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Dear friends!

One of the *heinous crimes* against humanity is to *ridicule, abuse, and defame the Prophet of Islam Hazrat Muhammad (ﷺ)*. Held in high esteem by the Muslims, the revered Prophet, if pondered upon, is the greatest benefactor of humanity-as-a-whole. The teaching of Islam, although presented thoroughly in the Quran, are practically applicable through prophetic interpretations only. This relevance of his teachings marks a central importance for the believers in Islam along with an unconditional love for him. It is very painful to see that the personality whom Muslims love the most is facing severe attacks from others. What is the reason behind this kind of depravity and what can be the befitting Muslim response to this?

Proponents of the Secular-liberal order want to make a society free from divine guidance of any kind. This is the reason they demean every religion and religious figure by creating a façade of confusion around them. In this scenario, only Islam can contest their claim both ideologically and morally.

The authenticity of information related to major religions or religious figures other than Islam is debatable. Religions like Hinduism mostly rely on mythological personalities, who were non-existent in the past. However, Islam stands true to all contemporary methods of logic and reasons.

Different people tested the validity of Islam according to their field of interest. Upon pondering the authenticity of Quranic claims, many scientists have proclaimed that this can't be the word of any human being. In 1980, famous biologist Dr. Keith L. Moore, while speaking about human reproduction and embryological development in Quran at a conference

in Saudi Arabia expressed his shock on the accuracy of the Quran and said that **“only reasonable conclusion is that these descriptions were revealed to Muhammad (ﷺ) from God.”** Dr. Maurice Baucille, author of *“The Bible, the Quran, and the Modern Science”*, while studying the mummified body of Pharaoh was shocked to know that the incident of drowning and safe delivery of pharaoh's body, is mentioned in Quran, 1400 years ago. He expressed his thoughts that **“Is it believable that Muhammad (ﷺ) knew about this over 1000 years ago while I have only just known it?”** This incident led to Dr. Maurice Baucille accepting Islam and authoring a landmark book *“The Bible, the Quran and the Modern Science”* in which he made claims reassuring that every fact presented by Quran is scientifically correct.

Prophet (ﷺ) never lied even once in his entire life; the fact which is testified even by the enemies of the Prophet (ﷺ). Logically speaking, such a person can't make fake claims about the Almighty and his teachings. Its probability decreases further if he doesn't make any profit from it but rather faces trials and tribulations due to it. Prophet's (ﷺ) entire life is witness to this fact.

These are a few examples from Medical science, history, and logical perspective which give the crystal clear view of the Muslims' claim about the authenticity of Islam.

Now, the only way left to rubbish such authentic facts is to ridicule and abuse its revered personalities and texts. Making cartoons and caricatures of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ), kicking and burning of Quran, and abusive writings are some futile efforts to shudder the image of Islam. This wickedness hurts a Muslim,



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and he reacts in whatever manner he can. However, the Quran warns perpetrators consoling the believers, saying that,

“they wish to extinguish Allah's lights with their mouths, but Allah will certainly perfect his light...” (As-Saff: 8)

Beheading the perpetrators can stop this heinous crime but only for a while, however, to react positively can be productive and long-lasting. But what is that reaction?

To present the teachings of Islam as if it is the only savior for the ailing humanity and not only by words but also through deeds and actions. Those who get moved by the propaganda of secular lobbies should have access to the holy teachings of Islam too. They should find Muslims full of good moral character. There are incidents of a person being moved by a single glance of good morals. We should try to inculcate Quranic principles in our daily life because we are the full-time ambassadors of Islam.

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Creator's Call

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا (56) إِنَّ الَّذِينَ
يُؤْذُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا (57) وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَغْيًا مَا كَتَبْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ فَذَرُوا فِيهَا مُحْتَلِينَ وَأَتَمَّ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ حَقَّكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ (58)

Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ, and His angels pray for him. O believers! Invoke Allah's blessings upon him, and salute him with worthy greetings of peace. Surely those who offend Allah and His Messenger are condemned by Allah in this world and the Hereafter. And He has prepared for them a humiliating punishment. As for those who abuse believing men and women unjustifiably, they will definitely bear the guilt of slander and blatant sin.

