



Latest Israeli Offensive In Gaza Kills Dozens Of Palestinians Including 5-Year Old Girl

By: Yousuf Ali

Israel began an offensive against the Islamic Jihad group after the former arrested one of the latter's leaders to prevent retaliation. Islamic Jihad had yet to fire any rockets into Israel at that time on Aug. 5. The broader context is that Israel has put the Gaza Strip under a blockade after Hamas took over following the prevention of it from taking over the Palestinian government after it had won elections in 2006. Since then, there have been periodic conflicts between Hamas and Israel leading to many Palestinian deaths of

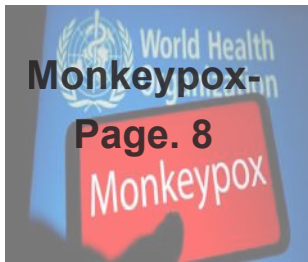
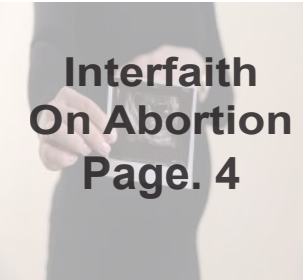


civilians and minimal casualties on the Israeli side. These have ended in ceasefires which included provisions that would include Israel lifting the

blockade which has yet to happen. According to Al Jazeera, "The Israeli attacks on Gaza have destroyed apartment buildings and

struck refugee camps. The Palestinian armed group Islamic Jihad has responded by firing rockets toward Israel. Ac-

Cont. on page 14



New Mexico Muslim Community Fears "Targeted Killings" After Four Muslim Men Found Murdered

By: Aysha Qamar

Albuquerque, New Mexico's Muslim community has been swept with fear after not one but four Muslim men have been found murdered. A 25-year-old man identified as Naeem Hussain is the latest victim of what police are calling "targeted killings." Hussain was allegedly



murdered on Aug. 5. His body was found in his car by friends. According to NBC News, hours before his death, he had attended the funeral service of two other Muslim men killed in the community. Those two men, Aftab

Hussein, 41, and Muhammad Afzaal Hussain, 27, were also shot and killed in a similar way to how Hussain was found. The two men were killed within a

Cont. on page 14

United Nations Security Council Condemns Myanmar Executions



By: TMO Staff

The United Nations Security Council condemned the execution of four pro-Democracy activists on Wednesday, July 27. The wider context involves a coup in

which Myanmar reverted to a military dictatorship after a previously successful transition to democracy led chiefly by Aang San Su Kyi. Despite this, there re-

Cont. on page 14

Post std
U. S. Postage
PAID
Royal Oak, MI
48068
Permit #792

IMAN FUND
ALLIED ASSET ADVISORS

INVESTING WITH ISLAMIC VALUES

(877) 417-6161 | WWW.IMANFUND.COM
To open an IRA, Roth IRA, 401k Roll Over Call an Advisor

The fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectuses contain this and other important information about the investment company, and it may be obtained by calling (877) 417-6161. Read it carefully before investing. Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. It is possible that the Islamic Shari'ah restrictions placed on investments and reflected in the main investment strategies may result in the Fund not performing as well as mutual funds not subject to such restrictions.

Quasar Distributors, LLC., Distributor

IMAN FUND
ALLIED ASSET ADVISORS

Tel: (248) 476-8926 Fax: (248) 476-8926 info@muslimobserver.com www.muslimobserver.com

MIST Nationals Take Place In New Jersey

By: Zain Ahmed

Returning after being online due to COVID-19, MIST (Muslim Interscholastic Tournament) held a Nationals Tournament at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey July 29 to July 31. MIST is a Muslim non-profit organization that works to educate and bring together Muslim youth around the world. The organization does by holding a variety of competitions. The top three finalists for each competition in many regions, including New Jersey; New York, Detroit, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, Toronto, Chicago, Philadelphia, Nashville, and Columbus, came together to compete in the tournament to decide who is truly the best of the best nationally.

According to the organization's website, MIST has a vision to inspire high school students to collaborate, compete, develop creative skills, and learn from professionals while educating



them about Islam. Per its website, MIST values include community, knowledge, excellence, fun, and integrity. This is all influenced by the competitions and events that happen during the weekend.

Competitions held by MIST are split into several categories, including knowledge and Quran, Writing and Oratory

(consisting of Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Spoken Word, and Creative Writing), Brackets (which includes Math Olympics, Debate, Mist Bowl, and Brothers and Sisters Improv) Group Projects (which includes sub categories of Business Venture, Humanitarian Service, Science Fair, Short Film, and Brothers and Sisters

Nasheed/Rap), and lastly Sports. For Nationals this year, the sports category only included Basketball. Awards were also given to the top overall regions, as well as the top overall individuals as stated on the MIST website.

Every year, MIST has a theme in which they integrate through their competitions and events.

This year, the theme was "The Conviction In Courage: Finding the Balance Between Fear and Risk". When people think of courage, they look at the physical and moral aspect of it, by imagining a fearless person having to make a tough decision. MIST focused on the saying of Prophet Muhammad PBUH on how a person can stay strong and display courage time and time again. This topic was stressed throughout the weekend, and explored by many competitors throughout their time at MIST Nationals.

Overall, MIST Nationals 2022 was a successful tournament, and has been a great experience for high school students throughout the nation to develop skills, meet new people, gain confidence, and have fun. This was also a great opportunity to bring the Muslim community from all over America and Canada and unite and get closer to each other, as well as their deen.

Kashmiri Americans Reject Indian Occupation And Demand Self-Determination

In commemorating the third anniversary of the abrogation of articles 370 and 35A, the World Kashmir Awareness Forum (WKAF), exhibited a painful message of human rights atrocities committed by 900,000 Indian occupation army in Jammu & Kashmir on August 5. These messages were carried on digital advertising trucks in Washington, DC across the federal buildings, foreign embassies, shopping centers, and busy intersections. The demand displaced on the digital truck was simple: the United Nations intervention must stop the genocide in Kashmir.

The digital trucks carried the messages: "Hold India accountable for war crimes"; "Kashmir under siege: Knocking at world conscience"; "Stop Demographic terrorism in Kashmir"; "India stop state terrorism in Kashmir"; "India criminalizes press freedom in Kashmir"; "End Indian



colonization in Kashmir"; "Implement UN resolution on Kashmir"; "Indian: Allow international NGOs in Kashmir"; "Indian army out of Kashmir",

Dr. Ghulam N Mir, President, WKAF called upon India to end its annexation of Jammu & Kashmir, restore civil liberties, and let the people decide their future. Since, August 5, 2019, the Indian government,

in order to crush any resistance to their illegal occupation, has instituted new draconian measures. First, they unilaterally removed any relics of initial recognition of their occupation by abrogating Articles 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution, imposed a total military lockdown, and complete communication blockade in anticipation of the protest and resistance these measures

would inevitably cause. In a ruthless campaign, they imprisoned politicians, journalists, and civil society members, to intimidate and suppress any form of dissent.

We stand in fierce opposition to India's actions against the people of Kashmir, Dr. Mir added and condemn any restriction of free speech and expression throughout the region. World powers must stop the Indian

government's attack on free speech in the region and urge the Indian government community to ensure that rights activists, political leaders, and local journalists are allowed to work freely and without harassment. Our thoughts are with all political prisoners and their families during this unlawful arrest.

"Right of free speech and free movement, particularly international travel is limited and, in some cases, completely denied. Kashmir is going through an untenable existential crisis and must be stopped by international intervention. Kashmiri political prisoners must be set free, and the reign of terror must be stopped.

