



Religious festivals of Hindus and Muslims of the homeland!

At this time, in some parts of the country, festivals of brotherhood are being held, for which pilgrims go out barefoot. On this occasion, Muslims commit excesses and excesses. Sometimes, uninformed Muslims bow down to them as if they were their fellow believers, such as: wearing Qashqa, throwing flowers on statues, wearing a girdle, and chanting slogans in unison. Sometimes, hatred is expressed against them, such as when the wicked people in the procession say something in response that hurts their religious feelings, or when some people throw stones at them to incite a riot, stones are thrown at them in response, which then leads to a major riot. Therefore, in this regard, it is necessary to consider the scope of relations with non-Muslims. It is a fact that the most important issue regarding relations between Muslims and non-Muslims is religious relations. A consideration of Islamic teachings in this regard shows that two things are of fundamental importance in the matter of religion: steadfastness in one's religion and respect for the religious feelings of others. Wherever Muslims are—in Muslim countries or non-Muslim countries—they are required to adhere to Sharia law in four areas of religion: beliefs, worship, social life, and affairs. Beliefs refer to those commandments that are related to the heart and conscience, such as: monotheism, prophethood, belief in the Hereafter, etc.

"Worship" refers to those commandments that are directly related to the relationship between God and the servant, such as prayer, fasting, etc.

"Social laws" refers to Parasnal Law, which includes, in addition to marriage and divorce, rights and duties related to inheritance, wills, and various relatives.

"Deals" refers to the relationships and agreements between two people on a financial basis: trade, lease, gift, etc. fall under this category, and forbidden matters such as interest and gambling also fall within this scope.

All these laws are such that whether the country is Muslim-majority or non-Muslim-majority, and whether the key to power is in the hands of Muslims or not, it is obligatory for Muslims to obey Islamic Sharia in these laws. It is not right to accept any weakness in matters of faith and belief in the name of tolerance, which laws are of a collective nature, or are related to crime and punishment, such as: limits, retribution, the system of the state, etc. Sharia laws related to these areas are enforceable only where Muslims are in the majority and the power is in their hands. Therefore, relations with non-Muslims cannot be established at the cost of giving up and depriving them of the right to implement these laws, and the demand to accept any change in this regard is in itself unreasonable; because the non-Muslim brothers neither benefit nor suffer from the implementation or non-implementation of them by Muslims. The second important thing is

that Islam demands from Muslims that they should not lose their cultural and civilizational identity with others; rather, they should maintain their identity and recognition; that is why the Messenger of Allah (?) has forbidden them from imitating other nations. It is narrated from Hazrat Amr ibn al-Aas (RA): There is no one who resembles us, do not resemble a Jew or a Christian etc. (Al-Jami at-Tirmidhi, Hadith No: 6295, Kitab al-Istizan) The Messenger of Allah said: "He who imitates others is not one of us. Do not imitate the Jews and Christians."

There can be four degrees of this similarity and similarity:

(a) Adopting similarities in the religious rituals of other nations, such as Muslims wearing crosses or girdles, applying Holi colors to themselves, or using the specific rituals of the Sikhs, the jurists have declared this to be a cause of disbelief. The Magians used to wear a special type of cap, the jurists have ruled this to be disbelief: "And if a Magian were to put a cap on his head, he would be a disbeliever" (Al-Maltaqit fi Fatawa al-Hanafiyyah:). Similarly, the jurists are clear about the "Zinar" (the genitals). The same is the ruling on wearing the "Qashqa" in India, because it is one of the religious rituals of the Hindu brothers.

(b) Participation in non-Muslim religious festivals, if this is the case, or if the purpose is to be tolerant according to one's own opinion, is forbidden, and if the purpose is to express satisfaction and approval for their religious beliefs and actions, and to support and praise them, then it is kufr: (Al-Multaqt: 245) Because participating in a religion in which a person does not believe and considers it incorrect according to his own belief, and expressing satisfaction and approval for it is a matter of open duplicity and hypocrisy; therefore, Islam neither likes it for Muslims to adopt such a hypocritical attitude nor does it expect non-Muslims to adopt Islamic rituals and participate in the religious festivals of Muslims.

(c) The third level is cultural similarity, that is, adopting a style and dress that has become the identity of a particular nation and is not related to religion, such as the "dhoti" in India, which has no relation to religion; but it has become a kind of identity for Hindu brothers. If someone is seen wearing a dhoti, the mind goes to the fact that he is a Hindu. Today, some Muslim youth and leaders have started wearing a girwa cloth, which is also from the same tribe. Adopting such similarity and resemblance is makruh and tahrimi. Allama Ibn Taymiyyah has discussed this in detail. (See: Iqtada' al-Sirat al-Mustaqeem: 1/94)

But this aspect of simile keeps changing; because if a style has become the identity of a nation in one era and later its use becomes common and it no longer identifies a particular religious group, then the state of simile will end and its use will come within the (Continue on Page 4)

Sura al-Ma'idah

108. And, (O Muslims,) do not abuse these (false gods) that these (polytheists) worship besides Allah, lest these people should (also, in retaliation,) revile against Allah's Glory wrongfully due to ignorance. Thus have We made the conduct of every sect (and faction) seem attractive to (their own eyes and they regard only that as truth). Then all have to return to their Lord, and He will inform them of (the results of) their deeds which they used to do.

109. They swear their most solemn oaths by Allah that if there comes to them some (manifest) sign, they shall certainly believe in that. Say (to them): 'Signs are but with Allah alone. And, (O Muslims,) you are not aware that when the sign comes, they will (still) not believe.'

110. And (due to their own malice) We shall turn their hearts and their eyes away from (accepting the truth the same way) as they have disbelieved (in the Messenger [blessings and peace be upon him]) the first time. (So, they will not believe even on seeing the sign). And We shall leave them to wander astray in their rebellion and defiance.

