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Come not nigh to indecent deeds,
whether open or secret; take not
life, which Allah hath made
sacred, except by way of justice
and law. Thus doth He command
you, that ye may learn wisdom.

[Al-Anaam: 151]

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Crimes Against Women

Growing incidents of sex crimes in the country are causing great anxiety and stress in the civil society. The majority of peace loving citizens is feeling unsafe and insecure. Even the elite class which lives in a relatively protected environment is not completely safe. Women are afraid of walking on streets, taking an auto or a taxi alone or venture out after the sunset. Colleges, offices, city buses or local trains, no place seems safe. Anything could be a potential trap. Parents are wary of allowing their adolescents to attend birthday parties or get-togethers. Vulgar comments, lusty looks and degrading remarks follow women wherever they go. It looks that the society has completely drifted from its moorings. These abominations indicate a fast degenerating society that looks at women as an object of sexual pleasure.

This is a strange phenomenon for a country which prided in ghonghat and sari culture just a few decades ago when women used to cover half their faces all the time, not only in kitchens but also in fields. It is not as though women's modesty was never challenged or violated before but sex aberrations are now increasingly becoming a norm instead of an exception. This dangerous trend calls for extreme remedial measures before the complete breakdown of society.

Laws alone can never be successful in dealing with crimes unless there is respect for the law and the law enforcing machinery is seen implementing the law without fear or favor as well as in time justice. The respect for law does not set in the hearts and minds of people automatically but comes in when the law breakers get the sentence in full public view. It made sense when the public demanded beheading perpetrators of brutal case in Delhi last year.

The anger and frustration voiced by eminent law makers and socialites reflects a natural desire for justice and calls for a paradigm shift in the crime and punishment dispensation of the Indian state. The nation needs dealing with a strong deterrent at does not compromise with the wrong doers under any circumstances and spells out a loud message that no one who commits this crime gets a second chance in life.

Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad

Former Diplomat praises Foundation's Mission

In the diplomatic circles the axiom goes 'Diplomacy is the art of Persuasion'. The same holds true for social service as well. Persuasion, if effectively utilized, has the power to produce huge social change. The essential ingredient of Alhikmah Foundation, feels former career diplomat Ishrat Aziz, is to bring about silent revolution by contributing in the fields of education, health and general welfare. Aziz spoke to Alhikmah Foundation (AHF). Excerpts



AHF: What is the importance of education, health and peaceful environment in the development and progress of a nation?

I.A.: Today's industrial age societies are in special need of education, healthcare and peaceful environment. There are many reasons for this.

In the earlier agricultural societies, 90% of the population lived in small isolated villages involved in agricultural activity. Today in advanced industrialized societies, less than 5% of the population is involved in agricultural production, while the rest of the 95% work for industrial and services sectors. Incidentally, in the United States less than 2% of the population is directly involved in agricultural production, which is highly mechanized and functions more like industry than traditional manual agriculture.

The other significant aspect of the present industrial age is the urbanization of the population and the emergence of big cities, in which a large number of diverse people live together and share a limited space. There are scores of cities of the world with more than 2 million people and many with over 15 million inhabitants.

Industrial societies require unprecedented plurality of skills, unthinkable in an agricultural society. They also require constant research and development in innumerable disciplines.

Given this, the need for education and skill development needs no elaboration. Suffice it to say that a modern society can neither sustain itself nor progress without a high level of education and diverse skill development. Today a society's political power and influence in the world depends on its economic strength, which in turn depends on the development of human resources through

education and skill development. It is a simple truth, but too often lost sight of because of our conventional thinking conditioned by many millennia long agricultural age.

In today's large urban centers of population, maintenance of peaceful environment has become both more difficult and more important.

It has become more difficult because in large cities, people of diverse background and identities have to live in close proximity, never an easy task to attain.

It has become more important because violence and disruption in big cities affects more people. Moreover, because large cities contribute more to economy, the loss to the nation because of disruption is much greater. Peaceful environment is important everywhere, but particularly so in large cities.

For a people to contribute their best to the society, they also need good health care. A healthy society is a happy society; a healthy society is a hard-working society; and a healthy society is a productive society. There is a clear correlation between healthcare and progress and prosperity.

But the key to everything – economic progress, healthcare and peaceful environment – is education, the right kind of education, which will produce, not only skilled workers but also thinking people who try to understand the world we live in and its future.

AHF: How long have you been associated with Alhikmah Foundation? What is your experience with the Alhikmah Foundation?

I.A.: I have been associated with Alhikmah Foundation for more than five years. I have attended their Annual Functions and Seminars regularly during this period. The environment at the function is very inclusive.

