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Charlie Hebdo magazine republishes offensive Prophet Muhammad cartoons

The French satirical magazine, Charlie Hebdo, has republished controversial and offensive caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The move comes ahead of a trial of alleged Kouachi brothers' accomplices in the Paris attack over five years ago.

Among the cartoons published is a drawing of the prophet wearing a bomb-shaped turban with a lit fuse - perceiving him linked with terrorism. It's accompanied with an editorial saying the drawings "belong to history, and history cannot be rewritten nor erased".

The move came a day before 13 men and a woman accused of providing the attackers with weapons and logistics go on trial on charges of terrorism on Wednesday 2nd September.

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Woman avoids jail after taking nearly £100,000 in illegal benefit claims

■ Saaba Mahmood, 36, was spared jail after admitting to scrounging almost £100,000 in illegal welfare claims at Manchester's Minshull Street Crown Court



the change and the overpayment was £32,074.52.

"The defendant became an appointee for her mother in July 2015 and on 31 August 2018 she said her mother was able to care for her uncle and received Employment Support Allowance. On 9th October 2018 she reported the change that her mother had stopped caring for her uncle. The overpayment in this case was £325.

"The total overpayment was £94,858.44. The defendant was interviewed on 7th February last year and confirmed her aunt had been living in Pakistan between 2014 and 2018. She said she did not know she needed to report if someone was abroad.

"She said she had reported that her uncle was in Pakistan in September 2017. She said she completed forms between June 2013 and November 2016 in which she failed to mention he was in Pakistan. A breach of trust was involved."

At an earlier hearing a lawyers for Saaba she said she would 'benefit from programmes to help her understand these are not victimless offences'.

At the hearing in mitigation defence lawyer Isobel Thomas said: "She is genuinely remorseful and has repeated this on a number of occasions to let the court know how sorry she is. She pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity.

"Only one of the claims was fraudulent from the outset and that claim was worth £328.

"Immediate custody will have a significant harmful impact on others. She has eight children aged between one and 13 who have to go into foster care as her husband has schizophrenia and is unable to care for them.

"Her youngest two children are very close to her and sleep by her. One of her daughters has been assaulted in the past and appeared as a witness at a Leeds Crown Court trial. She is nervous of men and other people.

"Her husband gets very distressed when she isn't there and may have to go to hospital if she were sent to prison. She is a carer for her aunt who has dementia, hepatitis C and kidney failure.

"She has never troubled the courts before and no longer claims benefits. She would comply with all requirements of a suspended sentence."

Saaba was also ordered to complete 15 rehabilitation requirement days and 150 hours of unpaid work. She will face a Proceeds of Crime Act hearing in November.

A 36 year-old mother of eight children who scrounged almost £100,000 in illegal welfare claims has been spared jail after she offered to enrol on a programme to help her realise her crimes were not 'victimless.'

Saaba Mahmood of Heald Green near Stockport, Greater Manchester, pocketed Disability Living Allowance on behalf of her aunt and uncle over a five year period - even though she knew they were living in Pakistan.

But when she was caught she she claimed she did not realise her offences were not 'victimless crimes.'

At Minshull Street Crown Court in Manchester, Saaba admitted four charges of failing to disclose information to make a gain and one offence of fraud but was given 16 months jail suspended for 18 months.

Prosecutor Julian Goode said: "These are cases relating to benefit claims on behalf of her aunt, uncle, and mother. She acted as an appointee for them and in that capacity and she had a duty to disclose changes in circumstances that would impact the claim.

"She claimed state benefits on

behalf of her aunt between January 2013 and September 2018, and Employment Support Allowance between February 2013 and October 2018.

"She was acting as her aunt's appointee and as a result both benefits were paid directly into her bank account.

"There is evidence to show her aunt left the UK in January 2014 to go to her daughter's wedding in Pakistan but fell ill there and did not return to the UK until 28th October 2018.

"The defendant did not disclose this and continued to receive those payments in her behalf between February 2014 and October 2018. These payments totalled £62,406.52.

"Her uncle claimed Disability Living Allowance between November 2018 and October 2018 and Employment Support Allowance between October 2010 and October 2018. The defendant became his appointee in July 2012.

"She got the credit into her bank account, but he was out of the country between November 2012 and October 2013 and again between October 2015 and June 2016 and June 2016 and December 2017. The defendant failed to report

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Grieving parents of drowned brothers thank those who helped in search efforts

The parents of two teenage brothers who drowned during a family day out at the Lancashire seaside have thanked those who helped in the search for their bodies.

Muhammad Azhar Shabbir, 18, and Ali Athar Shabbir, 16, died after getting into difficulty in the water close to St Annes Pier in Lytham St Annes on 15 August.

The bodies of both teenagers, from Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, were found the next day around a mile from the pier, following a major search involving emergency services, coastguard rescue teams and members of the public.

A statement on behalf of their parents said: "Mr and Mrs Shabbir and their family want to express their greatest thanks and appreciation to everyone that helped them that day.

"This includes the emergency services, Lytham St Annes RNLI, the Southport Lifeboat crew, the Coastguard, police on duty that day, Beth and her husband, who went into the sea to try and find their boys, other members of the public



who tried to help them, staff at St Annes Travelodge and the receptionist who paid for additional family that arrived the next day to stay."

Undated handout photo issued by Southport Lifeboat of one of their crews during the search and rescue mission to find Muhammad Azhar Shabbir, 18, and Ali Athar Shabbir, 16, after they went missing at sea off the Fylde coast in Lancashire.

The parents also extended their thanks to people in their local community, including the schools,

"for their continuous support with their other children".

Among others, they also thanked their local mosque, Masjid Uthman, for helping accommodate guests within social distancing guidelines.

Following the discovery of the bodies, an uncle of the brothers added the family had been left "shocked and devastated" by what had happened.

A 15-year-old boy, who is their cousin, had managed to swim to the shore and was taken to hospital for treatment.



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Deployingsafe COVID-19 vaccines

A raft of measures to allow the safe future of a mass UK-wide rollout of a Covid-19 vaccine have been outlined by the government, with a vision to bring the pandemic to an end.

The measures could come into force as early as October, ahead of the winter season.

New rules and safeguards will strengthen the UK's ability to successfully deploy a UK-wide vaccination programme, says the government, and adds that it "will be crucial in saving lives and bringing the current pandemic to an end".

The proposals will also allow more fully trained healthcare professionals to administer vaccines under NHS and local authority occupational health schemes, as well as enable an expanded workforce that can administer vaccinations to the public, making it easier and quicker for patients to access the vaccines they need.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer Professor Jonathan Van-Tam says the expanded workforce will include pharmacists, paramedics, occupational therapists, dentists, student doctors and student nurses along with a wider range of existing NHS staff, who will undergo a robust training programme.

Professor Jonathan Van-Tam said: "We are making progress in developing Covid-19 vaccines which we hope will be important in saving lives, protecting healthcare workers and returning to normal in future."

"If we develop effective vaccines, it's important we make them available to patients as quickly as possible but only once strict safety standards have been met."

"The proposals consulted on today suggest ways to improve access and ensure as many people are protected from Covid-19 and flu as possible without sacrificing the absolute need to ensure that any vaccine used is both safe and effective."



• Measures will allow UK-wide rollout of vaccine to save lives and bring pandemic to an end

• Proposals to bolster safeguards and improve access to protect the public ahead of the winter

• Covid-19 vaccines will only be given to UK patients if proven to be safe and effective

COVID-19: Face coverings for England's secondary schools

■ Head teachers have been given the flexibility to decide if their pupils need to wear face coverings

In a U-turn for the government, it's been announced that secondary school pupils may have to wear face coverings in school in local lockdown areas of England.

The Department for Education says revised guidance will give head teachers in any secondary school the flexibility to introduce masks in their schools.

Though it won't be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, the rule may be applied communal areas of schools such as corridors, where it is difficult to maintain social distancing.

But in parts of the country with high levels of coronavirus transmission, such as those with local lockdown measures, face coverings will become compulsory in such communal areas for adults and pupils.

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said it followed updated advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO), which now recommends that children aged over 12 should wear masks under the same conditions as adults.

Mr Williamson said there was currently no intention to extend compulsory face coverings to schools outside local lockdown areas.

The new guidelines, which apply from 1st September, also warn that "stricter guidance" on face coverings could apply to all schools "if the rate of transmission increases across the whole country".

Many have accused the government of 'passing the buck' on decisions back to schools saying telling some pupils to wear face coverings sends 'the wrong message' and suggests 'schools are not a safe setting'.





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Man who lost family members to cancer finds strength to help others



A former homeless man, who'd been living on and off the streets since he was 13-years-old, is determined to end homelessness and to help those battling cancer.

Liam Perry, 35, has taken on the challenge of a sponsored walk in memory of the six family members he's lost to cancer. He'll be undertaking the gruelling 11-hour 35-mile trek from Bradford to Manchester for the Imran Khan Cancer Appeal (IKCA).

IKCA was established in Pakistan by world-renowned cricketer, and now Prime Minister Imran Khan after being personally affected by cancer with the loss of his mother.

The IKCA charity which developed the Shaikat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Lahore some 25-years-ago, helps those who are not able to afford cancer treatment.

The hospital provides free cancer treatment to around 75% of the patients that come through the door. Much of this is funded through donations and supporters.

Liam, originally from Liverpool,

From homeless to hopeful

last year, made a turning point in his life some 21-years after he first began living on the streets following a disturbed childhood.

He began to pen down his experiences as a homeless man, and for his first homelessness awareness campaign managed to rally over 1,000 supporters outside Parliament.

Since then moving to Macclesfield in Cheshire and being welcomed into the city has spurred him into charity work. He now divides his time between his Rise to Freedom UK campaign and raising money for various causes.

"I came across a poster of the

Imran Khan Cancer Appeal and was really interested. I wanted to help," says Liam.

"The fight against cancer is something I hold very dearly to my heart having lost six of my own family members to such a heart breaking struggle.

"The reason for my walk, and many more to come, is to raise as much funds and awareness as possible for Imran Khan Cancer Appeal and all their amazing work that they do for the fight against cancer.

"The total estimated time for my latest challenge is 11 hours and 35 minutes and the total miles are 35.

However, I'll be aiming to do it in under the estimated time frame."

Talking about his own Rise to Freedom UK campaign, Liam adds that he feels he can help others that are destitute and desperate for help because of his own first-hand experiences.

"I was in a shelter last year and met someone who was doing a writing course," Liam tells.

"He told me that I should begin writing down my own experiences. I did, and I discovered I had a new passion - to end homelessness.

"Ever since I was 13-years-old and lost my friend, I was off the rails and

was not able to settle anywhere. In between being homeless and in shelters, I was also in and out of prison.

"Now though, I feel I'm in a unique position to help others on the street, because I've lived, breathed and experienced it first-hand.

"My vision is to end homelessness. My campaign is unique because for the first time a homeless person (me) has come from a lifetime on and off the streets and has set a vision to change things.

"My Team and I go out into the streets and reach out to the homeless and rough sleepers, and work with landlords to try and help their situation. Then we allocate them a dedicated volunteer to keep a check on them and make sure they're okay, and if they need anything we'll try and sort it out.

"I want to put an end to homelessness and poverty, and I promise I will continue to keep pushing forward with this vision and campaign for the rest of my life."

A photograph of a man and a woman sitting at a table outdoors. The man, on the right, has a beard and is wearing a green and white striped polo shirt. The woman, on the left, is wearing a colorful patterned top and large hoop earrings. They are both looking at each other. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a street or outdoor seating area.

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£500 million for COVID-19 test trials

A new £500 million funding package will be invested in next generation testing technology and increased testing capacity, the Health and Care Secretary has announced.

To date, large scale COVID-19 testing system has carried out more than 16 million tests and this new funding for quick result test trials and repeat population testing will help take the programme to the next level.

A new, community wide trial in Salford will launch imminently to assess the benefits of repeat population testing. Existing, promising trials in Southampton and Hampshire, using a saliva test and a rapid 20 minute test, will also be expanded using the new funding.

By using this cutting edge technology to widely roll out rapid tests, chains of transmission will be broken almost immediately by delivering on-the-spot results. Successful trials will then be expanded and rolled out more widely.

The funding will also be used to further extend capacity for existing polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing across the country. All positive results will be passed to the NHS Test and Trace system, to trace contacts, prevent further transmission, and save lives.

Health and Care Secretary Matt Hancock said: "Testing is a vital line of defence in combatting this pandemic.

"Over the past six months we have built almost from scratch one of the biggest testing systems in the world.

"We need to use every new innovation at our disposal to expand the use of testing, and build the mass testing capability that can help suppress the virus and enable more of the things that make life worth living.

