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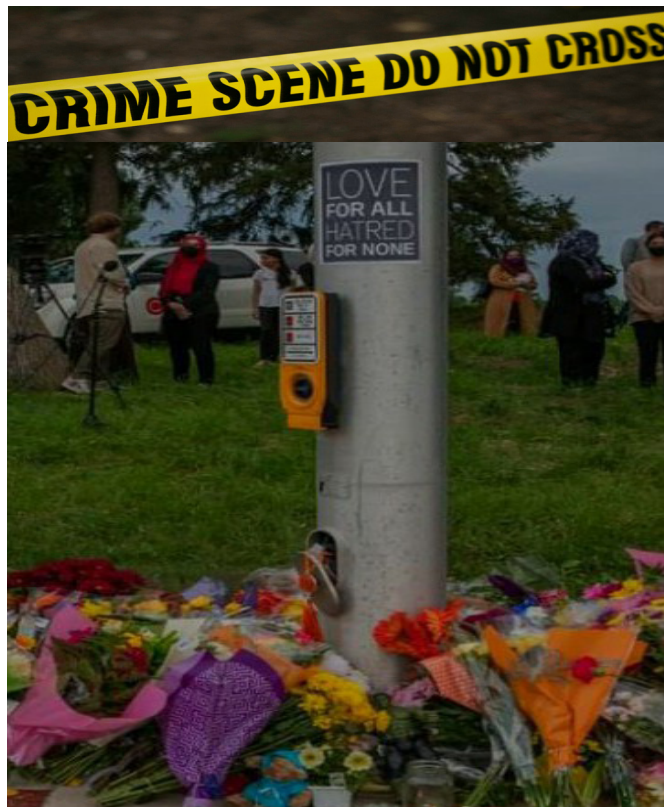
Diwakar M Sharma, an employee of Wilfrid Laurier University, published a post warning people against Muslims and incited them to boycott them in every walk of life. He showed a picture of a bearded man standing on the skulls of people. A few weeks later, in London, Ontario, 115 KM away from the university, a 20-year old Zionist supporter of the apartheid state of Israel put Sharma's wish in reality. He deliberately drove his truck over a family on the footpath of the city and killed three Hijab-wearing Muslim Canadian women; a 44-year old bearded Muslim man left a nine-year-old

seriously injured.

The victims included a 44 woman who was about to complete her Ph.D.; a 15-year old girl excited to finish her high school, an elderly mother enjoying her grandchildren's company; and a loving husband, father, and son who served his family responsibly.

The motive was clear, the rage was apparent, and the outcome was well planned. Murder those who are Muslims or look like Muslims. How did he know that his victims were Muslims? The hijab, beard, dress, and skin color all indicated to Nathaniel

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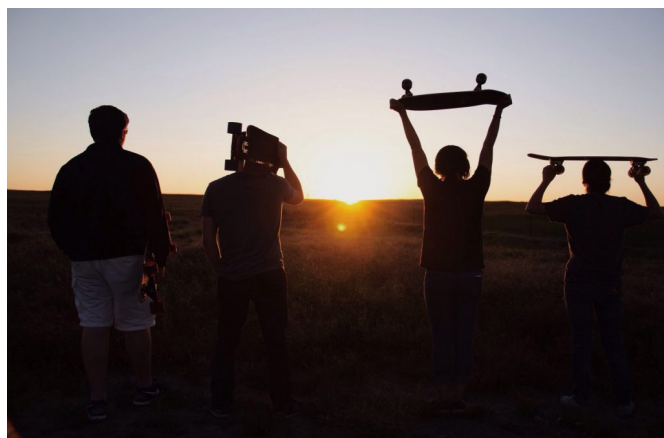
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On Pakistani Millennials

By Mahvish Akhtar

In Pakistan, the third wave of coronavirus has hit quite hard. The middle and upper-class workforce that is mainly made up of Millennials is suffering the consequences. Like anywhere else globally, this group of people is known as the laziest and ethically unaware bunch. At least until Generation-Z joined the workforce. Still, the responsibility to keep the economy run-



ning falls to the Millennials right now, which is challenging to handle.

According to United Nations Development Program, Pakistan is the youngest Nation in the country, which means it has the youngest people in the world. 64% of the population is under 30, while 29% of the popu-

lation is between the ages of 15 and 29. What that does is leaves the minimal workforce, to begin with. The force that we do have is trying very hard to support the underage population or still looking to be independent. In this climate, all of that is very

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Indian Data Suggests Runaway COVID Infections As Deaths Hit Daily Record



By: Zaid Aleem

Reuters reports that COVID-19 was found in nearly two-thirds of persons tested in India,

according to a chain of private laboratories, indicating a rapid spread of the virus as the daily

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Flight Attendant Allegedly Targets Muslim Woman, Says She 'Would Bring The Whole Plane Down'

by Aysha Qamar

In another incident of flying while Muslim, a Muslim woman alleges she was targeted by Southwest Airlines. The woman from the Dallas-Fort Worth area filed a religious discrimination complaint against the airline Tuesday after she said a flight attendant targeted her for wearing a hijab on a May 22 flight, Star-Telegram reported.

Identified as Fatima Altakrouri, the woman alleged that a flight attendant told her she could not sit next to her sister in the exit row because she could not speak English. Despite her response in fluent English, the flight attendant still did not allow Altakrouri to sit in the seat but allowed her sister to. Altakrouri had been speaking to her sister in Arabic when boarding the flight. While she was wearing a hijab, her sister was not.

The complaint was announced Tuesday by the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a chapter of the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization. Altakrouri spoke at a press conference with the organization Tuesday about how the incident made her feel. In addition to claiming that she could not seat Altakrouri in the exit seat because she didn't believe she spoke English, the flight attendant allegedly told Altakrouri she "would bring the whole plane down in an emergency" because she did not speak English, the complaint said.

"If I were to say something like that, I would be kicked off the plane. I don't understand why she would say something like that. That makes me look like I am some kind of terrorist and I am not."

While Altakrouri did not speak up at the time because she was afraid the situation would escalate, she noted that she filed a complaint after the incident with Southwest Airlines, who failed to respond. "Me being born here, I know my rights," Altakrouri said. "I know when it's necessary to speak up. I'm doing this on behalf of myself and the many other women out there that have been in the same shoes as I have." Altak-



rouri also said it was difficult for her to keep her composure throughout the flight after being discriminated against, but she did and moved to a seat separate from her sister.

At the press conference, the two sisters also shared that they were not only shocked and disappointed by the airline but by the lack of support from other passengers who witnessed the incident.

"I think I was really disappointed that the passengers around us did not say anything," Altakrouri said. "Me being born here, I know when to speak up. I do this on behalf of myself and other Muslim women. I hope this will change something with the way we are dealt with in public."

Multiple incidents have been reported in which Muslim Americans have faced discrimination for their appearance or language. Altakrouri's experience thus depicts the ongoing Islamophobia still present in the country. "As an American Muslim, when we fly, we understand we have to act different," Faizan Syed, executive director of CAIR-Texas DFW said at the press conference. "This is an example of a larger issue that's happening in America with our community constantly, where when we travel, there is an extra layer of stress."

