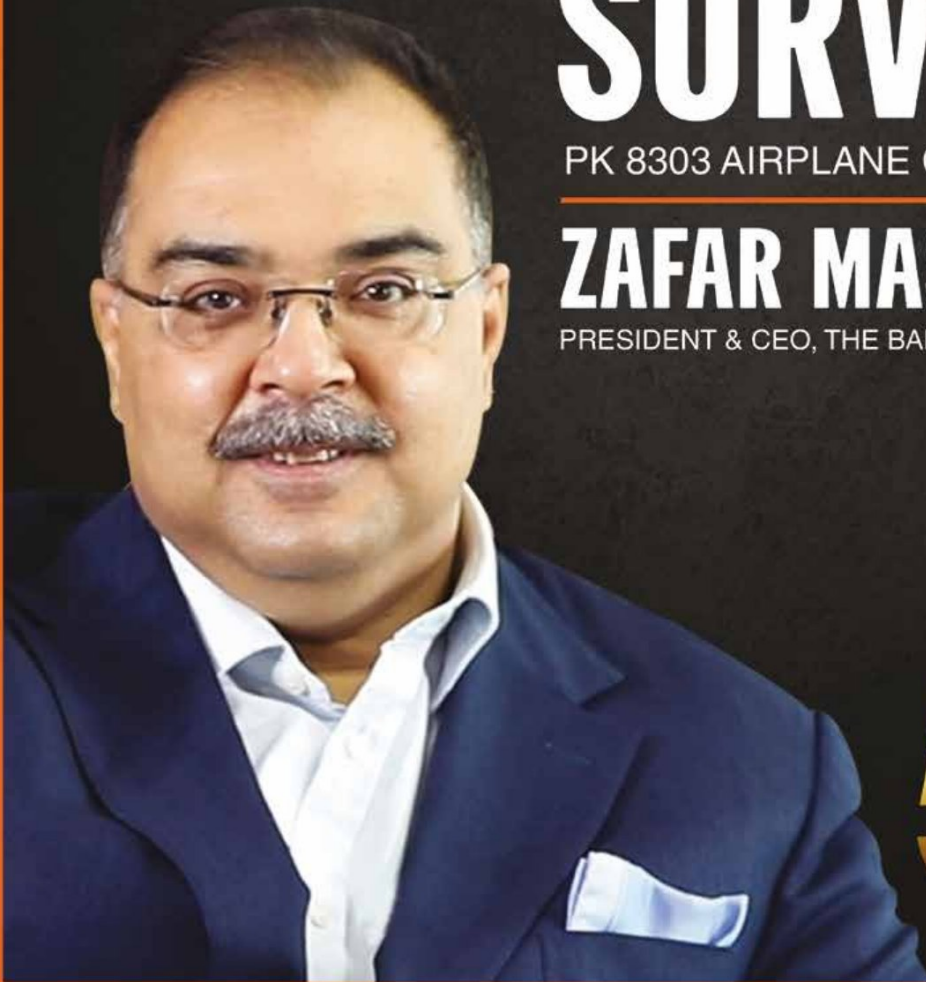


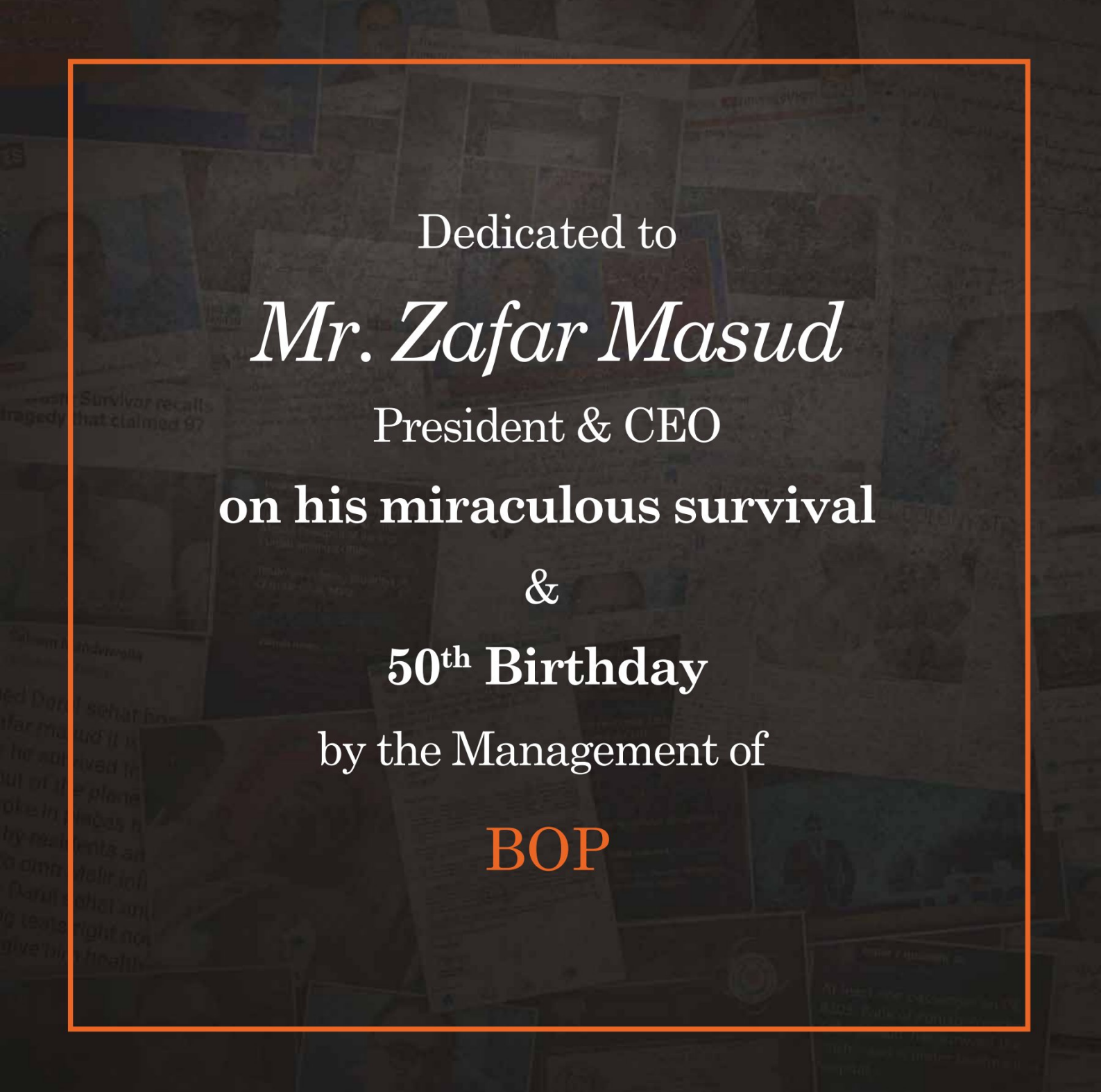
THE MIRACULOUS SURVIVOR

PK 8303 AIRPLANE CRASH AT KARACHI

ZAFAR MASUD

PRESIDENT & CEO, THE BANK OF PUNJAB



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Dedicated to

Mr. Zafar Masud

President & CEO

on his miraculous survival

&

50th Birthday

by the Management of

BOP

یہ سچ کہ ابراہیم نہیں ہوں، حقیر و گناہ گار سا تیرا بندہ ہوں میں
مگر پھر بھی مالک تیرے کن سے نار کو گلزار بنتے دیکھا ہے

وقاص احمد

Mr. Zafar Masud was born on 9th October 1970 to Munawar Saeed & Begum Shahnaz Saeed. He did his graduation from Hailey College of Commerce, Lahore while received an MBA from Institute of Business Administration, Karachi.

Mr. Masud started his professional career from American Express in the year 1993 as management trainee. He then went to serve at top positions of multinational banks in Pakistan and abroad, including Regional Managing Director & CEO for Southern Africa, Barclays Bank.

He also worked at senior levels in Citibank, Dubai Islamic Bank and Burj Capital. He has also extensive experience of working at Board of Directors level for major public and private sector entities including State Bank of Pakistan. Lately, he served as Director General, National Savings, and Ministry of Finance and as interim CEO for InfraZamin Pakistan.

During the turbulent times of Covid-19, Mr. Masud joined The Bank of Punjab as the President & CEO on 17th April 2020. Immediately after joining the bank, Mr. Masud gave frontline staff of bank a special bonus for their duty during the Covid-19 crisis. In May 2020, breaking the traditional barriers, Mr. Masud interacted directly with the bank staff through video conference and shared his vision for the future of BOP.

On 22nd May 2020, Mr. Masud boarded Pakistan International Airline's flight PK 8303 for Karachi to spend Eid holidays with family. At 1:05 PM, PK 8303 crashed into the Model Colony just 3 kilometres short of Karachi airport. At first, there was no report of survivors, it was believed that all 99 passengers & crew members have perished. It was only around 3:30 PM, that news of survivors started to emerge on the news channels. It was confirmed that at least two passengers have survived and one of the miraculous survivors was Mr. Zafar Masud.

It was later revealed that Mr. Masud's seat fell outside the aircraft upon impact on the ground. He was rescued by the locals and hurried to Combined Military Hospital, Malir for immediate medical attention. He sustained fractures to his hip and collar bones, however, there were no burn marks on his body, only scratches. Later on, he was shifted to Darul Sehat, Karachi for surgery and rehabilitation.

After the miraculous survival, he wrote a letter to his employees vowing to work for their welfare and to serve Pakistan. He wrote, "This incident has further strengthened my resolve to work with more zeal and fervor for the welfare of all of you. It is high time to make a pledge to continue caring about each other and work for the growth of our Bank."

He added: "I believe that Allah Swt has given me a second life and I wish to make the most of it by serving my country, this Institution, and working for the betterment of all of you."

Continuing to show his bravery and resilience after his miraculous survival, he travelled from Karachi to Lahore through PIA's PK 304 on 26th September 2020. PIA's CEO Air Marshal Arshad Malik travelled especially from Islamabad to receive him on his arrival at Lahore airport.

On 28th September 2020, he returned to BOP Head Office, Lahore after a gap of four months. While talking to the staff, he expressed gratitude towards every employee of BOP and thanked them for their prayers. He also expressed his desire to work with same zeal and determination in his new journey of life.

"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Date: 22nd Sept 20.

وصل کی راتِ شام

یوں تو گزاری ہیں ہم نے شامیں کئی
جہاں کی یادیں پھولوں کی طرح مہکتی ہیں
لمسِ جن کا اب بھی لبوں پر سر تپتا ہے
مگر آج کی شام نہ جانتے کیوں خاص تھی ...

یہ چند لمحے تھے گویا مانتے سہا
احساس کے دریا میں موجوں کا اضطراب
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دل میں یوں پیار کا طوفان کہ آنکھ بھر آئے
نور کے جلوے جو میری روح میں سماں جایشیں
دل، میں، دھڑکن اور تم ...
وصل کے کچھ لمحے مگر گزار آئے .

Zafar Masud's Interaction with BOP Employees through Facebook Live on 20 May 2020





NAME OF PASSENGER

MASUD/ZAFAR/MR

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TO

LAHORE-LHE
KARACHI-KHI

CARRIER FLIGHT CLASS DATE TIME

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Plane crash in Pakistan



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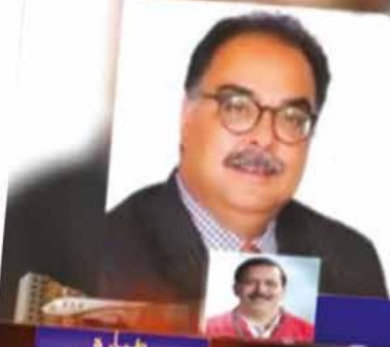
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طیارے میں سوار بینک آف پنجاب کے صدر ظفر مسعود کو اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا

