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Muslim Americans Win In Record Numbers, At Least 12 Make History As Firsts In Their State

By: Aysha Qamar

This year, a record-breaking 145 American Muslim candidates ran for local, state, and federal office, including 48 state legislative candidates running in 23 states. Prior to Tuesday's election, only 29 American Muslims were in office as state legislators serving in 18 states, with only 5 of the 29 elected prior to January 2017. New York and Minnesota led the pack with three each.

This election, though, not only did a record-breaking number run for office, but they also won. Across



the country, at least 83 Muslim Americans won

local, state, and federal elections as of Thursday,

with at least 12 making

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Ukraine Accuses Iran Of Supplying Drones To Russia To Use Against It

By Yousuf Ali

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022, there has been foreign involvement on both sides. This includes relatively local and more international players seeking to influence the course of the war in either direction. On Ukraine's side, they have





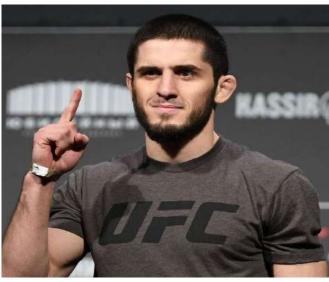
received tremendous assistance from NATO members with the United States being its biggest benefactors by far.

That is in addition to individuals from these

countries and others volunteering to assist Ukraine against Russia. On the Russian side, Belarus has been assisting Russia by allow-

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Islam Makhachev Takes Home UFC Lightweight Title



By: Zain Ahmed

Islam Machachev was in the ring with Charles Oliveira at UFC 280 at the Etihad Arena in Abu Dhabi, United Emirates. On his side was *Cont. on page 14*



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Op Ed: Why Is There No Peace And Harmony In The World?

By: Khalid Rizvi

Once Dr. Robert Dickson Crane (Former advisor to the late president Richard Nixon) highlighted in his lecture that the preamble of the American constitution mentioned five purposes that created a union ie

- 1. Justice
- 2. Domestic Tranquility and peace
- 3. Security
- 4. General Welfare
- 5. Freedom

It is worth mentioning here that sequentially justice is of foremost importance and freedom is a byproduct of JUSTICE.

Henceforth, Justice is the core issue primarily economic justice in the world for peace and tranquility.

Dr.Robert Dickson further highlighted that the concentration of economic power and political power are the two significant causes of evil in the world. He referred to Tayyab Erdogan's speech at the 73 United Nations General assembly about the wealth gap in the world It is alarming that the sixty richest people are equivalent to more than the wealth of two-thirds of mankind. Further analyzed that the huge gap in wealth is one of the major causes of terrorism.

Over and above, It's an eye-opening report published by OXFAM International on 17th January 2022 that during the pandemic ten richest people increased their wealth by \$1.3 billion a day whereas on the other hand income of 99% of people fell drastically and over 60 million people were forced into poverty. Therefore, extreme inequality in wealth among the people could be termed as economic violence.

Lets see, What are the other possible causes of no peace and harmony in the world?

British colonialism and U.S Imperialism

Eminent Indian economist Professor Utsa Patnik has estimated that



Britain Robbed India of \$45 trillion between 1765 and 1938 as originally published as the "legacy of colonialism "Global Research, 19 December 2018.

Referring article by Gideon Polya, the worst state crime of all is the illegal invasion of another country. "The Americans have invaded 72 countries (52 after WW2) as compared to Britsh 193, Australia 85, France 82, Germany 39, Japan 30, Russia 25, Canada 25, Apartheid Israel 12, China 2. The U.S has military personnel in 156 countries and military countries in 75 countries" Thus the world must urgently stand up against U.S state terrorism, U.K state terrorism, French state terrorism, Appartheied Israeli terrorism, Australian state terrorism, Canadian state terrorism, Turkish state terrorism, and Saudi state terrorism. The killing must stop and peace is the only way.

Its a good initiative that a recent letter signed by Tesla chief Elon Musk and Mustafa Suleyman, demanding that the UN ban the development and use of autonomous "killer robots"

Illegal occupation of Israel and India

Peace or tranquility in the world is linked with the longstanding conflict between Israel with Palestine, and proxy wars among countries like the U.S, China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Israel in Middle East countries for illegitimate control of resources, land, and oil need to be resolved by International human rights organizations and the United Nations based on Human rights. and morality.

In context with the illegal occupation of Israel, It is ridiculous that any religion or scripture is sufficient for the demarcation or owning land and even encourages massacre, genocide, and ethnic cleansing of the indigenous people of the land.

It may lead to chaos and anarchy in other parts of the world if grabbing land obsessed with religious scriptures. What is the moral position of the United States in supporting the illegal occupation of Israel, the genocide of Palestinian, forced eviction of indigenous Palestinians from their Home?

On the other hand, India adopted the same pattern to occupy Kashmir as Israel against the right of self-determination and democratic rights of the Kashmiri people via revocation of article 370.

Referring to Aljazeerah dated 16th January 2022 "Genocide Watch" warns about the genocide of Muslims in India in context with all communal and divisive tactics of the Modi government, including the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The CAA bill, introducing religion as a differentiator blatantly discriminates against Muslims and the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Industrialization and deforestation

to the extent of corporate greed impacted the ecosystem and its backlash as a climate change was realized in different parts of the world. There's a threat of food shortage in the world due to more industry and less agriculture for profit motives.

War-making industry

It's important to refer article written by " Sarah Lazar" on April 9 2022, that the weapon industry exploits Ukrain war as profits pile up and are also termed as a war-making industry. She also adds that Weapons makers have spent \$2.5 billion on lobbying over the past two decades. With this fact that during major wars, millions of people starve from the loss of commercial infrastructure, millions of people are killed, and millions of people are displaced and torn from their homes as refugees.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "There is no such thing as a good war or a bad peace.

Powerful countries control Media

to shape the opinion of the people as per their own agenda, Hence the free expression of opinions and thoughts as a basic right of the human specie is compromised by the powerful weapons of propaganda and tightly controlled messages of fake news.

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loaned to corrupt politicians as the ruler of underdeveloped countries on behalf of the people which is not used for the enhancement of growth of the country so that they can emerge on their feet.

