

Kashmir: The Gamechanger

By: Dr. Aslam Abdullah

It was expected, even though the ruling Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) in its election manifesto in April 2019 had assured the people of Kashmir that it would not change the Article 370 of the constitution that gives them the autonomy. On August 5, ten days before India's 73rd celebration of independence and 69 years and 40 days later India agreed to a United Nations resolution on the right of self-determination for the people of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir, one of the 29 states in India was stripped off its statehood and given the status of the eight union territory to be governed by the



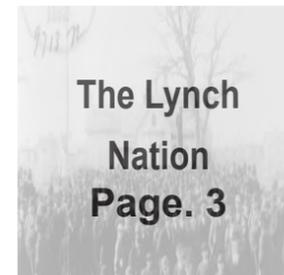
President with state elected body having limited powers.

What was done by the BJP as part of its ulti-

mate goal was to ensure that the constitution does not give special privileges to any state. India initially had given

special status to three states, Assam, Nagaland, and Jammu & Kashmir but eight more were

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Trump and Netanyahu Attack Democratically Elected Muslim Congresswomen

By TMO Staff

It's a personal vendetta of Trump against two Muslim congresswomen. It is not presidential and it is not American. It's more like a scene from a Western movie. If you are not with me, you are my enemy and I would do whatever I can to silence and humiliate you. The President of



the United States took his fight against Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib to Israel and an always willing Prime Minister obliged him by banning the two elected congresswomen from visiting the West Bank and Gaza,

the two Palestinian territories.

The rationale given by Trump was the so-called anti-Semitism of the two new Muslim Democrats representing Michigan

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Full House at Family Eid Picnic in Farmington Hills, MI

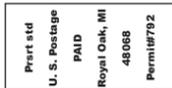


By: Noor Saleem

Rain or shine, the annual Eid picnic at the Muslim Community Mosque of Farmington Hills, is an annual tradition many anticipate throughout the entire year. The season of Hajj and Dhul Hijjah means

taking advantage of the blessed days, and exerting in worship to the best one's ability. It also means Eid is around the corner, including none other than the beautiful family picnic that takes place after Eid every

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Masjid Al-Aqsa Attacked on Eid-al-Adha



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By: Usman Saiyed

At least 63 Muslim worshippers have been injured and two have been arrested after violence broke out with Israel forces during Eid-Al-Adha. Tens of thousands of Muslims had gathered together to celebrate. Masjid Al-Aqsa

is the third holiest site for Muslims, after Mecca and Medinah, and first for Jews because Jews refer to it as the Temple Mount.

Sunday was also the Ninth of Av, the Jewish day of mourning for the destruction of the two Biblical temples that

stood there.

Palestinians gathered at the gate after hearing rumors that Jewish visitors were being let in. Israel police had originally agreed to barred entry for Jewish visitors but upturned their decision after clashes broke out. That allowed the police

to enter and they fired stun grenades and rubber-coated bullets. Jews are barred from entering the compound after an agreement between Israeli and Muslim authorities. Jewish extremist has asked to demolish the mosque and rebuild the Biblical Temple.

These remarks have made Jewish visits as provocations and Palestinians fear Israel intends on taking over the site. The Israel government has continuously stated that they have no intentions of doing so.

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The Lynch Nation



By TMO Staff

Dalits are considered impure and the filthiest in the hierarchy determined by birth in Hinduism. They have always lived on the periphery of Hindu religion and society. Muslims in India, by and large, are the descendants of Dalits or so-called untouchables who decided to accept Islam as doors leading to dignity in their birth religion were locked.

Now the two communities have become a target of Hindu terrorists who under various pretexts create conditions for an agitated mob to lynch them. The police, representing the ethos of terrorists, record only those incidents captured by someone on cameras. Otherwise, hundreds of such incidents remain unreported and often publicly unheard. The lynching of Dalit is a simple act. Some people belonging to upper caste catch a Dalit under any pretext, false or real, and beat him or her until death. But in Muslim lynching, they add a religious element too. They catch a Muslim, accuse him of stealing, then force him to say Jai Shri Ram and keep on hitting him or her with sticks, stones and knives until death. The number of people lynched during the reign of the current Prime Minister is about 100 reported cases. The unreported incidents may run into thousands.

Most of the upper caste lynchers belong to the Rashtriya Swayam Sangh, Bhartiya Janta Party, Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena, and Hindu Vishwa Parishad. They are all rooted in an ideology of Hindu supremacy and in the idea that India is primarily from Hindus and only upper castes have a right to rule over India or decide who the rulers should be. They believe that Dalits being part of the filthiest social strata of

their society must always be subservient to them. They also believe that current Muslims were Dalits who were forcibly converted to Islam and now it is their obligation to bring them back to their religion, especially when a section of them created a country by the name of Pakistan for itself.

The main reason given by the lynchers for their action is their utmost reverence for cows they consider the mother of Hinduism. They worship him and they see that slaughter of cows of Muslims a direct attack on their religion.

India has banned slaughtering cows but allows the slaughter of buffalo and oxen. But there are states such as Kerala, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and West Bengal where cow slaughter is not prohibited. Some of these states are controlled by the Hindu nationalist party BJP.