These are the verses 56-58 of *Surah Al-Ahzab*. This Surah was revealed in the year 5 AH. Three major events took place in the year 5 AH.

- (1) **Battle of the Confederates:** In this battle, the united Arab army tried to attack Medina, but the Muslims dug a trench and defended Medina with great bravery.
- (2) **Ghazwa Bani Qurayzah:** The tribe of *Bani Qurayzah* betrayed the Muslims and sided with the infidels on a critical moment in the war of Confederates (*Ahzaab*).
- (3) **The Prophet ﷺ married Hazrat Zainab (may Allah be pleased with her)** who was the wife of the step-son of the Prophet ﷺ. This marriage was not valid according to the general Arab custom. But Allah SWT abolished this false ritual through the Prophet ﷺ. According to the Arab custom, it was unethical to marry the wife of a step-son, but Islam broke this false ritual and commanded him to speak. The step-son is not a real son, so there is nothing wrong with marrying his wife (after divorce), but the Jews and the hypocrites of Madinah used this incident as a basis for slandering against the Prophet ﷺ. So Allah Almighty comforted the Prophet ﷺ and the Muslims by revealing these verses.

Verse No. 56: In this verse, Allah Almighty says that Allah ﷻ and His angels send blessings on the Prophet ﷺ. Allah's blessings on His Prophet means that He is very kind to him. Yes, He praises him, exalts his name and showers His blessings on him. The blessings bestowed on him by the angels mean that they pray to Allah ﷻ for him. May He grant him the highest rank, raise his religion, promote his *Shariah* and take him to the place of *Mahmood*. The intention is to reassure the Prophet ﷺ by saying that these Jews and hypocrites are hurling accusations against him because the grudges inside their hearts are boiling, and that they are thinking that in this way they are letting him down. They think that in this way the moral influence of the Prophet ﷺ will be eliminated. These unfortunates should know that Allah ﷻ and His angels are with the Prophet ﷺ and that Allah is sufficient to raise his honor and fame.

Then Allah commands the Muslims to send blessings

and peace upon the Prophet ﷺ, that is, the Muslims should appreciate him and pay due respect to his great benevolence. Praise from the Muslims means that they are his devotees, who praise him and pray for him. And peace means that they pray for his safety and the other meaning is that they support him wholeheartedly, stand firm against his opponents and remain his true obedient. **Verse No. 57:** In this verse, Allah says that those who offend Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ are under the curse of Allah in this world and in the Hereafter; and for them is a disgraceful torment. To offend Allah means to disobey Him, to adopt the attitude of disbelief, polytheism and atheism against him, and to make the things He forbade as permissible. To offend the Messenger ﷺ means to ridicule him, to oppose him and to disobey him. So those who do such things are accursed, a curse for them in this world and another one in the Hereafter; and Allah has prepared for them a humiliating punishment too in this world and in the Hereafter.

Verse No. 58: In this verse, Allah says that those who persecute the believer, those who propagandize against the Muslims unnecessarily, play with their honors are committing a great sin. The Muslims are ridiculed and unjustifiably accused by them. The people who commit such sin are criminals and they will be punished for their crime. And especially those who insult the Prophet it is as similar as if they insulted all the Muslims because they love their Prophet more than their parents and children. It is unimaginable that the Prophet (peace be upon him) be offended and the Muslim's heart remains cold or the blood of the Muslim doesn't boils up. If it is not, then it means that his heart is empty of the love of the Prophet ﷺ.

In the current situation, the message for Muslims in these verses is that if the enemies are slandering the Prophet ﷺ and opposing him, then all Muslims should show their love for him. Express your obedience, obey him and try to enforce the law he have brought in this world and express your anger and hatred against those who offend him and if given the opportunity to punish such a criminal then behead him.

At Crossroad: Islam and The West.

