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## Concerns in the Muslim community regarding changes to the death certification process

The Muslim community has raised concerns about the new death certification reforms that are introducing medical examiners in the process.

Changes to the ways in which death is certified formally in the UK, the first in 50 years came into force on Monday September the 9th.

According to the regulations laid before the parliament, “the new death certification reforms require an independent review to

be carried out for all deaths in England and Wales, without exception”.

Information published on a government website said that this will either concluded independently by a medical examiner or an investigation could be opened by a coroner.

A medical practitioner will be eligible to be an attending practitioner and complete a medical certificate of cause of death (MCCD), if they have attended

the deceased in their lifetime. The main change is that attending practitioners must share the MCCD and proposed cause of death with a medical examiner, who will scrutinise these before submission to the registrar.

However, these changes made some a little bit anxious about what’s next. Councillor Aziz, Chair of IMWS said, that he had concerns about the potential “unnecessary” delays in burials the reforms may bring.



# Burial delay concerns in the Muslim community

The tradition in the Muslim community is to bury the deceased as soon as possible – sometimes even on the day of the passing, he said.

He said the services provided by the coroner's office and the bereavement services for many years accommodated everyone's needs regardless of faith.

However, he insists he is cautious about the inclusion of medical examiners into the mix before signing off.

He said: "If the availability of medical examiners are not in prioritised, this could potentially cause delays in relation to burials."

Mohammed Javed of the Sadqah Jariyah organisation said he was apprehensive about the new proposals, insisting it is important for the community to work hand in hand with the coroner, burial organisations and medical professionals so that people from all backgrounds can bury friends and family in a dignified manner.

He said: "Do we have enough people signed up to be medical examiners both in the hospital and out in the community?"

"If bereavements happen over the weekend, what do we do? Those hours may not be sufficient. In the past, registrars have gone above and beyond in order to issue a green form, which allows us to bury our loved ones. You have to understand that they only work for two hours each day over the weekend."

He also said that there was a lack of awareness of these changes and more needs to be done to spread the word about it.

A Department of Health and Social Care spokesperson told Paigaam: "The

impact of medical examiner scrutiny delaying funerals has been an important consideration when designing these reforms, and we have consulted closely with faith groups including the Muslim community.

"There is provision within the new system to minimise the potential of delays to burial while maintaining the integrity of the medical examiner system. Rapid release can be requested to prioritise cases that require urgent attention, including in accordance with faith groups' burial customs, and the new measures will be proportionate so as not to impose undue delays on the bereaved."

By definition – provided by the published paper on the government website – a medical examiner is a senior medical practitioner who is contracted for a number of sessions a week to provide independent scrutiny of causes of death, outside of their usual clinical duties.

They are trained in the legal and clinical elements of death certification processes and will not have been involved in caring for the patient.

Medical examiners have a number of responsibilities:

**- They provide independent scrutiny of the causes of death.**

**- Give bereaved people the opportunity to ask questions.**

**- Review medical records.**

The document added: "Once the relevant attending practitioner and the medical examiner have completed their declarations of certification and scrutiny, and the cause of death is confirmed, the MCCD will be sent to the registrar by the

medical examiner rather than the attending practitioner.

"The representative of the deceased will be notified at the same time that they can now contact the registrar to arrange the registration of the death."

The updates, the first overhaul in more than 50 years, essentially mean a speeding-up of the process immediately following a death, with the possible advantage to the Muslim community of speedy burial. The reforms are taking place under the aegis of the Department of Health and Social Care. Previously, doctors were only able to issue a medical certificate cause of death (MCCD) if they had attended the deceased within 28 days before death.

The changes will mean that medical practitioners can complete this certificate – without which a person cannot be buried – if they have attended the deceased "in their lifetime".

The doctors can propose a cause of death "to the best of their knowledge and belief".

Once the certificate is issued it then goes to a medical examiner, a senior practitioner, to complete it. After that the MCCD will be sent to the registrar, crucially without meeting a coroner at any stage in the process – unless there is a suspicion of death by unnatural causes.

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# Rida Girls High School celebrates fantastic Ofsted rating

Rida Girls' High School has been rated 'Good' with Outstanding features in its latest Ofsted report.

The school, which opened its doors in 2017, has flourished into a vibrant and aspirational setting in the heart of Savile Town.

It prides itself in providing small class sizes and tailored learning for every pupil, whilst underpinning a strong Islamic ethos with the aim to develop confident, young and inspiring British Muslims who will lead the next generation.

The report, published earlier this month, is fulsome in its praise for pupils, staff and the whole-school community, highlighting that the school has a 'family feel' with 'warm, friendly and respectful' relationships between staff and pupils in an 'incredibly positive atmosphere.'

It states that the Islamic ethos of the school 'underpins the positive experiences for pupils' with staff having the ambition to develop the 'whole pupil,' developing them into 'confident, articulate young women.'

With regards to the quality of education,

Inspectors stated that the curriculum is 'ambitiously constructed' and praised the depth and sophistication of the curriculum in subjects such as English, Science, Maths and PSHCE.

The report reads: 'pupils have opportunities to experience a range of increasingly sophisticated texts' and pupils are able to 'confidently express themselves' about the subjects that they study.

