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## NEWS UPDATES

### 100 year old Muslim man raises £150k for Covid19 relief

*"We have proved that we can stand hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder during the most unprecedented time of our lives."*

A 100-year-old man has raised more than £150,000 for coronavirus relief by walking while fasting for Ramadan. Dabirul Islam Choudhury, from St Albans, challenged himself to walk 100 laps of his garden during the Islamic holy month. Mr Choudhury wants the donations to help people affected by coronavirus in the UK and Bangladesh. He was inspired by World War Two veteran Captain Sir Tom Moore, who raised



nearly £33m for charity. Charities Together. Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer began walking 100 laps of his 80-metre garden on 26 April to raise money for NHS effort as "incredible" in a Tweet and added

## BAIT-US-SALAM UPDATES

### Roti Package:



Baitussalam Trust packages to families in need. This pandemic has been harsh on everyone, but on some more than the

other. Many have lost their livelihoods. BWT, seeks to provide them at least some relief, hence the launch of the Roti Package, whereby donors can donate ration to families in need with ease by selecting the package of their choice.

Baitussalam Food Bank is also distributing cooked food in the slum areas of Karachi and Lahore.

### Wakf Qurbani:

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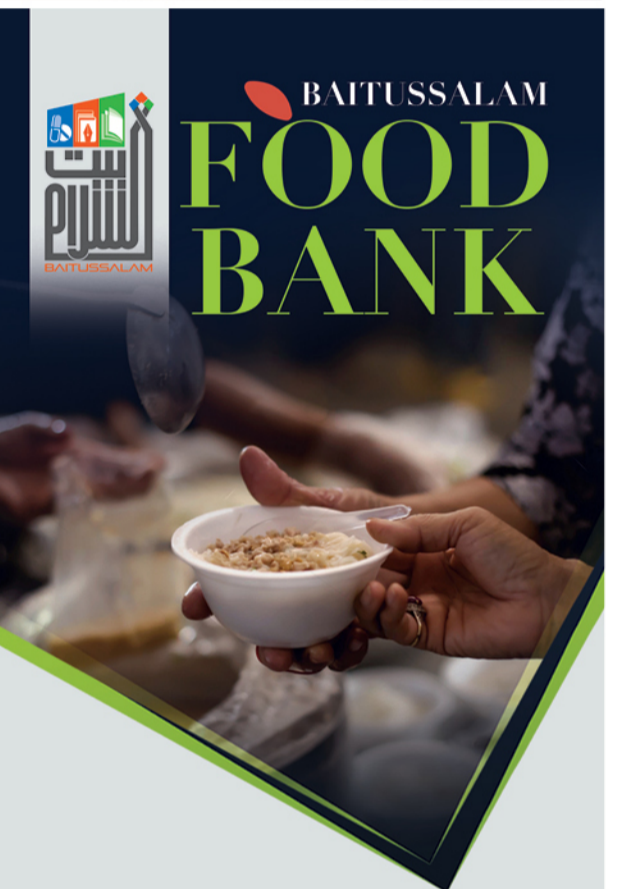


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### Hajj 2020: What you need to know about this year's pilgrimage

*Islamic week-long ritual has been scaled back to a limited number of pilgrims because of the coronavirus pandemic.*



pilgrims residing in the kingdom to perform the Hajj this year, one day after it announced the annual pilgrimage would be scaled back due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Some 2.5 million pilgrims from around the world flock annually to the cities of Mecca and

