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**"We are a people who love death as our enemies love life.
We love martyrdom for what our leaders died for.
While others are loving power, we are not worshipping power or
positions, so I tell them 'take all the positions, take all the power...
just leave us our homeland!'"**

Ismail Hanizeh Shaheed

Beirut, LEBANON – Fears of a full-blown regional war in the Middle East have been growing after Israel assassinated Hezbollah's military chief Fuad Shukur in Beirut and is also believed to be behind the assassination of Hamas's political chief Ismail Haniyeh in Iran, which has vowed a response to this after it held Israel and the US responsible, although both have denied this. Among the Western governments who called on their citizens to leave Lebanon immediately are the US, UK, and France. Iran-backed groups from Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq and Syria have already been drawn into Israel's nearly 10-month war on Gaza, while Israeli ally the US has moved more warships and fighter jets into the region as fears of a war escalate. Fears have increased after rocket attacks into Israel from Lebanon, which were intercepted by Israel; as well as continued attacks by Israel in Gaza and Lebanon in contravention of international rulings.

London, UK – Prime Minister Keir Starmer has decried as "thuggery by criminals" violent protests across the country as Muslim crowds moved to protect mosques and other areas against mobs chanting Nazi and anti-Pakistani slogans. A tense situation arose when a group waving English flags clashed with another shouting "Allahu Akbar". The Home Office said new "emergency security" measures that can be rapidly deployed where needed will be used to protect mosques.

Dhaka, BANGLADESH – Students continued to protest across the country demanding the removal of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who said they were now being misused by criminals engaging in "sabotage", calling on

citizens to deal with them "with iron hands. Authorities blocked internet access and imposed a shoot-on-sight curfew. At least 11,000 people have been arrested in recent weeks and a number of deaths reported.

Doha, QATAR – The assassinated head of Palestinian group Hamas' political bureau, Ismail Haniyeh, was buried in Lusail last Friday after funeral prayer were led by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei at a memorial event for Haniyeh a day earlier in Tehran. Unprecedented in-absentia funeral prayers were also held worldwide, including in South Africa, Türkiye, Gaza, occupied East Jerusalem, Cyprus, Lebanon, Pakistan, Mauritania, and Morocco.

Paris, FRANCE – As the Olympics continued in the French capital, the government came under pressure over its legal rules precluding athletes from wearing the Hijab. Despite the International Olympic Committee failing to intervene by asking French authorities to lift the ban, many athletes from Muslim countries defied it, participating with their hijabs on while risking arrest. This did not happen because of the international outrage such action would spark.

New Delhi, INDIA - The Supreme Court ruled that the government cannot compel restaurants to display their names of the owners boldly, citing discrimination against Muslims as the aim behind this. Police in two states ordered this of all restaurant and even roadside food stalls along a popular Hindu pilgrimage route. They said this would inform pilgrims to avoid eating at Muslim places which served meat. The

court said pilgrims could easily determine from the menus at restaurants whether they could eat there or not.

Colombo, SRI LANKA – The government has finally issued a public apology to the island state's Muslim minority for having forced them to cremate victims of the Covid 19 pandemic, rather than burying them safely using Islamic rites. Authorities said a new law would guarantee the right to burial or cremation to ensure the funeral customs of Muslims or any other community in future. Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa banned burials despite his administration facing international condemnation at the UN Human Rights Council and other forums for violating Muslim funeral norms. He only stopped at at the request of then Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in 2021.

Lagos, NIGERIA - Markaz Abdul Lateef Centre for Quranic Memorisation and Arabic Studies, hosted a graduation for 130 new huffaaz at Agege Stadium. Guests from across the country and abroad attended the event, which was also streamed live. The school has produced over 400 huffaaz since its establishment by Dr. Abdul Lateef Abdul Hakeem in 2011.

Blantyre, MALAWI - The President of the Association of Muslim Journalists (AMUJO), Chekaukutu Ndege, has called on Muslim journalists to be conversant with Islamic teachings promote the development of Islam in the community. He was speaking during a training workshop by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Yaseen, who said that people have trust in journalists to provide them with information, hence the need for Muslim journalists to be responsible in their duty.

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'SHEIKH ISMAIL HANIYEH, THE PEOPLE'S IMAM!'

By Moulana Anver Jhetam

As the genocide in Palestine continues and as our brothers and sisters continue to endure with Imaan and placing their utmost reliance in Allah in the most exemplary manner that has become a significant teachable moment in our present era for the Ummah and humanity as a whole era, we awoke on the 24 th of Muharram 1446 to the news of the martyrdom of Sheikh Ismail Haniyeh while on an official visit to Tehran, Iran.

Sheikh Ismail Haniyeh was a member of the famed Harakah Al Muqawamah Al – Islamiyyah (Hamas), the Islamic Resistance Movement of Palestine that was established in 1987 by Sheikh Shaheed Ahmed Ismail Yaseen, may Allah be pleased with him , that continues to be at the forefront in the Jihad for Palestine that aims to liberate the land from the tyranny of Zionist colonialism and defend Al – Masjid Al – Aqsa Al – Mubarak from the destructive designs of Israeli settlers.

The news of Sheikh Ismail's passing has been met with sadness and anguish all across the Muslim world and has been a bittersweet moment. Bittersweet, because Ismail Haniyeh sought and prayed for martyrdom while the multitudes of people who admired him both within Palestine and internationally are heartbroken at the death of one of the Ummah's great leaders in present times.

Sheikh Ismail Haniyeh was born in 1962/63 to a Palestian family who were originally from Asqalan but due to the Nakba in 1948 that forced Palestinians out of their homes his family was forced to move to Gaza where he was born and spent many years of his life.