Moreover, 'there is a strong focus on reading in the school' with dedicated reading lessons which 'help support pupils who need help with fluency and comprehension.'

With regards to pupil conduct, the report states that, 'behaviour at the school is superb' and 'pupils are curious and enthusiastic in lessons.'

Pupils were proud and excited to show the Inspectors the careers fair they had helped to organise and discussed upcoming thematic days such as Culture day and Enterprise day.

The report further states that pupils see 'positive, ambitious future for themselves'

through exposure to external speakers and local businesses and colleges.

Staff and leaders expressed admiration for the pupils and the school. A spokesperson for the school said: "I am incredibly proud of the school and what it has achieved since it opened its doors only seven short years ago.

"The report is a true testament to the hard work and effort of all the staff and leaders at the school.

"There is a real sense of community and we take pupils' education and wellbeing very seriously whilst providing ample opportunities for them to flourish and succeed in the real world.

"A key phrase the Inspector stated was that pupils are encouraged to be leaders and develop independence, and pupils see a 'positive, ambitious future for themselves.'

"I truly believe we are developing our future leaders through the high standards of education and welfare at the school, and we will hope to carry on going from strength to strength in the future."





# IMWS Banqueting Suite: Celebrate with glamour and panache



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# IMWS Banqueting Suite: Create a unique space with a contemporary feel

One of the area's most popular wedding venues has undergone a stylish refurbishment.

The IMWS wedding hall was officially unveiled to the public on the 26th of May as the centre hosted a Mega Wedding Fair – allowing people from the vicinity and as far as London to take a look at the elegant new banqueting suite.

IMWS Centre Manager, Nadeem Raja outlined her vision for the space.

He said: "As guests walk into the venue, they will be met with a new banqueting suite. We set out to create something unique as opposed to a stereotypical caricature.

"It is possible to capture subtle influences and recreate a resonant design with a contemporary feel.

"We enlisted the designers to create a space that celebrates the exuberance

of passion, a place of opulent beauty tempered by an aura of contemplation and reflection that personifies what a wedding should be about.

"The strong use of rich and multi-layered geometric patterns exemplify this look. The room exudes the hallmarks of calm elegance and a visual historic journey.

"The decorative potential of light and shadow is vital - distilling the boldness of vibrant colours in an expression of nuance, hue and pigment variation, meaning wedding guests will be comfortable and relaxed."

Mr Raja said, In a post-Covid world, the centre has seen a demand for weddings, conferences and corporate events increase.

The spaces offer flexibility for intimate meetings, or larger events that require flexibility, exclusivity, and a change from the norm.

"The wedding hall has been completely transformed into a much more contemporary and glamorous look and feel - creating a beautiful backdrop, the whole area has a cosy, warm feeling."

The entire hall has been refurbished with a beautiful light textured style which will feel brighter and will have a more neutral backdrop, allowing couples to bring their own style to the room even more.

It's a neutral and muted palate that lends itself well to all sorts of themes and styles.

"The beautiful new soft lights add a touch of glamour in a way that's perfectly balanced against the natural feel and neutral tones.

"We're so excited by this investment and redevelopment as it will give a cohesive connection to the rest of our centre. It's a very exciting time for IMWS."



# Why calling someone a 'coconut' is not racist

Common sense has prevailed as District Judge, Vanessa Lloyd, exonerated 37-year old Maricha Hussain who broke down in tears as a not-guilty verdict was read out at Westminster magistrates' court last month.

The ruling was the culmination of an almost year-long ordeal, which saw 37-year-old Hussain lose her job, have her family's home address exposed by tabloid newspapers, and her reputation tarnished. The charge the psychology teacher faced was of a racially aggravated public order offence – undoubtedly a serious crime.

She was pictured at a protest, holding a placard with a drawing of a palm tree with coconuts falling off it. Stuck over two of those coconuts were the faces of Braverman and of the then-prime minister Rishi Sunak.

The photo had been posted on X by an anonymous Right-wing blog called Harry's Place and was going viral. "It doesn't get more racist than this," the post said. "Among anti-racists you find some of the worst racists of them all." Below was a reply from the Metropolitan Police, stating that they were "actively looking for" her. The post has since been viewed more than four million times.

Hussain was consequently subjected to an abusive police interview, late-night police harassment and was sacked from her job. The term Coconut suggests a Black or brown individual is akin to a traitor who has indulged in 'colonial' behaviour and opinion. Many believe the term coconut can be used in the spirit of free speech as a valid, albeit pejorative, critique.

But in the case of Hussain, this could not have been further from the truth as Westminster Magistrates' Court heard that she "quite obviously does not have a

racist bone in her body".

The court that Hussain is a woman of "impeccable character", "She is a responsible and thoughtful citizen who genuinely cares about the plight of those less fortunate than her, who is prepared to exercise her democratic right to peaceful protest against injustice."

It was inevitable that Hussain would eventually be acquitted. The placard, as the judge ruled, was "part of the genre of political satire", and had "not proved to a criminal standard that it was abusive."

The case is also part of an alarming trend of people from ethnic backgrounds being policed for the use of intercultural language. While being a person of colour certainly does not give you the right to racially abuse someone, it does not take a degree in rocket science to understand that there is a difference between a word being adapted within an ethnic group, and a word being used as a slur to others. It is absolutely nonsensical to compare the two.

