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<sup>1</sup> All praise is due to Allah *(SWT)*, and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers *(AS)*, in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad *(SAAW)*. <sup>2</sup> The knot of relationship between the Month of Facting

The knot of relationship between the Month of Fasting (Ramadan) and the Book of Guidance (Al-Qur'an) are tied in the heavens. Some scholars have also said that the Qur'an was sent from a higher heaven to a lower heaven, ready for the commencement of the Earthly revelation in piecemeal, during the month of Ramadan. However, it is well acknowledged that the revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad (SAAW) began in the month of Ramadan in the Cave of Hira, where he (SAAW) used to visit frequently for retreat, reflection and meditation.

The importance of this relationship is further strengthened with the knowledge that Arc-Angel Jibril (*AS*) would visit the Prophet (*SAAW*) every night in Ramadan to recite the Qur'an together: "...in the month of Ramadan when Jibril visited him, and Jibril used to meet him on every night of Ramadan till the end of the month. The Prophet used to recite the Qur'an to Jibril, and when Jibril met him, he used to be more generous than a fast wind (which causes rain and welfare)."

#### (Sahih Bukhari)

In order to benefit from the gift of the Qur'an, we have to recite it (avoid reading too fast, remember we have been instructed to "...recite the Qur'an (aloud) in a slow, (pleasant tone and) style." (Qur'an 73:4)

Also, follow the etiquettes of reciting it, which include, among others, being in a state of wuduu (ablution), reciting with correct pronunciation and seeking refuge from Shaytan.

During this year's Ramadan amid the lockdown, we have the opportunity to live the Qur'an [the Prophet (SAAW) himself was described as 'the Walking Qur'an' by his wife, Aishah (RA)]. The Qur'an was revealed to be recited, respected, understood and internalized. So, do not just recite the Qur'an in Ramadan, memorize it, digest it and live it!

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

(Al-Baqarah: 183-185)

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#### Selected Hadith:

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Allah's Messenger (SAAW) is reported to have said: "Fasting is a shield with which a servant protects himself from the Fire (of the Hell)."

(Musnad Ahmed)

#### The Unity Deal... Safeguarding Israel's "Democracy". Annexation of West Bank.

A weeks earlier agreement between them collapsed, a new unity deal struck.

Netanyahu prevailed. Gantz's surrender to his demands split his Blue and White (B &W) party.

It may have ended his chance to become prime minister, his political career perhaps ruined by reportedly agreeing to most Netanyahu demands — a Gantz Versailles as things now stand.

On Monday night, capitulation was formalized, a "national emergency government" formed, ending over a year of political stalemate.

Gantz tweeted the following: "We prevented fourth elections. We'll safeguard democracy" (that's nonexistent under apartheid rule). "We'll fight the coronavirus and look out for all Israeli citizens. We have a national emergency government."

Netanyahu remains prime minister at least for the next 18 months, Gantz to serve as deputy PM and war minister with veto power over who'll serve as Knesset speaker, Gantz ally Gabi Ashkenazi (another former IDF chief) to be foreign minister.

Terms of the deal give Netanyahu veto power over appointments of Israel's next attorney general and state prosecutor.

In other words, he'll have say over who'll prosecute him for bribery, fraud and breach of trust in trial proceedings scheduled to begin on May 24 — unless postponed again, a real possibility.

Netanyahu and Gantz will share power on appointment of new judges, along with other members of Likud and remnants of the Blue and White party.

Given how Netanyahu got Gantz to capitulate on key terms of their deal, the PM will likely have most say on who'll become appointed judges, ones favoring his interests likely to be chosen.

Should coalition government unravel during the next 18 months, Gantz would take over as prime minister.

If Netanyahu retains the post over this time period and remains free from imprisonment for serious offenses, it's unclear if he'll relinquish his portfolio to Gantz as terms of their deal stipulate.

All along from early last year to now, he manipulated things to get his way, his tactics likely to continue as long as he remains in power.