"We are backing innovative new tests that are fast, accurate and easier to use will maximise the impact and scale of testing, helping us to get back to a more normal way of life.

"I am hugely grateful for the work being done on this national effort to strengthen our ability to tackle this virus. While we work on a vaccine we must innovate our way out of this crisis."

New technology will be the driving force to break the chains of transmission, aiming for tests that are easy to complete, or can give results in minutes. New tests will be limited to certain settings as trials continue. Trials will also look at the benefits of mass testing, and how the testing programme can be improved and scaled up ahead of winter.

Trials across the country will now be launched or extended, beginning with Salford

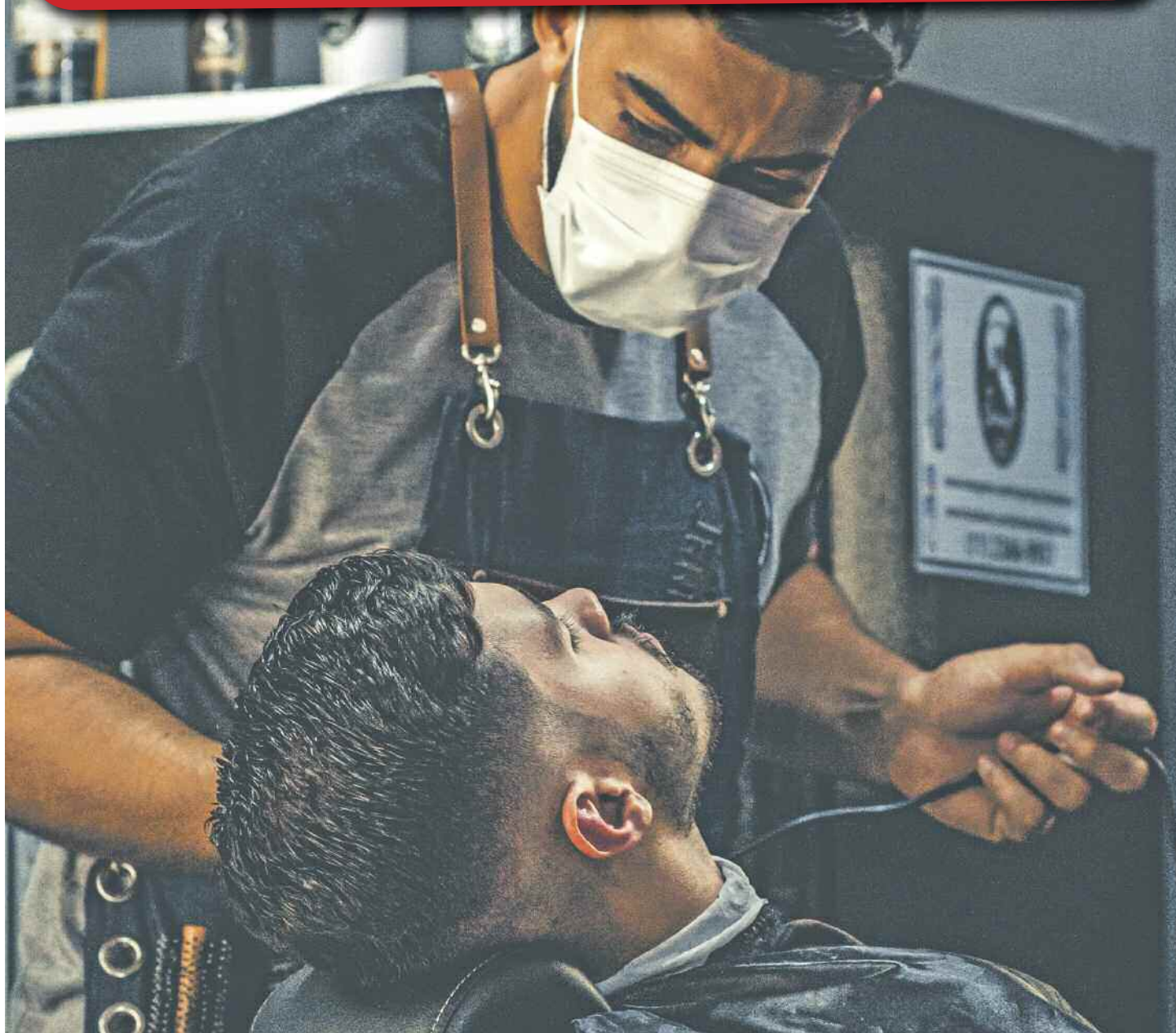
Salford: Saliva based testing will be used to test the community in Salford, Greater Manchester, in the coming weeks. Working with Salford Council, local health partners and voluntary and community-based networks, some people living in Salford will be invited for a weekly test. The pilot will explore how regular repeat testing can be made as accessible as possible and will inform how to scale community testing across the country. The pilot will begin with a select number of participants and up to 250 tests a day, to be scaled to the whole area. Initially, the pilot will focus on a specific high footfall location in the city, which includes retail, public services, transport and faith spaces. Weekly tests will help to identify cases early, including for those with no or minor symptoms, allowing those testing positive to self-isolate.

Southampton: Phase two of the no-swab saliva test pilot in Southampton will also start this week. The second phase of the pilot will trial the weekly testing model in educational settings, with participation from staff and students at the University of Southampton and four Southampton schools. Over 2,100 pupils and staff across four schools will be invited to have a test as part of the pilot, which is led by a partnership of the University of Southampton, Southampton City Council and the NHS.

Hampshire: The pilot of the rapid 20-minute test in Hampshire will also continue to expand to further explore the applications of mobile testing in different settings.

To meet the guidance, barbers must:

- Wear a visor and a mask for close contact treatment to protect yourself and clients
- Ensure premises are thoroughly cleaned
- Ensure equipment is cleaned between clients
- Ensure contact details for each client are obtained for Test and Trace
- Ensure clients are socially distanced in the salon



In loving memory of Mr Mohamed Amin Dada



A light went out in Bradford with the unexpected and sudden death of Mr Amin Dada, a highly-respected businessman and community leader.

Born in Masindi, Uganda in 1956, his family moved to the UK in 1972. After living in Bolton then London, he finally made Bradford his home.

Dedicating himself to the Lions Club for over 40-years, Mr Dada worked with various groups to fundraise, raise the profile of international aid projects, and contributed immensely to making the world a better place for thousands of destitute and needy families.

His friend Mr Taslim Husseinbhai said: "Members of Bradford Central Lions Club CIO were shocked and saddened by the sudden news and the loss of a great Lion - he was a good friend and a tireless worker."

"Lion Amin was a lifelong

dedicated Lion of more than 40-years, and served as a member of Lions clubs, Golders Green, Swiss Cottage, and Edgware. Later he helped to create the Lions Club of London Belmont in 2007 and was elected Charter President.

"In London he worked with various groups to fundraise and provide help to the needy. In Birmingham he mentored and worked closely with the Cutchi Sumni Muslim Association.

"In 2013 he formed Bradford Central Lions Club-CIO, and was elected Charter President.

"With his drive and passion the club successfully grew, and today it is much respected in the community. The food bank which he set up is run in conjunction with Bradford Save the Mothers Trust (SMA), and is a lifeline to many families.

"Lions was always a large part of Amin, but he never forgot that help was also needed elsewhere

in the world and it was outside of Lions that he set up and helped fund the 'Water Assist Appeal', with the aim to provide fresh water by providing water wells and bore holes in Tanzania, India and Kenya.

"To date this project has been very successful and assisted by his family and friends it has successfully provided 27 boreholes and water wells and is ongoing. More recently he raised funds to send food parcel to Morocco during the month of Ramadan for the refugees and the homeless.

"Amins support and love extended far beyond Lions. He will be missed sorely, and has set precedence for the work we must continue to do in his memory."

Amin was a brother to six sisters, and he leaves behind his wife Fahmida, two children and five grandchildren.

Bradford barbers not complying with COVID 19 safety guidance

Bradford has had a high number of complaints about barbers not following the government Covid-19 guidance.

Now the Council has issued a statement pleading with local barbers following a high number of complaints throughout the region from customers who do not feel safe and have noticed that the COVID safety guidance has not been adhered to.

Mohamed from BD10 said: "I plucked up the courage to get a beard trim, went into the barbers with one foot through the door and saw that not a single person in there was wearing any face masks or coverings - both customers, and the three members of staff.

"I didn't see a bottle of hand sanitiser in sight so I turned around and went home. My elderly mother lives with us and it's just not worth the risk."

17-year-old Jack from BD2 added: "I went to have a trim as I haven't been in a while and my mum had given me a mask to wear along with

various warnings on how to behave.

"When I got back home and explained that the hairdresser wasn't wearing a mask or visor she went livid and now she won't let me out of the house."

Mark Hall from a local health and safety firm who conducted the survey in the local area and were dismayed with the feedback. He said: "This is ridiculous, the guidelines are there not just to protect paying customers but also to protect employees and their families.

"This uneducated mindset is putting everyone at risk. Bradford is already on a tighter local lockdown, do they not want it to end?"

Bradford Council said: "Covid-19 continues to be a serious public health threat so it is important people follow the guidelines which are designed to reduce infections and save lives.

"Our enforcement officers are visiting barbers to advise and enforce the rules which come under close contact services."



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Charlie Hebdo magazine republishes offensive Prophet Muhammad cartoons



Statement from UK's leading Imam & Islamophobia Adviser Qari Asim

"It is disgraceful to see Prophet Mohammad being used in such a derogatory way. The Charlie Hebdo attack was a tragedy, but these terrorists are not representative of Islam. Muslims should not be scapegoated into this category. Publishing the cartoon again is being paraded as a sign of defiance to terrorists but it is deliberately insulting and offensive. Like others, we as Muslims, respect freedom of speech but not when it incites hatred. There are other ways to show solidarity and unity against the 2015 attack. As an Imam, I am urging everyone to work together to counter this false narrative and not give rise to those that seek to exploit it. Extremists look to divide us, but we must not play into hateful rhetoric."



Cover story continued

In 2015, the Kouachi brothers stormed Charlie Hebdo's Paris offices killing 12 of the magazine's staff, and now their alleged accomplices face trial.

Fourteen defendants, three of whom are being tried in absentia, face charges including "complicity" in terrorist crimes and "criminal terrorist association." Most say they thought they were helping plan an ordinary crime.

Around 200 people are civil parties to the trial,

they are expected to include survivors of the Charlie Hebdo attack and hostages held inside the kosher supermarket. A number of them will take the stand to testify as witnesses.

As civil parties, they will have access to all documents of the trial and it will help victims have a better understanding of what unfolded during those three days in January 2015.

It's understood the trial will run for 10 weeks.

Charlie Hebdo

The cover of 2nd September's special edition of Charlie Hebdo that marked the start of the trial on Wednesday showed the controversial

cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad along with the headline: "All that for that."

Staff explained they had chosen the start of the trial to re-publish the controversial cartoons as the caricatures at this time seemed to them to be "essential."

"We have often been asked since January 2015 to produce other caricatures of Muhammad," they said.

"We have always refused to do so, not that it is prohibited, the law allows us to do so, but because there was a need to have a good reason to do so, a reason which has a direction and

which brings something to the debate."

The magazine also commissioned a poll to canvas public opinion on publishing the caricatures.

According to the poll that was conducted by French pollster Ifop, 59 percent of French people said the newspapers were right to publish these types of caricatures in the name of freedom of expression. Thirty-one percent said they thought the newspapers were wrong to do so, while 69 percent of Muslims in France shared this opinion.

Comment from Andleeb Hanif, Editor, Asian Express

"Firstly, there is no justification for the grotesque murders which took place in Paris over five years ago, nor indeed any terrorist attack anywhere in the world."

"Having said that, where I agree to freedom of speech and freedom

of expression, as with everything in life, it comes with a degree of responsibility and moderation.

"Freedom of speech is an infinite void, which may inevitably lead to being offensive, but there's a huge difference between that and having a purposeful campaign to repeatedly offend.

"When we all know that using religious slurs such as 'hebe' or 'hid' (for Jews), or ethnic slurs such as 'Paki', 'golliwogg' and the 'N-word',

are hideously offensive and socially unacceptable, why would someone maintain that it's their right to use it – for the sake of having their freedom of speech? That's nonsensical!

"I deeply resent Charlie Hebdo's continued mockery of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Any kind of visual depiction of him is forbidden, but of course they know this and arrogantly continue to publicly and openly mock him, causing deep

hurt to some 1.6 billion Muslims across the globe.

"I don't care how 'satirical' Charlie Hebdo may say they are, but this latest gesture is a blatant, purposeful and outright obnoxious attempt to demonise Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) - the most-highly revered person in Islam.

"What kind of 'freedom of speech' is this? The literate meaning of it as such, it seems to me, has just proven how illiterate it can be.