Hussain said she has no regrets. "I have had no regret about making that placard, taking it out and defending it."

Her decision to depict Braverman and Sunak as "coconuts", was based around the fact that the likes of Rishi Sunak, Suella Braverman and Nigel Farage and Stephen Yaxley-Lennon – aka Tommy Robinson are seemingly free to make inflammatory and divisive statements.

"I was trying to show that Sunak and Braverman hold the highest offices in our country, they've got so much power and influence," Hussain said. "Calling [pro-Palestine protests] 'hate marches', the Rwanda policy, the comments about Pakistani men. That fed into a really

dangerous rhetoric that is actually untrue. When asked whether she would use a similar coconut placard again at a future pro-Palestine rally, Hussain said: "Yes. It's political satire, it's protected speech and I have absolutely no reason not to carry that placard around again.

"It's been explained what it is and what it means," she said. "The most important thing is that, at its highest level, political critique is a really important element of addressing our politicians and its protected speech. I've been acquitted. It's absolutely completely legal for me to carry that placard around."



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# Israel's decision to ignite a wider war is dangerous

It couldn't be clearer that the escalation is coming from one side – Israel.

Israel's bombing of Lebanon is pulling the entire region towards a war of brutal proportions.

Israel may not have declared war on Lebanon, but when you are dropping bombs on a country's capital the formalities are academic.

The thousands of bombs that have been dropped over Lebanon by a fleet of Israeli aircraft have also destroyed many homes and other civilian infrastructure, displaced tens of thousands, and killed paramedics and journalists.

Opening what is effectively a third front in its war of aggression – since the horrific assault on Gaza is already tied to an escalated ethnic cleansing operation in the West Bank.

This could easily ignite a wider conflict: militias in Iraq have already begun firing rockets into the Golan Heights, Syrian territory unlawfully occupied by Israel.

Israel's decision to expand the war into Lebanon is driven by a series of goals that will impact the entire region.

We must become accustomed to the idea that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is interested in years of fighting, and disproportionate destruction across the Middle East.

This begs the question 'Does Kier Starmer's newly elected Labour government want to see its missions derailed?'

The shadow of Iraq haunted the last Labour government and ultimately led to its downfall.

Will Starmer's premiership be overshadowed, by another catastrophic war in the Middle East?

The bombing of Gaza, which the British people oppose even more strongly than they did Iraq, has led to sustained peace protests demonstrating the strength of public anger at Israel's genocidal conduct.

Like US President Joe Biden, Foreign Secretary David Lammy insists he does not want this. That Britain is doing everything it can to avoid escalation.

And this makes Lammy's claim that stopping arms exports to Israel "would lead to a wider war and an escalation that we in the UK are committed to stopping"

utterly absurd.

Britain is facilitating Israel's escalation of the war, and only an end to all arms sales – backed up by real diplomatic penalties including cancelling the Israel-UK "road map" giving it favoured trading status – will change that.

By refusing to act, the Labour government is endorsing Israel's project – which is not the elimination of Hamas, but the erasure of the Palestinians as a people and suppression of any possibility of the independent, sovereign Palestine that Britain, like the US, claims to want to see.

That is not what Labour members want. It is not what the public want. Lammy and Keir Starmer must be made to change course.

**“Will Starmer's premiership be overshadowed, by a catastrophic war in the Middle East?”**

# Local community pays tribute to Haji Fakir Bhai Daji

The local community have paid their respects to Fakir bhai Daji who devoted his life to Islam and serving the local community with his kindness, understanding and an endearing love for the Muslim community.

Born in Alipor in India, Fakir bhai, the youngest of five brothers was educated at the MTB College in Surat gaining a BCom degree. Upon graduating he took up a teaching job in Navsari. He arrived in the UK in 1962.

Despite attaining a job at an engineering firm, and also being elected the Chair of IMWS in 1964, he decided to return to India in 1968 in order to be with his family. However, in 1977, he would return with his family and settled in Batley for good.

Such was his devotion to the community and the respect he had earned from within the vicinity and from amongst the Ulema, he was elected to the position of Chair of IMWS. He held this role from 1981 to 1985, playing a pivotal role in relation to the purchase of a property where Jame Masjid is now located.

He was also instrumental in purchasing various properties in the vicinity, developing them into Madressah's and various other projects that were of benefit to the local community.

He was very committed to supporting IMWS and regularly attended meetings and events. He was given an award for his support and services to IMWS. He was also a Trustee of ICWA and served in various positions, including committee member and as a trustee. Since a very young age, he was known for his piety and actively took part in Tabligh Jamaat.

He was very well connected with the Ulema both in the UK and overseas and had great respect for them. Indeed, many of his children, including the late Moulana Imran were known for their deep love for Islam.

Fakir bhai had a very friendly personality and was very approachable. He also served as a school governor at Birkdale High School and always actively encouraged young people to work hard and encouraged them to study.

He also played an important role in the Muslim Burial Council of North Kirklees, helping ensure the Muslim community were able to bury their loved ones during weekends and bank holidays. His humbleness, patience in the face of trials and tribulations, honesty and his love for the Ulema never wavered throughout his many years of public service.