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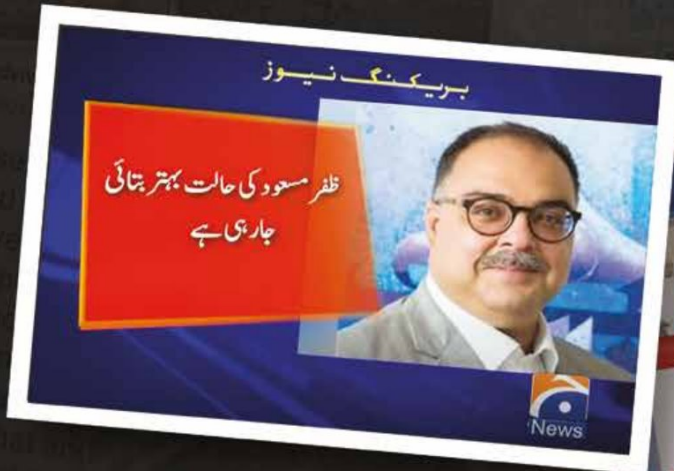
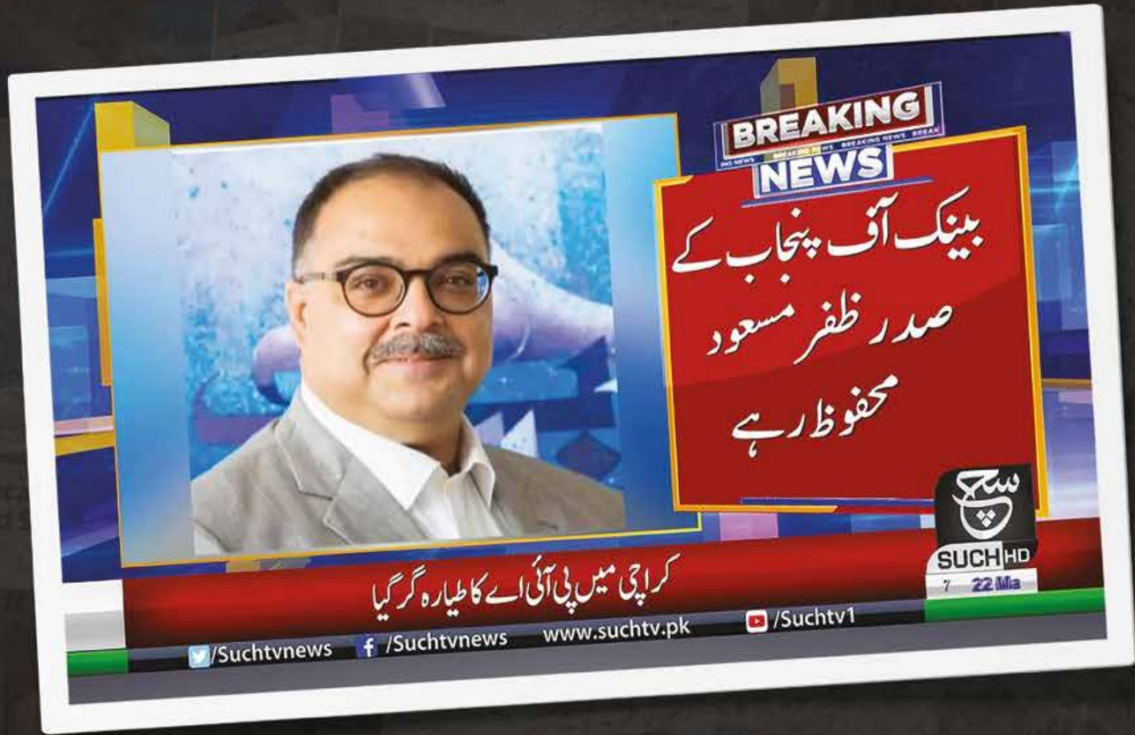
شاہد ہاشمی، نمائندہ خصوصی

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گرنے کی تصاویر

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Kamran Khan @AajKamranKhan · 7m

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Profit Magazine @Profitpk

As per sources, there are survivors of the crash, including Zafar Masud, President of Bank of Punjab amongst others.

Treatment is being provided at CMH Hospital, Malir.

[twitter.com/zainabimam/sta...](https://twitter.com/zainabimam/status/1234567890)

Zainab Imam @zainabimam

A close relative was on the flight from Lahore that crashed. There are survivors — he is one.

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Saleem Mandviwalla @SaleemMandvi

Reached Darul sehat hospital met Zafar masud it is a miracle he survived the crash he fell out of the plane after plane broke in pieces he was rescued by residents and brought to cmh Malir. initially now he is Darul sehat and undergoing tests right now may allah give him health

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President and CEO of **The Bank of Punjab**, Zafar Masood has successfully survived the **#plane crash** of Karachi and is undergoing treatments in the emergency ward of a hospital nearby.



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#PIA_Plane_Crashed Update: President of Bank of Punjab
#ZafarMasood, who was a passenger of ill-fated plane, has
survived miraculously and is being treated at a private hospital

#plane crash
#PIACrashKarachi



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اسد ہاشمی
@A_Hashmi

معجزہ
کراچی مسافر طیارہ حادثے میں بچ جانے والے ظفر مسعود نے بینک آف پنجاب کے
صدر کی حیثیت سے چارج سمیٹا لیا۔ مارچ کے آخری ہفتے میں کرونا پاکستان میں
داخل ہوا اور ملک گیر لاک ڈاؤن کا آغاز کر دیا گیا۔ جہاں پاکستان پھر کے تمام ادارے
اور سرکاری دفاتر بند ہوئے وہیں تمام بینکوں نے عوام

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Khunais Ur Rehman
@KhunaisUrRehman

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زیادہ کرتا ہے اور فرمایا: صدقہ مال کو کم نہیں کرتا۔ الصدقة في السر تطفئ غضب
الرب- مستدرک علی الصحیحین حدیث نمبر: 6491
#ZafarMasood #Pakistan #planecrash

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Amjad Saqib @DrAmjadSaqib · May 22

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the crash.
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umar ishaque butt
@capiscs

Ya Allah, you are #merciful!
#ZafarMasood President of #Punjab bank saved #miraculously in
#PK8303 #planecrashkarachi as he was thrown out of the plane
alongwith his seat.
Some days back he donatd handsome amount for a disabled
organization & ask for #Allah #Almighty acceptance.

طیارہ کریش ہوا تو سیٹ سمیت باہر جا گرا،

لوگوں نے اٹھایا تو احساس ہوا میں زندہ ہوں، آوازیں

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کراچی (نیوز ڈیسک، سٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان انٹرنیشنل نے مجھے اٹھا
اٹھ کر آئی (اسے) کے تباہ ہونے والے بد قسمت
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طیارہ حادثے میں خوش قسمت مسافر اور معجزانہ طور پر
بچ جانے والے بینک آف پنجاب کے صدر ظفر محمود سے یہ
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@SheikhFaisal321

#ZafarMasood did many bonuses and relief to his staff after
joining as #CEO BOP #bank of punjab #Haqqoq UI Ebad



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Aon Zaidi
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#PIAPlaneCrash

#plane crash

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Syeda Zaidi
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#BankOfPunjab #ZafarMasood
#plane crash



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'We have lost engines'

PIA jet with 99 on board crashes into Karachi residential neighbourhood

Miraculous survivals

● HAFEZ TUNIO
KARACHI

Bank of Punjab (BoP) President Zafar Masud and another banker, Muhammad Zubair, miraculously survived the PIA flight PK8303 crash in Karachi's densely populated area of Model Colony on Friday however some other prominent personalities were not that lucky.

Model and actor Zara Abid was among the passengers of the ill fated flight. According to PR mogul Frieha Altar, Zara was returning to Karachi from Lahore after attending a family funeral. She had received the best female model award earlier this year. There were earlier reports that she had survived the crash but she was yet to be found at the time this report was filed.

Journalist Ansar Naqvi, the director programming at SURVIVORS, PAGE 6

● OUR CORRESPONDENTS
KARACHI

"We're returning back, sir, we have lost engines," the pilot of PIA flight PK8303 told the control tower at the Karachi airport in a tragic call moments before sending a Mayday, according to a recording posted on monitoring website liveatc.net.

The pilot said the eerie words after the control tower cleared his Airbus A320 to land on either of the airport's two West-Southwest-facing runways but the jet appeared to be off-course for its second attempt at landing.

"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday." The pilot said 12 seconds later before his plane with 99 people — including eight crew members — on board crashed into the densely populated Model Town neighbourhood on Friday. The crash triggered a fire on the ground and caused significant damage to the private property.

Two passengers miraculously survived the deadly crash. The Sindh health ministry confirmed at least 85 deaths past midnight. Fifty-three bodies were at PLANE CRASH, PAGE 6
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TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION: (Top) Rescue workers gather at the crash site. (Bottom left) A firefighter sprays water on the wreckage. Rangers personnel rescue children from the burning homes. PHOTOS: EXPRESS/AGENCIES

SIB to conduct inquiry

● SALMAN SIDDIQUI
KARACHI

The Safety Investigation Board (SIB) will conduct an independent inquiry into the terrifying PIA plane crash incident at Model Colony, near the Jinnah International Airport, Karachi.

"The [state-owned] Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will not participate in the probe... and would stand answerable before the inquiry board," PIA CEO Air Marshal Arshad Malik said in a news conference.

The SIB is an independent organisation of the government SIB INQUIRY, PAGE 6



DAWN

Passenger plane carrying 99 slams into houses near Karachi airport

- 85 deaths confirmed, authorities anticipate rise in toll
- Pilot made mayday call, reporting engine failure
- PIA CEO says aircraft was technically sound

By Asim-Ul-Haque

KARACHI: At least 85 people, including 80 passengers, lost their lives when a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) Airbus A320 (flight PK8303) crashed into a densely populated area in the south-eastern suburb of Orangi, about 10 km from the airport, on Monday. The plane, carrying 99 people, including 80 passengers, crashed into a residential area, causing a massive fire and explosion. The plane was carrying 80 passengers and 19 crew members. The crash occurred at 10:00 AM on Monday. The plane was flying from Lahore to Karachi. The crash site is located in a densely populated area, with many houses and shops nearby. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away. The plane was carrying 80 passengers and 19 crew members. The crash occurred at 10:00 AM on Monday. The plane was flying from Lahore to Karachi. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away.



Witnesses to the crash of the PIA plane at Orangi, Karachi, on Monday. The plane was carrying 99 people, including 80 passengers. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away.

At least two passengers survive deadly crash

By A.P. A president was carried out of the debris, while the other survivor moved out of it on his own.

Pilots' body demands probe into tragedy

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: The Pakistan Airlines' (PA) Association has demanded a thorough investigation into the crash of the PIA plane at Orangi, Karachi, on Monday. The association says that the crash was a result of human error and that the pilots should be held responsible for the tragedy.

Mayday, mayday, mayday — then the plane goes down! 96 perish in PIA plane crash

AX30 falls on densely populated area; many fatalities, injuries on the ground feared; rescue and recovery operation in full swing; two survive crash, 80 bodies pulled out; BoP president survives; president, PM, COAS, PPP chairman and others console

Farooq Khan

KARACHI: At least 80 passengers, including 80 passengers, lost their lives when a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) Airbus A320 (flight PK8303) crashed into a densely populated area in the south-eastern suburb of Orangi, about 10 km from the airport, on Monday. The plane, carrying 99 people, including 80 passengers, crashed into a residential area, causing a massive fire and explosion. The plane was carrying 80 passengers and 19 crew members. The crash occurred at 10:00 AM on Monday. The plane was flying from Lahore to Karachi. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away.



KARACHI: Two children are being rescued from the crash site.

Tough task for rescuers

By Asim-Ul-Haque

KARACHI: The task of rescuing the victims of the PIA plane crash at Orangi, Karachi, on Monday, is a tough one. The plane was carrying 99 people, including 80 passengers, and crashed into a densely populated area. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away. The plane was carrying 80 passengers and 19 crew members. The crash occurred at 10:00 AM on Monday. The plane was flying from Lahore to Karachi. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away.

Testimony of survivor

By Asim-Ul-Haque

KARACHI: A survivor of the PIA plane crash at Orangi, Karachi, on Monday, has given a testimony of the crash. The survivor says that the plane was flying from Lahore to Karachi and that the crash occurred at 10:00 AM on Monday. The plane was carrying 99 people, including 80 passengers, and crashed into a densely populated area. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away.



KARACHI: The PIA plane crashed into a densely populated area in Orangi, Karachi, on Monday. The plane was carrying 99 people, including 80 passengers. The crash caused a massive fire and explosion, which was visible from several kilometers away.

طیارہ حادثہ میں 96 افراد جاں بحق ہوئے، 80 لاشیں نکالیں گے

لاہور: پاکستان انٹر نیشنل ایئر لائنز (PIA) کی ایک ایئر بس 320 (فلٹ نمبر PK8303) منگل کو لاہور سے کراچی کے علاقے اورنگی میں حادثہ کا شکار ہوئی۔ طیارہ زمین پر گرنے کے بعد شدید آگ لگی اور 96 افراد جاں بحق ہوئے، 80 لاشیں نکالیں گے۔

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Jimmy
@A_Rizvi110

#PIAPlanCrash: #Pakistan's renowned TV artist / Actor Munawar Saeed says after offering Zohrain prayers he started reciting Dua-e-Tawassul. At that time, he heard the news of #KarachiPlaneCrash. His son Zafar Masood was on the same flight 🕊️
Son was reciting Nad-e-Ali all time.



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Jimmy
@A_Rizvi110

Replying to @A_Rizvi110

"My son #ZafarMasood (President of Bank of #Punjab) phoned me from the hospital and said he was okay". Munawar Saeed #PIAPlanCrash



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Adnan Zaheer Khawaja
@Adnan_Zaheer

جسے اللہ رکھے اسے کون چکے۔۔ الحمد للہ
#KarachiPlaneCrash #ZafarMasood

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Rj imran official
@rjimranofficial

Who will believe he is a survivor of #planecrash #ZafarMasood President BOP

#رمضان #عید الفطر جسے اللہ رکھے

#planecrash



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جسے اللہ رکھے اسے کون چکھے، صدر بینک آف پنجاب ظفر مسعود طیارے حادثے میں محفوظ۔۔۔

#PIACrash #planeCrash #ZafarMasood #GNNupdates #GNN
#Karachi #GNNupdates #GNN #Airbus320 #PK8303
#PIAPlaneCrash LHR to KHI #BreakingNews

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@RadioPakistan

#PIA_Plane_Crashed Update: President of Bank of Punjab #ZafarMasood, who was a passenger of ill-fated plane, has survived miraculously and is being treated at a private hospital radio.gov.pk/22-05-2020/pia...

