

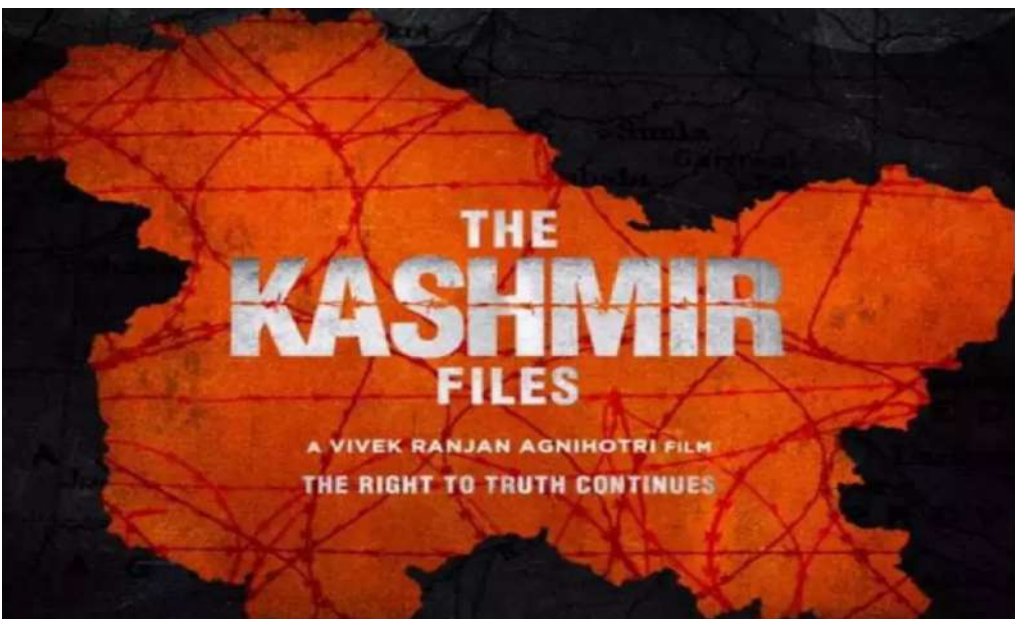


Kashmir Files: Vulgar, Propagandist And Anti-Islam

By: Dr. Aslam Abdullah

Hitler is alive in India in spirit. Its devotees are preparing gas chambers to commit genocide against Muslims, as its power elites and influential politicians indulge in vulgar anti-Islam propaganda to orchestrate a hate campaign against a people forcibly occupied by an illegitimate authority.

They would not make a fictional movie about millions of Dalits killed because of their perceived lower ranks in the Hindu religious hierarchy. They would not dare document the murder of over 100,000 Muslims in Jammu during the 1947

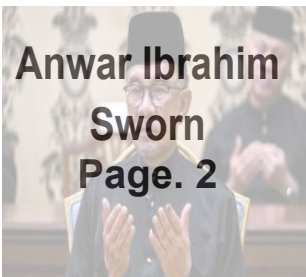


partition trauma. They would not even make a movie about the massacre of Sikhs in 1984 at the hands of Hindu ex-

tremists protected by the authorities. But, the upper castes of India would produce a fictional drama centered around the

Kashmiri Hindu Pundits (upper caste Brahmins), allegedly leading to an imaginary genocide.

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Al Jazeera Refers Israel To ICC For Killing Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh In Palestine

By: Yousuf Ali

The Qatar-based news organization Al Jazeera has submitted evidence to the International Criminal Court against Israel for killing its journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. Abu Akleh was Palestinian-American. She was killed during an Israeli raid into the West



Bank in May of 2022. Specifically, she was shot in the head while she was wearing press credentials. Israel initially denied its soldiers killed her and instead blamed Palestinian fighters, but

after several investigations from organizations including CNN and AP, they admitted that it was likely one of their soldiers who killed her though they maintained

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This Is Why Morocco's Win Is A Victory Against Islamophobia



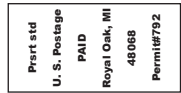
By Hannah Mesouani

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For centuries Spain and Morocco have negotiated their shared histo-

ries of the colonizer and the colonized. For over 800 years, Moroccan Muslims ruled Spain, impacting the country's culture, architecture,

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Sole Bystander Intervenes When Muslim Woman Is Attacked On NYC Subway



By: Rehan Qamar

Officials are still searching for a man who slashed a woman and a bystander in a hate crime incident on the New York City subway. According to the police, the incident occurred last week on Tuesday on an 8th Avenue-bound L train. The suspect allegedly stared at the 28-year-old woman for multiple stations. While she ignored him, he moved closer and closer until he was directly in front of her. He then made anti-Muslim comments, punched her, and then slashed her in the face for ignoring him, a schoolteacher identified as John Catania told the New York Daily News.