111. And if We sent down to them angels, and the dead started talking to them, and We gathered everything in clusters

The delegates of 'Abdul Qais came to Allah's Apostle and said, "The pagans of the tribe of Mudarintervene between you and us therefore we cannot come to you except in the Holy months. So pleaseorder us to do something good (Religious deeds) by which we may enter Paradise (by acting onthem) and we may inform our people whom we have left behind to observe it." The Prophet said, "Iorder you to do four things and forbid you from four things: I order you to believe in Allah. Do youknow what is meant by belief in Allah? It is to testify that none has the right to be worshipped exceptAllah, to offer prayers perfectly, to give Zakat, and to give Al-Khumus (one-fifth of the war booty)(in Allah's Cause). And I forbid you four things, (i.e., Do not drink alcoholic drinks) Ad-Dubba, An-Naqir, (pitched water skins), Az-Zuruf, Al-Muzaffat and Al--Hantam (names of utensils used for thepreparation of alcoholic drinks)." (See Hadith No. 50, Vol. 1)

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Emotional decisions destroy marriage

I usually don't pick up the phone after 10:30 at night – one night I was getting ready to go to sleep when suddenly my mobile rang – it was from a phone number, meaning it belonged to someone I didn't know – when I picked it up, it was a woman's voice: "Maulana Sahib! I am very worried – please give me appropriate advice – "

I said: "Tell me your worries." The woman said, crying: "I have been married for a year and a half – I have not found a good in-law – My mother-in-law keeps taunting me all the time – She calls me a workaholic and a failure – I have a headache, but she says I am making excuses – My husband keeps quiet, he never speaks on my behalf – It has been six months, I have come to my house angry – He has not taken notice of me .The woman was talking, it seemed as if the tape recorder had been turned on – her sobs could be heard in between.

I didn't give her a chance to speak further and asked her the opposite question: "Tell me, how many times have you heard from your husband during this period? How many times have you asked about your mother-in-law?" The woman immediately said: "Why should I care? They don't want me at all – I've just found out that my mother-in-law is looking for another relationship for her son." Ignoring her, I said, "Your mother-in-law is doing well – she sees that her daughter-in-law is not caring about her husband at all. Why is marriage done? The son is deprived of a wife even after marriage, so what is wrong with the mother looking for another relationship for him?"

The woman probably didn't like what I said, but she ignored it and said: "I didn't like this relationship at all, but my parents forced me to get married here - I was in love with someone else - he had even promised to marry me." I said: "You did wrong to keep your previous love in your heart even after marriage – After marriage, you should only associate your love with your husband and in-laws – You can get from your husband what you hope to get from your beloved – Has

your mother never scolded you? Has she never reprimanded you? If you didn't feel bad about your mother's scolding, why do you feel bad about your mother-in-law's?"

"Maulana Sahib! What should I do now?" The woman's voice was hoarse. I replied: "You should go to your in-laws' house with someone, hug your mother-in-law, cry, and apologize - all the grudges will go away." "Maulana Sahib! This seems very difficult to do – I wonder if I will be able to do it or not." "Maulana Sahib! I have been divorced ". My mouth immediately said: "Inna Lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un" Why?

The woman said: "I had set this condition for my husband to return home: to take me to a separate house, – I cannot live with my mother-in-law, – he refused to accept this condition – he said: My mother is alone – I cannot keep her alone with me – on this basis I took Khula. – During this time, I gave birth here – that child is with me – my brother-in-law and sister-in-law take great care of me – ". I said: "You have made a very wrong bet and a very inappropriate decision - after twenty or twenty-five years, you will marry this son of yours and the daughter-in-law will say as soon as she comes home that she cannot live with her mother-in-law, so what will happen to you?! No matter how much the brother and sister-in-law take care of you, they cannot replace the husband."

"Maulana Sahib! I don't understand anything? What should I do? I am very worried - I have become depressed - ""May Allah Almighty solve your problems," I said, ending the conversation.

A few months passed – one day the phone rang again – "Maulana Sahib! I am very worried – my lover has betrayed me – " I said: "Tell me, what happened?" The woman said: "I contacted the person I loved at the same time when I was having a dispute with my husband and in-laws – I demanded a divorce at his instigation – I told him even after the divorce was done (**Continue on Page 4**)

The Gaza Genocide Has Exposed The West's Claims of Moral and Ethical Superiority

The Israeli government is involved in a massive campaign of genocide and ethnic cleansing in Gaza. Various human rights organizations have accused Israel of deliberately starving Gazans. The Israeli military has bombed schools, mosques & churches, and hospitals in the Gaza Strip. For the last 19 months, Israel has attacked the Gaza Strip, Palestinians living in the West Bank, and Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and now Iran. Tens of thousands of people, mostly civilians, were killed in the Gaza Strip. The Gaza Strip became uninhabitable. Israeli bombardment has destroyed almost all the hospitals. People are dying due to the deliberate blocking of food trucks in Gaza. In March 2024, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese, concluded that there were reasonable grounds to believe that Israel had committed acts of genocide in Gaza. Albanese further highlighted that the main motive of the Israeli government is to displace as many Palestinians as possible. She states that the intent of Israeli leaders is very clear. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu and former Défense Minister Mr. Yoav Gallant.