Additionally, India is also the largest beef exporter in the world. As per the report of Export Genius, India is the largest beef exporter in the world followed by Brazil and Australia. It registered an export value of \$3,680 million USD by beef exports from the world's output (\$19,886 million USD) in 2016. The number is much higher in 2019. Ironically, all the beef exporting companies that operate under Arabic sounding names, are owned by upper-caste Hindus directly or through providers.

The anger of the lynching mob is not directed against the beef exporting countries. Their targets are Muslims and Dalits.

So far, the government of India has not taken any meaningful action against the lynching mobs or their leaders. On the contrary, several senior members of the ruling party have

supported the lynchers by facilitating them or honoring them. Only the northern states of Rajasthan and the central state of Madhya Pradesh led by the Congress party have declared lynching a punishable offense. However, even in those states, it is the police that has the power to reject filing an FIR if a case of lynching is brought.

The silence of national political leaders and a great majority of Hindu religious leaders, clearly indicate that lynching is not just a reactionary act, it is a well-planned act to create fear and intimidation in the Muslim and Dalit communities.

The lynching of Muslims and Dalit in India is, ironically, backed by several Hindu supporters of BJP and RSS in the United States. These individuals who may be holding important positions in several India or Hindu related organizations, send millions of dollars annually to Hindu outfits in India that are engaged in promoting hatred. Many people fear that their growing influence in US politics might create conditions like India against Muslims and Dalits in the US.

Muslim organizations are generally silent on this issue all around the world and more so in the United States. None of them has so far taken a strong position or filed any petition on lynching with the State Department of the diplomatic mission of India.

The continued lynching, and the apathy of Muslim organization abroad in general coupled with the increased support for lynchers in the Indian community in the USA point to a dangerous future, a future where a whole community of over 200 million may be subject to genocidal actions by Hindu terrorists.

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Another End: A Take on Kashmir

By: Sanaa,
TMO Youth Corner

How much is too much and how little is not enough?

There comes a point, after the frightened tears and ringing ears, when all becomes numb and you don't feel anything at all.

When horrifying headlines and terrifying Tweets make you giggle because the alternative would be crying-you don't have the strength to do that anymore. So you laugh in the face of utter misery, until the silence stops echoing.

I am not a student of law, politics or history. But the first thing all third graders learn in their social studies class is that democracy is the best form of government. This is because people get to rule themselves. Because they are citizens not subjects. Because its 'of the people, by the people, for the people'. Because 'people and their wants'



is the central theme of democracy.

I guess disappointment is just something you accept when you grow up. But now that you don't get marks for it for being politically correct you can go around giving sweets to celebrate the death of democracy. I mean, if your government isn't studying the Constitution, why should

you either?

I won't explain to you the details or the legalities of that little piece of paper considering history books will include it soon enough, for better or for worse. But I will paint you a picture, of 1.4 million troops (that's one-third of one of the biggest armed forces on the planet) holding guns on empty, deserted

streets. I will show you the utter silence where no phones chime or ring, and no voices whisper again. I will take you to the homes of the disappeared, the gagged and the missing. I will paint you a picture of a people without a voice, of a people with darkness in their eyes, of a people erased. I will ask you, and you won't answer.

On a brighter note; tyranny, forceful occupation, colonization, ethnic cleansing, genocide? Not yet.

"Inna Lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un" and move on or "Inna Allah ma as-sabireen" and wait

The struggle doesn't end yet.

White Supremacist Terrorists Strike America

By: TMO Staff

Two mass shooting in a span of 21 hours. Two acts of terrorism and two violent demonstrations of hatred. The two states, Texas and Ohio where these two incidents took place are run by the Trump Republicans. The President called them acts of cowardice. The governor blamed mental illness and violent games, but the reality was once again ignored. The victims were innocent people, male, female, children, whites and nonwhites and those who spread hatred against innocent people were none other than the ones entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the nation.

With hateful speeches against Blacks, Hispanics, Muslims, people with leftist ideas, etc and with guns available in abundance, the possibility of attacks on vulnerable groups by hate mongers and their supporters always exist. On August 3 and 4, this possibility became a reality. The fin-

ger is pointed to the man who holds the highest office in the land, Trump. The President, since he assumed the office, has spoken words or issued statements in the form of tweets that incite hatred against anyone who does not share his views, and who challenges his softness towards white nationalists and supremacists. In Texas, the shooter, who walked into a Walmart in El Paso and opened fire on shoppers and employees, had a manifesto on his web page that described his action a response to the Invasion of Texas.

He wrote, "They are instigators not me as I am simply defending my country from cultural and ethnic replacement brought by an invasion. The shooter also wrote that he was disgusted with race-mixing and diversity in general and he held Democrats primarily responsible for that. He wrote that Mexican immigrants are a threat to the job market aIn the document, Hispanic

people are denounced as "invaders." The writer expresses disgust with "race-mixing" and diversity in general and blames Democrats, Republicans and "Corporate America" for continued immigration into the U.S. It claims Mexican immigrants are a threat to the job market, and accuses them of attempting to take over Texas. Referring to second and third-generation Mexican Americans, he argued that they should be sent back.

This is no different than what Trump and other Republican leaders have said by joining the chorus send them back in reference to four Congresswomen Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), a Somali American immigrant, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.), Rashida Tlaib (Mich.) and Ayanna Pressley (Mass.)

