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Imran Mocks PML-N for 'Advertising Prayers for Ailing PM'

Islamabad: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman has sarcastically sympathized with members of the ruling party who were 'squandering their hard-earned money' on advertising their prayers for their leader Nawaz Sharif, who is currently recuperating at a London hospital after an open-heart surgery.

Imran Khan says he is not upset with the appeals for prayers for Nawaz, but he is concerned with the style of governance of the Sharif family which, according to him, is ruling the country like a kingdom.

"Nawaz Sharif had a two-thirds majority [in 1999] but people did not agitate when the then army chief, IMRAN, P28

Torkham Restrictions Stir Pakistan-Afghanistan Tension

Peshawar: Pakistan has tightened security at its border with Afghanistan, a move it says will prevent fighters from entering.

The Torkham crossing is usually used by about 15,000 Afghans every day. But now it will be closed to anyone who does not have a visa and a valid passport.

The crossing is a way of making ends meet for many. It is usually packed with cargo-filled trucks and minibuses crammed with passengers - including the sick and elderly.

Some walk, from entire families and merchants to children, often on their own.

New regulations mean Afghans living along the border, which stretches 2,000km, would need a visa.

"I have to cross the border every morning to go to work and return home. How can I get a visa every time?" Mohammed Yusuf, an Afghan national, wondered.

TORKHAM, P28

PM Stable after Open-heart Surgery in UK



Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is expected to return to Pakistan, following his open-heart surgery in London, before the end of Ramazan, said Maryam Nawaz while talking exclusively to DawnNews

Karachi: A day after approving budgetary proposals for the next financial year via video link, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif underwent successful open-heart surgery at a London hospital and was moved to an intensive-care unit in a stable

condition on Tuesday.

"Prime Minister shifted to ICU. Alhamdulillah stable," said one of the many tweets of the PM's daughter, Maryam Nawaz, who used the social media platform to update her two million followers, as well as the

nation, about her father's successful surgery — his second major medical procedure since 2011.

According to Maryam, the PM's surgery began at 0800 GMT and continued for over four hours NAWAZ, P28

Mark Humayun Receives Highest Technology Award from President Obama



Washington, DC: President Obama has awarded Mark Humayun, a Pakistani-American PhD in biomedical engineering, with the "National Medal of Technology and Innovation", the nation's highest honor for achievements in technology.

HUMAYUN, P28

Michelle Obama Visits Pakistan Embassy in DC

Washington, DC: In a first, United States First Lady Michelle Obama visited the Pakistan Embassy in Washington on Friday.

"It was an absolute delight hosting FLOTUS at Pakistan House today," Ambassador Jilani said on Twitter.

According to reports, this is the first time a US first lady has paid a visit to the Pakistani Embassy in Washington. During her visit, the first lady discussed bilateral relations with the Pakistani ambassador.

Although the reason behind Michelle Obama's visit isn't clear, reports suggest US aid for the education sector of Pakistan was also discussed during the informal meeting.

The First Lady's visit to the Pakistan Embassy came



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at a time when relations between Pakistan and the US are strained on account of the drone strike in which Afghan Taliban chief Mullah Akhtar Mansour was

reported killed.

The visit seems a bid to mend strained relations between Washington and Islamabad in the aftermath of a US drone strike deep

inside Pakistan on May 21 that killed Afghan Taliban chief Mullah Akhtar Mansour.

US President Barack MICHELLE, P28

Hillary Happy to See Bilawal in Action

Multan: PPP Chairperson Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's waving to the crowd on GT Road has moved candidate for the Democratic US presidential nomination Hillary Clinton.

"I just saw Bilawal Bhutto on TV and he sounds just like his mother," her text message to former Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani reads.

"Tell him I said good luck and I hope he achieves the success his mother was trying to achieve", the text goes on.

Mr Gilani told Dawn that he had received the text message from Ms Clinton on Tuesday.

On Monday, Mr Bhutto-Zardari took on his first ever road show from Islamabad to Mirpur, Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

At places, the PPP chairperson braved security threats and came out of his vehicle to wave to the charged crowds.

Mr Gilani was elated at the sen HILLARY, P28

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SCMCO Holds First Joint Masjid Golf Tournament



On May 15th, 2016 players from various mosques of Southern California got together to participate in the First Joint Masjid Golf Tournament.

The tournament was organized by the Southern California Mus-

lim Community Organization. It was held at the Coyote Hills Golf Course, Fullerton.

The Rules and Regulation Committee comprising Javed Kardar, Adnan Naqvi and Samir Zayyad explained the rules of engage-

ment. Samir Zayyad opened the proceedings with a warm welcome to the players and audience. SC-MCO Chairperson Dawar Naqvi thanked everyone who had worked diligently to bring the community together.

The Islamic Center of Southern California (ICSC) team won the tournament. It was presented by Arshad Khan, Owais Andrabi, Pasha Nadvi and Asad Khan

Closest to the Pin Winner: Ibrahim Syed, Thousand Oaks-- Is-

lamic Center of Conejo Valley Longest Drive Winner: Owais Andrabi, Islamic Center of Southern California

SCMCO congratulates winners of the First Joint Masjid Golf Tournament, 2016.



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Ambassador Ahmed Lectures to Packed Halls in Nottingham

As part of his current lecture and film screening tour, Ambassador Akbar Ahmed visited Nottingham, England, where he spent several days meeting the local Muslim community and giving several lectures at the University of Nottingham. A city of around 300,000 people, Nottingham has about 25,000 Muslims.

Ambassador Ahmed's visit was co-sponsored by the University of Nottingham and the Karimia Institute, a large Muslim organization and charity based in Nottingham. When Ambassador Ahmed and his team arrived at the train station, they were received by a delegation of the Muslim community, including Dr Musharraf Hussain, a prominent Islamic scholar and Chief Executive Officer of the Karimia Institute. Ambassador Ahmed and his team were welcomed by the Muslim community in an unending series of dinners and warm hospitality. There was also a tremendous amount of goodwill between the Muslim community and the faculty and students of the University of Nottingham.

For most of the world, Nottingham means Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest, and Dr Hussain drove Ambassador Ahmed and his team to Sherwood Forest to see the famous "Major Oak" tree associated with Robin Hood. At the tree, which is believed to be as many as a thousand years old, Dr Hussain said that Robin Hood represented the "human desire for fairness and justice" and called him "the protector, savior, and helper of the poor people."

Dr Hussain also expressed his desire for interfaith dialogue and friendship in his discussion of the initiative he and other top British imams are taking to celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II this year on June 10, which falls on a Friday during Ramadan, by saying a prayer for the Queen during Friday prayers. Dr Hussain called the Queen "a great role model" and "a wonderful lady in every sense" with "64 years of incredible service to humanity and to this country." "We as Muslims who live in her wonderful realm," he said, "appreciate her service and her work and this will be a way of thanking her for what she



From left to right: Professor Katharine Adeney, Dr Musharraf Hussain, Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, and Professor Jon Hoover

has done for us."

On May 24, Ambassador Ahmed delivered a lecture titled "Muslims in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges" to a packed hall of around 400 people at the University of Nottingham. The event was opened by Professor Jon Hoover, who teaches Islamic studies at the university and helped arrange and coordinate Ambassador Ahmed's visit. Ambassador Ahmed was introduced by Professor Katharine Adeney, the Director of the Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies at the university, who said in her introduction that in the 1990s when she was working on her PhD she was inspired by Ambassador Ahmed's Jinnah book and film and said she couldn't believe she was now meeting him. Professor Adeney also said that she had been at the university for many years and had never seen an audience as large as it was that evening. There were many distinguished guests present, including

the pro-vice-chancellor of the university, who welcomed guests to the lecture, senior professors, and Colonel Stuart Williams, the deputy commander of the famous "Desert Rats" 7th Armored Brigade who the next day bestowed the honor of "honorary Desert Rat" on Ambassador Ahmed.

On May 25th Ambassador Ahmed, who stayed in the huge and stately Hugh Stewart Hall on the beautiful University of Nottingham campus, considered the "greenest" in the world, spent much of the day at the Karimia Institute with the Nottingham Muslim community. Ambassador Ahmed spoke at a press conference in the institute convened to launch Dr Hussain's new Trust Building Project, in which trained "ambassadors" from the Muslim community will go out into the wider community in order to forge relationships with non-Muslims and dispel myths about Islam. The event was well-attended by local

media and the Muslim community. Ambassador Ahmed was also interviewed for over one hour in Urdu on Radio Dawn, a station serving the local Pakistani community that broadcasts from the Karimia Institute.

At the formal farewell dinner for Ambassador Ahmed held in the grand council chamber of the University of Nottingham hosted by another pro-vice-chancellor, Ambassador Ahmed delivered a speech about trust and shared stories as examples of how to build trust between different communities. The pro-vice-chancellor enthusiastically called the speech "superb."

The infectious optimism and hospitality of the Muslim community of Nottingham cheered Ambassador Ahmed and the team greatly. The South Asian community knew Ambassador Ahmed through his films Living Islam and Jinnah and they constantly took selfies and photos with him. Everywhere Ambassador Ahmed and his team went they were honored, given gifts, and looked after as very special guests. Members of the Muslim community frequently said to Ambassador Ahmed and his team that they were excited and inspired to have a major Muslim figure in Nottingham and at a perfect time with the launch of the new Trust Building Project dedicated to improving relations between Muslims and the local community, which had been planned for over a year.

There was a feeling that this trip was a catalyst. The visit had accomplished something that had never existed before, bringing the university and the Muslim community very close together. Ambassador Ahmed's message of promoting interfaith dialogue and friendship resonated with Muslims and non-Muslims alike. As a final gesture of appreciation, an electrical engineer of Pakistani background living in Nottingham personally drove Ambassador Ahmed and his team in his Mercedes to their next stop, Bradford, England, a three-hour trip, and refused to accept any payment, repeating that it was an honor for him to drive Ambassador Ahmed. It was a remarkable conclusion to a wonderful and hopeful few days.

A Musical Journey from the Mushairas of Aligarh to the Razzle Dazzle of Film World

■ By Lubna Kazim

On May 21st, a memorable program was held in New York to raise funds for educating children in economically disadvantaged communities. The program was hosted by the Aligarh Alumni Association of New York (AAANY), in continuation of the event AAINA which was originally produced and staged by AAANE in Boston last October. The show was also memorable because this was the first time a Boston-produced cultural event was being re-staged in another city, due to its phenomenal success. The elegant event booklet from AAANY presented to all the arriving guests, set the tone for the evening.

After the welcome address by the President, Dr Intizam Khan and Secretary Irfan Beg, eminent speakers Mr Ameer Ahamed and Dr Nadeem Tarin, followed next.

Historically, Aligarh gained prominence due to two emerging movements which brought brilliant personalities, who were to enrich its culture of the future. The first was academic. Syed Ahmed Khan established his Scientific Society then the AMU and Sheikh Abdullah founded the girl's institution.

It is the second movement of the leftist intellectuals, which changed the trend in literature. They wrote stories on forbidden topics



and exposed the ill-treatment of women. Public outrage forced the British Government to ban their publication Angare, but five copies were still preserved in Britain. The next generation of writers and poets followed the trend and continued to write against injustice in the society they lived in. It is from this group that many of our poets, featured in the event, emerged from.