Ahmed Lunat (Gul) former Chair of

IMWS and community worker said: "Fakir bhai and myself worked together in IMWS for a long time. His legacy is marked by the purchasing and renovation of the Sirdar Mill, which is now Jame Masjid Henry Street.

"He was blessed with a humble nature and he was a good listener. The community has lost a real stalwart. It will not be easy to fill the vacuum created by his passing."

Former IMWS Chair, Rafik Dabhad said Fakir Chacha was always on hand should he feel the need to ask for help and advice.

He said: "I always used to ask him for advice. Whenever I would meet him, he would take the time to ask about my family. He would ask to be kept updated in relation to the progress of IMWS. His dedication to the society and the community as whole was unparalleled.

"We remember an extraordinary man who made a lasting difference to the lives of many people in Batley, Dewsbury, throughout the UK and the world. His Janazah namaz was led by Moulana Abdul Rauf Saheb.

"May the Almighty grant him the highest level of Jannatul Firdos and grant him full forgiveness and grant his family Sabr Jameel." Ameen.

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# Community mourns passing of Haji Ghulam Maniyar

Tributes have been paid to Ghulam bhai Maniyar who dedicated his life to helping others for over 45 years.

A former Councillor for the Batley East ward and a devoted pillar of the Batley community, Ghulam bhai dedicated his life to serving his constituents and the whole community. He was well known in the community for arranging burial services for over 45 years.

Born in Khambbiya, Alipore, Ghulam bhai received his primary and secondary education in Bombay. After graduating, he would often spend time in Bombay, working in the family business which was owned by his father.

Upon arriving in the UK, he initially worked in the transport industry. He joined IMWS in the 70's, serving as secretary and treasurer before joining the burial committee and serving on the IMWS Executive committee for well over 40 years.

In February 2018, Ghulam bhai was presented with an award by IMWS, in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the community.

Ghulam bhai took full responsibility for the burial process, from getting death certificates to arranging funerals and completing all the relevant paperwork.

He played a part in IMWS purchasing the private land at the top of Dewsbury cemetery. He also contributed to the Muslim community being allowed to bury their loved ones during weekends and bank holidays.

Such was his influence; he attained the trust of Coroners, regularly meeting with them, discussing burial activities in a professional capacity, whilst also getting to know them on a personal level, such was his enthusiasm and endearing personality.

The fact of the matter was that he dedicated over 45 years to serving the community with passion and dedication.

He was the founding member of Muslim Burial Council North Kirklees along with the Muslim Burial Services which was set up in 2021 to provide the provisions for burial in the North Kirklees Area.

He also served as a committee member and trustee at MPIT, Madina Masjid. Ghulam bhai was a staunch supporter of the Ulema, providing support and advice.

This was ingrained by his father, who founded Khambiya Darul Uloom in India. Ghulam bhai carried on and supported the work and dedicated his life to the institution.

A humble man who was always ready to help needy people, Ghulam bhai regularly visited the sick and the elderly in their homes and in hospital.

Ghulam bhai was praised for his dedication and community spirit by Moulana Bodiya, who led the Janazah namaz at Mount Pleasant Madrasah Hall.

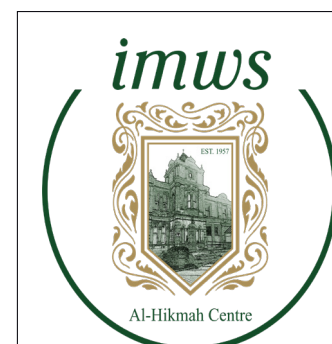
Over a thousand people, young and old, attended his janazah prayer. Many also took the time to go to Batley cemetery for the burial.

IMWS Chair, Aziz Daji said the community has lost a special man who dedicated his life to serving the community with distinction.

He said: "Ghulam bhai made a big contribution to the local community as a councillor and community worker, helping to tackle issues and make improvements in the area.

"His hard work and integrity were a constant throughout his many years of public service. His legacy is marked by a lifetime of selfless dedication, distinguished leadership, and a profound impact on the community he served.

"We remember a remarkable individual who made a lasting difference in the lives of many. May the Almighty grant him the highest level of Jannatul Firdos, full forgiveness and grant his family Sabr Jameel." Ameen.



# Event celebrating the achievements of local Muslim women

The book, 'Our Heritage Part 2' was launched at the PKWA Centre in Batley, celebrating the remarkable journey of Indian Muslim women who migrated from India to the UK in the 1950s.

The book, edited by Ahmad Lunat 'Gul' OBE, serves as a tribute to the resilience, determination, and contributions of these women to both their families and their communities.

The editorial team also included Associate Editor Dr. Adam Ghodiwala, Imtiaz Patel Varediwala, and Abdul Aziz Ravat, who played key roles in bringing the project to fruition.

More than 100 men and women attended the book launch, reflecting the broad

interest in this significant historical narrative.

The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including the Hon. Chief Guest Samantha Vickers, CEO of Batley Multi Academy, and Hon. Iqbal Mohammed, MP for Dewsbury and Batley.

Other notable distinguished guests included Abdul Karim Gheewala, Hon. Chair of the Leicester Muslim Association, Hon. Dilavar Valli Dasanwala, Head of Munshi Education Campus and President of Vahora Voice UK (VVUK), as well as Aiysha Iqbal Khan, Senior Journalist at the BBC.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions, more than five women were

presented with Lifetime Achievement Awards.