"There would have been far better ways for Charlie Hebdo to mark/represent their feelings, emotions and solidarity with the people of Paris and their lost colleagues ahead of the trials this week than this.

"Where there calls to defend the right to practise freedom of speech, there are limits and boundaries for everything - in fact that's the very essence of humanity.

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■ **TAKEN:** Bilal Safi (left) Mohammed Ebrar Safi (centre) and Mohammed Yaseen Safi (right), aged six, five and three, were snatched by their father, Imran Safi, police said (Picture: Metropolitan Police)



Father snatches children from foster carer at knifepoint

■ **FATHER:** Imran Safi is originally from Afghanistan and is thought to have links to Pakistan



Detectives leading the search for three young brothers abducted by their father at knifepoint have made a new arrest.

26-year-old Imran Safi snatched Bilal Safi (6), Mohammed Ebrar Safi (5) and Mohammed Yaseen Safi (3) from their foster home in Coulsdon, south London, on 20th August, triggering an international manhunt.

A woman, understood to be a grandmother in her sixties, had been caring for the children for almost two years.

On the day of the incident, the foster carer heard the sound of footsteps and turned to see the 26-year-old brandishing a blade, which he used to threaten her with and abducted the boys by force.

Scotland Yard said the children were playing in the garden while their foster carer was in the house at 6pm on 20th August. The carer did not suffer any serious physical injuries in the incident but was "understandably distressed", police said.

The three children were bundled into the back of a vehicle and taken from the Coulsdon Road house at around 6pm. They have not been seen since.

Hundreds of officers have now been called in by the country's largest police force to help track down the young family, who have so far disappeared without a trace.

Police said Safi may have been driven to abducting the three boys after learning they were due to be formally adopted following more than a year in care.

It is understood that the father, who is unemployed, should not have known where his children were living, and how he located them will form part of the ongoing police investigation.

All of the children are understood to be Afghani nationals who moved to the

country with their family in recent years.

Detectives believe there is a "strong possibility" Imran has already succeeded in taking them abroad.

Commander John Savelly said the boys "may very well be stashed away in the London area or elsewhere", but added: "The longer time goes on, the more we believe the possibility is that somehow he has managed to get them out of the country."

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He said Imran - who is an Afghani national with links to Pakistan - did not have the boys' passports.

"Not legitimate passports, anyway," Mr Savelly said.

Police suspect that associates helped Safi execute the plot. They have previously arrested and bailed six men and two women, aged between 17 and 37, on suspicion of involvement in the abduction. All were described as relatives or friends.

Since detectives appealed for information of the whereabouts of the Safi brothers and their dad, 48 calls have been made to the control room and via Crimestoppers. These calls are now being followed up by officers who continue to work all hours of the

day to bring these children home safely.

Detective Superintendent Neil Cochlin, from the South Area BCU, said: "Since the brothers were taken by their father, Imran, we have made a significant number of arrests that started in the Croydon area and then took us to Ilford, east London.

"Following these leads we have now arrested a man in Bristol.

"I now call on the communities in Bristol to report any possible

sightings of the boys or Imran and to call police if they think they have any information that can assist in this investigation."

Anyone who believes they have seen Imran Safi and his children since Thursday, 20th August is urged to contact police immediately through the investigation control room on 07942599374 - this number is operational 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Alternatively, to stay completely anonymous, contact the charity Crimestoppers on freephone 0800 555 111 or fill in their simple and secure anonymous online form.

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■ Founded by London-based Navjot Sawhney (left), TWMP is striving to alleviate the burden of hand washing clothes for women living in refugee camps

British Washing Machine Project empowering widows in Iraq

While in the West, we take washing machines for granted millions of people spend up to 20 hours hand washing clothes, resulting in chronic skin irritations and back pain. This burden is primarily placed on women.

Now families living in refugee camps in northern Iraq are benefitting from the efforts of UK social enterprise, The Washing Machine Project (TWMP), which has installed 50 portable, hand-cranked washing machines designed and developed by a team of

volunteer engineers.

Its washing machines, named 'Divyas', are inspired by a conversation its founder Navjot Sawhney (Nav) had with a woman in India, named Divya, who powerfully told him what impact a washing machine would have on her life.

In the six months since they were installed in Iraq, the pilot project is proving highly successful. The machines are directly helping around 50 women who previously faced the laborious task of hand washing, while 500 other family and

community members can now rely on an efficient source of clean clothes.

The work to date has been funded by grants, including via Oxfam Iraq, and generous donations. The team behind the project have successfully raised over 70% of their £10,000 target, although they still need additional funds to manufacture and distribute more washing machines to those in need.

Nav Sawhney explained: "Families in refugee camps are already vulnerable - Covid-19 has made matters worse. Now more than ever, clean clothes and managing a limited water supply is vital.

"TWMP's manual washing machine uses approximately three times less water than hand washing; coronavirus has made water an ever more precious heightening the need for a water-saving solution in water-scarce environments."

"TWMP's machine has a long handle on the side so the operator can stand while washing, and the short cycle frees up hours of time so that women can pursue activities such as education, self-care and physical wellbeing. This shouldn't be a privilege - it's a right."

"I'm excited to see the Divya be put into the hands of those who need them most in the hope that we can help them through the challenging times they face, intensified by the pandemic, and give them the opportunities that we take for granted every single day."

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Man killed women and hid bodies in freezer

■ Zahid Younis killed two women and stored them in his freezer in Canning Town, east London



■ Younis bought a chest freezer and stored the bodies of Henriett Szucs (below) and Mihrican Mustafa (bottom)



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A manipulated predator who killed two women and hid their bodies in a chest freezer has been found guilty of murder and jailed for a minimum of 38 years.

Zahid Younis, 36, was convicted at Southwark Crown Court on Thursday, 3rd September of murdering Mihrican 'Jan' Mustafa, 38, and Henriett Szucs, 34.

Younis had subjected both victims to "very significant violence" in the days before he killed them. Their bodies were found in a freezer at Younis' home in Canning Town.

The body of one of the women, Henriett Szucs, was hidden in the small, padlocked chest freezer for almost three years before it was found by police in the 36-year-old killer's flat in east London in April 2019.

Ms Szucs, 34, a Hungarian national, was last seen in August 2016 and is believed to have gone to live with Younis at his home in Canning Town.

The second victim, mother-of-three Mihrican Mustafa, 38, had not been seen since May 2018.

Police had attended Younis' flat on Friday 26 April 2019, after a friend reported he was missing and she was concerned for his welfare. There was no answer and officers returned the following day. They forced entry and searched the address.

In a small cupboard containing a gas and electricity meter was also a small chest freezer. It was locked with items stacked on top and flies were gathering.

An officer forced it open with a crow bar and saw a large frozen shape and a foot in a grey Superman sock. It was the remains of Mihrican clothed and wrapped in plastic and a bed sheet. She was subsequently identified by a distinctive tattoo on her wrist; and later through familial DNA. A murder investigation was launched.

Examination of the remains was extremely complex due to the condition in which they were found. The chest was removed from the scene and taken to Walthamstow mortuary where it was x-rayed. This revealed the body of another woman - Henriett - beneath Mihrican. She was wearing pyjamas and wrapped in a sleeping bag and then plastic; which was later established to be the packaging the freezer came in.

The condition of the bodies

meant full examination was difficult but each of the women had sustained multiple injuries. Henriett had head injuries and Mihrican's sternum and larynx were fractured. Both women had numerous rib fractures. Full causes of death could not be ascertained.

Henriett had not been seen for nearly three years while Mihrican had been reported missing almost a year before. Both had been associated with Curry's in Beckton that afternoon.

Mihrican was last seen alive in the kitchen anymore and needed to show him respect and "follow the things point to point what he says".

The last sighting of her was on 29 August 2016 but it's thought she died close to 11 November 2016 when Younis bought the freezer, which the prosecution said was for the sole purpose of disposing of her body. He paid £169.99 for it in cash from Curry's in Beckton that afternoon.

Mihrican was last seen alive in

that fitted the living room and hall stored in a shed.

Younis had been in prison between September and November 2018 and his electricity supply disconnected, contributing to the decomposition of the bodies in the freezer and causing a foul smell. An electricity engineer attended on 11 April 2019 to clear the debt on the meter and Younis came to the door holding a can of air-freshener. The engineer noticed the bad smell. Younis sprayed the air

The family of Mihrican said: "Jan's death has changed our family forever. From the moment we found out that she was missing, we spent every moment of every hour looking for her and we never for one minute gave up.

"When Jan didn't come to her daughter's birthday, she wrote:

"To mummy - Please come back I really miss you. You missed my 11th birthday party (it was the worst party ever) I sat in the corner crying my eyes out looking at your pictures and reading your poems while in my head screaming, 'where are you! Please mum, come back home.'

"The call from the police will never be forgotten, hearing them words confirming they found my Jan was never real, I still don't believe it. The moment we told my Auntie and Jan's children, with an ambulance on standby, breaks every part of me; seeing the pain and tears in their eyes.

"She was a gentle being, who still had her whole life ahead of her, to live and watch her children grow. My heart deeply goes out to her children, who are the strongest people that I know. The grief that they are going through compares to no other pain.

"Our family have lost a precious jewel; my Aunt Mary Jane Mustafa was an incredible Aunt, Mother, Sister and Daughter to her family.

"Jan was a fantastic mother. She adored her children. She loved to dance. She was artistic. She was creative. She was beautiful. She was friends with everybody and very funny. She celebrated life. She was optimistic. She never

said anything bad about anybody. She would give her last penny to someone in need. She was an angel. She is an angel.

"Sister my angel. God has given you your assignment. Always my sister, forever my angel, you fly into my dreams when I'm asleep. I feel your wings brush against my face, wiping away the tears I shed since I can no longer hold you in my arms, but only in my heart."

"The trial is over, justice has been done. 'Closure,' they say. Never. It will not bring my Jan back. I love you my Tilly and I know you are with me."

The following statement was written on behalf of Maria, Henriett's mother:

"Maria, Henriett's mother, has been hugely overwhelmed by the death of her daughter. Not only because she was murdered but because it happened in another country. A country where she doesn't know the law or know the police investigation and court processes.

"Maria lost touch with Henriett when she came to the UK but that only exacerbates her grief. The fact that Henriett lay deceased in a freezer for two and a half years with no-one looking for her or realising she was missing, torments Maria on a daily basis.

"The inner turmoil she suffers is as you would expect for a mother mourning the death of her child and to make matters worse, she hasn't been able to see her or lay her to rest. This is most unimaginable for any family member but particularly a mother."

Both Henriett and Mihrican were vulnerable women living chaotic lifestyles, with periods of homelessness and drug addiction.

Henriett was a Hungarian national who came to the UK in 2012 and again in 2014. She'd had a number of abusive partners and suffered some mental ill health. She met Younis in January 2016 and moved in with him in March 2016. They were seen together in the local area, often arguing. Some notes later found suggested Younis was violent and controlling towards her. She

early May 2018 and reported missing by her sister on 10 May. She had previously been seen with Younis in the local area and leaving his flat, and phone evidence showed they had been in contact.

In May or June 2018 Younis had his carpets removed and wooden flooring installed in his flat.

Police searches of Younis' address found property belonging to both women. A fingerprint from Mihrican was found in the kitchen and blood from Henriett on the bedroom carpet as well as a section of carpet

freshener before he let him look at the meters, which were next to the chest freezer.

Shortly afterwards Younis abandoned the property and made off.

Following extensive enquiries he was arrested on 30 April 2019 in W10 getting into a taxi. He told officers: "It's my house, it's my problem. No one else is involved."

He was charged initially in May 2019 with two counts of preventing the lawful and decent burial of a dead body and in February 2020 with murder.



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Communities Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP has announced the appointment to the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation of:

• **Sir Jon Cunliffe**, Deputy Governor for Financial Stability at the Bank of England

• **Mona Siddiqui OBE**, Deputy Governor for Financial Stability at the Bank of England

• **Matthew Westerman**, Deputy Governor for Financial Stability at the Bank of England



New members of the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation announced

The UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation is an expert committee that advises the Government on Holocaust Commemoration including plans for a new Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens next to Parliament.

The new members, all leading figures in their professions, will play a key role in advising the Government on Holocaust remembrance, and on the construction and operation of the new Memorial.

With their knowledge and expertise from the fields of finance, academia and museum management they will further strengthen and broaden the already excellent advice provided by the Foundation.

The Memorial will be the focal point for national remembrance of the Holocaust and learning and is dedicated to the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered in the Holocaust and all other victims of the Nazis and their collaborators.

The Learning Centre will focus on teaching about the Holocaust and

subsequent genocides and will educate future generations on the importance of fighting prejudice and persecution in all its forms.