Catania stepped in only to get punched and slashed himself. “I thought it was just punches, but he had a blade on him,” Catania said. “A waterfall of blood came down from my neck. I said, ‘Where’s all this blood coming

from?’”

Catania added: “I don’t want to act like some hero. I just stepped in. You cannot do that. You can’t lay your hands on anyone like that, especially a woman. I wish I could have done more.”

According to officials after the attack, the suspect—who is believed to be homeless—took off at Union Square Station. Catania and the Muslim woman were taken to Bellevue Hospital for treatment.

“I got, like, 26 staples in my head. I got cut all in the back of my head and my upper back,” Catania told CBS News. Catania noted that he also wishes someone else had also stepped in to help.

“I was really hoping someone would help me out,” he told the Daily News. “I just ended up alone.”

The incident was not the only one to occur last Tuesday: According to police officials, an-

other man was stabbed by the subway after an argument escalated. A 34-year-old man was attacked after arguing with another man, the New York Post reported.

Across the country, transit crimes have increased, causing fear in commuters. According to 1010 WINS, violent crimes in New York City subways have increased by 35% when compared to the same time period last year.

“A lot of my family members stopped taking the train because of their safety,” commuter Anderson Valdez told CBS New York. “They feel threatened and all of that.”

“Before the pandemic, we just had to deal with dirty rats,” Jeffrey Paris another commuter subway said. “Now, we’ve got to deal with human rats.”

As the city’s hate crime task force investigates the incident, the New

York chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations issued a statement: “We pray that the victims of this violent assault recover quickly and heal from this trauma,” Executive Director Afaf Nasher said. “Hate crimes need to be addressed with urgency, and that includes when the victim is Muslim. If we are going to change the astoundingly-low number of incidents reported to law enforcement by Muslim victims, they need to know that an effective outcome can be achieved.”

While people often argue that ignoring advances or harassment can protect one from a situation escalating, this scenario and several others show otherwise. The unfortunate reality is that if someone wants to attack you, they will. In several situations women who have ignored the person who assaults them have triggered violence by doing so. The dark truth

is that there is no solution to avoiding being attacked outside of better security measures and laws in place to prevent attacks.

Additionally, mental health resources need to be accessible to all, as many of these attacks are often connected to homeless or mentally individuals who are not able to access the help they need. America needs to do better to help its people. Without the resources needed to combat hate and other issues, such incidents of violence will continue.

The New York Police Department has asked that anyone who has information on the attacks reach out to their Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477), or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). You can also submit a tip on their website or via DM on Twitter, @NYPDTips. All calls and tips are kept confidential.

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Anwar Ibrahim Sworn In As Prime Minister Of Malaysia Following Contentious Election



By Yousuf Ali

On November 19, Malaysia held a general election in which the results between party alliances were close and no single alliance came out with an outright majority resulting in days of uncertainty regarding who would lead the country. Muhyiddin Yassin and Anwar Ibrahim both made petitions to the king and engaged in cross-party and alliance negotiations to secure a majority for governance. In the end, Anwar Ibrahim's Pakatan Harapan coalition ended up securing governance despite his coalition losing seats.

According to Al Jazeera, "King Sultan Abdullah had taken control of the process of forming a new government after Anwar's Pakatan Harapan (PH) coalition won the most seats in the weekend's election, but not the 112 seats parliamentary majority necessary to form a government."

Furthermore, former Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin tried to secure a majority as well: "and the rival conserva-

tive Malay-Muslim Perikatan Nasional (PN) coalition under former Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, which had the second-highest number of seats, both began negotiations to form a government, wooing smaller coalitions". Despite the king acknowledging Anwar Ibrahim as PM, Muhyiddin was unconvinced that he actually had a majority. This moment represents the culmination of a decades-long struggle for Anwar Ibrahim that saw him go from heir apparent to PM Mahathir Mohamed to prison, then to opposition leader, and now Prime Minister.

Anwar Ibrahim had risen to the ranks to eventually become Deputy Prime Minister, but fell from grace in the aftermath of the 1998 Asian financial crisis. According to Al Jazeera, "In September 1998, Anwar was sacked and accused of corruption and sodomy, a crime in Malaysia.

Thousands took to the streets of Kuala Lumpur and Anwar, who maintained the charges were politically motivated, was

arrested. His trial veered from the shocking – a black eye later confirmed to be inflicted by the then-police chief while Anwar was in custody – to the absurd – a stained mattress hauled into court as evidence."