The United Nations

needs to be reformed to support the weak and oppressed people of the world at an optimum level and also to revisit the unjust veto power limited to only five powerful countries out of approximately 200 different member states of the United Nations.

In a nutshell, with this fact that peace and tranquality is the byeproduct of justice in terms of social justice, political justice and economic justice.

Therefore, In order to attain true happiness, prosperity, and peace allover the world (a global village), it is required to take initiative of reforming United Nations by increasing the number of security council members having veto power in accordance with the total number of members and also emphasised the role of International human rights organizations to settle human right issues regardless of any biases like nationalism, race, color, creed, ethnicity, and religion.



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Dr. Muhammad Nejatullah Siddiqi: The Father Of Modern Islamic Banking

by Dr. Aslam Abdullah

Millions of people around the world benefit from interest-free baking. But, not many know that the scholar who made it possible within the context of the modern economic system left for his final abode on November 11 in San Jose, some 8,000 miles away from a small village in Northern India where he was born in Gorakhpur in 1931.

Dr. Muhammad Nejatullah Siddiqi left a legacy that will continue to help countless access interest-free loans to achieve their dreams. Nejat means salvation. Dr. Nejatullah's work proved salvation to people who could not advance their financial growth in the highly competitive world due to a lack of capital. Who would have thought that growing up in colonial India, Dr. Nejat would surpass the peak of academic excellence and achieve professorship in two of the world's most prestigious universities, the Muslim University of Aligarh and Kind Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia. Indeed, education in British India was reluctant to open the door for an aspiring Muslim student to help develop the Islamic Development Bank, which has financed thousands of development projects worldwide.

But he did it with dedication, commitment, and desire to translate concepts into concrete programs to benefit people. He labored hard to author 63 significant books, hundreds of articles, and thousands of lectures worldwide while pioneering economics based on divine principles of justice and equity.

His most widely read book is "Banking without interest," published in more than 30 editions between 1973 and 2022. His other works in English include Recent Theories of Profit: A Critical Examination (1971); Economic Enterprise in Islam (1972); Muslim Economic Thinking (1981); Banking Without Interest (1983); Issues in Islamic banking: selected papers (1983); Partnership and profit-sharing in Islamic law (1985); Insurance in an Islamic Economy (1985); Teaching Economics in Islamic Perspective (1996); Role of State in Islamic Economy (1996); Dialogue in Islamic Economics (2002) and Islam's View on Property (1969). He received two ma-



jor awards for his work: King Faisal International Prize for service to Islamic Studies and Shah Waliullah Award for his contribution to Islamic Economics.

Describing the future of Islamic Economics, he wrote in 2013 that the changing world would call for five strategic changes in approach: Family rather than the market as the starting point in economic analysis; Cooperation playing a more significant role in the economy, complementing competition; Debts playing a subsidiary rather than the dominant role in financial markets; Interest and interest-bearing instruments playing no part in money creation and monetary management; and, lastly, Maqasid based thinking supplanting analogical reasoning in Islamic economic jurisprudence. In what follows, I'd like to discuss these points to help you get in touch with these challenging propositions.

He wrote about his involvement in Islamic economics.

"I have been involved in Islamic economics most of my life. At school, however, I studied science subjects but switched to economics, Arabic, and English literature for my BA degree at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), which I joined in 1949. My reading habit influenced my decision. I was devoted to al-Hilal and al-Balagh magazines, published under Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (1888-1958), poet, critic, thinker, and one of the great leaders of the Independence Movement. I

also read al-Tableegh and was influenced by the Deobandi scholar Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanawi (1863-1943), the author of the famous book on belief and correct conduct (for women), Heavenly Ornaments. And as most young people of my age and time, I studied the works of Maulana Abul Ala Maududi (1903-1979). Two of Maududi's pieces deeply impacted me: lectures at Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow, and a scheme he proposed to Aligarh Muslim University, both in the mid-1940s, later published in a collection titled Taleemat. Under the influence of these ulama - religious scholars - I abandoned science and the engineering career I had planned. Instead, I wanted to learn Arabic, gain direct access to Islamic sources, and discover how modern life and Islamic teachings interacted. I stuck to this mission, even though I had to take several detours stretching over six years - to Sanwi Darsgah e Jamaat e Islami, Rampur, and Madrasatul Islah in Saraimir before I arrived eventually at Aligarh to earn a Ph.D. in economics.

The years spent in Rampur and Saraimir were full of lively interaction with Ulama. We spent most of our time discussing the Qur'an, the traditions of the Prophet, commentaries on the Qur'an, fiqh (jurisprudence), and usul-e-fiqh, or principles of jurisprudence. That this happened in the company of young men my age, fired by the same zeal, was an added

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Why Did The G-20 Interfaith Forum Invite The Hindu Fascist Group To Its Conference?



By: TMO Staff

In the picture are seen the host and a Muslim representative while the Hindu fascist group tried to justify the persecution of minorities in India

Will Israel allow Nazis to join an interfaith forum to give justification for their leader and country's mistreatment of Jews? If anyone comes up with such a proposal, they will be immediately called anti-Semitic and boycotted

But Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-populated country, recently invited the Hindu fascist group, the RSS, and offered the world stage to deny the persecution of Muslims and defend the continued fascist policies of the government of India.

The day when the RSS leader spoke at the Indonesia conference under the leadership of the country's leading Muslim organization, Nahdatul Ulema, the Hindu fascists burned Islam's holiest scriptures after invading a mosque in India's northern state of Uttar Pradesh. It is an ongoing pattern visible in different parts of the country. Under the alleged direction of the

Hindu hate group and tacit approval of Hindutva-recruited local police, the mob lynches members of minority religious communities, prevents them from praying in their places of worship, and attacks their homes.

The RSS agenda is clear. It wants India to run according to the Hindu holy book Manusmirti. This scripture promotes caste-based divisions and dehumanizes all those not part of the Hindu deity's mouth, chest, and abdomen.

G-20 interfaith forum gave legitimacy to the RSS Hindu nationalist ideology and silently nodded to the genocidal attempts of the fascist group under the leadership of the BJP government. Reports suggest that the RSS delegation tried to convince delegates of its plural face by showing pictures its leaders have of some Muslim clerics of India. The visit of the RSS chief to a mosque in Delhi before the banning of the Popular Front of India was a staged event for the Indonesia conference. The members of the G-20 are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India,

Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the U.K., and the U.S. India is the next of the Interfaith conference next year.