Siraj Khan, who was also the script-writer and director of AAINA in Boston, co-hosted the New York event along with Dr Fozia Qamar. He introduced the concert and his team of performing artists, showcasing the work of the illustrious poets affiliated with AMU, who had enriched the landscape of Bollywood by their poetry. The program featured stalwarts like Ma-

jaz Lakhnavi, Ali Sardar Jafri, Jan Nisar Akhtar, Shakeel Badayuni, Kaifi Azmi, Dr Rahi Masoom Reza, Shahryar, Ravindra Jain and Javed Akhtar.

The highly talented and vibrant team was made up of Dr Meena Sundaram, Jolly Bhatia, Dr Zafar Naqvi, Meenakshi Rana, Tehniyat Hakim, Dr Sadia Chaghtai, Dr Batool Kazim, Nousheen Hakim, Dr Fozia Qamar and myself from Boston. Dr Smita Guha, Rita Kohli, Bushra Karim, Dr Tazeen Beg, and Tanya Beg joined the cast from New York, Masood Farshori from Maryland and Asad Chaghtai from Philadelphia. How they rehearsed and came together cohesively is a story in itself. The Bostonians traveled together in a coach to New York, arranged by the hosts.

The program presented a unique blend of poetry recitation of the featured poets, the immortal film songs they had penned and anecdotes from the lives of these luminaries. After I attempted to take the audience down on a trip down the memory lanes of Aligarh, my daughter Dr Batool Kazim recited her grandmother Begum Khurshid Mirza's naat Zahoor-e-Qudsi and also a ghazal Dard ke Phool of Javed Akhtar.

From Majaz's famous Awaara to Shakeel's Gham-e-ashiqui se keh do and Ravindra Jain's Ab ranj se khushi se, the audience was held spellbound by the flow of poetry followed by the melodious songs that came one after the other from the talented singers. Starting with Meena Sundaram's flowing rendition of

Mubarak Begum's Bemurrawat Bewafa penned by Jan Nisar Akhtar, it was an exhilarating experience watching the young emerging stars Tehniyat Hakim and Tanya Beg, captivating the audience by their talent and confidence, performing amidst many senior and accomplished artistes. Kuch dil ne kaha and Muskanain jhooti hein were superbly performed by the two youngest members of the team.

Siraj Khan always values and acknowledges the work of the senior singers, musicians and poets who have provided so much of joy in our lives. He sat there on stage with the Filmfare trophy of Dr Rahi Masoom Reza, awarded for his dialogs of the film Lamhe (1991), placed on the table in front, for inspiration. Siraj's spiritual connection with composer OP Nayyar is well known, which did not end even with the maestro's death. The OP Nayyar Memorial Trust, of which he is an integral part, supports the struggling and aging artistes in need and he is helped by many of his friends in music and the proceeds from the musical events, in which he is involved.

I thought it would be best to sign off through a couplet of Kaifi Azmi which Siraj recited towards the closure of a highly engaging and entertaining act, at about 2 am.

Guzarne ko to hazaron hi qaafle guzre

Zameen pe naqsh-e-qadam bas kisi kisi ka raha

Kashmiris Can Determine Their Own Political Destiny: Fai



Baltimore, Maryland: Baltimore, Maryland: “The world powers have voiced not a syllable of reproach to India for its human rights violations in Kashmir. Their tacit message to India’s leaders: your economic attractiveness and hegemony in South Asia exculpate your human rights atrocities in Kashmir. Does that reflect a profile in courage?” This was stated by Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary General of World Kashmir Awareness, during the 41st Annual Convention of Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA).

Dr Fai was speaking in the panel entitled, “Muslims Around The World Series” on the subject of Kashmir. Other speakers included Dr Nikibur Rahman, son of Motiur Rahman Nizami who was executed in Bangladesh on May 11, 2016 through a trial procedure that international human rights groups, including Amnesty International, have condemned as deeply flawed. “The Arab Spring: 6 Years later” was presented by Dr Abdul Mawgoud Dardery, former Member of Parliament of Egypt.

“More trade between India and Pakistan will do nothing to end the indigenous Kashmiri resistance, which is fueled by shocking human rights violations and the denial of self-determination for more than half a century. No power on earth

can bargain away the rights of Kashmiris; only they can determine their own political destiny,” Fai warned.

The international community should not abandon Kashmir to the whims of India and Pakistan. They should be persuaded to permit outside intervention to resolve the Kashmir conflict. They should also be encouraged to permit the leadership of the people of Kashmir to participate as full partners in the negotiating enterprise with both India and Pakistan.

“Isn’t the demand of the people of Kashmir legitimate and recognized by the United Nations and international community? If yes, then why should the world powers prefer trade and commerce to moral values and ethical principles? Isn’t trade and commerce trampling on principles, democratic values, and human rights in Kashmir? Isn’t it a bad precedence to prefer trade to morality,” Fai asked?

Fai concluded by emphasizing the inspirational message given by President Obama to the leadership of South Asia on October 30, 2008 when he pronounced to facilitate an understanding between India and Pakistan to help resolve the Kashmir crisis. That message needs to be fulfilled for the sake of international peace and security. gnfai2003@yahoo.com

Institute of Internal Auditors Annual Student Night

■ By Saboohi Ahmed

The Institute of Internal Auditors (Beach Cities Chapter) held their annual Student Night at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach on April 30th, 2016. The IIA is a professional organization comprised of Certified Internal Auditors, Certified Public Accountants and other professionals in the financial auditing field and the Beach Cities Chapter, headed by its President Sher Shah CPA, is a Platinum Member of the worldwide organization.

The annual dinner invites students majoring in Accounting and Finance at local universities to attend a very elegant event and connect with recruiters from a variety of different accounting, consulting and corporate fields.

The event was sponsored by twenty-six (26) major companies, including Moss Adams, Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) and KPMG, as well as the University of California Irvine and University of California Los Angeles Audit Department. Other corporate sponsors included Alliance Resources, MGO CPAs, and Northrup Grumman. The sponsors funded over 130 students from thirteen (13) universities including UCLA, USC, UC Irvine, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Dominguez Hills and Cal State Los Angeles.

The keynote speaker was Don Mullinax, Western Region Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency who gave an inspiring speech entitled “From Average to Awesome” which motivated students to excel in their careers. Don was introduced by Sher Shah, two-term President of the Chapter, who had the audience laughing with his quips on how to succeed in the workplace. His statement that “the best way to get a job is by being a pest” was appreciated by students and recruiters alike.

The event was also important in the number of gifts and scholarships that the IIA Beach Cities had made available to the student attendees. Wylie CPA Review donated two scholarships at a value of \$1,800 each for preparation for the CPA or CMA examination. The Beach Cities Chapter offered two scholarships for the Certified Internal Auditor Review Class and the San Gabriel Chapter of the IIA offered a \$500 scholarship for students participating in an essay contest.

The objective of the IIA Beach Cities Annual Student night is to help students connect with world-class organizations and educating them about the internal audit profession. For more information please go to the chapter website at: <https://chapters.theiia.org/beach-cities/>



Xoom Partners with National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) to Offer Same-Day Deposits to NBP

San Francisco, CA: Xoom, a leading digital money transfer provider, announced in February its partnership with the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP). With this partnership, consumers can now send money to NBP accounts from the US quickly, securely, and affordably.

Deposits to NBP accounts will arrive the same day when sent Monday-Friday by 4:30 p.m., PKT. Transactions sent outside of that timeframe will arrive the next business day.

“Xoom is committed to providing the Pakistani community with the fastest and fairest way to send money to family and friends,” said Iain Allison, Senior Director of Business Development for PayPal’s Xoom Business. “Through this partnership with NBP, we’re able to better serve the community by offering even more options. And of course, consumers can always rely on our 24/7 customer service and money-back guarantee.”

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“At NBP, we aim to give our



customers the best financial services,” said SEVP, Group Chief of Global Home Remittances Group at NBP.

Zahid Shaheen, Vice President, Head of Financial Institutions & QAD at NBP added, “Now, through our groundbreaking partnership with Xoom, our customers can quickly receive money from their loved ones in the US in a fast and seamless way.”

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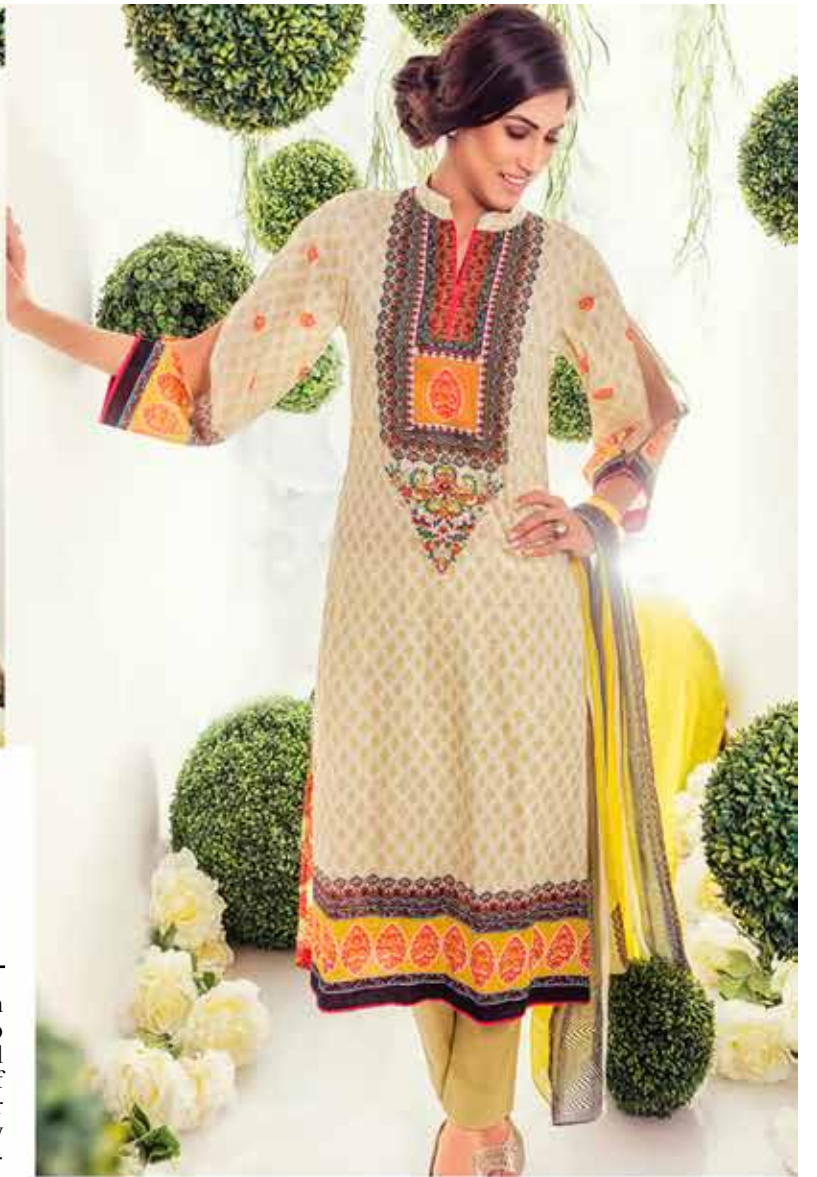
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Go The Lawn Way!