These women were honoured for their exceptional achievements in the fields of education, journalism, community services, and their invaluable support of their husbands in both business and community life.

The successful event was made possible through the support of Vahora Voice UK (VVUK) and The International Learning Movement UK (ILMUK), both of which are committed to preserving and promoting the heritage and accomplishments of the Indian Gujarati community in the UK.





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# IMWS provide much needed aid to the people of Gaza

The Indian Welfare Society recently provided much needed aid in association to our long-term charity partner, Palestine Welfare House which is based in Gaza in order to distribute aid urgently to displaced Palestinians who have been subjected to indiscriminate bombing since October 2023.

Thanks to the generous donations from people within the community, Palestinian Welfare House has implemented a number of humanitarian projects for the affected families in the Gaza strip.

Through comprehensive assessments, strategic partnerships and efficient logistics, aid was delivered to 475 families in the Osama Ben Zaid Shelter Center, Alsaftawy town, Amwas Shelter Center, Alnazla town, Amro Ben Alaas Shelter Center, Shaikh Radwan town, Fahd Alsabab Shelter Center, Masqat Shelter Center, Alnazla town and the Kamal Adwan Hospital in North Gaza.

Those who received aid include those who have had their houses completely or partially destroyed, along with orphans in the most affected areas, who were the

beneficiaries of 300 food parcels and 350 powdered milk cans for babies, in order to save them from malnutrition.

Food parcels consisted of basic food items such as 4 kg rice, 4 kg of rice, 2kg of wheat, tomato paste, 800g of powdered milk, 2.9 liter of cooking oil, horse beans salt, green peas, canned chickpeas, fish, lintels, spaghetti, 12 packets of Maggie, canned Halva, canned chicken, tea and tuna.

Despite Palestine Welfare House he facing several challenges, including security concerns, resource constraints, and limited access to certain areas, the distribution of urgent aid played a vital role in supporting affected and displaced Palestinians in Gaza during a challenging period.

Munir Daji of IMWS thanked members for taking the time to donate money to Gaza and appealed for prayers and donations for all those who are suffering in such a noble and sacred land.

He said: “Thank you very much for your donations to IMWS, your donations have

been sent to the people of Gaza who are very grateful. IMWS works directly with the charity Palestine Welfare House which is based in Gaza.

“Once again, we would like to remind all our members that we have a number of ongoing charity projects all year round, so please feel free to inquire directly if you wish to donate.”

IMWS raise money for Gaza throughout the year and enquiries about existing campaigns can be made directly at the Al-Hikmah Centre during normal working hours.

The people of Gaza remained trapped in what is referred to an area that has been virtually destroyed by the Israeli army, with over 40,000 killed and many maimed and injured.

Families are seen living and eating on the rubble of what once used to be a home.

Now, the 1.8million people who in Gaza are facing an even harsher onslaught with the thought of survival not just for themselves but for their children racing through their worried minds.



# Milen Care's Annual General Meeting at the Al Hikmah Centre

Over 100 people attended Milen Care's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 27th September 2024 at the Al Hikmah Centre.

New General Manager, Raheela Hussain spoke about her role at Milen Care in the community and the importance of improving the health and well being of Asian elders, whilst also enabling them to remain independent.

Milen Care Chair, Councillor Aziz Daji outlined some of the areas he would be prioritising over the next 12 months whilst also thanking the staff, Members and executive committee for their support.

He said: "As Chair of Milen Care, it is

a particularly challenging time for the charity sector as a whole – but also a time of opportunity.

"I look forward to working closely with the rest of the elected members and want to thank our General Manager, Raheela Hussain for her hard work and dedication in guiding Milen Care through a challenging period."

Mr Daji also thanked the service users and the community for their support.

"I am proud to be the Chair of an organisation that has such a dedicated executive committee and hardworking staff.

"Each and every member of our team works collectively and tirelessly for our User Members, who are the reason why we keep on working hard and delivering."

At the AGM the Office Bearers elected were;

**Chair** - Abdul Aziz Daji

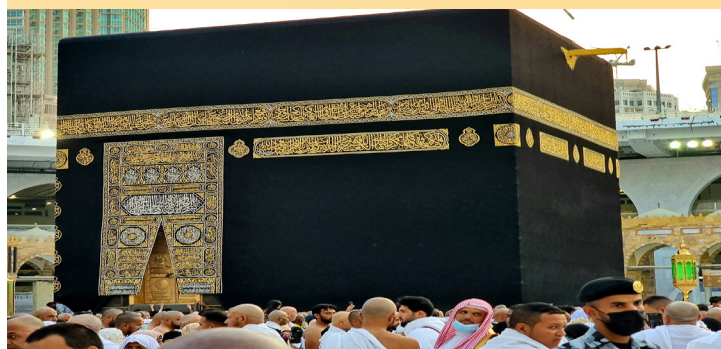
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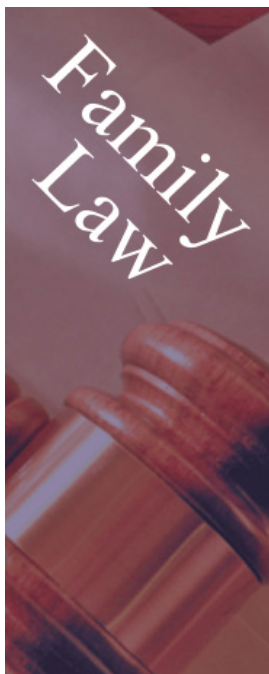
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# IMWS host Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Al-Hikmah Centre

The Indian Welfare Society recently hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning (also known as the world's largest coffee morning), at the Al-Hikmah centre.