The topic for the Seminar is always one of basic importance for the society. The presentations on the occasion are always thought-provoking.

The Souvenirs that the Foundation brings out on these occasions have articles on topics like Maintaining Peace: Present Challenges (2009), Interfaith Partnership for Development (2010)

and Serving Humanity: Need and Relevance (2011). The articles cover the various aspects of the subject with in depth seriousness.

AHF: Being a diplomat do you feel that Alhikmah Foundation's stated objectives are in any way helpful in resolving international crises?

I.A.: The stated objectives of Alhikmah Foundation aim at contributing to the establishment of a better society – better both morally and materially – through education, healthcare, peaceful social environment and inculcation of moral values.

A study of various societies will show that those societies that have progressed are better placed to solve their problems with other advanced societies than those that have not. The best example of this would be Europe. After centuries of wars, European nations are at peace with each other.

European societies since the Second World War have witnessed unprecedented levels of education and social peace internally as well as between societies.

After a prolonged period of militarism in the pursuit of colonial economic goals, Germany and Japan have realized that progress and prosperity is achieved through education and peace and not through nationalistic militarism. Their diplomacy today is not determined by militarism but by considerations of the welfare of their people.

It is true that some of the advanced and powerful countries have meddled in the affairs of the weaker and the less developed countries. The advanced and the powerful countries target the weaker and less developed countries for their natural resources.

To my mind, instead of blaming advanced and strong countries for exploiting their weaknesses, the weaker countries should strive to remove their own backwardness and weakness through education, healthcare and peaceful environment in their societies. In countries where there are internal conflicts, often due to ignorance and poverty, it is pointless to blame others for taking advantage of their internal conflicts, backwardness and weakness. The weak must overcome their weakness or they will be taken advantage of. That is the lesson of history throughout the ages and in all places. Instead of

blaming others, they should look within themselves for solutions.

In international relations, diplomacy is of limited effectiveness where there is a divide between the poor and the rich, the advanced and the backward, the strong and the weak. For international peace and security this divide must be reduced and finally removed. Only the countries themselves can overcome their weaknesses. Merely complaining will get them nowhere.

Given this, Alhikmah Foundation's approach of building and strengthening societies by work at grass root level, through education, healthcare and social peace contributes to the goal of diplomacy which is peace between nations. We need more NGOs working for these goals.

AHF: In your opinion what further can Alhikmah do to improve the condition of the nation?

I.A.: Alhikmah Foundation's goals are right and its approach is sound. What it can do is to expand its program and involve more people. Expansion of such activities always raises the issue of resources. But an organization that has gained credibility, should with effort, be able to get more support. The most important job for an organization is to maintain its vision, credibility and its commitment.

AHF: What is your message for the young generation?

I.A.: The youth in the present age is fortunate in many ways. The world today has the means to solve many of the problems that have been in our midst ever since man appeared on the Earth and formed groups for social living amid problems of hunger and disease and ignorance.

What is needed is vision and moral caliber. Today's youth should acquire these and look to the future with courage and confidence. The youth should not only acquire knowledge which comes from reading, but also wisdom which comes from reflection. Indeed the purpose of knowledge is wisdom. Technology has played its part in changing the world; Man has to pay his. Technology has enabled us to travel to the moon; ethics must teach us to visit the neighbour in need.

Today's youth has the opportunity to create a great new world.

Hamdard V.C.'s term extended

The central government has extended the present term of the Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard, Prof. G. N. Qazi for next five years. His present term as the vice-chancellor was to expire in October 2013 but the Chancellor Okayed the extension of his services. Prof. Ghulam Nabi Qazi has keen interest in constructive projects of Alhikmah Foundation

Prof. Qazi obtained his master's and Ph.D. degrees in Biochemistry and Microbiology from M.S. University (Baroda), Prof. Qazi received

post-doctoral training at the University of Dortmund (Germany). In his long career, he has guided 35 Ph.D. scholars from 12 Universities in India and Germany. During 40 years of research experience, he has earned credit for 250 international publications and about 70 international patents. He has won a number of national awards besides leading several international collaborations. He has been director of Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu.



Foundation Organizes Free Respiratory Disorder Camp in the National Capital

Alhikmah Foundation organized a free health camp on September 8th 2013 to examine respiratory disorders at its Dakshinpuri Charitable Health Centre in Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi. The patients were examined for problems like hiccups, chronic cough, asthma and chest problems.