By M. Shirazi

Summer is in its full glory and in such hot weather the only way to beat the heat is to go for material that is soft and comfortable. And of course lawn is the perfect option for scorching summers. With so many designers launching their lawn collections, there are a lot of options that we can choose from. Some offer contemporary prints and patterns while others have their signature touch to it. And the good news is that textile brand LALA recently launched their latest summer collection Sana & Samia Crinkle Collection.

We all know that the brand launches their collections with every changing season including summer, midsummer

and winter fabric ranges. Today, with their decades of experience, the brand continues to provide quality material and custom prints throughout the year that are available at their flagship store in Karachi as well as leading stockists across Pakistan.

Now coming back to their Crinkle Collection, it is inspired by nature and consists of a lawn shirt, dupatta and

shalwar in 34 designs. Available in a variety of beautiful hues like blue, green, pink etc. this collection features embroidered motifs, elegant style and colour schemes that are perfect for summers. The exclusive embroidery detailing adds oomph to the outfits. They have also introduced their Fantaisie Trouser Collection that offers semi-formal, casual and formal unstitched trousers.

On the occasion, CEO Pervez Lala said, "Our latest collections are an extension of our commitment to our patrons - providing them with vast options of what they can wear this summer."

Girls what are you waiting for? Grab your wallets and check out the beautiful collection, before it is too late. Happy shopping!



■ By Nayer Ali MD

A dramatic change is occurring in how the world's oil producers see the future. For the last two generations oil has been the lifeblood of the global economy. It used to be burned to generate electricity, but that ended in the 1980's with the first era of high oil prices. Oil continued to power transportation, autos, trucks, ships, and planes till the present. With the rise of China in the last decade, surging demand created the second era of high oil prices. In the last 18 months that has come to an end. Some oil producers have held out the hope that another era of high prices will return, but the most prescient realize that we are at the end.



The carnage in the oil markets have wrecked the oil producers across the globe. The Iraqi Kurds are suffering a major economic downturn, and have trouble paying their civil servants. The rest of Iraq too has suffered from the drop in oil revenue. Lack of money contributed to the weakness of the Iraqi Army that allowed ISIS to seize much of northwestern Iraq. Low oil prices probably played a role in pushing Iran to sign the nuclear deal with the US and its partners. In Saudi Arabia, the economy has weakened and the construction giant the Bin Laden Group just laid off 50,000 workers. Venezuela's economy has completely collapsed, with even infant formula and toilet paper no longer available. In Russia, the currency lost half its value, and economy has gone into recession.

In the past these eras of low oil prices were felt to be transient, and good times would eventually return. Low prices would stimulate demand and OPEC would agree to cut supply enough to cause a surge in oil prices. The big producers planned in terms of keeping the oil valuable for their grandchildren and not overproduce for short-term profit now. But this time is very different.

The end of oil is coming. Already oil consumption in the advanced industrial economies peaked 10 years ago and has dropped since. Oil demand in the Third World is still rising and will continue to grow for another 10-15 years, but at a slower rate. After that, total global oil demand will start a long drop

OPEC Sees the End of Oil



down to a very minimal level by 2060. This long run decline will keep pressure on oil prices, and we will never see 100 dollar a barrel oil in real terms again.

The obvious factor that is pushing this forward is the revolution in auto transport that is occurring. This revolution is actually two separate events. First is the switch to electric vehicles. All electric vehicles have gone from a novelty product to a mainstream one in the last decade. Tesla Motors is planning to unveil a mid-priced sedan next year, and already have a huge number of pre-orders. Governments are pushing for electric vehicles in a big way. In the US, average gas mileage for new cars is mandated to rise to 54 mpg by 2025. This is a huge jump from current, and can only occur with a massive increase in electric and hybrid vehicles. The hybrid Honda Accord and Toyota Camry both get around 45 mpg, double what the older gasoline powered vehicles got. India has passed legislation requiring that all new cars sold after 2030 be electric vehicles.

The second part of the revolution is the development of driverless cars. Already com-

panies like Google are test-driving driverless vehicles on the road. All the major car companies are trying to develop such cars that are going to totally change how we get around in the future. Because the cars are driverless, there is no need to own one. Most

What this means for OPEC is that much of their oil reserves will never get pumped and sold. The Saudis are selling 3 billion barrels a year, but have 250 billion barrels in reserves, good enough for 80 years. Most of that will never be pumped out

of the time, a personal car sits motionless. A fleet of driverless cars available for immediate use by a smartphone will take away the need for people to own private cars. You will just summon a car when you need one, and when the trip is over the car will be available

for the next rider. Driverless cars will be tremendously safer than current autos, with the massive rate of car accidents dropping like a rock and saving thousands of lives a year in the US, and hundreds of thousands around the world. The total number of cars needed for the population will come way down, and the auto industry will shrink. We are probably 15-25 years away from this technology, but it's coming.

What this means for OPEC is that much of their oil reserves will never get pumped and sold. The Saudis are selling 3 billion barrels a year, but have 250 billion barrels in reserves, good enough for 80 years. Most of that will never be pumped out. The Saudis see this and realize they have nothing to gain from cutting production. The same holds true for the rest of OPEC, which is why the Iranians rejected a production freeze, and there is no plan for any collective action on oil production.

While it makes sense to pump as much as you can now as the future is looking dimmer, the basic economic paradigm of the OPEC nations is now broken. In the past, huge oil profits allowed governments to buy social peace by distributing the oil wealth through the country. The main way to do so was by subsidizing social services such as free health care and education, no taxes on the population, and employing large numbers of people in fake government jobs where they didn't actually do anything useful. The Saudis and the Gulf States were the biggest practitioners of this. Places like Iran, Iraq, Russia, and Venezuela had too big a population to provide high living standards for everyone, but still even those economies were grossly distorted by oil.

The petrostates must now reform themselves and create real functioning economies. They have 20 or 30 years to do so, so the change is not necessary overnight, but it will be a massive upheaval anyway. The petrostates have shut their populations out of politics in return for high living standards, but when they can no longer provide the latter, they will have to reverse the former. The Saudis have revealed an ambitious reform agenda, which includes creating a massive sovereign wealth fund of 2 trillion dollars so that they can live off investment income. In addition they want to create a real private economic sector and increase women's participation in the economy. These changes will strain the Saudi social model, perhaps to the breaking point.

■ By Dr Paul Kengor

PA

Back during Memorial Day 2014, I wrote a piece on five brothers who served in World War II. I was blown-away impressed by the Bailey boys, from my neck of the woods in Western Pennsylvania, and still am. Imagine my surprise when a reader responded with a package of clippings informing me of his family, which had seven brothers in the war. Yes, seven. His name is Ted, and his parents were Stella and Walter Pietkiewicz, Polish immigrants in Pittsburgh.

I wrote up that story, thinking no family could out-do the Pietkiewicz crew. I soon learned I was wrong.

That article led to a bunch of mail composed by computers and typewriters alike. One was sent by Stanley Freedman reporting the seven sons of Fanny Greco. They lived in Providence, Rhode Island. All served in World War II.

Another came from Tina Link of Delphos, Ohio, who told me of her maternal grandmother, "Mrs John Bohnlein," as the attached September 1945 newspaper clip identified this selfless mother, who likewise lent seven sons to the cause.

Then followed an email from Shayne Ghare informing me of Roy and Lillie Ghare. They parented 17 children in tiny Arcola, Illinois. Seven of their boys served in World War II.

All of this prompted me to dig a bit, and I thus learned of still other cases, such as the seven Powell brothers of Hillview, Illinois.

So, there it was. The bar was set. Seven brothers in World War II must be the record, right? No.

James Yetzer of St Mary's, Pennsylvania threw me for a loop, letting me know that his mother gave birth to 18 children, 10 of which served their country, two of them in Korea and eight in World War II. Yes, eight brothers in World War II. James, who fought in Korea, is the last surviving member of his family.

Not to be outdone, Stan Zabka, a 91-year-old retired songwriter living in Grass Valley, California, mailed me his story. Stan is quite accomplished, with film credits to his name and even an appearance on the Johnny Carson show for which he was a producer. (He has a fun memoir on his life in music, television, film, and the war.) Stan told me of the eight boys in his family that served in World War II, including himself. Of his parents' 12 children, Stan and two brothers remain.

Alas, one of these enthusiastic correspondents told me that the Guinness Book of World Records lists the most boys from one family in the war as nine—a family from London.

But alas, the Ripkowski family would have a beef with the folks at

Seven, Eight ... Nine Brothers in World War II



Remember those who served ~ All gave some, some gave all.

Guinness.

One descendant of this prolific group, Robert Ripkowski, emailed to inform me of his incredible family. Stash and Mattie were hardworking Polish-Americans who settled in New Waverly, Texas, where they planted the 200-acre land and raised 16 children. Twelve of those children were boys, nine of which—yes, nine—served in World War II. And all came home.

None of the Ripkowski boys had any regrets. "We did it to serve our country," said Mike. Franklin added: "I wish every person in America would

go into the military for one year. It would make a better person out of all of them."

What to make of all these families who contributed so many sons to this noble cause? It's a remarkable phenomenon that hasn't been given due attention. If you ask people about a bunch of brothers in World War II, they might know about the famous Sullivans, the tragic source of the classic film, "The Fighting Sullivans." All five of these farm boys from Waterloo, Iowa died together when their ship was torpedoed in November 1942.

(One of Stan Zabka's seven brothers, ironically, had the task of drafting the letter informing the Sullivan parents that their five boys had been lost at sea, the very letter to which FDR affixed his signature.)

Or, modern audiences know of Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," about a search led by actor Tom Hanks and team for James Ryan, whose three brothers were killed in combat.

Mercifully, none of the families I've discussed here lost three boys in the war. Nonetheless, their contribution was obviously significant. It is our task today to honor them. As Shayne Ghare, descendant of the 17 children (now all deceased) of Roy and Lillie Ghare of Arcola told me, "it's now up to the grandchildren to keep up the values and legacy they left us."

It is indeed. And we can do that first and foremost by not ruining the great country they were willing to give their lives for.

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Prof. Khadijah Watson, formerly Sue Watson, was, as she admits, “a radical Christian fundamentalist,” accepted Islam when she found consistencies in the message, she said in the following narrative:

“What happened to you?” This was usually the first reaction I encountered when my former classmates, friends and co-pastors saw me after having embraced Islam. I suppose I couldn’t blame them, I was a highly unlikely the person to change religions. Formerly, I was a professor, pastor, church planter and missionary. If anyone was a radical fundamentalist it was I.

I had just graduated with my Master’s Degree of Divinity from an elite seminary five months before. It was after that time I met a lady who had worked in Saudi Arabia and had embraced Islam. Of course, I asked her about the treatment of women in Islam. I was shocked at her answer. It wasn’t what I expected; so I proceeded to ask other questions relating to God and Muhammad (may the mercy and blessings of God be upon him). She informed me that she would take me to the Islamic Center where they would be better able to answer my questions.

Having taught Evangelism, I was quite shocked at their approach, it was direct and straightforward. No intimidation, no harassment, no psychological manipulation, no subliminal influence! I couldn’t believe it. They gave me some books and told me if I had some questions they were available to answer them in the office. That night I read all of the books they gave. It was the first time I had ever read a book about Islam written by a Muslim, we had studied and read books about Islam only written by Christians. The next day I spent 3 hours at the office asking questions. This went on every day for a week, by which time I had read 12 books and knew why Muslims are the hardest people in the world to convert to Christianity. Because there is nothing to offer them! In Islam, there is a relationship with God, forgiveness of sins, salvation and promise of eternal life.