Sacrilege of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ exposes France and West's deceitful nature and ambitions

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Translated by Ibn Shafi

Yet again, West seems to confront and provoke Muslims, waving the flag of crusade high. Sketches of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ can be found on walls and streets across France, which were earlier confined to newspapers and magazines. Emanuel Macron, French President has commended the deplorable act of desecrating Prophet Muhammad ﷺ on the pretext of freedom of expression. Lately, he had said that, *Islam suffers from an internal crisis*. Responding to Emanuel Macron, President of Turkey, **Tayyep Erdogan has publicly advised him to get some sort of mental treatment**, clearly indicating that, Macron as a head of state, has lost his senses by supporting the act of blasphemy. Bitterly disappointed over Erdogan's comment, France had summoned back its diplomats from Turkey. A drive to boycott French products is building up in many Muslim nations. Agitated over such reactions from Muslim world, France termed these campaigns as '**Attack on France**' and asked the authorities of Muslim nations to take notice of such campaigns. Unfortunately, Muslim leadership plays an instrumental role in westerns design and the majority of Muslim intellectuals are grossly incompetent. Had this not been the case, Muslim masses would have been unambiguously clear that, *Western countries have never*

ever abandoned crusade against Islam. Though, Caricatures of Prophet Muhammad has always been a part of publishing world in modern France, President Macron's approbation has provided this nasty deed with the state's patronage. Erdogan's fair response to this insanity is not enough because the major problem is that France is not alone treading this path of madness; entire modern western culture is walking along. Moreover, the west projects itself as the most civilized society of the world. *This highly civilized culture denies the God, quashes Holy Scriptures and rejects Jesus as a Prophet of God* on one hand and on the other hand *it not only promotes and safeguards perverse activities like homosexuality but also considers it as a jewel in its crown*. Looking from religious perspective, all such traits evidently reveals the madness of western values. An intrinsic stupidity of western ethos lies in the belief that materialistic progress is the paramount ideal of Human development. Undeniably, such irrational notions bounds and degrades human being, which is a conglomeration of material, ethical and spiritual components. *It is one of the exemplary exhibitions of over madness of the west that it declares itself secular*. However, *it adopts a crusader's approach towards Islam and the prophet of Islam*. When dealing with Muslims, they comfortably depart from secular space to be overwhelmed with the spirit of crusade against Muslims. Since ages, western societies

have charged followers of Islam for irrationality; on the other hand, it finds itself trapped in the idiocy of justifying the absurd act of defaming Prophet Muhammad. They also allege that, Muslim population is against Freedom of expression; however, when, President of Turkey advised French President to get some mental treatment, *these so called, 'champions of Freedom of expression'* got hypocritically intolerant to the free speech of Turkey's president and called their diplomats back from Turkey.

Muslims are dubbed as extremely violent folks, so much so that, they cannot even protest peacefully; nonetheless, when many Muslim nations peacefully campaigned for boycotting French products to register their disapprovals; ironically, France deemed it as war against it. France wants to acquire the right to defame the '**Prophet of Islam**', beloved to more than **1.8 billion Muslims** around the world, but on the flip side it could not even tolerate the boycott calls of its products and services. These paradoxes of West are utterly terrifying and disgraceful. Unfortunately, Muslim population is largely unaware of realities of the Western Culture. Had it not been so, West would have never been able to pluck up the courage to insult Islam and the beloved Prophet. It is high time that, Muslim world should strike out ways and means to understand the western culture and its wickedness in a broader perspective so as to able to contain them in future



BEARD

A blessing of Allah

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The ideological decline of Muslims has shaken their faith in their religion. Its effects can be seen in many cultural aspects of their life too. The beard is a part of Islamic civilization. It is the identity of the Muslims. It differentiates between men and women. It not only doubles the beauty of a person but also makes his personality dignified. In the present era, all the evil doers are rebuking Islam. Expression of any Islamic aspect/identity is alarming for these evil doers. That is why they target the beard along with many other things. In this case, they get success when some liberal-minded Muslims do not take it seriously. With various excuses, they consider beard as a part of the Arab culture and forget the commandments of the Prophet (ﷺ).

Shaving the beard is haraam

In addition to these Ahadith mentioned above, there are many similar ahadith which mentions the growing of beard and cutting the moustache. Due to these ahadith, *scholars and narrators agree that shaving the beard is haraam.* In this regard, Shah Waliullah Dahelvi says: Shaving the beard is Zoroastrian's way and is a change in Allah's creation. (Hujjatullah al-Balighah)

The West and its followers consider it necessary to discuss the usefulness of everything. They want scientific research on every subject of religion and has often had to accept the ideas of Islam. Something similar has happened in the case of beards.