Growing up in a pious family where his late father was a Sheikh of a Sufi Tariqa he would attend Dhikr and Mawlid gatherings that greatly contributed to his personality. Being a student of the Qur'an, a member of a righteous household and witnessing one of the most brutal colonial projects in the history humanity firsthand as one of its millions of victims would naturally lead the young Ismail to be aware of the world and his duty as a Muslim.

The Sheikh studied Arabic literature at the Islamic University of Gaza where he was the head of the students council representing the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimeen (Muslim Brotherhood). He participated in the first Intifada and served prison sentences for his activism against the Zionist Apartheid Israeli state. From 1992 he was exiled to Lebanon with other senior Hamas leaders and managed to return to Gaza a year later.

Sheikh Ismail Haniyeh had the honour as serving as Khadim to Sheikh Ahmed Ismail Yaseen by heading his office once the Sheikh was released from prison. This allowed him to grow close to Sheikh Yaseen and benefit from his knowledge and wisdom which strengthened his position in Hamas as an organization but also among Palestinians broadly.

The much-loved Sheikh Yaseen developed an entire generation of leadership that would uphold the teachings and spirit of Islam long after he was martyred in 2004. Sheikh Ismail was one such student from his 'Madressah'. Shaheed Haniyeh served as an Imam and Khateeb in Gaza in addition to his resistance efforts in Hamas. He was the peoples Imam as has been described in the following words by the popular Palestinian social media influencer Mutasim:

"The loss of Ismail Haniyeh for us is not as much a political or national loss as it is a feeling of social loss for Palestine, especially the people of Gaza. The man used to walk among the people, shake hands with everyone, smile, buy from the street seller, help solve people's social problems, interact with the people seeking goodness and reform, share their joys, weddings and sadnesses. He received everyone in his home and listened to their concerns. He played football with the children. He prayed Tarawih prayers with us and delivered the Friday sermon. Haniyeh is like a brother, an elder, a neighbour, a friend and an uncle of the family.. His martyrdom is socially painful for us".

Sheikh Ismail Haniyeh represented the best of a generation of resistance that took the Qur'an seriously as a text to be studied and contemplated and as guide for practical life. He was known for his beautiful recital of the Qur'an and his close attachment to the book of Allah even while travelling.

As a student of the Islamic sciences it is very easy to recognize the effect that the Qur'an had on the Sheikh. His speeches display a high level mastery of the Arabic language that would naturally be born out of his studies into Arabic language and their relationship with the Qur'an which is the greatest expression of the language. Armed with the academic skills of an Arabic master the Qur'an that he read everyday would have been a treasure-trove for the Sheikh and informed his mindset and molded his spirit. This was well displayed when he received news of the killing of members of his family during the current genocide as one tribute on Al – Jazeera recounts:

"During our last meeting, I went to him to console him on the martyrdom of his children and grandchildren. I found him smiling brightly as I always knew him to be. So I asked him: 'Even when you are in this situation, are you smiling, Abu Al-Abd?' He said to me: 'I smile because the deal with Allah is profitable, and because the contract between us and Him, Glory be to He, is Paradise, and He has provided it for my children, and I ask Him to honour me with it.' He saw the martyrdom of his children and grandchildren as badges of honor that increased his strength and determination to continue on his path."

He served as head of Hamas' political bureau from 2017 until his martyrdom last Wednesday morning. He was known for his wise and determined leadership that united hearts and minds and focused on big picture thinking that always put the concerns of his people and the Ummah ahead of his personal interests.

We ask Allah to accept his martyrdom in His cause with Jannatul Firdows and to grant the Palestinian people wise leadership yet again through the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas.



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CONSENT BY FORCE

by: Faizul Khamker

The martyrdom of As-shaheed Dr. Hafiz Ismail Haniya by the Zionist regime reflects their shallow thinking. The leadership of any revolutionary freedom movement comes about because of the strong desire for freedom and for the obtaining of human dignity. This is an ideal which fosters a determination and the leadership of that philosophy only represents the face of such ideals and does not constitute that ideal. The proof is that historically many leaders of freedom movements were assassinated and that those freedom movements continued until their ideals were obtained. The foolishness lies in that with the assassination of the more mature leadership, younger and more radical leadership emerges, an outcome that would be contrary to the wishes of the imperialist/occupying forces. The question then arises: What drives this stupidity? In the Palestinian context the undermentioned are a few reasons for this stupidity.

The Zionist do not want to negotiate any peace agreement because they falsely believe that they are winning in their goals of complete annexation. This assassination is therefore a tactic to stall or derail any negotiation process. They believe in their superiority and face cognitive dissonance when reality contradicts their beliefs. To maintain their self-image, they rationalize failures or distort facts. This overconfidence blinds them to warning signs and critical feedback, leading them to deny the severity of their situation. They ignore evidence of impending loss, continuing to believe in their inevitable success. Overconfidence resulting from a distorted sense of superiority can lead to poor decisions. When someone believes they are winning despite evidence to the contrary, they may persist with ineffective strategies, exacerbating their problems. This resistance to change and rigidity prevents them from adapting to new circumstances or learning from mistakes, further entrenching their difficulties.

The combination of overconfidence, denial, and poor decision-making increases vulnerability to unexpected setbacks. Believing they are winning; they delay necessary actions to mitigate losses or address problems such as acknowledging that a negotiated settlement is the only viable option. This delay can worsen their situation, making recovery more difficult once they finally recognize the need for negotiation. Persisting in the belief of winning while clearly losing can severely damage credibility and reputation. Others will re-enforce their belief that the Zionist entity is delusional, arrogant, or out of touch with reality, undermining their influence and authority. Reputation is crucial in selling their colonialist programme. The belief in their inevitable success can make them resistant to changing their strategy or considering alternative approaches. This rigidity can

prevent them from adapting to new circumstances or learning from their mistakes.