Placing the Memorial next to the seat and symbol of parliamentary democracy reaffirms the United Kingdom's commitment to Holocaust commemoration and serves as a permanent reminder of the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy to be vigilant whenever those values are threatened.

Communities Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP said: "I am delighted to welcome such an accomplished group of members to the board of the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation. They will bring unique professional perspectives to the Foundation as we move forward with the Memorial."

"This year marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Birkenau. It's unacceptable that 75 years after liberation, incidents of antisemitism are still rising in the UK and demonstrates why it is so important

to remember the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered in the Holocaust and all other victims of Nazi persecution.

"Education on the Holocaust and subsequent genocides is one of the most powerful tools we have in the battle against antisemitism, racism

"The UK Holocaust Memorial will serve as a continual reminder to us all of why we need to make a stand against antisemitism, racism and hatred, whenever and wherever we find it – something that this Government will always do."

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Co-chairs of the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation, Rt Hon Ed Balls and Lord Eric Pickles said: "Our new members will strengthen the Foundation and we look forward to them bringing their knowledge, experience and expertise to the table.

and misinformation. Our new Foundation members will help us ensure we deliver an iconic Memorial and a world-class Learning Centre."

Matthew Westerman Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Imperial War Museum said: "I look forward to contributing to the successful establishment of the Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre which will be a powerful institution in the fight against prejudice and hatred in all its forms."

"I'm confident the complementary

narratives presented by the Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre and IWM's upcoming new Second World War and The Holocaust Galleries will help more people than ever to understand the impact of this terrible period in world history."

Mona Siddiqui OBE, Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies at the University of Edinburgh said: "Memorials are places for remembering but also learning. Racism and prejudice corrode society. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to contribute to better education about the past and hopefully a more just vision for all in the future."

Sir Jon Cunliffe, Deputy Governor for Financial Stability at the Bank of England said: "I am very pleased and honoured to be appointed to the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation and to have the opportunity to contribute to the establishment of a Memorial and the Learning Centre that will help combat prejudice and persecution in all its forms."



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Children and young people in the city are being encouraged to cast their vote in the election to decide the next Leeds Children's Mayor.

The programme is now in its eighteenth year and Leeds was one of the first cities in the UK to elect a young mayor. It is a unique opportunity for the city's youngsters to learn about democracy and voting whilst enabling and encouraging them to be more community-minded by considering the kind of things that would make improvements in their schools and local areas.

In May, primary schools across the city were asked to submit candidates from Year 5. Despite the complications and issues surrounding coronavirus, the Leeds Children's Mayor Team received 49 entries. Children were asked to write a short manifesto detailing what they would do as Children's Mayor to make Leeds an even more child friendly city for other children and young people.

From the entries, a shortlist of 12 finalists was decided upon by a judging panel of children and young people, which included local members of youth parliament and youth councillors as well as the current Leeds Children's Mayor, Wania Ahmed.

Children and young people (aged 18 or under) and now being encouraged to visit <https://bit.ly/VoteLCM> to cast their votes.

The newly elected Children's Mayor is set to be announced by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Eileen Taylor at a civic reception event on 21st October. Voting closes at 12pm on Friday 16th October.

■ Wania Ahmed, pictured here with Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Eileen Taylor, was a ten year old pupil at Harehills Primary School when she submitted her entry to become Children's Mayor last June. Four months later over 8,900 children and young people had voted and the Lord Mayor of Leeds was announcing her name as the next Children's Mayor. Her winning manifesto was called "Chill and Chat" – a project for schools that would support the mental health and wellbeing of pupils. In February she was invited to read her manifesto to the 99 city councillors at a Full Council meeting and has since been working with Leeds City Council and Space 2 – a local arts charity based in Gipton – to bring her idea to life



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No plan for a return to the office for millions



Fifty of the biggest UK employers have said they have no plans to return all staff to the office full-time in the near future.

Some 24 firms said that they did not have any plans in place to return workers to the office. However, 20 have opened their offices for staff unable to work from home.

It comes as many employees return to work from the summer holidays with the reality of a prolonged period of home working becoming increasingly likely.

The BBC questioned 50 big employers ranging from banks to retailers to get a sense of when they expected to ask employees to return to the office.

One of the main reasons given for the lack of a substantial return was

that firms could not see a way of accommodating large numbers of staff while social distancing regulations were still in place.

Many companies said they were offering choice and flexibility to those

who want to return, particularly in the banking and finance sectors.

A few firms have already announced they have no plans to return to the office until late autumn, and Facebook has said it does not

plan a return of employees until July 2021.

Some smaller businesses are deciding to abandon their offices altogether.

That means that city centre footfall

- which is the lifeblood of businesses that rely on office workers and commuters - would in the best case scenario be half of what it is in normal times.

Not everyone has deep enough pockets to afford such flexible working spaces. While many employees want the option of coming to the office, many now see home working as a right.

The knock-on effects of these changes to the world of work could be enormous and long lasting. If people don't need to be in the office, they can be anywhere. And the cost of commuter season tickets and expensive suburban housing within commuting distance of big cities is an expense employers could deduct.

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What you should know as your child returns to school

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September's on and that familiar back-to-school feeling is in the air again – only this year, it feels distinctly different.

And parents want to know that schools are as safe as they can be, as well as keen to fully understand the new rules and guidelines before their child returns to school.

Many schools across the UK have been communicating with parents over the summer holidays. Much communication has been keeping them informed of the adaptations they're making to classrooms and other spaces to safely welcome children and staff back at the start of the new academic year.

As schools implement new rules and conform to accommodate UK Government guidelines, some parents are still understandably

apprehensive about the full return to school, and are keen to know exactly how their children will be protected.

"If you're anxious about your child's return, start by reading up on what actions the school's put in place to help your child come back to school safely, so you feel really well informed," says Cassie Buchanan, headteacher of Charles Dickens Primary in Southwark, South London.

"Then, if you're still worried, contact your school and speak to your children's teachers or headteacher. They'll be able to talk things through with you, and if there's something specific you're concerned about, put a plan in place to help your child return to school safely."

Safe travel to school

Masks are currently mandatory on public transport for children 11 and above, but September will see extra pressure on travel networks as children return to school. Wherever possible, young people and their parents are encouraged to get active by travelling to and from school under their own steam – preferably by walking or using a bicycle.

The Government has also provided local authorities with extra funding to get pupils to school and college – for example, by hiring coaches to transport them. Where it's not possible to find an alternative to public transport, make sure your child is aware of the rules around how to travel safely, and know to take extra care.



Cassie Buchanan, headteacher of Charles Dickens Primary in Southwark, South London. (Images courtesy of Amit Lennon)

Support bubbles

The return to schools was announced back in July, and attendance will be compulsory for all but a few pupils – for example, if a GP advises against it.

Although such a large-scale return to normal might feel daunting, schools like Charles Dickens Primary have been working hard to manage the risk of Covid-19.

Teaching hand-washing and good hygiene is a priority, and headteachers may implement wearing

face coverings in public areas of the school corridors. Children will learn and play in 'support bubbles' alongside their classmates and year. In the event that a child tests positive for the coronavirus, they and the adults and children in their bubble may be asked to quarantine.

"Parents need to know that schools are as safe as they can be, and that if schools have put the guidelines into place, then they're really lovely places for children to be," Buchanan adds.

"They also need to know that schools are the best place for their children in September, for their wellbeing and learning."



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“The return to school is going to be hugely positive for children’s mental health – being with their friends, testing parts of their personality, learning how to be with people, getting face-to-face feedback from their teachers, and being able to celebrate their work publicly.”

“They’ll also benefit from being able to run around and do music and dance, design and technology – those things that require space and equipment, which you can’t really do if you’re homeschooling. It’s so important for children to be with others of their own age, and enjoy all those joyful things we remember from our own childhoods.”



Your Child's Wellbeing

The good news is that since lockdown in March, the prevalence of Covid-19 has significantly decreased.

As schools work to create safer environments for everyone, they’re also working with the NHS Test and Trace system to contain any outbreaks that might occur.

Public Health England (PHE) wants families to feel safe in the knowledge that everything is being done to assure children are protected.

PHE Chief Nurse Viv Bennett says: “Parents can be reassured that to maximise safety in schools, and extremely stringent system of controls have been advised by PHE and is published in Department for Education guidance.”

Chief Medical Officers across England, Ireland Scotland and Wales have highlighted how staying away from school could exacerbate children’s mental health issues. That’s something that Cassie Buchanan has seen first-hand in both parents and children, despite the best efforts of everyone involved. And as a headteacher, her priority is the happiness and wellbeing of her pupils.

“We’ve seen lockdown as a challenge, and tried to rise to it, but it’s been most challenging for

those children who’ve been at home all this time,” she says.

“It’s really hard to learn at home, especially if your parents are trying to do their job as well, or you’ve got siblings trying to learn around the same kitchen table.”

“We completely understand how complicated and tiring and stressful it’s been for parents too, which is why we’ve been so keen to reopen. And the thing children have really missed, not surprisingly, is their friends. We want children to be happy.”

As well as putting in place staggered drop-off and pick-up times will help avoid long queues at the school gates as well as other practical measures to protect children from the risk of coronavirus, Buchanan’s priority is the emotional wellbeing of children who might be worried about returning to school, anxious about reconnecting with friends, or out of touch with their usual routine.

“At Charles Dickens, we teach children how to talk about and name their emotions, so we’ve been encouraging parents to do some of that work at home,” says Buchanan.

“We’ve recommended that they start talking with their children about their worries now, and discuss how likely their worry is to happen

– is it a big worry, or quite a small one we can work on together?”

“We’ve also talked to parents about sleep and routines – getting back into a sensible bedtime, and talking about what a morning looks like when we’ve all got to get out of the house – and asked them to read through all the information we’ve sent out about the changes we’ve made, to familiarise themselves with it. School will still be school in so many ways.”

And, says Buchanan, teachers are looking forward to the return to school just as much as pupils. “Teachers want to teach – they want to be in a room with their pupils and develop those teacher-pupil relationships, don’t they?” she says. “Our teachers are so excited – they’ve been in their rooms, putting up displays and sharpening pencils. It’s keeping them out of the buildings that’s been the difficult thing! It’s lovely.”

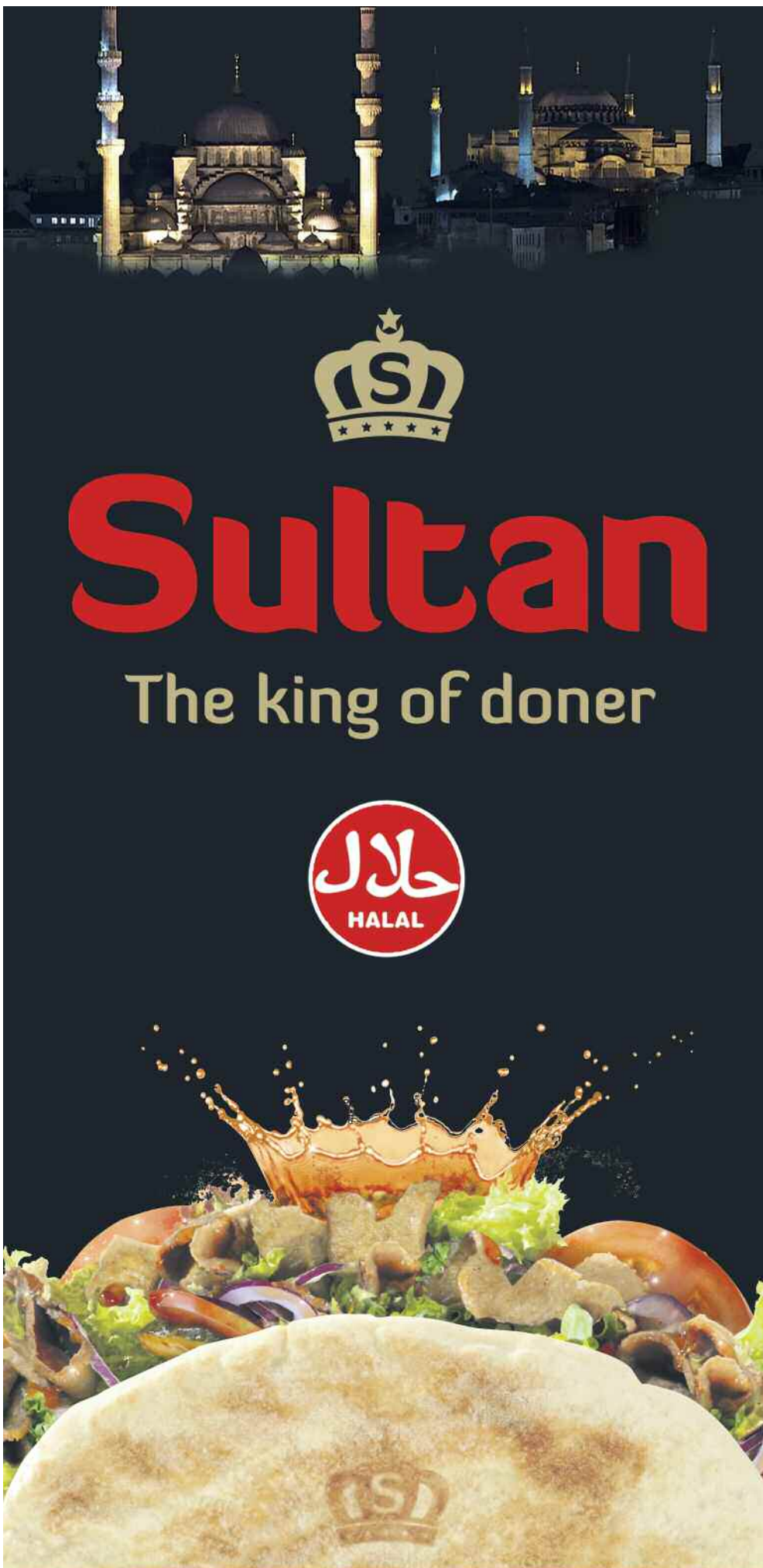
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COVID-19: Educational nightmare

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A study of 2,000 mums and dads revealed they think it will take at least three weeks on average before their child is fully settled back into the school routine.