#planeCrash
#PIACrash
#Karachi #PIA
#PIAPlaneCrash



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بینک آف پنجاب کے سی ای او ظفر مسعود طیارہ حادثے میں محفوظ رہے ، ان کو
ریسکیو کرتے وقت کی ویڈیو

#PIAPlaneCrash #PIA_Plane_Crashed #PIAPlanCrash #PIACrash
#ZafarMasood

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وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب عثمان بزدار کا بینک آف پنجاب کے صدر ظفر مسعود کو فون
#AbbTakk #ZafarMasood #UsmanBuzdar

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رہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق کراچی میں پاکستان انٹرنیشنل ایئر لائن (پی آئی اے) کے...
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جسے اللہ رکھے اُسے کون چکھے ، "طیارہ کریش ہوا تو سیٹ سمیت باہر جاگرا.." جاننے معجزانہ طوہر پر بچ جانے والے بینک آف پنجاب کے صدر ظفر مسعود نے طیارہ حادثے میں کیا بتایا کیسے انہیں ریسکیو کیا گیا

#ZafarMasood #karachiPlaneCrash #PIA #PIAPlaneCrash

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آگاہ اپنی موت سے کوئی بچر نہیں
سامان سو برس کا ہے پل کی خبر نہیں

#Karachi #Heartbreaking #Miracle #ZaraAbid #planeCrash
#Airport #YaAllah #ZafarMasood #Rescue1122 #PIAPlaneCrash
#Devastating #BankofPunjab #crashed #Mayday #ModelColony
#martyrs #Survivors #AllahReham

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#Karachi ;
#PIA KI FLIGHT #PK8303 K HADSAY ME BANK OF PUNJAB K
SADDAR #ZafarMasood MOAJIZANA TOR PAR BACH GAYE.
INKI HALAT BEHTAR BATAI JAA RAHI HAI.
HOSPITAL MUNTAQIL.

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#Crash #Pakistan #ZafarMasood
Crash au Pakistan : la vidéo de sauvetage d'une victime fait le
tour du monde - [benintimes.info/international/...](http://benintimes.info/international/)

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#plane crash #PIAPlaneCrash #PIA_Plane_Crashed #zafarmasood
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مزید جانیں:--
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@6NNNEWS

#Karachi :
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SADDAR #ZafarMasood MOAJIZANA TOR PAR BACH GAYE.
INKI HALAT BEHTAR BATAI JAA RAHI HAI.
HOSPITAL MUNTAQIL.

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Yasser Y.
@YasserS99

"By the grace of Allah, Mr. [#ZafarMasud](#) the President of The Bank of Punjab has survived the horrific plane crash earlier today. He has sustained injuries but he is out of danger and being treated in the hospital."

[Source: [#BOP](#)]

[#PIA](#) [#PlaneCrash](#)

Unfortunately earlier today, a PIA flight A8303 carrying over 100 passengers crashed near Karachi airport prior to landing.

By the grace of Allah Almighty, our President Mr. Zafar Masud who was also travelling on the same plane has survived this horrific air crash. He has sustained injuries but is out of danger and being treated in the hospital.

While we pray for speedy recovery of our President Mr. Zafar Masud and other survivors. We extend our deepest sympathies for the bereaved families who sustained unbearable loss of their loved ones in this fatal accident.



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Pakistan Ki Awaz Tv (پاکستان کی آواز)
@PakistanKiAwaz

Bank of Punjab (BOP) CEO [#ZafarMasood](#) video as he survived the crash.
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Bank Of Punjab President Zafar Masood Survives PIA Plane Crash In Karachi:...
The Pakistan Army and the Air Force were rushed to carry out rescue and relief operations. Ambulances and rescue officials arrived at the scene to help ...
[news.abplive.com](#)

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Dr. Arif Alvi ✓
@ArifAlvi

پی آئی اے کے حادثے پر ہم سب رنج اور غم کا شکار ہیں۔ جاں بحق مسافروں کو اللہ غریقِ رحمت کرے اور جنت الفردوس میں جگہ دے۔

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ۔

لواحقین کے لیے اللہ سے دعا ہے کہ انکو صبرِ جمیل عطا فرمائے۔

اللہ ہم پر رحم کرے۔ آمین

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Imran Khan ✓
@ImranKhanPTI

Shocked & saddened by the PIA crash. Am in touch with PIA CEO Arshad Malik, who has left for Karachi & with the rescue & relief teams on ground as this is the priority right now. Immediate inquiry will be instituted. Prayers & condolences go to families of the deceased.

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Usman Buzdar ✓
@UsmanAKBuzdar

Really saddened to hear about PIA Plane crash just a couple of days before Eid. We can't imagine the pain their loved ones must be going through!

My prayers & sympathies are with the families of the passengers onboard. May Allah give them strength to cope with this loss. Aameen

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* الحمد للہ ظفر محمود اسٹیبل ہیں، وزیراعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ

* وزیراعلیٰ سندھ نے ظفر محمود کو آواز دی، مراد از پیئر

* ظفر محمود نے جواب دیا، تھینک یو سو مج، اللہ پاک نے رحم کیا

* وزیراعلیٰ سندھ نے کہا کہ ظفر آپ آرام کریں، ڈاکٹر کو اپنی کارروائی کرنے دیں، میں پھر دورہ کروں گا

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Shah Mahmood Qureshi ✓
@SMQureshiPTI

Deeply grieved over devastating plane crash in res area flying to Khi & mins away from landing with many making way home for Eid. Terrible tragedy, my prayers with all families. We are in midst of grave challenges as a nation & in these times of trial we must show resolve & unity

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Asim Saleem Bajwa
@AsimSBajwa

Sad News: Our heart goes out to all families of on board passengers of the ill fated PIA plane that just crashed close to Karachi Airport. On PM's directions, all emergency services & resources mobilised, evacuation in progress. More details will be shared subsequently

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DG ISPR ✓
@OfficialDGISPR

#COAS condoles loss of precious lives in tragic PIA plane crash. Shares grief of bereaved families in this difficult time. COAS directed provision of full assistance to civil administration in rescue/ relief effort.

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Senator Shibli Faraz ✓
@shiblifaraz

پی آئی اے طیارہ حادثے پر گہرا دکھ اور افسوس ہے۔ یہ انتہائی غم زدہ کر دینے والا حادثہ ہے، متاثرہ خاندانوں کے غم میں برابر کے شریک ہیں۔ اس وقت بنیادی توجہ امدادی کاروائیوں پر مرکوز ہے۔

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Maryam Nawaz Sharif ✓
@MaryamNSharif

Heart wrenching news of the plane crash. Loss of lives most deeply felt by their loved ones but not only every Pakistani but every human grieving for it. Pain of a loved one taken without a warning or a chance to say goodbye can never be reconciled.

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Faisal Subzwari
@faisalsubzwari

Devastated with PIA Plane Crash news....having 100+ casualties & friends like @naqvi1966 & #ZafarMasud.....

Allah Have Mercy

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Karim
@kjindani

Replying to @faisalsubzwari and @naqvi1966

Just confirmed Zafar Masud sb is injured in CMH - Please pray

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Faisal Subzwari
@faisalsubzwari

Replying to @kjindani and @naqvi1966

Alhamd o lillah. Yes he spoke to family from Hospital

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A DAY OF CHANGING SHADES OF DESTINY - 22ND MAY 2020

By Nadeem Amir, SEVP/CFO

My first interaction with Mr. Zafar Masud was in April 2020 after his appointment as President/CEO of The Bank of Punjab. Besides being Chief Financial Officer of the Bank, I was also holding acting charge of Group Head Human Resources at that time and of both these assignments led to a very frequent interaction with the incoming new President/CEO. In early days of his incumbency, while he was getting himself acquainted with the organizational structure of the Bank through introductory meetings with different Groups, I found him a very keen learner and a quick decision maker having well-structured approach towards managing all facets of operations.

Through his first few communications with the staff, future tone of the organization was set. As the entire Country came under the grip of COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, decisions taken by the new President/CEO for safety of staff members, continuation of banking services to valued clients and compensation to frontline staff working in the branches under a very challenging operating environment were greatly adored by everyone.

The holy month of Ramadan of year 2020 passed in a blink as we remained continuously engaged in revamping the organizational structure of the Bank and aligning the same as per aspiration & vision of the new President/CEO. I was very much excited about the future prospects as the Bank was all set for a new era which would entirely transform the organization and help build a human resource centric culture under the leadership of Mr. Zafar Masud.

As the nation was preparing for Eid-ul-Fitr at the end of the holy month of Ramadan, I had no idea that I would be facing some of the gloomiest hours of my life, very shortly. As the Eid festival holidays began from 22nd May 2020, Mr. Zafar Masud was scheduled to leave for his home town Karachi from an early morning flight on 21st May. However, later his travelling schedule changed to 22nd May. I remained in touch with the President and sent him safe journey wishes to which he responded immediately about 20 minutes before the ill-fated Pakistan International Airline (PIA) flight 8303 took off.



In the afternoon, I left for market and indeed I had no idea what would unfold in next few hours. While I was at the market, I received a phone call from Mr. Zafar-Ul-Hassan, protocol officer who accompanied the President to Lahore Airport, and in a very distress voice he told me that PIA flight carrying our President had met an accident near Karachi airport. I was shocked and had no words for a few seconds but then I gathered myself and asked him whether he was sure that it was the same plane. He was affirmative and I was still in state of denial. Then I asked my family at home to check the news channels and they confirmed the news of plane crash near Karachi airport.

While I was returning home, my cell phone was continuously ringing. The news was out and everyone was worried about the safety of Mr. Zafar Masud. As I came back home praying all the way, I also told my mother about the news and asked her to pray for safety of our President. At that time few TV channels started airing news of survivors and a ray of hope started taking over the gloom as name of our President/CEO was also being reported among survivors. Our Group Head Treasury & FIs, Mr. Khawar Ansari then sent a staff member living in the vicinity who reported and confirmed that our President/CEO is also among survivors and is being shifted to hospital. Now, the focus shifted to injuries sustained and recovery therefrom as there were so much speculative news circulating around. On 23rd May 2020, I had a brief telephonic conversation with President and felt glad to know that despite being injured, he was in a great and high spirit. Later on, he also sent an Eid Greeting message to all staff members and updated about the incident and the status of his health.

Few hours of 22nd May 2020 showed us so many varied and changing shades of destiny that we bow before Allah Swt for His kindness and mercy. The survival of Mr. Zafar Masud in such a terrible air crash was indeed a miracle. I also pray to Allah Swt to grant highest ranks in Jannat to all passengers who lost their lives and also give solace to bereaved families

The spirit and strength shown by Mr. Zafar Masud during his recovery period is absolutely commendable. "What a brave man he is" I must say. Within two weeks he was discharged from the hospital and it was only a matter of about six weeks when he was back in action to take over charge of the Bank's operations. Although he had mobility constraints but his interest in Bank's affairs was much more energized. Leaving behind the trauma of the accident, on his way back to Lahore for re-joining of office, he travelled through PIA choosing the same seat. It was a message for all that whatever the circumstances are, we should always support our national airline.

Now, Sir Zafar Masud is back at office working with us with enhanced spirit and motivation. The Bank is making progress under his leadership and is on a path for a new glorifying future.

On the occasion of 50th Birthday of Sir Zafar Masud, we pray for his health and wish him all the best for future life.

MIRACLE HAPPENS FOR A REASON

by Ijaz-ur-Rehman Qureshi - Group Head Operations BOP

On 22nd of May 2020, the last Friday (aka Jumma-tul-Wida) of holy month of Ramadan also declared as first holiday preceding the Eid-ul-Fitar festival, I arrived home after offering prayer, and shortly before going to bed for a power nap received a call from Mr. Asad Zia – Head Corporate Communications at around 03:00 PM regarding the tragic plane crash of PIA's flight PK-8303 onboarding 99 individuals, during landing at Karachi airport. The unbelievable news came as a big surprise causing restlessness, awe and perturbation when upon immediately contacting Mr. Zafar – Protocol Officer, it was informed that our President/CEO, Mr. Zafar Masud, had also boarded the same flight. Details of the horrific accident were sought then from the focal person besides resorting immediately to various TV channels to get updates on the tragic incident.