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary General, WKAF said that on August 5, 2019, the Government of India laid bare its naked ambi-

Cont. on page 13



29004 W. EIGHT MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON, MI 48336

TEL: 248-426-7777

FAX: 248-476-8926

E-MAIL: info@muslimobserver.com

www.MuslimObserver.com

Established in 1998

FOUNDER

A. RAHEMAN NAKADAR, M.D.

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dr. Aslam Abdullah

dr.aslamabdullah@gmail.com

MANAGING EDITOR

Aysha Qamar

editor@muslimobserver.com

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Javeria Ahmed

marketing@muslimobserver.com

COPY EDITOR

Nida A. Imam

CHICAGO COORDINATOR

Mujeeb Osman

chicago@muslimobserver.com

HOUSTON COORDINATOR

Ilyas Choudry

houston@muslimobserver.com

TMO Inc. Board of Directors

President: Dr. Iltefat Hamzavi

Vice President: Dr. Abdalmajid Katranji

Dr. Muzammil Ahmed

Dr. Mohammed Saleem

REPORTERS & CONTRIBUTORS

Zaid Aleem

Yousuf Ali

Mahwish Akhtar

Rehan Qamar

Zain Ahmed

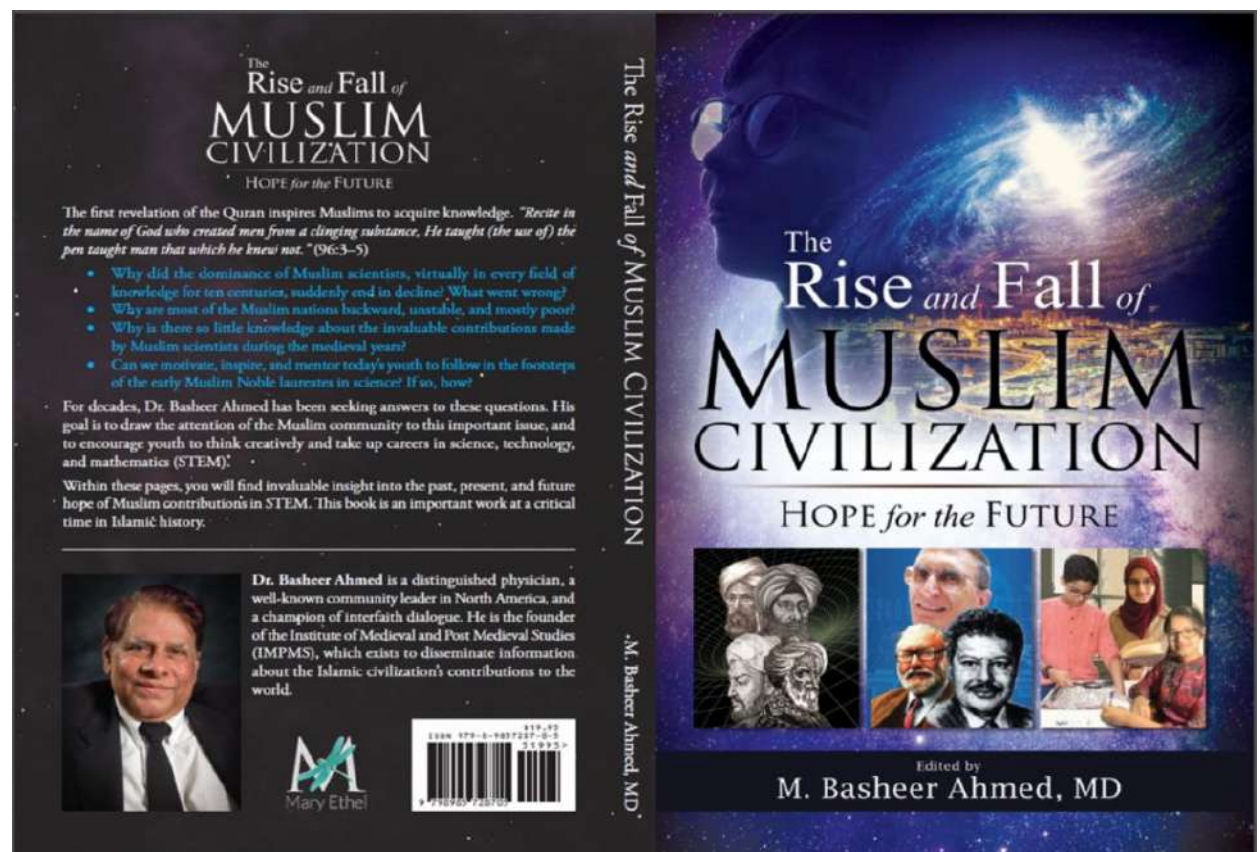
Noor Salem

TMO WELCOMES Letters to the Editor and written compositions relevant to the subject matter of this newspaper. Address them to "The Editor" at the above address. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and content. Major editing is consultatively done.

SUBMISSIONS: We welcome submissions. Please send to submissions@muslimobserver.com, subject "submission." We ask that no submissions be made on behalf of others. By submitting articles you are promising us that you are the author of the article, and granting us a license to print it without paying you. Any items received by us, whether pictures or text, become the property of The Muslim Observer. At your request, we will try to return them, but if we do not return them we incur no liability. We reserve the right to make [sometimes extensive] edits — both in body and in title, before any submission goes to print, and by sending us your article you assent to this. TMO does not necessarily agree with the opinions of its writers. Contents © 2015 The Muslim Observer.

DISCLAIMER: Between the front and back pages of the Muslim Observer are printed the varying and sometimes controversial views (whether in text or graphics) of people who have submitted articles - not every word of these articles has necessarily been reviewed for content, and the views submitted and expressed herein do not necessarily reflect those of the Muslim Observer or its principals, staff, independent contractors, or advertisers.

‘Hope For The Future’: Basheer Ahmed Book Presentation And Signing



by TMO Staff

Dr. Basheer Ahmed introduced the newly published book and made a brief presentation highlighting the features of his new book "The Rise and Fall of Muslim Civilization: Hope for the Future" on July 27. Mr. Usman Ghani, a member of the board of directors of IMPMS, arranged the successful event at Irving Library. He has invited imams and members of the Shura of Islamic Center of Irving, several community leaders, and dignitaries. The attendance surpassed expectations.

Dr. Ahmed made a brief presentation about the book and emphasized the importance of studying science and technology to gain the same status in the world as Muslims have during the medieval period. There was a lively interaction between the audience and Dr. Ahmed about the book, and many people expressed interest in holding a similar society in the Islamic Center of Irving.

In his latest book, launched on July 10, Dr. Basheer Ahmed offers fresh insight and perspective on Muslim history and the contributions of innovative developments in Science, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) over a period of eight centuries.

Many Muslims may be wondering, why did the dominance of Muslim scientists in every field of knowledge for almost eight centuries (7th-15th) suddenly end in decline? Why are most of the Muslim nations now edu-

cationally backward, behind in industrial and scientific development, and poor? What went wrong?

From the 12th century on, universities in the Islamic world gradually stopped teaching science and philosophy, and all scientific laboratories and observatories were closed or destroyed. From the 15th century onward Muslims have done very little scientific work

provides innovative solutions to bring about hope for days ahead for the youth of the world to step back into identifying problems and developing solutions to impact some of the greatest issues and challenges facing the world today.

Dr. Ahmed's insightful treatment of the subject is reinforced by Prof. Nazeer Ahmed's forward and selected essays from eminent scientists in-



or published any book on any scientific subject. Within the pages of this book, Dr. Ahmed investigates the questions.