The country has some over 11 million unauthorized persons of which 7.5 million are from Mex-

ico and Central America. Seven millions of them are employed, mostly in construction and accommodation services.

The Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy estimates that unauthorized immigrants paid a total of \$11.7 billion in state and local taxes in 2014, the most recent year of data, according to their 2017 report. Of which, \$7 billion were paid in sales taxes and excise taxes, paid on specific items like gas sales and vehicle registrations. These workers contribute the most tax dollars to states with the largest populations: California, Texas, and New York. Other states that benefit the most from their tax money are Florida, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, and Arizona.

The target of President's hate is directed towards non-white immigrants especially those coming from Latin American countries. The number of Asians is about 1.8 million and the Europeans are .8 million. The

President calls them illegal intruders, even though such people try to enter the US through checkpoints under the provision of the asylum seeker.

The president's hatred against immigrants has motivated anti-immigrant sentiments among white nationalists who now deem it their responsibility to rid the country of all such people. It is believed that there are some 1050 white supremacist hate groups in the country. In Ohio, their number is 36 and in Texas 73. White supremacist groups focus on the inferiority of nonwhites and they include groups such as Ku Klux Klan, neo-Confederate, neo-Nazi, racist skinhead, and Christian Identity. Experts believe that the country is heading towards a race war.

American White Supremacy and President Trump

By TMO Staff

Racism is not a new issue in the United States.

It has existed since the beginning and continues to plague the nation. For the past few years, many Americans fear that the United States is leaning more towards a fascist state that idealizes bigotry and hatred and much of that sentiment has been associated with the 45th President of the United States, President Donald Trump.

President Trump has been very vocal about his personal perspectives towards specific groups of people. Many of the rhetoric has been negative and offensive to people of color, especially people of color coming from other countries. Many Americans have felt that President Trump has created a new problem for the country.

Throughout history of the world and the United States, there have been movements that are based on the idea



that there is one race, "the white race", that is superior to other races. The consequences of this ideology have been horrific and catastrophic, as seen as in Europe during WWII. In the United States, the problem started with race-based slavery and then continued through things like Jim Crow and "separate but equal" legal rulings. In addition to this, public lynchings and the growing radical organization, the Ku Klux Klan have made the issue of race a serious one. What we see today is actually the product of our nation's

past.

Looking back at President Trump's comments on African Americans/ Black people, Mexicans, and Arabs/Muslims, he can easily be connected to today's hateful rhetoric. With President Trump's comments on members of congress like Representative Ilhan Omar, the already present fire has been increased. During one of his rallies, attendees started chanting "send her back!" alluding to the fact that Representative Omar coming from a different country as refugee.

Former Representative and current Democratic presidential candidate, Beto O'Rourke, has been vocal since the shootings and stated that "22 people in my hometown are dead after an act of terror inspired by your racism. El Paso will not be quiet and neither will I". O'Rourke has called President Trump a "racist" and has said "This president, who helped create the hatred that made Saturday's tragedy possible, should not come to El Paso. In the most recent mass public shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio,

President Trump has stated that "hate has no place in America". With the recent mass public shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, President Trump has stated that "hate has no place in America".

President Trump has been attempting to make statements to decrease the tensions present in the country and to disassociate himself from the white supremacy movements in the country and hate-filled racist acts that are being done across the country. So far, there has been demand from the American people for Congress to take actions to ensure that military-grade weapons are not found on the streets of the United States. Racism and white supremacy movements are difficult issues to solve when they have been embedded into the nation, but starting with a proper recognition of the problem is a good start.

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Free Agency Period Shifts Platform of NBA

By: Zain Ahmed

We just experienced the craziest free agency period in the history of the National Basketball Association (NBA). The whole platform of the league has just shifted and there is a new NBA.

The first major move made during the summer was one that many had expected. Superstar forward/center Anthony Davis was traded for guard Lonzo Ball, forward/guard Brandon Ingram, guard Josh Hart, and three first round draft picks to the Los Angeles Lakers from the New Orleans Pelicans. This trade would give the Lakers a superstar to pair alongside superstar forward LeBron James after a disappointing season ending with just 37 wins and not making the playoffs. But on the Pelicans side of things, they are now much younger and looking to succeed in the future after drafting Zion Williamson with the first pick in the NBA draft.

The next move which some fans have been expecting was guard Kyrie Irving, forward Kevin Durant, and center Deandre Jordan. signing with the Brooklyn Nets. There were rumors of this happening throughout the season, and finally the signings happened. Irving signed a 4-year \$136 million deal, Durant signed a 4-year \$164 million deal, and Jordan signed a 4-year \$40 million deal. The Nets did have to send over all-star guard D'angelo Russell over to the Warriors in order to acquire Durant. The only negative part of this free agency for the Nets is that KD will most likely miss most or all of next season because of a torn Achilles injury suffered in game five of the 2019 NBA Finals. But they will still have a lot of young assets such as Kyrie, forward/guard Carris Levert, guard Spencer Dinwiddie, center Jarett Allen, and three point contest winner forward/guard Joe Harris, to help them make a push towards the NBA playoffs in the not so dominant eastern conference.