Indonesia, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia failed to counter the RSS narrative, as some powerful countries had influenced their delegates to either be quiet or abstain during the discussion. The Indonesia NU also refused to challenge the RSS narrative on Muslims of India.

The Muslim countries and the world, in general, realize that India, with its future robust economy, would be a significant factor in the global arena. They do not want to displease the Hindu nationalist rulers, as they believe the current ruling party will continue to influence the country for a long time.

Human rights are a low priority for G-20 countries. Many of them are violators of human dignity in their countries. To expect the offenders to stand for the justice of offended people is unrealistic.

However, experts believe that the inclusion of the RSS in the conference was due to the U.S. state department's pressure. The state department is said to be engineering dialogue between the Zionists, Islamic groups, and Hindu nationalists quietly in India, the U.S., Qatar, UAE, and Saudi Arabia at various levels. Several such meetings have occurred in Washington, UAE, India, and other countries. As a result, the promoters of the dialogue believe that the RSS-led government in India is key to their policy to contain China in the world. Regardless, the reality is that human rights are neither the concern of India nor the Muslim world or G-20.



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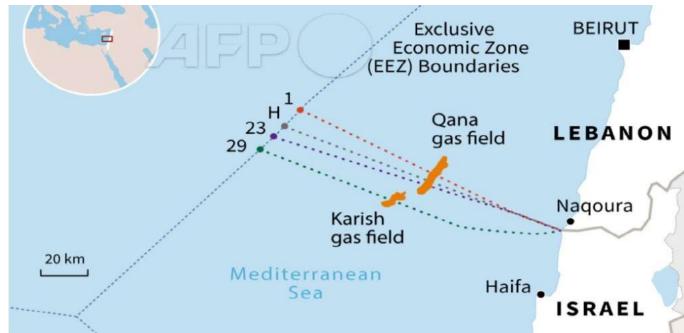
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Israel And Lebanon Reach Agreement On Maritime Border

By TMO Staff

On Friday, Oct. 14, Lebanon and Israel reached an agreement on how to deal with offshore resources along their maritime border. The countries share a land border as well as a sea border and have not had good relations since their founding with Israel engaging in an extensive bombing of Southern Lebanon in 2006 with the goal of eradicating Hezbollah which is a goal it did not achieve.

The deal was approved by Lebanese President Michel Aoun and has to be ratified by the Knesset, the Israeli legislature as well. According to Al Jazeera, "Lebanon had previously been opposed to bringing Line 23 to negotiations as it would have meant ceding part of the Karish field to the Israelis, sharing the Qana gas field, and reducing the areas of Blocks 8 and 9 that belong to Lebanon. Under the terms of the agreement, Israel retains



full rights to develop the Karish field while Lebanon retains full rights in Qana – but with a caveat. As Qana extends southward across Line 23, the deal allowed Israel to get a share of royalties through a side agreement with the Block 9 operator, the French company Total."

This is the first time both countries have accepted their borders with each other along the sea. Even though Lebanon has its border rights recognized, Israel is allowed to share in the royalties, and not all factions and players in Lebanon are welcoming the deal. The Lebanese militia and political group in southern Lebanon Hezbollah has said that they will not allow Israel to drill oil on the Karish side of the border. Furthermore, the deal has implications beyond the two countries. According to Al Jazeera, "Alongside easing regional tensions, the deal could also be a boon for Europe as it attempts to disengage from Russian gas over Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. "Looking ahead, Karish could be another resource to cover European energy needs," Kaufman said."

Analysts argue the deal was only possible because of Lebanon's economic crisis and yet another premature election impending in Israel. Right-wing Israeli politician and former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that the deal would benefit Hezbollah. Furthermore, the deal was only possible because of the United States acting as an arbiter, and comprehensive peace between the countries is not on the horizon.



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Jetpac And CAIR Announce Historic Muslim Wins In 2022 Midterm Elections

Currently, 29 American Muslims state legislators serve in 18 states. Prior to tonight, New York and Minnesota led the pack with 3 each. Only 5 of the 29 American Muslims elected officials in state legislatures were elected prior to January of 2017.

Last month, CAIR and Jetpac released the first national directory of local, state and federal elected Muslim officials and judges.

In a statement, CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said:

"Tonight's historic string of record-breaking American Muslim electoral victories is a testament to our community's ongoing rise in American politics and the trust our neighbors have placed in us to represent them and fight for their interests.

"We are witnessing the next step in the American Muslim community's political transformation from marginalized voices that were sidelined, or worse, to decision makers. These newly-elected officials are building upon the success of our community's decades-long investment in civic engagement, voter registration and running for office.

"We call on all American Muslim elected leaders to draw inspiration from their Islamic faith and work for the best possible future of all Americans."

In a statement, Jetpac Resource Center Executive Director Mohammed Missouri said:

"I'm inspired by the historic wins we are seeing in local and state elections across the country. It shows that the Muslim community is building solid infrastructure for sustained electoral success. Policy decisions on education, housing, climate, and civil rights are shaped by state legislatures and it is critical that our voice is represented in the policymaking process."

CAIR and Jetpac Resource Center noted that a growing number of Islamic community centers and mosques that opened



their doors as polling stations for voters to cast their ballots, including the Muslim Association of Virginia's Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center in Prince William County.

CONFIRMED AMERICAN MUSLIM STATE LEGISLATIVE, STATEWIDE, AND FEDERAL ELECTORAL RESULTS AS OF 11:00 PM ET, 11/8/22,

Colorado: Incumbent, first-term State Representative Iman Jodeh (D), the first Muslim elected to the Colorado State Legislature, is expected to win reelection to represent State House District 41.

Connecticut: Incumbent, first-term State Senator Saud Anwar (D), the first Muslim elected to the Connecticut State Legislature, is running for reelection and is expected to prevail. State Representative Maryam Khan (D), who waselected in March 2022 in a special election, is expected to win reelection in her first reelection.

Delaware: Incumbent, first-term State Representative Madinah Wilson-Anton (D), the first Muslim elected to the Delaware State Legislature, is projected to win her first reelection.