Saudi Arabia says it will allow only about 1,000



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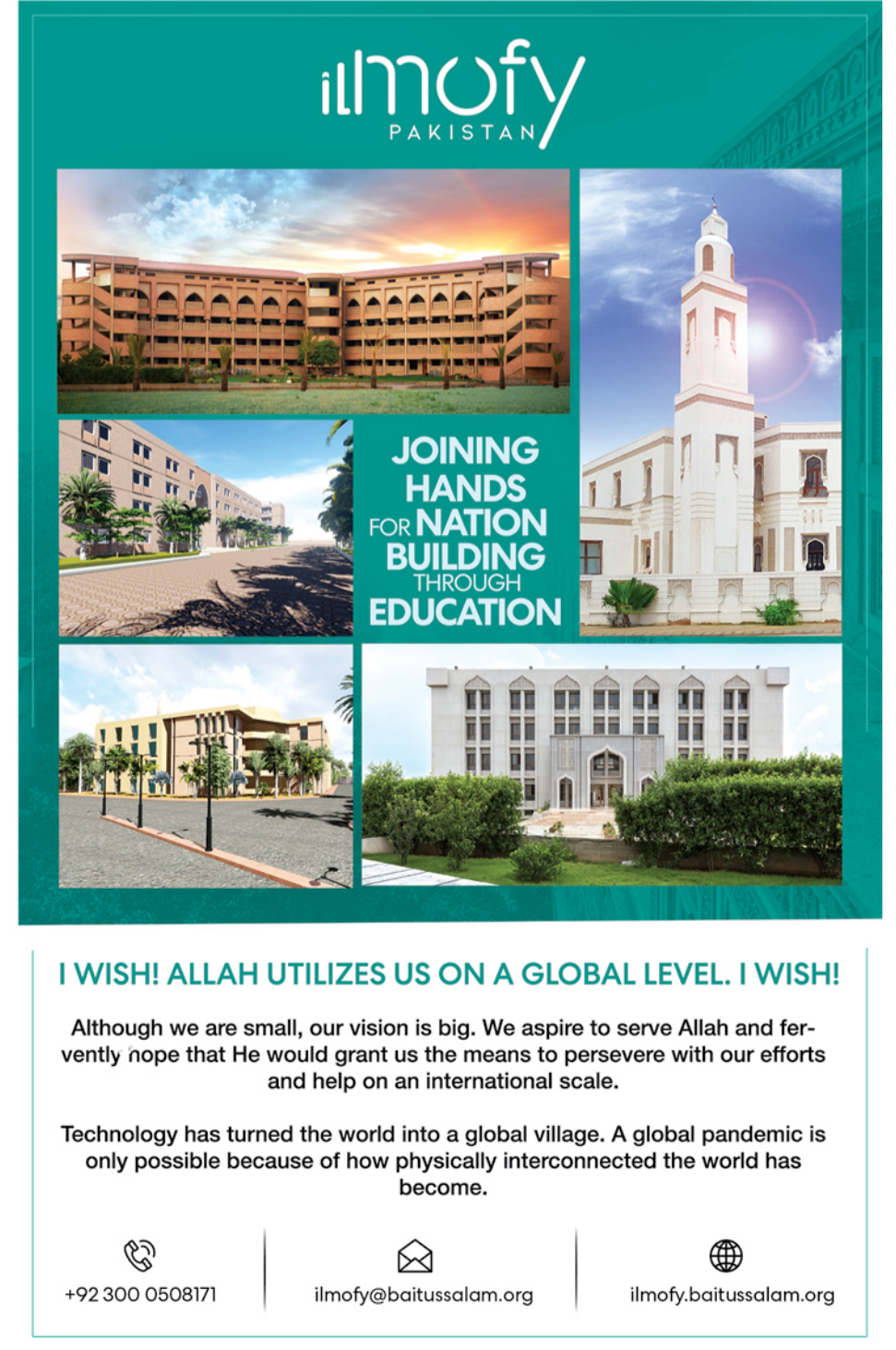
### Facts, Events & Beliefs

## 20 OF THE WORST EPIDEMICS IN HISTORY (Part-1)

Plagues and epidemics have ravaged humanity throughout its existence, often changing the course of history.

Throughout the course of history, disease outbreaks have ravaged humanity, sometimes changing the course of history and, at times, signaling the end of entire civilizations. Here are 20 of the worst epidemics and pandemics, dating from prehistoric to modern times.