Yet Israel's High Court could disrupt his best laid plans by disqualifying him from serving as prime minister if convicted of charges against him.

If this occurs, new elections would be held, returning things to an unsettled status quo.

Many Gantz supporters feel betrayed by his capitulation to most Netanyahu demands.

While Gantz and remnants of his Blue and White party have some degree of checks and balances power under the deal agreed on, Netanyahu showed he's wily enough to get his way most often.

A founding Blue and White party source said the Netanyahu/Gantz deal agreed on breached B & W's "founding vision" while retaining some power over Netanyahu's Likud.

Since COVID-19 outbreaks began in Israel on February 21, Netanyahu used the situation to his advantage, including postponement of his trial scheduled to begin on March 17.

Gantz agreed to let him proceed with annexation of whatever Palestinian land was signed off on by the Trump regime, including the Jordan Valley and northern Dead Sea that comprise about 30% of the West Bank.

Israeli plans for the area include further urban, agricultural, and energy development — Palestinians already prohibited from entering or using nearly 90% of the territory for any purpose.

Almost half of the Jordan Valley is called state land, most of the rest designated closed military zones, nature reserves, and land set aside for regional councils administered by local officials of settlements.

Annexation would formalize grand theft, more Palestinian land seizures to follow, according to Israel's long-term plan for full control over all valued historic Palestinian territory.

After vowing never to be part of a coalition government headed by Netanyahu, Gantz yielded to his key demands — destroying B & W party unity along with his own standing in the eyes of many supporters.

Saying he's "at peace with (himself) and...with (his) decision" defies reality.

Haaretz editors slammed his capitulation, saying his "lack of understanding is colossal," adding:

"Instead of pursuing his wish to restore Israel to a path of statesman-like behavior and the rule of law, he may turn out to be the person extricating Netanyahu from his legal predicament." "(COVID-19) is a smokescreen used by Netanyahu to maneuver (Gantz) into a unity government trap...turn(ing) his back on (supporters, letting) Netanyahu...use (him) to dismantle the rule of law."

His actions likely prevent enactment of Knesset legislation that "would prohibit a person under criminal indictment from forming a government."

His capitulation permitted what should be impermissible.

Instead of demanding that Netanyahu be held accountable for charges against him in trial proceedings as soon as possible, Gantz handed him a possible stay out of jail free pass.

<u>Source</u>: Adapted from article by Stephen Lendman; posted on sjlendman.blogspot.com <u>Editor's Note</u>: The Editorial Board of "Perspective" may not agree with all information provided, analysis made and conclusions drawn in the article.

#### Rising Trend of Islamophobia in India

As we know that the world is in the grip of a raging coronavirus pandemic and uncertainty and fear are gripping everywhere. Amidst the widespread of Covid 19 when every country is taking steps to contain and trying to find a way to tackle one of the worst disease of recent times, TV anchors and media organisations and right wing hatemongers in India are leaving no opportunity to demonize, harass and vilify Indian Mulsims. Indian media is busy in spreading bigotry and communal hatred in relation to the Tablighi Jamaat event. The way media is reporting on Tablighi Jamaat and Islam plays a role in the spread of Islamophobia. Islamophobic hashtags and memes started soon on social media after the alleged so called Tablighi Jamaat event.

Since the right-wing hatemongers and fringe groups have taken advantage of people's fears and vulnerabilities amid coronavirus pandemic in order to push disinformation, fake news and Islamophobic tweets and posts on digital platforms to vilify Muslims. As a result of their actions, attacks against Muslim escalate and call for economic boycott of Muslims in India has been increasingly becoming everydayness of routine. The hashtag #Islamophobia\_In\_India is in response to right-wing hatemongers, unbridled media trial & vilification of Tablighi Jamaat and unending witch-hunt of Muslim scholar-activists as well. Social media users especially Arabian and Indian Muslims and their followers stood against Islamophobia as well anti-Muslim propaganda by turning the hashtag #Islamophobia\_In\_India.

