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Editorial

We have good news for the community.

Professor Zin Eddine Dadach is a pious Muslim from Algeria. He teaches and does his research at the Chemical Engineering department of the Higher Colleges of Technology (Abu Dhabi, UAE).

Professor Dadach has written a very inspiring book: <u>The Eternal Path of Charity</u>.

The book explores the significance of Charity for Muslims, as emphasized in the Quran-Al-Karim. What is of special significance is that Professor Dadach has shared the role of Charity in his own life.

Following are the topics that he discusses in this book:

About the Book

Beautiful Names of Allah (SWT)

Charity: The Divine Science

Signs of Charity and Spring in Nature

The Soul of Islam and the Eternal Path of Charity

The Eternal Path of Charity in Workplaces

Islam-based Leadership in Workplaces

Consumerism and Warnings from The Merciful (SWT)

Islam-based Educational Model

The Eternal Spring

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A wonderful Foreword for the book is written by Professor Nesreddine Ghezal.

If you ever have been fully engaged in any social or professional activity, you might have been experiencing a mental state that psychologists define as "flow". You are completely involved and you feel enjoyment in the process of the activity. Some might experience this pleasure while engaging in a sport and others might have such an experience while engaged in an activity such as painting, reading, or fishing. For some, this activity involves helping people, animals or plants in one way or another, which relates to the state of the soul introduced in this book called "The Eternal Path of Charity". Indeed, during any charity-based activity, you will feel some kind of tranquility in your heart and sometimes, you will even experience tears of inner joy. This means that you are putting the path of your life in the pleasant Eternal Path of Charity. It is should be noted that the purpose of life for human beings and all creatures is to worship Allah (SWT) alone and helping others are the highest acts of worship.

Biographical Summary:

Professor Zin Eddine Dadach was born in 1957 in the city of Beni Saf, Ain Temouchent, Algeria. He studied in a technical college of the city of Tilimsen, and continued to the Algerian Institute of Petroleum to obtain in 1980 his Bachelor's Degree in Refining and Petro-Chemistry. His Master's Degree is in Chemical Engineering which he obtained in 1984 from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, USA.

Being dedicated to knowledge, he pursued his Ph.D. Degree in Chemical Engineering at Laval University, Quebec, Canada, which he completed in 1994. He continued specialization in the field of Biotechnology in Japan, at Osaka National Research Institute, where he contributed from 1994 to 1996. Since 2005 he is on the Academic Faculty at the Higher Colleges of Technology, Chemical Engineering Department, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The book is published in Paperback as well as an eBook. We recommend this book as a valuable addition, in keeping with the modern times.

Following is a summary of the information.

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News in Brief

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- 4. Four Israelis killed many injured in Tel Aviv March 29, 2022.

Articles for Muslim Community

Turkey-Israeli Relations

By Hamed Chapman

London (The Muslim News): Turkey appears set to restore full diplomatic relations with Israel in a move that could come as early as this week following a surprise visit by President Isaac Herzog to Ankara less than three weeks ago.

The rapprochement comes as Turkey has been acting as an intermediary in hosting ceasefire talks between Russia and Ukraine but no direct link has been made that there is any necessary connection.

Returning from a NATO summit in Brussels last week, Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, suggested that his Israeli counterpart Naftali Bennett could follow in Herzog's footsteps as part of the process to restore relations for the first time since US President Donald Trump controversially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

"There may be a chance to start a new era in Turkey-Israel ties," Erdogen said, adding that "one of the most important steps we can take together for bilateral ties, I believe, would be cooperation in natural gas."

The previous time the two countries restored relations back in 2016 was short-lived but the hope then was that it could pave way for an undersea pipeline for Turkish companies to buy Israeli natural gas.

Turkey's state news agency, Anadolu Agency, quoted that members of the country's Jewish community were pleased with ongoing steps to normalize bilateral relations with Israel and believed that particularly significant was Herzog's recent visit, the first by an Israeli head of state in 14 years.

An article in the Times of Israel has suggested that Herzog's visit to Turkey on March 9 hoping to reboot bilateral relations with Turkey could be as important as when former Israeli President, Shimon Peres, addressed Turkey's Parliament two years after Erdogan set foot in Israel for the first and only time in 2005.

[Photo: Anatolian Youth Association (AGD) Istanbul Branch members gathered in front of the Israeli Consulate in Levent protesting coming visit of the Israeli President Isaac Herzog, 1 February 2022.

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ACLU Sues Homeland Security for Questioning Muslims

By Darren Lyn

HOUSTON, Texas (AA): The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a federal lawsuit Thursday against the Department of Homeland Security on behalf of three Muslim American citizens who said they were unconstitutionally questioned about their religion at the border.