Iowa: Incumbent State Representative Ako Abdul-Samad (D), who has served in the Iowa State Legislature since 2007, is projected to win reelection.

Illinois: Democrats Abdelnasser Rashid and Nabeela Syed are projected to win the elections to represent State House Districts 21 and State House District 51, respectively. They would be the first Muslims elected to the Illinois State Legislature.

Florida: State Representative Christopher Benjamin, the incumbent first-term Democrat, has already been declared the winner after his general election race was canceled due to no other challengers qualifying for the ballot.

Georgia: Incumbent State Senator Sheikh Rahman, the lone Muslim in the State Legislature, does not have a challenger for the District 5 seat. He could be joined by Nabilah Islam should she prevail in the race to represent State Senate District 7. On the State House side, Ruwa Romman is the projected winner to represent District 97. Islam would be the first Muslim woman elected to the State Senate while Romman would be the first Muslim woman elected to the State House of Representatives.

Maine: Democrat Mana Abdi made history when she was elected to represent State House District 95. Abdi was unopposed in the general election after her Republican challenger withdrew from the race after posting on Facebook that Muslims "should not be allowed to hold public office." South Portland Mayor Dega Dhalac could join her in the State House of Representatives should she prevail in the election to represent State House District 120.

Minnesota: Democrat Zaynab Mohamed is the projected winner in the race to represent State Senate District 63 and will be the first Muslim woman elected to the State Senate. She would join fellow Democratic State Senator Omar Fateh who is projected to win reelection. Democratic State Representatives Hodan Hassan and Mohamud Noor are projected to secure reelection and could be joined by Samakab Hussein who has a large lead in the race to represent State House District 65A.

The Minnesota Attorney General election between incumbent Keith Ellison (D), previously the first American Muslim elected to Congress, and rival Jim Schultz (R) is too early to call at the time of this release.

New Hampshire: State Representative Aboul Khan (R), the first Muslim elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature, has secured reelection.

New York: Incumbent State Representatives Charles Fall (D)and Zohran Kwame Mamdani are unopposed, whileState Senator Robert Jackson (D), the firstNew York Muslim State Senator is projected to win reelection.

North Carolina: State Senator Mujtaba Mohammed (D) is unopposed for reelection, while State Representative Nasif Majeed (D) is expected to prevail in his reelection.

Oklahoma: First-term incumbent Mauree Turner, the first Muslim elected to the Oklahoma State Legislature, is projected to win reelection to represent State House District 88.

Ohio: Democrat Munira Abdullahi does not have a challenger in the general election for State House District 9 and has become the first Muslim elected to the Ohio State Legislature. She is projected to be joined by Ismail Mohammed, a Democrat running for State House District 3.

Oregon: State Senator Kayse Jama (D), the first Muslim to serve in the Oregon State Legislature, is seeking a full elected term. He was appointed in January 2021 to fill out a vacated seat.

Pennsylvania: Democrat Tarik Khan is projected to win the race to represent StateHouse District 194. He will join State Representative Jason Dawkins (D) who is unopposed for reelection.

Texas: Former Euless City Councilor Salman Bhojani, a Democrat, is running for Texas House District 92 and is projected to win. Bhojani would be the first Muslim elected to the Texas State Legislature should he prevail and could be joined by Suleman Lalani (D) who is leading the race to represent State House District 76.

Washington: Democrat Yasmin Trudeau, who became the first Muslim to serve in the Washington Legislature when she was appointed to fill out a vacated term in November 2021, is running for a full-term to continue representing State Senate District 27.

Wisconsin: First-term incumbent State Representative Samba Baldeh (D) is running for reelection and does not have a challenger for State House District 48.

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Kanye West And Kyrie Irving Face Consequences Due To Anti-Semitic Ideology

By: TMO Staff

Throughout their unique careers, Kanye West – known for his rapping career and his shoe brand, Yeezy and Kyrie Irving – an NBA point guard for the Brooklyn Netshave always received a lot of criticism over their sayings and actions.

According to The Washington Post, a lot of the controversy West has been involved in, including comments and decisions, has had to do with him having bipolar disorder. Recently, West has started a new string of drama by attending Paris Fashion Week wearing a T-shirt stating, 'White Lives Matter" US Magazine reported. This decision angered many, showing his stance against the Black Lives Matter movement as well as his conservative

Not too long after, he got banned from Instagram, after posting a screenshot of a text messages conversation involving Judaism.

According to Forbes, he said, "I gotta get the Jewish business people to make the contracts fair Or die trying."

A few days after the incident, multiple people who had previously been affiliated with West told NBC News that he had a history of making several pro-Hitler and pro-Nazi statements throughout their time working with him.

After the world was aware of this, Adidas, who have had a major partnership with West, terminated their partnership, despite both sides losing billions of dollars from this CNN reported.

In response, Adidas issued a public statement that said: "Adidas does not tolerate antisemitism and any other sort of hate speech. Ye's recent comments and actions have been unacceptable, hateful, and dangerous, and they violate the company's values of diversity and inclusion, mutual respect and fairness."



Similarly, Irving also may have just altered or even ended his career after his recent actions Yahoo reported.. He too has been criticized for potentially having antisemitic views, after posting a tweet containing a link to the movie 'Hebrews to Negroes: Wake Up Black America.'

This had its obvious initial consequences, as Irving would soon receive a five-game suspension with no pay from the Brooklyn Nets accord-

ing to NBA.com. After another controversial act by him to go along with his vaccination status, his career may be in jeopardy, as he and the Nets failed to agree on a contract extension during the offseason. Alongside

that, many other General Managers in the organization have felt that acquiring the guard will not be a wise decision due to the drama that has comes with his name according to the Athletic.

Additionally, Kyrie Irving's multi-million dollar partnership with NIKE has also been one that may be in jeopardy, after they suspended his relationship with the company, as well as no longer launching the Kyrie 8 according to a tweet from Sara Eisen, a spokesperson for NIKE.

The careers of West and Irving may be in danger of falling off in their careers amid these controversies, with both of them facing serious backlash and consequences for their actions, according to The New York Times.