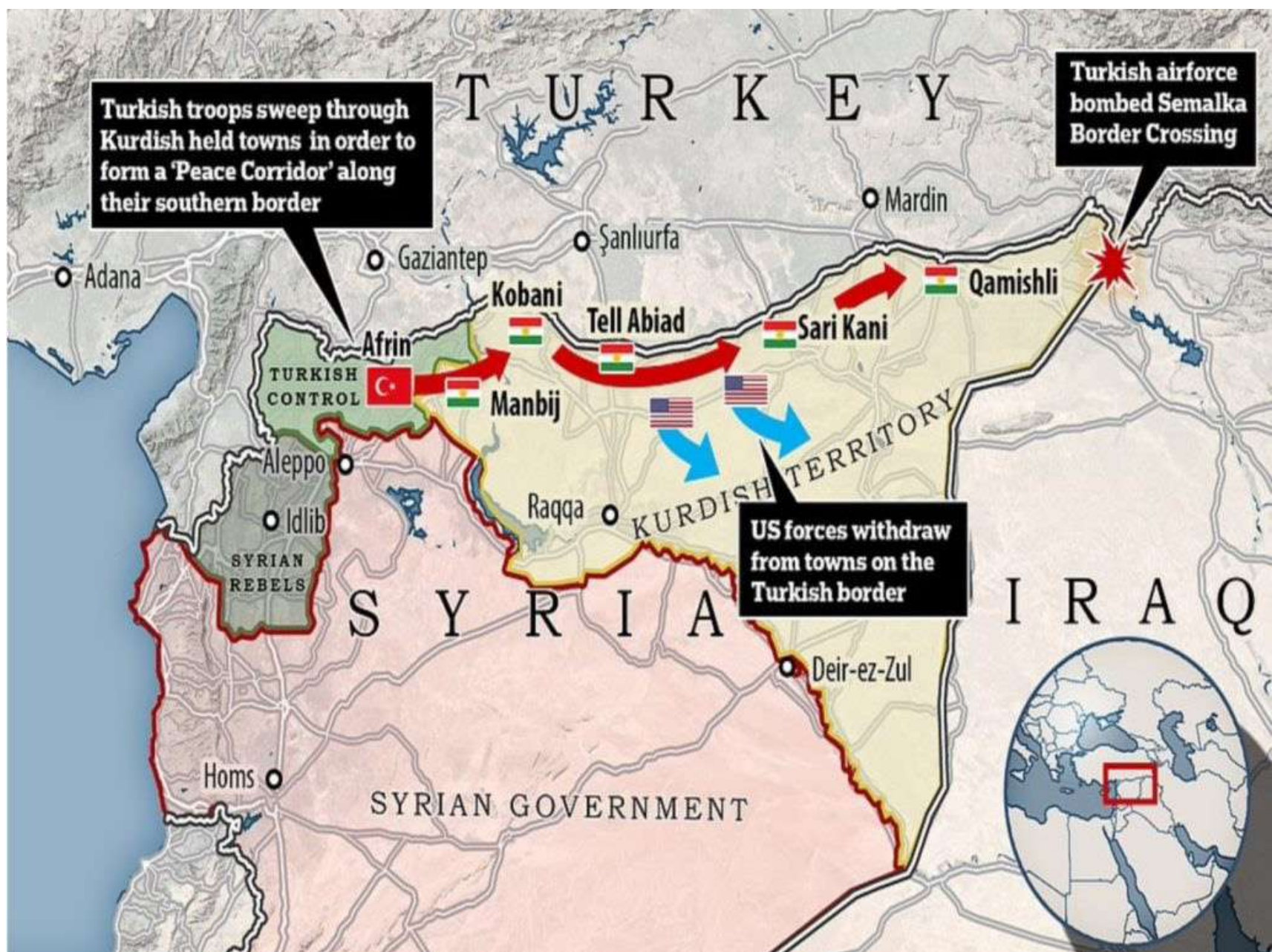
He was released in 2004 and became the main opposition to UMNO and ended up partnering up with Mahathir once again to take down UMNO PM Najib Razak who is now serving a 12-year sentence for corruption. He now comes in with a reformist agenda promising transparency and more effective governance. The agenda is not without challenges as any government will have to attract the support of multiple parties and more than one alliance because of the election results. This includes the main Islamic party PAS which had its best showing despite being in the alliance which didn't win the most seats. These are some challenges Anwar will face as PM.

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Blames For Istanbul Attack



By Yousuf Ali

Last month, there was a blast in Istanbul which killed 6 people in Taksim square and wounded dozens of others. Turkey said an ethnically Kurdish Syrian woman was responsible. Since then, it has increased its long-standing campaigns against Kurdish separatist groups which want to establish an independent Kurdish state in parts of Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.

For this reason, the ethnic group has been in tension and conflict with all of those countries with Turkey being the most serious because of its high concentration of Kurds and the country's nationalist background. In recent developments, Turkey has escalated its activities against groups in Syria it holds responsible for terrorist acts with many analysts expecting an invasion.