Syed noted that the incident was a "textbook religious discrimination and profiling" because Altakrouri's experience varied significantly from her

sister's, who was not wearing a hijab.

"You have two sisters, one who wears the hijab and the other who does not, and both board at the same time. One is denied the right to sit where she wants, while the other is encouraged to take a seat based on nothing else than perceived religiosity," Syed continued.

When asked about the complaint by the Star-Telegram, Southwest Airlines said it does not tolerate discrimination and that people seated in exit rows must be able to perform certain duties. "We apologize to any customer who has a less than positive travel experience on Southwest and will look into the specific passenger situation referenced," a spokesman said in an email.

The airline did not confirm what criteria the flight attendant used to determine whether Altakrouri was not capable of fulfilling the needed duties. According to the airline's website, passengers in the exit row must be able to locate the emergency exit, recognize the emergency exit opening mechanism, comprehend the instructions for operating the emergency exit, and follow oral directions and hand signals given by a crew member.

CAIR expects the suit to result in not only an apology but changes and training for Southwest Airlines staff. "The racism this flight attendant displayed is unacceptable," Syed said.

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Op Ed: Martin Luther's Treatise On Jews

By: Dr. Aslam Abdullah

Martin Luther or Martin Luther, (10 November 1483 – 18 February 1546) was a German professor of theology, priest, author, composer, Augustinian monk, and a seminal figure in the Christian Reformation. He wrote a book on Jews entitled The Jews and their lies. The book is vulgar and anti-Jews and antisemitic..

Here a few excerpts from the book.

I had made up my mind to write no more either about the Jews or against them. But since I learned that these miserable and accursed people do not cease to lure to themselves even us, that is, the Christians, I have published this little book, so that I might be found among those who opposed such poisonous activities of the Jews who warned the Christians to be on their guard against them. I would not have believed that a Christian could be duped by the Jews into taking their exile and wretchedness upon himself. However, the devil is the God of the world, and wherever God's word is absent, he has an easy task, not only with the weak but also with the strong. May God help us. Amen.

He did not call them Abraham's children, but a "brood of vipers" [Matt. 3:7]. Oh, that was too insulting for the noble blood and race of Israel, and they declared, "He has a demon [Matt 11:18]. Our Lord also calls them a "brood of vipers"; furthermore, in John 8:39,44, he states: "If you were Abraham's children ye would do what Abraham did.... You are of your father the devil. It was intolerable to hear that they were not Abraham's but the devil's children, nor can they bear to hear this today.

Therefore, the blind Jews are foolish fools...

Now behold these miserable, blind, and senseless people ... their blindness



and arrogance are as solid as an iron mountain.

Learn from this, dear Christian, what you are doing if you permit the blind Jews to mislead you. Then the saying will indeed apply, "When a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into the pit" [cf. Luke 6:39]. You cannot learn anything from them except how to misunderstand the divine commandments...

Therefore, be on your guard against the Jews, knowing that nothing is found wherever they have their synagogues. Nothing is found but a den of devils in which sheer self-glory, conceit, lies, blasphemy, and defaming of God and men are practiced most maliciously and vehement his eyes on them.

Moreover, they are nothing but thieves and robbers who daily eat no morsel and wear no thread of clothing which they have not stolen and pilfered from us using their accursed usury. Thus, they live from day to day, together with wife and child, by theft and robbery, as arch thieves and robbers, in the most impenitent security.

However, they have not acquired a perfect mastery of the art of lying; they lie so clumsily and ineptly that anyone who is just a little observant can easily detect it. But for us Christians, they

stand as a terrifying example of God's wrath.

If I had to refute all the other articles of the Jewish faith, I should be obliged to write against them as much and for as long a time as they have used for inventing their lies that is longer than two thousand years

Did I not tell you earlier that a Jew is such a noble, precious jewel that God and all the angels dance when he farts?

Alas, it cannot be anything but the terrible wrath of God which permits anyone to sink into such abysmal, devilish, hellish, insane baseness, envy, and arrogance. Suppose I were to avenge myself on the devil himself. In that case, I should be unable to wish him such evil and misfortune as God's wrath inflicts on the Jews, compelling them to lie and to blaspheme so monstrously, in violation of their

conscience. Anyway, they have their reward for constantly giving God the lie

No, one should toss out these lazy rogues by the seat of their pants.

...but then eject them forever from this country. For, as we have heard, God's anger with them is so intense that gentle mercy will only tend to make them worse and worse, while sharp mercy will reform them but little. Therefore, in any case, away with them!

Over and above that we let them get rich on our sweat and blood, while we remain poor and they such the marrow from our bones.

We all can get rid of the unbearable, devilish burden of the Jews. Do not grant them protection, safe conduct, or communion with us....

With this faithful counsel

and warning, I wish to cleanse and exonerate my conscience

However, we must avoid confirming them in their wanton lying, slandering, cursing, and defaming. Nor dare we make ourselves partners in their devilish ranting and raving by shielding and protecting them, by giving them food, drink, and shelter, or by other neighborly

Therefore, we Christians, in turn, are obliged not to tolerate their wanton and conscious blasphemy.

Let us save our souls from the Jews, that is, from the devil and eternal death.

What shall we Christians do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews? Since they live among us, we dare not tolerate their conduct now that we know their lying and reviling and blaspheming. If we do, we become sharers in their lies, cursing, and blasphemy. Thus, we cannot extinguish the unquenchable fire of divine wrath, of which the prophets speak, nor can we convert the Jews. With prayer and the fear of God, we must practice a sharp mercy to see whether we might save at least a few from the glowing flames. We dare not avenge ourselves. Vengeance a thousand times worse than we

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11 Day War: Who Won And Who Lost?

By: TMO Staff

With 250 dead bodies and \$100 million de-structions in Gaza, the Lords of the War have temporarily reiterated to prepare for the next round of aggression.

Who won and who lost?

The Jewish state claims it taught Hamas a bitter lesson, and Hamas says it won. The reality is that humanity was the main loser. A world comprising ideologies and religions claiming to promote peace failed to check the aggression and prevent terror.

The root cause of the continued upheaval in Palestine is the displace-ment of the Palestinian people by invaders and aggressors whose only justification is the imag-inary and concocted Bib-lical assertion that God, in his capacity as a real estate agent, gave the Palestinian land to the family of Isac. The ma-jority of the world rejects this Biblical assertion but finds itself indecisive



about exposing the lie and taking an issue with the Christian right and Jewish zealots promoting it at the cost of human lives and destruction.