The ingrained idea that power is might and anyone posing any threat to the power base must be eliminated has historically been proven to be misleading. Ruling by might erodes respect and trust. Leaders who rely on coercion and intimidation fail to earn genuine loyalty from their people. Instead, they breed resentment and resistance, undermining the stability of their rule. The fall of many dictatorships demonstrates how fragile power based on fear can be. Additionally, decisions driven by force rather than wisdom and collaboration often lead to suboptimal outcomes. When power is concentrated in the hands of a few who rule through might, the diversity of perspectives and ideas necessary for effective problem-solving is lost. Moreover, equating power with might erodes ethical and moral standards. When might is the primary means of maintaining power, ethical considerations are often sidelined. This erosion of ethics can lead to a decline in societal values, as seen in regimes where corruption and human rights abuses become rampant. In the long term, power based solely on might is rarely sustainable. True, lasting success requires a balance of strength, wisdom, and compassion.

Leaders who inspire through vision and empathy, such as Nelson Mandela, leave a lasting positive legacy.

Mandela's leadership in post-apartheid South Africa demonstrated that power grounded in reconciliation and justice can lead to a more stable and prosperous society.

The exercise of assassinating Hafiz Ismail Haniya has and will create more problems and the decline of the Zionist agenda. All that it achieved is feeding the ego of some deranged people. Furthermore, none of the current failures of the Zionist effort has been eradicated.

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Call to "Recalibrate" SA Foreign Policy on Apartheid Israel Smacks of Opportunism & Wishful Thinking

by: Iqbal Jassat - Media Review Network

Aiding and abetting Israel's Illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories has been outlawed by the world court's latest groundbreaking judgement.

This ruling has been welcomed by South Africa's International Relations Minister Ronald Lamola, as it conforms to the country's long held position on illegal settlements.

Not surprising though, Israel's local Zionist lobby groups have expressed their dismay. Not satisfied with that, they have called for South Africa to "recalibrate" its foreign policy.

Whenever anyone representing the South African Zionist Federation (SAZF) writes to complain about Israel being treated unfairly, I cannot help but be reminded of apologists of the white minority apartheid regime led by the National Party.

Rowan Polovin of the SAZF, in his article "Crucial crossroads - Realigning South Africa's foreign policy" (News24 - July 23),

resorts to discredited tactics used by the Nats, that not only are irrational, but also steeped in the era of racism, apartheid and oppression of yester-year.

Does it surprise anyone...? Certainly not because the SAZF is by its own admission, an arm (pun intended) of the settler colonial regime.

Its declared aim is to defend Israel at all cost.

Usurping (no pun intended) the role of Israel's embassy, the SAZF has in effect been swimming against the tide to save the disastrous public image of Israeli genocidaires.

Polovin's latest piece is a classic specimen of "Hasbara" (false propaganda), by painting Israel as a "victim" of South Africa's foreign policy. In doing so he fails miserably to display an understanding of the history of our country's revolutionary evolution of international relations from the vile era of apartheid to democracy.

The "recalibration" he argues for was instituted way back post-94 when Nelson Mandela's leadership laid the foundation for a foreign policy underpinned by human rights as enshrined in both the Bill of Rights as well as the constitution.

And of course informed by it, South Africa's stance on Palestine aligns perfectly with our values of Ubuntu. To take a principled position against the horrific genocide committed by Israel in Gaza as South Africa has done by leading the world, particularly the global South, at the International Court of Justice, is an example of a foreign policy imbued with human rights.

Polovin's irrational arguments contain a number of contradictions. A particularly galling one is his insistence that Israel's "right to self-defence" is enshrined in "International law".

Interesting to note that Israel's decades-long defiance of international laws pertaining to illegal settlements on Occupied Palestinian Territories, practice of Apartheid, siege of Gaza, home demolitions, arbitrary detentions without trial, targeted executions, persecution of journalists, torture etc, renders his argument on self-defence null and void.

Indeed, as many commentators have pointed out and correctly understood and explained by former Minister of International Relations Naledi Pandor, Oct 7 did not happen in a vacuum.

In The Politics of Dispossession, the late Palestinian Edward Said traced his people's struggle through decades of occupation and denial of fundamental rights.

For instance, during 1991 he pointed to the fact only Israeli Jews have sovereignty, while Palestinian Arabs live in a state of subordination and oppression.

"That the Palestinians struggle against and resist this state of affairs is a function of how injustice and sufferings do not defeat a people, nor compel it into submission, but rather drive that people to resist more, and to struggle further for political justice and rights", Said wrote.

This climate of oppression and discrimination is known to most South Africans who were on the receiving end of white minority rule as apartheid, is a perpetual atrocity committed by Israel against Palestinians.

It is thus no surprise that our foreign policy is rooted in a paradigm that espouses a firm commitment to freedom and justice for Palestine.

Polovin is completely out of depth by alluding that South Africa is "out of touch on the global stage", whereas the facts are entirely different.

The articulation of sound legal arguments by South Africa's galaxy of legal eagles at the International Court of Justice, led the way for a host of countries to follow through.

Far from being "out of touch", it affirmed a stamp of approval for being in touch with the harsh reality of the worst form of genocide against Palestinian civilians.

If anyone can be accused of being out of touch, it can only be the SAZF and fellow pro-Israel lobby groups.

If Polovin and the SAZF dare to honestly scrutinise the levels of anger and disillusionment against Benjamin Netanyahu and his criminal gang of warlords, they will be surprised to discover that far from being a land of "milk and honey", Israel is in fact a rogue regime.