Doctors and medical staff have said that Israel is deliberately destroying hospitals in the Gaza Strip. Multiple doctors who have served in the Gaza Strip have said Israeli forces are directly targeting hospitals. Targeting hospitals is a war crime in international law. Since the foundation of the Israeli state, it has been involved in land theft and ethnic cleansing in Palestine. Whatever the Israeli government is doing in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank comes under war crimes and crimes against humanity. The United States has shielded

Israel every time its actions come under close scrutiny. Even in the ongoing carnage against the people of Gaza, the US has vetoed numerous resolutions against Israel in the UN Security Council. Despite the bloodshed, Western countries are still unwilling to take any meaningful action against the Israeli prime minister and his cabinet. Israel continues to receive weapons from the United States, Germany, the UK, and France, which they use against civilians in the Gaza Strip.

This is the first time in which humanity is seeing a live genocide on their mobile phones. Social media has diminished the value of Israeli propaganda against Palestinians. Even in Western countries, public sentiment is increasingly opposing Israel. Tens of thousands of people have protested against Israeli carnage in Gaza across the world. Western capitals have seen a large section of people from all walks of life coming out against Israeli government treatment of people in Gaza. The world is calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, but the Western leaders are shielding Netanyahu and his ministers and generals. The United States is still supplying Israel with billions of dollars of military aid. Israelis are using US weapons and technology. The role of Germany and the UK is also very shameful. These Western leaders are complicit in genocide against the civilian population in Gaza. More and more people are realizing that the aim of the Israeli government is to ethnically cleanse Gaza. Israeli leaders have made this kind of statement.

Israeli American trauma surgeon Dr. Feroze Sidhwa, in an address to the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East and Gaza, states that the healthcare system in Gaza has collapsed. He asserts that surgeons are performing surgeries on the floor without anaesthesia, and children are displaying suicidal tendencies. He calls for the arms embargo against Israel. He also states that many people are dying from hunger. Israel has destroyed almost all of Gaza's hospitals. Israel is deliberately bombing Palestinian civilians. The Israeli- and US-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation kills hundreds of people every day while they wait for food. Several human rights organizations have slammed the Israeli government for deliberately killing Palestinians waiting for food. The distribution of food by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation has also drawn criticism. Sixty-five thousand people are killed in Gaza. The United States and its Western allies have backed the government despite these challenges. The genocide in Gaza has exposed the mask of Western leaders. America and its allies do not value a rule-based international order. When Russia attacked Ukraine, Western leaders imposed tough sanctions on it. The United States and the European Union have imposed very strict sanctions with the goal of making Russia a pariah state. The Western press demonized both Putin and the Russians. The Western press delivered moral sermons to those countries that sided with Russia. But the genocide has exposed the Western government and its media as well as its talks of humanitarian values. For the West, the people of Gaza are viewed as eastern and backward. The West demonizes Palestinians and questions their humanity. Fake news and propaganda against Palestinians have skyrocketed in the Western press.

To justify the genocide of Palestinians, the first thing to do is to make their humanity questionable. The Western press has given cover to Israeli crimes. CNN, BBC, and the New York Times used malicious headlines. Assal Rad, who has a PhD in Middle Eastern history and currently works on US-Iran policy, has exposed the headlines written by various Western presses on this topic. She is active on X [formerly known as Twitter], and she has questioned the New York Times, CNN, BBC, and Western media outlets. Ilan Pappé, Israeli historian and academic, described this phase as the last phase of Zionism. He says that the extreme barbarity is being done because the new generation of Zionists wanted to achieve things in a very short span of time that their ancestors achieved in a very long and gradual way. He states that he is surprised to see the behavior of European leaders because their response is very mute in responding to a televised genocide. Pappé has raised questions over the time span of the Israeli state. Israeli propaganda is not working in European towns and cities. More and more are seeing the Israeli treatment of Palestinians, and they are horrified about it. Many have accused Israel of practicing apartheid. Israel prefers its Jewish citizens over other citizens. Israel has been seen as a source of stability in the Middle East. In the last two years, Israel has attacked Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen, and its jets are bombing Iran. Iranian top generals and scientists have died in Israeli aerial assaults.

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SUNDAY

2 to 3pm : Halqae Zikr,
Darse Hadees,
Khutbaat-e-Ghouse al Azam
RA, Fiqahi Masail,
Tazkiratul Auwliya.

TUESDAY

Maghrib to Isha: Darse
Tasswuff, Question
Answers. At: Qanqahe
Shujaiya

EVERYDAY

After Maghrib Zikre Jahri.
At: Khanqahe Shujaiya

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Halqae Zikre Jahri and
Waaz. At: Dargah Hazrat
Syedna Mir Shujauddin
Hussain Qibla RA, Eidi
Bazar Hyderabad.

FRIDAY

2 to 3 pm : (Khitab) Speech
of Hazrat Maulana Syed
Shah Obaidullah Qadri Asif
Pasha Sahab Qibla At:
Jama Masjid Shujaiya
Charminar Hyd. Namaze
Juma at:3-15 pm. After
Namaz Majlis Darood wa
Zikr, Salaam Ba Huzoor
Sallalaho Alaihi Wa Sallam

SATURDAY

Deeni Tarbiyati Camp: After
Maghrib to Sunday Isha
(Zikr, Wazif, Basic Education
of Islam, Tazkiratul Awliya,
Muraqiba, Prays Namaze
Thajjud and Ishraq. At:
Khanqahe Shujaiya
Backside Jama Masjid
Shujaiya Charminar,
Hyderabad.

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limits of permissibility. Hazrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi (may Allah have mercy on him) has written the same about coats and pants (Imdad al-Fatawa: 4/268, Question No. 345) and Hazrat Maulana Mufti Kifayatullah Sahib (may Allah have mercy on him) has written the same about saris (Kifayat al-Mufti: 9/161).