Taking place on the Tuesday the 24th of September, people from across North Kirklees attended.

Last year's event, encouraged people to make and bring in cakes and savoury snacks to sell.

Those who attended did not disappoint as a number of local individuals and businesses saw the gastronomic delights that they had prepared being snapped up by people who attended from as far as Huddersfield – raising £450 with Society donating £250 to Macmillan – raising £700 in total.

IMWS Charity Worker Munir Daji explained how the first Macmillan Coffee Morning to have been organised at the Al-Hikmah Centre since the Covid-19 pandemic took hold, was a very welcome and successful event.

“The event was a great success,” said Munir. “To have raised £700 in total, for the charity is a fantastic gesture.

“Macmillan is the UK's leading organisation that provides various forms of support for people living in cancer. People all over the UK host their own Coffee Mornings and donations.

“With the help and support of people within the locality, we raised a good amount so that people who need extra help will benefit.

“Having a Coffee Morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause. I am sure this year's event will also be a fantastic event.

“One in two of us will face cancer, and the money you raise at your Coffee Morning will help everyone with cancer to live life as fully as they can.”

Organisations who donated food include Maryams, Loonat Catering, Ayshas Catering, Tasty Thali, Elite, Aloma Supermarket, Patco, Chaiwala and Dessert Wali.

In addition, many individuals donated food - IMWS would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support.

## IMWS Muslim Burial Services

The IMWS Muslim Burial Service is continuing as normal. Our services are open to everyone.

During office hours burial van keys can be collected from the main office. Out of hours can be collected from Ebrahim Chopdat.

Kirklees Council Burial fee (including chamber) is £3,315. Donations towards the running costs of the funeral van would be most appreciated.

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# What's on at the Al-hikmah Centre

Autumn 2024	Morning	Afternoon/Evening		
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Groovy Grannies</b> Chair based exercises -open to all females. <b>10.30am-11.30am</b> Ring to check dates 07747145358 £2 per session	<b>Ladies Quran Tajweed Class (free)</b> 1pm-3pm Provided by IMWS FREE	<b>Ladies Relaxation with Exercise</b> Stretch and tone exercise class with relaxation <b>5.45pm-6.45pm</b> £2 per session	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Harmony Ladies' Social Group (Free)</b> Tea and wellbeing activities runs every 2 weeks– open to all females <b>9.30am-11.30am</b> 24/9/24, 8/10/24, 22/10/24	<b>ESOL Entry Level 3 Speaking and Listening (Free)</b> 10am-12pm Full	<b>Free Ladies Aerobics (Free)</b> 5pm-6pm Provided by IMWS Starts 17/9/24	<b>Free Men's Circuit Training (free)</b> 7pm-8pm Provided by IMWS
<b>Wed</b>	<b>ESOL Entry 1 Speaking and Listening (Free)</b> 9.30am-12.30pm Full			
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>ESOL Entry Level 2 Speaking and Listening (Free)</b> 10am-12pm Full  <b>ESOL E3 Writing (Free)</b> 9.30am-12.30pm Full	<b>Sahara Social Group (free)</b> First Thursday of every month open to all females <b>11am-1pm</b> Contact <b>Zohfina 07823668714</b>	<b>Ladies Lunchtime Exercise Class</b> 12pm-1pm Term time only Ready Steady Active 07974647062 £2/session	

IMWS Community Champions: Awareness or signposting available for Diabetes, Cervical Cancer, Breast/Bowel cancer, Asthma, Falls, Vaccines etc

Limelight– empowering women project: Support in finding courses, volunteering and governance and trustee roles.

Teaching Assistant/Hair styling courses at the Al Hikmah Centre (external) - 07735874071

Ladies Sewing class at the Al Hikmah Centre (external) – Wed 9am-11am 07894708917.

Girl Guides at the Al Hikmah (external) every Sunday 10:30am- 12:00pm – visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to register interest.

NHS Blood donation at the Al Hikmah Centre (external) – Register to donate blood at the Centre visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)

**Macmillan Coffee Morning – open to all Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am-12.30pm Al Hikmah Centre**

Please ring the Centre before attending classes or for more information please call:

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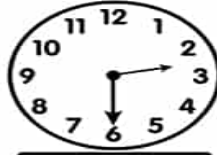




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## મુસ્લિમોની વકફ પ્રોપર્ટી ઉપર કબજો કરવા તરફ મોદીની નજર

