A pink lotus flower is in full bloom, floating on a pond of water. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the background is a soft, out-of-focus blue. The lighting is soft, highlighting the delicate petals of the flower. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

# *CPS International*

*Re-engineering Minds Towards  
a Culture of Peace*

CPS International, Centre for Peace and Spirituality, was founded by Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, a world renowned Islamic scholar, in January 2001 at New Delhi, India. Under the patronage of its founder and inspired by his spiritual wisdom, the centre is endeavouring to re-engineer individual minds towards peace and positivity using the formula, “Change yourself through spirituality, by living a God-oriented life, and you will be able to change the world.”

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CPS International, Center for Peace and Spirituality, is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental organization that aims to promote the culture of peace through mind-based spirituality. Using the formula, ‘Follow one and respect all’, the centre undertakes inter-faith efforts to reveal in the modern idiom the true face of Islam, based as it is on peace, tolerance and mutual co-existence.

At CPS we believe that peace and spirituality are both, in fact, two aspects of the one truth. Positive thinking at an individual level is called spirituality; when this reaches a collective level in society, it culminates in peace. Presenting Islam as complete ideology of peace, CPS helps individuals to rationally understand the concepts of peace, spirituality, and the creation plan of God and reveal the true face of Islam based as it is on peace, tolerance, co-existence and compassion drawing inspiration from the Quran, the preserved word of God, and the Sunnah, the sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad. We believe that when positive, spiritual individuals prevail in society it will result in a peaceful world.

## *Maulana Wahiduddin Khan*

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, the founder of CPS International, was born on January 1, 1925, in Azamgarh, India. Well-versed in both traditional Islamic learning and modern scientific knowledge, at an early stage of his research, he came to the conclusion that the need of the hour was to present Islamic teachings in the modern, scientific idiom. His life since then has been devoted to addressing the contemporary mind and presenting Islam to the world as a complete ideology of peace. Upholding Gandhian views, he believes that success can be achieved only through non-violent methods. He has travelled extensively to spread his message of peace globally.

To give full expression to these positive ideas, the Maulana established the *Islamic Centre* at New Delhi in 1970. Subsequently, the organ of the Centre, ‘Al-Risala’, the monthly magazine, was launched in Urdu in 1976. This journal, consisting almost entirely of his own articles, quickly acquired a wide circulation throughout the Urdu-speaking world, and has done much to make people understand the peaceful face

of Islam, to awaken in Muslims a new awareness of their social responsibilities and to promote positive thinking and action. The first issues of the English and Hindi versions of Al-Risala were launched in February 1984, and December 1990 respectively. The English version has continued to be published, first under the title of 'The Spiritual Message' and now as 'Spirit of Islam'.

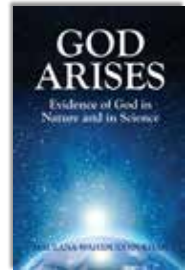
*"Spirit of Islam  
aspires to address modern,  
individual minds to provide  
intellectual food for common issues  
that confront man, like life and death,  
success and failure, suffering and evil,  
peace and spirituality and the meaning  
and purpose of existence."*

—Maulana Wahiduddin  
Khan, (New Delhi)



Presenting Islam as a complete ideology of peace, the Maulana presents to the world the true face of Islam based, as it is, on peace, tolerance, pluralism and co-existence and helps people understand their purpose in life by explaining the creation plan of God. He has authored over 200 books, booklets and leaflets on prophetic wisdom and peaceful co-existence in a multi-ethnic society, giving the correct interpretation of the Islamic Scriptures as in 'Islam: The Voice of Human Nature,' 'Islam Rediscovered,' 'Quran for All Humanity,' 'Quranic Wisdom' and 'From the Spiritual Tree.' His book 'God Arises,' which introduces man to his Creator, is accepted as the standard Islamic position on modern thought and has been incorporated in the curricula of universities in many Arab countries. It has been translated into various languages, such as English, Arabic, Malay, Turkish, Hindi, Malayalam and Sindhi. Its Arabic version has been published under the title of Al-Islam Yatahadda and has become popular in the Arab world.