Medical staff of the dispensary attended a total number of 52 patients of various age groups who

were also advised about further remedial measures and related precautions. Smokers and those consuming tobacco in any form were given additional information regarding their injurious habit and the approach to get rid of it. People from the locality appreciated the initiative taken by Alhikmah Foundation for alleviating the burden of costly examination of hapless downtrodden lot. This health camp was organized in association with Cipla Ltd.

Chairman Appointed Member of Advisory Board of Jamia Community Radio

Founder Chairman and the guiding soul of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin A.Nadvi has been invited as member of the Advisory Board of the Jamia Community Radio 90.4 FM, AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. This is a very special honour bestowed on him in recognition of his long and distinguished services in the fields of health, education and general welfare.

Dr. Zia is well known in the social circles not only of the national capital but is widely admired across the length and the breadth of the country.

In his capacity as a member of the Advisory Board of the Community Radio Dr. Zia would give valuable suggestions and guide the trajectory of the contents of the programme broadcast over the Jamia Community Radio. His selection as the member of the Advisory Board of the Jamia Community Radio is a right step in the right direction.

It is hoped that his association with the Jamia Community Radio would lead to improvement in and add value to the quality of the contents of the programmes.

Women are Harbingers of Social Change: Chairman

Since time immemorial women held the centre-stage in the family life. Even in primitive societies women were given due importance in household matters. Prophet's life is replete with examples of women's valour and heroism. However, today's times are absolutely different. Women have stepped out of the confines of the four-walls of their homes and occupy high position in the society. Despite these positive developments, the fairer sex, especially from the minority community, lacks leadership qualities. Therefore, it is utmost necessary to develop leadership qualities in the minority women. These thoughts were expressed by the Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Nadwi on "Leadership Development of Minority Women" in a seminar organized by New Delhi based HARYALI Centre for Rural Development. He was speaking as Guest of Honour on the



occasion.

In Dr. Zia's opinion women are potent agents of positive social change and have the power to alter the course. In fact, women participation holds the key to social development. Certainly, women empowerment can be helpful in building a better society. According to Dr. Ziauddin it is high time for the women of the minority community to break the shackles and play a leading role in social development. Women's education and health need our immediate attention, and in turn, gives rise to a better society. Dr. Zia appealed the women achievers to lead by example and share their experiences with others and encourage them to face the challenges with a smile. The Chief Guest of the function was Ms. Shiela Dixit, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Government of NCT of Delhi.

Dr. Rashidullah Khan takes over the charge of CCIM President

This is good news for Alhikmah community that the youngest vice-president of CCIM, Dr. Rashidullah Khan has now become the president of Central Council for Indian Medicine. He has been a long-standing member of the Alhikmah Foundation.



Unani medicine from Jamia Hamdard.

Research articles by Dr. Rashidullah Khan were published in reputed journals and he attended many workshops and conferences in India. Dr. Rashidullah has also won various awards for his contribution in the development of Unani medicine.

Dr. Rashidullah Khan is a very dynamic and lovable personality. For last 20 years, he had been working for preparing minimum standards of education which were notified in September 2012. As a vice-president, he also worked for preparing the regulations for post graduation courses. In his student life, he was president of Jamia Hamdard Students Union. He was born in Kitthore (district Meerut) and graduated in

Alhikmah Foundation hopes that he will remain active for the cause of Unani medicines and will play an instrumental role in establishing standard Unani institutions in future, besides supporting research and development in this field. The Alhikmah community wishes him success in his future endeavors.

Syed Abdul Bari

Prominent critic, litterateur, poet and journalist, Dr. Syed Abdul Bari departed from this passing world on 1st of September 2013. He was an honorable member of Alhikmah Foundations' advisory board. Educational activities were his favourite domain. Dr. Bari had been acutely suffering from diabetes for last few years. He died after a heart attack while being brought to Al-Shifa multi-specialty Hospital. His funeral was attended by a number of leading personages of various organizations. At the time of his death, he was 76.



Dr. Bari was born in Tanda, Faizabad (U.P.) on September 7, 1937. He was brought up at his home town. Later, he completed his basic education at Darsgaah-e-Islami (Rampur) before going to Gorakhpur University for receiving the degree of Master of Arts in Urdu and English. He completed his Ph.D. in Urdu from Lucknow University. Early in life, he earned the reputation of a popular Urdu poet under the pen name of Shabnam Subhani. By profession, he was a teacher. He has been the head of Urdu department at G.S.P.G. College Sultanpur and Awadh University. He also helped a number of students of Urdu language and literature in completing their doctoral thesis.