1. Prehistoric epidemic: Circa 3000 B.C. About 5,000 years ago, an epidemic wiped out a prehistoric village in China. The bodies of the dead were stuffed inside a house that was later burned down. No age group was spared, as the skeletons of juveniles, young adults and middle-age people were found inside the house. The archaeological site is now called "HaminMangha" and is one of the best-preserved prehistoric sites in



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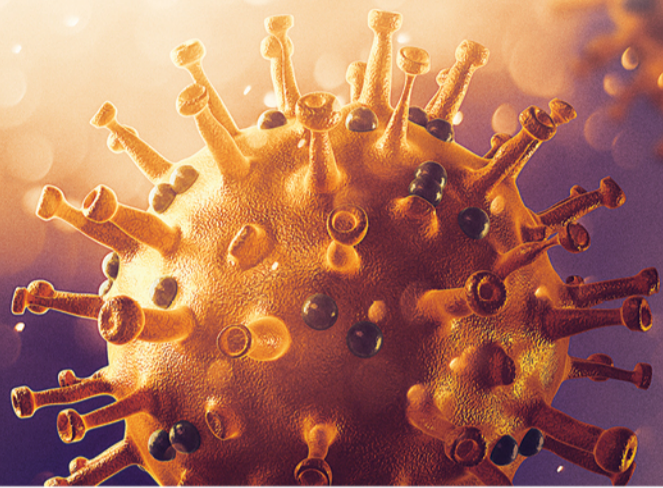
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Although we are small, our vision is big. We aspire to serve Allah and fervently hope that He would grant us the means to persevere with our efforts and help on an international scale.

Technology has turned the world into a global village. A global pandemic is only possible because of how physically interconnected the world has become.

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# THE VIRUS WITHIN



Self isolation, social distancing, quarantine, immunization, antibodies and lockdown! In the past few months, have read and heard these words so often that now honestly sometimes one feels they r done with them!! Even children as young as three year olds are parroting these words. I am all readers will agree, we had never ever imagined to be a part of a pandemic of such a nature. Life as we knew it has changed. Covid-19 is here. What is this virus? How does it attack? What are the symptoms? Who does it affect the most? The answers to these questions keep changing as the world is grappling to come to terms with this reality. Scientists are scrambling to find a cure, world economies have turned around, BUT amongst this all, where do we as the Muslims stand?

As Muslims, our faith is that all that comes our way is through the will of Allah (SWT). If Allah wills, this pandemic can end in a snap, and if He wills, it could go on. But the question we should be asking instead is, why the Covid-19? If it is a trail from Allah (SWT), we should remain patient, increase our remembrance of Him, seek forgiveness. If it is a sign of His anger, than too we should do the same. Seek forgiveness; try to make Allah (SWT) happy with us again.

Instead what are we doing? As Hazrat Mualan Abdul Sattar (DBA) said in his bayaan, we are all trying to keep ourselves protected from this virus but what about the other

viruses that we have in us that we nurture and let run wild? Did we start speaking the truth? Mend our ways with our employees or workers? Did we stop speaking ill of others or holding negative thoughts about others? Did we stop watching haram, eating haram? Did we start remembering the Hereafter more often? Did we start being just? Did we start being more empathetic? Did we make an effort to mend broken ties?

Which of the above did we start doing? We started covering our faces with masks but we couldn't bring ourselves to observe purdah. We started hoarding masks, sanitizers, dettol, medicines and nebulizers, but we couldn't bring ourselves to share with the lesser privileged. We turned to Netflix and Zoom to keep ourselves busy and entertained, but couldn't turn to Allah. We started following WhatsApp forwards advices, but couldn't dive deeper in to the Sunnah and Hadith to seek knowledge.

And above all, there are some, who just cannot be bothered to take precautions themselves and also spare the others. Even our beloved Prophet (SAW) said tie your camel and have faith. So please wear a mask, follow the SOPs and then say 'Allah Maalik hain' because no doubt Allah Maalik hain and He has also given us brains to think!

The year 2020 proved for sure that we may plan all that we like, but what He plans, is what will prevail.

This year also proved in the unfortunate PIA crash incident, that death will come to those whose time is up and in the manner willed by Allah (SWT).

Yet, we as Muslims, get scared. It is natural to get scared, to feel stressed, to feel like being trapped in a surreal world. But in all of this always remember that Allah has put you in this and He can take you out. Think of the Kashmiris who have been lockdown for almost a year now, and there life is in threat because of their religion. We are at least free to practice our deen without fear for our lives.

Be grateful that we have access to devices through which we can zoom and use social media. Have access to comfortable homes compared to those for whom a lockdown would mean being confined to one room with 5 others.