A research report by the BBC on beard has surprised everyone. Let's have a look at it.

The BBC published a report on a scientific which was published in the Journal of Hospital Infection. In

the research, a team of American researchers took 408 samples from the faces of bearded men and non-bearded men working in various hospitals. The research team was stunned when it was found that people with shaved beards carry three times the infection of infected bacteria generally present in the hospitals. Especially that bacteria which cause several infectious diseases, and are difficult for many antibiotics to overcome. The researchers cited two possible explanations for their findings: Firstly, shaving the beard removes a thin layer of skin, which leads to encouraging bacteria colonies to grow and multiply.

Secondly, the beard by nature resists bacteria. Then they questioned this aspect too and they took random samples of beards and sent them to Dr. Adam Robert at the University of London College, who was able to grow more than a hundred types of bacteria in beard samples. But it has been found from Dr Robert's study that beards are not dirty as it is hyped, and that the opposite is true, i.e infectious bacteria reproduce on the clean shaved ones.

And Allah (ﷻ) is truthful when he says,

“We will show them our signs in the horizons and in themselves until they show them that it is the truth.”

Surah Fussilat 53

Here are some Ahadith about the beard

In a Hadith, the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: “Oppose the polytheists, grow beards and cut your moustache.” (Bukhari).

Another Hadith states that the Prophet (ﷺ) commanded to cut the moustache and grow the beard. (Sahih Muslim)

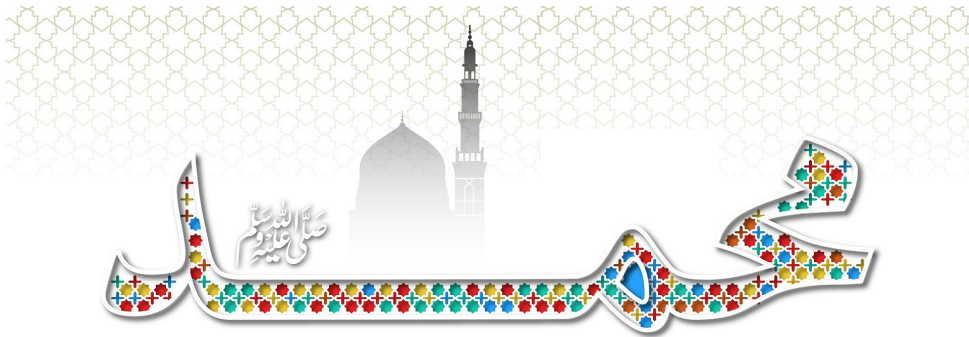
Prophet (ﷺ) said: “Cut your moustache and grow your beard, oppose the Zoroastrians (Sahih Muslim)



The Sealed Nectar

A brief overview on Prophet's life before Prophet hood

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَالْأَسْلَمَ



Prophet Muhammad [ﷺ] was, in his youth, a combination of the best social attributes. He was an exemplary man of weighty mind and faultless insight. He was favoured with intelligence, originality of thought and accurate choice of the means leading to accurate goals. His long silence helped favourably in his habit of meditation and deep investigation into the truth. His vivid mind and pure nature were helpfully instrumental in assimilating and comprehending ways of life and people, individual and community-wise. He shunned superstitious practices but took an active part in constructive and useful dealings, otherwise, he would have recourse to his self-consecrated solitude. He kept himself aloof from drinking wine, eating meat slaughtered on stone altars, or attending idolatrous festivals. He held the idols in extreme aversion and most abhorrence. He could never tolerate someone swearing by *Al-Lat* and *Al-Uzza*. Allah's providence, no doubts, detached him from all abominable or evil practices. Even when he tried to obey his instinct to enjoy some life pleasures or follow some irrespectable traditions, Allah's providence intervened to curb any lapse in this course.

Ibn Al-Atheer reported Muhammad [ﷺ] as saying:

"I have never tried to do what my people do except for two times. Every time Allah intervened and checked me from doing so and I never did that again. Once I told my fellow-shepherd to take care of my sheep when we were in the upper part of Makkah. I wanted to go down to Makkah and entertain myself as the young men did. I went down to the first house of Makkah where I heard music. I entered and asked: 'What is this?' Someone answered: 'It is a wedding party.' I sat down and listened but soon went into deep sleep. I was awakened by the heat of the sun. I went back to my fellow-shepherd and told him of what had happened to me. I have never tried it again."