I Never Regretted Embracing Islam



It is interesting to note that there were bishops during the first 300 years of the Church that were teaching as the Muslim believes, that Jesus (may the mercy and blessings of God be upon him) was a prophet and teacher! It was only after the conversion of Emperor Constantine that he was the one to call and introduce the doctrine of the Trinity.

He introduced a paganistic concept that goes back to Babylonian times. Space, however, does not permit me to go into detail about the subject, but God willing, we will another time. Only, I must point out that the word Trinity is not found in the Bible in any of its many translations nor is it found in the original Greek or Hebrew languages!

My other important question centered on Muhammad (may the mercy and blessings of God be upon him). I found out that Muslims do not pray to him like the Christians pray to Jesus. He is not an intermediary and in fact it is forbidden to pray to him. We ask blessing upon him at the end of our prayer but

likewise we ask blessings on Abraham. He is a prophet and a messenger, the final and last prophet. In fact, even 14 centuries later, there has been no prophet after him. His message is for all mankind, as opposed to the message of Jesus or Moses (peace be upon them both), which was sent to the Jews. “Hear, O Israel” But the message is the same message of God. “The Lord Your God is One God and you shall have no other gods before Me.” (Mark 12:29)

Because prayer was a very important part of my Christian life I was both interested and curious to know what the Muslims were praying. As Christians we were as ignorant on this aspect of Muslim belief as on the other aspects. We thought and were taught, that the Muslims were bowing down to the Kaaba, in Makkah. Again, I was shocked to learn that the manner of prayer is prescribed by God, Himself. The words of the prayer are one of praise and exaltation. The approach to prayer (ablution or washing) in cleanliness is under the direction of God.

He is a Holy God and it is not for us to approach Him in an arbitrary manner, but only reasonable that He should tell us how we should approach Him. At the end of that week after having spent 8 years of formal theological studies, I knew cognitively that Islam was true. But I did not embrace Islam at that time because I did not believe it in my heart. I continued to pray, to read the Bible, to attend lectures at the Islamic Center. I was in earnest asking and seeking God’s direction. It is not easy to change your religion. I did not want to lose my salvation if there was salvation to lose.

I continued to be shocked and amazed at what I was learning because it was not what I was taught that Islam believed. In my Master’s level, the professor I had was respected as an authority on Islam yet his teaching and that of Christianity in general is full of misunderstanding. He and many Christians like him are sincere but they are sincerely wrong.

Two months later, after having once again prayed seeking God’s direction, I felt something drop into my being! I sat up, and it was the first time I was to use the name of God, and I said, “God, I believe you are the One and Only True God.” There was peace that descended upon me and from that day four years ago until now I have never regretted embracing Islam. This decision did not come without trial.

I was fired from my job as I was teaching in two Bible Colleges at that time, ostracized by my former classmates, professors and co-pastors, disowned by my husband’s family, misunderstood by my adult children and suspected by my own government. Without the faith that enables man to stand up to Satanic forces I would not have been able to withstand all of this. I am ever so grateful to God that I am a Muslim and may I live and die a Muslim.

“Truly, my prayer, my service of sacrifice, my life and my death are all for God the Cherisher of the Worlds. No partner has He, this I am commanded. And I am the first of those who bow to God in Islam.” (Qur’an, 6:162-163) – Arab News

Book Review

Modern Standardization: Case Studies at the Crossroads of Technology, Economics and Politics

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In 1494, when Christopher Columbus returned to Europe after discovering the new world, delegates from Spain and Portugal met in the Spanish village of Tordesillas to divide the new World. In accord with an earlier papal ruling, Portugal maintained dominance over what is known today as Brazil, while Spain asserted control over the rest of the Americas. Today, technical standards have come to resemble the treaty of Tordesillas.

During the past two decades, the economy of each nation has been significantly affected by the spread of globalization and advances in technology. Government regulations and private sector standards play a pivotal role in promoting world trade. To gain economic advantage, countries have been working together to establish international standards in almost every field. As a result, workers in all sectors of engineering and technology need to have an understanding of standards. Engineering and technology workforce and stakeholders must not only possess an understanding of engineering standards and applicable government codes, but also learn to apply them in designing, developing, testing and servicing new products, processes and systems.

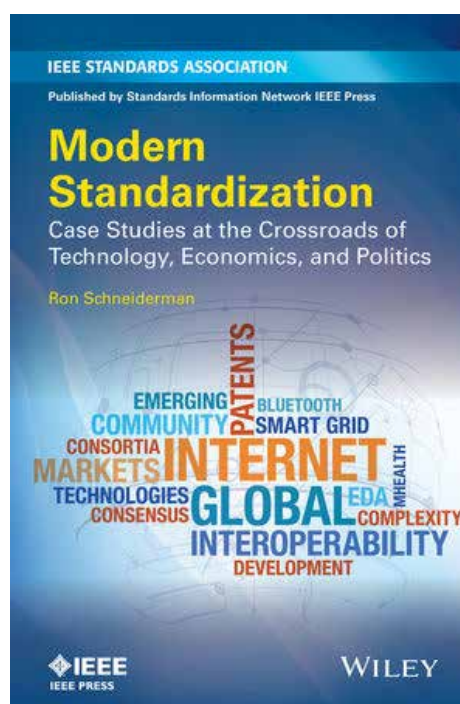
Globally, more than half a million engineering and technology standards are considered as the basic building blocks for the development of new products that help drive the processes of compatibility and interoperability. Standards make it easier to compare competing products. As new standards are developed and adopted, they promote interna-

tional trade and allow technical cooperation between organizations and countries.

In today’s global economy, the importance of the formal study of standards has been highlighted by the new demands of international trade. Politics of standards development and adoption is becoming a complex affair in an era of intellectual property rights. In today’s global marketplace, the major challenges are: (1) helping standards development organizations (SDOs) keep pace with the creation and development of products driven by new and emerging technologies; and (2) teaching those in the engineering and technology workforce, and students, the importance and applications of standards.

A recently published book *Modern Standardization: Case Studies at the Crossroads of Technology, Economics, and Politics* addresses these key challenges. It was written as a result of efforts by the IEEE Standards Education Committee (SEC) to gain better understanding of what products and services would be useful for standards education at the university level. The book covers up-to-date issues related to ethics, policies, and business strategies in standards developments.

The book is a useful resource for faculty, students, engineers, and entrepreneurs. Its major strength is the collection of standards-specific case studies which offer an opportunity to combine professors’ teaching preferences with real-world insights into the technical, political, and economic domains of engineering. Students can appreciate how standards experts and SDO working groups institute policies, procedures, and guidelines to develop and establish standards. Students can learn how to select and apply standards in new product



designs and services. The book is primarily designed to be used as a supplemental resource for a course in standards.

The book is also a good reference for engineers and entrepreneurs, because it covers national and international standards development needs for a wide array of technologies such as smart energy grid, cyber security, wireless technologies, vehicles’ black box, electronic design automation (EDA), and the Internet and Internet of Things (IoT), and explores the push for open standards. The book

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The book is also a good reference for engineers and entrepreneurs. It has nine chapters that cover national and international standards development needs for a wide array of technologies such as smart energy grid, cyber security, wireless technologies, vehicles’ black box, electronic design automation (EDA), and the Internet and Internet of Things (IoT), and explores the push for open standards. The book also presents a discussion on the collaboration efforts between US and European standards organizations for promoting trade through the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). The book ends with a section on “International SDOs Defined” that identifies major global SDOs, narrates their history, areas of interest in standards development, and their relationship and collaboration with other SDOs.

The book is a welcome addition to standards literature and serves as an important resource for all standards stakeholders: business managers, engineers, academics and students. It informs them how standards experts and SDO working groups establish the policies, procedures, and guidelines to ensure the integrity of the standards development process, thus enabling organizations to develop new products and promote global trade. (Dr Ahmed S. Khan (askhan@devry.edu) is a professor of electrical and electronics engineering in the College of Engineering and Information sciences, DeVry University, Addison, IL 60101)

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Ramadan Fasting and Muslim Patients

Muslims worldwide observe total fasting (no food or water) between dawn to sunset in the month of Ramadan. They do so not for losing weight or any medical benefit, but as fasting is ordained in Qur'an which says.



"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you, as it was prescribed for those before you (i.e. Jews, and Christians) so that you may (learn) self-restraint." (2:183)

According to Islamic laws, children below the age of 12, sick patients, travelers, and women who are menstruating or nursing a baby, are exempt from fasting. In addition to staying away from food or water for the whole day, they are asked to stay away from sex, smoking or misconduct during the period of fast. In addition, they are encouraged to do more acts of piety, i.e., prayer, charity, or reading Qur'an during this month.

Food is needed by the body to provide energy for immediate use by burning up carbohydrates, that is, sugar. Excess of carbohydrates which cannot be used is stored up as fat tissue in muscles, and as glycogen in liver for future use. Insulin, a hormone from the pancreas, lowers blood sugar and diverts it to other forms of energy storage, that is, glycogen. To be effective, insulin has to be bound to binding sites called receptor. Obese people lack receptor; therefore, they cannot utilize their insulin. This leads to Insulin Resistance and Glucose Intolerance.

When one fasts (or decreases carbohydrate intake drastically), it lowers his blood glucose and insulin level. This causes breakdown of glycogen from the liver to provide glucose for energy need and breakdown of fat from adipose tissue to provide for energy needs.

On the basis of the human physiology described above, semi-starvation (ketogenic) diets have been devised for effective weight control. These diets provide calculated amount of protein in divided doses with plenty of water, multi-vitamins, etc. These effectively lower weight, blood sugar, but because of their side-effects, should be used only under the supervision of a physician.

Total fasting reduces or eliminates hunger and causes rapid weight loss. In 1975, Allan Cott in his "Fasting as a Way of Life" noted that "fasting brings a wholesome physiological rest for the digestive tract and central nervous system and normalizes metabolism." It must be pointed out, however, that there are also many adverse effects of total fasting. That includes hypokalemia and cardiac arrhythmia associated with low calorie starvation diets used in unsupervised manner.

Studies on Islamic Fasting

There have been many studies on Ramadan Fasting. In 1996, an international conference was held in Casablanca, Morocco, under King Hasan Foundation for Health in Ramadan and about 50 papers were presented including those from Dr Soliman (Jordan), Azizi (Iran), Naomani (USA) and Athar (USA). The conclusions of these presentations were that Ramadan Fasting



had beneficial effects on health, especially on blood Glucose, blood pressure, lipid profile and weight. No serious adverse effects were noted (ref 7-10).

Why Islamic Fasting Is Different Than Other Types of Fasting (ref. 7)

1. As compared to other diet plans, in fasting during Ramadan, there is no malnutrition or inadequate calorie intake since there is no restriction on the type or amount of food intake during Iftar or Sahar. This was confirmed by M.M.Hussaini (ref. 6) during Ramadan 1974 when he conducted dietary analysis of Muslim students at the University of North Dakota State University at Fargo. He concluded that the calorie intake of Muslim students during fasting was at two-thirds of NCR- RDA.