Despite believing that Palestinians are the vic-tims of injustice and ter-ror for almost a hundred years, the world cannot stand up to the aggres-sion. The Jewish state

has thrived and survived based on the support it has got from Christian leaders of the United States and the West re-gardless of their political affiliations. Since its creation, the apartheid state of Israel has got more aid from America than the U.S. citizens of color. The continued U.S. military aid has encouraged the Israeli

invaders and aggressors to play havoc with the lives of the Palestinians. The Jews invaders from different parts of the world moving to Israel with the money raised mainly by America's Christian evangelists believe that the Pales-tinians have no rights to the land. With the deceitful claim of owning

the property under the blessings of Biblical God, they invade freely and frequently under the pro-tection of the apartheid state the Palestinian homes to evict and occu-py. Israel presents any resistance to aggression as an act of terror and bombs the Palestinians indiscriminately with

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Survivors Guide To The World Of Scams; FTC And Ethnic Media Services Offers Vital Information

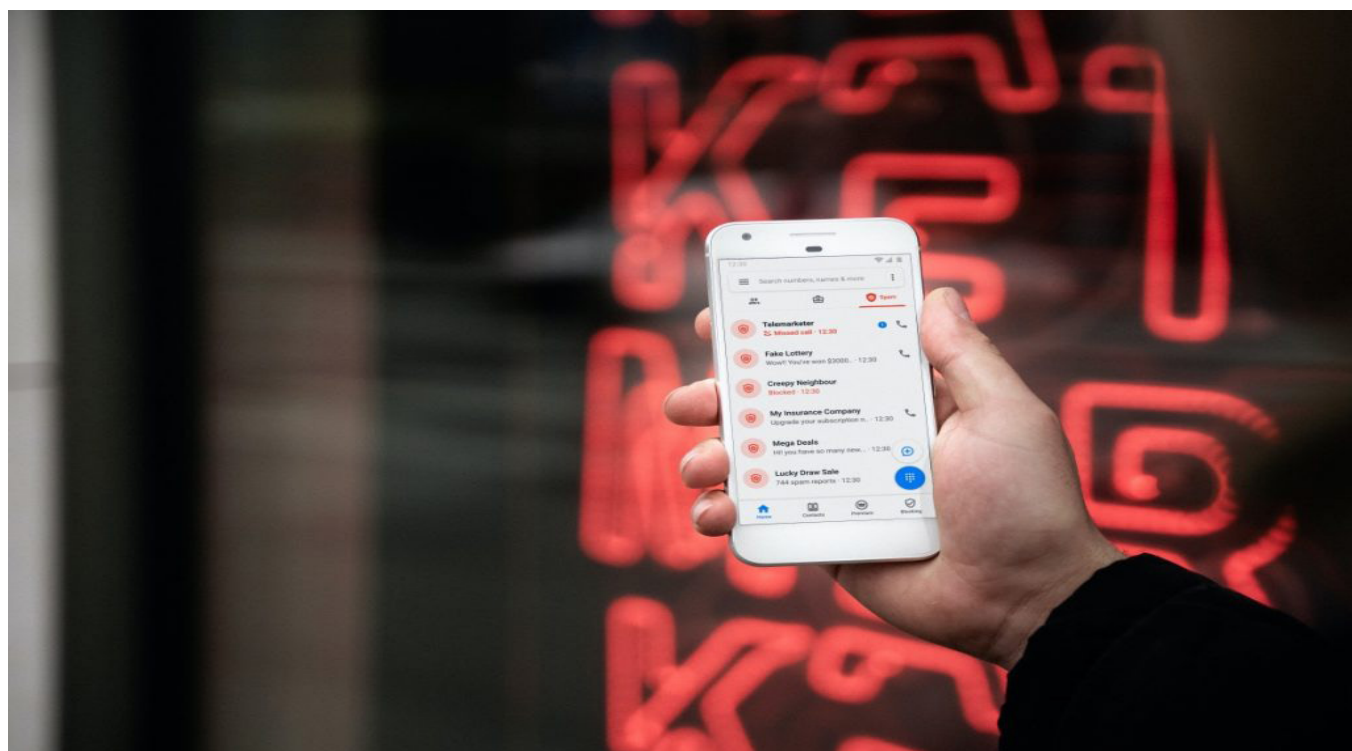
By: TMO Staff

Hardly a day minute passes for an average American without a scam call. Scammers apply all techniques to obtain as much information as they can to make you give them their hard-earned money as soon as you can. They promise to help you get a good car or better mortgage rates or better government facilities, or they threatened you with arrests if the back taxes or social security dues are unpaid instantly. They even tell you that foreign banks are ready to send you some hidden money if you pay them a small fee for managing your transactions.

Each one of us can recount the scam calls we often receive. I get two to three scam calls a week. Most of these calls have U.S. origin, but many come from overseas, like Nigeria, India, Fiji, etc.

A study published by Market Watch estimated that one in every 10 American adults lost money in a phone scam in 2017. On average, each scam victim lost \$430, totaling about \$9.5 billion overall. That was an increase of 56% from the 2015 survey when victims lost \$274 each. "No one is immune, and now more than ever, there is a need to be vigilant," said Tom Hsieh, the vice president of growth and partnerships at TrueCaller. This Stockholm-based company offers services including caller I.D. and spam detection.

Scamming has now become a science with the use of sophisticated technology. Its widespread prevalence has led many to believe that special interest groups and Mafias in the U.S., Russia, India, and Israel might be linked with scam campaigns with the political support of the powerful, influential people. There is no study to verify this claim, but those who trace Mafia campaigns are aware of it. "These campaigns monitor headlines, current economic and political situation and obtain contact



numbers of vulnerable people to obtain as much money as possible." Says Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqi, a media analyst and former professor of media studies at the Western Illinois University.

On May 26, 2021, The Federal Trade Commission and Ethnic Media Services held a webinar to increase and disseminate public awareness on Spotting and preventing pandemic scams and other fraud in Chicago and the Midwest. Even though it focused on Illinois, the discussion and information presented have relevance for the country's rest. The Muslim Observer would post the recorded proceedings once available on its site.

Moderated by Sandy, Ethnic Media Services, the panel of experts and speakers included: Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Todd Kossow, Director of FTC Midwest Regional Office, Idara Essien and Agnes Ptasznik, AG Consumer Fraud Office, Christen Lee, Legal Aid Chicago, and frontline professionals

and community representatives including Fairouz AbuGhazaleh, University YMCA; Matt Hulstein, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services; Silvia Carrier, US Postal Inspector Service; Donald Trey Eakins, IRS Inspections; Steve Barnes, BBB- Chicago; Deacon Reginald Patterson, New Covenant Church; Maria Rodri-

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The message given by all speakers was simple and clear. Scammers thrive on catastrophes and hardships. It impacts diverse communities. Information is an effective antidote to scams that promote fake cures, bogus test sites, get-rich-quick schemes, business and government impostors, and romance scams. "Scammers have access to data of vulnerable communities and isolated individuals, and they have an elaborate network to scam people of their money.

The antidote is to be vigilant and never share personal information with anyone claiming to represent the government of civic bodies on the phone or in person unless all steps to verification are complete. The Muslim Observer posed a question on phone scams originating from India. It read: What is being done to monitor the phone call scams engineered

by Indian nationals with political ties with the ruling nationalist party, the BJP? Thousands of American citizens have become victims of these scams. As reported, the scam money is funding the activities of those who promote hatred and lynching of minorities in India?

The FTC official Koslow responded We can't speak to the political aspect of the question. Still, we know that many of the illegal robocalls being made to people in the U.S. are coming from call centers in India. We know that many IRS and Social Security imposter calls come from India, as do many tech support scam calls. Criminal authorities in the U.S. and India have taken action to shut down some of these call centers. For its part, the FTC has focused on trying to stop the calls from entering the U.S. telephone system by taking action against Voice-Over-Internet Protocol (VOIP) providers who are providing these call centers with access to the U.S. telephone system.