Al-Bukhari reported on the authority of Jabir bin 'Abdullah that he said: "While the people were rebuilding Al-Ka'bah, the Prophet Muhammad [ﷺ] went with 'Abbas to carry some stones. 'Abbas said: 'Put your loincloth round your neck to protect you from the stones.' (As he did that) the Prophet [ﷺ] fell to the ground and his eyes turned skyward. Later on he woke up and shouted: 'My loincloth... my loincloth.' He wrapped himself in his loincloth." In another report: "His loins were never seen afterwards."

The authorities agree in ascribing to the youth of Muhammad [ﷺ] modesty of deportment, virtuous behaviour and graceful manners. He proved himself to be the ideal of manhood, and to possess a spotless character. **He was the most obliging to his compatriots, the most honest in his talk and the mildest in temper. He was the most gentle-hearted, chaste, and hospitable and always impressed people by his piety inspiring countenance. He was the most truthful and the best to keep covenant. His fellow-citizens, by common consent, gave him the title of Al-'Ameen (trustworthy).**

The Mother of believers, Khadijah [R], once said:
He unites blood relationships, he helps the poor and the needy, and he entertains the guests and endures hardships in the path of truthfulness.

The Judgement Of Reason

01 Part



Ibn Shafi

Incandescent Bulbs, whirling Fans, Hurling Trains and Heavy Industries are neither wonders nor mysteries. Surrounded by industries, trains, electrical machines and day-to-day appliances like fans and bulbs which are powered by electricity, we are not only aware of Electrical connection, electric stations, and process of electric generation, but also know that it involves organised manpower like Engineers, Supervisors and Technicians with sophisticated tools and instruments to assist. Hence, after witnessing these electric powered phenomena, the only reason for absence of disagreements over these occurrences is the complete link of cause and effect which falls in our sensory range. ***Can we imagine our world without wires, switches and other electric supply and control facilities?*** Suppose, these wires and electric station were not within the range of our senses, and we had been unaware about the workers, Engineers, tools and instruments used by them. In such a case, had we been equally satisfied about their operations? Certainly, the answer will be negative. This is because, when causes of phenomena, reason of appearances are not known, dissatisfaction of hearts and difference of opinion about the secret is quite natural.

Let us suppose that this is true, we do not see any physical connection between the appliances, and we are unaware about electric stations and any such thing. The quest of knowing the truth will lead to a plethora of subjective opinions about these events. Someone might say that, all these machines, fans, train, and bulbs are working independently, without any external source. Likewise, others might say that, it is the arrangement of these appliances which enable them to work independently. A few others might opine that, there are Gods outside the world controlling each appliance separately, while some people might lackadaisically say that, we only affirm what we sense, we can neither confirm not reject what we don't understand. So, these phenomena seems to surpass our knowledge and intellect hence we are indifferent to all opinions and at the same time do not have our opinion about it.

With these countering opinions around, a man with an altogether different thought, says that, he has a source of knowledge which others don't have. As per him these appliances are connected through a certain kind of hidden connection which cannot be sensed at all. These invisible wires

are connected to large invisible electric station where large number of people work under the supervision and guidance of a Great Engineer who has established this system with a fine knowledge and firm grip.

This Man is opposed, persecuted, humiliated and exiled for his claim by others, but he stands with his version like a rock and makes no change in his claim. He seems to be unmoved by any enticement or calamity. An another person somewhere else or sometime later than the preceding man, make similar claim, likewise one after the other, there comes many such people with same assertion despite the difference of time, space, and condition. Along with firmness and strength in their stance these people have outstanding endurance against all kind of opposition and an impeccable character which is acknowledged by their opponents. All of them are good mannered, trustworthy, truthful, pious, generous, sane and intelligent at the same time they are far away from evil actions and corruption.

Now, we have two major groups, one with numerous differing claims and the other with a single claim about the same phenomena. Both of these group claim to be correct in understanding truth behind electrical operations without any physical connections.