The book is more than a treatise; it is an anthology of Islamic sciences. It introduces the reader to the intellectual giants of the classical Islamic era and provides a roadmap of how learning flourished and then gradually declined.

Rich in historical background, the reader discovers the details of the rise and fall of the great Muslim civilization during the medieval years, but this book contains more than the history and development of STEM. It

cluding Professors Parvez Hoodbhoy, Samir Iqbal, Aziz Budri, Irum Rahman, Bashoo Nasiruddin, Mirza Faizan and Mirza Rizwan. Written in a clear, lucid style, it is a book for students, teachers, scholars as well as the general public. The book motivates, inspires, and mentors today's youth to become scientists and innovators and follow in the footsteps of their forefathers.

The price of the book is \$20. You can contact Dr. Ahmed at mbahmed05@yahoo.com for further details.

The book can be purchased at amazon.com.

The Muslim Observer ISSN 1531-1759 (USPS. 018-739) is published weekly for \$100 per year by Muslim Media Network, Inc., 29004 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. Periodicals postage paid at Farmington Hills, MI, and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Muslim Observer, 29004 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. Subscriptions: \$75/1 year; \$140/2 years; Advertising: for rates contact: advertising@muslimobserver.com

Interfaith Common Ground On Abortion



by Victor Begg

Roe vs Wade is one of a few historic court decisions most Americans are familiar with by name. The Supreme Court's decision to overturn the 1973 precedent has spurred public discourse that has further underscored intense divisions within the country. Among the conversations is one about the role of God, Christianity and religion in American politics.

God is everywhere in our culture—the American dollar proclaims “In God We Trust.” We pledge allegiance to “one nation under God.” Popular pop, rock and country music still honor God. We shouldn't be surprised if God's decree is invoked by some in the public square in this conversation.

I decided to ask the diverse faith leaders I know on the Treasure Coast about their core beliefs on the matter. As someone who is involved in inter-religious dialogue, I was looking for common ground. I learned, for the majority, the differences aren't that far apart. A recent national poll by the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding <https://www.ispu.org/2022-abortion-data/> also noted the majority of Muslims, alongside Jews, Christians, and the unaffiliated believe that abortion

should be legal in all or most cases.

Beyond the question around the role of government, the religious conversation goes deeper into the topic – such as when life is conceived in a pregnancy, the “ensoulment moment” when the soul enters the fetus, and the moral aspect of the act.

For most conservative Christians, grounded in Catholic or evangelical principles, the topic of the abortion issue is central. They are elated that decades of advocacy finally paid off in this milestone verdict, although some Catholic and Baptist church members I spoke to believe that women should be able to make their own moral choices as mothers.

Many of the other Christians I talked to said abortion is a sad and terrible thing, but they contend it shouldn't be against the law for anyone having to make that hard choice. I learned most of them believe life begins at the time of conception when ensoulment occurs, but that belief did not affect their view. For them, pro-life doesn't equal anti-abortion.

The United Methodist Church affirms that it is, “equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn

child”. The Lutherans and the Evangelicals generally view abortion as an immoral act unless it is to prevent the death of the mother, and in some cases of rape and incest. This is also the general position of the Church of England and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who oppose abortion except under certain conditions in which it may be morally preferable.

The Women's Rabbinic Network, quoting sacred texts, views a fetus as a soul only once it's born. My interfaith colleagues in the Jewish community expressed that a woman's right to control her own body is a fundamental Jewish value of free will. Jewish interpretations also vary—some considered the ruling a win for religious free-

dom, and other religious Jews say a prohibition on abortion violates their religious beliefs.

As a Muslim, I questioned: What does Islam say about abortion? A brief answer I received from my Imam was that “abortion is allowed under certain circumstances, but not in normal circumstances.” The Islamic understanding of ensoulment varies under the five branches of jurisprudence, ranging from between 40 and 120 days after conception. The most conservative sect forbids abortion entirely except when the fetus is a threat to the life of the mother.

For Hindus, there are Karmic consequences for women in her soul's transmigration and rebirth cycle—making the concept different than in

Abrahamic faiths.

There are also multiple views in Buddhism, although abortion is generally regarded negatively.

What's clear is even with religious circles, there are multifaceted shadings and opinions on the factors surrounding these debates. A third of U.S. adults are non-religious or nones, says a Pew Research Center Report. I've come to recognize in a secular pluralistic democracy there should be no role for religious precepts, whether they be based on Jewish Halacha law, the Catholic Canon law, Baptist beliefs, or Islamic shariah.

Victor Begg is the author of the 2019 memoir “Our Muslim Neighbors—Achieving the American Dream; An Immigrant's Memoir.”



Helon Rahman, B.S.M.S
Funeral Director

(313)366-2310: Office (248)766-4916: Cell
12924 Jos Campau - Detroit, Michigan - 48212
Courteous, Accommodating, Dependable, Affordable
24 Hours/ 7 Days a Week Service
www.rahmanfuneral.com

Sloan Foundation Awards \$500,000 To Support Just Energy Transitions In Florida, Louisiana, Kansas, And Pennsylvania

Press release provided by Nadia Ahmed from Barry University

As the United States is expanding use of low carbon energy technologies, such as wind, solar, and advanced biofuels, some transitions to renewable energy have not accelerated at the pace needed to respond to the climate crisis. The renewable energy sector also faces concerns of lack of equity and opportunities for frontline communities. A team of researchers from Barry University, the University of Minnesota, University of Richmond, University of Kansas, and Pennsylvania State University, has been awarded a three-year grant of almost \$500,000 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to work with communities in designing a framework for creating policies that mitigate these impacts



for a more just transition to renewables. The research is intended to expand renewable energy production in the most vulnerable communities with environmental justice considerations. The three-year grant will support a multi-institutional and community partner collaboration for the project, “Just Energy Transitions and Place.” The project will examine how place-based considerations should be incorporated in federal and

state energy transition initiatives. Understanding local considerations such as extreme weather events, environmental and health impacts from the energy sector, political dynamics, tribal land dispossession, land loss, and historical inequities will give researchers an unprecedented, broad set of factors for development of the framework. “This project will make critical contributions to our understanding of how different commu-

nities across the country experience energy transitions. It will cover a diverse array of geographies, and this multidisciplinary team brings a wide range of expertise in conducting research that is locally oriented,” said Evan Michelson, program director at the Sloan Foundation. Barry University’s School of Law professor, Nadia Ahmad, and University of Minnesota’s School of Public Affairs professor, Elise

Harrington, are the co-principal investigators within an interdisciplinary team. The team also consists of Danielle Stokes (University of Richmond), Uma Outka (University of Kansas), Ward Lyles (University of Kansas), Jennifer Baka (Penn State), and Hannah Wiseman (Penn State). The interviews and focus groups will be conducted in Florida, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana. The funding will also be used for the training and support of graduate students across multiple institutions in the fields of law, public policy, urban planning, and geography. “We are grateful to the Sloan Foundation for recognizing our potential as scholars as well as building our capacity to develop a place-based frame-

Cont. on page 13

Sharia Compliant Investment Solutions

Our no-load mutual funds follow a value investment style, diversify across industries, and choose equities in accordance with Islamic principles. Isn't it nice to know there's a Sharia compliant mutual fund with a low minimum investment of \$250? (It's even lower for IRAs, Health Savings Accounts or Education Savings Accounts.) Open an account today and start investing in your future.