ગયા મહીનાના પચગામના અંકમાં ભારત ખાતે વકફ એક્ટમાં સુધારાના કાયદાની રજૂઆત પાર્લામેન્ટમાં કરવામાં આવી હતી અને તેનો જોરદાર વિરોધ થયો હતો તેના સમાચાર અત્રે આપવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આ વકફ સુધારા બીલ ઉપર વિગતથી ચર્ચા કરવા તેને જેપીસી (જોઈન્ટ પાર્લામેન્ટરી કમિટી)માં મોકલવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જે મુજબ વિવિધ મુસ્લિમ સંસ્થાઓ અને નિષ્ણાંતોએ તેના ઉપર તબક્કાવાર ચર્ચા કરી હતી. જેમાં ઓલ ઈન્ડિયા મુસ્લિમ પર્સનલ લો બોર્ડ (AIMPLB)ના સભ્યો. (AIMIM) ના વડા અને સાંસદ અસીસુદીન ઓવેશી તથા અન્ય સમિતીઓએ તેના નફા નુકસાન અંગે મતવ્યો દર્શાવ્યા હતા. ખાસ કરીને ડી.એમ. (જિલ્લા કલેક્ટર)ને આપવામાં આવી રહેલ પાવરનો વિરોધ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

આ મિટીંગમાં આમ આદમીના સાંસદ સંજય સિંહ, ચાણક્ય લો યુનિવર્સિટીના વાઈસ ચાન્સેલર અને બંધારણના નિષ્ણાંત ફેઝાન મુસ્તફા વગેરેઓએ સુધારાઓ ઉપર જોરદાર દલીલો રજૂ કરી બિલનો વિરોધ કર્યો હતો. બીલમાં અન્ય જોગવાઈ ઉપર પણ ચર્ચા કરવામાં આવી હતી. આ મિટીંગની દલીલોમાં ઉગ્ર રીતે શાબ્દિક બોલાચાલી થઈ હતી. વકફ મિલકતોના દસ્તાવેજીકરણના વિષય ઉપર પણ ગરમાગરમ દલીલો જોવા મળી હતી. આ જેપીસી કમિટીનું અધ્યક્ષ પદ જગદંબિકા પાલ કરી રહ્યા છે.

### યુ.કે.માં લાયબ્રેરીના દરવાજાઓ બંધ

યુ.કે. ખાતે વર્ષોથી લોકલ કાઉન્સિલો તરફથી લાયબ્રેરીની સુવિધાઓ પૂરી પાડવામાં આવે છે. ૨૦૧૬થી આજદિન સુધી ૧૮૦ થી વધુ લાયબ્રેરીઓ બંધ કરી દેવામાં આવી છે અથવા તો તેને ઈન્ડીપેન્ડન્ટ બોડીને સુપ્રત કરવામાં આવી છે. અને હજુ ઘણી લાયબ્રેરીઓ ઉપર બંધ થવાના વાદળો ઘેરાયેલા છે. લગભગ ૮૫૦થી વધુ લાયબ્રેરીઓના કલાકો પણ ઓછા કરવામાં આવ્યા છે, જેના કારણે અનેક વર્કરોએ તેમની નોકરીઓ પણ ગુમાવી છે. બ્રિટન ખાતે અનેક શહેરોમાં લાયબ્રેરી બંધ કરવાના લોકલ ઓથોરિટીના નિર્ણય સામે વિરોધ પ્રદર્શનો જોવા મળી રહ્યા છે. પરંતુ તેની નોંધ લેવામાં કાઉન્સિલો નિષ્ફળ રહી છે.

આજના યુગમાં વાંચન, લાયબ્રેરી વગેરેનું મહત્વ જોવાઈ રહ્યું છે. વળી ડીજિટલ યુગમાં લાયબ્રેરીની સુવિધાથી આરોગ્ય, વાંચન, સાક્ષરતા અને ડીજિટલ સ્કીલની સાથે લોકોને રોજગાર પણ મળે છે. પરંતુ કાઉન્સિલ તરફથી ફન્ડીંગ કટ અને મની શેવીંગ જેવા બહાના હેઠળ લાયબ્રેરી કલોઝીંગ એક ઈઝી ટાર્ગેટ બની રહ્યું છે.

### સૌથી સ્વચ્છ શહેરોમાં સુરત પ્રથમ નંબરે

ભારતમાં કેન્દ્રીય પર્યાવરણ અને આબોહવા વગેરે માટે દેશનું પરિવર્તન મંત્રાલય સર્વે કરે છે. ૨૦૨૪ના સ્વચ્છ વાયુ સર્વેક્ષણ સર્વેમાં દેશભરના ૧૩૧ શહેરોને પછાડી ગુજરાતનું મુખ્ય હબ અને ડાયમંડ સીટી સુરત શહેરે નેશનલ ક્લીન એર સીટીમાં પ્રથમ નંબર હાંસિલ કર્યો છે. ઉપરાંત ચોખ્ખી (ક્લીન) હવા ધરાવતા શહેર તરીકે પણ તેણે નામના મેળવી છે. ૨૦૨૩માં સુરત આ શ્રેણીમાં ૧૩માં નંબરે હતું. પરંતુ સુરત મહાનગરપાલિકાના અથાગ

પ્રયત્નોના કારણે તે પ્રથમ નંબર મેળવવામાં સફળ થયું છે. સૌથી ઝડપથી વિકસીત થઈ રહેલા શહેરોમાં સુરત શહેર પણ આગવું સ્થાન ધરાવે છે.