The Warriors era is now



over as they lost Kevin Durant as well as center Demarcus Cousins who signed with the Lakers, and forward/guard Andre Iguodala. But they are still contenders as they have guard Stephen Curry, guard/forward Klay Thompson who will most likely be out for most of the season after suffering a torn ACL injury in game 6 of the NBA finals, forward/center Draymond Green, and D'angelo Russell who they acquired from the Brooklyn Nets after trading away Durant. Offensively, the team will have no problem putting points on the board, but defensively, they will have one of the worst backcourts in the league especially with Thompson injured. But they are not the super-team they have been for the past half a decade in which they went to five straight finals and won three championships.

Another move that no one was expecting which changed the vibe of free agency was the Los Angeles Clippers acquiring forward Paul George, who had just finished third in MVP voting, and forward/guard Kawhi Leonard, who had just won his second finals MVP with the Toronto Raptors. Kawhi was a free agent and many expected him to sign with either the Lakers, Clippers, or Raptors. Well the two time champion decided to go home and sign a 3 year \$103 million deal with the Clip-

pers. But that was not all since Kawhi was able to recruit Paul George to the Clippers the Clippers traded forward Danilo Gallinari, guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, and five future first round draft picks in order to acquire PG13 from the Oklahoma City Thunder. Many experts say that this makes the Clippers one of the best teams in the league on both sides of the floor.

Paul George departing from Oklahoma City left superstar guard Russell Westbrook as the only all-star on the team. That made many experts and fans suspect that the eight-time all-star would get traded as well. Well that happened as Westbrook would get traded to the Houston Rockets for guard Chris Paul. This meant that Russell would reunite with former teammate guard/forward James Harden. In a way, this does and does not make sense for the Houston Rockets. Last season, Westbrook and Harden were at the top fifteen in usage rate (Harden 39.6) (Westbrook 30.1.) This means that the two superstars will have to figure out how to share the ball with themselves as well as their other teammates. But on the bright side, Harden and Westbrook, as well as Kevin Durant and center/forward Serge Ibaka, once led the Oklahoma City Thunder to the 2012 NBA finals. This meant that Harden and

Westbrook were able to go to the finals despite losing to the Miami Heat that year. The two still have amazing chemistry and will probably figure something out during the offseason. But for the Thunder, they will be in a rebuilding situation for the first time since becoming a franchise in 2008. But they already have some good young pieces such as Shai-Gilgeous Alexander, guard Dennis Schroeder, dunk contest champion guard/forward Hamidou Diallo, guard/forward Terrance Furgeson, guard/forward Andre Robertson, and center Steven Adams as well as veterans Chris Paul and Danilo Gallinari. They are still at the start of their rebuild and could even trade Chris Paul.

Another move that took place during this free agency period was guard Mike Conley being traded to the Utah Jazz for guard Kyle Korver, guard Grayson Allen, and forward Jae Crowder as well as the 23rd pick in the 2019 NBA draft. This trade automatically got the Jazz from just a playoff team to a contender. With pieces such as guard Donovan Mitchell, center Rudy Gobert, and forward/center Paul Milsap, the Jazz should be among the top in the packed western conference. But for the Memphis Grizzlies, they are looking to rebuild now after pretty much giving away Mike Conley to the

Utah Jazz. With a couple young players such as forward Jaren Jackson JR., forward/guard Josh Jackson, forward/guard Kyle Anderson, center Jonas Valanciunas as well as rookie guard Ja Morant to play with a few veterans such as forward/guard Andre Iguodala, and center Dwight Howard. But they will most likely struggle for the next few years and prepare for the future.

Another shocker was guard Kemba Walker signing a 4-year \$141 million deal with the Boston Celtics after playing in Charlotte for his whole career so far. This gives the Celtics a replacement for Kyrie Irving after losing him to the Nets. Boston also acquired center Enes Kanter which would possibly be a replacement for center/forward Al Horford after he signed with the Philadelphia 76ers. The Celtics are still serious contender in the east as they have assets such as forward Jayson Tatum, forward Gordon Hayward, forward/guard Jaylen Brown, and guard Marcus Smart. The Charlotte Hornets were able to acquire guard Terry Rozzier iii with a three-year \$58 million deal which many experts and fans agreed that was way too much money for the 25 year old. The Hornets will most likely end up in the bottom of the

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Ford Motor Company Takes Lead in Automated Vehicle Program

By: Adam Rziemkowski

Ford Motor Company has taken on two new additions to its Automated Vehicle team, in order to help bolster their fight to be the king of self-driving technology. The American company bought Quantum Signal, a mobile robotics company and Journey Holding, a software company. These latest additions to the Ford team alongside a partnership with Volkswagen are part of a plan to try to get Ford around the same roadblocks that General Motors (GM) and Waymo are excelling in.

Ford is currently in the lead when it comes to self-driving followed by General Motors's automated taxi Chevy Cruz and Waymo's autonomous ride-hailing service. Ford plans to have its first autonomous fleet released by 2021. However, Jim Hackett the CEO of Ford admitted that it is an overestimate.

Quantum Signal is a small business located



in Michigan that specifically focuses on self-automated technology. Quantum Signal is well known for the vital role it played in helping the United States Military develop software to control its robotic vehicles all around the world.