Earlier, the hashtag #coronajihad was used nearly 300,000 times between March 29 and April 3, predominantly in India and the U.S., according to Equality Labs, a South Asian digital human rights group based in the U.S. The organization tracked hundreds of anti-Muslim hashtags, many of which depict Muslims as suicide bombers strapped with "virus bombs" and included terms like "#IslamicVirus, #BioJihad, and #MuslimVirus." (Reported by Huffington Post)

News headlines ran with the story that the Tablighi conference was the source of the national Covid-19 outbreak. In swift order, Hindutva nationalists took to social media, dubbing the virus "Corona Jihad" and the "Muslim Virus." These labels were accompanied by vile caricatures of Muslims spitting on bystanders and physicians, and doctored videos of Muslims disobeying stay at home orders.

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (OIC-IPHRC) alleged that "Islamophobia" is on the rise in India and had urged India to take "urgent steps" to protect rights of the Muslim community.

The body tweeted, "OIC-IPHRC condemns the unrelenting vicious #Islamophobic campaign in #India maligning Muslims for spread of #COVID-19 as well as their negative profiling in media subjecting them to discrimination & violence with impunity."

"[We] urge the Indian Govt to take urgent steps to stop the growing tide of Islamophobia in India and protect the rights of its persecuted Muslim minority as per its obligations under international Human Rights law," wrote in another tweet. Calling on the Indian government to take steps to protect Muslim minorities who are being "negatively profiled," facing "discrimination and violence" amidst the COVID-19 crisis, the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has criticised what it called "growing Islamophobia" in India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then said on Twitter that COVID-19 does not see race, religion, colour, caste, creed, language or borders before striking. Our response and conduct thereafter should attach primacy to unity and brotherhood. We are in this together.

Many social media users shared a tweet of UAE Princess Hend AI Qassimi widely in which she had warned those who are writing anti-Muslim and anti-Islamic posts on social media. She wrote on Twitter that, "The ruling family is friends with Indians, but as a royal your rudeness is not welcome. All employees are paid to work, no one comes for free. You make your bread and butter from this land which you scorn and your ridicule will not go unnoticed."

Nabiya Khan, Muslim activist raised voice against state suppression and ongoing witch-hunt of Muslim scholaractivists. She wrote on Twitter that, "Real inciters and instigators of violence are having a free run whereas the voices that have peacefully been demanding something as noble as equality & justice and called for end to hate are being silenced brazenly. The irony is for everyone to see."

A tweet by Kuwaiti based scholar Dr. Abdullah Al Shoreka went viral on social media in which he had wrote that We hope that the Gulf states and the world will expel every racist person who incites human rights violations in India and incites crimes against humanity. In his another tweet, he emphasized the importance of syncretic culture in India, said that, "India is a country of security and peace in which people live in mutual respect, but the actions of some organizations and people are spoiling the beauty of India."

The calamitous outbreak of Covid-19 virus and pandemic was unanticipated and unprecedented, but the existing architecture and design of Islamophobic persecution and spree arrest of Muslim activists in India now has been firmly in place.

Source: An article by Md Irshad Ayub; published in Millat Times, New Delhi

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#### Date: 24 April 2020

Lahore (PR): "We demand that all Television Channels of Pakistan broadcast the Tarawee prayers live. Otherwise, the government would not be able to implement its order of limited participation of the public in the Tarawee prayers held at mosques."

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, <u>Hafiz Aakif Saeed</u>, in a statement. He said that the holy month of Ramadan is a month of blessings and benedictions, therefore all television channels ought to play their utmost role in promoting Islamic edicts and virtues as a sign of sanctity and respect for this holy month, instead of broadcasting ludicrous, deviant and sinful dramas and talk shows. They ought to host shows by inviting revered Islamic scholars and righteous Islamic thinkers that inform and educate the masses regarding the genuine Spirit of Islam as a Deen and the importance and blessings of the collective system of social justice of Islam, so that the genuine Spirit of Islam as a Deen and its economic, social and political dimensions are fully explained and made abundantly fathomable to the general public.