The Maulana has written thousands of articles for national and international dailies and magazines and given thousands of lectures in Urdu and English that have been preserved for posterity. This material presents Islam 'as it is' as exemplified in the early period of Islam. Anyone who wants to understand Islam has simply refer to this material for guidance.



*"... in the fourteen  
hundred years of Islamic  
history, innumerable books on Islam  
have appeared. There are just a few  
books calling mankind to God which are  
clearly distinguishable from the rest because  
of the clarity and force with which they  
make their appeal. Without doubt, this  
book is one of that kind."*

—Al-Ahram, (Cairo)

While many translations of the Arabic preserved Quran were available; Maulana Wahiduddin Khan felt that there was still a need for a translation and commentary of the Quran in the modern scientific idiom. To address contemporary minds, he translated the Quran into Urdu along with the commentary entitled *Tazkirul Quran*. This is further translated into Hindi as *Pavitra Quran* and in Arabic as *Al Tazkirul Qawem fi Tafseeril Quran il Hakeem*. English has become the truly international language with over 75% of the world population understanding it. The Quran Complex,

Madinah, Saudi Arabia having conducted research on the impact of the various translations of the Quran in English concluded that:

“In spite of there being 47 English Quran translations, none has received the acceptance of the modern world.” – *Bibliography of the Translations and the Meanings of the Quran in English (1649–2002)*

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan with his team worked tirelessly to translate the Quran and commentary into English. This has since been published as *The Quran*. The feedback about this is that it is clear, easy to understand and in contemporary English. This feedback elucidates this point:

“All I can say is that I found it more readable than any translation I had read earlier. I recommend it to Muslims and non-Muslims alike.”– Khushwant Singh, *Hindustan Times*, January 9, 2010

A book, titled, ‘The 500 Most Influential Muslims of 2009’, published by Georgetown University, Washington DC, calls him “Islam’s Spiritual Ambassador to the World.” His approach, the book points out, is “popular among Indians, both Muslim and non-Muslim.” Popularly known as Islam’s spiritual ambassador to the world, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan has been nationally and internationally recognized for his contribution to world peace, having received, among others, the Demiurgus Peace International Award by the Nuclear Disarmament Forum AG; the title of ‘Ambassador of Peace’ by the International Federation for World Peace, Korea; the Padam Bhushan, the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavna Award, the National Integration Award, the Communal Harmony Award, the Diwaliben Mohan Lal Mehta Award, the National Amity Award, the Dilli Gaurav Award, the FIE Foundation Award, the Urdu Academy Award, the Aruna Asaf Ali Sadbhavna Award and the National Citizen’s Award, presented by Mother Teresa.

## *CPS International*

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan established *CPS International*, Center for Peace and Spirituality, in 2001 at New Delhi, India. As is apparent from its name, the organization aims to promote and reinforce the culture of peace through mind-based spirituality. The center is striving to address issues of the 21st century man who, having reached the pinnacle of his technological achievements, is still confronted with negative influences such as stress, materialism, inequality, and the pressures of the workplace and social living. The result of this is that more and more people succumb to negative emotions such as intolerance, hatred and vengefulness. Signs of this are seen at the individual level as tension and aggression and, at a collective level, as disharmony, conflict and violence. The Maulana explains that the solution to this is a rational understanding of the Creation Plan of God.

CPS, with its chapters worldwide, has dedicated itself to sharing spiritual wisdom and conveying the Creation Plan of God to mankind peacefully. According to the

Maulana, there are two ways of addressing people: one is at the collective level and the other is at the individual level. While most speakers prefer to address people *en masse*, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan says that to bring about a positive transformation in people, one has to, at the cost of sacrifice, leave off addressing people collectively and address them individually. According to him, addressing a crowd does not yield any long-term results, for, in very large groups, the individual's mind is never properly addressed, and therefore individuals – the building blocks of society – are unlikely to change.

The Maulana has been addressing individuals with the objective of re-engineering their minds towards positivity to bring about a spiritual revolution in them. Over the last few decades the Maulana has prepared a team of Ambassadors of Peace, using the formula: “Change yourself by living a God-oriented life and you will be able to change the world.”

The Ambassadors of Peace—members of CPS and the Peace Chapters—have made it their life's mission to explain the Creation Plan of God and spread the message of peace worldwide. Under the Maulana's guidance they are re-engineering minds towards a culture of peace.