The webinar organizer shared the following contacts for learning more about fraud and taking action.

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Palestine. Though A Positive Step, A Ceasefire Does Not Equal “Peace.”

By: Abdul El-Sayed

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After 11 days of severely lopsided violence, Israel and Hamas called a ceasefire beginning last week on Friday. The violence comes after 248 people, including 66 children, were killed in Gaza. Thousands more lost their homes. Gaza lost its COVID-19 testing laboratory and several of its top doctors—which public health experts fear will catalyze another wave of COVID-19.

Less violence is always a good thing—but we cannot mistake less violence for peace. Indeed, on the very first day of ceasefire, Israeli police raided the Al-Aqsa mosque, the exact same act of aggression that kicked off the violence two weeks prior. Those same officers used live rounds against unarmed protestors in communities across the West Bank. According to the Red Crescent, 97 Palestinians were injured. No, a ceasefire is not the same as peace.

Israel is destroying the two-state solution it claims to support.

Peace isn’t just the end of violence, peace must also preclude future violence. Indeed, the implied consensus framework for peace—and the one that people like President Biden publicly proclaim despite obvious evidence that it is being hijacked—has usually rested on the notion of a “two-state solution.” That means a Palestinian separate from Israel on land currently held or occupied by Israel. For decades, the borders and rights afforded such a Palestinian state have been the subject of intense negotiation. But by stalling these negotiations, and using that time to perpetuate a campaign of Palestinian displacement and settlement on the land that is supposed to become a Palestinian state, Israeli nationalist extremists have deliberately used the sceptre of a two-



state solution to actively destroy the very solution they say they support.

Throughout Benjamin Netanyahu’s 12 years in power he has done just that. He has feigned public support for a two-state solution while stalling negotiations and deliberately—and quietly—executing a campaign of ethnic cleansing from the areas that would supposedly become the Palestinian state. He has facilitated the establishment of Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory and displaced Palestinians from it, all in contravention to international law.

Last summer, Netanyahu’s government announced plans to annex parts of the West Bank. Indeed, the plan was so egregious, even the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)—Israel’s staunchest ally—couldn’t back it. Though the government technically backed off the plan in its treaty with the UAE, its de facto annexation through settlements continues.

Netanyahu’s government couldn’t care less about the two-state solution—and President Biden knows it. Or at least he

should. Just as then-Vice President Biden was due to visit Israel in 2010 to restart peace talks, Netanyahu’s government approved 1,600 new settlement units in East Jerusalem—occupied Palestinian territory—deliberately thumbing their nose at the Obama administration. This year, just as President-elect Biden was due to take office, Netanyahu’s government approved 800 more settlement units in the West Bank.

Now Netanyahu is doubling down. Currently facing corruption charges, he must stay in power to stay out of jail. And despite four elections in two years, he’s been unable to form a stable government. The ultra-nationalist minority intent on expelling the Palestinians is critical to any potential governing coalition he could form. So now, he’s doing all he can to pull national poli-

cy in that direction. The past two weeks of conflict have been Netanyahu’s gamble that initiating a conflict by deliberately provoking Palestinians in Jerusalem and then “projecting strength” in

Gaza could build just enough support in the upcoming historic fifth election to keep himself in power—and out of jail. The one-state dilemma. Meanwhile, the Biden’s administration continues to “support a two-state solution”—though their proclamations of “unwavering” support for Israel in the face of ethnic displacement and the construction of settlements proves that support exists only for one of the two states.

There is, of course, an alternative to the two-state solution—a one-state solution, which would grant Palestinians full rights in the current Israeli state. But the thing Israeli hardliners fear more than a Palestinian state is Palestinian suffrage. Though figures are hard to certify, estimates suggest that there are already more Palestinians in Israel and the occupied territories than there are Jews.

On the one hand, giving them equal rights would require full suffrage—and that would mean handing them democratic power. On the other, annexing the occupied territories while deny-

ing them suffrage would mean formally embracing the apartheid that is the de facto status quo.

Instead, Israel is feigning support for a two-state solution while executing a deliberate campaign of settlements on land that would be part of the Palestinian state. Israel is trying to have its cake and eat it too. It is sustaining apartheid in all but name, and avoids having to give Palestinians any land or any rights.

And President Biden’s willful neglect of this is tantamount to backing it. When President Biden claims “unwavering” support for Israel, he is, indeed, offering unwavering support to this status quo, which rests on the dehumanization of the Palestinian people who get neither rights or land. Claiming to support a two-state solution while supporting a regime that is actively destroying it isn’t supporting a two-

state solution, it’s perpetuating a two-tiered society—freedom and democracy for Israelis, occupation and apartheid for Palestinians.

Global Media And Kashmir Dispute

By Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai

I am gratified by this opportunity to explore media influence in the United States on foreign and national security policy regarding Muslim nations and peoples in general and Kashmir in particular. Let me begin by summarizing the case of media detractors, which should tell us whether or not, it is too facile and indiscriminating.

Doubtless, the media is instrumental in foreign policy because public opinion is ordinarily decisive on government decisions, whether in South Asia, Vietnam, the Middle East, Europe or elsewhere. It is charged by many thoughtful critics that the media is biased against Muslims and that Bosnia was the rare exception that proves the rule. Samuel Huntingdon's thesis in his "Clash of Civilizations" which pits Islam against the West, is said to be revealed the truth to the American media.

What I submit is that media portraits generally reflect a blending of the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States coupled with domestic voting constituencies, which are more Judaeo-Christian than Muslim. Let's examine South Asia in last three decades, with a focus on Kashmir, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and India. Pakistan and Afghanistan were treated kindly during the approximately 10 years needed to evict the Soviet Union after their December 1979 invasion of the latter. The fragmented Mujahidin were celebrated as freedom fighters opposing Communist secularism and Soviet tyranny. They even received stinger weapons from the Central Intelligence Agency, and irregularities in the distribution of financial and military aid were overlooked. Pakistan was acclaimed for hosting millions of Afghan refugees despite the dislocations on the Pakistan economy and resentment by some indigenous Pakistanis around Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and beyond. Indeed, the media and the American

government closed their eyes to Pakistan's nuclear capability in order to evade the strictures of the Pressler Amendment.

Now let's take the case of Kashmir, which is more complex. At the time that the resistance hardened and swelled in 1989, the media in the United States, including The New York Times, The Washington Post and others showed signs of sympathy, but India was never castigated except by human rights organizations in the context of assailing countless other countries.

The proposition that the United States tilted towards India because of its successful propaganda campaign maligning the Kashmiri resistance as largely so-called 'Afghan Arab terrorists' and 'fanatics' seems unconvincing. President George H. W. Bush, President Clinton, President George W. Bush, President Obama, President Trump and now President Biden's administration always favored India over Pakistan or the people of Kashmir. They made no protests at the United Nations Security Council over India's violations of its plebiscite resolutions and recently over the abrogation of Article 370, 35A and enactment of Domicile Law that changes the demography of Kashmir. That is tantamount to acquiescence in India's illegal claim of sovereignty over Kashmir. They all gave India a veto over any third party intervention knowing it would be employed to the disadvantage of Pakistan and Kashmiris. They made no attempt at building moral suasion against India's human rights crimes and brutalities as was done against South Africa's apartheid, Yugoslavia's ethnic cleansing, and Indonesia's maltreatment of East Timorese.