A lot of good was also seen especially in Ramadan. The spirit with which people not only donated but distributed ration packages to the needy was really commendable. But that spirit of giving, sharing, spreading positivity, empathy and acre needs to continue. Say prayers and lots of sincere prayers for the entire Ummah need to continue.

Reach out to your family, reach out to your neighbors, your friends, your employees, your colleagues, your domestic staff and to whomever you can, and if nothing at least ask them if they are well and please stay safe and help others stay safe.

## Facts, Events & Beliefs

northeastern China. Archaeological and anthropological study indicates that the epidemic happened quickly enough that there was no time for proper burials, and the site was not inhabited again.

Before the discovery of HaminMangha, another prehistoric mass burial that dates to roughly the same time period was found at a site called Miaozigou, in northeastern China. Together, these discoveries suggest that an epidemic ravaged the entire region.

**2. Plague of Athens: 430 B.C.**

Around 430 B.C., not long after a war between Athens and Sparta began, an epidemic ravaged the people of Athens and lasted for five years. Some estimates put the death toll as high as 100,000 people. The Greek historian Thucydides (460-400 B.C.) wrote that "people in good health were all of a sudden attacked by violent heats in the head, and redness and inflammation in the eyes, the inward parts, such as the throat or tongue, becoming bloody and emitting an unnatural and fetid breath."

What exactly this epidemic was has long been a source of debate among scientists; a number of diseases have been put forward as possibilities, including typhoid fever and Ebola. Despite the epidemic, the war continued on, not ending until 404 B.C., when Athens was forced to capitulate to Sparta.

**3. Antonine Plague: A.D. 165-180**

When soldiers returned to the Roman Empire from campaigning, they brought back more than the spoils of victory. The Antonine Plague, which may have been smallpox, laid waste to the army and may have killed over 5 million people in the Roman empire.

Christianity became increasingly popular in the time after the plague occurred.

**4. Plague of Cyprian: A.D. 250-271**

Named after St. Cyprian, a bishop of Carthage (a city in Tunisia) who described the epidemic as signaling the end of the world, the Plague of Cyprian is estimated to have killed 5,000 people a day in Rome alone. In 2014, archaeologists in Luxor found what appears to be a mass burial site of plague victims. Their bodies were covered with a thick layer of lime (historically used as a disinfectant). Archaeologists found three kilns used to manufacture lime and the remains of plague victims burned in a giant bonfire.

Experts aren't sure what disease caused the epidemic.

**5. Plague of Justinian: A.D. 541-542**

The Byzantine Empire was ravaged by the bubonic plague, which marked the start of its decline. The plague reoccurred periodically afterward. Some estimates suggest that up to 10% of the world's population died.

The plague is named after the Byzantine Emperor Justinian. Under his reign, the Byzantine Empire

reached its greatest extent, controlling territory that stretched from the Middle East to Western Europe. Justinian constructed a great cathedral known as Hagia Sophia ("Holy Wisdom") in Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul), the empire's capital. Justinian also got sick with the plague and survived; however, his empire gradually lost territory in the time after the plague struck.

**6. The Black Death: 1346-1353**

The Black Death traveled from Asia to Europe, leaving devastation in its wake. Some estimates suggest that it wiped out over half of Europe's population. It was caused by a strain of the bacterium Yersinia pestis that is likely extinct today and was spread by fleas on infected rodents. The bodies of victims were buried in mass graves.

**7. Cocoliztli epidemic: 1545-1548**

The infection that caused the cocoliztli epidemic was a form of viral hemorrhagic fever that killed 15 million inhabitants of Mexico and Central America. Among a population already weakened by extreme drought, the disease proved to be utterly catastrophic. Enteric fever can cause high fever, dehydration and gastrointestinal problems and is still a major health threat today.

**8. American Plagues: 16th century**

The American Plagues are a cluster of Eurasian diseases brought to the Americas by European explorers. These illnesses, including smallpox, contributed to the collapse of the Inca and Aztec civilizations. Some estimates suggest that 90% of the indigenous population in the Western Hemisphere was killed off.