Amana Income Fund seeks current income by investing primarily in dividend-paying stocks. The Fund seeks capital preservation as a secondary objective. Established: 1986

Amana Growth Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in companies expected to grow earnings and stock prices faster than the economy. Established: 1994



Amana Mutual Funds Trust

www.amanafunds.com 1-888-73-AMANA

The Amana Funds limit the stocks they purchase to those consistent with Islamic principles, which limits opportunities and may increase risk. Please consider an investment's objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. To obtain a free prospectus that contains this and other important information about the Amana Funds, please call toll-free 888/73-AMANA or visit www.amanafunds.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing. Distributed by Saturna Brokerage Services, member FINRA/SIPC. SBS and wholly-owned subsidiary of Saturna Capital Corporation, adviser to the Amana Mutual Funds Trust.

South Africa Calls For Israel To Be Labeled An “Apartheid State”

BY: TMO Staff

On Wednesday, July 27, a minister in the South African government, Naledi Pandor, said that Israel should be labeled an apartheid state in a meeting with the Palestinian Heads of Mission in Africa Conference. She is the minister of international relations and co-operation. Relations with Israel go back to the days of Apartheid in which Israel was a key supporter of the Apartheid regime even when there were international sanctions against South Africa for its discrimination.

At the same time, the African National Congress which was a key organization against Apartheid was strong ally with the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

According to the Middle East Eye, “Pandor cited Israel’s continued oc-

cupation of “significant portions of the West Bank” and the building of new illegal settlements as “glaring examples of violations of international law”.

She said: “The Palestinian narrative evokes experiences of South Africa’s own history of racial segregation and oppression.

“As oppressed South Africans, we experienced first-hand the effects of racial inequality, discrimination and denial, and we cannot stand by while another generation of Palestinians are left behind.”South Africa has been an ally of Palestinians since the end of its apartheid system in 1994, and the two countries have formal diplomatic relations.”

This announcement follows a recent trend in several prominent



individuals and organizations labeling Israel as apartheid including Human Rights Watch, Be’t Selem, and Amnesty International.

Additionally, Israel has come under fire for its killing of the Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. According to the Middle East Eye, “These reports are significant in raising global awareness

of the conditions that Palestinians are subjected to and they provide credence and support to an overwhelming body of factual evidence, all pointing to the fact that the State of Israel is committing crimes of apartheid and persecution against Palestinians,” said Pandor, referring to the UN report.

Pandor has also de-

nounced the murder of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, who was shot dead by an Israeli sniper on 11 May while she covered an Israeli raid in the West Bank. Pandor also likened the attack on Abu Akleh’s funeral by Israeli soldiers to the practices of the South African apartheid regime.”

DTE
CleanVision

A CLEAN VISION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

DTE’s CleanVision is about cleaner energy, a cleaner environment and a clearly brighter future for generations to come. It means even more than doubling renewables in the next two years. It’s a big transformation, to protect the smallest things. Because little things really matter.

Arrest Made In Case Of 10-Year-Old Rape Survivor Forced To Travel To Indiana For Abortion

by Aysha Qamar

A Columbus man has been charged in relation to the viral story of a pregnant 10-year-old girl who had to travel from Ohio to Indiana for an abortion. According to the Columbus Dispatch, 27-year-old Gershon Fuentes has been charged with one count of rape involving the 10-year-old victim. Fuentes allegedly confessed and turned himself in to authorities as the child's rapist on July 6. He admitted to raping the child on at least two occasions.

According to the Dispatch, Columbus police officials were made aware of the girl's pregnancy through a referral by Franklin County Children Services made by her mother on June 22. A detective then testified at Fuentes' arraignment that the victim underwent a medical abortion on June 30.

Court records indicate that Fuentes appeared in court Wednesday and was given a \$2 million bond. Officials also testified that DNA from the clinic in Indianapolis is being tested against samples from Fuentes, as well as the child's siblings, to confirm his paternity.

Both the criminal charges and testimony from the Columbus detective confirm that the viral story is true, even though its legitimacy was questioned. The story sheds light on the horrendous consequences that have resulted from the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

The original story was first reported by the Indianapolis Star, which wrote about the physician who provided the abortion.

Abortion supporters across the country took to social media to emphasize the real-time consequences of abortion bans.

"Just last week, it was reported that a 10-year-old girl was a rape victim in Ohio — 10 years old — and she



was forced to have to travel out of the state, to Indiana, to seek to terminate the pregnancy and maybe save her life," Joe Biden said during a speech on reproductive rights last Friday. "That's — the last part is my judgment. Ten years old. Ten years old. Raped, six weeks pregnant. Already traumatized. Was forced to

travel to another state. Imagine being that little girl. Just — I'm serious — just imagine being that little girl. Ten years old."

As the story went viral, conservative media outlets quickly claimed it was a false narrative that was unproven.

Even Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost questioned the validity

of the story during an appearance on Fox News and claimed the story was being spread with a political motive.

"We have regular contact with prosecutors and local police and sheriffs—not a whisper anywhere," Yost said regarding the case.

But that's not all: He continued to spew alle-

gations that the story was fabricated in other interviews, as late as this week.

"I know the cops and prosecutors in this state," Yost said in an interview with TODAY Network Ohio on Tuesday. "There's not one of them that wouldn't be turning over every rock, looking for this guy and they would have charged him. They wouldn't leave him loose on the streets ... I'm not saying it could not have happened. What I'm saying to you is there is not a damn scintilla of evidence. And shame on the Indianapolis paper that ran this thing on a single source who has an obvious axe to grind."

Of course, things changed within a day. When the arraignment was announced Wednesday,

Cont. on page 14

Educating the Muslim Leader of Tomorrow

Apply Today

(713) 231-3791

guidancecollege.org

admissions@guidancecollege.org



GUIDANCE COLLEGE
RELEVANT AND AUTHENTIC



The Pox On Our House



This first was published on The Incision.

by Abdul El-Sayed

Unlike COVID, Monkeypox shouldn't be so hard to fight. So why have we failed to contain it?

Over the weekend, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus declared monkeypox a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern." "We have an outbreak that has spread around the world rapidly through new modes of transmission, about which we understand too little, and which meets the criteria," Ghebreyesus said.

A PHEIC is defined as an "extraordinary event which is determined to constitute a public health risk to other States [countries outside the original country of origin] through the international spread of disease and to potentially require a coordinated international response." That sounds about right.

Monkeypox has infected nearly 16,000 people since the first cases in the U.K. were discovered just 10 weeks ago. In the U.S. alone, there have been 2,900 cases across 44 states. The fact that we haven't been able to contain monkeypox in the U.S. demonstrates the terrible toll that COVID has taken on our public health system. And it should put an exclamation point on the urgency of the rebuilding

work ahead of us.

The rise of monkeypox probably brings back memories of the early days of the COVID pandemic — the first time most Americans were forced to pay attention to public health. But let's put it into context. The challenge of COVID was truly staggering.

We were dealing with a novel virus, meaning that we understood little about its transmission, its pathophysiology, or its natural history. There were no treatments and no vaccines. Even our attempts to borrow from what little science we did have about its closest relatives was flawed. SARS-CoV-1, the coronavirus that caused the SARS epidemic in the early aughts, was only transmissible after symptoms developed; SARS-CoV-2 began transmitting a few days earlier — changing its epidemiology dramatically. Conserving PPE for those dealing with symptomatic patients makes sense for SARS-CoV-1 — it's disastrous for SARS-CoV-2.

COVID was airborne. It could transmit in as little as 15 minutes in an enclosed space — allowing for the kind of explosive growth that we all watched in spring of 2020, and continue to see with every COVID surge. Scariest of all, COVID was extremely deadly — requiring drastic measures to stop spread immediately; measures

that inevitably led to the pandemic's politicization.