A pro-India tilt is largely caused by India's multi-million annual lobbying campaign with Congress and the Executive Branch coupled with a soaring number of politically organized Indian-Americans in the media, IT and other industries who command



handsome salaries and make generous campaign contributions through political action committees. The election of Kamala Harris as Vice President of the United States, whose mother was from India, testifies to the growing influence of Indian American community. The Indian Caucus in Congress dwarfs a tiny Pakistan counterpart. And the domestic voting clout of Kashmiris and Pakistanis combined is no match to their Indian-American rivals.

It might be argued, however, that South Asian experts and national security wizards have identified Kashmir as the most dangerous place on the planet because it could trigger nuclear exchanges between India and Pakistan. The conspicuous fact is, nevertheless, that President Clinton was the one who was reciting the most dangerous place mantra for years but did nothing as the President to demonstrate he seriously believed what he was saying. No special envoy on Kashmir or push on Secretary-General of the United Nations to do the same. Not a syllable of criticism of India for its negotiating intransigence. In other words, the United States all along, including Biden Administration treats Kashmir with complacency, although its statements ring with urgency. Why the discrepancy?

The point of these observations is to demonstrate that the United States' prevailing tilt toward India represents not a break from the past but a continuity. The reasons for the pro-India sentiments are manifold. A hefty percentage of Americans equate India

with Mahatma Gandhi, especially after watching movies that treat him as a virtual deity of peace and non-violence. The economic attractiveness of India as a trade and investment partner played a very important role in its image. Finally, India has maneuvered skillfully to keep its Kashmir atrocities off the likes of CNN and BBC and the front pages of newspapers by the exclusion of foreign journalists or permitting them only carefully scripted and chaperoned visits. No pictures mean little international outrage and calls to action.

I have identified what seems to explain India's positive image in the United States. I will now turn to what I think explains a less positive or negative image of the Kashmir resistance and Pakistan, which is blurry in the eyes of most non-experts in the field. And they dominate image-making.

After partition on August 15, 1947, when Kashmir became internationalized, the conflict was virtually uniformly treated as a dispute between India and Pakistan, not about Kashmiris and their right to self-determination.

When India raced to the United Nations Security Council in 1948 over Kashmir, Pakistan answered by itself. It did not insist that even a single Kashmiri be heard during endless argument and debate despite the fact that their political and human rights were at stake, not those of either Pakistan or India. Kashmiris later were not represented at Tashkent, Simla, or Lahore. Even today, no one persuades

India and Pakistan to change track-two into multi-track diplomacy, with the inclusion of the Kashmiri representative..

Let me finally address Kashmir directly. Why has its self-determination claim been received with less media and foreign policy sympathy in the United States than Kosovo, Montenegro, East Timor or Southern Sudan?

The answers do not lend themselves to Euclidean exactitudes but seem reasonably clear. Most Americans know nothing of Kashmir or its history. They do not understand its international law right to self-determination. They do not know of the Hindu Maharaja's bogus and invalid instrument of accession to India. Kashmir does not feature internationally renowned political figures like the two Nobel Prize winners in East Timor, Carlos Belos and Jose Ramon-Horta or personalities like Nelson Mandela.

In conclusion, I do believe that Kashmir cause is hurt by ignorance and misinformation. National security interests and domestic political influences are the overwhelming determinants of how any nation or cause is perceived by the United States. Exemplary is Joseph Stalin, who was portrayed as a kind uncle during World War II when fighting with the United States, but then was rapidly transformed into a villain or demon with the onset of the Cold War.

Let us not gripe about the unfairness of the world, which is as otiose as shouting at the weather. Let us continue to improve our organizing and communications strengths so that our domestic influence in the United States and elsewhere will accordingly climb.

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Imran Khan's Visit To Saudi During Ramadan Was A Reflection Of His Leadership

By Mahvish Akhtar

During Ramadan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan visited Saudi Arabia on the invitation of Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman. It's no secret that relations between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have been strained for quite some time now. Not just on the government level but on the level of public opinion. Pakistani public has not approved of how the Saudi government conducts their business and the Public of Pakistan has made it very clear. The Pakistani government has failed to acknowledge the problematic behavior of the Saudis, at the same time they have also failed in pleasing them enough to be considered long-term allies.

Khan has set out to change that from day one. Not that other leaders and governments and leaders were not eager to make changes in the relationship, he somehow saw a special value in the relationship and put more effort into it. For Pakistan, it has been fruitful in terms of money and import and export.

This trip, however, was about regional security. Agreements were signed in this regard. Minister of Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said, "we are looking towards the Saudi leadership on the Kashmir issue. Saudi Arabia can play an important role in resolving the Kashmir issue".

There was some unrest in Pakistan while the trip was ongoing. The people of Pakistan felt betrayed by the choices of their leaders. Saudi Arabia has never been the kind of leader for Muslims that we could look to, to solve our problems or be compassionate towards the problems of



the Muslim Ummah. Pakistani understand that for the leadership of Pakistan to put that much faith in them seemed like a big mistake and a betrayal.

On the other hand, when Imran Khan and his government inherited the country from their predecessors, they inherited all of their debt and problems as well. As of December 2020, Pakistan's International Debt is US\$115.7 billion. While it wouldn't be appropriate for any government official to admit that this trip was about money this trip was not about Kashmir or at least not just about Kashmir. Pakistan once again made deals to get from under the debt of other countries.

Tensions between Khan and the people were not just about Saudi Arabia and what took place within that country. Right now, Pakistan is going through its worst case of Covid 19 break out. At the beginning of the pandemic, people had thought that by some miracle we had been pro-

tected by this disease and the death toll had been minimum in our country. Then we saw it rise. Now the numbers are uncontrollable, and we cannot as a nation and as a government seem to control it. At a time like this, our Prime Minister saw it fit to leave the country in a state of emergency and perform Umrah and make deals about issues that cannot be resolved by foreign help. The public saw right through the façade. People complained about unemployment and how their tax dollars being used for his vacation and an elaborate trip.

People needed leadership here, people needed support and solution here at home. This is not to say that Imran Khan has not been trying his best but at times like these, any wrong move or even a notion of a bad move can get the public spiraling out of control.

As time goes by Imran Khan is losing the support of the general public. He has not done worse for the country than many other pol-

iticians in the past.

This is just the latest example. Other leaders did way worse than he is doing right now but they were able to gather the masses around them because they knew how to play the game. Khan is no politician. He might be wanting to do the right thing but it ends up being the wrong thing in the end because he doesn't know how to gather the masses around him. In the end it all comes down to how you gather the people around you and make them listen to what you have to say.

When it comes to politics everyone is saying the same thing. When comes to making policies and doing what needs to be done no one really brings any real change. But in the recent history of Pakistan, no one has been criticized as badly as Imran Khan and his party PTI. The cause for that has been mainly because this party was not made up of politicians. This party was not backed by lobbyists and bigger political parties as far as

the public knew. These were educated Pakistani people backing a leader who was not a politician wanting to do right by the country.