(d) There is no harm in benefiting from the methods of non-Muslim brothers in matters of dress, grooming and ceremonies that are not characteristic of any particular religious group, or in matters related to organization and management, such as the style of construction, office management, commercial methods, etc. Hazrat Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) benefited from the methods of Rome and Iran in the system of accounting and bookkeeping. (Al-Faruq: Allama Shibli An-Numani: 2/1304) He (peace be upon him) dug a trench according to the methods of the Persians during the Battle of the Parties on the advice of Hazrat Salman Farsi (may Allah be pleased with him). (Al-Bidayah wal-Nihayah: 4/95) This is evidence that there is no harm in benefiting from the experiences of non-Muslim brothers in such matters.

The principled command given in Islamic law to avoid similarity and similarity is not based on prejudice and narrow-mindedness. The fact is that protecting identity is a natural process. Consider that Allah Almighty has distinguished the appearance and voice of a human being from one another. The passion for protecting identity is so deep within a human being that every country and every nation wants to keep its identity separate, protects its civilization, keeps its flags separate, every school has its own uniform, and different government departments have separate uniforms. Therefore, protecting one's identity is not a bad act, nor does it involve opposition to others or narrow-mindedness towards them. Islam wants Muslims to maintain their identity, and where the Islamic system is implemented, non-Muslim brothers should also be given full freedom to live with their religious and cultural identity.

The second basis of religious relations is respect for other religions and non-interference in their religious affairs. The essence of Quranic teachings is the call to the belief in monotheism. In Islam, nothing is more desirable and praiseworthy than monotheism, and nothing is more reprehensible and reprehensible than

polytheism. However, at the same time, it has also taught a great deal of religious tolerance. The Quran clearly states that everyone has the freedom of belief and that coercion and violence are not permissible to convert to any religion:

There is no aversion to the religion. (Al-Baqarah: 256) There is no room for compulsion in religion; guidance has become clear in contrast to misguidance.

Addressing the Messenger of Allah (?), it was said: If you hate people until they are believers. (Yunus: 99) So will you force people to believe?

The incident of Hazrat Umar (RA) is well known, that he repeatedly requested his slave named Wasq or Dathq to accept Islam. He (RA) also said that if you accept Islam, I will entrust you with some responsibility of trust for the Muslims; but Wasq always refused, Hazrat Umar (RA) always replied: "There is no compulsion in religion" until he (RA) freed him near his death. (Kitab al-Amwal)

Apart from belief, non-Muslims also have complete freedom to practice their religion. The Holy Quran clearly said to the polytheists of Mecca through the blessed language of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): "For you is your religion and for me is my religion" (Al-Kafirun: 6). At another place, it is said: "For us are our deeds and for you are your deeds" (Al-Shura).

The jurists have written that if a Muslim's wife is Jewish or Christian and fasting on a particular day is obligatory according to her faith, then the Muslim husband cannot prevent her from fasting, even if this deprives him of the right to sexual intercourse. (Ahkam Ahl al-Dhammah: 1/316) Similarly, if she wears a cross according to her faith, or keeps a cross in her Muslim husband's house, then she has this right and the husband cannot prevent her. (Ahkam Ahl al-Dhammah: 1/316); Of course, in the present era, marrying a Christian or Jewish woman is not free from haraamness, and its corruption is very great.

It is also important that the religious sentiments of other religious groups are not hurt and that the gods and goddesses worshipped by other nations are not spoken ill of; although it is clear that Islam does not consider it permissible for anyone to share the essence and attributes of God; because this is against the truth and reality; yet, under the guise of religious tolerance, it prohibits speaking indecent things about these false gods, as Allah Almighty says:

Do not slander those who call on God. (Rewards: 108) Do not revile those whom they worship besides Allah.

Similarly, in the matter of places of worship, the sentiments of all religions have been encouraged to be taken into account. Where the Holy Quran condemns the demolition of places of worship, it mentions the churches of Jews and Christians before the mosques of Muslims. (Al-Hajj: 40) This shows that places of worship, regardless of their religion, should be respected. In the agreement that the Messenger of Allah (?) made with the Banu Najran, it was clearly stated that their places of worship would not be demolished, nor would any interference be made in their religious affairs. (Abu Dawud, Hadith No.: 3041) During the reign of Hazrat Khalid bin Walid (RA), the region of Hira was conquered. The document he prepared for the people of Hira also clearly states that their churches and cathedrals would not be demolished. Imam Abu Yusuf (RA) narrated it. (Musua'at al-Kharaj: 143)

There are many examples in this regard during the Caliphate of Rashidah and the subsequent Muslim era, which would take a long time to mention at this time; but it is clear from this that Islam is as sensitive as it is in protecting the belief in monotheism and preserving its identity, and it is equally open-hearted, open-minded and tolerant in the religious and social issues of non-Muslims. Unfortunately, it is covered by layers upon layers of misunderstandings.

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he said: "I will talk to my parents –" I kept contacting him at intervals, but he kept avoiding me – during this time I started doing some work to support myself – now when I contact him, he says that he will not marry a working girl. "Maulana Sahib! Tell me, the one for whom I ruined my married life, the one who cheated on me.

I didn't understand – what should I say? What advice should I give? I gathered my courage and said: "There is no point in regretting the past now. – Now you should start your new life – whatever relationship you find, don't refuse it – if you find a single young man, it is better, don't find a married man, if you find a person whose wife has passed away, whoever you find, get ready to marry him, – living a single life is not good and living life with the support of your brother-in-law is also not good – May Allah Almighty make your circumstances favorable, Amen".