2. Fasting in Ramadan is voluntarily undertaken. It is not a prescribed imposition by a physician. In the hypothalamus part of the brain there is a center called "lipostat" which controls the body mass. When severe and rapid weight loss is achieved by starvation diet, the center does not recognize this as normal and re-programs itself to cause weight gain rapidly once the person goes off the starvation diet. So the only effective way of losing weight is slow, self-controlled, and gradual weight loss by modifying our behavior and the attitude about eating while eliminating excess food. Ramadan is a month of self-regulation and self-training in terms of food intake thereby causing, hopefully, a permanent change in lipostat reading.

3. In Islamic fasting, we are not subjected to a diet of selective food only (i.e. protein only, fruits only, etc). An early breakfast, before dawn, is taken and then at sunset fast is broken with something sweet, i.e. dates, fruits, juices to warrant any hypoglycemia followed by a regular dinner later on.

4. Additional prayers are prescribed after the dinner, which helps metabolize the food. Using a calorie counter, I counted the number of calories burnt during extra prayer called Traveeh. They amounted to

200 calories. Islamic prayer called Salat uses all the muscles and joints and can be placed in the category of a mild exercise in terms of caloric output.

5. Ramadan fasting is actually an exercise in self-discipline. For those who are chain smokers, or nibble food constantly, or drink coffee every hour, it is a good way to break the habit, hoping that the effect will continue after the month is over.

6. Psychological effects of Ramadan fasting are also well observed by the observations of people who fast. They describe a feeling of inner peace and tranquility. The

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Prophet has advised them: "If one slanders you or aggresses against you, tell them I am fasting". Thus personal hostility during the month is minimal.

It is my personal experience that within the first few days of Ramadan, I begin to feel better even before losing a single pound. I work more and pray more; physical stamina and mental alertness improve. As I have my own lab in the office, I usually check my chemistry, that is, blood glucose, cholesterol, triglyceride before the commencement

of Ramadan and at its end. I note a marked improvement at the end. As I am not overweight, thank God, weight loss is minimal. The few pounds I lose, I regain soon after. Fasting in Ramadan will be a great blessing for the overweight whether with or without mild diabetes (type II). It benefits those also who are given to smoking or nibbling. They can rid themselves of these addictions in this month.

Fasting for Medical Patients: Suggested Guidelines (ref. 10)

As mentioned earlier, patients are exempt from fasting. But some do decide to fast. For physicians treating Muslim patients, the following guidelines are suggested:

a. Diabetic Patients: Diabetics who are controlled by diet alone can fast and hopefully with weight reduction, their diabetes may even be cured or at least improved. Diabetics who are taking oral hypoglycemia agents along with the diet should exercise extreme caution if they decide to fast. They should reduce their dose to one-third, and take the drug not in the morning, but with Iftar in the evening. If they develop low blood sugar symptoms in the daytime, they should break the fast immediately. Diabetics taking insulin should not fast. If they do, at their own risk, they should do so under close supervision and make drastic changes in the insulin dose. For example, eliminate short acting Insulin altogether and take only NPH or Lantus Insulin after Iftar or before Sahoor. DPP-4 inhibitor like Januvia which curbs appetite can also be considered as it does not cause hypoglycemia. Diabetics, if they fast, should still take a diabetic diet during Iftar, Sahoor and dinner. The sweet snacks common in Ramadan are not good for their disease. They should check their blood sugar before breakfast and after ending their fast.

b. Hypertensive or Cardiac Patients: Those who have mild to moderate high blood pressure along with being overweight should be encouraged to fast, since fasting may help to lower their blood pressure. They should see their physician to adjust medicines. For example, the

dose of water pill (diuretic) should be reduced for fear of dehydration and long acting agents like Inderal LA or Tenormin can be given once a day before Sahar. Those with severe hypertension or heart diseases should not fast at all.

c. Those with Migraine Headache: Even in tension headache, dehydration, or low blood sugar will aggravate the symptoms, but in migraine during fasting, there is an increase in blood-free fatty acids, which will directly affect the severity or precipitation of migraine through release of Catecholamines. Patients with migraines are advised not to fast.

d. Pregnant Women (Normal Pregnancy): This is not an easy situation. Pregnancy is not a medical illness, therefore, the same exemption does not apply. There is no mention of such exemption in the Holy Qur'an. However, the Prophet said the pregnant and nursing women do not fast. This is in line with God not wanting anyone, even a small fetus, to suffer. There is no way of knowing, the damage to the unborn child until the delivery, and that might be too late.

In my humble opinion, during the first and third trimester (three months) women should not fast. If, however, Ramadan happens to come during the second trimester (4th-6th months) of pregnancy, a woman may elect to fast provided that (1) her own health is good, and (2) it is done with the permission of her obstetrician and under close supervision. The possible damage to the fetus may not be from malnutrition provided the Iftar and Sahoor are adequate, but from dehydration, from prolonged (10-14 hours) abstinence from water. Therefore it is recommended that Muslim patients, if they do fast, do so under medical supervision.

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What is Your Strategy to Get the Highest Place in Jannah?

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(The following information is provided solely to educate the Muslim community about investing and financial planning. It is hoped that the Ummah will benefit from this effort through greater financial empowerment, enabling the community to live in security and dignity and fulfill their religious and moral obligations towards charitable activities)



Out of the 12 months 11 months are spent on how to sustain our lives in this world, earn profits to give better life style to our families and to secure a brighter future for our children. We spend so much time to learn and invest to gain the benefits of this world. Today, I would like to encourage you to invest in the life that will never end, this investment has no risks, there is absolutely no chance of losses and possibilities are that the profits will be perhaps thousands times more only if the intention is good. You don't need to be a smart investor. I am talking about investing in the way of Allah SWT, investing in humanity purely for the pleasure of Allah SWT, investing in the poor and needy, investing in orphans to seek Allah's mercy and the best time of this investment is now the month we are in, the holy month of Ramadan.

Most of my life I have been investing in properties, various other businesses, but then I decided to invest in the way of Allah SWT and get the best ever reward on the judgment day. We all have different types of insurances to deal with unforeseen circumstances and to avoid any unpredictable situations. What do we have in order to take care of our situation on the Judgment day? Whatever you give to the poor and needy without showing off and most of time without even letting others know, will protect you on Judgment day and it's not just about giving money, it's also about



being kind, loving and caring towards the less fortunate regardless of their race, religion, cast or creed.

While people are fleeing Pakistan due to the security issues, risks to their lives and for many other challenges faced on daily basis, I on the other hand decided to leave my comfortable life in America which I lived for more than 57 years, leave my family, my daughters, my 5 grandchildren and my friends behind only for one reason to help build orphan girls' future which will help me to build my future in the life hereafter.

Most of us are so busy with our daily routine that we sometimes do not realize what we are missing on. We might be successful business people, investment gurus and best at how to double our wealth but we often miss the opportunities Allah SWT has given us to build our accounts and increase the figures in those accounts that He maintains that will come handy on the Judgment day and will protect us from hellfire. That market I can 100% assure you will never crash, bubbles and there is not a single chance of any errors in His system, every single penny invested He will reward you for that as long as the intention is to ease other people's pain and to gain the pleasure of Allah SWT.

We are extremely lucky that we have been able to experience another Ramadan. This month is no different than the boom in the stock market, when you buy shares that will give you extraordinary return on your investment. Anything that we do in this month to seek Allah's blessings has more value than the rest of the year.

This is the time when we can overcome our weaknesses and be closer to Allah SWT by investing in His way. Wise investment is the one that will give you more benefits for a longer period and that is what you get exactly when you give part of your wealth in the way of Allah SWT.

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Asian American & Pacific Islander Homeownership Rates to Be Reported

Washington, DC: The Asian Real Estate Association of America has announced an historic win of its "No Other" campaign to include distinct data on Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the US Census Bureau's comprehensive quarterly reports on homeownership. The Census quarterly reports will have a new racial category for AAPIs starting in July 2016.

Previously, AAPI data was aggregated under the category of "other" ethnic groups in these reports, AREAA explained. With support from AAPI legislators and community leaders, AREAA initiated a "No Other" campaign, asking the Census Bureau to create a unique category for AAPI homeownership in the quarterly report.

"This historic change is the result of tireless work on part of many individuals and organizations, particularly AREAA members and chapters who campaigned hard to be heard throughout the country," said Vicky Silvano, AREAA National Chair. "We thank the Congressional

Asian Pacific American Caucus, especially Congressman Honda for his support and guidance throughout the process, the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islander (WHIAAPI) as well as community and business partners. With their support, AREAA insisted that it was time for the Census Bureau to independently recognize the Asian American and Pacific Islander homeownership rate. After some months of discussions, we are very thankful that the Bureau listened and took action. These quarterly reports will put a needed spotlight on AAPI homeownership for government agencies and businesses to create and implement policies to help more AAPIs achieve the American dream of owning a home."

At a news conference at the National Press Club, AREAA representatives explained that AAPI community members took out 2 million home loans over the past five years, representing nearly \$600 billion in mortgage originations.

Until now, AAPI homeowner-

ship data was only reported annually, AREAA explained. "But it is the Census Bureau's quarterly homeownership statistics that are widely reported in the media and in academic/policy documents, therefore, these quarterly reports influence the broad policy and media dialogue around housing and homeownership related to the diverse communities," Silvano said.

By creating a distinct category for AAPI homeownership in the quarterly reports, members of the AAPI community may also benefit in other ways, explained US Rep. Mike Honda (D-Silicon Valley, Calif), who played an important role in this campaign. "I was happy to lead the effort, alongside AREAA, to make this change a reality. Research shows that when all else is equal, members of our community are more likely to be denied a loan than any other racial group. 20% of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders report being discriminated against during a housing search. The new RATES, P28

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,
"Give the Sadaqah without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity."
(Tirmidhi #1887)

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UAE	28.60	28.75

(*June 1, 2016)

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FAMILY SPONSORED PREFERENCES	Pakistan/Bangladesh	India
1 st Unmarried sons & daughters of U.S. Citizens	Jan. 15, 2009	Jan. 15, 2009
2-A Spouses and unmarried children of permanent residents	Nov 8, 2014	Nov. 8, 2014
2-B Unmarried sons & daughters (21 years of age or older) of permanent residents	Oct. 22, 2009	Oct. 22, 2009
3 rd Married sons & daughters of US citizens	Dec., 1, 2004	Dec. 1, 2004
4 th Brothers & sisters of adult U.S. citizens	Aug. 8, 2003	Aug 8, 2003
EMPLOYMENT BASED CATEGORY		
1 st Priority workers	Current	Current
2 nd Members of the professions holding advanced degree or persons of exceptional ability	Current	Oct. 1, 2004
3 rd Skilled workers Other workers	Feb., 15, 2016 Feb., 15, 2016	Sept. 22, 2004 Sept. 22, 2004
4 th Certain special immigrants Certain religious workers	Current Current	Current Current
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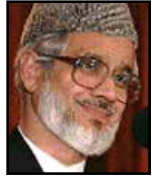
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Ten Special Features of Ramadan

■ By Dr Muzammil H. Siddiqi

It was in the month of Ramadan that the Qur'an was revealed as guidance for mankind, clear messages giving guidance and distinguishing between right and wrong. So any one of you who is present that month should fast, and anyone who is ill or on a journey should make up for the lost days by fasting on other days later. Allah wants ease for you, not hardship. He wants you to complete the prescribed period and to glorify Him for having guided you, so that you may be thankful. (Al-Baqarah 2:185)



Ramadan for us Muslims is not just the month of fasting; it is the month of virtues, values, happiness and blessings. It is the only month that is mentioned by name in the Qur'an. The Prophet –peace and blessings of Allah be upon him- called this 'a blessed and a great month.' Ramadan has many features: spiritual, moral as well as historical and cultural. Books have been written on various aspects of Ramadan and for centuries Muslim poets have sung the songs in its joys and blessings. I want to mention here 10 special features of Ramadan:

1. Month of the Qur'an: The most important feature of Ramadan is that it is the month in which the Qur'an was revealed. Its revelation came in the Night of Qadr, a night that is better than one thousand months (Surah al-Qadr 97). The Night of Qadr did not occur only fifteen hundred years ago; every year this Night also comes in Ramadan and brings the honor and blessings from Allah. The Qur'an is the Kalam Allah, the speech of Allah, the most beautiful and most powerful speech. It is the most authentic and most comprehensive manual to reform and improve the life of human beings, whether individuals, families or nations. It addresses all human beings and can help every person in any land, any time and in any situation. We should increase our link with the Qur'an read it every day. In this month specially we should read it from cover to cover at least once. We should also reflect on its meaning and message.