In particular, the company's ANVEL robotic vehicle simulation software was used by the military

robotics program to explore the performance of unmanned systems. On top of that, Quantum Signal also developed algorithms that were used to guide the military's autonomous vehicles.

Apart from buying Quantum Signal, Ford has also agreed to acquire Journey Holding, which developed vehicle tracking software for public

transportation. Journey Holding will be housed under Ford Smart Mobility which is a subsidiary of Ford that invests in the automaker's transportation services. The terms for the deal were not disclosed.

The purchase of Journey Holding follows the acquisition of Autonomic and Transloc back in 2018. Sometime in the

near future Journey Holdings will integrate into Transloc, which is a transit technology business that Ford also owns.

Journey Holding Corporation was founded in 2018 through the merger of two companies DoubleMap and Ride Systems. Journey Holding offers software to mu-

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Local Muslim Charity to Host #OneNationOneCause Back2School Drive in Metro Detroit



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July 27th, Detroit, AMI: On July 27th, at 3pm the local non-profit, ICNA Relief's Muslim Family Services (Islamic Circle of North America; www.

muslimfamilyservices.org), will distribute backpacks and supplies to children in need, as part of their #OneNationOneCause Back2School Drive held in metro Detroit, over 30 days. ICNA Relief Michigan intends to distribute 1,200 backpacks and supplies locally, a \$7,000 (adapt) value. Additionally, we will provide free food and fun activities. The mega distribution event will take place on July 27th, 2019 from 3 pm to 8 pm at the Islamic Center of Detroit (14350 Tireman Ave, Detroit, MI 48228) This drive is in collaboration with partners including local faith groups, non-profits, libraries, and village halls.

also support ICNA Relief through Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com).

"In order to truly break the cycle of poverty we must start with the children and their education. Education is power, it gives people the chance to go beyond what their circumstances may allow. Muslim Family

of Detroit, Historic Masjid Wali Muhammad, The Muslim Center, Brown Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, The Muslim House. The list grows daily.

"This drive, #OneNationOneCause, is an expression of solidarity. We stand together, and are committed to being there

Since 2009, ICNA Relief has distributed nearly a quarter million backpacks filled with supplies, nationwide to needy children. Its services, provided through 56 chapters, include 17 transitional shelters for women and children, car donations, refugee assimilation programs,



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The community-at-large is being invited to support the effort. Supplies can be shipped or checks can be mailed to Muslim Family Services, 12346 McDougall St. Detroit, MI 48212. Deadline for in-kind or online donations at icnarelief.org/back2school: July 24th. To volunteer, be a sponsor or partner, email misbahul.hoque@icnarelief.org. You can

Services and its partners realize this and together we aim to empower these young children and give them the right to an education that every child deserves. In their eyes these aren't just backpacks we are handing out, they are opportunities." said Summi Akther, Director, Muslim Family Services.

In Detroit alone partners include: Islamic Center

for our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable. These are Islamic principles and universal human values in action. We are grateful to all our partners for coming together as one," said Mr. Maqsood Ahmed, ICNA Relief CEO.

In 2018 alone, ICNA Relief distributed 43,000 backpacks with supplies, in over a hundred locations in 35 states.

professional counseling, and food pantries.

The following states have events: AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI and Puerto Rico.

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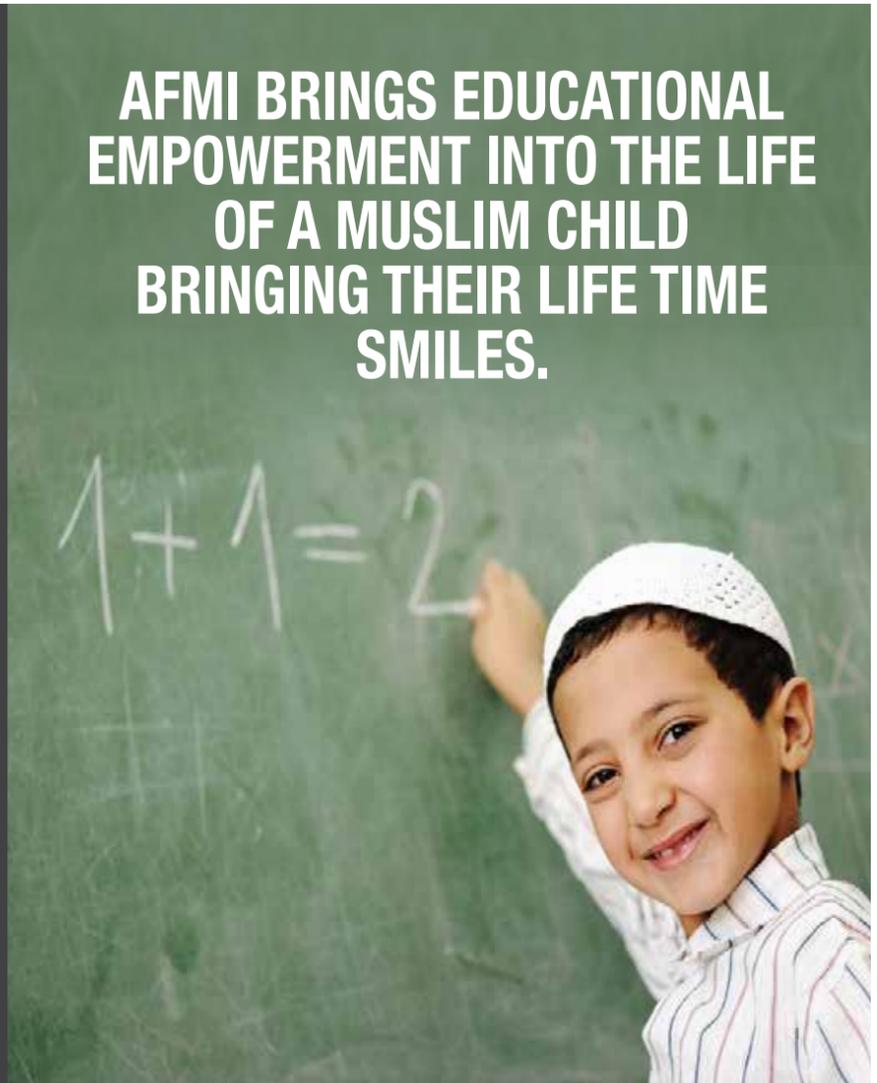