**9. Great Plague of London: 1665-1666**

The Black Death's last major outbreak in Great Britain caused a mass exodus from London, led by King Charles II. The plague started in April 1665 and spread rapidly through the hot summer months. Fleas from plague-infected rodents were one of the main causes of transmission. By the time the plague ended, about 100,000 people, including 15% of the population of London, had died. But this was not the end of that city's suffering. On Sept. 2, 1666, the Great Fire of London started, lasting for four days and burning down a large portion of the city.

**10. Great Plague of Marseille: 1720-1723**

Historical records say that the Great Plague of Marseille started when a ship called Grand-Saint-Antoine docked in Marseille, France, carrying a cargo of goods from the eastern Mediterranean. Although the ship was quarantined, plague still got into the city, likely through fleas on plague-infected rodents.

Plague spread quickly, and over the next three years, as many as 100,000 people may have died in Marseille and surrounding areas. It's estimated that up to 30% of the population of Marseille may have perished.

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he was "an inspiration to us all". Mr Choudhury's initial aim was to raise £1,000, which he hit within hours. Since then Mr Choudhury's JustGiving page has raised more than £150,000. "Thank you for your generous donations," Mr Choudhury said. "We have proved that we can stand hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder during the most unprecedented time of our lives." "I would like to congratulate Captain Sir Thomas Moore for being knighted for his exemplary efforts to raise funds for our NHS." Mr Choudhury had been fundraising for the entire month of Ramadan, which this year is from 23 April to 23 May, while continuing to observe religious fasting. Born on 1 January 1920 in British Assam, now modern-day Bangladesh, Mr Choudhury moved to London to study English literature in 1957. The St Albans community leader is also an accomplished poet.

## Hajj 2020: What you need to know about this year's pilgrimage

Medina for the week-long ritual scheduled to begin in late July. This year, no overseas visitors would be allowed.

Saudi Arabia announced on Monday it would hold a "very limited" Hajj this year, as the country is still battling with the coronavirus pandemic.

The Saudi Ministry of Hajj said the decision to curtail the pilgrimage was aimed at preserving global public health because of the risks associated with large gatherings.

This year's event is expected to start on July 28.

Who will perform Hajj?

As one of the five key pillars in Islam, Hajj is a requirement for all physically and financially able Muslims to perform at least once in their lifetime.

This year, the kingdom's Hajj ministry said the ritual would be open only to individuals of various nationalities residing in Saudi Arabia.

In a virtual news conference on Tuesday, Hajj Minister Mohammad Benteen said the government is still in the process of reviewing the number of overall pilgrims allowed, saying they could be "around 1,000, maybe less, maybe a little more".

"The number won't be in tens or hundreds of thousands" this year, he added.

Health Minister Tawfiq al-Rabiah said the pilgrims would be tested for coronavirus before arriving in the holy city of Mecca and will be required to quarantine at home after the ritual.

He said no one over the age of 65 or with chronic illnesses would be allowed to perform the Hajj.

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## Human Development Program:

Amongst the hardest hit during the pandemic have been those white collared labor who work earning a decent living but now due to unemployment, are facing financial hardships. They don't fall in the mustahik category per say hence are easily overlooked for financial aid.



Business Management, are set to launch a 6 week online entrepreneurship course. Candidates, who apply and qualify on merit for this course, will be encouraged to start and develop a business plan during the course duration. At the conclusion of the course, successful candidates will be provided with financial assistance to convert their dreams into reality.

To help such workers get back on their feet, BWT in collaboration with a leading university of Karachi, the Institute of

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### Tax Exemption for BWT Donors:

In the annual budget of 2020-2021 of Pakistan, BWT has been honored with the inclusion of its name in the Income Tax Ordinance Second Schedule 61 & 66.

### New Courses at Fahmedeen and E-Baitussalam:

After Ramadan, like always, a lot of new courses both short term and long term have started at the various Fahmedeen campuses and online at the E-Baitussalam portal. Due to Covid-19, all classes are being conducted online at the moment, and will resume in class once things are stable and the regulations allow. For details one can visit the Baitussalam Trust's Facebook page.

### Raudhatussalam Goes Online:

Raudhatussalam also started off its new academic year in a new manner. Classes are now being conducted online. The students are happy to be back in class even if online, and seeing their classmates online, cheers them up! Kudos to the faculty, and the management team of Raudhatussalam, for taking this initiative and for working so hard to keep things running smooth.

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