Religious Organizations, Including Mosques, Join Fight Against Florida's Abortion Ban

By: TMO Staff

After enacting a 15-week abortion ban earlier this year, Florida has faced some consistent legal back and forth. The law, known as HB 5, is facing legal opposition not only from groups in favor of reproductive freedoms, but from religious groups as well. According to MSNBC, the new legal battles the ban is facing—similar to challenges in Kentucky and Indiana— may change how activists around the country are approaching abortion bans.

The Florida ban, which went into effect after the overturning of Roe v. Wade, prohibited abortions after 15 weeks, with exceptions in instances that would save the pregnant person's life, prevent serious injury, or if the fetus has a fatal abnormality. It does not allow exemptions in cases of rape, incest, or human trafficking.

Religious groups are arguing that different faiths have different ideas about when an abortion can happen. By highlighting religious diversity, plaintiffs in the case are helping to transform the debate by exposing a false division between "religious" and "secular" citizens, MSN-



BC reported. They are claiming that not only do abortions infringe on the rights of secular people, but suppress the rights of many people outside of the conservative Christian faith.

For example, generally in Islamic law, abortions are permitted up to 120 days; exceptions for abortions after this period vary by Islamic sect but overall, the sunnah—or teachings of the Prophet in Islam—allow for 120 days. Similarly, in Jewish law or halacha, an emphasis is placed on the health of the mother, not the developing fetus. Sects of Christianity also emphasize this belief and coincide with pro-choice positions.

As a result, several

religious organizations have come together to emphasize that Florida's abortion ban infringes on the religious freedom of those who practice their respective religions.

According to The Washington Post, the Rev. Tom Capo of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami filed a motion in September which now resides with Florida's 11th Judicial Circuit. The motion says that HB 5 fails "to account for the diverse religious views of many Floridians. . . whose faith leads them to take a very different view of when life begins and to counsel abortion."

The motion notes that the abortion ban infringes on the rights of those who do not identify as conservative Christians and inflicts conservative religious views, therefore violating the First Amendment, which prohibits Congress from establishing a religion. Gov. Ron DeSantis allegedly signed the bill into law at a conservative church.

Others filed similar suits even earlier, starting in August.

"The relationship between clergy and their congregants has, until now, been protected, revered, and respected as sacrosanct and inviolable," read a lawsuit filed on behalf of multiple religious groups, including Reform Judaism, Buddhism, the Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Unitarian Universalist Church.

"Now, Defendants have inserted themselves into this alliance by imposing criminal penalties on those who counsel, aid and/or assist with an abortion after fifteen weeks, with no religious accommodation provided and no exceptions for the psychological health of the pregnant woman or girl, incest, rape, or trafficking, non-fatal fetal abnormalities, or psychological disease or impairment."

This trend of religious organizations speaking up against abortion policies is groundbreaking. The honest truth is this is just the beginning. First, GOP officials will attack abortion rights, then move on to other freedoms. Under the guise of religion and fear of God. many are claiming they are protecting citizens. so lawsuits like this are important because they challenge that narrative.

As the lawsuits make their way through the legal system, one can hope they help create allies and bridge the divide between religious leaders and reproductive rights activists.

Renowned Pakistani Journalist Shot Dead In Kenya

By Mahvish Akhtar

A prominent Pakistani Journalist and writer, Arshad Sharif, was shot by the Kenyan Police on Sunday, October 23rd, 2022, in a remote area outside the Kenyan capital Nairobi. The Kenyan Police say it was a case of mistaken identity.

Arshad Sharif was a Pakistani journalist, writer, and television news anchor. He specialized in investigative journalism and covered many political events in the country for national and international news organizations. He received had Presidential Pride of Performance award in 2019 for exceptional work in journalism and the Agahi award in 2021.



Agahi awards are annual journalism awards in Pakistan.

Sharif had left Pakistan in August after an arrest warrant was issued for him following his interview on ARY TV with Shahbaz Gill. Pakistani news channel ARY news was also briefly taken off air in August because of that interview. On August 31st, the channel reported that it was parting ways with Sharif, citing an agreement breach.

First time in Pakistan's history, the head of the country's Intelligence agency directly addressed the media in an unexpected Press Conference. At the beginning of the press conference, Inter-Services Public

Relations (ISPR) DG Lt. Gen. Baber Iftikhar explained that the purpose of that day's Press coverage was to shed light on the assassination of journalist Arshad Sharif in Kenya and the circumstances surrounding it. He was accompanied by Inter-services Intelligence (ISI) Chief Lt-Gen. Nadeem Ahmed Baber. They mainly spoke about journalist Sharif's killing and former premier Imran Khan's hostile narrative against the military, as well as a multitude of related issues. They discussed that Arshad Sharif was allegedly given propaganda on the cipher by Imran Khan. Also, the facts behind the cipher and

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Turkey Accuses Kurdish Separatists Of Istanbul Explosion

By: TMO Staff

On Sunday, Nov. 13, there was an explosion that killed 6 people and wounded 81 others. The explosion occurred on Istiklal Street which is very popular for pedestrians in Istanbul. Police say the bomb was placed by the suspect who then proceeded to rush to a taxi headed from the Taksim area to the Esenyurt district.

According to Al Jazeera, "The Turkish interior minister said that the police had a voice recording of a talk among PKK members that said she should be killed before police captures her," Koseoglu said. "The minister said the next step for the perpetrators was to escape to Greece before being captured by Turkish police."

The tension between Turkey and Greece has



escalated over recent months, largely surrounding disputes over border issues." The Kurdish groups deny Turkey's accusations of involvement. Furthermore, Turkey has had renewed tension with Greece surrounding border crossings by refugees from Turkey.

The broader context involves a decades-long conflict between Turkey and ethnic Kurds who want their own independent country. The Kurds are a distinct ethnic group that inhabits areas that are currently a part of Turkey, Iran,

Iraq and Syria. Due to their distinct language and ethnic identity, some of them believe they should have their own state called "Kurdistan".

For that reason, there have been armed groups transcending national borders with that purpose. This has led to

bloody conflict with the governments of all 4 of those countries with Turkey being especially severe because of its history of strong Turkish nationalism. According to Al Jazeera, "Istanbul police say they have detained 46 people in relation to an attack at the heart of the city, including a Syrian woman who is suspected to have planted the bomb.