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Islamophobia is a major obstacle for peace and religious harmony in our world. If it is not countered properly and effectively, it has the potential to create havoc all over the world. Gruesome terrorism in Christchurch, New Zealand, causing 51 murders is a glimpse of the future.



This bogey of Islamophobia is raising its ugly head worldwide. We recently saw the most gruesome terrorist attack on the innocent congregation gathered for Friday prayers in Christchurch, New Zealand.



Islamophobia has its roots in the US and Europe among those who believe in the concepts of supremacy on the basis of race, religion and ethnicity. Only through a long process of dialogue, discussions and education, this menace that is spreading fast can be checked effectively.



We need to invest in our younger generation to be able to counter constant attacks on Islam and Muslims. We want them to be skillful communicators, excellent writers and objective researchers. Only through bringing out facts and demolishing myths and stereotypes, our young journalists can challenge the narratives spread by Islamophobes.

TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES:

- (a) **We must prepare** a strong team of our own reporters and communicators that will report objectively.
- (b) **We must support** students willing to do accurate and balanced research on the issues that impact Muslims and other fellow citizens in America.
- (c) **We must fund** Internship with State and Federal Law makers by providing living expense stipends for Muslim students,
- (d) **We must provide** Education on the political process and facilitate Muslim participation in local and federal government.

We need your help in carrying out this strategy that will prepare a strong contingent of our own reporters to effectively convey our message.

We are together in our movement to achieve these objectives. Many of our past interns and writers are now part of the main stream media.

Our interns and writers with the help of researchers have carried out following research projects in the past.

Here are the examples:

- 1) Demographic survey of Michigan Muslims and its political impact on Congressional districts,
- 2) Safeguarding Muslim civil right in America,
- 3) States that have passed Halal laws
- 4) How cities with high Muslim concentration have effectively used their positions to gain access to local councils or other legislative bodies,
- 5) And a Muslim perspective on Obama health care, etc.

We want our next research project to focus on the sources of Islamophobia and hatred incited to pitch communities against each other. We need at least \$50,000 for this project. Please fund this project and donate generously. Your donations are tax deductible.

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EID Picnic**

single year. It's in fact a tradition, one that many look forward to all year.

The Eid prayer, which gathered communities, families, and smiles from across the world. More than 800 people joined the Eid picnic on Saturday, and it was unquestionably a beautiful gathering for all ages. The scorching hot sun did not stop anyone from having fun, in fact, the water slide and water balloon fight worked perfectly for the youth and children alike. The

smell of fresh smoked barbeque was mouthwatering, but an extremely long line formed for tasty shawarma sandwiches in the meantime.

An intense game of volleyball was played and was perhaps the spotlight of the picnic. As adults relaxed and enjoyed social time, children jumped on moonwalks, made fresh smores on a grill, and enjoyed water games. To see so many laughing and smiling faces, while enjoying the Eid holiday, was truly a beautiful and heartwarming sight.

The Islamic Cultural Association of Farmington Hills was founded by a group of families who hoped to establish an Islamic community that modeled their beliefs and values. In 1987, the community purchased the Franklin Building and moved to its present location. Two years later, it established the prestigious Huda School which has flourished over the years.

The ICA created a weekend Arabic School, Dar-al Huda. The ICA has continued to grow and expand, offering

its members an Islamic environment where they can feel at home and raise their children with hearts at ease. Since its inception, the ICA has held various school and family functions for the occasions that matter most to its members—such as Ramadan and Eid—as well as exciting activities for the whole family. It has also prided itself in offering weekly Islamic and educational lectures and maintaining a youth program that has been going strong for years. The ICA hopes to continue to expand by offering more services

that the community can benefit from.

As every Eid, jubilation reflected on all the faces, water balloons were thrown, and unforgettable memories were made. As Maghrib prayer came in, the family picnic came to an end. Although the next family picnic is many months away, the community anticipates many more incredible events prior, including the beautiful gym construction project projected to be completed in just a few weeks.

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NBA**

east and try to succeed in the future.