A further two in five are worried about their youngster adjusting to the daily routine again after almost six months away from school. While 19 per cent think they will struggle with motivation, and a third are expecting their child to be exhausted upon their return to education in September.

Worryingly, more than one in 10 mums and dads fear it could take up to six weeks for their child to fully settle back into school – half an entire term.

The research, which was commissioned by Collins, also found 31 per cent of parents feel apprehensive and nervous about their child going back to school.

But despite their fears, a quarter also feel positive about September and 22 per cent are excited to see kids return to education.

Two thirds of parents feel optimistic about their child seeing their friends and 60 per cent like the fact they will once again have structured lessons during the day.

Lee Newman, education publisher at Collins, said: "This September will see a return to school like no other, and parents are understandably anxious about how their children will cope during the transition - it's uncharted territory for everyone."

"What this year has underlined is what a societal cornerstone schools are and how dedicated teachers are to the education and care of their pupils, and I think parents' fears will be allayed quite quickly once term is underway."

"Learning resources such as practice workbooks and revision guides have a great role to play as children get back up to speed."

"Parents can use them to model positive attitudes toward learning, they can be used informally to recap prior learning; and they

provide a great confidence boost as students' progress through the materials."

Half of parents think their children's social skills will have been affected after months away from the playground and classroom.

Other top worries around the return to school include the risk of their child catching Covid-19 (38 per cent), finding a five-day week difficult (27 per cent) and struggling academically (33 per cent).

Playing games during break time, seeing their favourite teachers and learning their preferred subjects are things parents believe children are most looking forward to.

Dr Kathy Weston, one of the leading experts on parental engagement in children's lives and learning, said: "It is normal to feel a little bit anxious about the start of the school term, and this year it might feel particularly acute."

"However, it's important that parents model the approach that we wish to see."

"By staying positive, focusing on the things we can control and expressing excitement about your child's step up into a new school year, we give them the best chance of a good start in September".

Parents' top 10 worries about their child returning to school

1. Adjusting to their daily routine again
2. The risk of catching Covid-19
3. That their child will struggle with their next stage of learning after the recent gap
4. Worries about social distancing and how this will affect their child
5. Their friendships being affected by the break
6. How tired they will be
7. How much they will struggle with homework
8. Their overall confidence being affected
9. Their overall mood
10. Adjusting to a new teacher or school without having any settling in days

Things parents feel positive about their child returning to school:

1. Seeing their friends again
2. Getting back into a routine
3. Having structured lessons during the day
4. Spending time in the classroom
5. Getting more physical exercise





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The British government has fined Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) leader Altaf Hussain for £2 million over income tax evasion and an investigation is already underway to determine the full extent of the MQM leader's financial matters.

Documents show that Altaf Hussain has been fined for not paying nearly over £2 million to the national exchequer over a period of 20 years for evading taxes over large earnings running into millions of pounds.

The tax investigation is based on income, payments, assets accumulation and National Insurance contributions which were

never paid since 1995-2015. The investigation is based on the estimated income and monthly expenditures of the MQM leader and his workers.

At his home in Edgware, Hussain is protected round the clock by three full-time bouncers; two maids; a full-time driver and a cook. His house expenditure alone and settlement payment to his former wife Fiza Gabol and daughter Afzaa is estimated to be around £50,000 per month. This amount doesn't include the payments made to Hussain's party full-time staff at the MQM London office for over 20 years.

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BUSINESS

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What Happens When Business Partners Fall Out?

A partnership is essentially a business run by two or more people with a view to making a profit. Unlike an incorporated company it is very simple to set up a partnership. In fact a partnership can be formed by an oral agreement between the parties without any paperwork involved. Indeed, many people do not realise that by going into business with someone else they are effectively setting up a partnership. However, in some cases the partners will have disagreements and will fall out. The current economic climate caused by the coronavirus will undoubtedly increase the likelihood of this.

If the parties have entered into a partnership without a formal partnership agreement having been drawn up then any dispute between the partners will be dealt with under the Partnership Act 1890. However, compared to a detailed partnership agreement, the Act can be somewhat lacking in its provisions as it only covers the bare essentials of a partnership. For example, there is no provision within that Act for removing an errant partner. This therefore means that in the event of a dispute where there is no partnership agreement setting out a procedure for resolving that dispute, the partnership would have to be dissolved.

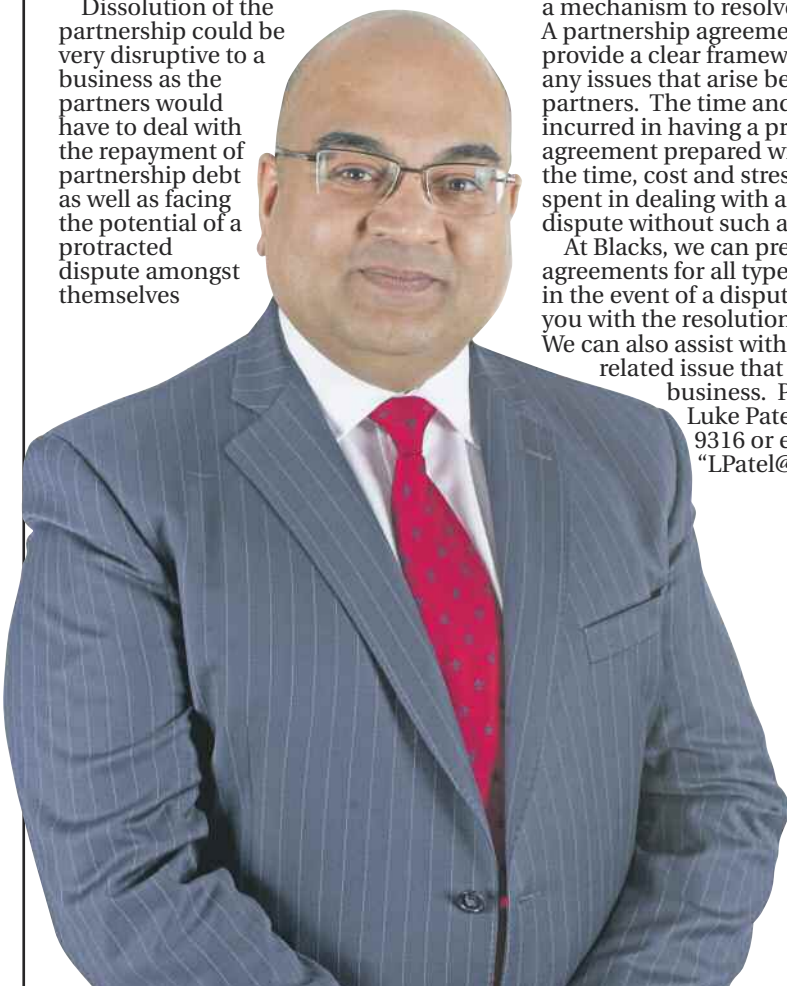
Dissolution of the partnership could be very disruptive to a business as the partners would have to deal with the repayment of partnership debt as well as facing the potential of a protracted dispute amongst themselves

regarding various partnership issues.

By contrast, a properly drawn up partnership agreement can specify what should occur in certain scenarios and what is expected of each partner within the partnership. For example, if a partner was to leave the partnership, the partnership agreement could stipulate the circumstances in which the departing partner could withdraw his capital from the partnership, the payment of his share of the partnership debt as well as determining what are personal and what are partnership assets. The partnership agreement could also deal with the introduction of new partners to replace departing ones. Further, a partnership agreement will normally have a mechanism setting out the circumstances as to when a partner can be removed and what should happen to his share of partnership assets and the payment of partnership debts. There could also be provisions which allow a partner to be bought out by the remaining partners with a detailed mechanism for valuing the outgoing partner's share of the partnership.

Properly drafted partnership agreements can prevent disputes from arising as they will detail the rights and obligations of the partners in any dispute. Where disagreements do arise the partnership agreement can provide a mechanism to resolve those disputes. A partnership agreement can therefore provide a clear framework for resolving any issues that arise between the partners. The time and expense incurred in having a proper partnership agreement prepared will far outweigh the time, cost and stress which would be spent in dealing with a partnership dispute without such an agreement.

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Fined over £2 million



MQM leader Altaf Hussain slapped with penalty for evading income taxes

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Dozens of people have worked in a full-time and part-time capacity from the MQM's International Secretariat.

At its peak, nearly 20 people were on the payroll of the MQM and it's understood that the recipients were getting cash in hand as many of the recipients also received government benefits for living and income.

According to a source close to Altaf Hussain, the MQM founder has contested the civil proceedings stating that he never earned any money, has never been employed and was not obliged to pay income tax to HMRC.

He has told the investigators that he has been managing his life through donations given by loyalists from Pakistan and abroad and as head of a political party he was entrusted to use those funds to maintain his lifestyle – free of taxes.

Although the MQM leader has contested the fine through his lawyers and the investigation is of a criminal nature but the investigation is so wide-ranging that it has badly impacted the financial situation of the MQM leader. Sources within the MQM have confirmed that the HMRC's investigation is amongst the main reasons behind Muhammad Anwar and Tariq Mir's decision to part ways with Hussain.

Both Tariq Mir and Muhammad Anwar dealt with taxation and financial issues for the party for over two years – until their relation broke up around four years ago. Anwar and Tariq Mir are qualified accountants and were responsible for the financial and tax matters of the party and founder Altaf Hussain.

Both Anwar and Tariq provided a base to the MQM founder in 1994 at their accountancy firm in Mill Hill when Altaf left Karachi for London.

Before his colleagues and inner-party

circles, Hussain has accused Tariq Mir and Anwar for not guiding him properly and for failing to pay dues to the government while they were the ones responsible for all the financial matters, that is why Altaf Hussain asked his followers to protest outside Tariq Mirs residential address in 2019.

Both Anwar and Mir have been named in the HMRC investigation and Hussain's lawyers have told the HMRC that the blame for not paying the arrears and dues should rest with them as he personally didn't handle the financial matters.

The HMRC has not blamed Mir and Anwar of any wrongdoing. Papers seen by this reporter show that in their submission, Mir and Anwar have told the investigators that Hussain didn't listen to their advice on managing monies, and was the sole person to decide where the funds were to be allocated.

Hussain, Mir and Anwar have been at odds over the transfer of two properties worth nearly £1.5 million to the MQM founder's name.

Anwar and Mir are titleholders – and legal owners of 221 Whitchurch Lane and 185 Whitchurch lane properties, however, MQM is the beneficial owner of the properties. Although, currently the two properties are occupied by the people close to Altaf Hussain but legally Anwar and Mir are owners of the properties.

When Altaf Hussain pressed them to transfer the properties, Mir and Anwar told him privately first and then through lawyers they that they awaited the final resolution of the HMRC case.

In a legal letter sent to Hussain, Anwar and Mir had written that "the on-going HMRC inquiry" was their concern and that they expected Hussain to discharge all dues, arrears or penalties payable to the HMRC.

Both of them have further said that they will not be transferring the two properties to Altaf Hussain under any circumstances. They have said that one property will be transferred to Dr Imran Farooq's widow Shumaila Imran Farooq and the other for the relatives of MQM-Pakistan's martyrs.