In initial questioning, the woman said she was trained by Kurdish fighters in Syria and entered Turkey through northwest Syria's Afrin region, the police said." The Turkish agencies went on to identify 2 more Syrian Kurds as suspects in the attack. Funerals were held for the dead victims on November 15th.

Muslim American Groups Denounce The Appointment Of Chandru Acharya

Press Release from Alliance to Save & Protect America from Infiltration by Religious Extremists

Muslim American groups denounce the appointment of Chandru Acharya, a director of the Hindu extremist group, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS), to the faith-based council of the Department of Homeland Security.

Indian American Muslim organizations, Justice America, Indian Minorities Advocacy Network (ImanNet) and the Alliance to Save and Protect America from Infiltration by Religious Extremists (ASPAIRE) strongly denounced the appointment of a supporter of Hindu supremacy to any advisory body of the Department of Homeland Security.

HSS is the American wing of the RSS which is considered a violent Hindu supremacist movement which is attempting to create an India exclusive for Hindus.

The founders of the RSS had launched this su-



premacist movement after they met Mussolini in Italy in 1925; They later made Hitler their role model. They were guided by VF Savarkar who made a famous speech explaining Kristallnacht:

"Nationality did not de-

pend so much on a common geographical area as on unity of thought, religion, language and culture. For this reason the Germans and Jews could not be regarded as one nation. In the same way India was a nation

of Hindus as they were in the majority."

The bi-partisan US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch all have documented extensively the involvement of the RSS in the anti-Muslim pogroms, and anti-Christian and anti-Dalit persecution in India.

American Muslim organizations had been raising awareness about Hindutva supremacism both at national as well as the international level.

"We have been educating the US law makers and opinion makers about the infiltration of the RSS supporters in the various power centres of America. Earlier ASPAIRE and CAPI (Coalition of Americans for Pluralism in India) had held meetings with the respected American institution, the SoutherN Poverty Law Center (SPLC) which maintains a list of hate groups that it designated. We presented a dossier on HSS and VHP America to the SPLC which promised to take the matter up in their leadership meeting," said Dr Shaik Ubaid, President of ASPAIRE.

"Inclusion of HSS and VHP-A in the hate

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advantage. We had each chosen a subject - political science, philosophy, economics – that we thought would enhance our understanding of modern life. We combined modern secular and old-religious learning to produce something that would right what was wrong with the world. We received a warm welcome from Zakir Hussain (1897–1969). the former President of India, then Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University; Mohammad Aaqil Saheb, Professor of Economics at Jamia Milliyah Islamia, Delhi; and by eminent teachers at Osmania University in Hyderabad.

Our mission was to introduce Islamic ideas to economics. These were at three levels:

- *A background provided by Islam's worldview places economic matters in a holistic framework.
- *A set of goals for individual behavior and monetary policy,
- *Norms and values, resulting in appropriate institutions.
- *Maududi argued that this exercise performed in critical social sciences would pave the way for progress toward an 'Islamic society. I was fully sold on the idea. We were also influenced by the extraordinary times through which Islam and Muslims were passing worldwide. Islam was 're-emerging' after three centuries of colonization which was preceded by another three centuries of stagnation and intellectual atrophy. The great depression had just exposed capitalism's darker side, and Russian-sponsored socialism was enlisting sympathizers. We thought Islam had a chance if only a convincing case could be made.

Dr. Nejatullah Siddiqi devoted an entire book to the Objectives of Shariah (Maqasid Shariah). He did not agree with those writers who insisted on the five categories of objectives mentioned by al-Ghazali, claiming that many other purposes come under them in one way or another. He suggested more goals to be added beside and beyond the five mentioned above, such as honor and dignity of humankind, fundamental freedom, justice and equity, poverty alleviation, sustenance for all, social equality, bridging the gap between the rich and the poor, peace and security, preservation of system, and cooperation at the world level. He supports his stand by various verses of the Qur'an and the sayings of the Prophet. especially in dealing with the non-Muslims."

Dr. Siddiqi surveyed the history of the idea of Shariah objectives. To him, the concept of Shariah objectives has existed from the very beginning of Islamic history. But it was al-Juwayni (d. 478/1085) who first used the term, from whom his disciple al-Ghazali (d. 505/1111) took it and divided it into five categories: Protection of religion, life, reason, progeny, and property. Ibn Taymiyah (d. 728H/1328) introduced the protection of dignity in place of progeny. He also argued that objectives should not be limited to the protection from haram (forbidden) but should include securing benefits. Thus, the number would be unrestricted to five objectives. Ibn al-Qayyim followed the suit of his teacher, Ibn Taymiyah, and included justice among the objectives. He examined the opinions of al-Shatibi (d. 790/1389), Shah Wali Allah al- Dihlawi (d. 1172/1763), and a quick survey of the contemporary literature

At 91, when he breathed his last in this mortal world surrounded by his life-long partner, three sons, and two daughters, Dr. Nejat had already achieved what only a few chosen ones achieved. He ensured perpetual reward from his creator for his contributions to bringing millions into the fold of economic growth. As a result, marginalized people who lagged because of the lack of capital are in the process of building a stable financial life. Dr. Nejatullah turned concepts of divine justice and equity into practical reality. When

he started his work on Islamic banking, there was hardly an institution applying religious principles; now, there are over 500 Islamic banks and thousands of other non-interest-bearing financial institutions. His legacy is there to stay and benefit people worldwide. His work has turned him into a legend, and the future generation would rightly call him the father of modern Islamic banking. His nephew, Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiq, Professor of Media Studies in Illinois, said, "It is not a loss of a family, but a loss of a generation that always looked at uncle Nejatullah as a shining source of inspiration."

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history as the first Muslims in their positions in their state.

Jetpac Resource Center, a nonprofit focused on increasing Muslim political representation in the U.S., and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a civil rights advocacy group, announced the electoral victories of American Muslim candidates in the midterm election, noting the growing number of Islamic community centers and mosques that served as polling stations for voters to cast their ballots, including the Muslim Association of Virginia's Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center in Prince William County.

This year's wins also surpass the two groups' previous record of 71 counted in 2020; the data has been tracked for the last six years.