He is still the same guy, he is still trying to do the same thing. The problem that he is facing is that he is not a politician dealing with politicians and he doesn't know where to act like a politician and where to be himself genuinely and authentically.

Many have compared him to Trump saying that he is narcissistic and only wants what's best for himself. Some say that the power has gone to his head. All of that may be true. But we know that the people of Pakistan had put a lot of hope in him, thinking that he would do things differently. Now that things are happening exactly as they would under any other leader, they are exceptionally disappointed in him. It would be fair to say that he is not to blame for our failure to recognize his failure to lead us.

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Why Biden Won't Broker Peace In Middle East

BY: TMO Staff

Another terrible Middle East war is revealing new details about Joe Biden's often callous calculations about the purpose of his presidency and America's global position.

The new issue between Israel and the terrorist Palestinian group Hamas has failed to divert Biden's attention from what he sees as his primary goal: ending the epidemic and reviving the economy.

Biden declined Monday to publicly condemn Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Gaza raids in reprisal for Hamas' rocket attacks, a move consistent with a record of strong support for Israel that is longer than that of many previous presidents.

Domestic and international heat for Biden is escalating, however, amid rising Palestinian civilian casualties — including the deaths of children in Gaza — and the Israeli destruction of a building in the enclave used by the Associated



Press and other media groups.

Other presidents may have felt compelled to come on TV to appeal for calm or, at the very least, to give public regrets for civilian losses. By now, some governments would have begun a Middle East peace shuttle. But in a territory where the "peace process" has long since ended — an area

where Biden had wanted to avoid issues if at all possible — there's no easy payoff for spending limited US political or diplomatic capital.

"We've made clear that we are prepared to lend our support and good offices to the parties should they seek a ceasefire," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in Denmark, in remarks

emblematic of a low wattage US diplomatic push and reluctance to urge Israel to stop before it is ready.

Biden's only public event on Monday focused on the pandemic response and expanding vaccine deliveries abroad. The White House stagecraft sent a clear and obvious message about the Middle East.

"I think the President frankly wants this thing to go away," said former Middle East peace negotiator and CNN Global Affairs analyst Aaron David Miller. "He is shackled with the greatest challenge of national recovery since Franklin Roosevelt. He is picking his foreign policy spots carefully."

COVID-19 Booster Shot

BY: TMO Staff

According to CNN, Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, stated Wednesday that a Covid-19 booster vaccine will likely be required within a year after the initial inoculation.

"I believe it likely will be within a year," Fauci said during an Axios interview on vaccine rollout.

"We know that the vaccine durability of the efficacy lasts at least six months, and likely considerably more, but I think we will almost certainly require a booster sometime within a year or so after getting the primary," Fauci said.

This corresponds to prior statements made by the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) leadership to CNBC. According to Dr. Peter Marks, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, the current versions of



the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines are extremely successful at preventing Covid and also appear to protect against the variations circulating in the United States.

"So, hopefully, you know, it would be nice if it'll turn out that it'll be a year before anyone might need a booster," Marks said during a virtual press conference on the Covid-19 vaccines with

high school and middle school journalists.

"But we still don't know," he added. "It could be more, it could be a little less but ... this is just something we're gonna have to figure out as we go.

Pfizer's and Moderna's Covid-19 vaccines currently require two doses given three to four weeks apart, while Johnson & Johnson's shot re-

quires just one jab. All three vaccines have been shown to be highly effective against Covid, though company executives now say they expect that strong protection to wane over time.

BioNTech CEO Ugur Sahin told CNBC in a recent interview that researchers are seeing a decline in antibody responses against the virus after eight months.

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The Sacrifices Of The People Of Kashmir Will Not Go In Vain

By Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai

In the annals of history, nations and peoples are often blessed with leaders, guides and activists who play singular roles providing leadership that transcends inspiration and casts a lasting impact on these societies.

May 21, 1990, was the day when the Indian occupation forces assassinated an illustrious Kashmiri freedom fighter, Mirwaiz Mohammad Farooq along with 70 mourners when the army resorted to firing on his funeral procession while it was on its way to Martyrs Cemetery. Twenty-two years later, on May 21, 2002, Indian forces also killed Khawaja Abdul Gani Lone, leader of All Parties Hurriyet Conference who had come to Martyr's

cemetery to pay homage to the Kashmiri martyrs, including Mirwaiz Sahib who gave their last full measure of devotion in unflagging pursuit of a just and noble cause. May 21 will remain embedded in the history of Kashmir and in the hearts and minds of millions of Kashmiris as the day of supreme sacrifice.

While our martyrs earned a choice place in the Hereafter, the Indian occupation forces earned the dubious honor of creating more martyrs over 100,000 to date and the count goes on. These martyrs include infants, women, and the old; they are common Kashmiris as well as outstanding scholars and leaders.

In many ways, Mirwaiz Sahib and Lone Sahib were yet other martyrs to the cause, another addition to the list of martyrs of Kashmir being compiled since 1931 when our people first raised their voice against tyranny and alien occupation.

When in 1990 the winds of change blew across the world, destroying



dictatorships and occupations, the people of Kashmir also renewed their struggle. During our period of quiet the world had forgotten us. Now, they were filled with hope and longing of a new dawn. It was at this crucial juncture that the Mirwaiz Sahib and Lone Sahib emerged to present a much larger aspect of their leadership. They not only rekindled the issue afresh but also gave it a new vigor and meaning.

Mirwaiz Sahib and Lone Sahib were brilliant and articulate statesmen who were gunned down for their leadership role in educating their people in their struggle for self determination. They were gunned down because they reminded the world about the pledge that was agreed upon by India and Pakistan, and championed by the democratic powers, including the United States and endorsed by the UN Security Council.

I had the good fortune of having a detailed meeting with the late

Mirwaiz in 1980 just two weeks before I was forced to leave Kashmir. This meeting took place during the visit of the Imam Kaaba to Kashmir when Mirwaiz had been kind enough to invite me along with the Imam to the Mirwaiz Manzil. We discussed the issues of mutual concern and more importantly the ways for the resolution of the Kashmir issue. I could discern within him a selfless desire to serve and emancipate his people from under the Indian occupation.

Lone Sahib was a great personality blessed with great talents, not only as a politician but also as a deep thinker. By far the most vivid recollection I have of Lone Sahib was his speech at the United Nations headquarters in New York during an OIC – Foreign Minister Annual Meeting on September 27, 1999. The participants were fascinated by his presentation.

Lone Sahib said, “I am grateful for the opportunity to address the Organization of the Is-

lamic Conference as the voice of the All Parties Hurriyet Conference, the genuine embodiment of the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.” He added, “Indeed, to speak of humanitarian tragedies and injustice without mentioning Kashmir is like reciting the Holocaust without mentioning Auschwitz or the Palestinian? Israeli cruelties without mentioning Shaba and Shatila refugee camp slaughters.”

Lone Sahib shock the conscience of the OIC leadership by asking: “Is the lesson of Kashmir to be that a nuclear power with an attractive economic market can defy international law, human rights, and morality with impunity? What would that do to the cause of nonproliferation? What would that do for the cause of humanity? What would that do for securing adherence to the international norms, universal values and above all to the United Nations Security Council resolutions?”