According to Al Jazeera, "Ibrahim Kalin said Ankara is after the Kurdistan Workers' Party

(PKK) and its offshoots the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) and Democratic Union Party (PYD) groups to protect its borders... The PKK has been waging a decades-long bloody armed rebellion for autonomy in Turkey's southeast. Ankara, along with its NATO allies – the US and European Union – have declared the PKK a "terrorist" organisation." In that sense, Turkey justifies its actions by claiming security needs

While many consider the invasion to be a negative prospect because of the role Kurdish forces have played in fighting against ISIL, Turkey justifies its actions by pointing to how the United States and its allies designate it as a terrorist organization. In Turkey's view, fighting the PKK is like fighting ISIL since both are terrorist groups.

According to Middle East Eye, "The US has tried to prevent escalations between the two during previous flareups, but an-

alysts and former US officials are less optimistic about Washington's mediation efforts this time. "The larger issue is that the US has bigger fish to fry in Europe," Andrew Tabler, a senior fellow at Washington Institute for Near East Policy and former Syria director on the White House National Security Council, told Middle East Eye. "The US needs Turkish buy-in on other issues, so the response to this potential incursion has been pretty

muted."

In that sense, analysts say that Turkey is taking advantage of the focus the world has placed on Russia and Ukraine to pursue its objectives of suppressing Kurdish nationalism. It should be noted that Kurdish armed groups deny involvement in the Istanbul attack. For more immediate context, Kurdish groups have fought against both the forces of Assad and

Turkey and its allies recently losing territory to both. Furthermore, the United States has at the very least not penalized Turkey for acting against Kurdish armed groups in the past which may make Turkey think it will be able to take further action against the groups.

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UAE Announces New Law For Non-Muslim Expats

From Arabian Business:

The UAE has introduced a Federal Decree Law on the personal status of all non-Muslim foreigners, says state news agency WAM.

The law provides clarity on the regulations and procedures surrounding marriage and divorce in the UAE.

The Federal Personal Status law will be applied from February 1, 2023.

UAE marriage and divorce law

It comes in line with the United Arab Emirate's efforts to develop its legislative ecosystem and supports the country's endeavours and ambitions for the next fifty years, through strengthening the country's position as a destination for tolerance, family stability and demographic diversity.

According to WAM, the Decree-Law regulates the marriage conditions



and the procedures of contracting and documenting the marriage before the competent courts.

In addition, it also lays out the process that

needs to be followed in case one or both members of a marriage would want to initiate a divorce.

Furthermore, the law sets out the procedures

for any financial claims that are made during divorce proceedings.

The new personal status law will organise the arrangements for joint custody of children after

divorce in the UAE. The Federal Personal Status Law also organises the procedures for inheritance and wills in the UAE and proof of paternity tests.

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Here's What You Need To Know About Iran And The World Cup



By Evette Jahangiri

This article was first published on Muslim Girl. Before the United States' match with Iran at the World Cup, the United States Soccer Federation soccer posted a photo of their flag icons on their Instagram page. There was something noticeably different about Iran's flag. In the post, they replaced Iran's current flag, as it was without the emblem of the Islamic Republic. The Iranian government reacted angrily to this, labeling it offensive and demanding that the US be removed from the game. The USSF was allowed to protest and let off with an apology, but Iranian fans attending the games were met with a completely different reaction.

THE CONTROVERSY BEHIND DEFACING FLAGS

Objectively speaking, changing any country's flag is not okay, and anyone would be upset if they saw their flag being misrepresented. This would be equivalent to defacing a country's

national monument. The backlash was understandable – especially since the flag posted removed the tulip emblem that contained the name of Allah (SWT) and the phrase Allahu Akbar.

The decision to remove this symbol has Islamophobic undertones because of the flag's design and symbolism. Some non-Muslims have expressed discomfort and misunderstanding at Arabic phrases and words Muslims use in relation to daily life activities. So, when ignorant people have an opportunity to disparage a language or a culture they don't fully understand, they take it. We've seen this in many forms and places outside our community.

Kudos to the USSF for taking a stand and showing their support, but its execution could have been cleaner.

It does seem odd how the United States Soccer Federation, which claims to show support for women's rights and women in Iran, would not post the pre-Islamic revolution flag on their social media. The origi-

nal flag with the image of a lion carrying a sword with the sun rising in the back is distinct enough from the current flag to avoid confusion between the two. Meanwhile, the pre-Islamic revolution flag is a symbol of support for the protestors and is used in Iran. The switch would not have been difficult if they had done their research.

They obviously did not spend much time researching the issue since they admitted to only keeping the edited flag for 24 hours before restoring it to the original image. Since there was already a plan in place because they knew there would be an uproar, why not post the pre-revolution flag in the first place? Additionally, editing the flag and then restoring it later muddles the message they were attempting to send. It's imperative to acknowledge this is a sensitive topic and that people are only willing to cross boundaries with limits to maintain some peace or tranquility. Kudos to the USSF for taking a stand and showing their

support, but its execution could have been cleaner.

