

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

O David! We did indeed make thee a vicegerent on earth
So judge thou between men in truth (and justice)
Nor follow thou the lusts (of thy heart)
For they will mislead thee from the path of Allah.
For those who wander astray from the path of Allah
Is a penalty grievous
For that they forget the day of account.

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'Unceasing work for social justice and communal harmony'

Asghar Ali Engineer recognised for work towards justice and harmony

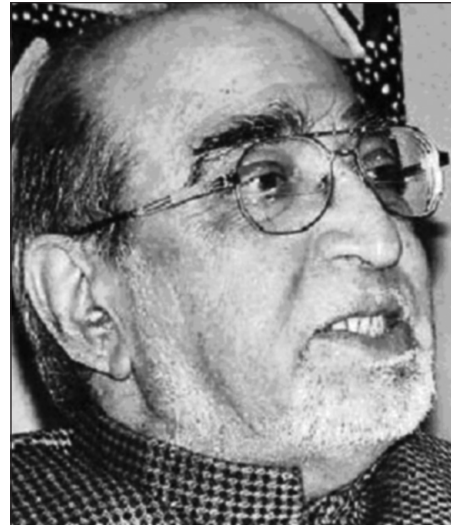
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21st September 2004
By Our Staff Reporter

HYDERABAD, SEPT. 20. Swami Agnivesh, social activist, and Asghar Ali Engineer, scholar and activist, have been jointly selected for this year's prestigious Right Livelihood Honourary Award in recognition of their "unceasing work for social justice and communal harmony."

Strong commitment

Reading from the citation, Baron Jakob von Uexkull, Founder-Chairman, Right Livelihood Award Foundation, said the award was given "for their strong commitment and cooperation over

many years to promote the values of coexistence, tolerance and understanding in India and between the countries of South Asia."



Meeting for the first time outside Stockholm, the jury also selected the Russian human rights organisation 'Memorial', the celebrity campaigner for the disadvantaged Bianca Jagger from Nicaragua, and the Argentinian scientist and activist, Raul Montenegro, for the awards.

The Swedish Parliament Speaker presents the Right Livelihood Award, which is popularly known as the "Alternative Nobel," a day before the Nobel Prize is given.

Award on December 9

This year, the award will be presented on December 9 in the Swedish Parliament.

Dr. Engineer and Swami Agnivesh thanked the Right Livelihood Foundation for the "recognition" granted to their work.

Speaking to **The Hindu**, Dr. Engineer and Swami Agnivesh thanked the Right Livelihood Foundation for the "recognition."

Dr. Engineer said he was working on promoting communal harmony among teachers, journalists, police, youth and students who were social groups central to preventing the spread of communal ideas and communal violence.

Congratulations Asghar Alibhai

Congratulations to you on receiving such a prestigious award. It is well deserved as you have done untiring service to wider humanity and particularly to our reformist community. It is also an international recognition of the fact that the religious tyrants and bigots of all communities, particularly of the Bohra are wrong and deserve condemnation.

I wish you bon voyage to Sweden and an exhilarating experience before the Swedish Parliament. It is indeed a matter of pride and joy for all of us. Of course the award ceremonies will be featured in

the world press and I am looking forward to its report in our AZAD.

I tried to respond to Asrarbhai's message in the hope that my message will reach all his addressees, but my message failed. I hope this reaches you. Once again, mabruk alf mabruk.

Confraternally, **Abbas Hamdani**, USA

Congratulations Mr. Asghar Ali, We as Dawoodi Bohras are rightly proud of your achievements. Well done. **Fazleabbas Kinkhabwala**, President Dawoodi Bohra Welfare Society GB

Ramzan mubarak poem

There's hidden sweetness in the stomach's emptiness.
We are lutes, no more no less.
If the soundbox is stuffed full of anything, no music.
If the brain and the belly are burning clean with fasting, every moment a new song comes out of the fire.
The fog clears, and new energy makes you run up the steps in front of you.
Be emptier and cry like reed instruments cry.
Emptier, write secrets with the reed pen.
When you're full of food and drink, an ugly metal statue sits where your spirit should.
When you fast, good habits gather like friends who want to help.
Fasting is Solomon's ring. Don't give it to some illusion and lose your power, but even if you have, if you've lost all will and control, they come back when you fast, like soldiers appearing out of the ground, pennants flying above them.
A table descends to your tents, Jesus' table. Expect to see it, when you fast, this table spread with other food, better than the broth of cabbages.

By Jalaluddin Rumi

Thanks to Moizbhai Rajabali (Birmingham) for sending this to AZAD.

AZAD wishes all its readers a joyful, peaceful month of Ramazan

Obituaries

Mr. Yusufali Kamrudin

Passed away on 7th May 2004

Kaalu inna lillaahe wa inna ilahe raje un
From Allah we come and to Allah
we return

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
As any friend could say:
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you.
So very much whatever the part.

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Janembai (wife of late Yusufali Kamrudin) and family

Deeply appreciate and will always hold in grateful remembrance your kind expression of sympathy with Them in our recent sad loss.

Janembai Y. Kamrudin.

Eid function: DBWS celebrates its pearl anniversary

DBWS is 30 this year. A handful of individuals planted the seeds 30 years ago and those seeds have grown roots and branches that makes up the DBWS. We will be celebrating the 30 years with memories from the past - who remembers the wide flares and ties? It is Birmingham's turn to host this mega event of the year. The date is Sunday 21 November 2004. The programme kicks off at 10.30 a.m. with a surprise event.

All welcome, including those who live outside the UK and watch out for further news in the post for DBWS members.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations **Ferzana** for getting 12 GCSE's grade A*/A's. Well Done!

With Love Dad, Mum, Tasneem, and Zahra Huseinbhai - Bradford

Congratulations to **Faez** for achieving BA(Hons) Economics and very best wishes for your post to teach English in China for a year.

From Maa, Mum, Dad and Muzaffar T. Colombowala

Also congratulations to:

Rubina Huseinbhai - Bradford

Shabana Trivedi - Bradford

Abbasi Yusufali - Bradford

Akila Dungarwalla - Peterborough

Hanifa Dungarwalla - Peterborough

Faisal Vanat - Birmingham

Maria Bharmal - London

for achieving excellent GCSE results

Best wishes to all of you for the future Sokat, Fatema Huseinbhai.

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