Meanwhile, all the ManCom members who were already under trauma and distress started sharing their concerns on WhatsApp group, praying extensively for safety of all passengers and crew in general and our President/CEO in particular. Shortly thereafter, electronic media began airing visuals from the crash site revealing piles of debris, ashes and dense clouds of smoke originating from the devastated site which was heart-rending and gruesome to say the least, thereby invoking fear of high casualties and minimal chances of survivors. Nonetheless, everyone kept fingers crossed, and stayed optimistic for any miracle to happen till 03:30 PM when breaking news came in that few lucky passengers had been rescued from the site. A ray of hope emerged and everyone across the board started praying wholeheartedly for the safety of all especially our worthy CEO/President, Mr. Zafar Masud. A few moments later, it was reported that Mr. Zafar Masud was one of the two lucky survivors who had miraculously survived this fatal plane crash. Upon hearing this positive news, Mr. Khawar Ansari rushed to CMH to validate the news, and at 03:50 PM, Mr. Ahmer confirmed that Mr. Zafar Masud was indeed amongst the survivors thanks to ALLAH Almighty. Though this tragic incident was no less than a national loss and a catastrophe which gulped numerous precious lives, yet this news brought a sigh of relief to bank management and employees alike who were already praying for minimum injuries and quick recovery of Mr. Zafar Masud. Later on, great news kept pouring in that the wounds sustained by Mr. Zafar Masud were fortunately not of serious nature, and he was still in good shape. The news of his miraculous survival also made rounds on social and electronic media. Infact, this was a lifetime experience of witnessing miracles from so close that the words "ALLAH O AKBAR" were immediately uttered in acknowledgement of the grandeur, majesty and mercy of ALLAH Almighty. Needless to mention that Mr. Khawar and Mr. Ahmer during all this testing time were there when needed the most as representatives of ManCom, and diligently discharged their responsibilities besides giving updates on health condition of worthy President/CEO.

I can recall that the time period spanning these few hours was very painful, traumatic and distressful. All the events involving my interaction with Zafar sb in last few days quickly came to my mind. Till the receipt of good news related to his survival from the crash, my thoughts remained overwhelmed with how ominous this position had turned out to be for him. But Alhamd-o-Lillah, all these worries quickly vanished when I heard his survival news. It was revitalizing and inspiring to think and believe that God selected him for the betterment of nearly 8,000 employees of the bank, and planned for him to take this institution to new pinnacles. These thoughts are now turning out to be true with every passing day as we are witnessing how caring and compassionate he is for every soul who could reach him; and believe me; he is so accessible and friendly to everyone that he always listens to one's grievances and issues with the aim to address such matters. Last but not the least, we all pray to ALLAH (SWT) to grant our respectable President/CEO, Mr. Zafar Masud, excellent health and quick recovery. Moreover, we also pray to the Lord to strengthen and enable us to give him comfort and support in his initiatives like a family member supposedly does. After all, we all are committed to take his ambitions, plans and projects to the next level.



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Places to see,
Planets to grip,

Great rarity,
Consternation,
Hard reality,
Suffocation,

Cowardly me,
Intelligence hides,
So stars don't see,
The painful rides,

My Lover calls,
A true surprise,
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From which to rise,

With near misses,
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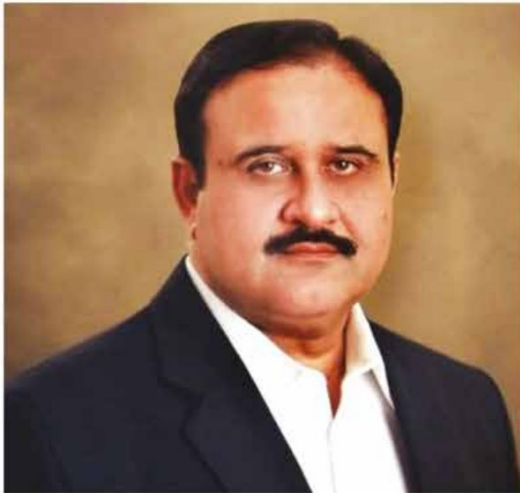
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CM Punjab phones President BOP, inquires about his health

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President Bank of Punjab Zafar Mahmood was injured in Karachi plane crash incident.

LAHORE (Dunya News) - Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has telephoned President Bank of Punjab Zafar Mahmood and inquired about his health after he miraculously survived in PIA plane crash.

CM Buzdar also prayed for his early healthy recovery and said that Karachi plane crash is a national tragedy and expressed grief and sorrow over loss of precious lives as a result of the tragic incident.

Earlier, President Bank of Punjab Zafar Mahmood was injured, yesterday, in plane crash incident.

BoP President Zafar Masud pledges to serve Pakistan

KARACHI: Bank of Punjab (BoP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Zafar Masud, who was among the only two survivors of Friday's PIA plane crash, has written a letter to bank's employees, vowing to work for their welfare and to serve Pakistan.

In his letter, Masud said: "This incident [PIA plane crash] has further strengthened my resolve to work with more zeal and fervor for the welfare of all of you. It is high time to make a pledge to continue caring about each other and work for the growth of our Bank."

Thanking God for giving him a second chance at life, the CEO wrote: "I believe that Allah Swt has given me a second life and I wish to make the most of it by serving my country, this Institution, and working for the betterment of all of you." The BoP president expressed his deepest condolences on behalf of the bank to families of the passengers and aircrew members who have lost their lives in the accident.

"This was indeed a horrific accident which resulted in the loss of around 97 lives, including passenger and aircrew," Masud said. "By the Grace of Allah Swt, I was among the two only survivors of the plane crash."

Considering the devastation caused by the crash, miraculously I have sustained only a few injuries and being taken good care of by the medical team, he said. "I am feeling much better now."

"Reliving the ordeal of the ill-fated plane, I found myself very lucky to survive against all odds. I strongly believe that this was all due to the prayers of my family, friends, and specially thousands of members of the BOP," said Masud. Expressing his condolences for the passengers who died in the crash, Masud said that "I pray to Allah to grant them highest ranks in eternal life and also give solace to bereaved families."

He said that he is proud of all staff members of his BOP team and grateful to their prayers and best wishes. "I also feel proud that I am heading an institution where everyone cares about each other. Inshallah very soon I will be among you and together we will work for the progress and prosperity of the bank."



At least two passengers survive deadly crash

Imran Ayub | 23 May 2020



KARACHI: At least two passengers miraculously survived the tragic incident in which a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) aircraft carrying 99 people crashed near the airport on Friday.

The A-320 Airbus, which was carrying 91 passengers and eight crewmembers from Lahore aboard Flight PK-8303, met its fate minutes before 3pm and crashed in the residential Jinnah Garden society in Model Colony, not far from Karachi airport.

The names of the confirmed survivors were president of the Bank of Punjab (BoP) Zafar Masud and a young resident of Mehmoodabad, Mohammad Zubair.

There were unconfirmed reports about other possible survivors as well. However, because there was no official confirmation about their fate, Dawn is not mentioning them.

The loud noise, the big fire and the strong vibrations caused by the huge airliner when it hit the ground created panic among the residents of Jinnah Garden. When the people regained composure they realised the gravity of the situation. They soon came to know that the crash had left two streets of their society under thick black smoke and flames.

BoP's president was carried out of the debris, while the other survivor moved out of it on his own

"As news of the plane crash was confirmed, our only concern was to put out the fire and extract the people out of the (affected) houses, who were injured in the crash," said Asif Nizam, a resident of the society.

"There was thick smoke. We couldn't breathe and see anything. We (initially) couldn't enter the affected street, but somehow we managed to do so. There was no one. No ambulance. No fire tender. The plane had crashed just three to five minutes ago. We were seven or eight neighbours who reached there first."

As Mr Nizam and his neighbours moved into the street, one of them suggested they should first help the people inside the damaged houses. It would be unwise to look for survivors in the debris of the plane because no one was expected to survive the crash.

"But as I was busy in one of the houses, I heard one of my neighbours shout, 'Aik bandaa zindaa hai. Aik bandaa zindaa hai [A passenger is alive]," Mr Nizam said.

He and his two friends rushed outside and saw some residents moving an injured man out of the debris. The man was later identified as the BoP's chief executive, Mr Masud, who is the son of renowned actor Munawar Saeed.

A video soon went viral over social media platforms corroborating Mr Nizam's account that showed a few men carrying Mr Masud — who was injured but conscious at the time — and moving him to an ambulance.

Mr Masud was admitted to a private hospital in Gulistan-i-Jauhar, where he was seen by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and Senate's deputy chairman Saleem Mandviwala.

The other survivor — Muhammad Zubair — was returning to Karachi from Sialkot via Lahore to celebrate Eid with his family. Sindh's Education Minister, Saeed Ghani, confirmed that he had survived the accident in a tweet.

"Meet Muhammad, (the) lucky passenger of (the) unlucky flight," he wrote. He shared Mr Zubair's photo as he was being at a private hospital.

Mr Ghani told Dawn that Mr Zubair was stable and very much conscious. He came out of the debris himself and then some people shifted him to hospital.

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Lucky BoP president says his seat fell out of aircraft

KARACHI: Bank of Punjab President Zafar Masud, who is the son of renowned TV artiste Munawwar Saeed, was among the two lucky ones who survived the plane crash.

At the hospital, he told his brother how he survived the ordeal. Quoting Masud, his brother, said: "My seat fell outside the aircraft upon impact on the ground after which I lost my consciousness. I briefly woke up when people shook me and shouted 'he is alive'. But soon afterwards I once again collapsed due to intense pain and do not know what happened afterwards." While thanking the doctors and rescue workers for saving his brother, he told newsmen that the doctors helped him regain consciousness.



Bank of Punjab CEO Zafar Masud among two survivors of PIA plane crash



KARACHI: Bank of Punjab Chief Executive Officer Zafar Masud was among the two survivors after a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plane crashed on Friday in a residential area near the metropolis' Jinnah International Airport.

Masud was among the 98 persons travelling in Karachi-bound PIA flight PK-8303 from Lahore, which crashed in the Jinnah Garden area near Model Colony in Malir almost a minute before landing.

It is still too early to say if there are more survivors from the tragedy, by the update has offered a glimmer of hope to rescue teams racing to save as many souls as they can.

The BOP president was shifted to the Darul Sehat Hospital after being recovered from the crash site and is reportedly out of danger. He spoke to his mother on the phone and informed her about his health.

Masud sustained fractures to his hip and collar bones, the Darul Sehat Hospital's administration said, adding that there were no burn marks on his body, only scratches.

According to the hospital administration, Masud's CT scan had been done and he was out of danger. His brother was with him in the hospital.

Another survivor confirmed

Sindh government spokesperson Senator Murtaza Wahab later confirmed that there are two people who miraculously survived the crash.

The survivors' names "are Zafar Masood & Mohd Zubair" and "both are in stable condition", Wahab said on Twitter.



Sindh Education Minister Senator Saeed Ghani also visited the other survivor identified as Mohammad Zubair.



The survivor of the plane crash also gave a statement in which he said the plane started jolting before landing.

"The next moment there was a hard crash and I lost consciousness," said Zubair, adding that when he came woke up there was "smoke everywhere".

The hospital administration said Zubair faced minor injuries and was currently undertreatment at the burns ward.

Reports indicated that the plane's tail-end hit the ground first and that anyone who survived was seated in the front portion.

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BoP president, another banker miraculously survive

Model Zara Abid and journalist Ansar Naqvi was also among passengers

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People stand on a roof of a house amidst debris of a passenger plane, crashed in a residential area near an airport in Karachi, Pakistan May 22, 2020. REUTERS

KARACHI: Bank of Punjab (BoP) President Zafar Masud and another banker, Muhammad Zubair, miraculously survived the PIA flight PK8303 crash in Karachi's densely populated area Model Colony neighbourhood on Friday however some other prominent personalities were not that lucky.

Model and actor Zara Abid was among the passengers of the ill-fated flight. According to PR mogul Frieha Altaf, Zara was returning to Karachi from Lahore after attending a family funeral. She had received the best female model award earlier this year. There were earlier reports that she had survived the crash but she was yet to be found at the time this report was filed.

Journalist Ansar Naqvi, the director programming at Channel 24, too was on board the plane. He had worked for 13 years with Geo News as news controller and 12 years with English daily, The News. His wife, Rana Ansar, a former MQM MPA, said there were conflicting reports about her husband's death and they had searched all hospitals for him but in vain.

The passengers also included Zain Polani, the head of the credit cards and personal loans division at the Standard Chartered Bank, his wife and three children. His wife Sarah Nasir was an economics professor at the IBA. Both husband and wife were IBA graduates.

The passengers included The Urban Unit CEO Khalid Sherdil, who had previously served as the Punjab industries secretary. He had also remained the Balochistan labour secretary. He held multiple degrees in computer science from the US and Canada.

There were also army officers on board the plane including Squadron Leader Zain, Second Lieutenant Hamza Yousaf, Major Shehryar, Lieutenant Balach khan Bugti, Lieutenant Shaheer and Capt Ahmed Mujtaba Khan. Major Shehryar was travelling with his family.

Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah inquired after the health of the BoP president at the Darul Sehat Hospital, provincial government spokesperson Abdur Rashid Channa said in a statement.