FLAGS- A VALID FORM OF PROTEST

While controversy remains around the edited symbol, using a flag can be a valid form of protest. Iran's pre-Islamic revolution flag is a sign of protest against Iran's current government and its heinous actions toward Iranian women. By carrying this flag and not the current one, it symbolizes defiance towards their government. It's a theoretical or even literal representation of a time and place that Iranians remember and want back.

Iranian attendees at the World Cup are using the pre-Islamic revolution flag as a form of protest as well, but they've been met with different responses than the United States Soccer Federation. The United States was basically allowed off with an apology and changed the image of the flag. But the Iranian attendees of the World Cup were forced to remove items that contained images of the pre-revolution flag or contained language

or phrases related to the protests. Also, Iranian fans have experienced conflict with other fans supporting the Iranian government. Many fans were threatened by security denying them entrance if they did not get rid of or hand over their protest material.

We use symbolism, images, and phrases to communicate what we are feeling when words aren't enough.

This double standard of allowing certain groups or people to protest and not allowing others is discriminatory and defeats the purpose of solidarity. While allowing the United States Soccer Federation to protest and show their solidarity, Iranian attendees are not allowed to protest conditions of their own country. The irony is not lost on those who claim to be defenders of the right to protest against human rights violations in other countries. There seems to be an unwritten clause that states that those protests are only for countries that serve the interest of

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‘Memory Does Not Appear To Be As Precise’: Anthony Ornato Testifies To Jan. 6 Committee Again



By: TMO Staff

The Jan. 6 committee interviewed former Secret Service Assistant Director Anthony “Tony” Ornato on Tuesday about Donald Trump’s actions on the day of the failed coup, including the allegation by former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson that Trump lunged at the driver of his presidential limo. According to the Associated Press, the interview was the third time the committee deposed Ornato, who took an unprecedented leave of absence from the non-partisan Secret Service to become Trump’s deputy chief of staff for operations.

Ornato’s interview is estimated to have lasted five to six hours. The Jan. 6 committee investigators sought to confirm what other witnesses said Trump was doing on Jan. 6.

Hutchinson’s explosive testimony described Trump’s rage as relayed to her by Ornato.

“The president said something to the effect of, ‘I’m the effing president, take me up to the Capitol now,’” Hutchinson said.

“The president reached up towards the front of the vehicle to grab at the steering wheel. Mr.

Engel grabbed his arm, said, ‘Sir, you need to take your hand off the

steering wheel. We’re going back to the West Wing. We’re not going to

the Capitol.’ Mr. Trump then used his free hand to lunge towards Bobby

Engel,” she testified.

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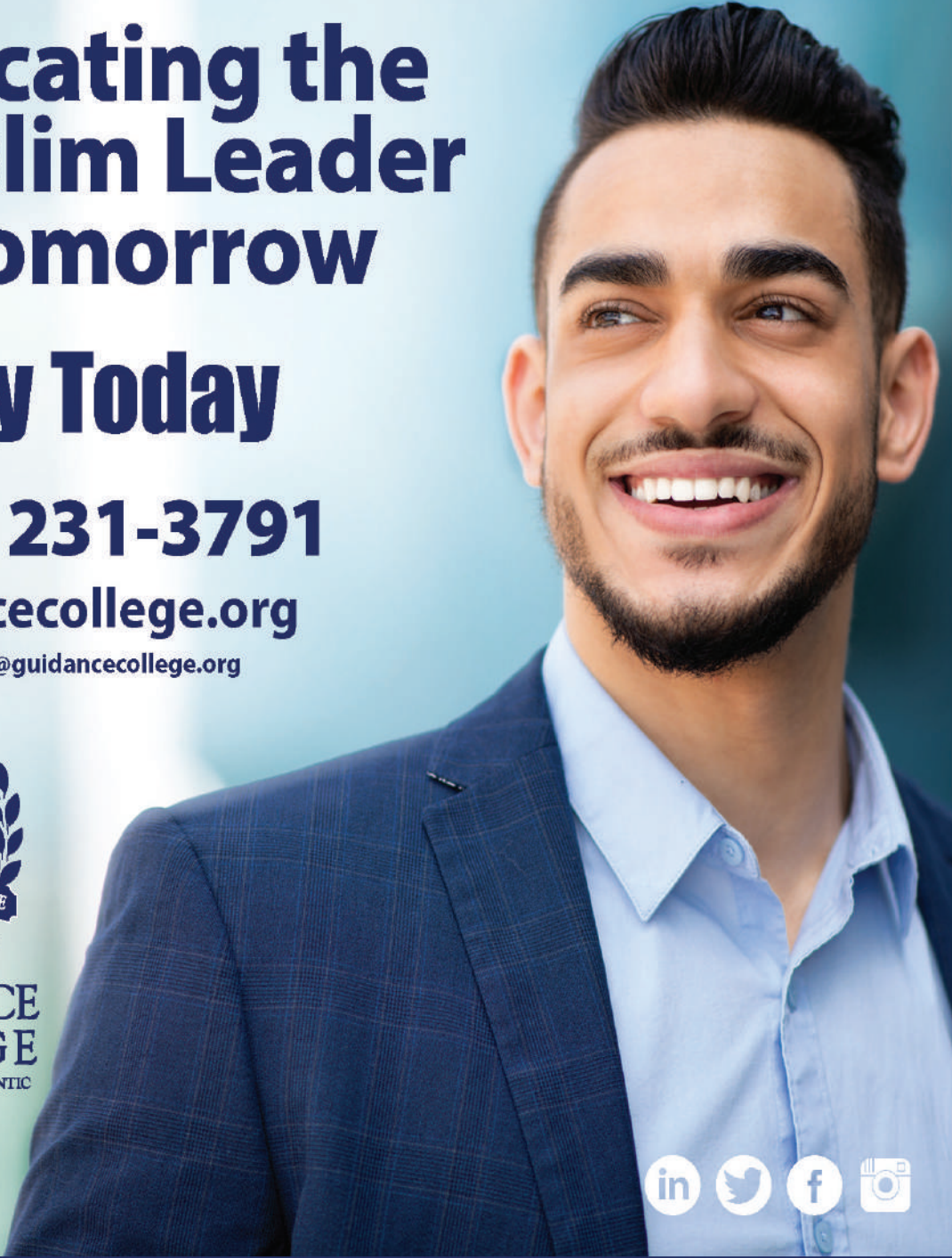
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Morocco's Win**