As a litterateur, Dr. Bari was a veteran leader of 'Adab-e-Islami movement'. For past decade, Dr. Bari was president of Idarah Adab-e-Islami. He had special interest in Urdu and Islam. His articles and other outpourings were regularly published in prestigious Urdu magazines of the country. His topics mostly covered poetry,

literature and contemporary developments. Dr. Bari's literary output includes about 60 renowned books. His book 'Asmaa'ul Husna was released by deputy prime minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibraheem. His two collections of poetry, 'Fikr Angez' and 'Tarab Khez' earned him popularity and fame. His poetry was purpose oriented. Famous anthem of the prominent educational institution, Jami'atul Falah was penned by him. Dr. Bari was also associated with a number of literary magazines and periodicals. From Tanda, he

had brought out the monthly Urdu monthly magazine 'Dawam' and then he launched 'Dawam-e-Nau'. He also edited 'Nayee Naslein'. During the days of emergency, Dr. Bari also edited English weekly, 'Radiance', for some time. He was made the editor of the literary organ of 'Adab-e-Islami movement', the Urdu monthly 'Pesh Raft'. Besides, he also carried out the responsibilities of editing the official organ of All India Milli Council, Urdu monthly 'Milli Ittehad'.

Early in his youth, Dr. Bari joined the Islamic movement. But after sometime, he resigned from Jamaa'at-e-Islami Hind as its member on account of his differences over participation in active politics, although he continued supporting the Islamic cause and remained associated with provincial head office of JIH. Subsequently, Dr. Bari got associated with All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat since its establishment in 1964. He then became a close ally and confidante of the first AIMMM president, Dr. Syed Mehmood. He was bold, brave, honest and

talented leader. In 1992, he joined All India Milli Council and became its finance secretary. He also remained associated with IOS till his last.

Besides his pleasant manners and suave nature, Dr. Bari shall also be remembered for his researches and other academic works. But the most memorable is his resolute and unwavering determination for serving Islamic cause. He

remained steadfast on the path he chose for pleasing his Lord as long as his life continued. That his Islamic mission was not confined to him is evident from the upbringing, education and training of his three surviving sons and four daughters (one of whom has expired). The Foundation prays for ascendance of his status in the high paradise and solace for the survivors.

Congratulations for Hajj 2013

As with other prayers and worships, Muslims can achieve many benefits from Hajj pilgrimage, which is obligatory for them. Muslims visit Makka for performing this duty once every a year.

There are, as in other 'Ibadah, many benefits that Muslims can derive from this pilgrimage. Makka is the centre to which Muslims must converge once a year, meet and discuss topics of common interest, and in general create and refresh in themselves



the faith that all Muslims are equal and deserve the love and sympathy of others, irrespective of their geographical and cultural origin.

Chairman Nominated as Member of Telecom Advisory Committee for Delhi

In appreciation of his outstanding services to the nation and community, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has nominated Dr. Ziauddin A. Nadwi, Founder Chairman of the Foundation to its esteemed Telephone Advisory Committee (TAC) for Delhi (Nehru Place) Telecom District. In a letter addressed to Dr. Zia, the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of MTNL, Delhi (Nehru Place) approved his

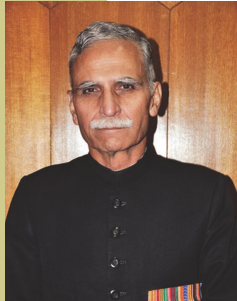
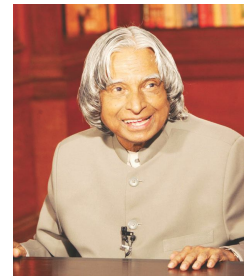
nomination for this important Committee.

This is a rear honour conferred upon Dr. Zia. It demonstrates Dr. Zia's widespread popularity in areas of health, education and general welfare. It is expected that Dr. Zia well render some very important advices that would help MTNL improve its services and reach its customers more effectively.

What They Said

I am happy that Alhikmah Foundation has been contributing in the areas of Education, Healthcare and relief measures in different parts of the country during the last two decades.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India, dated 05th December 2011



I am impressed that the Foundation is engaged in service to humanity. Running charitable clinics, schools, libraries and organizing free health camps for the down trodden and marginalized sections of society are indeed worthy causes. The Alhikmah Foundation deserves appreciation and accolades for its commitment towards rehabilitation of the poor and destitute.

Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, AMU, Aligarh, dated 01 February 2013

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Kind-hearted and liberal citizens like YOU are requested to join hands with Alhikmah Foundation in its bid to promote Health, Education, Peace, General Welfare and make the world a better place to live, especially for our less fortunate fellow beings.

To,

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