાત નથી. તમે મુસાફર છો અને મુસાફરની ખિદમત કરવાનો અલ્લાહપાકે હુકમ આપ્યો છે. મેં તમારા માટે પણ દુઆ કરી છે. શુક્ર પરવરદિગારનો કે તેણે મારી દરેક દુઆ સાંભળી છે. બસ એક દુઆમાં ફક્ત મસ્લેહત છે જ્યારે તે ચાહે તેને પણ કબુલ કરી લેશે.

કેવી દુઆ? ડોક્ટરે પૂછ્યું

વૃદ્ધા બોલી આ જે નાનું બાળક તમારી સામે અધમરી હાલતમાં પડ્યું છે તે મારો પોત્રો છે. એના મા, બાપ બન્ને હયાત નથી. એની જિમ્મેદારી મારા ઉપર છે. ડોક્ટરો કહે છે એને ખતરનાક બિમારી છે. જેનો તેઓ ઈલાજ કરી શકતા નથી. કહે છે એક જ નામવર ડોક્ટર છે, શું નામ બતાવ્યું હતું, તે વિચારવા લાગી. અને કહ્યું હાં! “ જિશાન ” ડોક્ટર છે તેજ એનું ઓપરેશન કરી શકે છે. પરંતુ હું લાચાર વૃદ્ધા તેના સુધી કેવી રીતે પહોંચી શકું? અને ખબર નથી જાઉ તો પણ તે ઈલાજ માટે હાં કરે કે કેમ? બસ હવે તો અલ્લાહથી જ દુઆ છે કે, તે મારી મુશ્કેલ આસાન કરે. ડોક્ટરની આંખોમાંથી આંસુઓનો શૈલાબ વહેવા લાગ્યો. તે દર્દભરી અવાજથી બોલ્યો, ખુદાની કસમ તમારી દુઆએ હવાઈ જહાજને નીચે ઉતારી દીધું, આસ્માનથી વીજળી ખડકી દીધી, મને રસ્તો ભૂલાવી દીધો કે જેથી હું સીધો અહીં પેંચાઈ આવું. ખુદાની કસમ મને યકિન નથી આવતો કે, ખુદા એક બંદાની દુઆ કબુલ કરીને બીજા બંદાની આસાની ફરમાવે છે.

જુઓ વૃદ્ધા તે ગરીબ લાચાર તેના બાળકની સારવાર કેવી રીતે કરાવી શકે. પરંતુ અલ્લાહપાકે કેવો અસ્ખાબ બનાવ્યો અને કેવા હાલાત ઉત્પન્ન કર્યા કે ખુદ તે ડોક્ટર પોતે તેના ઘરે પહોંચી ગયો. કહે છે,

“ ખુદા કે વહાં દેર હય અંધેર નહીં.”

અલ્લાહ તેના બંદાની દુઆ હર વક્ત કબુલ કરે છે શર્ત છે દુઆમાં અસર હોવી જોઈએ. આ બતાવે છે કે, આપણે હંમેશ દુઆ કરતા રહેવું જોઈએ, તેને કબુલ કરવાવાળો અલ્લાહ છે.

MRI અપીલમાં IMWS તરફથી ૧૦હજાર પાઉન્ડનો ચેક અર્પણ

પીન્ડરફીલ્ડ હોસ્પિટલ ખાતે એક અધ્યતન એમઆરઆઈ મશીનની ખરીદી સાથે જૂદો વિભાગ બનાવવાનું કામ શરૂ છે. જે માટે ૬ મિલિયન પાઉન્ડથી વધુનો ખર્ચ છે. જેમાં મોટાભાગની રકમ સરકાર અને એનએચએસ મારફત આપવામાં આવી છે અને બાકી લગભગ ૭લાખ ૫૦હજાર પાઉન્ડ વેઈકફીલ્ડ એરિયાના હોસ્પિટલની આજુબાજુ વસતી વિવિધ કોમ્યુનિટીને ડોનેશન આપવા વિનંતી કરવામાં હતી. જેમાં બાટલીના મુસ્લિમ ભાઈ બહેનો અને મસ્જિદોએ ભાગ લઈ એક મોટી રકમ રમજાન માસમાં એકત્ર કરી અલગથી પહોંચાડી હતી.

આપણી સોસાયટીએ આપણાં એફીલીયેટેડ એરિયા સાથે મળી ૧૦હજાર પાઉન્ડ ભેગા કર્યા હતા. જે રકમનો ચેક ગુરૂવાર તારીખ ૧૮જુલાઈના સાંજે અલ હિકમાહ સેન્ટર બાટલી ખાતે હોસ્પિટલના ચીફ એક્ઝીક્યુટીવ અને આ ચેરિટી ચલાવનાર હેડને બોલાવી અર્પણ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. આ પ્રસંગે પ્રોજેક્ટની વિગતથી ચર્ચા પણ કરવામાં આવી હતી. હોસ્પિટલ તરફથી બાટલી વિભાગના મુસ્લિમો અને સોસાયટીનો આભાર વ્યક્ત કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. અને હોસ્પિટલ વતી ચીફ એક્ઝીક્યુટીવે જણાવ્યું હતું કે વિવિધ કોમ્યુનિટી મારફત મળેલ દાનમાં મુસ્લિમોનો ફાળો સૌથી વધુ રહ્યો છે. સોસાયટી આ તકે આપણી એફીલીયેટેડ મસ્જિદો અને મદદ કરનાર તમામ ભાઈ બહેનોનો આભાર માને છે.



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