language, and art. However, when Spanish Christians ousted Muslim rulers in 1492, that was as much the beginning of an era of Islamophobia as it was the end of an epoch of multi-faith creativity.

As early as 1499, the Spanish government began to culturally annihilate Muslim and Maghrebian influence in Spain. With the support of Pope Clement VII, 4,000 Moroccan-descended Muslims were forcibly baptized, and countless more were legally forbidden from speaking Arabic, praying, or outwardly celebrating their Muslim faith. The country watched as the Muslim libraries and museums of Granada were burned, and over 500,000 Muslims were deported to Morocco in the short space of 5 years.

The ethnonationalism and Islamophobia of Spain's history lives on. Since Spain's independence, the Spanish government has occupied two cities on Moroccan soil, Ceuta and Melilla, which Moroccans may not enter without Spanish visas. Given increasing anti-immigrant sentiments from the Spanish

government and the rise in hate groups such as Ultras and VOX, a fortress has been erected around occupied Ceuta and Melilla to keep Africans out. On Spanish soil, the Alhambra, a UNESCO Heritage site and one of the world's most beautiful mosques, has been colonized as a royal palace where Muslim prayer is strictly prohibited.

The fact that the Moroccan team recited Surah al-Fatiha before scoring the winning penalties is all more powerful as a statement of both worship of Allah (SWT) and resistance to a legacy of Islamophobia that runs deeper than the Straits of Gibraltar.

There are countless stories of Muslims and non-Muslims alike being told not to kneel in the space, even to tie their shoes, as it may be construed as a form of salaah, which is strictly forbidden. The fact that the Moroccan team recited Surah al-Fatiha before scoring the winning penalties is all more powerful as a statement of both worship of Allah (SWT) and resistance to a legacy of Islamophobia that runs deeper than the Straits of Gibraltar.

A 2020 report from the Asociación Musulmana

por los Derechos Humanos (AMDEH) states that less than half of the two million Muslims living in Spain have citizenship and are thus vulnerable to ongoing instances of Islamophobic persecution and racist profiling.

Even Achraf Hakimi, who scored the winning penalty shot against Spain, told El Mundo, "Even with my Spanish ID card and passport, it didn't matter [...] They see an Arab name. They see your Moroccan face. Whether they want to or not, they do racist things, without even realizing it. I noticed it, and I still notice it [...] They don't stop a white Spanish person."

Despite experiences such as these, Spain's National Office for Hate Crimes does not specifically track instances of Islamophobia, and the issue is largely swept under the proverbial rug, much like Spain's alleged use of chemical weapons in the Rif region as Morocco fought for independence.

While Spain purports that its citizens may freely practice their religions, AMDEH reports that only 1 in 10 Muslim youth have access to Islamic education, and only 0.4% of Spanish municipalities

offer space for Muslim burials. Only last year, 37-year-old Moroccan Younes Bilal was murdered in a hate crime as his assailant called him a "moro." A severed pig's head and threatening hate speech were strewn in a mosque in Cabezo de Torres. There have been several reports of Muslim Moroccan employees having their wages garnered or withheld as they were called "moros." Moro, a racist term that denigrates Muslims of North African descent, is embedded in the Spanish language so much so that the Spanish phrase for "the coast is clear" is "no hay moros en la costa" – or "there are no Moroccans in sight."