The Noor of the Five Holy Personalities

Once there was a Christian delegation of Najran that arrived in Madinah Shareef in the blessed court of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Their leaders Aqib and Abdul Masih said to Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), "You think that Isa (Alaihis Salaam) is the servant of Allah?" Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) replied, "Yes, he is the servant of Allah Ta'ala, His Messenger and His Words, which were addressed to the pure virgin Mariam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anha)." They became angry and asked, "O Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam)! Have you ever seen any person who was born without a father?" They implied that Hazrat Isa (Alaihis Salaam) being born in this manner was proof of him being the son of God, Allah forbid! At that moment Sayyiduna Jibreel (Alaihis Salaam) descended with the following verses of the Holy Quran:

The example of Isa before Allah is like that of Adam; He created him (Adam) from clay and then said, "Be", and he immediately becomes. O listener! This is the Truth from your Lord, so do not be of those who doubt. {Holy Quran 3:59-60} It was shown in the above-mentioned verses that the birth of Sayyiduna Adam (Alaihis Salaam) was even more astonishing and unique than the birth of Sayyiduna Isa (Alaihis Salaam) in that he was created without both a mother and father, from dry clay. When they do not take Sayyiduna Adam (Alaihis Salaam) as the son of God and believe him to be the servant of God, how can it be astonishing to believe that Sayyiduna Isa (Alaihis Salaam) is the servant of God! {Tafseer-e-Khazin}

Allah Ta'ala further stated: Therefore say (O Beloved Prophet) to those who dispute with you concerning Isa, after knowledge has come to you, "Come! Let us summon our sons and your sons, and our women and your women, and ourselves and yourselves, then do Mubalah, thereby invoking the curse of Allah upon the liars!" {Holy Quran 3:61}

When Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) read this verse to the Christian delegation and invited them to a Mubalah (a supplication involving the opponents invoking curses upon each other such that the one who is a liar will be destroyed), they asked for three days to think about the invitation. In another narration it is stated that they asked for time till the following day.

They gathered by themselves to discuss the matter and also called people of the Banu Nadir and Banu Qurayza. Aqib asked Abdul Masih what his opinion was on this matter. He replied, "O Christians! You have recognised that Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is the true Messenger. If you engage in Mubalah with him then all of you will be destroyed. If you want your religion to continue, then do not engage in Mubalah and return home. This is the same Messenger who has been mentioned in the Torah."

After this discussion, they arrived on the appointed day in the attendance of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), and they noticed that in the blessed lap of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was Hazrat Imam Husain, in his blessed hand was the hand of Hazrat Imam Hasan, and behind him were Sayyidah Fatimah Zahra and Sayyiduna Maula Ali (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anhum). Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) addressed these holy personalities and said, "When I make Dua then all of you must say Ameen." The leader of the Christian delegation said to his people, "O Christians! I am seeing such faces that if these people had to make Dua to Allah to move the mountain, then Allah will move the mountain from its place. Do not engage in Mubalah with them otherwise you will be destroyed and till the Day of Judgement there will be no Christians left on the face of the earth." Hearing this, the Christians declined the invitation of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and agreed to pay the Jizya tax. Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) thereafter stated, "By the One in Whose Hand of Power is my life! Punishment was very near for the people of Najran. If they had engaged in Mubalah they would have been transformed into monkeys and pigs, their forest would have become ablaze with fire, Najran and its people would have become totally ruined and within a year all Christians on the face of

the earth would have been destroyed." {Tafseer Khazain-ul-Irfan; Tafseer Naeemi}

SubhanAllah! Such was the Noor on the blessed faces of these five holy personalities (known as the Panj-Tan-Paak) that even the leader of the Christian delegation realised just by looking at their blessed faces that the Christians would be defeated.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us true love and honour for the Ahle Bayt and the courage to stay away from those who hold animosity towards them, Allahumma Ameen.

7/11 Mumbai Train Blasts: Bombay High Court Acquits All 12 Muslim Accused after 18 years in jail

In a landmark judgment, the Bombay High Court has quashed and set aside the conviction of 12 men who were earlier sentenced by a special MCOCA court in connection with the 7/11 Mumbai serial train blasts that claimed 189 lives and injured over 800. The blasts, which rocked Mumbai's Western Railway local line on July 11, 2006, remain one of the deadliest terror attacks in India's recent history.

A special division bench comprising Justices Anil Kilar and Shyam Chandak delivered the ruling after hearing the appeals filed by both the convicts and the State. The appeals had been pending since 2015, following the special court's verdict under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crimes Act (MCOCA), which sentenced five accused to death and seven others to life imprisonment.

The High Court observed that the prosecution failed to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. A detailed copy of the judgment is yet to be released. **The five convicts who were handed the death penalty by the trial court in 2015 were:**

Kamal Ansari

Mohammad Faisal Ataur Rahman Shaikh

Ehtesham Qutubuddin Siddiqui

Naveed Hussain Khan

Asif Khan

The remaining seven —

Tanveer Ahmed Mohammed Ibrahim Ansari

Mohammed Majid Mohammed Shafi

Shaikh Mohammed Ali Alam Shaikh

Mohammed Sajid Margub Ansari

Muzammil Ataur Rahman Shaikh

Suhail Mehmood Shaikh

Zameer Ahmed Latifur Rehman Shaikh — were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Another accused, Wahid Shaikh, had already been acquitted by the special court after spending nine years in prison. The High Court's ruling comes after nearly 18 years of incarceration for the accused. A fresh push for a speedy hearing was made in 2024, leading to the constitution of a special bench to finally hear and dispose of the pending appeals.

Notably, former Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court and senior advocate Dr. S. Muralidhar appeared for two of the life-term convicts — Muzammil Ataur Rahman Shaikh of Bengaluru and Zameer Ahmed Latifur Rehman Shaikh of Mumbai. In his extensive submissions before the court, Dr. Muralidhar highlighted glaring lapses in both the investigation and trial phases. He pointed out serious issues in the process of obtaining confessional statements, the conduct of investigating officers, and the undue influence of media trials in terrorism cases. Dr. Muralidhar underscored what he called a "biased investigation," arguing that the entire process was driven more by public pressure than solid evidence. "Innocent people are sent to jail, and years later when they are released, there's no way to reconstruct their lives. These accused have been in jail for 17 years — without stepping out even for a single day. Their prime years are gone," he told the court.