2. Month of Patience: Fasting is patience and it teaches patience. The purpose of fasting is to learn Taqwa, self-discipline and self-restraint. This is the highest virtue in Islam and it is



the key for moral and spiritual growth and development. Fasting is to learn how to control one's appetites as well as one's desires. The fasting person does not learn only how to control his stomach; it is also to control one's tongue, ears, eyes, hands and feet. Fasting person has to focus his/her heart and mind towards Allah. We call the sick people patients, but patience is not only for the sick and weak; the healthy and strong people also should be patient.

3. Month of Prayers and Remembrance of Allah: Salat and Dhikr are the special features of this month. Fasting makes the heart humble and it is the humble people who pray. We should pray our five daily prayers on time. We are also supposed to spend some time in Qiyam al-layl, the night prayer. Every person should spend time doing extra prayers and the Dhikr of Allah.

4. Month of Repentance and seeking Allah's Forgiveness: The gates of Allah's heaven are open in this month; the gates of Hell are closed and rebellious devils are put in chain. Allah stretches His blessed hands to receive every repentant person. Every day and every night the angels of Allah call those who seek goodness to come forward and leave anything that is bad and evil. Ramadan is the best time to

turn to Allah and seek His forgiveness. The Prophet –peace be upon him- said, 'He is a loser who finds Ramadan and does not receive forgiveness.'

5. Month of Charity and Generosity: This is the month of giving and helping those who are in need. This is the month of doing more charitable works. The Prophet was the most generous person all the time, but in Ramadan his generosity had no limits. He was as charitable as the morning breeze. Muslims give their Zakat, Sadaqatul-Fitr and other charities (sadaqat) during this month. Every good deed done in this month brings hundreds and thousands times more blessings.

6. Month of Kindness and Good Relations: Ramadan is a great time for building good relations within the family, among relatives, neighbors and co-workers. We should apologize and ask for forgiveness if we have done wrong to anyone. We should forgive those who have done wrong to us. We should not get involved in fights and disputes at this time. We should go out of our ways to reconcile any differences.

7. Month of Brotherhood and Sisterhood: In Ramadan we fast together. Fasting builds a special bond among us. Our happiness is in the happiness of other Muslims and our pain is in the pain of others. This is the time we should be more concerned about the situation and condition of our Muslim brothers and sisters all over the world. We should pay more attention to their situations, their difficulties and pains. We should help the needy and stand for justice for those who are deprived of justice.

8. Month of Great Victories: Ramadan reminds us of the victories of Muslims over their

enemies. The events of Badr, the Victory of Makkah and many other glorious events took place during this month. Ramadan is the month of peace but it is also the month when Muslims defended themselves and stood firm against the forces of evil and oppression. Allah gave victories to the believers at the most difficult times because they followed the path of justice and righteousness. Their victories were not for material gains and personal or national glory, but they were for the truth, justice and righteousness.

9. Month of Du'a: After mentioning fasting and the significance of the month of Ramadan, Allah says in the Qur'an:

When My servants ask you (Prophet) about Me, I am near. I respond to those who call Me, so let them respond to Me, and believe in Me, so that they may be guided. (Al-Baqarah 2:186)

Fasting brings a person very close to Allah and it is the best time to pray and ask Allah for His blessings and mercy. All our prayers, especially in the state of fasting, are very effective. The prayer indicates one's sincerity, devotion and humbleness to Allah. It brings its results here in this world or its reward will be given in the Hereafter.

10. Month of joy and happiness: The month of Ramadan brings special joy to believers. The Prophet –peace be upon him- said,

The person who fasts has two joys: when he makes iftar he feels happy and when he shall meet his Lord he shall be happy with his fast. (Ahmad, Muslim and Nasa'i)

Those who fast they feel happy when they complete their day's fast at sunset. They appreciate the food and drink that Allah has provided for them. They thank him and recognize His blessings and bounties. Those who fast will also have a special happiness when they shall meet their Lord. He shall greet them with greetings of peace and grant them special honor and grace them with His mercy and kindness.

May Allah help us to take full advantage of this month and make this a month of joy and happiness for us and for others through us. Ameen.

(Khutbah at ISOC – Ramadan 4, 1434/ July 12, 2013)

Gems from the Holy Qur'an



From the translation by Muhammad Asad (Leopold Weiss)

About the translator:

Muhammad Asad, Leopold Weiss, was born of Jewish parents in Livow, Austria (later Poland) in 1900, and at the age of 22 made his first visit to the Middle East. He later became an outstanding foreign correspondent for the *Franfurter Zeitung*, and after years of devoted study became one of the leading Muslim scholars of our age. His translation of the Holy Qur'an is one of the most lucid and well-referenced works in this category, dedicated to "li-qa-wmin yatafakkaroon" (people who think).

Chapter 13, Verses 27 – 30

Now those who are bent on denying the truth [of the Prophet's message] say, "Why has no miraculous sign ever been bestowed upon him from on high by his Sustainer?"

Say: "Behold, God lets go astray him who wills [to go astray], just as He guides unto Himself all who turn unto Him – those who believe, and whose hearts find their rest in the remembrance of God – for, verily, in the remembrance of God [men's] hearts do find their rest: [and so it is that] they who attain to faith and do righteous deeds are destined for happiness [in this world] and the most beautiful of all goals [in the life to come]!"

Thus have We raised thee [O Muhammad] as Our Apostle amidst a community [of unbelievers] before whose time [similar communities] have come and gone, so that thou might propound to them what We have revealed unto thee: for [in their ignorance] they deny the most Gracious!

Say: "He is my Sustainer. There is no deity save Him. In Him have I placed my trust, and unto Him is my recourse!"

Chapter 13, Verse 35

Hence, they unto whom We have vouchsafed this revelation rejoice at all that has been bestowed upon thee [O Prophet] from on high; but amongst he followers of other creeds there are such as deny the validity of some of it.

Say [unto them, O Prophet]: "I have only been bidden to worship God, and not to ascribe divine powers to aught beside Him: unto Him do I call [all mankind], and He is my goal!"

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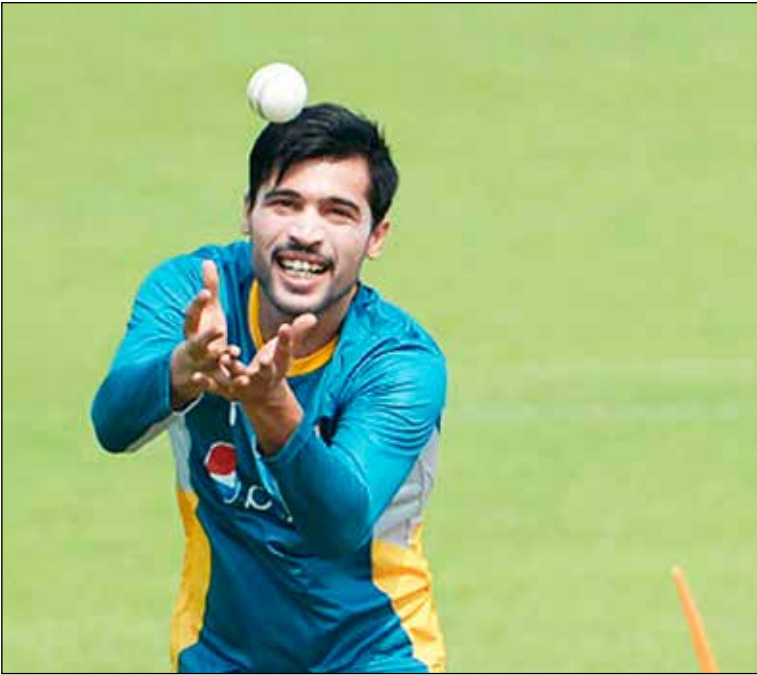
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Azhar Ali Backs Mohammad Amir for England Return



LAHORE: Pakistan's left-arm fast bowler Mohammad Amir, who spent a five-year ban from cricket for spot-fixing, will now be returning to England after he is given the visa for the England tour - told Azhar Ali.

Amir was considered one of the most exciting fast bowlers in the world before a 2010 spot-fixing

scandal that resulted in bans and jail sentences for him, former test captain Salman Butt and fast bowler Mohammad Asif.

The trio was cleared to return to the sport by the International Cricket Council (ICC) last September after serving suspensions.

The Pakistan Cricket Board has

requested a visa for Amir, who has already toured New Zealand for a limited over series, played in the Asia Cup in Bangladesh and featured in the World Twenty20 in India since serving his ban.

Azhar had offered his resignation as one-day captain when Amir was brought back into the Pakistan fold but is now keen to move on and says the team will support the 24-year-old quick if he needs it in England.

"(What happened in) 2010 is in the past and now we need to look forward," Azhar told reporters.

"It has been a while now since he has been with us. It could have been tough, had he come in straight on such a tour, but now, after playing with us for a long time, things have settled.

"Even he isn't under pressure because he has already made his comeback a few months ago and the toughest phase is over for him," Azhar said.

"I know England was the place where the incident happened but hopefully he can handle the pressure like he did on his comeback. But still if anything happens, we, as a team, will handle it."

Pakistan will play four tests, five one-dayers and a Twenty20 International in England between July 14 and September 7.

Zimbabwe Sack Whatmore, Masakadza Before India Series

HARARE: The merry-go-round in Zimbabwe's cricket structures completed another cycle recently as the board approved a raft of changes less than two weeks before India arrive for a short tour.

Coach Dav Whatmore, captain Hamilton Masakadza and convenor of selectors Kenyon Ziehl were all sacked after Zimbabwe Cricket completed its review of the team's performance at the ICC World Twenty20 in India in March, where Zimbabwe failed to make the group stage.

Masakadza and Ziehl had been in their positions for less than a year.

Masakadza was appointed captain in January following Elton Chigumbura's resignation, while Ziehl replaced Givemore Makoni as convenor of selectors last July.

Whatmore took over as coach shortly before last year's World Cup in Australasia and was given a four-year contract last May.

However, performances failed to improve during his tenure, with Zimbabwe regularly losing to Associate nations and dropping down both the one-day international and Twenty20 international rankings.

A ZC media release said that former South Africa fast bowler

Makhaya Ntini, who has been serving as Zimbabwe's bowling coach since February, would take over from Whatmore in "an acting capacity until the appointment of a substantive head coach".