### *Global Peace Centers*

CPS and its affiliated Peace Centers already have a global presence. Through various peaceful means they are clearing up misconceptions about Islam by presenting it 'as it is' using the formula of 'follow one and respect all'. With the aim of gaining mutual understanding, they conduct open interfaith dialogues to



offer a solution to terrorism by explaining the ideology of peace and distributing copies of the Quran and other Islamic material for free and at subsidized rates. According to the Maulana, it is this ever-growing team of individuals who, in playing their role of ambassadors of peace and spirituality, will usher in a reign of global peace and unity.

Endeavours are ongoing to set up Centres of Peace across the globe to unite peace-loving, spiritual people the world over. Our vision is to introduce the message of peace and spirituality into each and every home in the world in order to usher in an era of global peace and unity.

### *Explaining the Création Plan of God*

At CPS we understand that man is born with an inquisitive nature. Being endowed with a reasoning faculty, he cannot help but question the activities and phenomena that take place around him. Such a seeker of Truth becomes restless unless rational answers to questions pertaining to the ideology of life, such as the following, are addressed: Who am I? , Where did I come from? Does God exist? Do I need a God? What is the purpose of my life? What is the importance of my mind? Why do I have so many desires? Is my life governed by destiny or free will? Why is there suffering in the world? Where will I go when I leave this world? Does the hereafter exist? How do I achieve salvation? And so on. Although the questions are many, we believe that there is only one answer – a reason-based understanding of the Creation Plan of God.

According to the Creation Plan of God, the Creator of man has created him as an eternal creature but divided his life into two parts, the pre-death period and the post-death period. The pre-death period is the testing period and the post-death period is the period for reward. The pre-death period is temporary, while the post-death period is to last for all eternity. Man's test is basically a freedom-based one. One who misuses his freedom will be deprived of God's blessings and one who uses his freedom properly will be rewarded with eternal paradise. The Quran gives all the necessary details of this divine scheme. When a seeker gains a rational understanding of the creation plan of God, his life enters a new phase – that of the building of a positive personality in consonance with spiritual principles, another name for which is a God-Oriented Life. When more and more individuals start living a spiritual, God-oriented life, it will result in a pragmatically peaceful society.

### *Re-engineering Minds towards a Culturé of Peace*

At CPS we believe that there is only one way to develop a positive personality and that is through spirituality. Of the two major schools of spiritual discipline, one based on meditation and the other on contemplation. CPS subscribes to the school of contemplation. As it is man's mind that differentiates him from the





*Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, third from left, planting an olive tree in Jerusalem during a peace conference of all religions in 1995.*



rest of creation, it can only be through the development of his mind that man can attain true spirituality. Using the Quranic principles of *tafakkur*, *tadabbur* and *tawassum*, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan helps train individuals to give a positive response to negative situations through higher thinking. In learning the art of conversion, individuals are helped to re-engineer their minds towards a culture of peace and develop positive, spiritual personalities. This is the beginning of a peaceful society.

A peaceful society -- in being a pre-requisite for progress -- is the sole basis from which to achieve anything of a positive nature, whether at the individual, societal, national or international levels. The best guarantee of peace is, therefore, the continuing prevalence in society of positively oriented individuals. As 'violence begins from the mind' (UNESCO), a state of peace can be arrived at only through the direction of individual minds towards a culture of peace and positivity by living God-oriented lives. By sharing the spiritual principles of Islam with individuals, the center helps them to give a positive response to even negative situations through higher thinking. This deconditioning process helps them to re-engineer their minds to develop positive, spiritual personalities—the building blocks of a peaceful society.

### *Interfaith, Scholarly and Academic Dialogue*

When all people have freedom when undergoing a test, 'differences' are a natural part of all aspects of life, including that of religion. Using the formula, 'Follow one and respect all,' CPS and their chapters undertake interfaith dialogues to promote open and healthy discussion in multi-religious, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic societies through tolerance and mutual respect.