"How often do you pray?" was one of the questions listed by the plaintiffs according to the lawsuit. "Do you attend mosque?," "Which mosque do you attend?," and "Are you Sunni or Shi'a?" were some of the other questions plaintiffs said they were asked about their faith.

The plaintiffs said they were subjected to these "deeply personal and religiously intrusive questions" by Customs and Border Protection officers on multiple occasions when returning home to the US from international travel.

"Religious questioning such as this violates the U.S. Constitution," said the ACLU in the suit. "It furthers no valid—let alone compelling—government interest, and it is an affront to the First Amendment freedoms of religion and association."

The lawsuit says the defendants were specifically targeted because they were Muslim Americans, which violates the First and Fifth Amendments regarding protections against unequal treatment on the basis of religion.

"Just as border officers may not single out Christian Americans to ask what denomination they are, which church they attend, and how regularly they pray, singling out Muslim Americans for similar questions is unconstitutional," the suit continued.

"By targeting Plaintiffs for religious questioning merely because they are Muslim, Defendants' border officers stigmatize them for adhering to a particular faith and condemn their religion as subject to suspicion and distrust."

The lawsuit filed by the ACLU on behalf of plaintiffs Abdirahman Aden Kariye, Mohamad Mouslli and Hameem Shah asks the court to declare that this type of religious questioning violates the Constitution, claiming it is "part of a broader 20-year practice of border officials targeting Muslim American travelers."

The ACLU is also seeking an injunction to stop the DHS and CBP from questioning plaintiffs about their faith at the borders and requests all recordings of their questions to be deleted.

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Indian court upholds hijab ban

An Indian court upheld a local ban on the hijab in classrooms on Tuesday, weeks after the edict stoked violent protests and renewed fears of discrimination against the country's minority Muslim community.

The southern <u>Indian</u> state of Karnataka was on edge for several weeks after a small group of girls in their late teens were prevented from wearing the hijab on school grounds at the end of last year.

Demonstrations snowballed across the state and police used tear gas to disperse angry crowds as more schools imposed their own bans and radical Hindu groups staged boisterous counter-demonstrations.

After weeks of deliberations, Karnataka's high court ruled that wearing the hijab was not an essential <u>Islamic</u> religious practice.

"Prescription of uniform is a reasonable restriction on fundamental rights," the court said.

State home minister Araga Jnanendra said that extra officers had been deployed to police stations on Monday night to ensure law and order was maintained ahead of the ruling.

Many in Karnataka say that Muslim girls have worn the hijab in schools for decades, just as Hindus, Sikhs and Christians have done with symbols of their respective symbols.

Critics accuse authorities in Karnataka, which is ruled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, of seeking to drive a wedge between religious communities that have existed side-by-side peacefully for generations.

The Karnataka government last month attempted to impose calm by closing schools for several days and banning protests.

The state high court initially ordered a temporary ban on the wearing of all religious symbols -- including Hindu and Christian ones -- in schools.

Schools reopened in February under heavy security with a ban on gatherings of more than four people.

A number of Muslim pupils told local media they would rather go home than be made to choose between their faith and education.

"My daughter has been wearing the hijab since she was five years old. It is to protect her dignity," Nasir Sharif, 43, the father of a 15-year-old girl, told AFP last month.

"What they are asking us to do is humiliating," he added.

(AFP)

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UN Helicopter Shot Down

Eight United Nations peacekeepers were killed in a helicopter crash in Democratic Republic of Congo when it was shot down by M23 rebel fighters.

Rebels in Democratic Republic of Congo's east have shot down a United Nations helicopter carrying eight peacekeepers and UN observers.

The helicopter shot on Monday was among two carrying out reconnaissance for the UN mission in Congo, according to a statement from Congo's army on Tuesday.

The M23 rebel group attacked several villages including Tchanzu, Runyonyi, Ndiza and Tchengerero, according to the statement.

Those on the helicopter were assessing the movements of communities that had been attacked by a rebel group in order to coordinate humanitarian assistance.

The peacekeepers were killed in the crash, the Pakistani military's media wing said.

"While undertaking a reconnaissance mission in Congo, 1 PUMA Helicopter crashed. Exact cause of crash is yet to be ascertained," the statement said.

It added that six Pakistani troops were among those killed.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan expressed his "deep sense of shock and grief," his office said, paying tribute to the global peace effort by the country's armed forces

Increased attacks

Eastern Congo is prone to insecurity as there are several armed groups vying for control of mineral-rich territory lands.

In 2012 the M23 rebels controlled large areas of eastern Congo, including the provincial capital Goma.

The rebels were eventually pushed from eastern Congo into Uganda and Rwanda in 2013 by Congolese and United Nations forces.

Despite ongoing efforts to disarm the group, M23 rebels have recently increased their attacks in the region.

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