The chief minister told him, "Zafar, Murad is here." The survivor replied, "Thank you so much. God has been merciful."

The second survivor, Mohammad Zubair said he heard a loud sound during the flight and then the plane suddenly went down.

"I fell unconscious and when I opened my eyes there was smoke everywhere around me. I couldn't breathe but then the rescue team arrived and brought me to the hospital," he added.

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BoP staff members praise role of Zafar Masood

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The Bank of Punjab (BoP) staff has appreciated the steps taken by Zafar Masood soon after assuming his charge as President of the bank, said reliable sources from within the bank. While talking to Business Recorder, a good number of senior management and middle management staff thanked God for saving the life of their President, saying that Masood has suffered only a few fractures in the accident. He was on the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plane and has survived the crash.

As per details Masood was rushed to a military hospital for immediate medical treatment. It may be noted flight operations had been canceled due to the spread of COVID-19 soon after Masood was appointed to the office of BoP President back in March.

The bank staff told *Business Recorder* that Masood had travelled to the city by road from Karachi, his native city, and had taken charge of his office some two weeks back.

"The President of the bank had held an online meeting at 4 PM on Thursday and had also interacted with half of the staff members," said one Manager of a branch of the bank."



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MIRACLE ON A MODEL COLONY STREET

The niece of one of the two miraculous survivors of the air crash in Karachi recalls the terrifying moments while his family followed the news

By Nida Zehra

It was the last Friday of Ramazan and two days before the Eid holidays when Karachi witnessed an atrocious accident that scarred many families for a lifetime. The festive mood suddenly turned into an unfaltering moment of despair and utter helplessness, until life returned for one family. This is the story of that one family, mine.

Already in the midst of grappling with the pandemic, Pakistan had begun domestic flight operations after almost two months of shutdown, to enable passengers to meet their families. Excited to celebrate Eid after months of being separated by distance, and a desire to make the last day of Ramazan memorable, families and loved ones boarded flight PK8303 to make their journey from Lahore to the city of lights.

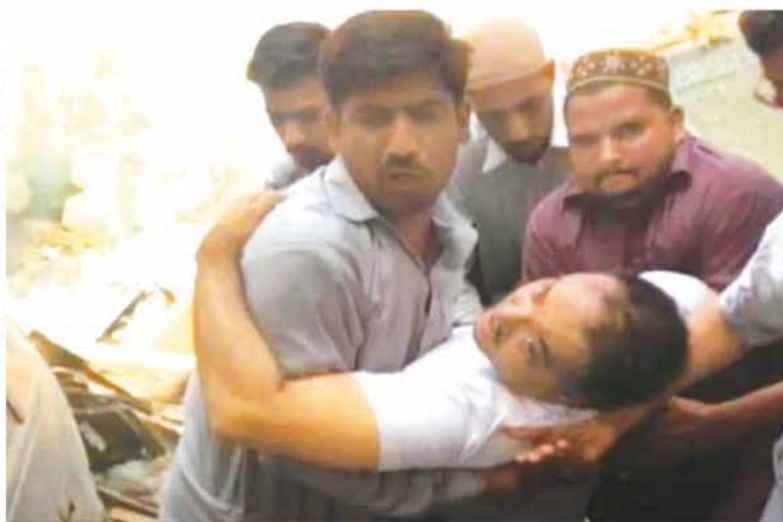
Eid was going to be a lot different this year. Our annual family Eid lunch was not going to be possible because of the ongoing pandemic, but Zooming was still an option. My mother's closest cousin, Zafar Masud, whom I call my mamoon (maternal uncle), was returning from Lahore after a two-week-long professional trip. I waited anxiously to meet him. Although our plans for Eid were different this time round, catching up with each other on Zoom, with all of us decked up for Eid, was going to be a memorable highlight.

Until the devastating news broke — the flight scheduled to land in Karachi at 2:30pm on May 24 had reportedly crashed.

I was out buying provisions with my mother when she frantically began receiving messages on her phone. The expression on her face, full of disbelief and horror, was an image that will be etched into my mind for a long time. She seemed to have gone completely numb, unable to breathe.

Horried to the core, I asked her what had happened, but she didn't say a word. She struggled to make sense of who to call to check if her cousin was on the same flight that crashed — hoping against hope that he had somehow switched flights last minute due to

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PIA PK-8303 survivor and Bnak of Punjab president Zafar Masud being pulled out of the crash debris (TV screen grab)

work.

But nothing came up.

I could tell she knew very well he was on that flight. She tried to make a vain effort to remain calm, while tears welled up in her eyes.

All the while, I kept asking her what had happened, to which she finally replied with a deep breath.

"Mamoon sabih was coming back from Lahore, his plane has crashed near the airport."

For a moment, I felt time stand still. She went on to say that there was no information yet if anyone survived.

As I tried to make sense of what she just told me, my mamoon's face kept flashing before my eyes, in my mind. My heart sank at the thought of losing him.

His phone was not responding, and my mother felt weaker and weaker with the thought of calling his mother or anyone else, not knowing if they had even heard the news or not. Every passing minute, every fleeting second felt heavy on the heart.

I needed to know if my mamoon had survived or not. The next call on my mother's phone seemed to pull us back into reality again as my nani, broken but relieved, relayed the news that my mamoon was safe, had sustained injuries but was alive and breathing.

He was saved.

As more information about the story unraveled,

images of the incident became clearer. The plane had hit the ground in the centre of the houses in Model Colony. My mamoon had lost consciousness but had somehow remained belted to his seat. The seat had ejected out of the roof after the aircraft had split from the impact, and bounced off the rooftop of a three-storied building, eventually landing on top of a car.

Fortunately, the local residents of the area and rescuers had gathered around, discovering him stuck on the bonnet of the car, and immediately pulled him out at the first signs of life. As they had rushed him out of the narrow, constricted street, there was a deafening sound of an explosion — the fuel tank of the plane had exploded.

It was unfathomable for me to imagine what my mamoon had gone through.

Keeping myself from bursting into tears of mixed feelings of joy and horror, I muttered repeatedly to myself, "My mamoon survived. My mamoon

survived."

I gently squeezed my mother's hand, letting her know how lucky we were that day to know he was alive and well, and that it was all going to be okay now.

I recalled memories of the familiar face gifting me my first set of encyclopedias. The mamoon who loved his nieces like children of his own, a mamoon who, despite being a busy bee, always made ample time for his family and friends. An uncle an immensely lucky niece like me would be proud to have. I remembered him being the first reader of my first short story as a published writer, and the very first to have my name autographed on his copy. A man known to many as having a heart of gold.

I couldn't picture him as the same man in the footage of the wreckage of the plane crash I saw on numerous media channels, being picked up from underneath burnt debris, placed on a stretcher and whisked away in an ambulance. I couldn't listen to the terror-inducing narrations of the plane crashing and its passengers screaming for help but to no avail. I couldn't see him in excruciating pain like this.

I later found out that, minutes after he was rescued by the residents at the site of the plane crash, my mamoon, seized in pain at the hospital, managed to have a nurse inform his parents via a phone call that he was in a stable condition, saving them, his friends and family from ensuing panic.

The word 'miraculous' perfectly fits what this incident came out to be for us. Kindness, indeed goes a long, long way. Long enough to save a life who looked after many.

The story of my mamoon being one of the only two survivors of the horrific plane crash was picked up by many local and international news agencies, with headlines everywhere bearing the word 'miracle,' turning it into a tale proving miracles do happen.

I can't definitively say what one needs to make these miracles come about. I pondered about the 97 lives that were robbed of the chance to see their loved ones. I pondered about those who weren't as lucky as I was, as my family was, and it grieved me deeply. I wished for something, anything, to save them from anguish. I wished for another miracle.

Karachi will forever mourn the innocent lives lost on PK8303, the Eid that was never celebrated, the wishes left unfulfilled, the final fast, and the final journey.

A miracle happened that day for my family that left me stupefied. My beloved mamoon was given life once again. I wish there had been more miracles.

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Zafar Masud's communication to his bank staff after surviving the plane crash. He is one of two survivors of PK8303 - he heads the Bank of Punjab in Pakistan!



Zafar Masud
President & CEO

May 24, 2020

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Reliving the ordeal of ill-fated plane, I found myself very lucky to survive against all odds. I strongly believe that this was all due to the prayers of my family, friends and specially thousands of members of BOP family.

I express my deepest condolences on behalf of The Bank of Punjab to families of passengers and aircrew members who have lost their lives. I pray to Allah to grant them highest ranks in eternal life and also give solace to bereaved families.

I am very proud of all staff members of my BOP team and grateful for their prayers & best wishes. I also feel proud that I am heading an institution where everyone cares about each other. In Sha Allah very soon I will be among you and together we will work for the progress and prosperity of the Bank. This incident has further strengthen my resolve to work with more zeal and fervor for the welfare of all of you. It is high time to make a pledge to continue caring about each other and work for the growth of our Bank.

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Eid Mubarak to all of you and your families.

Warm Regards

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President/CEO



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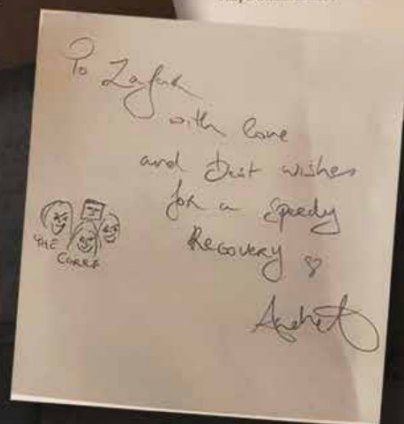
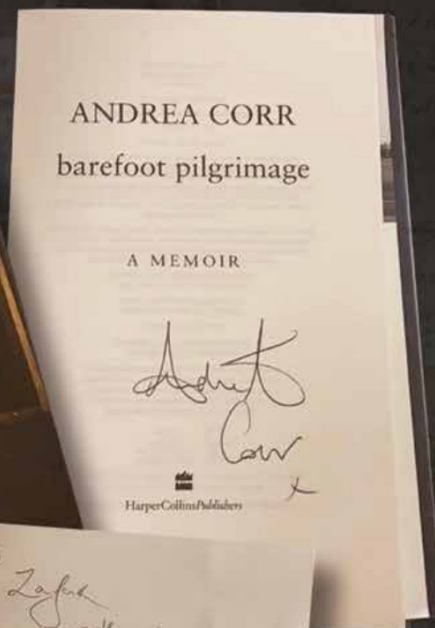
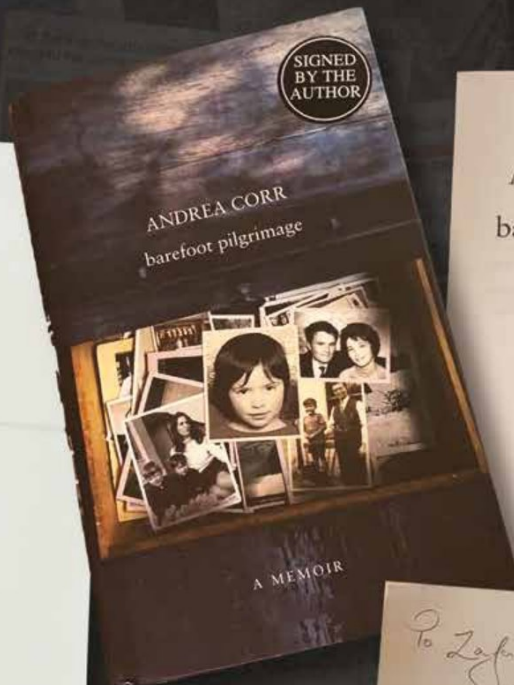
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"Zafar, this is a message to wish you a very speed recovery. We got a lovely letter from your friend Anzie who said you looked after (them) so well when they were with you and you inflicted our music upon them every night with a cigar. Anyway we're delighted you loved the Corrs. Thank for your support and get well soon! Lots of love."
 - Andrea Corr's video message for Mr. Zafar Masud

PK8303 “BUT WHY...”

THE PLANE CRASH SURVIVOR’S ACCOUNT

After over four and a half months, I am finalising and releasing this article on my 50th birthday. I had gotten much more birthday wishes this year than ever before which was a great feeling indeed. Some people, however, suggested that there should be birthday celebrations for me twice a year - once on 9th October and other on 22nd May. While I appreciate context and affection of people to suggest that but to be honest, I would never like to celebrate 22nd May, in any way. That was not a happy moment as it took away 97 innocent lives; it was, in reality, a very very sad day by any stretch of imagination. At the outset, I pray for the 97 victims of this tragic incident. May their souls rest in eternal peace. To share with you, right after the crash, their well-being was on my mind all through-out my consciousness, until I found out about their ill-starred status later on that disastrous day. Although, I didn't know anyone of them at the time of accident, and it was only post-fact I had found-out about a few of them that I knew personally. But there has been a strange sense of belonging between me and them. They all be sorely missed by me and their loved ones; in fact, by the entire nation, forever. I had started this article from my hospital bed, albeit at home, while I was still recovering from my known and unknown wounds, on the insistence of my friends and family, and the public in general, who're most interested in knowing what had happened on that fateful day and what has my experiences been from the unfortunate crash of PK8303 from Lahore to Karachi, and finally completed it on my half a century birthday.