Such dialogue is undertaken regularly with religious scholars, the media and in academic circles to clear up misconceptions about Islam by presenting it 'as it is.' CPS explains that Islam is an ideology presented in its original sources—the Quran and Sunnah, and Muslims are people who profess to follow this ideology. People who want to understand Islam must approach the matter scientifically i.e. they must “differentiate between Islam and Muslims and judge Muslims on the basis of the original Islamic Scriptures and not vice versa.” As such, Islam is seen as a religion of peace and spirituality.

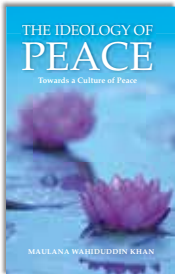
### *Peace for the Sake of Peace*

Scholars have defined peace thus: “Peace is the absence of war.” This definition is absolutely correct. Peace in fact means the absence of a situation of war or violence. However, some people hold this definition of peace to be inadequate. They say that justice should accompany peace; that peace devoid of justice is no peace at all. People the world over are, therefore, acting intolerantly and indulging in acts of violence in the name of justice, saying, “Give us justice and peace will ensue.” At CPS we feel that setting conditions like guaranteeing justice (or any other) for the attainment of peace is impractical. This is because peace on its own does not bring about justice (or any other condition). That is, justice is not necessarily an element of peace. When people indulge in acts of violence in the name of justice, peace can never prevail. This is because nothing productive can take place in an environment of violence.





At CPS we explain that peace is always desirable for its own sake. And everything else comes afterwards, not along with peace. CPS helps people to become tolerant and accept peace for the sake of peace. This opens the doors to opportunities. This creates a favourable environment in which people may find opportunities, and strive towards availing of them. When people do avail of the opportunities thus created, they eventually obtain justice and bring to fruition many other constructive initiatives. An often quoted case in point is that of Japan. Japan's industrial cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, were destroyed by atom bombs in 1945. After this massive catastrophe, Japan did not insist on justice but unilaterally abandoned violence and adopted a peaceful course for its own development, which may be described as a 'U-turn'. And as a result, within the short span of forty years, Japan rose to become a great economic power of the world.



This is the ideology of peace given in Islam as practised by Prophet Muhammad (may be peace upon him) and is exemplified by the Hudaibiyya treaty (for details, read *Muhammad: A Prophet for All Humanity*). This shows that the success, which was not forthcoming, even after a long and violent struggle, could be achieved by peaceful methods in a short period of time. The formula that CPS gives to obtain the dual purpose of peace and success is: 'Ignore the problems, and avail of the opportunities.'

*This book is a gift for the new generation from a peace-loving person. It attempts to present a complete ideology of life based on peace.'*

—Maulana Wahiduddin Khan

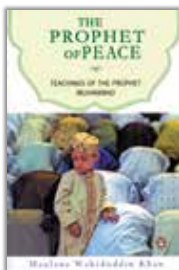
## *The Solution to Prêsent-Day Terrôrism*

Present-day terrorism has become a worldwide menace.

Those who want to understand Islam better and find a solution to present-day terrorism should read the writings of the Maulana who explains that the present-day violence being perpetrated in the name of Islam is due to the 'political interpretation of Islam.' This has no basis in Islam but has developed in reaction to Western dominance. As

*"The slim and handy book (published by Penguin) is a timely rebuttal to the jihadist mentality and a guide to those who wish to understand Islam better."*

–The Times of India (ST)