But monkeypox is none of those things.

Monkeypox is well understood; we've known about it since 1958! We have effective vaccines. It has a long incubation period — up to three weeks! — which offers us a window even after exposure to vaccinate people and prevent them from manifesting infections. It's like the virus is giving us a grace period.

The fact that this outbreak has been concentrated among a tight-knit, well-connected community should make it even easier to contain. Before I go on, I want to be clear: stigmatizing any community because of diseases that happen to emerge among them is both morally bankrupt and self-defeating. There has been well-warranted fear that messaging that explicitly identifies the LGBTQ+ community as being at particular risk could further stigmatize them, particularly considering the brutal history of the way that HIV/AIDS was used to stigmatize the community. But this does not absolve public health officials of the responsibility to protect folks in the community. And a thoughtful engagement with the community to tackle the outbreak from the jump was critical.

Monkeypox should have been easy to contain, yet the mistakes have

been legion. Whether it's been a limited stockpile of vaccine, misallocation of available doses based on disease burden, or limited testing availability or processing — all of these have left people at risk scrambling. Monkeypox data-sharing and resource coordination between state and federal public health authorities has been shoddy at best. And nearly 10 weeks into this outbreak, the fact that we're still scrambling is confounding.

Monkeypox is a relatively mild disease. To date in this outbreak, five people have died of monkeypox — all in sub-Saharan African countries with very limited health-care access. Yet the risk remains. Monkeypox is a misnomer; it's actually a rodent disease. There's real risk that monkeypox becomes endemic by jumping into local rodent populations, like rats in New York City. If that happens, there's no going back: Monkeypox could be with us permanently.

All of this reminds us that our public health infrastructure, already teetering from neglect and underfunding, has been decimated by the COVID pandemic. The public health workforce is burnt out — many of its most capable have left the field entirely. A recent survey found that over 40% of the federal public health workforce is planning to leave the field over the next five years. Though COVID

has delivered a bolus of funding into many public health agencies, this funding is inflexible, tied specifically to COVID response.

Worse still, the politicization of public health through the pandemic has left administrators thinking twice, double and triple checking themselves in ways that slow down an already rigid bureaucracy. Even an early City-led effort in New York to halt the virus in its tracks was stymied by a sluggish federal government hoarding available doses sitting uselessly in a stockpile in Denmark.

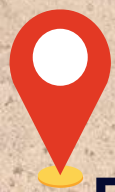
Our public health system's inability to handle an outbreak that should have been as easy to ascertain and contain as monkeypox doesn't bode well for our ability to handle more complex public health emergencies that will inevitably come down the pike. Indeed, rather than force us to fortify our public health infrastructure, the COVID pandemic may actually have left us more fatalistic about the value of public health intervention to begin with.

Our society can't handle another mass-scale pandemic like COVID. Right now, monkeypox is showing us just how unprepared we are. The only thing standing between us and the next one is time. So we damn well better start using it to prepare.



Hira & Mani

Famous Pakistani Celebrity Couple



FRIDAY, Sep. 9, 2022

6:00 PM

**FARMINGTON HILLS MANOR
23666 Orchard Lake Rd.,
Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

JOIN
Friends of Indus Hospital
DETROIT Chapter
for DINNER & an
Evening of Entertainment
in support of
Indus Hospital & Health Network

SCAN FOR TICKETS



FREE BABY SITTING

Ages 4-10

TICKETS

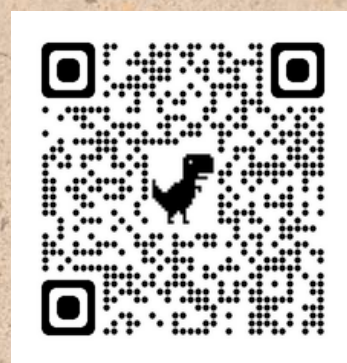
<http://tiny.cc/nmntuz>

TICKETS:

Individual : \$60/-

Table of 10: 600/-

SCAN TO DONATE



Donate online at:

<https://foihus.org/donation/>

All Donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE and **ZAKAT** Eligible**
For More Information Call 201-357-5549 or email : friend@foihus.org

For Tickets and Information:

Dr. Wajahat Khan 248-880-9432.

Ms. Rabia Hamid 248-802-4831.



DR. NAKADAR INSTITUTE OF KNOWLEDGE

(GOVT. RECOGNISED ENGLISH MEDIUM
HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL)
Mehsana (Gujarat) INDIA.



“Your
generosity will help
poverty-laden children
to overcome COVID's
economic disaster
to pursue their
education.”



“The key to a
dignified living is
empowerment through
education and freedom
through knowledge”

Full scholarship for one child

(includes, tution, lodging and
boarding, books, uniforms, etc.)

\$ 1500
per year/student.

Scholarship for only tution fee (XI & XII)

(Also includes, transportation, books, unifoms, etc.)

\$ 725
per year/student.

Or you may sponsor a student for their
books, uniform, transportation, etc. for

\$ 350
per year

Or you may support a needy student
with as little as.

\$ 25
donation

You may donated at:

www.drnik.net

and click on donation,
or send your donation to:

Nakadar Foundation

29004 W 8 Mile Rd
Farmington-MI-48336

Nakadar Foundation

501 (C) 3 organization.

Tax ID # 382541935

Insha Allah, your donations will be a perpetual sadaqa & you will be rewarded
by Allah (swt) in this world & the world hereafter

Hijra: A Journey That Changed The Course Of Human History



by Dr. Aslam Abdullah

Medina was still a city with non-Muslims in the majority. The total number of Muslims in Medina, 1438 years ago was not more than 75. Yet, at the command of God, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companion Abdu Bakr (RTA) traveled to this city to implement divine guidance for a better society.

Why did Allah choose Madinah to be the city to establish a society based on divine ideals?

Why was this not done in Makkah, where the patriarch of monotheism Ibrahim (PBUH) built the first house dedicated to one God?

People often argue that the Prophet was under persecution in Makkah, and the political climate was not ripe to practice Islam. Hence, the Prophet moved to a more open city to his ideals.

The messengers and prophets never turn their back upon the people they are sent to and run

away from persecution. On the contrary, they endure and stay their ground. So it was not the persecution that led the Prophet to Medina. It was primarily to prove that divine guidance is not limited to a particular place or town. It can be lived anywhere in the world regardless of the number of people who adhere to the message.

The migration demolished several practices and myths the world had entertained for ages. It destroyed the false division between the house of peace (Darul Amn) and the house of war (Darul Harb). It demolished the division between the Land of Islam and the land of Kufr. Furthermore, it proved the idea that God created everything that exists, and He is in control of everything. Therefore, he is the owner of everything that is out there in our universe. It also proved that divine guidance is for all, regardless of the number.

Medina promoted the

idea of a plural society concerning all.

What happened in Medina after the arrival of the Prophet was something unique and unheard of in society.

The Prophet invited the powerful tribes to come together and sign a covenant to ensure the interests of all. The covenant, also known as the constitution of Medina, promoted the idea of common citizenship for the people living in Medina, regardless of their ethnic or religious backgrounds. As a result, all were one umma or nation.

The Prophet made the security of the people of Medina a top priority, and the signatories participated in defense of the city as one people. Moreover, they had the assurance that while defending the city, if anyone lost their lives, the entire population would take care of the family of the fallen soldier. It is what one calls insurance in modern terminology.

The covenant also en-

sured that each religious community had autonomy in dealing with its affairs according to its religious ideals and traditions. Furthermore, each has guaranteed in its religious family and personal law, provided it does not infringe upon the rights of others.