Professor John Dugard in his "Confronting Apartheid", deals extensively with this theme. And makes an interesting observation in his assessment of Israel's failure to comply with its obligations in human rights law.

He writes that evidence of Israel's violation of human rights law and international humanitarian law in the OPT is contained in the reports of UN fact-finding missions, NGOs and special rapporteurs, in books and press.

Unlike the past, Israel's gruesome violence and defiance of international laws, are vividly displayed on television screens throughout the world.

Indeed the correctness of South Africa's foreign policy - both moral and legal - has been vindicated by the highest court of the world, the ICJ.

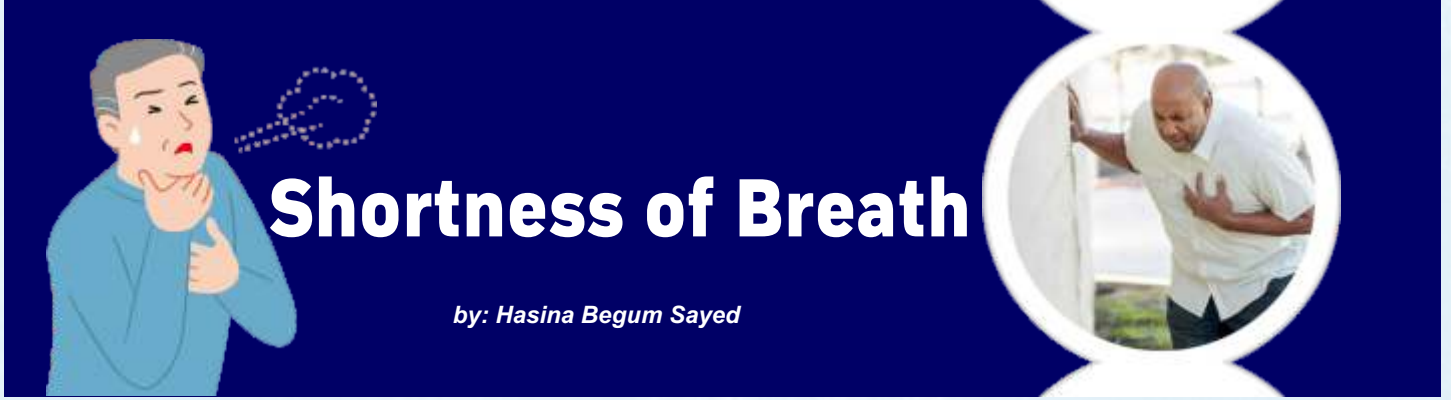
Al Jazeera's summary of the court's latest groundbreaking judgement underlines the relevance of South Africa's foreign policies:

The court said Israel has no right to sovereignty of the territories, is violating international laws against acquiring territory by force and is impeding Palestinians' right to self-determination.

It said other nations were obliged not to "render aid or assistance in maintaining" Israel's presence in the territory. It said Israel must end settlement construction immediately and existing settlements must be removed, according to a summary of the more than 80-page opinion read out by Salam.

Israel's "abuse of its status as the occupying power" renders its "presence in the occupied Palestinian territory unlawful".

If any "recalibration" is required, it must be by the relevant security and prosecuting authorities to investigate whether the SAZF is guilty of providing "aid or assistance in maintaining Israel's presence in the OPT" in violation of the ICJ ruling.



Shortness of Breath

by: Hasina Begum Sayed

Most cases are because of either a lung condition or a heart disorder. The lungs and the heart play a pivotal role in the transport of oxygen to the cells of the body as well as in the getting rid of the carbon dioxide; and if there is a disorder with either system, your breathing gets affected.

Remedies that work fabulously!

The most important aspect of effective management is to stay absolutely calm in the face of an attack. Panic worsens your symptoms significantly. When an attack is coming on, you get nervous and fretful; this, in turn, sets off a clamping response which further restricts the airways and the breathlessness snowballs.

1. Turmeric: Turmeric is a giant powerhouse! Everyone's had haldi doodh – it's absolutely delicious and truly nutritious! Adding a dash of honey can make a haldi doodh, a comforting and delicious beverage! Packed with oodles of curcumin – the active principle, turmeric is one of the most effective anti-inflammatory agents. It is also a powerful anti-microbial and anti-septic. The spice provides potential allergy assistance because curcumin helps ward off allergic responses and the release of histamine. It can hold back the release of COX-2 prostaglandins, which are involved in inflammation. It can also help manage shortness of breath that's related to lung infections. In asthmatics, curcumin is potent enough to diminish the degree of the attack and stave off episodes as well.

2. Onion: This is a very important home remedy for breathlessness. Quercetin found in onions fights off allergy-triggered gasping and breathlessness. Quercetin – a super powerful antioxidant is a potent natural antihistamine. It has the ability to inhibit the synthesis and release of compounds which have a part to play in the body's allergic responses. Onions contain organic sulphur compounds as well as the enzyme alliinase, which offer wonderful respiratory benefits. Strong vapours that emanate when an onion is cut ease your breathing.

3. Carom seeds or ajwain: Ajwain is strongly aromatic and pungent. The active principles - thymol oil, terpine, and limonene are robust antioxidants and anti-spasmodic agents. Consuming 1 spoon of carom seeds with warm water quickly expels mucus from the body and is very useful in the treatment of asthma.

4. Eucalyptus oil: This essential oil is the perfect shortness of breath treatment at home. It is an all-natural way to make your distress a little less painful! Eucalyptus oil boasts of strong antibacterial, antiviral, and anti-fungal properties. Add 10 drops of eucalyptus oil to a bowl of boiling water, and inhale the steam. The vapours help ease breathing and help reduce anxiety as well.