I was also been suggested to write a book on this ordeal and my life, which I believe is too early for me to undertake and I shall give it another five years atleast, as my life story post accident may also become an important lesson to share for everyone. Therefore, I have decided to resort on this relatively brief write-up, at this stage.

I have been invariably asked what I was doing when the disaster happened and why do I think that God saved me? Frankly, I have no conclusive response to these questions and while I am searching for answers, it's maybe relevant to contextualise my situation in and around the time of the tragedy. The real answer may actually lay in my whole life story, and hence authoring the biography becomes important, but it maybe pertinent to discuss what was happening around me immediately before the sad day, as those were one of the most eventful times of my life, anyways, and may have correlation to my circumstances of survival.

Ironically, on the terrible day, I had woken-up ahead of time set on my alarm clock, perhaps in excitement that I would be traveling later in the day to Karachi to spend Eid holidays for almost a week with my family. The real excitement could be that I had spent a very satisfying first stint of five weeks with the Bank of Punjab as it's chief executive. The kind of support and welcome that I had received from the Board and the Colleagues was overwhelming, to say the least. I had joined the bank with great reluctance, being part of public sector having it's own professional hazards, but all those suspicions and inhibitions were turned out to be unfounded hitherto.

There has been no permanent CEO at the helm of affairs of the Bank for the past one and a half year which created a strategic vacuum, plus the prevailing Corona situation further complicated the matters. It was absolutely critical to put the organisation back on the strategic path and take actions that would give necessary comfort to the staff who have been on the frontlines during these trying and uncertain times, about the commitment of the new CEO towards their welfare and well-being. With the support of senior colleagues, I have been able to successfully instill confidence in the staff with active and strong communication through written communication and holding first of kind town-hall on FacebookLive (perhaps the only local bank which probably did it) due to the constraints of Corona. The initiative of reaching out to the employees through FacebookLive was turnout to be a super hit move. During one hour session, questions of the employees, received online on the screen, were taken up and addressed right there and then, whilst initial vision and strategy was shared with specific focus on employee development and prosperity.

Having done all that, it was, however, the Covid related actions and relief to the employees, which proved the staff in my commitment towards their care and put us ahead of the curve in banking sector to provide extra support to them in these times of need. That all went down very well across the board.

This was all done with most sincerity and with every noble intention and without any vested interest. More specifically, it was the extension of special bonus for frontline staff and enhancement in limit of concessional/ interest free loans to the employees which were one of the most satisfying acts of my life.

This was largely believed that the extension of these concessions, in those particular times of need, were the actions which resulted in my survival. The fact is that I can't take the full credit of these initiatives, as these concessions were already approved by the Board on the recommendation of the then Senior Management of the Bank, before I had taken over. What I could take the credit for, perhaps, is that I didn't stop them, on the pretext that no other bank in the market was doing it at that time, and probably non has done it even today, and ensured just and timely distribution of the bonus pool. But I did those fag-end actions with full conviction and commitment with my heart and mind in them. Lucky for me that I had the privilege and the honor of announcing those allowances eventually to the employees which probably left the impression that I was the architect of these very worthy initiatives.

I am notorious of getting to the airport at the nick of time, right before the counter is closed/ flight take-off. Interesting enough, on 22nd May 2020, I had reached the airport much ahead of my usual time. Fortunately that gave me enough time to get my seat changed. I was initially booked for window side, but I always prefer to sit on the aisle seat; therefore, got my seat changed to 1C, despite insistence from my protocol officer that the entire row is vacant and it would not matter much where I would be sitting in that row, but I had insisted out of sheer

habit and routine of sitting on the isle side. Change in seat, in hindsight only, may turned out to be one of the reasons of my survival.

On the other hand, would like to share with you that I was booked on Serene Air at eleven o'clock on the same morning. Though, got it changed merely a day earlier, when the unfortunate PIA special flight came up on the timetable, due to two reasons: 1). PIA flight was at a better time of the day and didn't require me to wake up and get ready early in the morning which I absolutely detest, and; 2). in case if the flight gets cancelled then Serene Air doesn't generally have flights the same day and one has to wait for another day for the next, alternate flight, while PIA generally has more than one flight a day and one gets to travel the same day on another flight. That's my experience of traveling extensively within the Country over the years.

Co-incidentally, the plane also got ready for take-off ahead of time. On that day, everything seemed to be happening ahead of schedule, as if there was some sort of urgency in the air and the people concerned were to reach their respective destinations without delay.

While sitting at the passengers lounge, I had realised that today is the birthday of one of my closest friend, who's like family and a brother to me. He's very sensitive about us remembering his birthdays, particularly by one of our friends from university who's the "gang leader". The birthday-boy particularly likes the gang leader to remember his birthdays and the first ones to be wishing him. We have our friends WhatsApp group, like almost everyone else these days, and whenever there's someone's birthday, the WhatsApp group title changes to wish him happy birthday and the display picture has the picture of the birthday-boy until another birthday comes up. It was a holiday, midday had passed, and there was no such change in the WhatsApp group. Realising the sensitivity of the situation, I had sent a text reminding the "gang leader" to make the necessary changes on the WhatsApp group with respect to the day. You may wonder what's the significance of this story. I could have wished the friend directly not involving rest of the group and made the traditional changes in WhatsApp group myself, as I am also one of the group admins, but I choose not to break the tradition and take a solo flight. The moral of the story is that one always be sensitive to other's wishes and what makes them happy. These little things go a long way in spreading love and that's one thing that the God loves for sure, in my faith. This small gesture may reflect an aspect of my personality and what sort of person I am, and hence shared it with you, as this could be the possible reason for let me live that day by my God.

Although, I got on the plane 15/20 minutes ahead of scheduled take-off time but it turned out that I was perhaps one of the last ones who got on board. Maybe a very few people came aboard after me and the flight got all the passengers who were supposed to be there and the pilot had decided to leave Lahore slightly ahead of scheduled time. Since, I was sitting on the very first seat, I didn't know who all were sitting around. There was one gentleman seated in the same row as mine but he was two seats removed across the isle; rest of the entire row was empty. He was wearing the full corona protection gear, with PPE gown and all. I did see him on the plane but didn't recognise him, given his attire. It's only after the fact that I was told about his identity and I happened to knew him.

I have the tendency of turning on my iPad before the aircraft takes off, watch either a movie or start working. I did the same that day too. Except a couple of times, when I got light refreshments, water and tea, as I was not fasting, I had continued to work on my emails. There was so much work to catch-up on and I was most motivated; wearing black

Bank of Punjab branded t-shirt as it's proud CEO, that I had remained too engrossed in work and didn't look around to see who all were present on the plane. It was only the first irregular landing attempt that caught my attention and forced me to put off my iPad and started looking around to see the reaction of others. As usual, the pilot made brief landing announced at the right time, and it all appeared smooth and regular, but when the plane landed, it had three unusual bumps. The first bump didn't bother me, as it's generally the case on landing specially when it lands with more than the usual landing speed and with steep angle, which was the case with PK8303 too. However, this was second bump, immediately after the first one, which forced me to wrap-up my iPad and looked around to see the reaction of others. By that time, third bump occurred, and then within seconds, pilot decided to took-off the aeroplane back in the air which was surely very unusual; atleast happened with me for the very time. I had realised that the window on my side of the row/isle was shut. I had gotten up from my seat and opened the window, as first reaction, to see if there were indications from outside which would require us to be prepared for something adverse. The plane went back up, apparently as high as 3000 feet, as per it's SOP, in a very odd manner - fast and narrow. It was all very surprising and frightening.

There were no indications from outside my window of any distress and I didn't notice any shouting or concerns on the part of passengers either. Atleast, I didn't hear it. I did look around while sitting on my seat and there were people sitting in the row right behind me who were calm but praying and reciting verses from the Holy Quran, as the whole episode was unusual and scary; could be a harbinger of something even worst which it turned out to be later-on, in reality. My seat was such that it was slightly removed from the soft partition between the cabin crew and the passenger seats area. I could clearly see the two air-hostesses sitting right across from me who were also praying and reciting. The door of cockpit was shut.

There were no indications of crash landing, no announcement whatsoever; if anything, there was another and last message from the cockpit which was: "cabin crew ready for landing". Few seconds before the collision, there was a jerk, maybe due to the failure of engines, and with that the cockpit door opened wide and I saw from the windscreen that as if the plane was "nosediving". Although, later-on I had figured that it was perhaps not nosediving but since it was so close to the physical infrastructure on the ground that I got this impression that as if it was nosediving. Whatever, it was, I was very clear that the plane was meeting a disaster and there was no way this situation could be averted at this hour.

One of the most crucial part of the whole episode comes now. While, I have never been scared of death and was sure that the plane was running into the community on the ground and was ready for any consequences as a result, I had asked my dear God inside me, "am I dying"? The answer was that "it's not the time and I will not die". I had asked again and the response was the same that "the plane is smashing but you will not die". After that I got this conviction that I will survive this crash which I had no doubts was inevitable. This piece in the whole episode gives me goosebumps whenever I reflect on it. I don't know were this confidence came from but it was there in me. My father also told me later-on that he also had similar belief when he had found-out about the crash through the television that afternoon.

After my God gave me this strength and put the trust of my possible survival in me, I didn't say any prayers or recited anything, despite the fact that two air-hostesses in front of me were crying and reciting

loudly and so as the steward on my right, across the isle. Frankly, there was no time either to recite anything, by the time I had finished my conversation with my God, the plane had met its hapless providence. It was literally a matter of few seconds. While there was no announcement or indication on the part of cockpit that the plane was in trouble during the distressed time, which I would assume was 10 minutes or so when the plane took off again after the failed landing first time and by the time it broke into pieces eventually, the air-hostesses got the wind that something is just not right. They had started with recitation of verses in low voices (but I could hear them due to proximity) and their volume and intensity in their appeal to God enhanced manifold as the time lapsed closer to the accident, which made me believe that they had known from the beginning, with their sheer experience perhaps, that the plane is in trouble and only God could save it now. That was very scary moment. I am sure other people around me would be in similar state but I didn't know that as I was too absorbed with the reactions of late air hostesses and steward in my neighbourhood and in deciphering what was happening and would happen eventually.

Immediately as the plane hit the uneven surface/ habitat, apparently from the rear end/ tail side in a relatively tall building as the aircraft was in the angular state (virtually horizontal), it could be imagined that there were worst possible jolts; however, until then I didn't feel any serious injuries. Nevertheless, I had fainted, probably with the shock of the crash, as I had not met an apparent injury (on my head or otherwise) which could have caused my unconsciousness. In fact, even later-on, there had been no signs of any such injuries which had caused my unawareness at the time of collision to the ground.

Any way, I consider myself very fortunate that I had lost my senses, at that time, as it could have serious implications on my mindset which would have adversely affected my life even after the miraculous survival or the other possibility could have been that I would have done something stupid which could have changed the course of things as they turned out to be later-on in this anecdote of mine which resulted in me being alive today. I had only gotten the consciousness when I was being rescued on the ground. Therefore, I have no memory of that "crunch time" - How I fell from the plane? How I had landed on the car, which happened to have the passengers in it, instead of the solid floor? How I was rescued from the debris of the plane? etc., etc.

All I know about the "crunch time" is a second-hand account but corroborated from various sources. Apparently, when aircraft hit model colony, the plane broke into pieces, largely between the crew serving area with cockpit and the passenger section was divided from the isle. Since, I was sitting right in the front and that also on the isle, so when the plane broke, my seat seemingly fell out of the plane and I had fallen along with my seat only on rooftop of a house. The seat, it appears, fell on the rooftop straight on its legs which resulted it to bounce back, and me with it, and fell on the road. The seat could have fallen upside-down or in any other direction but straight and lucky for me, it didn't, as otherwise it could have resulted in me getting fatal injuries.

The blessings continued and I had fallen on to a car from the rooftop along with the aircraft seat, instead of solid floor. Of course, if I could have dropped-down on the road from the top-floor, it would have been fatal, but God had to save me. His protection doesn't end here, and the car that I had smashed on, as the luck would have it, had passengers in it; otherwise, no body would have known that I was alive and was seeking help for my survival. The car passengers told me

that when the crash happened in their lane they didn't know what had hit them as while they were about to start the car to leave for some work, their car wind-screen blew-away and then they saw me hitting the car bonnet and shouting for helping which caught their attention and they came for my rescue. I don't remember all that as I was knocked-out at that time but an eye-witness narrated this to me. Car passengers tried to pull me out of the stuck position that I was in, between the car and the plane debris and possibly the plane seat too, but they couldn't. They then called other people for help; five gentlemen showed-up who had extracted me from the stuck position while there was fire closed-by which was spreading fast to the point where I was stuck. Subsequently, the place that I was evacuated from was also charred. This is the time when I had got my senses back, probably due to the pain, and I had happened to be fully aware about my situation. I had told my benefactors that I had a broken arm and a broken leg while my back was also hurting (burnt). They were very nice to me and took me out with much care.