Destiny Draws Towards Karbala

There is no doubt that the place and time of one's demise or martyrdom has been decreed by Allah Ta'ala and one will somehow reach that place at the destined point in time.

There are many narrations in which Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) mentioned the martyrdom of Sayyidush Shuhada Sayyiduna Imam Hussain in Karbala, from the early days of Hazrat Imam Hussain's life. And therefore there was no doubt that even though Sayyiduna Imam Hussain was born and brought up in Madinatul Munawwarah and eventually resided there, due to circumstances, he would eventually be drawn towards Karbala as that is where his martyrdom was to take place. Some deviant people argue that Sayyiduna Imam Hussain left for Karbala in pursuit of power and Khilafat (Ma'azAllah). On the contrary, it was his piety, fear of Allah Ta'ala and steadfastness that drove him towards Karbala.

While still in Madinatul Munawwarah he received the news of the passing away of Hazrat Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'awiya ?????? ?????? and of the letter that Yazeed wrote to the governor of Madinah, ordering him to get everyone to pledge allegiance at the hands of Yazeed, starting with Hazrat Imam Hussain, Hazrat Abdullah ibn Zubair and Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar

Hazrat Imam Hussain was fully aware of the fact that Yazeed would become a vicious enemy if he refused to pledge allegiance to him. However, he could not allow himself to pledge allegiance to a vile and unworthy person, which would have justified the immorality of Yazeed, thereby destroying the Islamic social system. He therefore left Madinatul Munawwarah with a sorrowful heart on 4th Shabaan 60AH, heading towards Makkatul Mukarramah {Khutbat-e-Muharram}

While he was in Makkah Shareef, the people of Kufah wrote many letters to Hazrat Imam Hussain, inviting him to Kufah so that they could pledge allegiance to him. They mentioned in their letters the passing away of Hazrat Ameer Mu'awiyah, the rise of Yazeed and how they had no Imam under whose leadership they could defend the truth. {At-Tibri} The refusal of the Ahle Kufah to pledge allegiance to Yazeed and their request to Imam Hussain to accept their pledge of allegiance made it compulsory upon him to accept their request even though they were extremely unreliable. When a nation is not prepared to pledge allegiance to an immoral tyrant and requests a person who is worthy of such a position to accept their allegiance, it becomes compulsory upon that person to accept their allegiance, otherwise he would be answerable in the Court of Allah Ta'ala for forsaking that nation to be destroyed at the hands of a tyrant.

Imam Hussain therefore had no choice but to accept the call of the Ahle Kufah even though great companions of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), such as Hazrat ibn Abbas, Hazrat ibn Umar, Hazrat Jabir, Hazrat Abu Sa'eed. etc., did not agree with his decision as they did not trust the Ahle Kufah. The love that these great companions possessed for Imam Hussain and the knowledge that they had with regard to his martyrdom, was causing tremors in their hearts as he prepared to leave for Kufah. The only way that he could reject the invitation of the Ahle Kufah was if he had a valid reason according to Shariah. So while he had great respect for the opinions of the noble companions, he also knew that he did not have a valid Shar'i (lawful) reason not to leave for Kufah.

He therefore decided to send Sayyiduna Muslim ibn Aqeel (the son of Imam Hussain's paternal uncle who was very reliable) to Kufah in order to assess the situation. If the Ahle Kufah proved to be unreliable and disloyal, then a lawful reason would be found and if they remained true to their promise then the companions would have consolation.

{Sawanih-e-Karbala}

Hazrat Muslim ibn Aqeel then travelled to Kufah together with his two sons to assess the situation, and within a week, one thousand people had pledged allegiance to Imam Hussain at the hands of Hazrat Muslim ibn Aqeel. When he saw that the conditions were pleasant, he wrote a letter to Imam Hussain stating that he should depart for Kufah as soon as possible as the situation was favourable and the Ahle Kufah were steadfast on their promise.

When Sayyiduna Muslim ibn Aqeel's letter reached Imam Hussain, he now had no lawful reason for rejecting the request of the Ahle Kufah and prepared to leave for Kufah. The noble companions explained to Imam Hussain that these very people had betrayed his father, Hazrat Maula Ali and his brother, Hazrat Imam Hasan. Imam Hussain replied that he was seeking goodness from his Lord and therefore, it would be seen how the situation unfolds. In spite of many efforts by the noble companions of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) to stop Imam Hussain from leaving Makkah, he left for Kufah on 3rd Dhul Hijjah 60AH along with 83 people, including his family, associates and servants. {At-Tibri}

During the journey, when Hazrat Imam Hussain reached a place called Tha'labiyyah, he was informed that Hazrat Muslim ibn Aqeel had been martyred and that the Ahle Kufah who had made claims of allegiance to the Ahle Bayt, had forsaken them and turned against them. Hazrat Imam Hussain then gave the people who were travelling with him the chance to return to their homelands and assured them that they would not be blameworthy if they returned during these turbulent times. Most of the Arabs who had joined him from Makkah immediately scattered but the people who remained were mostly those who joined him from Madinah.