The people of Kashmir will never forget the selfless contribution and the tireless efforts of the Mirwaiz Sahib and Lone Sahib. Their efforts will remain forever a milestone in the history of the freedom struggle of Kashmir.

The vision of Mirwaiz Sahib, Lone Sahib, and the unity and sacrifices of the people of Kashmir will undoubtedly lead the Kashmiri freedom struggle to its logical conclusion, that is freedom from the occupation and alien subjugation.

Let us all rededicate ourselves to the vision of our martyrs and continue our struggle in unity with full faith in Allah (Subhanahu wa Taala) to whom belongs victory and defeat, success and failure.

May Allah accept the sacrifice of the fellow Kashmiri martyrs? Ameen.

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Hate Crime

Veltman that they were not Christians or Jewish or atheists, or Hindus. They could have been Sikhs whose women dress like Muslim women and whose men wear turban. But a look at the pictures that Islamophobes often display on their websites and a casual discussion in high schools on ethnicity, race, and religion in a multicultural community can quickly reveal the identity of anyone. The young man was Tangry at those who look like Muslims, wear hijab, sports a beard. He was not born to hate Muslims, but he learned to hate them.

Who taught him to hate Muslims. His schoolmates tell that his aggression and hatred against Muslims were evident in his interactions with them. One of them, commenting on a posting of Aslam Abdullah on

Facebook, called him a terrorist and gave a clue of his ideas on Muslims. He deleted the comment later. If the police investigate his high school buddies, they can learn more about him and his motives.

One cannot ignore the social milieu in which such an unbelievable act of terrorism.

On November 30, 2020, the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group, the Islamic Social Services Association, and the Noor Cultural Center submitted a report on Islamophobia in Canada to the UN special rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief. Its significant findings were:

46% of Canadians have an unfavorable view of Islam – more than for any other religious tradition.

* fewer than half of Canadians would find it “acceptable” for one of their children to marry

a Muslim – lower than for any other religious group.

* 56% of Canadians believe that Islam suppresses women’s rights.

* more than half of people living in Ontario feel mainstream Muslim doctrines promote violence.

* 52% of Canadians feel that Muslims can only be trusted “a little” or “not at all.”

* 42% of Canadians think discrimination against Muslims is “mainly their fault.”

* 47% of Canadians support banning headscarves in public (compared with 30% of Americans).

* 51% support government surveillance of mosques (as compared to 46% of Americans).

• 55% of Canadians think the problem of Islamophobia is “overblown” by politicians and media.

Five major lobbies reg-

ularly contribute to the negative image of Islam and Muslims.

1. The Zionists feel that increased Muslim participation in Canadian life would threaten the privileges the apartheid state of Israel has enjoyed in the country so far.

2. The Christian evangelists feel that Muslims are anti-Christ.

3. The liberated Muslims feel that Islam is a totalitarian religion

4. The Hindu nationalists feel that Muslims were responsible for the partition of India, and if they did not stop Muslims, a Hindu India’s interest would hurt.

5. White supremacists feel that Muslim immigrants are misusing the resources built by the white race.

Muslims from different racial and ethnic backgrounds are not on a platform to defend themselves or explain

their religion in an idiom understood quickly. They are still confused about the relationship between culture and faith, and they feel reluctant to join broader causes of justice.

The mass murder of the London Muslim family must make the community aware of the dangers it faces in a changing Canada. They have to realize that in a pluralistic society, they have to define themselves and tell their fellow citizens a narrative of Islam and their community that is accurate and realistic. So far, others have described them based on their religious and political interests. Unless they come forward and explain who they are as a faith-based community and how they would strengthen the Canadian society, others would continue to construct negative images of Muslims inciting young men like Nathaniel Veltman to play havoc with lives.

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Treatise On Jews

could wish them already has them by the throat. I shall give you my sincere advice:

First, to set fire to their synagogues or schools and to bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. It is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom so that God might know that we are Christians and do not condone or knowingly tolerate such public lying, cursing, and blaspheming of his Son and his Christians. For whatever we accepted in the past unknowingly and I was unaware of it will be pardoned by God.

Second, I advise that their houses also be razed and destroyed, for they pursue in them the same aims as in their synagogues. Instead, they might be lodged under a roof or in a barn, like the gypsies. It will bring home to them that they are not masters in our country, as they boast, but that they live in exile and captivity, as they incessantly wail and lament about us before God.

Third, I advise that we ban all their prayer books and Talmudic writings, with such idolatry, lies, cursing.

Fourth, I advise that their rabbis be forbidden to teach henceforth on pain of loss of life and limb. For they have justly forfeited the right to such an office by holding the poor Jews captive with the saying of Moses (Deuteronomy 17 [10.] in which he commands them to obey their teachers on penalty of death.

Fifth, I advise that safe conduct on the highways be abolished completely for the Jews. They have no business in the countryside since they are not lords, officials, tradesmen, or the like. Let them stay at home..

Sixth, I advise abolishing usury for them and that all cash and treasure of silver and gold be taken from them and put aside for safekeeping. The reason for such a measure is that, as said above, they have no other means of earning a livelihood than usury, and by it they have stolen and robbed from us all they possess. Such money should now be used in no other way than the following: Whenever a Jew is

sincerely converted, he should be handed one hundred, two hundred, or three hundred florins, as personal circumstances may suggest. With it could set himself up in some occupation for the support of his poor wife and children and the maintenance of the old or feeble. For such evil gains are cursed if they are not put to use with God’s blessing in a good and worthy cause.

Seventh, I commend putting a flail, an ax, a hoe, a spade, a distaff, or a spindle into the hands of young, strong Jews and Jewesses and letting them earn their bread in the sweat of their brow, as was imposed on the children of Adam (Gen 3[19]). For it does not fit that they should let us accursed Goyim toil in the sweat of our faces while they, the holy people, idle away their time behind the stove, feasting and farting, and on top of all, boasting blasphemously of their lordship over the Christians by means of our sweat. No, one should toss out these lazy rogues by the seat of their pants.

But what will happen even if we burn down the Jews’ synagogues and forbid them publicly to

praise God, pray, teach, and utter God’s name? They will still keep doing it in secret. If we know that they are doing this in secret, it is the same as doing it publicly. Our knowledge of their secret doings and our toleration implies that they are not secret after all, and thus our conscience is encumbered with it before God.

Accordingly, it must and dare not be considered a trifling matter but a most serious one to seek counsel against this and to save our souls from the Jews, that is, from the devil and from eternal death. My advice, as I said earlier, is:

First, that their synagogues be burned down, and that all who are able toss in sulfur and pitch; it would be good if someone could also throw in some hellfire. That would demonstrate to God our serious resolve and be evidence to all the world that it was in ignorance that we tolerated such houses, in which the Jews have reviled God, our dear Creator and Father, and his Son most shamefully up till now but that we have now given them their due reward.