The street that the plane was crash landed on had a dead-end and evacuation was not possible through a thoroughfare. However, luckily, yet again, there was a gated narrow passage between the two buildings which is generally locked but at that time the gate was happened to be unlocked. I was quickly rescued from that passage and there was an ambulance waiting on the main road to transport me to the Hospital - CMH Malir. This all worked like a clock-work with the grace of God and saved the day for me.

The moment I was settled in the ambulance, my first question to the driver was about the status of the other passengers. I was told that I was the first one who was rescued so far and the status of others is not known yet. I then reached CHM in emergency where the doctors immediately attended to me. Again, my first question was about the status of the other passengers. The answer was the same as the ambulance driver. Half hour when there was no news on me and I was sort of "missing" those were hell on my loved ones which I can only imagine and relate to putting myself in their shoes. I had requested the doctors/ attendants at CMH to get me a cellphone as I needed to call up my mother and let her know about my situation. A lady doctor responded and she had dialled my mother but her cell was shut and then I gave her my father's cellphone number and finally spoke with him but the concern about the fellow passengers from the plane remained on my mind. Within few minutes, my family and friends started showing up and I was home free. I was transported to Darus Sehat Hospital where I was operated upon on my arm and on my leg. I had finally moved to my house on 4th June 2020.

All this while, the sort of love and affection that I got from the nation is my biggest treasure and I still get emotional when I think or talk about it. This is one thing which will remain with me all my life and I will cherish it always.

At the hospital, initial assessment was that I had broken right arm from two places and had a hairline fracture in my left leg but then three days later first surprise - about the most complex situation that all my ligaments were broken - came up. The doctor has been able to fix my lateral ligament through an operation and I have been advised to wait for sometime to see if the other ligaments grew on its own in the next six months or so, or if I can spend my life without the remaining ligaments by fixing my lifestyle. Then the second surprise - Haematoma - started cropping up - first on my left leg, then on right leg and then on left and right limbs, respectively. Haematoma is a result of localized bleeding outside of blood vessels, due to a trauma

including injury or surgery and involve blood continuing to seep from broken capillaries. It becomes painful and the blood clogged is then required to be drained. I was put four different drains on my legs. Those drains were then removed after the successful drainage of clogged blood in almost one and a half month. Then hitherto final surprise popped-up - "dead-skin in my back injury" right on the top of spinal-code. Debridement, which was very painful, was done on it and it's now in the healing phase.

I would like to share that the most tricky and critical of all is the consultation with psychiatrist, in order to make the whole thing mentally normal post accident. I had decided on consulting sessions in this respect to ensure that if there're any psychological issues, due to accident trauma, then they shall be taken care of sooner rather than later. There's generally a mindset blockade to do such consultations but this is something which is absolutely critical, to the extent of being mandatory, to my mind, as this could have more negative implications on someone, who had suffered such accident, than the physical injuries. I am still consulting with the doctor in USA on this and will continue to do so until I am fully cleared by him. So far he's happy with my situation and thinks that I am doing okay psychologically.

As this was not enough, I also found out very recently only that I had contracted Corona in the midst of all this somewhere in June through antibodies testing. I had the symptoms then but was confused if those were due to Corona or heavy medication and intense treatment that I was under. Lo and behold, the results of Corona test in end-June also came negative which meant the I had gone through it earlier than that. It's not surprising, given that was peak time for Corona cases and there were atleast 200/300 people who had visited me when I was hospitalised for almost two weeks. Anyways, that phase also passed in hindsight.

With the grace of God, I am doing better with earlier broken right-hand out of the cast but weak and not allowed to put much pressure on it. The left-leg is in brace with limited movement allowed due to broken ligaments in the knee. I have got my wheelchair and walker which allowed me limited mobility, but it's not the most convenient and are tiring, so can't use them frequently; it's more of an exercise or luxury than a routine. Physio has, however, started, which is good news as it would ultimately help in the completing the recovery. Things shall start getting normal in a month or so, hopefully. But for ligaments healing in my knee/left leg, I am there for a long haul, it seems. Maybe six months or so.

Needless to say that this all is nothing in comparison to what could have happened to me. Every passing minute, I keep on thanking my God for giving me this opportunity to see how much people love me - the biggest and the only treasure of my life. One of my friends in Amsterdam knew that I am one of the biggest fan of The Corrs. She made a great effort and got me a personalised video message and a signed book from the lead singer Andrea Corr, which will remain a huge masterpiece for me for life. This is the extent of love and affection I got across the globe.

I am trying to lead my life as if nothing substantial happened with me and as if I am just recovering from small, normal injuries which one suffers in the normal course; not as a result of a grand plane crash. Total and complete denial seems to be the best option and strategy to lead my remaining life, whatever my God has stored for me, normally.

I had resumed work on 13th of July 2020 and had been operating normally under the Work from Home (WfH) arrangement, until I had physically joined the office in Lahore on 28th September 2020. In fact, I had gone to another level of operating remotely, and calling my own

working method, Working from Hospital Bed (WfHB). It went perfectly well and I have been very pleased with pace and quality. Joining the office, and WfHB, less than two months post crash turned-out to be a great idea as it kept me distracted from anything that would have played up on my free mind unnecessarily and it had made me feel that things are sort of normal for me and I am not hampered, in any way.

Subsequent to my doctor's permission, I had traveled to Lahore to physically join my office after a lapse of four months, first time post my air crash, with PIA - our national asset - with the idea to support it and work towards it's revival and improvement. I am supporting it's restructuring with the hope and wish to see it regaining it's former glory. My traveling on the national flag carrier was important for restoring faith and confidence of people in our own asset, but more so for my own sake to get the fear of travel, and that also on the same airline that I had suffered the accident, out of my system. One can't live with such apprehensions.

I am infinitely grateful for all the support and the love of people in these past few months, especially post my flight to Lahore on 26th September 2020. While it was a smooth flight, except at the time of landing when the crash scene replayed in front of my eyes for a split second. It was not an easy journey, as I went through a post trauma phase since crash which may take sometime to wear off. However, there has been some varied reactions from the families of the victims for which I sincerely apologise.

That was totally unintentional. I am a professional and an apolitical person. There has been no agenda of the sorts in my traveling on PIA. There's absolutely no doubt that there're serious problems with PIA which needed to be fixed. I can appreciate it very well as I am still badly suffering from them (can't walk without stick or wheelchair) and may have to go for another surgery in a few months on my knee. The approach that I have taken to help address the issues of the airline is that we need to work with PIA/ Government to fix these gaps rather than being just a bystander and leaving them entirely on their own. This is "our" asset, or liability, as one may like to call it, like other public sector entities, and we have to work towards fixing it/ them. Some people don't seem to agree with this point of view and I totally respect that. I maybe proven wrong with the passage of time but for the time being I expect people to support my positive attitude and noble intentions. I am always available for discussion and assistance, whatever ways possible for me, with the families of the victims. I am totally sensitive and aware of their loss and injuries. Let me reiterate that the trauma of the departure of my fellow passengers of PK8303 to the ultimate lives will always remain with me and I will continue to pray for them.

Whenever I think of this earth-shattering episode, I have no explanation of what happened and how I survived. It was totally divine and with the mere intervention of my God. All I can say for now is that it was surely a miracle. My only question to myself is "but why....." - why the crash and why my survival? I am still struggling to find a response to this. Don't have any answer or explanation; I am searching for it and after reading this article you may also have your own assessments. This, to my mind, is one big quiz which probably continues to loom on my head forever. One thing, however, I believe in, is that it seems that my God is happy with me the way I am and what I have been doing and perhaps He wants me to continue with it.....

سلسلہ پہلے نہیں ختمیں کہ اور ایسا ہوا کہ جس گاڑی پر میں گرا اس میں اس وقت لوگ موجود تھے ورنہ اس پہچانی کیفیت میں کوئی بھی یہ جان نہ پاتا کہ میں زندہ ہوں اور مجھے فوری طبی امداد کی ضرورت ہے۔ گاڑی میں سوار افراد نے مجھے بتایا کہ جب یہ حادثہ ہوا تو وہ کام پر جانے کی کوشش سے اپنی گاڑی میں موجود تھے اور انہیں اس بات کو بالکل اعزاز نہیں ہوا کہ اس گاڑی کا ان کی گاڑی کا سامنے والا شیش ٹوٹ گیا اور میں ان کی گاڑی کی پونٹ پر گرا میں اس وقت مدد کیلئے پارے چاہتا تھا۔ یہ سب حقائق مجھے ایک مبینی شاہوکی زبان پر چلے کیلئے کہ میں اس وقت اپنے حواس کو یکجا کرتا گاڑی میں سوار افراد نے مجھے چار کی فحشت، لمبے اور کار کے درمیان سے ڈالنے کی کوشش کی مگر وہ کامیاب نہ ہوئے تو انہوں نے مدد کیلئے کچھ مزید لوگوں کو بلا دیا جس کے بعد سارے افراد نے مجھے وہاں سے حالات میں نکالا کہ جب چاروں طرف آگ بھڑک چکی تھی اور اگلے پلے شدت اختیار کر رہی تھی اور جس جگہ سے مجھے ریسک ہو گیا کیا کیا بعد از اس وہ جگہ بھی محل کر رکھ ہو گئی۔

یہ وقت تھا جب میں اپنے حواس میں داپس آیا اور شاید اس کی بعد پشیدہ تکلیف تھی جس سے میں گذر رہا تھا اب میں ارد گرد کی صورت حال کو مکمل طور پر سمجھ رہا تھا۔ میں نے امدادی عملے کو ملے کو ملے ہوئے ہوائی زون میں کوئی ناگ اور شہر کے گرد کے بارے میں بتایا اور انہوں نے انتہائی توجہ اور احتیاط کیا ساتھ مجھے اس جگہ سے نکالا۔ جس جگہ میں میں یہ حادثہ ہوا وہ شارع عام تھی اور ایک طرف سے مکمل بند تھی جس کی وجہ سے وہاں سے نکلنا ممکن نہ تھا مگر ایک بار پھر قسمت نے میرا ساتھ دیا اور اس وقت دھواؤں کے درمیان یعنی طور پر بند رہنے والا راستہ مجھے نکال دیا گیا مجھے ہی راستے سے مرکزی شاہ روہ پلا دیا گیا جہاں ایک اسپتال کے کورڈینے مجھے فوری طور پر ایم ایچ ملے پہنچایا گیا اللہ کے فضل سے یہ سارا کام بالکل ٹھیک اعزاز میں ہوا اور وہ دن میرے لئے انتہائی خوش قسمت دن ثابت ہوا۔ جس وقت مجھے اسپتال میں پہنچایا گیا میں نے سب سے پہلے ڈاکٹر سید سے دوسرے مسافروں کی خبر لے کر اسے بارے میں پوچھا جس پر مجھے بتایا گیا کہ میں اب کب پہلا مسافر ہوں جس کو ہسپتال جاسا کہ بعد دیگرہ مسافروں کی حال کوئی خبر نہیں۔ اس ایم ایچ پہنچنے پر ڈاکٹر نے فوری طور پر ٹریسٹ کا آٹا کر دیا اور میں نے دوران سفر ایک بار پھر دوسرے مسافروں کی خبر لے کر اسے بارے میں دریافت کیا اور ایک بار پھر دور جواب ملا جو کہ میں پہلے ہی کہ چکا تھا آدھا گھنٹہ گزار جانے کے بعد جب مجھے تک کوئی خبر نہ پہنچی اور میرا حیا بن مکمل طور پر اس طرف تھا کہ میں کی طرح اپنی جگہ کو اپنی خبر لے کر اسے بارے میں اطلاع دے سکوں تو میں نے ڈاکٹر زاولی سے ملنے سے درخواست کی کہ مجھے ایک موٹر فون دیا جائے تاکہ میں والدہ کو اپنی خبر لے کر اسے بارے میں بتا سکوں جس پر ایک لڑکی ڈاکٹر نے میری والدہ کا نمبر لیا جہاں اس وقت بہت دور تھا جس کے بعد میرے والد سے میری بات ہوئی اور میں نے بالآخر اپنی خبر لے کر اسے بارے میں بتایا۔ تقریباً ہی دس ہری جگہ کی والدہ سے ہسپتال پہنچے تھے جس کے بعد مجھے ایم ایچ سے دارالصلحت ہسپتال منتقل کیا گیا جہاں میرے بازو اور ناگ کا پڑیشن کیا گیا جس کے بعد 4 جون 2020 کو میں ہسپتال سے گھر منتقل ہو گیا۔