5. Bromelain: Bromelain is an enzyme that is derived from the

fruit and the stem of the pineapple, which offers very strong anti-inflammatory properties. Bromelain shows tremendous promise in the effective management of asthma by inhibiting airway inflammation. Research and clinical trials reveal that bromelain decreases inflammation in the respiratory airways, especially inflammation that is associated with allergies. As much as possible, incorporate this tropical fruit in to your diet. If you can't find the fresh fruit, select a bag of frozen fruit. You can snack on sliced pineapples or add it to your smoothies for a sweet nutritious drink!

6. Omega 3 – a lesser known home remedy for breathlessness! An inflammation-causing fat in our diet is the arachidonic acid. Arachidonic acid is present in certain foods – shellfish, egg yolks, and meat. Decreasing the intake of these foods or eliminating them from your diet altogether helps reduce inflammation and breathlessness. Another way of decreasing arachidonic acid levels in the body is to increase the intake of the beneficial omega-3 fatty acid. Omega-3 fatty acids, found in salmon, tuna, and mackerel function like leukotriene inhibitors – i.e. drugs which help deal with breathlessness.

*** Take your medications regularly and diligently:** Not adhering to the medicine routine causes exacerbations.

• Stop smoking: Quit smoking, and also make sure you aren't exposed to second hand smoke. Quitting decelerates the progression of a lung disease and wards off complications.>

• Circumvent exposure to allergens: As much as possible, stay away from irritants, chemical fumes, smoke, and environmental toxins.

• Avoid extremes in temperature: Very cold as well as exceedingly hot conditions amplify breathlessness.

• Avoid strong smelling things: Perfumes and deodorants, heavily fragrant shampoos and conditioners and strongly aromatic foods - do what you can to avoid them.

• Acclimatize when travelling to a high altitude: Avoid exertion until you have acclimatized well to the high altitude area.

• Exercise regularly: Exercise enhances fitness levels appreciably. Maintaining an ideal body weight is critical to warding off gasping and shortness of breath. Converse with your doctor before embarking on to an exercise routine though.

• Watch your diet: Eat small, frequent meals through the day, and do not eat right before you go to bed. Upward regurgitation of stomach acids is also known to set off tightness in the chest and breathing difficulty. Also, if you are over-weight or obese, make a conscious effort to shed all the unwanted weight.



India is complicit in Gaza genocide, says Arundhati Roy, calling on India to halt arms sales to Israel

by: Aslah Kayyalakkath

Acclaimed author Arundhati Roy urged the Indian government to stop selling weapons to Israel, which she called the south Asian country's "complicit" in Israel's ongoing genocidal war on Palestine.

Speaking on Thursday at an event at the Press Club of India, she said that Indians must "at least show that we do not support the genocide in Gaza, we do not support our government's support of that." Speakers at the event included CPIM Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat, senior editor Siddharth Varadarajan, rights lawyer Prashant Bhushan, economist Jean Drèze, and retired IFS officer Ashok Sharma.

The speakers condemned the assistance provided by the Indian government to Israel in violation of the ruling of the International Court of Justice and called for solidarity with the people of Palestine.

"India used to be a country that supported the people of Palestine in their struggle for freedom," Roy said. "Everywhere, even in the United States... people are standing up against their government's support for [Israel]. But we are not standing up... and that is such a shame."

"We must stand up. We must refuse. We will not support the export of weapons of any kind," she said."

The Indian government is complicit in the genocide that Israel is conducting in Gaza," Roy said. "It is our responsibility to show that as people of India, we refuse to be complicit in that, even if our government wishes to continue with what it does. We want these weapons exports to stop immediately."

"What is happening in Gaza, it is not just the murder... of tens of thousands of women and children. It is the bombing of hospitals, the destruction of universities... the attempt to erase the very memory people have of that place. It is a genocide like no other because it's taking place on live TV," she said.

"It is a great shame, that in our country, the news from Gaza is not reported. It is not on front pages of our paper. It is not on our television channels. It's really a terrible shame," she added.

The narration against Hamas by ruling Hindu nationalists fueled Islamophobia in India, particularly during the 2024 elections, said retired IFS officer Ashok Sharma.

He alleged that the NDA won by taking advantage of Islamophobia.

He also said that India's television channels utilised October 7 attack to spread Islamophobia in India and to portray Muslims as villains.

"How can Palestine solidarity protests and waving flags be an offense and a national security threat?" asked Prashanth Bhushan.

"Solidarity with Palestine requires us to hold accountable our own government and its actions which support the perpetrators of the continuing barbaric horror against children and people of Palestine," said CPIM leader Karat.

A day before the solidarity gathering, more than two dozen former Indian Supreme Court justices and other judges, foreign service officers, academics, artists, activists, and others sent a letter to Defense Minister Rajnath Singh urging him to halt the licensing of arms sales to Israel, whose military forces have killed nearly 40,000 Palestinians while obliterating and starving Gaza.

"The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has clearly ruled that Israel is in violation of obligations under the Genocide Convention and further that Israel is in illegal occupation of the occupied Palestinian territory," read the letter. "In light of these rulings, any supply of military material to Israel would amount to a violation of India's obligations under international humanitarian law and the mandate of Article 21 read with Article 51(c) of the Constitution of India.

"According to the letter, among the weapons India has sent to Israel are Hermes 900 unmanned aerial drones, which are co-manufactured with Israeli arms company Elbit Systems. The drones "have been extensively used in the Israeli Defense Forces' military campaign in Gaza," they alleged.