The Prophet also secured women's rights and weaker sections of society. Additionally, he accepted the right to dissent with the covenant when four tribes of Aws refused to sign the treaty.

The process of formulating the covenant was lengthy. The tribes would discuss it among themselves, and then all tribes would have a discourse on its salient feature. It was democracy in action at the grassroots level.

So what are the lessons of hijra?

1. The distinction between Darul Islam and Darul Kufr is false. Every land belongs to the creator.

2. The divine guidance is

for anywhere.

3. Muslims must not isolate themselves from the society they live in.

4. Muslims should get involved in the communities they live in.

5. Muslims must ensure the safety and security of all citizens and should join the system to protect all.

7. Muslims should respect the personal and family laws of others.

8. Muslims must follow a system that secures the participation of each member of the society in the decision-making process.

9. Muslims must not be entrapped by the false divisions people create based on ethnicity and religion.

10. monotheism means that humanity is one.

This society that the Prophet created and left his birthplace was the center of monotheism.

Subscribe to TMO, Please email:
marketing@muslimobserver.com

Yom-E-Ashura (Day Of Ashura Or Martyrdom) Of Imam Hussain

by M. Basheer Ahmed M.D.

Yom-e-Ashura is one of the major commemorative events for Muslims.

The Martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the grandson of the Prophet of Islam, occurred on the 10th of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar (Aug 7th, 2022). Muslims worldwide commemorate that tragic event on this day on 680 AD. It was a battle between good and evil. Imam Hussain, the beloved grandson of Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him), stood up against Yazid, who was made caliph (Khalifah) by his father, Amir Muawiyya. Yazid was an impious person who did not show Islamic character or behavior to be a Khalifah. Imam Hussain refused to recognize or endorse his leadership over the rapidly growing Muslim Umma and Muslim state.

Muslims consider the month of Muharram unique by all Muslims as it is one of the four sacred months of the Islamic lunar calendar. Prophet Muhammed migrated from Makkah to Medina to build a new society on Justice. They observe the tenth of Muharram with a voluntary day of fasting that commemorates the Prophetic traditions. As said by Ayesha, the Prophet's wife, "Ashura is the day when Kaaba is secured."

Sunni Muslims have fasted on two days of Muharram (9th and 10th) since Prophet migrated to Medina. They also fast to experience the suffering of Imam Hussain and his family, martyred in Karbala by Yazid's army.

An Umayyad caliph Yazid ordered Hussain to pledge allegiance to him, and Hussain refused because he believed Yazid's rule to be unjust and illegitimate. Umayyad Caliphate became a dynasty and ignored human life and human dignity, freedom, and Justice. Yazid was a corrupt and immoral leader. Imam Hussain disagreed with his appointment



because it was undemocratic, and the new ruler had a questionable personal character of Yazid. He challenged Yazid's authority and established the maxim that sometimes, the principles of life are more important than life itself. Imam Hussain was the most beloved grandson of Prophet Muhammed and lived Quranic guidance from early childhood, and he remained deeply committed to the Quranic values of Justice and equality.

Imam Hussain was going to Kufa on the invitation of the local Muslim community. However, by the time he reached Karbala, he found nobody to support him in the entire Muslim community. All of them were frightened of Yazid's power and influence, whose army had killed his opponents. Imam Hussain was aware of the situation but decided to face Yazid to have a dialogue.

His rejection of the pledge of allegiance to Yazid led to a massive ten-day standoff at Karbala, in modern-day Iraq, between Umayyad's enormous army and a few of Imam Hussain's followers, which included his half-brother, wives, children, sisters and closest friends. His supporter betrayed him, but his family stood by him in Karbala. He chose to stand his ground, knowing that he and his followers may not survive at the end of the conflict. He stood for righteousness and Justice and sacrificed his life for Islam.

It is an incredibly tragic story and a constant reminder to all Muslims

to stand up for what is right. We must all be courageous and with an abiding commitment to stand up for Justice in the footsteps of Imam Hussain.

Muslims belonging to different sects and denominations commemorate the Martyrdom of Imam Hussain, but the Shia Muslims, of course, express their grief conventionally. They hold daily ceremonies (Majlis) and narrate the events that led to Shahadat (Martyrdom). However, besides expressing grief, it is even more essential to convey the message to the young people that we all should have strength like Imam Hussain to face the calamity and stand firm on the principles of righteousness and Justice.

Since the Martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the world has faced similar situations often and met with the same cowardice as the Muslim community who invited the Imam to Kufa. People are always influenced and frightened by people of power and do not dare to follow a true leader. For instance, in a short period of a few years and under the leadership of one of the worst dictators of the world- Hitler, entire Germany became the followers of the NAZI doctrine.

Even today, we know that people with enormous wealth and power are influencing millions of people towards extremely questionable, unethical conduct and immoral values. It is incredible to see how some educated and sophisticated people succumb to power and influence.

Unfortunately, only dictators rule most of the Muslim world with oppression, and we have not produced a leader to follow the footsteps of Imam Hussain. However, we have seen some world leaders who show courage like Imam Hussain and stood firmly against the oppressors. To name a few, Martin Luther King was against racism in the US, Nelson Mandela was against the most potent apartheid government in South Africa and Mahatma Gandhi was against the British Empire to get India independence. Mahatma Gandhi stated, "If I had 72 companions like Husain, I would have freed India in 24 hours from British, the progress of Islam resulted from the supreme sacrifice of Imam Hussein, I learned from Hussein, how to achieve victory while being oppressed".

There is a saying that "Islam Zinda Hoota Hai her Karbala Ke Baad (Islam becomes alive after the massacre like Karbala). After the massacre of Karbala, Imam Zain al-Abidin -Son of Imam Hussain was the only adult male left alive from the household of the Iman, as he could not participate in the battle of Karbala due to high fever. He played an important role in the aftermath of Karbala, particularly in rebuilding the moral, spiritual, and ethical foundations of Islamic society.

The post-Karbala period was one of great internal dissensions, tumult, and crises in Islam's lands. People were fearful of challenging or questioning the Umayyad Khila-

fat(state), not wanting to attract the state's wrath. Imam Zain al Abedin kept the good, spiritual, ethical spirit of Islam alive by continuing to teach and give sermons in Masjid-e-Nabawi. Scholars have also noted the speeches in which Zainab, the Prophet Mohammed's granddaughter, played a central role in remembrance of the Karbala story, denounced Karbala's violence and lauded Hussain's "martyrdom." Today, Zainab is a robust female model of resistance. What was once a commemoration of Martyrdom today inspires much more, including promoting social Justice around the world.

Muslims dearly loves Imam-Husain and detests his killers and will always be saddened by the story of his killing, even if he or she does not express those feelings on its anniversary every year. All reputable Islamic schools of thought strongly condemn those who killed Imam-Husain. It was a sacrifice given in support of human rights and human dignity.

Unfortunately, today, Muslims of all sects practice ritualistic Islam and lose sight of the spirit of Islam and its actual Islamic teachings. Some Shia brothers and sisters do self-flagellate and beat their chests. Others beat bare shoulders with heavy steel chains attached with razor blades to remind the pain and suffering of the Martyrs of Karbala (Some Shia scholars forbid these practices). While observing these rituals, the young generation does not get the real message, meaning, and purpose of Martyrdom.