It also said that vice-captain Graeme Cremer would replace Masakadza as captain on an interim basis, while former South Africa all-rounder Lance Klusener had been hired as a batting coach on a two-year contract.

Former Sri Lanka batsman Marvan Atapattu had filled the same role as a consultant during the World Twenty20. ■

PCB Might Oppose World T20 in 2018

LAHORE: Pakistan's cricket authorities are mulling over the idea of voting against a two-year cycle for the World T20 championship, reports suggested recently.

Shahryar Khan, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman, was quoted as saying in an interview that he was not in favour of the World T20 taking place in 2018 and insisted that the cricket boards needed to pay more

attention to the traditional Test format.

"Yes T20 cricket is very popular and necessary to globalise the sport but personally it doesn't appeal to me as a long term product. Test cricket is the real face of the sport and it must be reinvented and popularised again," Khan said.

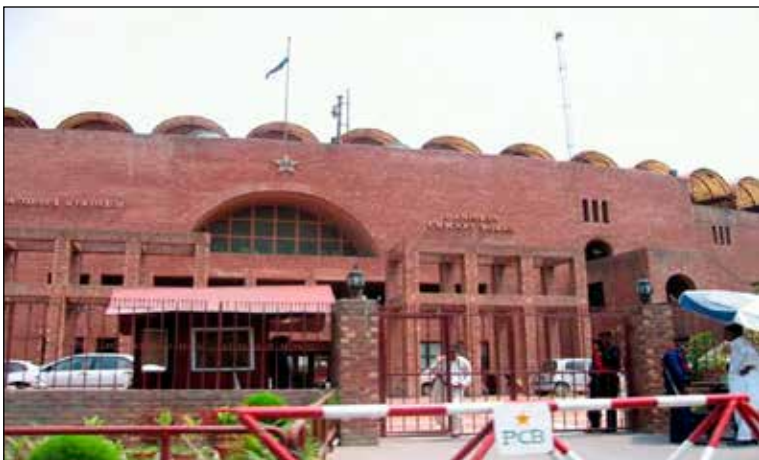
"So far we don't know anything about the International Cricket

Council (ICC) wanting the World T20 to return in 2018 but when the matter does come up we are not likely to support it."

Initially, the ICC and its member boards had decided to hold the next World T20 in 2020 since the 50-over World Cup is scheduled in 2019 and the Champions Trophy in 2017. Besides, there has been talk of launching a Test championship.

But recent media reports have suggested the ICC has been in talks with broadcasters to sign a deal for two World T20 tournaments in 2018 and 2020 which would fetch it lucrative revenues and make it two-year ICC event.

The ICC apparently has been encouraged by recent figures that over 80 million in India watched India's semi-final and games against Australia and Pakistan in this year's World T20 event while there were over 750 million views worldwide for online videos of matches, compared to 250 million during the 2015 World Cup. Assuming an agreement is reached, it would then be voted on at the ICC Annual Conference in June. ■



Shahzad and Akmal Are Not Like Kohli, De Villiers: Afridi

KARACHI: Former Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi believes that the country's cricket think-tank made an error by overestimating players like Ahmad Shehzad and Umar Akmal. Speaking to a local news channel recently, Afridi said it is wrong to expect the duo to perform like Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers. "It was wrong to expect them to be like Kohli or de Villiers and perform like them," he said. Shahzad and Akmal, who are considered to be Pakistan's best young batting talent, have been axed for the tour of England on disciplinary grounds and were omitted for the training and skills camps set up by Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). PCB chairman Shahryar Khan had said that it was the decision of the new selection committee to sideline the duo.

Afridi agreed with the views of the new selection committee and said there was no doubt that both players needed to work hard on their approach towards cricket. "I agree there should be no compromise on discipline and I am sure they will get better with experience," he said. The 36-year-old further said that he thinks can play for two more years before finally calling it quits. "I have given myself another two years of cricket

because I am still enjoying the sport," he said. "It does not matter whether I play in foreign or domestic leagues, or for the national side. However, I will always be available for my country," he added. Afridi said he was impressed how the newly-appointed chief selector had called him up and spoke to him about his future plans. "Inzamam showed good and positive attitude towards me. And I told him that if he wants to try out youngsters then he should do that, but whenever he feels he needs me, I am there to play for Pakistan."

Afridi stepped down as Pakistan's T20 captain in April after poor performances in Asia Cup and World T20, which also led to the resignation of team's coach Waqar Younis. Speaking about why he didn't show support for Salman Butt and Mohammad Asif's return to international cricket, Afridi said that the crime committed by the trio was the same, but the attitude of the three was very different. "After the scandal, I spoke to Amir and he admitted his mistake and sought forgiveness from everyone. However, I don't know for what reason Salman remained in a state of denial and that really hurt me a lot as the scandal had damaged the image of Pakistan cricket," he said. ■



Danish Kaneria Shuts Down Speculation He is Moving to India

KARACHI: Former Pakistan leg-spinner Danish Kaneria arrived in India recently amid speculation that the tainted bowler might leave Pakistan to settle in the neighbouring country.

Speaking to media men upon his arrival, the 35-year-old claimed that the purpose of his visit was strictly religious and he would be back within 10 days or so.

"I am in India for religious pilgrimage with my mother and the rest of my family members, and I will return to Pakistan after the tour ends," he said.

He added that the tour is for 10 days only.

The leg-spinner was banned for life in 2012 when he was found guilty of a spot-fixing offence while playing county cricket for Essex.

Kaneria and fellow Essex player Mervyn Westfield were charged for accepting £6,000 (\$8,619) for agreeing to concede 12 runs from first over in a county 40 overs per side match against Durham in September

2009 - even though the opposing side only scored 10 runs.

Earlier this year, it was reported that the leg-spinner had forwarded his plea to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in order to get one last hearing on his spot-fixing case.

However, Kaneria later denied such reports stating that he never approached BCCI to seek help to get rid of his life ban.

In March, the Sindh High Court (SHC) called for Kaneria's bank statement in connection with fines imposed on him by England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). The ECB is seeking to recover £249,000 in fines from the 35-year-old.

Kaneria is one of Pakistan's most prolific leg-spinners with 261 wickets in 61 Test matches.

He is also only the second-ever Hindu to play for Pakistan at the highest level - first was his cousin Anil Dalpat - and was something of a poster-child for the country's minorities until his ban. ■

SHERIFF FROM P9

Iran could use this as an opportunity to grab oil market share from the Saudi-led OPEC, while Iranian gas would help India diversify its energy mix. Indian companies are also ready to invest more than \$20 billion in Iranian oilfields and petrochemical plants.

The deal will also give Afghanistan an alternate port for fulfilling its maritime needs and shall decrease Islamabad's influence on its foreign policy. Afghan imports through the Karachi port have already declined by more than 40% in Feb 2016 and according to estimates, Afghan-Indian trade volume could increase by a four-fold if modalities of a trilateral agreement materialize.

Previously in 2009, India built the "Route 606" to bypass Pakistan for commercial trade at a cost of \$150 million. The road connects to the Iranian city Zabol whereas construction work on a Chabahar-Milak-Zaranj-Dilaram route from Iran to Afghanistan is already in progress.

Pakistan's strategy: There is a need to advance comprehensive trade reforms for sustaining macroeconomic growth and to stop India from becoming a regional sheriff. The post-sanctions era in Iran presents multiple opportunities for Pakistan but pursuing them requires deep understanding of Iran's complex social, economic and geo-political issues. At present, Pakistan needs to adopt a two-pronged strategy, at a national as well as regional level, to counter Indian threats and emerging geo-political challenges.

At the national level, Pakistan needs to assuage the concerns of smaller provinces whereas political parties need to show maturity and ownership of the CPEC program. Stakeholders need a full agenda of shared objectives to start with.

At the regional level, the mistrust between India and Pakistan has prevented SAARC to become a model of regional cooperation like the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Trade under South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) is a mere 5% of South Asia's total trade volume which is not very promising.

Pakistan needs to lobby with small states of SAARC and negotiate e-visa arrangements with states like Sri Lanka and Maldives that are popular tourist destinations. The Beijing-Islamabad axis is not a substitute to regional partnerships and Pakistan needs more cooperative relationships with its neighbors.

Pakistan also needs to sort out its differences with Afghanistan. India has not only shown keen interest in the development of Afghanistan's natural wealth but has actually delivered on numerous infrastructure projects including the Salma Dam and the Afghan parliament building. More than 10,000 Afghan students have studied in India on scholarships in the last decade. Public opinion polls confirm overwhelmingly favorable sentiments for New Delhi.

Islamabad should support the Afghan government in developing its agricultural, livestock and industrial sectors. - The Express Tribune

MICHELLE FROM P1

Obama insisted that the US will continue to carry out similar strikes wherever necessary.

However, Pakistan termed the attack a severe violation of its sovereignty and integrity, and warned the Obama administration of the attack's implications on mutual ties.

HUMAYUN FROM P1

Mark Humayun, who also happens to be the grandson of the Quaid's personal physician, has done some extraordinary work in helping the visually impaired regain at least some of their visual ability.

He helped create the 'Argus II', a 'bionic eye' that has restored vision to patients who've been blind for up to 50 years.

"When his diabetic grandmother lost her vision, he began studying to become an ophthalmologist, hoping he could save the sight of others," said President Obama at the White House investiture ceremony.

An ophthalmologist by profession, Humayun is currently the co-director of the USC Gayle and Edward Roski Eye Institute and director of the USC Institute for Biomedical Therapeutics. He holds more than 100 issued patents and patent applications, almost all of which are in the area of bio-implants for ophthalmology.

"I am very honored to receive the National Medal of Technology and Innovation," said Humayun. "Medical breakthroughs such as the Argus II come after long periods of research and development, and I am grateful to have been and continue to be surrounded by teams of very talented individuals."

Humayun is one of nine recipients of the "National Medal of Technology and Innovation" this year. One of the most prestigious awards in the United States for technological achievements, it is presented by the presidents of the country each year since 1980. The award recognizes the individuals, teams, companies or even divisions of companies which have made lasting contributions to the country's well-being.

NAWAZ FROM P1

in which "all arteries successfully grafted". She also thanked the nation for praying for the successful surgery and early recovery of her father.

In a picture that she posted on Twitter, PM Sharif was seen lying in a hospital bed with his eyes closed.

She later told a Geo television programme that the PM's four arteries were operated upon during the surgery. "We thought that there will be two to three grafts but after operation doctors told [us] that they carried out four grafts," she added.

She said that the PM would return to the country within three weeks.

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif told reporters outside the London's Harley Street Clinic that the doctors who operated upon the prime minister congratulated Hussain Nawaz, his nephew and the PM's son, over the successful surgery.

He said his elder brother was fast recovering and would soon return to the country on the advice of doctors.

While special prayers were offered and goats and cows were sacrificed across the country, members of the National Assembly from both sides of the aisle also sank their political differences for a while and jointly prayed for the speedy recovery of the PM on the request of Speaker Ayaz Sadiq. Representatives of almost every parliamentary party said good things about the premier.

Even the PM's staunch opponent and chairman of the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, Imran Khan, sent a bouquet of flowers to the hospital where the PM was currently admitted and wished for his early recovery, although he told an ARY TV program on Tuesday that it would be

a lot for the elder Sharif — as well as for the country — that a patient after his open-heart surgery had to run the country.