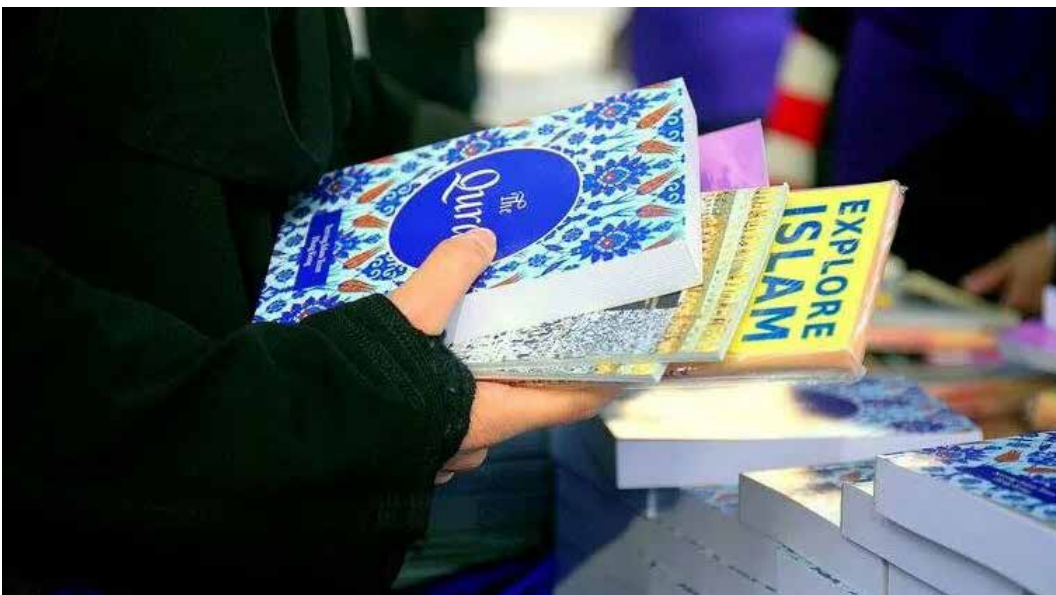


such, it is not a case of gun versus gun; it is a case of ideology versus ideology.

Muslims today have become victims of this wrong ideology, i.e. the 'political interpretation of Islam' that gives them the justification for using violence. The only way to solve this problem is to present to Muslims the right ideology of Islam, based on the Quran and Hadith, that acts as a counter ideology and takes away any justification for violence, thus leading to peace.

The Maulana has analysed the issue and presented the counter ideology—the ideology of peace—in his articles, which run into hundreds, and many books such as 'The Ideology of Peace', 'The True Jihad', 'Islam and Peace', 'The Prophet of Peace: Teachings of The Prophet Muhammad' published by Penguin Books, 'Islam and World Peace' and 'Political Interpretation of Islam'.

Quoting UNESCO's dictum that as violence begins from the minds of men it can only be eliminated at the level of the mind, the above books explain that the





jihadist mentality can be re-directed towards peace by presenting this ideology of peace based on the Quran and Hadith. Once perpetrators of violence realize that their understanding of Islam based on its political interpretation has nothing to do with Islam they give it up on their own. This method has proved successful on the Indian sub-continent. After reading the Maulana's books, many Kashmiris and Pakistanis with jihadist mind-sets have left off violence and are working in the field of education, peace and interfaith. Offering a solution to present-day terrorism, the Maulana says that if this material is spread globally in various languages, the issue can be resolved by reorienting minds towards peace.

### *Activities of the CPS and Peace Centers*

The sphere of action of CPS and the Peace Centres is global. They use every peaceful method to address the modern, scientific thinking and inquisitive minds of all ages. This includes one-on-one interactions; daily podcasts; weekly talks; seminars and conferences; publication of books, articles; the Urdu magazine, *Al Risala*; the English magazine, *Spirit of Islam*; and dissemination through the center's websites: [www.cpsglobal.org](http://www.cpsglobal.org) and [www.quraninternational.net](http://www.quraninternational.net) to name but a few. Through these CPS explains the Creation Plan of God, revealing Islam 'as it is' as a religion of nature and peace. Helped to re-engineer their minds towards a culture of peace and live God-Oriented lives, individuals are enabled to unleash their latent potential and so develop intellectually evolved spiritual personalities.

### *Lectures and Interactions*

CPS holds weekly lectures and daily interactions of Maulana Wahiduddin Khan at CPS Center, New Delhi. Their aim is to re-engineer individual minds towards



positive thinking and remove misconceptions about Islam in order to show it 'as it is', as a religion of peace.

### *Live Streams of the Maulana's Lecturés*

CPS organizes live streams of the Maulana's weekly and other lectures. The weekly lecture in Urdu is streamed live through [www.ustream.tv](http://www.ustream.tv) on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. IST and other streams regularly (visit [www.cpsglobal.org](http://www.cpsglobal.org)). Podcasts, webcasts and recorded streams of the Maulana's lectures are also available on the site.

### *Interfaith and Peace Prográms*

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan is a regular invitee to interfaith, peace and spiritual gatherings at which he explains in the modern idiom Islamic teachings based on peace and spirituality. CPS members distribute copies of the Quran and Islamic literature as free and interact with people there.