We as readers will take this case to a Court where both party's position will be analysed to ascertain which party is nearest to the Truth. Let this case be submitted to Judiciary of sound Reasoning. Judge has versions, arguments, information, external signs and indicators of both groups at his disposal to decide over the case. ***Jury cannot give a verdict more than status of probability of claims as he cannot know about truth based on material evidences.***

So let us see the court's proceeding in next piece of this article to find out who is the Truthful and how does it relate to Belief in Allah , His Prophets and Hereafter.

How to Manage Time with Proper Goal Setup

Set your Goal!



Huzaiifa Ahmed Javed

It is the biggest yet unsolved question about how to manage time effectively. Effective management of time is not exactly the management of time. Yes, you read this correctly. It's not all about managing time instead of that it's something bigger. It's actually a proper goal setup or you can say Goal Management.

Goal setup is the foundation over which we construct either an ugly or maybe the most beautiful structure of time management.

If you have no proper goal then my buddy you just skip from here. *Firstly you just go, sit and make a perfect goal for you.*

Every goal needs some vision, some ideal person, some primary set up etc. Actually this is the real sense of goal. Beside all that, proper and effective time management is also the most basic thing in achieving larger goals. A term "heavy goal" is defined by the meaning that how much people get benefited with that particular goal. The more the beneficiaries, the huge the goal is.

Tips related to Time Management

When you have some long term planning then there are some major points which you need to ponder upon.

Firstly,

Proper follow up is necessary if you need your time to be managed properly. Only through this, you can check your loopholes and rectify them easily.

Secondly,

Firm dedication is required since without dedication, it's very difficult to stand firmly in tough situations. Set up your time in such a way that your dedication level doesn't fall down. You can manage this by putting some extra effort in thinking and checking your favourite work time and balancing your day to day activities.

Distribute your time in such a way that you do not get bored. If your aim is long, there is a chance of achieving it in quite a longer time. Here dedication is needed. Also for avoiding depression, time distribution is necessary.

Team formation also brings some very fruitful results in achieving your goal. On one hand, it can reduce the work load and on the other it helps in getting more innovative ideas. There is no need to always do each and every work by yourself. Instead select some curious and excellent minds and distribute your work among them. This will help in achieving your target in a lesser time. Proper cooperation with the team is also required as your team needs your support. If you truly cooperate with them, then they will surely put up their maximum effort in achieving your goal.

Some short goal setup is necessary in achieving larger goals. Put up some milestones in your road towards success and cover them one after other. This will generate confidence in yourself and keep you motivated.

Take necessary breaks after achieving something heavier. It will make you a bit relaxed. So, when you come back after break then you will feel a lot more charged than before.

Across the Globe

At least 50,000 stage anti-France rally in Bangladesh

Police stop demonstrators from reaching French embassy as tens of thousands march over President Macron's stance on cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad. (Nov02)

India, Pakistan report deadly violence along Kashmir border

Civilians among those killed and injured in cross-border fighting in the disputed Kashmir region. (Nov13)

For US-Pakistan relationship, all roads go through Kabul

The success of the Afghan peace process, which has been facilitated by Islamabad, will determine the future direction of ties under a Biden presidency. (Nov10)

Pakistan says Macron 'encourages Islamophobia', summons envoy

Islamabad summons French ambassador in Pakistan to issue rebuke on French president's recent comments regarding Islam. (Oct26)

Pakistan's top Islamic body approves construction of Hindu temple

Council of Islamic Ideology approves construction of new temple in Islamabad, saying Islamic law allows minority Hindus a place of worship. (Oct29)

US to reduce troops in Afghanistan to '2,500 by early next year'

US National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien reveals details about the pace and scope of the troop withdrawal. (Oct07)

Pompeo urges Saudi Arabia to normalise ties with Israel

The US is urging more Gulf countries to strike similar accords with Israel, following UAE and Bahrain agreements. (Oct14)

Saudi Arabia allows foreign pilgrims to enter for Umrah

About 10,000 foreign pilgrims arriving in Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah after a seven-month pause. (Nov01)

Erdogan warns of military action in Syria, decries Russian strike

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says his country has 'legitimate reason' to intervene in northern Syria with Kurdish fighters in the border area. (Oct28)