Imam Hussain continued to travel further until he reached Mount Dhi Hasham where he met Hurr ibn Yazeed At-Tamimi with an army of 1000 people, who arrived with the intention of capturing Imam Hussain and taking him to Ibn Ziyad. Imam Hussain made it clear that he will not allow Hurr to capture him and take him to Ibn Ziyad in Kufah. An argument ensued after which Hurr advised that if Imam Hussain did not wish to go to Kufah then he should travel on a path that neither went towards Kufah nor towards Madinah, until Hurr could receive further instruction from Ibn Ziyad. Imam Hussain preferred this advice and began to travel on the west of Qadisiyyah and Hurr and his army accompanied him. {At-Tibri}

As Imam Hussai continued to travel further, the soldiers of Hurr stopped him and said that they should stop at that point as the River Euphrates was not far from there. Imam Hussain asked, "What is this place called?" The people answered that it was called 'Karbala'. As soon as he heard this, he dismounted from his horse and said, "This is Karbala, the place of Karb (anguish) and Bala (affliction and torment). This is the place where our rides shall sit, the place where our luggage shall be placed and the place where our men shall be killed." {Noor-ul-Absar}

The day he stopped at Karbala was a Thursday and it was the 2nd of Muharram 61AH. {Khutbat-e-Muharram}

It is clear that destiny had taken Imam Hussain on a journey from Madinah to Karbala. It is also clear that it was his fear of Allah Ta'ala and steadfastness on Shariah that made him leave for Kufah. And it was his total submission to the Will of Allah Ta'ala that made him remain patient after stopping at the place that was foretold to be where he would be martyred. SubhanAllah! May Allah Ta'ala grant us an atom of the steadfastness on Shariah and submission to the Will of Allah Ta'ala, which the Ahle Bayt possessed, Allahumma Ameen.



New Waqf Law Exposes Muslim Leadership's Lack of Vision

Be it the issue of triple talaq or halalah, Muslim personal law or awqaf, mosques or madrasas, hijab or meat consumption, the country's ruling class is leaving no stone unturned to target and attack Muslims and Islam. This is mainly because the Muslim leadership has failed to demonstrate the foresight and wisdom required to deal with these issues as well as the challenges Muslims may face in future.

According to official estimates, there are up to 872,328 waqf properties across India. These properties, which include mosques, madrasas, graveyards, dargahs, khanqahs, shelters, charitable institutions and vacant pieces of land etc, are spread over an area of more than 3.8 million acres in 30 states and eight Union Territories, and have a total estimated value of Rs 1.2 trillion. Of these properties, as many as 402,000 are "waqf by user" assets, which can be taken over by the government under the newly enacted Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. Over 73,000 of the properties are in dispute and could be affected by certain provisions in the amended law.

Ever since the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was introduced in Parliament in August last year with the objective to amend the Waqf Act, 1995, and subsequently passed by the House in April 2025, there has been a backlash from India's Muslims. They and their leaders have been opposing it and doing frantic efforts to protect waqf properties from acquisition by the government under the amended law. After the bill became law, it was challenged in the Supreme Court. After more than a month of arguments from both the Muslim and the government side, the judges reserved the verdict on May 22 and will issue it after the courts reopen in July. As many as 73 petitions against the amended Act were filed in the country's apex court, but only five were accepted. One of these five is by All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen leader Asaduddin Owaisi, another is by Arshad Madani, the leader of one faction of Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, and the rest are from three individuals from three states. In view of some previous decisions of the Supreme Court regarding Muslims, it is anybody's guess which side the verdict will go.

Since the waqf bill's introduction and then passage in Parliament, various Muslim religious and social organisations under the umbrella of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, especially Jamiat Ulema and Jamaat-e-Islami-Hind, as well as several other organisations, intellectuals and activists have demonstrated Muslim unity and solidarity against the new law through meetings, protest rallies, speeches and press conferences in various parts of the country. Two months ago, a 15-minute "Batti Gul" lights-off campaign, similar to the Covid-era thali-beating gimmick, was also organised by the Muslim leadership

across the country to register Muslims' opposition to the new law. It seemed as if the entire Muslim community and leadership had suddenly woken up from their slumber and the idea of recouping and protecting the waqf properties that have existed for centuries had suddenly shaken their collective conscience. But the situation now is like (there's no use crying over spilt milk).

Support from unexpected quarters: It is worth-noting that if non-Muslim secular leaders, parties and lawmakers had not raised their voices in and outside Parliament against the Waqf bill and its subsequent passage in Parliament, the bill, like the court ruling against the minority character of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), would have one day become law without any fuss and the Muslims would have learnt about it only the next day after waking up from their sleep.

Triple talaq: The Waqf Act is not alone: India's Muslim leadership wakes up and their efforts to awaken the sleeping Muslim community become more intense only after a calamity strikes them. Take the case of "triple talaq". Pronouncing the three talaq together and at one time is not only an innovation but also an abominable and illegal act from the Islamic point of view. However, Muslim scholars never thought or had the opportunity to abolish this custom prevalent among Muslims. Ultimately, the government had to take action and make this custom a crime through law, triggering protests from the Muslim leadership. Perhaps emboldened by this verdict, the Telangana High Court has now ruled that Muslim women have an absolute and unconditional right to take khula, and for this the approval or consent of the husband is not necessary, while the factual position is that the consent of both husband and wife is necessary for khula and without the consent of the husband, khula is not valid in Shariah.

Way back in 1989, a respected intellectual and journalist from Delhi, Suleman Sabir, had advised Jamaat-e-Islami and Jamiat Ulema leaders to rectify the issue of triple talaq on their own, before the government of the time took a wrong step in this regard and this issue could become a precursor to interference in the Muslim Personal Law. But thanks to their negligence and lack of foresight, the current government has changed it according to its own will and the self-proclaimed leaders of Muslims could do nothing.

The curse of Halalah: Next is halalah. A marriage performed for the purpose of halalah is not marriage but adultery. The Messenger of Allah (?) has cursed the one who engages in halalah and the one who performs it. Not that Muslim religious, social and political leaders cannot pay attention to this heinous custom among Muslim and work to eliminate it. But this task is also likely to be performed by the government and once again these leaders will wake up, and awaken their people as well, to launch a campaign against it. Many Muslims support halalah. Muslim scholars can be held responsible for this negligence. This heinous custom should be abolished before the government interferes, otherwise the government of the day will change it keeping in mind its own interests and at that time all the Muslim scholars and leaders will feel helpless. Besides, this will be another strong step towards the introduction of a uniform civil code.