જયપુરમાં યોજાયેલ એક ખાસ સમારંભમાં રાજસ્થાનના મુખ્યપ્રધાનના હસ્તે સુરતના મેયર દક્ષેસ માવાણી અને મ્યુનિસિપલ કમિશ્નર શાલિની અગ્રવાલને એવોર્ડ અને દોઢ કરોડ રૂપિયાનો ચેક અર્પણ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

### લેબેનોન ખાતે પેજરમાં બોમ્બ ઘડાકા

૧૭મી સપ્ટેમ્બરના રોજ લેબેનોનના બૈરૂત ખાતે એકી સાથે અનેક પેજરોમાં વિસ્ફોટ થતા ૧૨થી વધુ માણસોના મૃત્યુ થયા હતા અને હજારો માણસો ઘવાયા હતા. જ્યારે લોકો મારકેટમાં ખરીદી કરી રહ્યા હતા કે ઘરોમાં અને ઓફિસોમાં હતા ત્યારે આ ઘડાકાઓ તબક્કાવાર થયા હતા. આ પેજરોમાં તેની બેટરી પાસે નાના વિસ્ફોટ મુકાયા હતા એવું માનવામાં આવી રહ્યું છે. એક રિપોર્ટ મુજબ તાઈવાનની ગોલ્ડ એપોલો કંપનીના આ પેજરો લેબેનોન ખાતે આ વર્ષની શરૂઆતમાં હિઝબુલ્લાના માણસો માટે ખરીદવામાં આવ્યા હતા. પરંતુ આ પેજરો ત્યાં પહોંચે તે પહેલા ડીવાઈશમાં છેડછાડ કરવામાં આવી હતી અને એકી સાથે વિસ્ફોટ કરાય તેવી સુવિધા કરાઈ હતી. પેજર બનાવનાર કંપનીએ તેમની સંડોવણીને નકારી છે. અને કહ્યું છે આ પેજરો હંગેરીના બુડાપેસ્ટમાં એક કંપનીએ બનાવ્યા છે.

હિઝબુલ્લાહની ઈઝરાઈલ સાથે લડાઈ લાંબો સમયથી ચાલે છે. તે જોતાં આ માટે ઈઝરાઈલને જવાબદાર ઠેરવવામાં આવ્યું છે. પરંતુ ઈઝરાઈલે તેની જવાબદારી સ્વીકારી નથી કે નકારી પણ નથી. આ બનાવ પછી ઈઝરાઈલે લેબેનોન ઉપર મિસાઈલ્સ હુમલાઓ શરૂ કર્યા હતા જેમાં ૭૦૦થી વધુ માણસો મૃત્યુ પામ્યા છે અને અનેક લોકો રહેઠાણ છોડી સલામત જગ્યાએ સ્થળાંતર કરી રહ્યા છે. હિઝબુલ્લાહ સંગઠને જવાબમાં ઈઝરાઈલ ઉપર રોકેટ હુમલાઓ કર્યા છે. આમ ગાઝા પછી હવે લેબેનોનને નિશાનો બનાવી ઈઝરાઈલ આ દેશોને ખતમ કરવા માંગે છે. યાદ રહે ૧૯૮૦ના દાયકામાં પેજરનું વિશ્વમાં ચલણ હતું પરંતુ મોબાઈલ ફોન અને પછી સ્માર્ટ ફોન આવતા પેજરના વપરાશનો લગભગ અંત આવ્યો હતો. મોબાઈલ ફોન હેક થવાની આશંકાથી લેબેનોનમાં પેજરનો વપરાશ વધ્યો હતો.

### દિલ્હીના નવા મુખ્યમંત્રી આતિશી માર્લે

ગયા માસમાં દિલ્હીના મુખ્યમંત્રી તરીકે આતિશી માર્લેએ શપથ લીધા હતા. પૂર્વ મુખ્યમંત્રી અરવિંદ કેજરીવાલ છેલ્લા છ માસથી જેલમાં હતા. તેમના ઉપર દિલ્હી શરાબ કૌભાંડમાં સંડોવણીનો આરોપ છે. ઈડી તથા સીબીઆઈએ તેમના ઉપર કેસ દાખલ કરી જેલ ભેગા કર્યા હતા. સુપ્રિમ કોર્ટ મારફત તેમને જામીન મળતા તેઓ જેલમાંથી બહાર આવ્યા હતા. પરંતુ સુપ્રિમ કોર્ટે તેમના મુખ્યપ્રધાનની જવાબદારી અને પાવર પર અંકુશ લગાવતા તેમણે રાજીનામું આપ્યું હતું અને આતિશીને દિલ્હીનો કાર્યકાળ ફેબ્રુઆરી-૨૦૨૫માં પૂરો થાય ત્યાં સુધી મુખ્ય પ્રધાન બનાવાયા છે. આતિશીએ ઓક્સફર્ડ યુનિવર્સિટીમાંથી ભણતર મેળવ્યું છે અને આમ આદમી પાર્ટીમાં તેમની અગત્યની ભૂમિકા રહી છે. કેજરીવાલ અને મનીષ સિસોદીયા બન્ને જેલમાં હતા ત્યારે તેમણે તેમની ગેરહાજરીમાં કુશળ રીતે દિલ્હીનું શાસન સંભાળ્યું હતું.



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