During the Ashura, the Shia intellectuals should hold open seminars for the entire community to promote unity and to elaborate the bold step taken by Imam Hussain and the sacrifice the whole family offered to uphold the Quranic principles of Justice and human dignity. People should learn that oppres-

Cont. on page 13

CONTINUED STORY

Cont. from page 5.
Sloan Foundation

work for just energy transitions. The award is transformative and will help support research and train students across the disciplines of law and policy urban planning, and geography to accelerate renewables at the local level,” said Nadia Ahmad, professor at Barry University School of Law.

The research will contribute to a growing liter-

ature on energy transition policy by identifying opportunities for cross-state learning in policy design and areas where place-based context must be considered for effective and responsive policymaking. The team will use an engaged-research model to ensure this research is connected to the lived experience of communities facing energy transitions.

“The participatory aspect of this research will provide a more integrat-

ed assessment of law and policy to examine the specific interaction between changes in land use, energy demands and community dynamics in the presence and absence of fossil fuels and how these factors impact transitions to renewable energies that serve vulnerable communities” said Leticia Diaz, Dean of the Barry University School of Law.

About the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

The ALFRED P. SLOAN

FOUNDATION is a not-for-profit, mission-driven grantmaking institution dedicated to improving the welfare of all through the advancement of scientific knowledge. Established in 1934 by Alfred Pritchard Sloan Jr., then-President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Motors Corporation, the Foundation makes grants in four broad areas: direct support of research in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and economics;

initiatives to increase the quality, equity, diversity, and inclusiveness of scientific institutions and the science workforce; projects to develop or leverage technology to empower research; and efforts to enhance and deepen public engagement with science and scientists.

Contact: Gina Margillo
Communications Manager
PR@Barry.edu
(786) 564-6423

Cont. from page 12.
Yom-E-Ashura

sion and injustice are wrong and should challenge the oppressor with courage and conviction.

The young Muslims must have an engaging experience that communicates the meaning of the Ashura.

Muslims should use this day to unite us, not a day

to divide us, and despite our differences, we must give each other the benefit of the doubt and not assume ill intentions based on things that happened hundreds of years ago. Imam Hussain is a living legacy of Muslims. Shia and Sunni need to work together to uphold the legacy and sacrifice that the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, Imam Hussain, gave.

All human unity is the aim of the teachings of Islam. The doctrinal and ideological differences must not end up in bloodshed. Quran says, “And hold fast all together by the rope which Allah (stretches out for you) and be not divided among yourselves and remember with gratitude Allah’s favor on you” (3:103). Quran also says: “The believers are noth-

ing else than brothers (in Islam). So, make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allah, that you may receive mercy” (49:10). The unity of people makes an unbeatable strong nation. Islam lays high stress on the importance of unity. To deal with the challenges Muslim Umma faces in today’s world, unity among Muslims is vital for our survival.

Dr. Basheer Ahmed is the former professor of psychiatry, South Western Medical School, Dallas, Texas, and President Emeritus Institute of Quranic knowledge and Religious Acceptance (IQRA) North Texas. His email address is mbahmed05@yahoo.com.

Cont. from page 2.
Kashmiri Americans

tion by brutally colonizing the state of Jammu and Kashmir. On that date, it threw away any pretense of acknowledging the Kashmiri’s right to self-determination as outlined by the United Nations’ Security Council resolutions and agreed to at that time by the Government of India 72 years earlier.

Dr. Fai added that the events of August 5, 2019, are consistent with the ruthless occupation and suppression the people of Kashmir have suffered under the unpopular Indian rule. As is widely acknowledged and documented internationally, this brutal occupation has led to over 100,000 civilian deaths, more than 8000 individuals missing or disappeared, and thousands of Kashmiri women raped. This does not even begin to account for the tens of thousands tortured, maimed, and permanently injured men, women and children by the Indian security forces during their 72-year reign of terror.

But despite this persistent and pernicious tyranny, Fai emphasized, the people of Kashmir

never have, nor ever will give up their right to be free. It is based on this internationally recognized, and principled stand the Kashmiri diaspora and its allies worldwide stand in solidarity with the people of Jammu Kashmir. We stand in support of their unyielding struggle to resist occupation and achieve their right to self-determination. We stand with them in their struggle to stop the Indian government from dehumanizing them and completing their settler-colonial project to remove them culturally, politically, and ethnically from the face of the earth.

Dr. Imtiaz Khan, Professor at George Washington University Medical Center said that we are commemorating the third anniversary of the abrogation of articles 370 and 35A which revoked the autonomous character of Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. On this day three years ago, the Indian parliament flouted UN resolutions and thumped the nose of the world body. About 10,000 young men ranging from 15 to 30 years of age were arrested and additional 100,000 paramilitary forces which brought the tally

to more than 900,000 were deployed in the area. Peaceful protests were countered with brute force and several innocent Kashmiris were martyred. Since then, the Indian government has unleashed its nefarious plan to alter the demographic status of the region so that down the road if a plebiscite is held the outcome is to their liking. Daily crackdowns are a routine and during this process, the civilians are subjected to severe abuse. During the search operations under the pretext to flush militants, the civilian residences are looted of their valuables, womenfolk are harassed, and young men are eliminated with impunity.

Dr. Khan reiterated that the leadership of the freedom movement has been incarcerated and many of them like Yasin Malik, Shabir Shah, and Masarat Aalam, have been subjected to solitary confinement and implicated under false charges. Land grab movement by occupation forces is continuing at breakneck speed and thousands of acres of land have been taken over by the occupation forces. Kashmiri people are being denied their property and armed Hin-

du militants are being settled on these properties. There is a government-sponsored policy to infuse drug culture so that youth get addicted to this menace and are weaned away from the freedom movement. All of these steps are being taken under a well-planned scheme so that Kashmiris are restricted to ghettos, their employment opportunities are scuttled, and they are deprived of religious freedom.

The situation in the region is highly explosive. Kashmir is sitting on a power keg and the slight trigger can catapult the situation to point of no return. With the absence of leaders like Syed Ali Shah Geelani and Yasin Malik, it is very likely that youth may be forced to take extreme steps and macabre of violence with no recourse. We appeal to the United Nations to take practical measures that will dissuade India to indulge in gross human rights abuses against the innocent Kashmiri population and sway them to participate in tripartite negotiations involving Pakistan and genuine leadership of Kashmir, Dr. Khan highlighted.

Shoaib Irshad, Joint Secretary, Kashmir American Welfare Association (KAWA) said that since August 5, 2019, the Indian government has unleashed a well-designed imperialist plan that seeks to forever change the political nature of the Kashmir dispute through demographic changes, political maneuverings, and administrative machinations.

Sardar Aftab Roshan Khan said that in the past year, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been locked in their homes, terrorized by the Indian military and paramilitary, and cut off from basic communications with each other and the outside world. These are violations of both human rights and international law.

Tahseen Hussain said, let us send a clear message to the world community that Kashmiri diaspora and friends of Kashmir stand committed to carry on the struggle till the final righteous settlement of the Kashmir dispute.

Dr. Fai can be reached at: 1-202-607-6435. Or gnfai2003@yahoo.com www.kashmirawareness.org

CONTINUED STORY

Cont. from page 1. Latest Israeli Offensive

According to Israeli media, most of the rockets were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system and no serious injuries were reported.” Additionally, one of the Palestinian civilians killed was a 5-year-old girl in addition to two commanders of Islamic Jihad in Gaza. This has

provoked rockets from Gaza against West Jerusalem. Many Analysts suspect upcoming elections may be a reason for the latest Israeli attack on Gaza. In addition, Islamic Jihad militants, and Palestinian civilizations have been killed. According to The Guardian, the Israeli offensive killed 24 people includ-

ing a 5-year-old girl and Palestinian art students. There were commanders of Islamic Jihad amongst the dead, but the operation was not without cost to the civilian population. Israel blamed misfired rockets for some of the civilian deaths. As of Sunday, August 7, there is a provisional ceasefire between Islamic Jihad and Israel. Hamas has notably been absent

from this particular offensive. According to Al Jazeera, Israeli dissident journalist Gideon Levy said “For days we were told that the southern settlements over the border with Gaza must be under curfew because there is a danger – nobody knew what the danger was exactly,” Levy said. “Gaza can be 16 years under siege and this

is bearable, but some towns in the south of Israel cannot stand four days of lockdown,” he added. “I’m very suspicious that it has to do with the elections.” The next Israeli election is in November with caretaker Prime Minister Yair Lapid facing increasing pressure from the right.” International observers are watching the situation closely.