Urdu, riots and personal law: Urdu is one of the 22 official languages of India. But the attitude we have adopted towards it and the way this language is being opposed in the country, the day is not far when the official status of this language will also be abolished and the hopeless Muslim leaders and the millat immersed in sweet dreams will wake up and bear this calamity too without a shock. Urdu was the means with the help of which United India achieved freedom from the British. Hatred against Urdu was in the hearts even before Independence, but on the very next day of India's freedom from the British rule this hatred became manifest when Hindi was given preference over the more common Hindustani language. Dr Rajendra Prasad's presidential vote had made Hindi the official language. Nowadays, Muslims are using Roman English instead of Urdu script in their



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After decades of anti-Muslim riots and tolerating them, if no effective measures are taken to stop mob lynching and violent processions outside mosques with slogans of "Jai Sri Ram", then, God forbid, occupying mosques, madrasas and graveyards could also be legally justified and Muslims might have to lose their religious places. The Waqf Act seems to be the first step in that direction. The RSS had started its efforts to bring itself to power by proxy almost 100 years ago. Today, their strategy has succeeded. Mob lynching is also a part of that planning.

The threat of a uniform civil code across the country to abolish Muslim Personal Law has been looming over the heads of Muslims for years. But no adequate measures are being implemented to deal with this threat. The current government is using every tactic against Muslims, and Muslims are "waiting with bated breath" to deal with them.

Criminal negligence: Let's go back to the waqf. Our ancestors had dedicated their lands for education, ibadat (worship), halal livelihood, public welfare and other religious and community services. Officials of waqf boards and the bureaucrats concerned have kept taking advantage of this and these lands have been a source of personal profit for only a few waqf officials. These officials have always been oblivious to the fact that the Muslims of India are living in fear, troubled and oppressed. These officials and bureaucrats could not do construction work in time. What kind of criminal negligence was it that not a single educational institution, hospital, research centre, skills development centre, medical college, pharmacy college, polytechnic, girls' or boys' hostel or old-age home (although not required in the Muslim community) was built, no big mosque was constructed and no big madrasa was established.

Many more such examples can be given where we could have done something constructive, but the negligence of Muslim officials occupying the waqf boards has shown us today that the waqf properties worth more than a trillion rupees have been put at risk. They worked only for personal gain. When there were opportunities, the opportunists wasted those opportunities. As a result, the situation has become such that the government can seize the waqf lands and properties through the black amended Waqf Act.

Christians did not limit their holy places to places of worship, but they also took education, health and social services into their own hands. They built every institution for the service of the people that the people needed. They built churches and spared no effort in respecting and honouring their priests. These priests did not issue unnecessary fatwas (decrees) as happens with us Muslims, but rather established many institutions for the service of the people with their useful advice. We also have waqf lands to establish such institutions. Did our scholars, responsible people, officials of the waqf boards or any other leader take such measures? Apart from filling their houses, did they ever think about how our future generations will live in peace and harmony in this country. The imams of the mosques kept begging for salaries.

No one cared. Today, everyone is awake or pretending to be awake. Suddenly, pain is arising in the heart of every special and common person, everyone is crying tears of blood. The snake has come out and they are beating the line. The dragon-like Waqf Act is waiting to swallow the inheritance of Muslims. It is a bitter reality that countless waqf properties have been usurped or have gone into the hands of non-Muslims. O Indian Muslims, now live in fear all your lives. Such is the fate of an insensitive community.

As a result of the lack of Muslim leadership and the joint conspiracy of the then government and all other political parties to prevent the Muslim leadership from

taking shape, we are in a place where we do not know anything about ourselves. Whether it is the minority character of AMU or the Waqf Bill, all of it is the result of our indifference. If our national leaders wake up even after a disaster, they should still reap the benefits.

When a tall nation loses the battle for power and becomes lowly, it becomes a victim of expediency and tolerates the atrocities being committed against it with expediency, which ultimately proves to be a killer. This act of expediency has made the Muslim youth cowardly. The spirit of sacrifice has vanished. If it does not wake up, there is a danger that the community's dignity and status will be buried in the deep sea of anonymity. When power comes into the hands of a coward, he becomes a tyrant, and all the atrocities being committed against Muslims indicate this saying. Its cure can only be given through bravery and sacrifice.

Response : A community that will continue to sleep all the time cannot have a better outcome. Today, our young generation is asking who should be held responsible for this negligence. Who are the individuals responsible for the destruction of the national trust? Do they not deserve punishment? Yes, they should be punished. They have brought the Muslims to the streets and abandoned the, and taken over the leadership themselves. They could have done a lot but did nothing. Today, every self-styled leader seems to be baking his bread on the back of fame. Alas, alas! Let us drown in the water.

Scholars and elders, you have to answer, not only to this world but also to your Lord in the Hereafter. Muslims are being invited to protest, make noise and beat their chests on the streets. The government leaders also know that this will happen. They are well aware of how such protests will be dealt with. Will it have a positive result? Just think about it and tell us. There will be no result. If possible, save the waqf lands. To achieve this goal, sacrifice is required. Sacrifice is great and continuous. Take charge of your future. Open your eyes before everything disappears and is lost.

Yes, it is about Indian Muslims who are suffering from negligence. O Muslims of India, wake up, start reforming from your own homes, build an education system, awaken your consciousness. Wake up, there is still time. **Get up, otherwise the resurrection will not happen again. Run, the time of the doomsday has come.**