Morocco is the first Arab nation and the fourth African nation to make it to the quarter-finals. The players and their supporters stand proudly in defiance of the Islamophobic narrative that seeks to erase our faith. We will pray freely and wear our hijabs if we so choose. We will honor our histories and hold dear the fact that not only have Muslim minds shaped Spain and the world beyond, but we are deserving of the successes we have earned in government, culture, maths, science, art, and more.

This week's game was a symbol against Spanish ethnonationalism and Islamophobia as the Moroccan team, the perceived underdogs, grabbed their victory and now march on to the semi-finals.

Soccer has often served as an accessible platform of expression for national pride and rivalries rooted in global sociopolitical tensions. Too many European countries seek to erase Islam from public perception or, worse yet, twist its message with white-washed Westernized definitions of feminism and freedoms. This week's game was a symbol against Spanish ethnonationalism and Islamophobia as the Moroccan team, the perceived underdogs, grabbed their victory and now march on to the semi-finals.

While Spain denies Muslims the right to prayer in our Alhambra and still falsely lays claim to Moroccan soil, Moroccans and Muslims across the world get to cheer as we see our brothers recite the Qu'ran, raise the Palestinian flag, and celebrate being both Muslim and Moroccan. In short, hay moros en la costa.

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Iran And The World Cup**

the United States.

Protests are controversial. It's inherent in the very nature of the act. They are emotional and often fueled by frustration and even grief. We've seen and experienced protests of every form covering everything from mass school shootings to claims that elections were stolen. We use symbolism, images, and phrases to communicate what we are feeling when words aren't enough. The use of symbols and imagery helps the movement catch on and is easier to share on

social media. Taking this away from protestors hurts the movement and is a violation of freedom of speech.

SUPPRESSION OF PROTEST

Suppressing people from protesting translates into using protests for performative reasons instead of believing in the message and the people you are supposed to be supporting. It's like marking something off your to-do list and moving on. For Iranian people this is not just a protest or just a flag – this is reality, and this affects real people.

Sure, Qatar has valid reasons for not allowing

forms, symbols, or products of protest into their stadiums. They probably want to maintain the public health and security of fans. They want to leave a good impression on the world as the host country for the World Cup. They probably want to prevent any chance of them getting tangled up in controversy. There is a lot of pressure and work that goes into hosting any international event, especially when it comes to sporting events. So, it is only natural for Qatar to want everything to be perfect.

But is attempting to separate politics from sports by confiscating fans' clothing or items

the right move? Separating politics from sports is no longer possible. From Colin Kaepernick taking a knee to Tim Tebow praying on the field, sports are no longer immune to the world around them. Players are part of this climate and are affected by what happens. They are human after all.

Still, there is a large group who argue that involving politics taints the integrity of sports. Maintaining this divide is important because sports are supposed to be a source of entertainment and even an escape from reality for fans. To some extent I agree with them, sometimes all we

want is an escape from our problems, even for a moment. But the world is constantly evolving, and I don't see this dying down anytime soon.

While these incidents were unfortunate, we must continue to protest and show our support for the women in Iran. We need to continue creating momentum for this movement so the right messages are received by the world.

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Kashmir Files.**

The film, supported by India's Hindu fascists and upper castes, proved a commercial success. Promoted by the heirs of Hitler in India, the film received all the exemptions that a government can give its favorites.

The film was propaganda and aimed to mobilize Hindu sentiments against Islam, Muslims, and the majority population of Kashmir, disregarding all the facts. It ignored the ground reality and did not mention that India's occupying forces, the RSS and its operative, allegedly killed over 100,000 Kashmiri Muslims since

1947. Furthermore, it did not acknowledge the torture and imprisonment of Kashmiri youth by the Indian army in thousands. It refused to recognize the rape of Kashmiri women by the Hindu army and paramilitary officials. Yet, the Brahman backers and promoters were eager to make a movie about the Kashmiri Pundits' exit that the ruling party allegedly engineered to garner support among its Hindu voters.

The Jury at the 53rd International Film Festival of India held in Goa in November 2022 acknowledged that, and filmmaker Nadav Lapid, speaking on their behalf, called it a vulgar and

propaganda film unfit for representation at the competition section.

India's fascists were angry at these comments. So they approached the Israeli government, whose ambassador distanced his country from them, and even apologized. But, of course, one cannot expect anything else from Israel that itself is an occupier denier of human rights to the original inhabitants of Palestine. Nevertheless, Lapid did not retreat from his comments and doubled down on his criticism.