The Ameer further noted that the global forces of evil have made life miserable and gloomy for the people of Occupied Palestine and Occupied Kashmir. Oppression and brutalities of the worst kind are being perpetrated against the unarmed and coerced public with impunity, yet their case is not being plead on any forum in the world. It is a matter of great shame that the Muslim Ummah, too, is a silent witness and a mere spectator with regards to these actions of brutality and oppression against their Muslim brethren of Occupied Palestine and Occupied Kashmir.

The Ameer remarked that global powers and particularly Islamic nations ought to raise their voice sternly against the oppression and brutalities being perpetrated in Occupied Palestine and Occupied Kashmir, so that the oppression, injustice and brutalities being carried out against Muslims could be stopped forcibly and the world could become a peaceful place for all. He reminded the Muslim Ummah that Allah *(SWT)* has promised the Muslims that they will be superior [prevail] if they are [true] believers. Therefore, he asserted, it would not be wrong to say that the ball is now in the court of the Muslim Ummah. It must be absorbed and remembered that no one is more honest and reliable in fulfilling promises than Allah *(SWT)*. In fact, it is we who are guilty of betrayal and negligence. The Ameer concluded by stressing that provided we fulfill our responsibilities diligently and sincerely, then Allah *(SWT)* would certainly have Mercy on us and we would be successful both in this world and in the Hereafter. *InshaAllah!* 

#### Date: 17 April 2020

### Lahore (PR): "Muslims ought to sincerely supplicate for deliverance from the Coronavirus Pandemic and other plights of the Muslim World during the Holy month of Ramadan."

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, <u>Hafiz Aakif Saeed</u>, in a statement. He remarked that because of the pandemic it would be difficult to arrange extensive and substantial congregations in mosques, therefore, as a compensation and substitute, we ought to organize supererogatory (*Nafli*) prayers at home, substantial recitation of the Holy Qur'an and performance of other religious (*Deeni*) undertakings more than our ordinary routine, so that we could get as much benefit from the Holy month of Ramadan as possible – the month which is the 'spring season' for accumulating good deeds and reap rewards. We must use this opportunity to repent for our sins, strengthen our bond with Allah (*SWT*) and make every possible effort to secure the pleasure of Allah (*SWT*). Moreover, we ought to make earnest and steadfast efforts to adopt every Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (*SAAW*), so that we could become eligible for his (*SAAW*) intercession (*Shifa'at*) on the Day of Judgement.

The Ameer lamented that at a time when the entire world has been engulfed by a wrath and trial, India is, adamantly, not only refusing to relinquish its enmity towards Muslims, but continuously escalating on that path with every passing day, instead. The extremist Hindu regime of India has brought serious, yet ridiculous and ludicrous, criminal charges amounting to manslaughter against the Ameer of the Tablighi Jamaat of India. The coronavirus wards in hospitals of India for Muslim patients are being racially separated from the wards of other citizens of the country, and the hospitalized Muslim patients testing positive for coronavirus are not being provided with even a fraction of the healthcare facilities as compared to other COVID-19 positive patients. Moreover, the Muslim in India are not being provided even the most basic of healthcare facilities. The Ameer said that, in fact, this attitude not only amounts to enmity against Islam, but also represents a practical manifestation of the inhumane behavior of a government towards its (Muslim) citizens. He said that we vehemently condemn such evil schemes and sinister designs of the Indian government and warn the entire world that if practical steps are not taken to stop India from the attitude of committing monstrous intrigues against Muslims, then such a dreadful precedence would be set which will be regretful and haunting for the world in the future.

The Ameer concluded by demanding that the Government of Pakistan immediately open mosques fully for the performance of obligatory and Friday prayers. He also appealed to the administration of all mosques that they adopt every possible precautionary measure advised, so that the danger of further spread of the pandemic could be eliminated while 'The Houses of Allah' could also remain inhabited.

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