The Philadelphia 76ers also made some moves by signing center/forward Al Horford with a 4-year \$109 million deal, and acquiring forward/guard Josh Richardson from the Miami Heat in exchange for guard/forward Jimmy Butler. They also resigned forward Tobias Harris to a 5-year \$180 million contract to continue being contenders despite losing Butler and guard J.J. Redick. The 76ers are looking to win a championship after losing in the semi-conference finals in a heartbreaker against

the Toronto Raptors who would eventually win a ring. They also have a very tall starting lineup with a Josh Richardson being the shortest at 6'6.

The Miami Heat had to give up Josh Richardson in order to get Jimmy Butler and also had to witness the retirement of a legend guard Dwayne Wade. But the Heat are still looking to make the playoffs after just missing out last season as a 10th seed. But after acquiring Butler, and trading center Hassan Whiteside to the Portland TrailBlazers for forward/center Meyers Leonard, and forward Maurice Harkless who would eventually get sent to the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Heat also have some young players such as guard Justise Winslow, guard Derrick Jones J.R., center/forward Bam Adebayo, guard Tyler Herro who they just drafted in the 2019 NBA draft, and veteran guard Goran Dragic.

There were some non-superstars that changed teams which could make differences in the league. Center Demarcus Cousins signing a one year deal gives the lakers another big men that can stretch the floor, and reunites him with former teammate Anthony Davis. Guard Derrick Rose signed with the Detroit Pistons which gives them a big three in Rose, forward Blake Griffin,

and Center Andre Drummond. Guard Malcolm Brogdon as well as forward TJ Warren signed with the Indiana Pacers. This gives the Pacers another scoring machine in Warren and one of the best defending guards in Brogdon to play alongside guard Victor Oladipo once he comes back from his quadriceps injury. Despite losing Brogdon, the Milwaukee Bucks were able to sign guard/forward Tyreke Evans after just one season with the Indiana Pacers. This gives the Bucks another amazing wing on both sides of the floor on a team that just won 60 games in the 2018-19 season. The New York Knicks were expected

to get Zion Williamson in the NBA draft, and sign Irving and Durant. Well they did none of that but they had to walk out of free agency with something, so they signed forward/center Julius Randle to a short term contract. Although they did not meet their expectations this year, they will try again in the stacked 2021 free agency.

Many years from now, we will be looking at this 2019 NBA free agency period as a historic summer. We all just witnessed history in the NBA and the whole platform of the league has changed.

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municipalities, universities, and corporations to help manage their fleets. It also has developed apps that let users schedule or track rides on shuttles, buses and other public transit.

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added later and they are Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, and Uttarakhand.

Why was Kashmir picked as the first state to be stripped off its special state?

Kashmir is the major source of tension between India and Pakistan. India has accused Pakistan of fomenting trouble in the Indian side of Kashmir after occupying part of Kashmir known as Azad Kashmir. India believes that the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir does not empower the union government to take appropriate measures to control Pakistani influence in the Kashmir valley. India also believes that due to its special status, non-Kashmiris cannot buy land or invest in the state.

But the issue is not related to administrative technicalities or cross border influence. Kashmir occupies a special status in Hinduism. It is believed by the Hindu religious scholars that when Buddhism gained its ground in the Kashmir region, casteism became less prevalent with the exception of the uppermost caste, Brahmins who resisted the changes.

Brahmins of Kashmir are considered the most nobles within the Brahmins of India and they had a special status because of higher positions women held in their community. Islam gained its followers in the seventh century but it was in the 14th century when Kashmir became a predominantly Muslim region. It is said that during the reign of the sixth ruler of Shah dynasty known as Shah Miri, known as Sikandar Butshikan, the Hindus were asked to accept

Islam or leave the state. Many left the region. Later on, his heir Zainul Abidin is said to have restored Brahmins their property and those who were forcibly converted to Islam were allowed to return.

The Hindu nationalist organizations including RSS and BJP believe that Hindus, especially, belonging to the upper castes were forcibly converted to Islam and it is their duty to facilitate their return to their original religion and ensure that the state is restored to its original Hindu inhabitants. It is this religious fervor that is behind the BJP's latest move in changing the constitution on the issue.

Many Kashmiris believe that the BJP initiative would not stop here. Kashmir is the northernmost geographical region of the Indian subcontinent. It includes a larger area that includes the Indian administered

territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the Pakistani-administered territories of Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan and Chinese administered territories of Aksai Chin and Trans-Karakoram Tract. J & K has a population of over 12 million with 70 percent Muslims.

Many believe that the next step would be to change the demography of the state and the final step would be the reunification of Kashmir. This would infuriate Pakistan and even China with the possibility of increased hostilities leading even to a war.

Obviously, in this latest BJP move, the Kashmiri Muslim leadership was kept in dark. The entire Muslim leadership was detained and Muslim regions were put under curfew. State and universities were closed and the news was not allowed to travel out of the area. This would create more

bitterness among Muslims in Kashmir. The ruling party invited the Hindu and Buddhist constituents of the state to discuss the issue, but Muslims were completely kept in dark. On the contrary, they were given the assurance that nothing dramatic was going to happen. The sense of betrayal is likely to turn more Kashmiri youth to militancy. This situation could be exploited by anyone with a goal to destabilize India. The BJP believes that it has the mass support of the rest of India for its stand and it has the right military might control any militancy whether domestic or foreign. Armed with legislation that gives the government a power to detain any individual under the pretext of terrorism, the BJP is confident to sail through the Kashmir controversy. Will it lead to peace in the region, it is a guessing game.