They went on to say: "Several [United Nations] experts have warned that the transfer of weapons and ammunition to Israel may constitute serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian laws, and risk state complicity in international crimes, possibly including genocide, reiterating their demand to stop transfers immediately."

"In short, the grant of licenses and approvals for export of military material to Israel, coupled with reports of such exports by Indian companies, constitutes a serious violation of India's obligations under international law and our own Constitution," the letter noted.

"International law aside, we consider such exports to be morally objectionable, indeed abominable," the letter added. "We demand, therefore, that India should immediately suspend its collaboration in the delivery of military material to Israel. Further, India must immediately make every effort to ensure that weapons already delivered to Israel are not used to contribute to acts of genocide or violations of international humanitarian law."

At least 39,583 people killed and 91,398 wounded in Israel's genocidal war on Gaza.

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Part 2

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Immediately after the separation of Pakistan from British India, against the background of chaos, despondency and growing corruption Muhammad Asad was requested by the Government of Pakistan to deliver various radio broadcasts in the late summer of 1947. These broadcasts were direct, to the point and full of concern for the future of Pakistan. He said, "I am speaking to you as one of the many millions who believe that the words 'La ilaha ila Allah' are the greatest truth ever revealed to mankind, and that everyone who believes in these words is duty-bound to contribute his or her best towards the welfare of all others...in this crisis of our existence no one has the right to keep aloof from social service...it is, indeed, in trials and dangers that the real worth of a nation is tested...the one kind of defeat we must beware of under all circumstances and at all costs is moral defeat: the loss of faith in ourselves and our historic mission...Our opponents wish to drown us in a welter of confusion...making it utterly impossible for us to look beyond the immediate, day to day needs of a tragic present and so to stop our march towards an Islamic State at its very start...Are we the sons and daughters of Islam, going to lose heart, simply because the odds against us are so great...Indeed, in a nation's life no achievement really worth having can ever be obtained without suffering, blood and tears...let us turn our eyes towards the distant horizon on which God's Quranic promise to His millah is written in letters of light and glory:

"You are bound to rise high if you are faithful" (Qur'an, 3:139). If you are faithful: this, my Muslim brothers and sisters, is the key to your future.

One of the reasons as to why Muhammad Asad resigned from all government positions and left Pakistan to focus on his writings was due to the lack of respect and interest shown by the government towards the very purpose and ideals of Pakistan.

Years before the 'Organization of Islamic Conference' was created in 1969, Muhammad Asad wrote an entire proposal to create a League of Muslim Nations. But the file carrying his recommendations gathered dust on the desk of Pakistan's then foreign minister Zafarullah Khan. In 1957, he was invited by the Government of Pakistan to organize a large academic seminar on Islam. He used his command over Arabic, politics, history and personal connections to invite dozens of scholars from around the Muslim world. When the proceedings of the conference were published, his name was not even mentioned.

During his stay in Switzerland, he received a letter from General Ayub Khan, an admirer of his work, 'The Principles of State and Government in Islam' (1961) who requested that he return to Pakistan and have the membership of a seven-man group of Muslim scholars to advise him and draw up a new Islamic constitution for the country, he gracefully declined the offer.

In 1983, he was invited once again by General Zia ul-Haq, being his last visit to the country, where he took part in a series of meetings with members of the Ansari Commission to prepare a programme of presidency for the future where again the government failed to benefit from his insights.

Like Kashmir, Muhammad Asad was also drawn to the Palestinian struggle for freedom. He was an anti-Zionist Jew even before his reversion back to Islam. He wrote, "I conceived from the outset a strong objection to Zionism. I considered it immoral that immigrants should come from abroad with the avowed intention of attaining to majority in the country and thus to dispossess the people whose country it had been since time immemorial. The Palestinians are Arabs in the cultural sense only; ethically, they are direct line descendants of the original, multiracial inhabitants of Palestine". However he goes further to explain that, "only the people who recognize all of the three monotheistic religions, who revere all the Prophets of those three religions, averse to reviling anything that is sacred to the two other faiths, only such people can be counted upon to safeguard the three-sided character of Jerusalem...the Muslim community should be specifically entrusted with the custody of Jerusalem as a city open to all three communities in pursuance of the Quranic call to its followers to defend "monasteries, churches, synagogues and mosques in all of which God's name is abundantly extolled" (Quran, 22:40)

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18 GLIMPSES FROM THE LIFE OF ASH-SHAHEED ISMAIL HANIYEH (RAHIMAHULLAH)

by: Palestine Information Network

- * His family hails from the same village as that of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, Al-Joura, located in Asqalan.
- * Was a graduate, and very active in student activities in his youth at the Islamic University of Gaza.
- * Imprisoned by the Israeli regime for the first time in 1987, followed by further incarcerations in 1988 and 1989.
- * Was amongst the hundreds of Palestinian activists exiled by Israel to the Marj al-Zuhur area in southern Lebanon in 1992.
- * Headed up the office of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, after the Sheikh's release from Israeli prison in 1997, and rose to become a close confidant of the Sheikh.
- * Haniyeh spoke of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin as a stellar role model for Palestinian youth and said that he learned from him to love Islam, sacrifice for it, and not bow before tyrants and tyranny.
- * In 2003, he was injured in an Israeli attack attempting to eliminate the Hamas leadership
- * Haniyeh was an advocate of Hamas playing a greater role in politics, and for Hamas to evolve from being a purely socio-religious movement to a political party.
- * Following Hamas's electoral victory in 2006, he was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Palestine
- * On 14 June 2007, he was removed from his position of Prime Minister by Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas. This occurred amidst a co-ordinated scheme by Israel, the USA and the PA to undermine Hamas rule and remove it from power.
- * Haniyeh was the leader of Hamas in Gaza until 2017, when he was elected the overall leader of Hamas. He thereafter relocated to Qatar, and has been unable to return to Gaza ever since.
- * Haniyeh was the political and diplomatic face of Hamas. He was well connected within Hamas, as well as with political players in the Arab Islamic world. He also played an effective role in building Hamas's combat capabilities through strengthening relations with strategic partners.
- * In 2018 Haniyeh was placed on United States' list of "specially designated global terrorists."
- * In an address after the resistance operation of October 7, Haniyeh said: "How many times have we warned you that the Palestinian people have been living in refugee camps for 75