BAFTA winner Jinko Gotoh, who was part of the five-member jury for the International Competition at the Interna-

tional Film Festival of India (IFFI), made it clear later that she and two of her fellow jurors stand by the Nadav Lapid's comments at the closing ceremony regarding The Kashmir Files (2022) being a "propaganda" movie. A joint statement signed off by jurors Pascale Chavance, Javier Angulo Barturen and Gotoh was posted on Twitter from her handle. Extending their support to Lapid, the post said: "We stand by his statement".

What is clear is that India's ruling elites comprising less than 5 percent Brahmans are behind most anti-Islam and anti-Muslim campaigns in India and

abroad. They spread hatred through the temples they control and the RSS, run by them. They dream of a Greater India, destroying Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and going up to Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and parts of China. It's a group of people that believes in the supremacy of India's Upper castes, whose origin they attribute to the mouth, chest, and abdomen of a deity. The Kashmiri Files was an attempt to win sympathy for this racist group responsible for the inhumanity of millions of people described as Shudras, Dalits, and untouchables.

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Shireen Abu Akleh**

that he was not criminally responsible or that his superiors ordered her killing.

According to The Guardian, "Tuesday's submission of new video evidence to The Hague, some of which was also aired in a new Al Jazeera documentary, provides a detailed account of events during the morning Abu Akleh died. The formal filing shows "Shireen and her colleagues were directly fired at by the [IDF]", Al Jazeera said in a state-

ment, and "confirms, without any doubt, that there was no firing in the area where Shireen was, other than the [IDF] shooting directly at her". Al Jazeera went on to say that she was killed deliberately as the shot was extremely precise and Israel has a history of targeting journalists including bombing offices of media outlets during its many campaigns into Gaza.

The initial complaint was submitted by Abu Akleh's family in September with Al Jazeera submitting its supplementary evidence. It should be noted that Israel is not

a member of the ICC, but the court has said that it has jurisdiction to investigate violence against journalists in the occupied Palestinian territories. Additionally, the United States said it opposed the ICC investigation despite previously clashing with Israel on a FBI investigation of Israel killing Abu Akleh, who was an American citizen. According to The Guardian, "The US, which is not a party to the ICC, said it is opposed to Al Jazeera taking the case to this court, renewing objections to investigations involving Israel. "The ICC should focus on its core mission, and that

core mission is of serving as a court of last resort in punishing and deterring atrocity crimes," said State Department spokesman Ned Price. While the Biden administration has largely embraced Israel's version of events, and resisted an independent US investigation into the killing of an American citizen, pressure from members of Congress forced it last month to agree to an FBI inquiry."

Furthermore, according to Al Jazeera, its evidence falsifies Israel's claim that Abu Akleh was killed in a crossfire: "The new evidence

submitted by Al Jazeera shows "Shireen and her colleagues were directly fired at by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF)", Al Jazeera Media Network said in a statement on Tuesday.

The statement added the evidence overturns claims by Israeli authorities that Shireen was killed in crossfire and it "confirms, without any doubt, that there was no firing in the area where Shireen was, other than the IOF shooting directly at her". For that reason, the network believes Israel is criminally responsible despite its previous claims.

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Anthony Ornato
Testifies**

Through a spokesperson, Ornato loudly disputed Hutchinson's sworn testimony immediately after her national appearance. Rep. Adam Kinzinger later told CNN he believed Ornato was deeply involved in trying to discredit Hutchinson, saying: "I just think it's so important to keep in mind that, through quote, anonymous sources, which we believe to be actually Tony Ornato himself, he pushed back against Cassidy Hutchin-

son's testimony and said, it's just not true and Tony will testify under oath. And then of course, has not come in to testify under oath."

Several months later, Ornato has now finally appeared to "clear the record" as noted by committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson.

According to CBS News, Ornato did not invoke his Fifth Amendment right to avoid self-incrimination or abstain from answering any questions. However, he did allegedly claim that his memory was fuzzy

and he could not remember the conversation he had with Hutchinson.

In previous interviews, Ornato, who is now retired, didn't seem to be as confident a witness as Hutchinson. "There are some concerning things with the [Secret] Service and whether or not some of the members were not quite forthcoming with respect to what actually occurred," said Thompson according to the AP.

Rep. Zoe Lofgren went further: "His memory does not appear to be as precise as hers. We certainly would welcome

them to come back if they wish to do that."

While unnamed sources worked to discredit Hutchinson's testimony, at least one other former White House staffer stepped forward to say Ornato had lied about interactions with her too.

According to The New York Times, Ornato's Tuesday interview is his first with the committee since Hutchinson's appearance. His interview is believed to be one of the final moving pieces that will help complete the committee's report of what happened on Jan.

6. Not only has it sought out to confirm Hutchinson's recollection, but to provide more information on how Trump was aware that his claims of a stolen election were false.

The Jan. 6 committee is still interviewing witnesses and will speak with Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos on Wednesday, but Thompson said he expects the committee will release their full report by Dec. 16.

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