I wish and I ask that our rulers who have Jewish subjects exercise a sharp mercy toward these wretched people, as suggested above, to see whether this might not help (though it is doubtful). They must act like a good physician who, when gangrene has set in, proceeds without mercy to cut, saw, and burn flesh, veins, bone, and marrow. Such a procedure must also be followed in this instance. Burn down their synagogues, forbid all that I enumerated earlier, force them to work, and deal harshly with them, as Moses did in the wilderness, slaying three thousand lest the whole people perish. They surely do not know what they are doing; moreover, as people possessed, they do not wish to know it, hear it, or learn it. There it would be wrong to be merciful and confirm them in their conduct. If this does not help, we must drive them out like mad dogs, so that we do not become partakers of their abominable blasphemy and all their other vices and thus merit God’s wrath and be damned with them. I have done my duty. Now let everyone see to his. I am exonerated.”

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Indian COVID

death toll reached a new high of 4,529.

Last week, in a single day India recorded 267,334 new daily infections, bringing its total to 25.5 million, second-most in the world behind the United States, with 283,248 deaths, health ministry data showed.

India has been the most affected by the epidemic

in recent months, with a new variety identified there fueling a rise of up to 400,000 new infections every day.

Only the United States has had a higher single-day death toll, with 5,444 people killed on February 12th, according to Reuter's tracker.

With hospitals and crematoria full and the health system overburdened, it is commonly assumed that official

data understate the true scope of the pandemic, with some experts estimating that infections and fatalities might be five to ten times higher. There are concerns that the new, extremely contagious strain has gotten out of hand, and that many cases are missing unreported due to a lack of testing, particularly in rural areas.

Daily testing hit a record 2 million on Tuesday, fig-

ures from the state-run Indian Council of Medical Research showed. But that still falls short of India's claimed daily testing capacity of 3.3 million, said Rijo M John, a professor at the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in the southern city of Kochi.

India is the world's largest vaccine manufacturer, but it has come under fire for its tardy immunization effort, which

has been hampered by a lack of supply. According to the authorities, roughly 98 percent of the 1.3 billion people in the country are still at risk of infection.

After giving or selling more than 66 million doses of vaccine, India ceased shipments a month ago and officially told Reuters that it was unlikely to restart.

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Pakistani Millennials

hard to do in a developing country.

The questions then arise, is the Millennial generation lazy or just overwhelmed with the odds stacked against them?

Starting in 2019 and since then, highly educated students have been taking to the streets marching for their rights for employment. Even though research shows, universities and other workplaces require Ph.D. students and other qualified individuals; There is a disconnect and a vacuum that is not being filled.

When Baby Boomers started to send their kids to school and college, there was a shift in attitude, and many young girls were also sent to institutes that were once considered good enough only for their male counterparts. While this is a leap forward for women, it has created a problematic gap in the workforce and the economic gain in Pakistan.

Women are still not a

very strong capital in Pakistan. According to the ADB (Asian Development Bank), female workforce participation in Pakistan is only 25%.

The female consumer market is solid, but when it comes to bringing in capital, women are still quite behind for many reasons. We still don't take women seriously as the breadwinners in our society. When hiring top posts in a company, most corporations would not opt for a female because women are not seen as capable as their male counterparts, even if they are just as qualified.

Many women refuse to participate simply because they are getting paid less than their male counterparts for doing the same jobs while they have the same qualifications. Sometimes they are even better qualified.

In other circumstances, they cannot even think about pursuing a career and consider earning capital.

These are some of the few reasons the economy takes a hit because those women who have gradu-

ated and cannot avail the opportunity or are not given the opportunities in the workplace as their male counterparts. This, unfortunately, brings our economy a few decades back.

If we compare that to the situation in other countries, maybe the overall condition is similar, but the workforce is a bit stronger because of female participation.

The economy of Pakistan is the 22nd largest in the world in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP) and the 45th largest in terms of nominal gross domestic product. Pakistan has a population of over 220 million (the world's 5th most significant), giving it a nominal GDP per capita of \$1,543 in 2020-21, which ranks 154th in the world and giving it a PPP GDP per capita of \$5,839 in 2021, which ranks 132nd in the world for 2021.

However, recently Imran khan has gotten a lot of heat for his actions; however, he has made some changes to bring young people into the limelight and change the current

situation.

He has awarded 170,000 skill development scholarships under Kamyab Jawan Program; KJP is a youth entrepreneurship scheme for business owners between the ages of 21 and 45. IT Exports Records a growth of \$1.7 Billion with 46% Growth in 10 Months. This can also be associated with the KJP because most of the entrepreneurs coming out of Pakistan are starting in the IT sector.

Four Special Economic Zones are created that have brought 1.47 million jobs and boosted industrial growth. Speaking of female capital and helping women in the workplace, Daraz (a Pakistani online marketplace) & Fempro (a social initiative to help women advance their professional economic growth) have distributed Rs 1 Billion among female entrepreneurs under Kamyab Jawan Program.

These efforts should not go unnoticed, but in the recent climate and the struggles that the people face every day, it remains to be seen

if this is enough. Most millennials are still not able to take advantage of these services because there aren't enough resources, or they have not been told how to explore their options. Most times, even after taking these options, it is not enough; the burden and the disappointments of living everyday life in a country like Pakistan become too much. There are still many issues that this government has not addressed for these young adults and their growing needs. These young talented individuals find it more lucrative for themselves and their families to take their talents outside of the country where they feel much more appreciated. Seems this is one of the reasons that Imran Khan and his government have started addressing these issue at all and started giving incentives in any capacity as mentioned above. Unfortunately in the current climate, these are not enough. Let's hope the future brings better news for the new generation of Pakistan.

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11 Day War

the help of the firearms given in the name of aid by U.S. taxpayers. It's a pattern that the apartheid state with the tacit approval of Christian and Jewish leaders had established since 1948 when the world imposed the Biblical version of the ownership of Palestine upon the earth.

The five countries of the world in the UN, through their veto powers, have justified the invasion and occupation. The general assembly representing 80 percent world population

finds itself coerced by the most powerful countries to accept the illegitimacy of the apartheid state.

The 11-day war imposed by the apartheid state left the world in misery and loss. Like the previous wars, the world could not hold the Jewish state accountable for its continued destruction of the holy land.

However, unlike the previous wars, this one brought younger people everywhere on the streets calling Israel an aggressor. It may prove to be the turning point in the Middle East. The path to challenge the

apartheid and racist structure of Israel goes through Washington and European capitals. The loudness of the support for the Palestinians in these places will expose the manipulation of Israel.

Through their brave resistance, Palestinians in Gaza awakened the sleeping consciousness of the youth worldwide, except many of those in India, Israel, and the U.S. belonging to Christian evangelical and Zionist groups. Indians' case is worth noticing. India's Hindutva youth base their support to Israel on their anti-Islam

and anti-Muslim rhetoric. Ironically, they do not realize that Palestine is as much Christian as it is Muslim.

The war has temporarily prevented the invaders from evicting Palestinian homes from Shaikh Jarrah. It has given the Palestinian diaspora new impetus to intensify their struggle for a free Palestine. It has also activated the youth to empathize with the sufferings of the People in the occupied land.

On the other hand, it has exposed the ugly face of Zionism. Americans have now begun to question

supporting a state that promotes mass murders and blames the victims.

America has justified Israeli aggression under the pretext of self-defense. Americans now question the validity of this argument. Israel is an occupier, invader, and aggressor. No international or moral law permits an invader the right to self-defense. The moment the U.S. Administration realize this truth, the structure of apartheid would crumble in the Jewish state.



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