years, and you refuse to recognise the rights of our people?" He went on to say that Israel, "which cannot protect itself in the face of resisters", could not provide protection for other Arab countries, and that "all the normalization agreements that you signed with that entity cannot resolve this conflict."

* Haniyeh has lost dozens of family members in Gaza as a result of Israeli strikes during the ongoing genocide. Among these have been three of his sons, an elderly sister, and several grandchildren. Haniyeh would emphasize that the blood of his family members were not any more precious than the lives of every other Palestinian martyr.

* Haniyeh was well-loved in Gaza, where he lived a simple life among its residents. He was a Hafidh of Quran, and would lead Salaah at his local Masjid. Several recordings of his beautiful Tilawah are available.

* In one of his final communiqués, Haniyeh called for Saturday 3 August to be declared an International Day of Action for Gaza and Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. "We hope that 3 August will be a pivotal, significant, and impactful day across all of Palestine, in refugee camps and the diaspora, in our Arab and Islamic world, and among all the free people around the world, to support our people in Gaza and our free prisoners in the [Israeli] occupation's jails," Haniyeh said a press statement.

* Hafidh Ismail Haniyeh attained martyrdom on Wednesday, 31 July 2024 whilst in Tehran, Iran. May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala raise his status, shower him with mercy, and forgive his shortcomings. May he afforded true rest after a life of toil and struggle. May his blood be pivotal in ripening the tree of freedom for the land of Bayt al-Maqdis and Masjid al-Aqsa.

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Lady Fatima

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A Poetic Reflection



Introduction

National Women's Day celebration is not only to recognise the monumental achievements of women throughout history but also to deeply contemplate the indelible legacy of those extraordinary individuals who have woven the fabric of society with threads of courage, wisdom, and grace. Amidst the garden of history, where the roses of remembrance eternally flourish, there exists a fragrance so pure that it imbues the very essence of time itself. This is the legacy of Lady Fatima (Radi Allahu Anha), a role model whose life and spirit have surmounted the confines of transience, reaching across the ages to touch the hearts of countless with her gentle yet profound wisdom. The following endeavours to encapsulate the radiant essence of her soul, offering sayings and a poetic tribute that illuminates the eternal light of Lady Fatima (Radi Allahu Anha).

'The Queen of My Heart' by Ana Bibi

"O my dearest sisters, listen up, and come near,
I'd like to tell you about a woman, so dear,
The best of woman she was, she is, without a doubt
So come and listen, and learn what she was all about.
She was the best daughter, to her parents truly filial,
Barely 10, she stood by her father as a brave young girl,
A teenager during the boycott, she held strong unshaken,
At her mother's death she cared for her father, though heart
broken
The love between her and her father, such pure beauty,
Every time he left town, she would be the last he'd see,
And on returning to Madinah, it was the masjid then, her,
So does it amaze you, that he called her, mother of her father?
Once he was served some bread and meat, and though
hunger-stricken,

He sent it to her first, knowing that for days she hasn't eaten,
And she too, sent him some bread that she had baked,
Always preferring him, she said, "I can't eat before you ate"
Once he posed a question, that no one could answer,
"Who's the best woman?" he directly asked her,
"The one who doesn't see men," she replied, "And whom men
do not see"

Beaming, he kissed her forehead saying, "Fathimah is a part of
me"

On his final illness, he whispered that death had sought
permission,

She began to weep, at the very thought of separation,
But when he told her that separation is but for a while,
Her tears dried up, her heart eased, she could not help but
smile

How beautiful, ya Allah, his connection to her,
As whatever pleases her, will surely earn his pleasure,
And whatever upsets her, then know, he is upset too,
So hold on to her way, my sister, and may God guide you.
But her way is too hard, some say, a woman so perfect,
An ocean of virtues, she is the elect of elect,
Hence, our teacher said, four traits of hers, never let go,
So when she crosses the sirat, you'll be of those who follow.
First, turn away from anything that isn't modest,
Second, be content to live with what is simplest,
Third, to do dhikr Fatimiyyah before sleeping,
Forth, to nurture your children and care for their well-being.
Thus is the best of women, a prime example,
So take her, my dear sisters, as your role model,
Love her with all your heart, for the sake of God, true and
sincere,

A person is with whom he loves, may we be gathered with her.
Ya Sayyidah, the Queen of my heart,
Ya Fathimah, may we never part,
Ya Batuul, of purity and constant prayer,
Ya Zahraa, a shining star, the Prophet's flower.
And we end our ode to her, with the best prayers and
salutations,

On her, her mother, and her father, the best of creation,
And on his family and companions and those that come after,
Prayers and salutations, Our Lord, in accordance to Your
pleasure".