"Complications will arise if the PML-N doesn't come up with an alternate chief executive," he said, according to a tweet from the official Twitter account of the PTI.

In what appears to be a reply to the PTI chief's remarks, Maryam, who is being seen as the heir apparent of Nawaz Sharif, said at the Geo TV program that the PM would recover and fight against all conspiracies with renewed zeal.

She believed that the PM, who has been embroiled in the Panama Papers leaks controversy, would become more popular if his opponents raised the political temperature.

Also on Tuesday, President Mamnoon Hussain and other officials of the presidency offered a collective prayer for the successful surgery and early recovery of the PM.

Muttahida Qaumi Movement chief Altaf Hussain also sent a bouquet to the London residence of the PM conveying his wishes for his successful surgery.

Social media websites Twitter and Facebook were also abuzz with PM-related posts the whole day.

Both supporters and detractors of the PML-N prayed for the successful surgery of the PM. But there were some who expressed their resentment over the treatment of the PM abroad at state expense.

However, an AFP report quoting an unnamed government official said that the PM was paying for all the expenses from his own pocket and "none of the state expenditures are involved". - Azfar-Ul-Ashfaq, Dawn

TORKHAM FROM P1

"How can each visiting family member pay \$300 for a passport?"

There are also fears that the new measures will stoke a historical dispute over this border.

In late 19th century, Mortimer Durand, a British colonial diplomat, drew a line in the sand which Afghans say had cut a third of their territory and placed it in Pakistan, by then part of former British India.

Afghans never came to terms with the arrangement that was signed off by an Afghan king at the time.

"I blame the Afghan authorities at that time," Faridon Momand, an Afghan MP, said.

"For short-term gains they cut one body in two, causing harm that still hurts today."

Some of Faridon's family members are prominent politicians in Pakistan and their native village is divided in two by the Durand Line.

Khan Wali Shinwari, an Afghan army general, says the Durand is "a line on paper with no markings" on the ground.

"People there are the same tribes and used to move freely," he told Al Jazeera. "But since 2001 the Pakistani forces took positions there and created problems."

With the Pakistani and Afghan governments accusing each other of harboring armed groups across the border, there is little sign that the tension will ease any time soon. - Al Jazeera

HILLARY FROM P1

timents of Ms Clinton.

He wrote to her: "It's a pleasure to hear such reassuring words from you. I have conveyed your sentiment to Chairman Bilawal and he is really happy to receive such encouragement from you. You have been a

consistent friend of Pakistan and the PPP. We hope to see you as president soon and wish you all the success in the upcoming elections".

IMRAN FROM P1

Gen Pervez Musharraf, toppled his government in a coup," Imran said, insinuating that the Sharif family did not enjoy public support.

Speaking to a select group of journalists at his Bani Gala residence, the PTI chairman censured the government's strategy in the wake of the prime minister's illness. Had this happened in some Western country, they would have replaced their prime minister, but "here the Sharif family is clinging on to power," he added.

"There is nothing to do in parliament," he said when The Express Tribune asked him if he had concerns about the legitimacy of the federal or provincial legislatures which, according to him, had been set up through a rigged election as he had attended the National Assembly for a mere 17 times in the last three years.

On the Panamagate scandal, he warned his party would start street agitation if revelations in the Panama leaks were not properly investigated.

RATES FROM P24

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Amir Khan Willing to Represent Pakistan

at Rio Olympics



Karachi: The International Boxing Association (amateur) or AIBA has allowed professional boxers to represent their county in Olympics, thus making it a possibility that boxer Amir Khan can represent Pakistan at the mega sporting event.

When the star boxer, who is in Karachi ahead of a professional boxing event, was asked about the latest AIBA decision and his chances of representing Pakistan at the Olympics, Amir Khan said, "I will look into it. If possible, this could be amazing."

"It will mainly depend on the professional contracts I have with my promoters. I will talk about this with my promoters once I get back to England."

"Imagine if I take part in Olympics to represent my home country Pakistan, it will be something very special for me."

Amir Khan, however, didn't say about how Britain's boxing association will react to this development.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Boxing Federation (PBF) Secretary Iqbal Hussain told DawnNews, "It will be great if Amir Khan opts to represent Pakistan after AIBA's latest decision".

Hussain said, "PBF is not in touch with Amir Khan as he is here only to promote and host a professional boxing event. But he is like a hero for Pakistanis and we really respect him".

Pakistan's only boxer in professional boxing circuit, Muhammad Waseem, is likely to take part in qualification for professional boxers, while seven amateur boxers will leave for Kazakhstan on June 14 to take part in the Olympics qualification round, he added.



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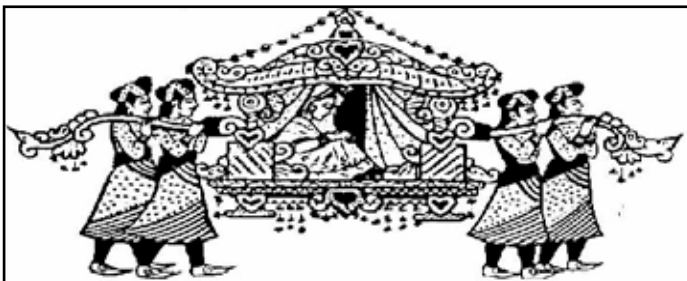
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Why Are We Eid Shopping Already?!

He says this while standing in the colossal Khaadi outlet in Karachi's Dolmen City while masses of women stream through the unstitched fabric section. The Eid line of embroidered chiffon has just launched that morning and it is apparently a huge hit. The price is steeper than Khaadi's lawn range, teetering at around Rs 8000, but it hasn't deterred the avid shopper. Most of the designs have already flown off the racks, leaving them bare, to be restocked in a few days' time. "We've delved into an unstitched chiffon line for the first time and it makes sense. Eid-wear tends to be more formal," says Shamoon.

The other Eid collection of unstitched fabric to have been launched that very day has been by Sana Safinaz and it, too, has strayed away from lawn's much-hackneyed dominion. Instead, the fabric of choice is poly net and cotton net, worked with heavy embroideries and following a quintessentially sophisticated palette. The prices range between Rs 8000 and Rs 10000 - not a problem for the designer duo's many fans who have ensured that some of the suits are already 'out of stock'.

"The fabric adds in a luxe element," explains Safinaz, "so that the clothes can be worn in the evening, on Eid, at a big dinner or even at events leading to a wedding."

It's a clever marketing decision. Lawn designs, even the most embellished ones, are now nothing new to the market. Eid collections in more formal fabric, meanwhile, manage to immediately catch women's attention - especially since they are also ideal for the wedding season that immediately follows Eid.

Designer Maria B. can be credited for more or less pioneering this concept. Two and a half years ago, her design house launched the first M-Broidered collection before Eid and observed sales rolling in. "We also have an Eid lawn line which has its own market but there is a definite strata that wants to wear heavier clothing on Eid day or at wed-

dings that follow. Our M-Broidered suits are absolute evening-wear, using luxe fabric like woven jacquard, digitally printed silk, tissue and velvet trimmings, nets, embroideries and Swarovski details. We started off with one collection but it has now become so popular that we have four M-Broidered line-ups, released during key sales periods throughout the course of the year."

e just been launched by textile bigshots Al-Karam and Gul Ahmed, high-street maverick Sapphire and many more are sure to follow. Oh well, the more the merrier.

Shopping ... on a full stomach

But would designers - and textile mills - benefit more were they to release collections a bit later, cashing in on the pre-Eid hype, when the nation at large fasts all day and then treats itself with shopping splurges?

Apparently, the pre-Eid hype has already begun.

Maliha Aziz, brand manager at Farah Talib Aziz, whose brand's recent Eid exhibit of ready-to-wear in Karachi was quite a success, testifies to this. "Our customers actually prefer shopping right now, when they aren't fasting," she observes.

If you're a shopaholic red-blooded woman, there's a good chance that you've lately been bamboozled quite a bit by nifty marketing.

Even before temperatures soared, billboards popped up within your periphery, urging you to stock up on lightweight lawn fabric in preparation for the sweltering summer that was sure to follow. Off you went, wrapping your shawl around you, shivering in the icy winter wind while you rationed up on your future wardrobe.

Then, as the heat rose, the lawn imagery assailed you full-throttle. On billboards and TV adverts, magazines and social media's expansive platform, you grew dizzy with the extensive variety on offer. You felt duty-bound to buy a certain collection because it tended to go 'sold out' and then there were the prints that were created by your favorite designer and a few more just because they looked so good in those (many) photo shoots with the desert backdrops.

They were bound to stand out just as well in the dusty, arid climes of your city - reason enough to crank up the bank account again!

And now, just when you thought you were done with your shopping, out came the advertisements again, pitching an all-new key word to entice you: 'Eid! Eid, already?!

But Eid is more than a month away. The fasting month of Ramadan is yet to begin and you're still happily gorging on three meals a day (albeit not too much because you want to continue fitting into that summer wardrobe you've amassed so diligently). Nevertheless, Eid exhibits and collections are quite the 'it' things right now, drawing in crowds and a healthy bit of shoving and pushing all the way to the sales till.

"It takes time for unstitched fabric to get stitched by tailors," points out CEO of Khaadi, Shamoon Sultan. "This is actually the ideal time to launch an unstitched Eid collection."



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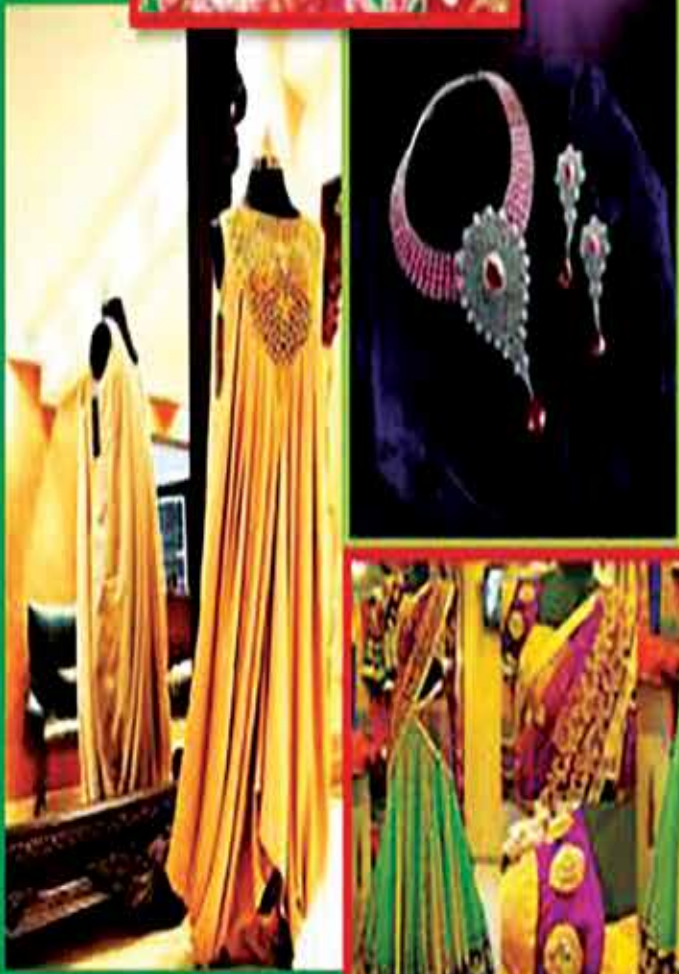
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