### *CPS Team Addréses and Interâctions*

CPS Team members also address gatherings at the center and outside to explain Islam 'as it is' and to clear up misconceptions. Many interfaith houses call on them to share their views on Islam, peace and spirituality.

### *Préss, Télevision and Radio*

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan is a regular contributor to newspapers, magazines, television channels and radio. Whenever people wish to know about the true face of Islam, they turn to the Maulana. CPS Team members also contribute to articles.





### *Multi-Media Interaction Center*

The CPS Center, Delhi, houses a fully equipped multi-media center. This is used to facilitate mutual learning through interactions with the intelligentsia, the media, youth, women and academic and religious scholars by CPS Team members.

### *Library-cum-Reading Room*

The Maulana says that CPS is 'a literature-based' movement. To facilitate the reading of the more than 200 books and thousands of articles of the mission, CPS has a fully functional library-cum-reading room where seekers of truth and research scholars come to study CPS material. The uniqueness of the library is the material which explains Islam and prophetic teachings, thus addressing the modern contemporary mind. The Maulana and the Ambassadors of Peace then interact with them to clear up any doubts that they may have.

### *Publishing and Book Fairs*

Goodword Books publishes and distributes the Quran and Islamic material through a network of distributors globally. They also participate in Book Fairs internationally to arrange for mass distribution of the Quran and Islamic material. This facilitates the distribution of the Quran and Islamic material to every corner of the globe. CPS participates in local book fairs to make copies of the Quran and Islamic material available to seekers of truth throughout India.

### *Television Broadcasts*

CPS organizes broadcasts of lectures of Maulana Wahiduddin Khan and CPS Team members on channels like E TV Urdu, Zee Salam, Bridges TV and others. A full-

fledged television recording studio with audience facility is being developed at the upcoming Quran International Center, New Delhi.

### *Qurân Distribution*

The present world scenario has made people inquisitive about the Quran. CPS and its chapters worldwide have distributed millions of copies of 'The Quran' in English and other languages. Having received world-wide acceptance, it is considered a 'peaceful' translation of the Quran that is easy to understand. Copies of Quran are distributed free to promote mutual understanding. One-on-one interactions and programs at CPS and Peace Centers; hotels; at places people where gather like cultural exchange centers, malls and shops as well as street distribution have become very common.

### *Islamic Literâturê Distribution*

The Ambassadors of peace promote and distribute the monthly magazines: 'Al-Risala' (Urdu) and 'Spirit of Islam' (English); leaflets, booklets and books in various languages explaining the Creation Plan of God and spiritual wisdom. The centre also distributes its audio and video lectures free of charge. These spiritual gifts are shared with people either through one-on-one interactions or through programs.

### *Global Free Qurân Requests*

CPS has placed a 'Free Quran Requests' on its website, where hundreds of requests for the Quran are received from all over the world on a daily basis. The CPS Center, Delhi, and its chapters worldwide are catering to these requests.





### *Daily Podcasts*

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan regularly records lectures on Quranic and prophetic wisdom. These are sent as daily podcasts to CPS chapters and thousands of seekers worldwide.

### *Multimedia and Online*

The online multimedia provide a globally interactive platform by means of which CPS can re-engineer the minds of people across the world. CPS International makes effective use of the multimedia — print, television, radio, the internet, etc. — to address people's minds. Virtually all of the Maulana's writings and lectures are available in the form of leaflets, booklets, books, DVDs and MP3s in Urdu, English, Hindi and Arabic on our various sites: [www.cpsglobal.org](http://www.cpsglobal.org), [www.alrisala.org](http://www.alrisala.org), [www.goodwordbooks.com](http://www.goodwordbooks.com) and [www.quraninternational.net](http://www.quraninternational.net). Online mailers are sent to lakhs of people worldwide to share spiritual wisdom with them and explain the Creation Plan of God.

### *Applications and Social Networking*

Realizing the importance of Apps and Social Media like Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, CPS promotes Apps of the Quran and Islamic material; makes entries on many Facebook and Twitter pages and sends daily WhatsApp podcasts. Efforts are being made to increase the use of the media in this way.



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