Conclusion

By embodying the enduring legacy of Lady Fatima (Radi Allahu Anha) and her life, we bear testament to strength, compassion, and unwavering faith, which continues to illuminate the path of righteousness for all who seek guidance. Through Lady Fatima (Radi Allahu Anha), we are reminded of the power of silence, the resilience of the spirit, and the eternal beauty of a life lived in the embrace of the Divine. Lady Fatima (Radi Allahu Anha) remains a beacon of hope; her memory is an eternal source of inspiration for all. In her, we find a reflection of the Divine Attributes, a reminder of our own potential for greatness. We are left with a profound sense of gratitude for Lady Fatima's (Radi Allahu Anha) life and legacy, a radiant light that will forever shine in the hearts of those who cherish her memory.

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BOOK REVIEW "TIRED ISLAM" CHAPTER: THE END OF THE ARABS

Extract from the book "Jacob Dunne" The Zionist. Me Fourth Edition, Volume Seven, Library of Congress 2011 AD

A new book by Jewish scholar Jacob Dunne, translated by one of the Muslims: "Tired Islam" to Arabs and Muslims in general and to the Gulf and Gulf in particular, so that you knew the truth about the situation around you and that people were planning to weaken you and take power over you.

A summary of the most important points of the book (Tired Islam) Chapter (The End of the Arabs). This book is in the United States Library of Congress, and they are working to implement this which was written there by the Zionist writer Jacob Dunn.

It is a malicious book, and here is a summary of what it contains

1. If we destroy the belief of the Arabs and the people of the Middle East, we destroy the belief of the Muslims, who are those who most faithfully apply the correct teachings of Islam.
2. The Arabian Peninsula has many people who put religion above all else and worship God sincerely.
3. We must destroy women in their state and encourage feminism and decadence in order to facilitate control of their minds.
4. The people of the Arabian Peninsula raise their children in love of Islam and sacrifice for it.
5. They preserve all the pillars of Islam, memorize the Quran and make sacrifices for this, and they pass it on to every generation.
6. We must start attacking the sheikhs, the mosques and the Friday sermons so that the public moves away from them, abandons the mosques, moves away from the teachings of the Quran and prefers our culture to its religion.
7. A gap must be created between parents and children so that their conception of filial piety ceases and we cultivate in them self-love and individual interest above family interest. Thus, a generation will be born that will not respect the generation that preceded it. and will be a prelude to the disintegration of society.
8. All fatwas which contain significant disagreements and cause discord and conflict must be supported.

9. Poison must be mixed with honey so that the Muslim gets used to the fact that everything is permitted and that what is forbidden has two words: one that is permitted and one that is forbidden, so that he has no pangs of conscience.

10. Motivate people to allow women to travel alone and adapt to the fact that Western morals and behavior are natural and correct, but what is strange to humans is morality of the Muslim, that he works alone among all religions, races and cultures. Thus, we ensure the subordination of women and youth to us and to our material civilization, which is free from the morality of Islam.

11. Technology and the Internet are the weapons of our time. We must focus on supporting the negative aspects that undermine the personality and behavior of the Muslim and reduce their positive use in order to allow the new generation to lose themselves in empty pleasures and enjoyments. to the detriment of science and technology and occupy their minds.

12. The plan to alienate the Muslim and distance him from his religion and identity must be implemented gradually and in stages in order to create an insignificant and lost nation, without identity, without heritage or history, easy to enslave, to control. and end the conflict for the benefit of the West and its Latin material civilization, which is inevitable with the efforts to overcome the will of Arabs and Muslims and their ignorance of their Arab unity, message and identity and Islamic.

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May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta A'la reward all who read it and help to disseminate it so that the Arab-Islamic community becomes aware of the global goals of Zionism.




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URS OF SUFI LEGENDS

by Irshad Siddiqi

Safar marks the death anniversaries of great saints buried in the Indo-Pak subcontinent. On the 19th, the grand Urs of Hazrat Data Ali Hajweri (ؒ) will be celebrated at his mazaar in Lahore, Pakistan.

The popularity of the saint amongst sufi followers goes back to the earliest times of the rise of Islam in that part of the world. Although the largest numbers of Indians converted to Islam much later, during the mission of Khwaja Muinuddin Chishty (ؒ), and the latter is recorded to have stayed at the shrine of Data Ali Hajweri for 40 days, before commencing his monumental spiritual outreach to the oppressed masses.

Hajweri himself was a grand-master of sufism, whose attainments caught the attention even of the great Ghausul Azam Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (ؒ), a follower of the same Junaidia spiritual discipline. Hajweri wrote books on Sufism, his most famous being Kashf-ul-Mahjoub, reputed to be the oldest work in Persian literature on sufism. The book was revered by the most prominent saints and sufis of the time when sufism was at its early stages in India. To this day it is treasured and considered priceless as a training manual for initiates into the spiritual path of Islam.

The Urs of Data Saheb is one of the major sufi festivals in the world and attracts visitors from all over the globe. Another major Urs receiving great attention and interest every year in Safar is that of the genius scholar and reformer, Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza (ؒ). Since the appearance of Imam Ahmed Raza Khan (ؒ) of Bareilly, India, no saint or scholar has emerged, to overtake or equal his achievement in propagating "love and respect" as the approach best prescribed in following the sunnah of the holy Prophet (ﷺ).

At a time when wahhabism threatened to overturn the ummah from a pro-sufistic mindset towards the intolerant ideology of the British allied Saudi supporters of Abdul Wahhab Najdi, which was spreading across the muslim world rapidly, Imam Ahmed Raza (ؒ) withstood the onslaught with his own jihad as a scholar of unrivaled ability. The Urs is celebrated globally on 25 Safar annually.

The Urs of Hazrat Peer Mehr Ali Shah (ؒ) is celebrated on 29 Safar, and also receives much attention in Pakistan, every year. The saint is remembered as one of the notable defenders of Islam and opposer of the Ahmedi's during their establishment of the heretical cult of Qadianism.

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