"Tonight's historic string of record-breaking American Muslim electoral victories is a testament to our community's ongoing rise in American politics and the trust our neighbors have placed in us to represent them and fight for their interests," CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said Tuesday.

"We are witnessing the next step in the American Muslim community's political transformation from marginalized voices that were sidelined, or worse, to decision-makers. These newly-elected officials are building upon the success of our community's decades-long investment in civic engagement, voter registration, and running for office. We call on all American Muslim elected leaders to draw inspiration from their Islamic faith and work for the best possible future of all Americans."

While all the wins are commemorable and should be celebrated, Daily Kos has highlighted the 12 historic wins that mark firsts in their respective states.

Georgia

Two Muslim women made history in Georgia

as firsts this year, alongside one Muslim man. In total, Georgia elected four Muslim Americans to office.

Ruwa Romman

Ruwa Romman, 29, is the first Muslim woman elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. The Palestinian American was born in Jordan and moved to the United States when she was 7. She won the Democratic primary against JT Wu for Georgia House District 97 in May, and the general election against Republican John Chan on Nov. 8.

In her campaign platform, Romman advocated for gun violence to be treated as a public health issue and promised to push for better background checks, studies on preventing gun violence, and legislation to keep guns away from domestic abusers.

Nabilah Islam

On Tuesday, Bangladeshi Muslim American Nabilah Islam became the first Muslim and South Asian woman to be elected to Georgia's Senate. Islam had previously run for (and lost) the competitive Georgia U.S. Senate seat back in 2020 but, despite this, took the chance to run again.

"I decided not to give up," Islam said. "I still wanted to make a difference in my community in the state levels; there's many things we needed to work on, including access to Medicaid and protecting abortion rights."

Farooq Mughal

Mughal grew up in Gwinnett County—the county he ran in—and built a career as a skilled government affairs advisor and political strategist. On Tuesday, he made history as the first Muslim man to be elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. He will be representing District 105

"I have faced and overcome hard times in my life. I have lived paycheck to paycheck. I have experienced discrimination first-hand. In the past, my family and I faced eviction, and we had to do without health insurance. Facing these struggles, I have never given up on my fight for a

better life for my family. My success is a result of many failures. I didn't give up and I want to bring the same hope to my friends and neighbors."

Illinois

Illinois elected its first Muslim Americans to the general assembly Tuesday, including 23-yearold Nabeela Syed and 33-year-old Abdelnasser Rashid, who both won seats in the state house.

Nabeela Syed

Syed marks not only the first Muslim woman to be elected to the state house in Illinois, but also the youngest member of the state's general assembly!

"It is so important for us to have a seat at the table, for us to have a voice in the legislative process," Syed said.

Syed is joined by Abdelnasser Rashid.

Rashid is not only the first Muslim but also the first Palestinian-American to be elected to the legislature.

"People say wait your turn, or there is no space for you. We made space," Rashid said.

He noted that he won the support of voters by engaging with them on key issues, not his identity. Rashid's campaign noted that he would prioritize the interests of working families, not corporate special interests.

"They didn't vote for me because my name is Abdelnasser, because I happen to be Palestinian and happen to be Muslim. They voted for me for the ideas that we engaged with them on," he said.

Maine

At least two Muslim women made history in Maine Tuesday, including one who was also the country's first Somali-American mayor.

Deqa Dhalac made headlines again as the first Muslim elected to the Maine State Legislature representing District 120. Her political career began in South Portland in 2018 when she ran for the South Portland City Council and won.

"We need folks like myself who represent a whole different community to be sitting in the state legislature, so that we can be representing all communities in our state," Dhalac told News Center Maine.

Mana Abdi

Mana Abdi also made history as the first Muslim elected to the Maine State Legislature Tuesday. She ran unopposed in House District 95 after her Republican opponent withdrew.

Born in a refugee camp, Abdi's family fled the conflict in Somalia and eventually came to Maine, the Bangor Daily News reported. Abdi currently works at Bates College's Office of Intercultural Education and ran on a platform that emphasized more financial support for public education.

Minnesota

Zaynab Mohamed

Zaynab Mohamed made history as not only the first Muslim to be elected to Minnesota State Senate, but also as one of three Black women elected to the Minnesota Senate. No Black women have served in the state Senate in 164 years of statehood, the Sahan Journal reported.

"I'm honored that the people of South Minneapolis have placed their trust in me to serve as their next state senator," Zaynab said Tuesday night. "I'm incredibly grateful to my friends, family, campaign staff, and volunteers who made this historic night possible and for the unwavering belief they had in me throughout this campaign. There's important work ahead and I can't wait to get to work improving the lives of working Minnesotans."

Ohio

Ohio saw at least two Muslim Americans make history!

Munira Abdullahi

Democrat Munira Abdullahi made history as not only the first Muslim elected to the Ohio State Legislature but the state's first Somali American lawmaker. Behind Minneapolis, Columbus—which Abdullahi will partially represent—has the second-largest Somali population in the United States.

Ismail Mohamed also

made history as the first Muslim elected to the Ohio State Senate! He joins Abdullahi with both titles of first Muslim to be elected to the state legislature and the first Somali-American lawmaker in the state.

Texas

Salman Bhojani and Suleman Lalani became the first Muslims elected to the Texas legislature.

Salman Bhojani

According to The Dallas Morning News, Bhojani's victory also gave Democrats one of their only wins in Tarrant County—an urban county dominated by Republicans. Bhojani's win represents not only the first Muslim to be elected to the state legislature but the first person of color to represent District 92.

Bhojani's campaign focused on "kitchen table issues that every family cares about, regardless of their party," including strengthening schools, building a better economy, and improving access to health care.

Suleman Lalani

According to The Dallas Morning News, Suleman Lalani defeated Republican Dan Mathews by a wide margin. He ran on a platform of improving health care and public education, protecting the grid and environment, and developing an equitable state economy.

"I'm inspired by the historic wins we are seeing in local and state elections across the country. It shows that the Muslim community is building solid infrastructure for sustained electoral success. Policy decisions on education, housing, climate, and civil rights are shaped by state legislatures and it is critical that our voice is represented in the policymaking process," Jetpac Resource Center Executive Director Mohammed Missouri said Tuesday.