Cont. from page 1. Targeted Killings

two-week span. But the list of murders doesn’t end there: Months before Hussein was reportedly killed in July, another Muslim man, Mohammad Ahmadi, was also murdered in Albuquerque in November 2021. That man too was shot and killed. He is being referred to as the first of the four victims. All four men were of South Asian descent, and at least three of the four men killed attended the same mosque. “It’s devastating,” Hussein’s brother-in-law, Ehsan Shahalami, told TODAY on Monday. “I just don’t believe it. I’m waiting for a phone call from him or something, just to hear his voice one more time. And then being shot in a brutal manner, it’s just the most un-American thing to do to anybody. And the

most inhumane thing to do to anybody.” As of Sunday, authorities said they can’t call the shootings hate crimes because they have not identified a suspect nor determined a motive. But while a motive has not been found, Albuquerque detectives have “determined there is a connection” between the two earlier killings and suspect that the latest “may be linked,” police said in a statement on Saturday, The Washington Post reported. “While we are still sifting through all the evidence to look for more connections, it is deeply troubling that these three men were Muslim and of similar descent,” said Deputy Commander of Albuquerque Police Department’s Criminal Investigations Division Kyle Hartsock. Albuquerque police also noted that the three

earlier killings were done in a similar fashion, “ambushed with no warning, fired on and killed,” the Associated Press reported. However, at a news conference on Saturday, police declined to comment on whether Friday’s killing followed the same pattern. Officials released a photo of a “vehicle of interest,” noting it appears to be a Volkswagen Jetta. While the authorities are being careful about labeling the attacks as “hate” at the moment, this isn’t the first incident of hate the Islamic Center of New Mexico has faced. Last year, a woman set three fires on the mosque playground and one fire at the mosque’s main entry, Daily Kos reported. While no one was injured, the community expressed fear for their safety. These incidents have only furthered the feeling of “hopelessness and despair” community

members have felt, Ahmad Ahmad Assed, the president of the Islamic Center of New Mexico, told The New York Times. In a statement Saturday, the Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) said it is offering \$10,000 for information “leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.” The organization called on the Biden administration to “take a direct role” in the matter. “The lives of Albuquerque Muslims are in danger,” CAIR National Deputy Director Edward Ahmed Mitchell said in a statement Saturday. “Whoever is responsible for this horrific, hateful shooting spree must be identified and stopped — now.” Several lawmakers have spoken about the string of murders and called for action.

“I am angered and saddened by the horrific killings of four Muslim men in Albuquerque,” President Joe Biden said in a message on Twitter. “While we await a full investigation, my prayers are with the victims’ families, and my Administration stands strongly with the Muslim community. These hateful attacks have no place in America.” According to TODAY, in efforts to support the Muslim community, Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller said Sunday that he is arranging for meals to be delivered to members of the Muslim community who are too afraid to leave their homes for groceries. “Everyone is scared,” Ahmadi’s brother, Sharief Hadi, told TODAY on Monday. “They say we are not safe anymore. Some people, they already want to leave the city.”

Cont. from page 1. Myanmar Executions

maintained serious problems in the country including the genocidal persecution of Rohingya Muslims in the Rakhine state with little to no opposition from the general population. In this case, the execution represents the relatively new military junta reasserting its control. According to CNN, “The Myanmar

military, which seized power in a coup last year, announced on Monday it had executed the activists for aiding “terror acts” by a civilian resistance movement, Myanmar’s first executions in decades. The military on Tuesday defended the executions as “justice for the people,” brushing off a deluge of international condemnation, including from its closest neighbors.”In a rare show of

unity, all 15 members of the security council condemned the executions and called for dialogue between the government and pro-democracy elements in the country. According to CNN, “In a statement approved by all 15 members, the council called for dialogue and reconciliation “in accordance with the will and the interests of the people of Myanmar,” an immediate halt

to all violence, respect for human rights and full aid access. Veteran democracy activist Kyaw Min Yu, better known as Ko Jimmy, and former National League for Democracy lawmaker Phyo Zayar Thaw were executed, along with Hla Myo Aung and Aung Thura Zaw, state media reported Monday.” In addition to the UNSC, there has been opposition and condemnation

from other international organizations like ASEAN which barred Myanmar from representation at its conference. It was considered to be a major step backward from the objectives that the southeast Asian international group had set for development and peace. Domestically, this inflamed the situation with pr-democracy forces remaining defiant according to Al Jazeera.

Cont. from page 7. Arrest Made

day, Yost issued a single-sentence statement: “We rejoice anytime a child rapist is taken off the streets.” Now that the case has been confirmed to be true, conservatives are focusing on the fact that the perpetrator might be undocumented; multiple

outlets have described him as “illegal.” This enables them to further their agenda of anti-immigration policies. Following the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, Ohio activated the state’s Heartbeat Law. The law was passed as a trigger ban and expected to take effect shortly after

Roe was overturned. It prohibits all abortions six weeks after conception, or earlier if “fetal heart activity” is detected, and does not allow exceptions for rape or incest. According to IndyStar, data confirms the frequency of reports of sexual abuse of children. An analysis of Columbus police reports since May

9 found 50 reports of rape or sexual abuse involving a person 15 years or younger. Additionally, in 2020 there were 52 abortions in children 15 or younger in Ohio, according to data from the Ohio Department of Health. According to the Independent, at least three men have been charged

in the town of Revena, Ohio, alone within the past several weeks for rapes that occurred between Jan. 1 to June 25. This sheds light on the ongoing issue of child abuse in the state. Without exceptions for rape, Ohio’s abortion ban not only takes away reproductive rights but further traumatizes survivors of trauma.



AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSLIMS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

29008 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48336,

Tel.: 248-442-2364 • Fax : 248-476-8926 • E-mail : info@afmi.org • Web : www.afmi.org



“ AFMI's School Under Construction in Islam Gunj, Gaya, Bihar”

Last two years were very tough for people around the world because of the pandemic. It is still affecting many, especially the unprivileged people in India. AFMI has continued its mission to provide shelter, clothes, food packages, clean water, medicines and oxygen concentrators to families affected by the pandemic.

Our main mission this year is to provide education to the children who fell behind in education due to pandemic and financial distress. Because of poverty, many young children are illiterate, and that illiteracy further breeds more poverty in the next generations. We strongly need your support for these children.

AFMI has started construction for a primary school in Islam Gunj, Gaya Bihar, India. Construction will be completed before Eid 2022 and we are hoping to start classes for our first batch after Eid, Insha Allah. Please donate your zakat and sadqa to provide quality education to these unprivileged children to start their education with a CBSE (English Medium) curriculum. Your donation will benefit them greatly in providing them a bright future.

Donate online: www.afmi.org
or Mail to : 29008 W. 8 mile Road, Farminton Hills, MI 48336.



Be on the Human- Right Side of History



zakat.org