The HMRC is currently of the view that paying taxes was the responsibility of Altaf Hussain, not any other individual or anyone else associated with him.

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Think twice about body shaming

Black Panther actor Chadwick Boseman experienced a barrage of abuse over his appearance before his death

Chadwick Boseman, 43, the actor best-known for starring as T'Challa in Marvel's 'Black Panther', died on 28th August, after a silent four-year-battle with colon cancer.

During that time, Boseman was seen and pictured looking much smaller in bulk than his character in the global-hit movie, and faced mockery online for his noticeable weight loss.

One picture in particular sparked over million comments, and a discourse that took on a momentum of its own. Jibes labelled him as the 'crack panther', speculating his weight loss was down to drug abuse.

But Boseman's tragic death serves as a harsh reminder to think twice before commenting on someone's weight loss.

Without knowing the full context, a cursory comment might inadvertently praise or shame someone dealing with a serious physical or mental health condition.

We now know that many mistakenly assumed Boseman's weight change to

be a personal choice or lifestyle change, rather than a serious illness. It is just another example of how we so often miss the mark, with hurtful consequences.

The revelation of his death, which explained the weight loss, underscored a lack, and a need, for compassion in the way we talk about weight loss or gain without knowing the broader picture.

The fact that Boseman had been criticised for his weight loss speaks to how superficially most people view others when their sole basis for judgment is the images they see online.

It's up to us to remember that what we see doesn't represent anything close to the whole story.

The conversation about Boseman's body-shaming echoes previous vitriolic debates about celebrities like Adele and Jason Momoa, and is a reminder that sometimes the best policy for commenting on weight loss is to simply mind your own business.

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■ RIP: Chadwick Boseman had continued to work in between treatment for cancer, but his weight loss was mocked across social media labelling him as 'crack panther', assuming his weight loss was down to drug abuse

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It's a myth that weight gain, or loss, is automatically better or worse for health. That depends entirely on context, including a person's overall health and life circumstances.

The reality is, healthy bodies come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and external appearance is a notoriously bad marker of internal health, research has shown.

Weight fluctuations can happen for a variety of reasons, including by choice, from unexpected shifts in physical or mental health, or due to changing circumstances in someone's life.

That doesn't stop people from making frequent jokes or jabs about weight online, however. Body shaming, which can happen to people of all genders and sizes, is linked to poor self image and worse health outcomes, according to research.

Boseman faced criticism for losing weight from his muscular Black Panther appearance, highlighting how being perceived as too skinny or small can be one source of shaming, particularly for men.

Weight fluctuations can happen for a variety of reasons, including by choice, from unexpected shifts in physical or mental health, or due to changing circumstances in someone's life.

But weight gain can be subject to even more stigma. Even famously-ripped actor Jason Momoa was body-shamed for appearing in public without his

signature six-pack abs. A muscular, lean physique is one of many idealised body images that can be unrealistic for most people, requiring good genes and a lot of work to achieve and sustain.

Both losing and gaining weight could be related to a variety of mental health issues or physical illnesses. These include cancer, as in Boseman's case, but also anxiety, depression, and more.

As a result, well-meaning compliments about someone's weight changes could be embarrassing if it was unintentional and something the person is self-conscious about. Even worse, it could send an accidental message that you value their appearance more than their overall health, potentially reinforcing unhealthy habits of weight management, including eating disorders.

Since Chadwick's death, the hashtag #WakandaForever has been trending.

Think twice about body shaming



Bee venom 'kills breast cancer cells in the lab within an hour'

Honeybee venom can kill breast cancer cells in the laboratory, according to "incredibly exciting" research.

Scientists found honeybee venom rapidly destroyed triple-negative and HER2-enriched breast cancer cells; the former of which is notoriously difficult to treat.

And a specific concentration of the venom led to 100% cancer cell death, while having "minimal effects" on healthy tissue, according to them.

Honeybee venom contains a compound called melittin, which can "destroy cancer cell membranes within 60 minutes" by interfering with pathways the malignant tissue uses to replicate.

The poisonous substance's potential for treating the disease was first report in a 1950 edition of the journal Nature, with scientists demonstrating venom reduced tumour growth in patients.

"This is an incredibly exciting observation that melittin, a major component of honeybee venom, can suppress the growth of deadly breast cancer cells, particularly triple-negative breast cancer," said lead author Dr Ciara Duffy.

"Significantly, this study demonstrates how melittin interferes with signalling

pathways within breast cancer cells to reduce cell replication.

"It provides another wonderful example of where compounds in nature can be used to treat human diseases."

One in seven women in the UK, will statistically develop breast cancer at some point in their life.

Treatment options vary depending on the cells affected and the aggressiveness of the disease.

Triple-negative breast cancer cells do not express receptors for the hormones oestrogen or progesterone, or the Her2 protein.

Lacking these receptors means certain treatments, like hormone therapy, are ineffective.

To better understand the potential of venom in treating breast cancer, the scientists collected the poisonous substance from 312 honeybees and bumblebees.

"No one had previously compared the effects of honeybee venom or melittin across all of the different subtypes of breast cancer and normal cells," said Dr Duffy.

"We tested honeybee venom on normal breast cells and cells from the clinical subtypes of breast cancer: hormone receptor positive, HER2-enriched and triple-negative

breast cancer.

"We tested a very small, positively charged peptide in honeybee venom called melittin, which we could reproduce synthetically, and found the synthetic product mirrored the majority of the anti-cancer effects of honeybee venom."

Results, published in the journal NPJ Nature Precision Oncology, revealed honeybee venom rapidly destroyed triple-negative and HER2-enriched breast cancer cells.

The bumblebee venom did not induce cell death, even at very high concentrations.

"We found honeybee venom and melittin significantly, selectively and rapidly reduced the viability of triple-negative breast cancer and HER2-enriched breast cancer cells," said Dr Duffy.

"The venom was extremely potent. We found melittin can completely destroy cancer cell membranes within 60 minutes."

The scientists also discovered that within just 20 minutes, melittin reduced the chemical messages sent within cancer cells, which are essential for their growth and division.

The compound could also be given alongside existing chemotherapy drugs, according to the scientists.

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Shockingly, 84 per cent of women believed social media sets unrealistic expectations of what skin should look like.

A study of 2,000 females found that quarter of women use a filter on photos of themselves before posting on social media, and this figure more than doubles for women aged 24 and under, as 51 per cent admit to rarely uploading an unaltered photo online.

Instead, women use digital distortion apps and filters to erase these blemishes before sharing the picture online.

Worryingly, half of respondents said they received more 'likes' and positive comments on pictures where they filtered out their 'flaws', compared with unedited images.

Just 16 per cent of those with cellulite, scars or stretch marks have ever posted a photo of themselves on social media with these 'so-called imperfections' visible.

The research was commissioned by Dove, which is partnering with body confidence advocates to encourage women to celebrate the unique story their skin tells.

TV personality and mum-of-three Stacey Solomon, who often shares

A quarter of women use a filter on photos of themselves before posting on social media

images of her stretch marks on social media, is working with the skincare brand.

She said: "No matter how hard society or social media tries to tell us that we are not enough, women's bodies are incredible and should be celebrated.

"I love my stretch marks, every inch of my body is part of my story, as a woman and as a mother, I wouldn't change an inch.

"This is why I'm championing the campaign to share and celebrate my skin, stretch-marked and dimpled, to encourage other women to embrace the stories their own skin tells.

"Over the past few years, I've learned to embrace and love the body that I live in and I know that seeing other women's real bodies is so empowering.

"I'm going to keep sharing images of my skin, unfiltered, and hope other women will join me."

The research also revealed a third (33 per cent) of women described their skin as 'blemished', 28 per cent

said it's 'saggy' - and more than one in 10 (13 per cent) even went as far as to say it's 'ugly'.

As a result, 65 per cent want to see more people posting unedited and unfiltered images of themselves, with

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73 per cent believing it would help them feel less pressure to have 'perfect skin'.

When it comes to looking after their skin, it also emerged 39 per cent of women prefer to use personal care products that are formulated specifically for their needs.

However, almost three quarters (73 per cent) believe personalised skincare products are too expensive.

Nikki Comiskey from Dove, which has launched a new range of moisturising body washes to suit unique skin needs, said: "Our skin tells a story - whether that's a childhood memory, a thirty-year friendship marked by a tattoo, motherhood, or a story of survival.

"Our stories and our skin are unique, which is why our skin deserves lasting, personalised care."

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Empowering women

Daring Yorkshire-based filmmaker Asim Abbasi changing the face of Pakistani dramas

An investment banker turned filmmaker has set the digital steaming world on fire with the release of his controversial never-seen-before narrative in a Pakistani drama series.

Written and directed by critically-acclaimed Leeds-based Asim Abbasi of 'Cake' fame, 'Churails' is about women on the fringes of society coming together as an empowered entity to tackle a myriad of brush-under-the-carpet issues such as male infidelity, child abuse and domestic violence.

'Churails', which literally translates as 'witches', released via

the digital platform ZEE5 Global earlier this month as it's first original series.

It challenges the hypocrisy of patriarchal societies vanquishing women and their rights.

And that's Abbasi's attempt to set the female narrative right - he feels it is important to build a culture without toxic masculinity, and says men play a very important role in creating that culture.

Abbasi, a London School of Economics graduate, first made waves when his 2018 debut feature film 'Cake' was selected as the official Pakistani entry for the Best Foreign Language Film category at the 91st Oscars.

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But now through his 10-episode female-centric drama 'Churails', featuring an alcoholic, a burkha boxer, an ex-convict, same-sex relationships (illegal in Pakistan) and transgender characters, his controversial content has sparked a whole host of tenacious debates and broken some exceptionally hard-set stereotypes.

Talking about why he left the very lucrative world of investment banking for film, Abbasi says: "I always had a creative side urging me to explore writing and filmmaking."

"Entering the world of film from a solid ten-years in investment banking was a daunting conversation that I wasn't sure how to have with my parents. It was eventually my wife who encouraged me to take the leap and do what I so deeply desired to do."

"I left the financial sector and attended SOAS University of London, and then the London film academy."

"Afterwards I began making short films for festivals, and then wrote and produced 'Cake'. It was a big hit with UK and US audiences, then globally via Netflix."

Produced via Zindagi, which originally curated Pakistani content for Indian audiences, Abbasi has aspired to capture not only the younger generations in India and Pakistan but also global audiences – especially those who would turn to other streaming services.

"Digital platforms are a medium outside the restrictions of television, broadcasters and regulators and politics. I believe 'Churails' is a timely show with pertinent themes that will resonate with audiences globally," adds Abbasi.

"Growing up, my personal space was always filled by strong women and an empathetic father, which was in stark contrast from reality."

"About 70 to 80 per cent filmmakers in the world are men, and what we can do is, at least as men, tell stories about women, be allies and push them forward. I hungered to do that."

Abbasi had been toying with ideas of how to represent a whole host of women that were rarely ever brought in front of the lens. He wanted to push the boundaries on female rage, oppression and freedom of expression as well as liberation.

And Abbasi has certainly done all of those things through his power-packed narrative in 'Churails'.

The series pivots around two elite socialites and their flamboyant lifestyles - a lawyer-turned-housewife (played by Sarwat Gilani Mirza), an alcoholic upper-class events planner (Yasra Rizvi), a teenage boxer (Meher Bano) bound by the controls of her father, and an ex convict (Nimra Bucha) unaccepted by society after serving time for a brutal murder.

Narrating the story of the four self-proclaimed churails who come together to open a covert detective agency, the women team up to expose cheating husbands amongst the city's elite.

As their operations expand, they become saviours of abused, harassed, and mistreated women. The gripping and fast-paced storyline covers myriad issues such as child abuse, sexism, the domination of class and race.

Shailja Kejriwal, Chief Creative Officer at Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd says: "Shows on Zindagi have always been unconventional, real and impactful. I am excited for the audiences' reaction to the show."

"There is an increasing need for women's voices to be heard, and not stereotype fierce women for their strength, or patronise them for their insecurities."

"Churails is bold, vulnerable, and empowering all at the same time."



Empowering women

Daring Yorkshire-based filmmaker Asim Abbasi changing the face of Pakistani dramas



CHURAILS: Main Characters

1. Sarwat Gillani as Sara

Sarwat Gillani plays the role of an established lawyer who has given up her career to become a stay at home mother. When she finds out her husband is cheating on her, she decides that she has sacrificed enough and it's time to live the life she wants.