While these Muslims may be the first in their states, they will certainly not be the last. Congratulations to all the winners!

Check out CAIR and Jetpac's national directory of local, state, and federal elected Muslim officials and judges here.

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ing it to use its territory as a supply line, and there has been indirect assistance from Russian allies including Iran. For weeks, Ukraine has accused Russia of using Iranian-made drones to sabotage Ukrainian infrastructure by self-destructing being dubbed "Kamikaze drones".

Recently Iran has confirmed that it has indeed

sold such drones to Russia but claims it only did so before the most recent Russian invasion in February.

Additionally, Iran has tried to position itself in a neutral standpoint by saying it favors peace talks. According to Al Jazeera, "For the first time, Iran has confirmed it sold drones to Russia but said this was "months" before the start of the war in Ukraine. Speaking to reporters

after an event in Tehran on Saturday, foreign minister Hossein Amirabdollahian addressed claims by Western officials that Iranian drones were supplied to Moscow for its invasion, and that surface-to-surface missiles may also be on the way."

Iran has previously affirmed general military cooperation with Russia but denied direct support for the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It further

demanded evidence from Ukraine that the drones were used against it in Ukraine. Additionally, it said that it would react if it were proven to be true and Russia had in fact used Iranian drones in its conflicts against Ukraine.

According to Al Jazeera, "The US and the European Union have imposed sanctions on a number of Iranian entities and officials over drone sales to Russia, as Ukrainian officials have repeatedly condemned Tehran and downgraded diplomatic ties. Moscow has said the unmanned aerial vehicles it used in the war have been Russian-made and has warned the United Nations against investigating its use of drones in Ukraine." This is part of a larger Russian society to destroy Ukrainian infrastructure to weaken it.

Cont. from page 1. Islam Machachev

his coach and mentor, retired undefeated UFC champion Khabib Nurmagomedov, cheering for him. A man who is also from his hometown of Dagestan Republic, Russia, Nurmagomedov shares a similar fighting style to Machaechev, according to UFC.

Machachev ended up dominating the fight against Oliveria, taking an advantage in nearly every category throughout the fight as stated by UFC. Then, in the second round, Islam Machachev took victory by submission to claim the UFC lightweight championship using an arm-triangle choke that would end Oliveria's 11-fight win streak and bring his record to 23-1-0 ESPN reported.

As soon as the fight was over, Makhachev went straight to Nurmagomedov, who then lifted him up in the air in a moment of joy. According to ESPN, he reclaimed the title after retiring from the sport. This was the icing on the cake for Machachev's and Nurmagomedov's "Father's Plan," a plan that Nurmagomedov's father, Abdulmanap, had envisioned, who passed away in 2020 due to COVID-19. The death of Nurmagomedov's father was also his reason for retirement, the Bleacher Report reported. This vision would mean

that Makhachev would follow Nurmagomedov's footsteps and claim the lightweight championship after he retires.

"I just want to say, this is my belt for coach Abdulmanap. Many years ago, he told me to train hard and you're going to be a champion." Mackachev shared in an interview with CBS Sports after the fight. "I always ask God why he always gives me more than what I ask. I knew this wouldn't be an easy fight. This

guy always pushes."

Mackachev ended the night by challenging the 25-1 UFC feather-weight champion Alex Volkanovski in UFC 284 after Volkanovski recently went up in weight according to ESPN. This fight was accepted by Volkanovski and is expected to take place in Australia during February 2023 as per CBS SPORTS.

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Sharif's death must be investigated. The role of ARY news and its CEO Salman Iqbal is unclear; Iqbal should be brought back to Pakistan. They also claimed that no one forced Sharif to leave Dubai. These were some of the significant issues that led to the circumstances that aided in Sharif's death. The army was not pleased with the interview because the PTI government had harsh things to say about the military, which were

communicated through Shahbaz Gill.

What exact role ARY news played as the broadcasting channel is unclear. Arshad Sharif was doing his job by asking Gill the tough questions and discussing issues that he thought appropriate for which he had to leave the country and eventually lose his life.

A notification was issued on Wednesday that Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has formed a two-member committee tasked with investigating the circumstances behind the murder of journalist Arshad Sharif. The committee will travel to Kenya to start an investigation into the murder of the Pakistani journalist. The two-member committee will submit its finding to the Interior Ministry, according to the notice.

Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman for the UN secretary-general, said in a press briefing on Monday that the circumstances behind the murder need to be investigated "thoroughly." "The investigation results must be shared quickly,"

he emphasized.

The Chairman of ARY Digital Network Haji Muhammad Iqbal announced lifelong financial support for Arshad Sharif's family and the late news anchor's children until adulthood. ARY News Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Salman Iqbal said he has been unable to return to Pakistan for the past six months because of the campaign against him by the current government.

He said, however, that he would cooperate with investigating the murder of renowned investigative journalist Arshad Sharif if questioned. In a statement on social media, Salman Iqbal said he doesn't trust any "independent" commission investigating Arshad Sharif's assassination. However, he is willing to provide answers to whatever questions are put forward to him.

Arshad Sharif was laid to rest on Friday in Islamabad after his funeral prayers were offered at the Shah Faisal Mosque.

Cont. from page 11. Chandru Acharya

groups will start to close the door to the infiltration. This is a serious problem as 150,000 Indians come to the US every year on H1 and F1 visas and a significant proportion of them are supporters of the RSS. Instead of nominating an RSS supporter to the DHS, the Biden administration should focus on vetting the visa applicants in

India ," said Dr Ubaid.

"How can Chandru Acharya, who denounced the recommendations of the bipartisan US commission that India be named as a country of particular concern, serve the US government? His appointment is not only illogical but immoral. He must be dismissed from his post immediately," said Hadi Abdul Mateen of Justice America.

"We have approached the national umbrella

alliance of the American Muslims, The United States Council of Muslim Organizations, (USCMO) and will be seeking a meeting with the department of Homeland Security and the Biden administration as the first step of a comprehensive campaign against the Hindutva infiltration in the US. In 2008 we had forced the Obama administration to get Sonal Shah to withdraw her nomination because

of her relationship with VHP-A, another Hindutva group," said Dr. Shaik Ubaid

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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.



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