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and Minnesota districts. Trump and Netanyahu were rightly rebuked by bi-partisan leadership including almost all Democratic hopefuls as well as Israel's staunchest supporters such as AIPAC officials and American Jewish leaders. The President had tweeted Thursday that the visit would show great weakness because the two congresswomen hate Israel and all Jewish people.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism, the leader of American's largest Jewish denomination criticized Israeli decision and called it "wrong, full stop." The Rabbi called Netanyahu and Trump reckless and asked Israel to reverse the decision. Some 35 percent of American Jews identify the Reform Jewish Movement, but Israel's chief rabbinate does not accept it as a legitimate Jewish group.

A statement issued by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Israel was urged to reverse the decision as every member of Congress should be able to visit and experience our

democratic Israel firsthand.

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders was harsh in his criticism of Israel. He asked Israel to reverse the decision and questioned the legitimacy of receiving billions of dollar aid. Sanders said: "Banning Congresswomen Omar and Tlaib from entering Israel and Palestine is a sign of enormous disrespect to these elected leaders, to the United States Congress, and to the principles of democracy."

"Israel doesn't advance its case as a tolerant democracy or unwavering US ally by barring elected members of Congress from visiting because of their political views. This would be a shameful, unprecedented move," Elizabeth Warren tweeted. "I urge Israel's government to allow @IlhanMN and @RashidaTlaib entry."

Former Vice President Joe Biden condemned Israel's move to ban the lawmakers' entry and took a shot at Trump for encouraging the country to do so. "I have always been a stalwart supporter of Israel—a vital partner that shares our democratic values. No

democracy should deny entry to visitors based on the content of their ideas—even ideas they strongly object to. And no leader of the free world should encourage them to do so," Biden tweeted.

"Make no mistake, the Israeli government just barred two elected members of the U.S. Congress from an official trip just to appease President Trump's fragile ego," tweeted former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro, another Democratic presidential hopeful. Rep. John Delaney D-MD called Israel's decision "precisely wrong. Andrew Yang said he hopes Israel reverses its decision and said Trump cares more about 'riling his base.'" "It's sad to have a president who acts like a child bully in the schoolyard when it comes to international relations," tweeted Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.). "President Trump, you show great weakness every single day—when you attack women of color, when you degrade the office of the president, and when you ask our allies to stoop to your level," former Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-Texas) tweeted. Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) also made a plea to Israel to re-

verse its decision to ban the Muslim American Democrats from crossing its border, while criticizing Trump. "Trump's constant attacks on Congresswomen Omar and Tlaib are no secret to the Israeli leadership. Reversing this decision would demonstrate they understand the dangerous nature of Trump's racist rhetoric both here at home and around the world," Booker said. Another Democratic hopeful Sen. Amy Klobuchar criticizing Israel said that exporting intolerance is a sign of weakness.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi condemned the decision to bar them entry, calling it "a sign of weakness, and beneath the dignity of the great State of Israel." She also called President Trump's earlier statements about the congresswomen "a sign of ignorance and disrespect, and beneath the dignity of the Office of the President."

Ilhan Omar, in her tweet, called the Israeli decision an affront. "It is an affront that Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, under pressure from President Trump would deny entry to representatives of the U.S. government. Trump's Muslim

ban is what Israel is implementing, this time against two duly elected members of Congress," Omar said. "The irony of the 'only democracy' in the Middle East making such a decision is that it is both an insult to democratic values and a chilling response to a visit by government officials from an allied nation," Omar continued.

Israel is upset with Omar and Tlaib for their continued support of The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. It has three main goals; ending of the occupation of the Palestinian lands, recognizing the rights of the Palestinian people the rights of the Palestinians to return to their homes as stipulated in UN resolution 194. It's a worldwide movement and it may cost Israel a loss of over 60 billion dollars in 10 years as was concluded by the RAND Corporation in 2015.

UPDATE AFTER PROTESTS OF THE BAN:

After denying her visa to visit her 90-year-old grandmother and other members of the family in the West Bank, the Jewish state once again took a u-turn and re-

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voked the restriction, but this time Tlaib rejected the offer saying that she would not visit the apartheid state. She said, "I have decided that visiting my grandmother under these oppressive

conditions stands against everything I believe in—fighting against racism, oppression & injustice," Tlaib said in a tweet.

Tlaib in a letter to the Israeli government had requested permission to enter the country saying "I would like to request admittance to Israel in

order to visit my relatives and specifically my grandmother, who is in her 90s and lives in Beit Ur al Fouqa. this could be my last opportunity to see her. I will respect any restrictions and will not promote boycott against Israel during my visit."

Meanwhile, Tlaib's

family in the West Bank condemned Israel for the putting restrictions on her visit.

Tlaib's grandmother Muf-tiya Tlaib and her uncle Ghassan Tlaib speaking to media said, "We reject the decision of the Israeli occupation to ban the entry of Congresswomen

Rashida Tlaib. This highlights how Israel antagonizes every individual or organization that support the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and rejects every attempt at explaining the reality of the Palestinian life under occupation."

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