2. Yasra Rizvi as Jugnu

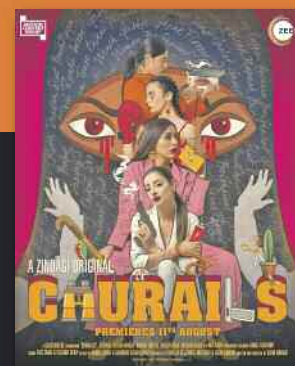
Yasra Rizvi is the socialite with an alcohol addiction. She constantly has to fight the tags that society puts on her and works as an event/wedding planner, before joining the detective agency. She is the one organising the finance and operations for the detective agency but she tries to hide her own problems with alcohol addiction.

3. Meher Bano as Zubeida

Meher Bano plays the role of Zubeida, an aspiring boxer from a poor household. She runs away from home to fulfil her dreams because her family refuses to let her become a fighter. She is also tough as nails and convinces the Churails to support more underprivileged women.

4. Nimra Bucha as Batool

Nimra Bucha plays Batool, a foul-mouthed ex-convict. She has served a term of 20 years in jail for killing her husband and has the ability to bring fear in anyone she wants to. Batool remains poker-faced and doesn't speak much to hide her hurt from her past.



Timeless romance...

World's largest Urdu-language festival goes online

The sixth edition of the world's largest Urdu-language festival is to be hosted outside India for the first time.

Jashn-e-Rekhta 2020 (festival of Urdu language) has finely curated artistic programmes representing the rich tapestry of Urdu culture and heritage.

In the spirit of 'the show must go on', organisers have taken the entire showcase online due to Covid-19 measures, but promise that it will be a fully immersive and interactive experience for attendees.

The two-day cultural event is a virtual re-creation of the annual Jashn-e-Rekhta festival that takes place in Delhi, India; it will bring together exclusive sessions and will open a digital archive of art forms including poetry (mushaira), literature, storytelling (dastangoi), ghazals, sufi music, qawwali as well as dance and drama.

Being the brainchild of Sanjiv Saraf, who set up the Rekhta Foundation in

2012 which has curated world's largest online free repository of Urdu language poetry on Rekhta.org, it is visited by over 300,000 people every month from 175 countries.

Mr Saraf commented: "It is my ambition to spotlight everything the Urdu-language has given us, from poetry, prose, philosophy, a humane and civilised medium of communication and of course, timeless romance."

"Urdu is the fourth main language in England and Wales and ranked third in the top 10 most spoken languages in London. Hopefully, we will be back in the UK soon with a live festival."

"As one of the most elegant languages, Urdu can express love in all its manifestations, divine and earthly, using the most beautiful symbolism. No matter who speaks it, magic is always felt."

"This global festival gives us the opportunity to experience this magic through musical performances, discourses, dance and theatre."



FOUNDER: Rekhta Foundation's Sanjiv Saraf promises programmes showcasing the rich tapestry of the Urdu language

The festival will bring to life 32 sessions across three stages over the weekend and will include:

- Javed Akhtar and Manoj Muntashir, poets and lyricists from two different generations present 'Cinema - Kal aur Aaj' - a conversation around films, lyrics and Urdu poetry.

- Dr. Azra Raza, the highly acclaimed physicist, scientist and author presents the world of Ghalib in her grand style.

- The play 'Miya, Biwi aur Wagah' - an Indo-Pak story told through letters by the UAE based journalist duo Amna Khaishgi & Ehtesham Shahid, will be screened, marking its first ever screening in the UK region.

- Zia Mohyeddin will recite Padhant and Anwar Maqsood will share Aina Khane Mein Lafz

- Yawar Abbas relives the golden years of radio with fellow broadcasters Raza Ali Abidi and Pervaiz Alam.

- Sania Saeed, renowned Pakistani actor, Tanuja Chandra, Indian film director, and Nasreen Munni Kabir, filmmaker and author, will discuss the contribution of Urdu to the world of cinema and television.

- Celebrating the 500th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, another specially curated session of music and poetry will be showcased.

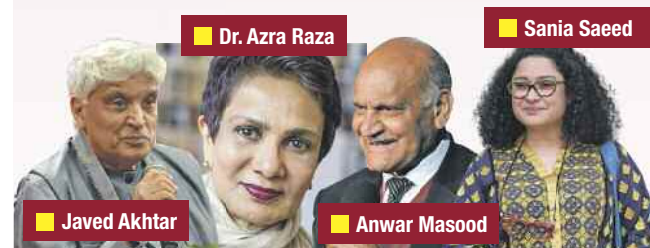
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Oodles Chinese now has two branches in Yorkshire after it opened its 60-seater Bradford location on Leeds Road last December. It is the second store in Yorkshire after bringing the brand to Leeds for their first branch in The Merrion Centre in August this year.

Franchise owner Khurum Akhtar

said: "Our concept of fresh and unique tasting Indo Chinese food is something Yorkshire has never experienced before."

"We have invested into creating a real experience in both our stores which includes an open kitchen area where customers can see their food being freshly prepared."



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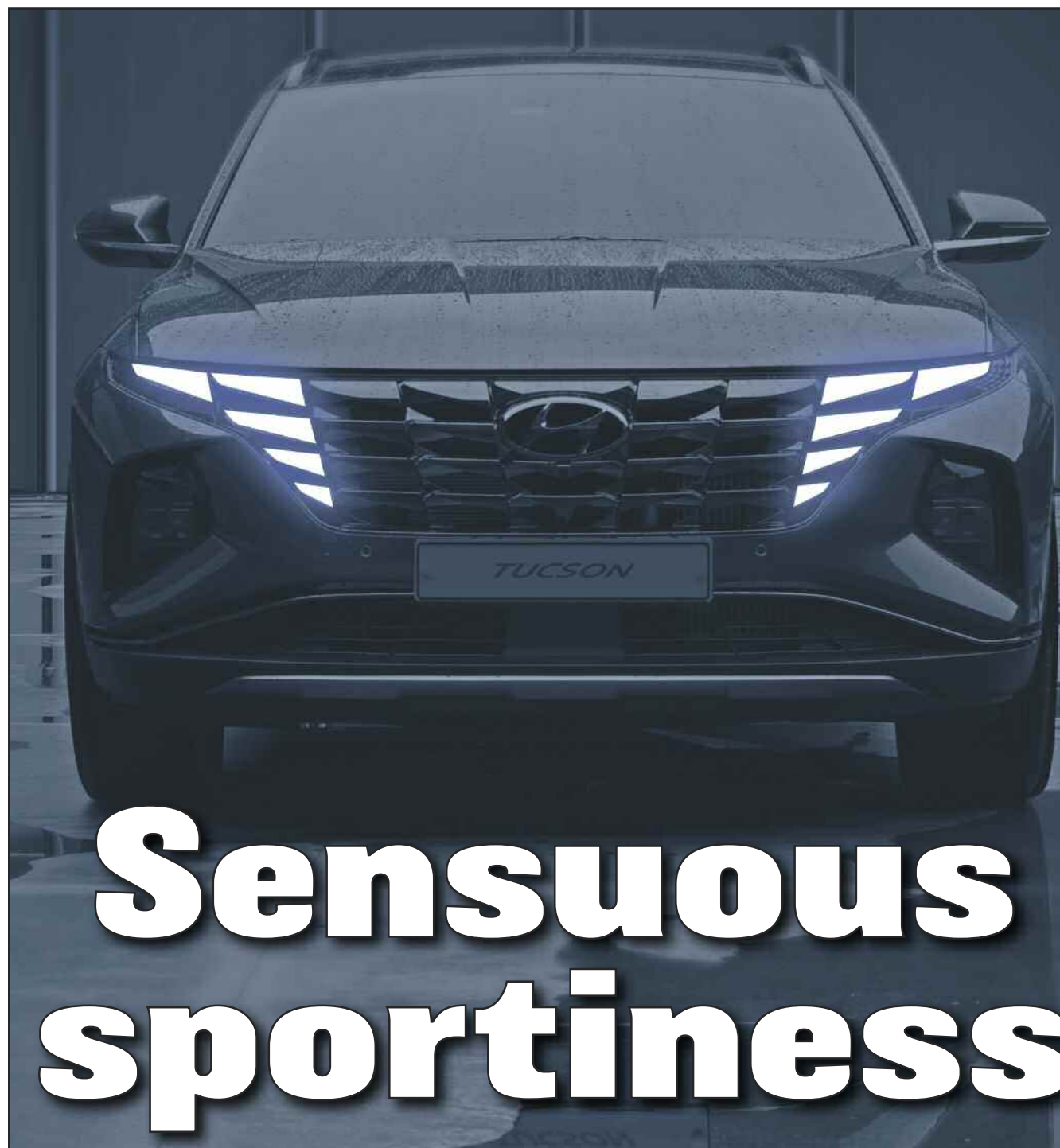
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All-new Tucson delivers ultimate revolution and definitive statement



Hyundai Motor has just revealed the first images of its all-new Tucson.

New design highlights include the latest evolution of Hyundai's signature headlamp architecture called 'Parametric Hidden Lights' and a dual cockpit layout that offers personalised space intuitively optimised for a high-tech user experience.

The images hint at innovative features befitting Tucson's signature boldness and pioneering spirit.

The digital world premiere of the all-new Tucson will take place at 02:30 CEST on 15 September. The livestream, a teaser video and images will be available at hyundai.com and on Hyundai's social media channels.

The all-new Tucson's advanced exterior styling expresses what Hyundai designers call 'Parametric Dynamics' that utilises lines, faces, angles and shapes to create kinetic jewel-like surface details through digital data to offer unprecedented, bold design aesthetics.

Parametric Hidden Lights provide a strong first impression. These signature Daytime Running Lights (DRLs) are seamlessly integrated into the jewel-like grille, and only revealed when switched on by the driver.

Overall, the new Tucson's body is bigger and wider than previous generation models, offering a long hood and short overhangs on a stretched wheelbase that give it a slinky coupé-like character. From the side, angular body panels offer yet another interpretation of this parametric design.

Chiseled surfaces create a striking contrast between a sleek silhouette and masculine wedge, suggesting forward motion even when standing still. Taut athletic shapes seamlessly merge into angular wheel arches, where alloy wheels provide a powerful and dynamic stance.

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The world's first electric classic Rolls Royce

Lunaz, the leading creator of electric classic cars, will start of production of the world's only electrified Rolls-Royce cars. The Rolls-Royce marque joins existing electrified classic cars from Jaguar and Bentley in the Lunaz portfolio.

A 1961 Rolls-Royce Phantom V has now completed the Lunaz reengineering process. This includes ground-up restoration and the incorporation of Lunaz's proprietary electric powertrain and full suite of hardware and software upgrades.

Perfectly clothed, the car's timeless proportions and unmistakable presence with a contemporary two-tone paint scheme, with Midland Grey on the upper of the car and Cinereous Grey on the lower.

The interior scheme tastefully echoes the exterior. The very finest sustainably-sourced leather is crafted by Lunaz's in-house specialist team

and specified in Argent Grey. Instead of traditional seat piping, a double welt feature is presented in Whisper with Argent Grey, creating a contemporary pinstripe detail.

The feature line's subtle shade of pink is referenced as an unexpected detail feature on the inside of the grab-handles, placed for the convenience of occupants as they enter and exit the car.

The original woodwork has been painstakingly restored and finished with a contemporary satin treatment. This sympathetic update is offset with rose gold inlays. This approach extends to the door cappings, front fascia and the picnic table backs affixed to the privacy division that separates the driver and rear passenger compartment.

Every car by Lunaz is built with subtly placed modern technological conveniences. The driver benefits

from a fully integrated infotainment system including satellite navigation. Audio can be split between the rear and front to ensure passengers are able to listen to music without interruption from the driver's sat-nav instructions. Climate control is also significantly upgraded to incorporate modern air conditioning with the capability to dictate differing air settings depending on each occupant's preference.

Two screens are integrated behind the privacy division's picnic tables allowing rear occupants to watch films and mirror screens from mobile devices. A bar service occupies the centre of the unit and has been custom built to perfectly fit the owner's favourite brand of tequila. Every Lunaz client will be invited to specify dimensions for their beverage of choice.

The 1961 Rolls-Royce Phantom by

Lunaz is built in eight-seat configuration with a front bench for three occupants, rear bench for a further three and two occasional seats. Occupants throughout will benefit from Lunaz's commitment to specifying only the very best materials. For example, rear floor mats have been custom made in alpaca wool, a material that is rarer than cashmere, softer than lambswool and is considered highly sustainable.

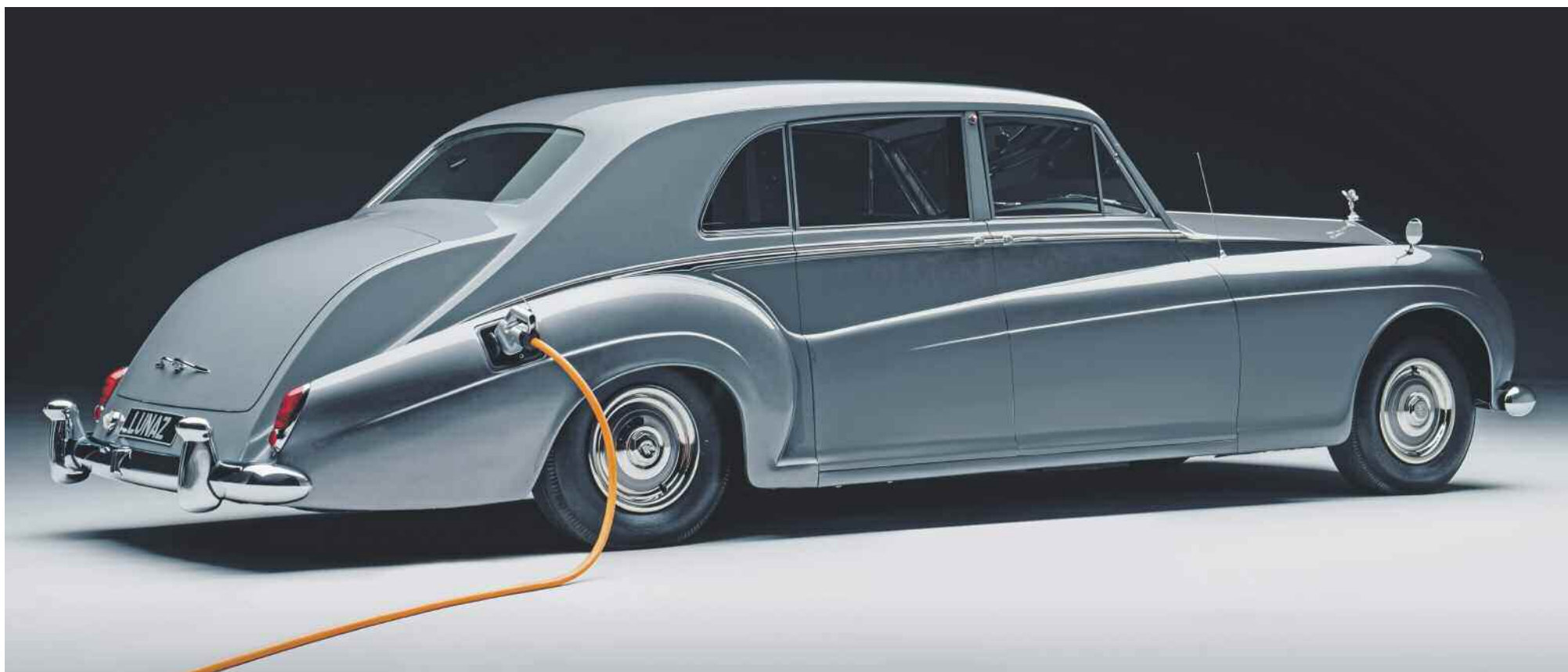
Production allocation for the first tranche of Rolls-Royce cars by Lunaz will be strictly limited to 30. Orders are already being taken from Lunaz's existing client base and some of the most celebrated and influential institutions in the world.

Following demand for electrified Phantoms, Lunaz elected to begin creating Rolls-Royce Silver Clouds. From today, clients are invited to

secure allocation for these cars in a range of body styles, including four-door limousine, two-door coupé and drop head coupé.

The start of production of the world's first electric Rolls-Royce cars follows a surge in demand for the electrification of pinnacle classic cars. This is driven by a rebalancing of car collections for a clean air future. To meet this demand, Lunaz is doubling its workforce at its Technical HQ in Silverstone, England.

Electric Rolls-Royces by Lunaz will be available in every global market. Allocation can only be secured through direct relationship with the factory. Prices for a Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud by Lunaz starts at £350,000 (not including local taxes). Pricing for a Rolls-Royce Phantom by Lunaz starts at £500,000 (not including local taxes).



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Low emissions - high power

Kia Motors has just revealed the all-new Kia Sorento Plug-in Hybrid - an ultra-low emissions version of the brand's flagship global SUV.

The Sorento Plug-in Hybrid is the second electrified model in the all-new Sorento line-up, and sits alongside the low-emissions Sorento Hybrid. The new variant combines a powerful turbocharged petrol engine with a high capacity battery pack and high output electric motor, giving drivers the ability to complete shorter drives on all-electric, zero-emissions power.

The Plug-in Hybrid variant achieves this while maximising space and versatility, with the innovative platform that underpins the fourth-generation Sorento designed from the outset to accommodate electrified powertrains. The new platform and large body ensures the Plug-in Hybrid model retains the generous cabin and luggage space and five- and seven-seat layouts that define other models in the line-up.

Pablo Martinez Masip,

Director of Product Planning and Pricing at Kia Motors Europe, comments: “The Sorento Plug-in Hybrid completes the new fourth-generation Sorento line-up, and is one of two electrified models available to European drivers. It deploys a turbo hybrid powertrain to boost performance, while reducing the car's environmental impact and running costs. Plug-in models continue to grow in popularity across Europe, and the new Sorento will be one of the most spacious, practical and versatile electrified models available.”

In the first half of 2020, electrified models – including mild-hybrid, hybrid, battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles – accounted for around one in four of all Kia vehicles sold in Europe*, with sales accelerating year-on-year.

Sales of the Sorento Plug-in Hybrid will commence in select European markets in early 2021, with Kia's unique seven-year, 100,000 miles warranty as standard. UK on-sale date, pricing and specification will be announced in due course.

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- Innovative powertrain packaging, with space for up to seven occupants
- Wide range of connected car, driver assist and comfort technologies
- European sales start in early 2021, with seven-year, 100,000 miles warranty



Hyundai teases with new models



Hyundai Motor has shared a glimpse of its upcoming new Kona and Kona N Line SUVs that express Hyundai's Sensuous Sportiness global design identity.

The new Kona gets a wider stance and a shark-inspired nose that gives the model a sleeker look.

Upgraded daytime running lamps give it a high-tech, sophisticated style. Front skid plate and bumper add to its armoured appearance.

The new Kona N Line receives a more aerodynamic design with low-set air intakes and a more aggressive front bumper, complemented by corner fins and lean crease lines. The N Line model offers an attractive entry point to the N Brand and expands Kona's appeal to a broader range of customers.

More design details on the new Kona and Kona N Line will be revealed in the coming weeks.

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“I’m living the dream” says Aqsa Mushtaq on joining Italian women’s team

A young woman is continuing to score goals in the hearts of her fellow Bradfordians after she was hand-picked to play professional football for Serie A Women’s side Napoli.

Aqsa Mushtaq’s family realised she was football-crazy when she began playing football at the tender age of six. The youngest of three siblings, she’d be found kicking the ball about with her brother at every opportunity.

In her early teens, despite the wider Asian community finding it rather odd that a girl they knew was dressed in shorts kicking a ball about, it was when she was awarded a full scholarship at Lenoir Rhyne University in North Carolina, that they began to take her seriously.

Smashing stereotypes of British Pakistani girls, the Tong High School student at the time played for Bradford’s Women’s Premier League North Division.

Upon being awarded the US scholarship in 2016, she left the water-logged pitches of West Yorkshire for the sun-kissed fields of North Carolina to pursue her football adventure whilst studying for a sports psychology degree.

After graduating and returning home during the government-imposed Covid-19 lockdown in March, 22-year-old Aqsa was contacted by an agent for Napoli looking for a winger.

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Bradford’s football icon



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“An agent called and said the team liked the video they’d seen of me, and they needed a winger who was a good dribbler – I was thrilled!”

“Then the club got in touch and signed me up, and I arrived in Italy on Monday 17th August.

“I had to undergo the Covid-19 test, I had to wait 48-hours before I could meet the team. It was just fantastic, they were all really welcoming.”

With Napoli giving Aqsa all the bells and whistles including paid for accommodation, she says she’s settled in really well and praised the professionalism of the team and coaches.

Talking to Asian Express, Aqsa tells: “When I was younger I faced a fair bit of criticism from Asian families we knew. Someone was always ready to say something unwelcome – you know



– ‘girls shouldn’t do this’ or ‘girls shouldn’t do that’.

“Luckily, my immediate family has been incredibly supportive. They welcomed my chance to study and play

the sport in North Carolina.

“And now with me playing professionally, things have gone to a whole new level.”

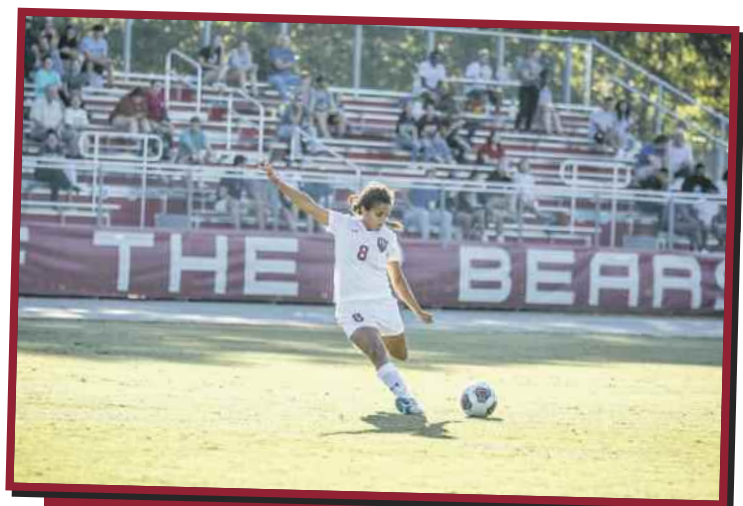
As the only professional footballer in her family, Aqsa adds that she now hopes to inspire other young footballers to follow her example.

“There aren’t many Asian women in the sport professionally, and I hope that I can become some sort of role model for the next generation.

“I know many young Asian girls playing sport who don’t pursue it or push to pursue what they love.

“My message to girls is that no matter what you do, there’ll always be someone trying to drag you down. Never mind them, you can’t please everyone, just please yourself – I did, and look at me now – I’m living the dream.

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■ Sanjay Bhandari,
chair of Kick It Out



Discrimination in football

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The YouGov poll of 1,000 fans, commissioned by Kick It Out, also showed that 30% of fans had heard racist comments or chants at a match.

Sanjay Bhandari, chair of Kick It Out said football had “responded positively” to the coronavirus pandemic and the death of George Floyd in the United States in May, which led to global protests.

But he added: “Beneath the surface, hate and division in society remains a lurking pernicious threat.”

“Our reports indicate a steep rise in discrimination reports over the last two years, which reflect the hate crime statistics from the Home Office that show marked national increases over the last four years.

“We know that reports to Kick It Out are just the tip of the iceberg. We only report what is reported to us.”

Football was suspended in March because of the coronavirus pandemic, with the Premier League and

Kick It Out’s discrimination report show rise of 42% in 2019-20 season

Championship resuming in June without fans in stadiums.

There were still instances of players being racially abused on social media, with Crystal Palace winger Wilfried Zaha and Sheffield United striker David McGoldrick among those targeted.

The poll also found 32% of fans said they had heard homophobic comments at a football match last season and, of those, 41% of

respondents have witnessed homophobic abuse aimed at footballers on social media.

Before fans were denied access to stadiums last season, there were several instances of homophobic chants at Premier League games.

Bhandari added: “Social media can be a battleground of hate. We need to work together across society to win this battle.”

“We need better regulation and

enforcement and we need social media companies to be part of the solution. We need clubs and governing bodies to continue to lobby for change, sanction offending supporters and support law enforcement processes with the provision of evidence.

“We need players to continue to use their powerful voices. Kick It Out will play its part with campaigning, education and talent programmes

that diversify the face of football. But this is everyone’s responsibility. We all need to take a stand.”

In the grassroots game, reports of discrimination fell by 14%, although amateur seasons were cancelled in March because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

When comparing like-for-like time periods to the previous season, there was an 11% rise.

Paul Elliott, chair of the Football Association’s inclusion advisory board, said: “The FA has made huge strides in recent years to ensure that English football is a diverse and inclusive game, but we know there is more to be done.”

“We strongly condemn all forms of discrimination and, while only participants fall under the FA’s jurisdiction, we investigate all reported forms of discriminatory abuse in English football at every level of the game, and work closely with the relevant authorities to ensure matters are dealt with appropriately.”



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Discrimination in football

Kick It Out's discrimination report show rise of 42% in 2019-20 season

Kick It Out has revealed a 42% increase in reports of discrimination in English professional football last season, which it describes as "shocking".

The anti-discrimination charity says reports it received rose from 313 in 2018-19 to 446, despite some games being behind closed doors.

Reports of racism in the professional game rose 53% and those of abuse based on sexual orientation increased by 95%.

A poll also found 71% had seen players targeted by racism on social media.

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