اس عرصے میں مجھے تو طبی جانج سے جرحت اور اخلاص ملا وہ میری زندگی کا سب سے بڑا تازہ ہے۔ اب بھی میں اس کے بارے میں سوچتا یا بات کرتے ہوئے جذباتی ہوتا ہوں یا تو میں یہ یاداشت تاحیات میرے ساتھ رہے ہیں اور میں ہمیشہ اس سے سرور ہوں گا۔ ہسپتال میں ابتدائی طور پر میرے دو جگہ سے ٹوٹے ہوئے دائیں بازو اور بائیں ناگ کے فریکچر پر توجہ مرکوز تھی مگر تیسرے دن اچانک صورت حال اس وقت مشکل ہو گئی جب یہ معلوم ہوا کہ میرے گھٹنے کے جوڑے کھینچے ہوئے ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر ان پٹوں کو ایک آپریشن کے ذریعے جوڑنے کی صلاحیت تو رکھتے تھے مگر کچھ مشورہ دیا گیا کہ میں کچھ وقت کیلئے انتظار کروں تاکہ یہ معلوم ہوا کہ کچھ ماہ کے دوران یہ پٹھے خود بخود جوڑ رہے ہیں یا نہیں یا دوسری صورت میں مجھے ان پٹوں کے بغیر اپنی زندگی اپنا طرز زندگی تبدیل کر کے گزارنی پڑے گی۔

اور پھر پہلے میری بائیں اور پھر دائیں ناگ اور کولے پر پٹل پڑنا شروع ہو گیا۔ میں جس قسم کے اندر رہوں گے جسے کہ اندر پہنچنے والے خون، کسی چوٹ یا آپریشن اور دیگر کامیابی کے بعد سے پڑتے ہیں۔ یہ تکلیف دہ ہو چکے تھے اور ان کا ٹکانا بہت ضروری تھا اس لیے ماہوں سے چار جگہ سے ناکھی شروع کی گئی اور تقریباً ڈیڑھ ماہ بعد اس جے ہوئے خون کے نکلنے کے بعد میں نکالا گیا اور پھر اب تک کا سب سے چھانکنا ہے والا معاملہ سامنے آیا اور وہ قیامی ہسپتال پر موجود ڈاکٹر کی جگہ پر والے مردہ جوڑے کو بالکل بڑھ کر پڑی پڑی مردہ ہاتھوں کی صفائی ایک تکلیف دہ عمل تھا جس سے گزرنے کے بعد جیالی کا مکمل جاری ہے۔

اس حادثے کے بعد پہلے ہونے والے نفسیاتی پیچیدگیوں کے سے بچنے کیلئے بائیں نافٹ سے رابطہ ضروری اور پیچیدہ معاملہ تھا اس لیے میں نے حادثے کے نفسیاتی پہلوں سے بچنے کیلئے فوراً اسپتال لینے شروع کیے اس معاملے میں قائم عمومی رائے اور نقطہ نظر اس سے روکتے ہیں مگر ایسے انسان کیلئے بہت ضروری ہے جسے اس طرح کا حادثہ پیش آیا ہو۔ میں اب بھی اس معاملے پر امریکہ میں مقیم ڈاکٹر سے رابطے میں ہوں اور جب تک میں اس حادثے کے نفسیاتی پہلوں سے مکمل طور پر عمل آؤ نہیں ہوا تا یہ عمل جاری رکھوں گا۔ اب تک تو وہ میری صورت حال سے خوش ہے اور یہ

سمجھتا ہے کہ میں نفسیاتی طور پر ٹھیک ہوں الحمد للہ میرا ٹوٹا ہوا دائیں بازو اب بہت بہتر ہے مگر گردی کی وجہ سے اس پر بہت ڈاؤن لے کے اجازت نہیں، کھینچنے کے ٹوٹے ہوئے پٹوں کی وجہ سے بائیں ناگ کو زیادہ حرکت دینے کی اجازت نہیں۔ ویل جینٹر اور اگر کسی وجہ سے محدود تک چلنے پھرنے کے قابل ہو چکا ہوں مگر یہ بہت آسان نہیں اس لیے بہت زیادہ استعمال نہیں کرتا اور اسے میں سہولت کی بجائے ورزش کے طور پر لیتا ہوں تاہم تقریباً شروع ہو گئی ہے جو کہ مکمل بحالی کیلئے ایک تجربہ ہے۔ امید ہے کہ اس سے ایک ماہ میں ناٹل ہونا شروع ہو جاؤں گا، مگر دائیں کھینچنے کے پٹوں کی بحالی سچا لبا عمل محسوس ہوتا ہے۔ ممکن ہے کہ چھ ماہ یا اس سے زیادہ کی لگ سکتے ہیں میرے ساتھ جو ماں کے بارے میں زیادہ کچھ کہنے کی ضرورت نہیں میں تو پھر لحد پاک کا شکر ادا کرتا ہوں کہ اس نے مجھے یہ موقع دیا کہ میں دیگر کمزور لوگوں کے سقے محبت کرتے ہیں جو میرے لیے سہلے حیات ہے۔ اس سزاؤم میں رہا جس میری ایک دوست کو حلوم ہے کہ میں ”ٹی کو“ کا بہت بڑا مداح ہوں سواں نے اپنی ذہنی کوشش سے سرزدہ کا جگہ ایڈیا کر کے میرے لیے ویڈیو پیغام ارسال کیا اس کی دستخط کی ایک کتاب بھیجی ہے جو میری زندگی میں کی شاہکار ہے کہ نہیں اس سے یہ اعزاز کہنا قطعاً مشکل نہیں کہ مجھے دنیا بھر سے کھلوں والا بہانہ نہجت موصول ہوئی ہے میں اپنی زندگی کو اس طرح گزارنے کی کوشش کرتا ہوں کہ میرے ساتھ جیسے کسی بڑا حادثہ پیش نہیں آیا یا اس پر معمولی سے فحش کسی معمولی حادثے کے نتیجے میں لگے ہیں۔ آئے والی زندگی گزارنے کے لیے اس حادثے کے جوڑی کو اپنی والدہ کی عطا کردہ شکر گزاری کی ایک بہترین حکمت عملی ہے۔

میں نے کام کا دوبارہ سے 13 جولائی 2020 سے گھر سے ہی شروع کر دیا تھا اور 28 ستمبر 2020 کو لاہور فخر میں دوبارہ کام کیا۔ میں نے دور سے پیچہ کر ایک اور طرح کے کام کے طریقہ کار کا تجربہ کیا جیسے میں اپنا طرز عمل کرتا ہوں اور تھا ہسپتال کے بستر سے کام یہ مکمل طور پر کامیاب ہوا اور مجھے اس کے معیار اور رفتار پر بہت خوشی ہے۔ جہاز حادثے کے بعد ڈاکٹر نے نقل ہسپتال کے بستر سے کام کے دوبارہ کے دوران بہترین آپٹیمائزیشن مجھے فرم کی انجمنوں سے دور رکھا جو فارغ وقت میں انسان کے مداح پر سوار ہو سکتی ہیں ان کی وجہ سے میں اپنے آپ کو بالکل ناٹل محسوس کرتا ہوں۔

اپنے ڈاکٹر کے مشورے سے چار ماہ کے وقفے کے بعد میں جب میں اپنے فخر لاہور پہنچا تو اپنی آئی اے جیسے ہی قوی اٹانے کی بحالی اور ترقی کے آپٹیمائزیشن کے ساتھ آئی اے میں اس کی نشاۃ جان کی خواہش اور امید سے مدد کر رہا ہوں۔ سبز بالائی پرچم کے کمال جہاز پر سفر مزید لوگوں کا اس قوی اٹانے پر متاثرہ حال کرنے کیلئے بہت ضروری تھا بلکہ حادثے کے بعد ڈاکٹر اور پروفیسر کوکسٹ دینے کیلئے بھی ضروری تھا میں گزرتے ہوئے ان محفلوں خاص طور پر 26 ستمبر کے بعد لاہور واپسی پر لوگوں کی جانب سے دی گئی محبت اور فطرتی تہنید کے شکر گزار ہوں۔ گو کہ بیک بہت ہوا اور آرام دہ مگر حقاً سوائے لینڈنگ کے کھوں کے بس اسی لمبے میری آنکھوں کے سامنے گزرتے حادثے کے مناظر گونج رہے ہیں۔

میں نے پوسٹ فرام سائے گزرا اور جس سے چھٹکارا پانے کیلئے چھوٹ لگے گا تاہم حادثہ متاثرین کے لواحقین کی جانب سے کچھ پانہ بندگی ظاہر کی گئی جس پر میں ان سے معذرت خواہ ہوں، یہ سب غیر ارادی تھا میں ایک پروفیشنل اور غیر سیاسی انسان ہوں اور اپنی آئی اے سے شرم کی اجتناب سے کثرت بالکل بھی نہیں تھا اس میں کچھ شک نہیں کہ اپنی آئی اے میں بہت پیچیدہ مسائل ہیں جن میں حل کرنا بہت ضروری ہے جن میں جاتا ہوں اور جن کی وجہ سے میں اب تک ان حالات سے گزر رہا ہوں (بھوری اور دل چاہنے والے نہیں مسئلہ) اور ابھی کچھ ماہ بعد اور تکلیف دہ آپریشن سے عمل سے گزرتا ہے۔ میری صوف صرف اتنی ہے کہ میں حکومت اور اپنی آئی اے کے ساتھ مل کر اس مسئلہ کو حل کرنا ہے یا دوسری صورت میں اس کے کمال پر چھوڑ دینا ہے۔ سب سے دوسرے اداروں کی طرح اپنا قوی سرمایہ بنانا چاہتے ہیں یا قوی خسارہ یہ صرف میرے مخصوصے اور میں اس کی پہچانی کیلئے کام کرنا چاہیے۔ ممکن ہے کہ کچھ لوگوں کو میرے نقطہ نظر سے اختلاف ہو، میں ان کے نقطہ نظر کا احترام کرتا ہوں اس لیے مجھے توقع ہے کہ اس مثبت کام کیلئے لوگ مثبت سوچ کا ساتھ دیں گے۔ میں حادثے سے متاثر ہونے والے نانا ناناؤں کے نقصان کے معاملے میں بہت حساس ہوں اور ان کے کرب کو محسوس کر سکتا ہوں اس لیے یہ وقت ان کی مدد اور اس سے متاثرہ خیال کیلئے دستیاب ہوں اس میں اس ذرہ برابر بھی شک نہیں کہ مجھے PK8303 کے سلسلے میں ساقی مسافروں کے کوآپریشن نقصان کا بہت بڑا مدد ہے۔ اور میں ان کے لیے تمام عرصہ کو ہوں گا جب بھی میں اس قیامت خیز حادثے کے بارے میں سوچتا ہوں تو مجھے بالکل یقین نہیں آتی کہ کیا ہوا میں کیسے خفا گیا۔ یہ محض بقدر بار اللہ تعالیٰ کا خصوصی کرہ تھا۔ اب جہاں میں یقین سے کہہ سکتا ہوں وہ یہ ہے کہ یہ نیک نیت کا مجموعہ تھا۔ میں اپنے آپ سے ایک سوال ضرور پوچھتا ہوں کہ اگر میں اس حادثے میں کیوں پہنچا گیا؟ جس کا کوئی معقول جواب اپنی بات کو ترجیح میرے پاس نہیں۔ میں اسی حقائق میں ہوں اور شاید یہ مضمون پڑھنے کے بعد آپ کے پاس کوئی اپنی بات کو ترجیح ہو سکتی ہے مگر میرے خیال میں میرے لیے یہ ہمیشہ ایک تکلیف دہ بات رہی گی۔ اس ایک بات کو مجھے محسوس ہوتی ہے کہ شاید اللہ تعالیٰ مجھ سے راضی ہے جو میں کر رہا ہوں وہ چاہتا ہے کہ جاری رکھا جائے۔

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فضائی حادثے میں معجزاتی طور پر بچ جانے والے خوش نصیب کی یادداشتیں

کوہٹا کے چٹلنجر کا آئن لائن میڈیئر کے ذریعے مقابلہ کیا نہیں کیا گیا۔ کوہٹا کے ذریعے ملازمین سے رابطے میں رہنا بہت ہی کامیاب تجربہ رہا۔ ایک ایک گھنٹے کی ملاقاتوں کے دوران آئن لائن سکرین پر موصول ہونے والے ملازمین کے مسائل کا فوراً ردیاب کیا جاتا تھا اس دوران ملازمین کی ترقی و خوشحالی پر مرکوز ابتدائی ڈیٹن اور لائن عمل پر بھی روشنی ڈالی جاتی تھی۔ یہ سب کچھ اپنی جگہ لیکن یہ کوہٹا سے متعلق اقدامات اور پالیسی ہی تھے جنہوں نے سٹاف پر یہ ثابت کیا کہ اس کی بہبود اور غیر خواہی کیلئے ہر عزم ہوں۔ سبھی جیسے کہ ہم مشکل وقت میں اپنے ملازمین کا خیال رکھنے کے حوالے سے پورے بینکنگ سیکٹر میں نمایاں رہے اور ہمارے ان اقدامات کو کھر پونہ پائی حاصل ہوئی۔

یہ سب کچھ بغیر کسی ذاتی منافذ یا تعلیمات اور ایک جتنی کے ساتھ کیا گیا۔ ہم نے فزٹ ان سٹاف کو خصوصی پوزیشنیں اور ملازمین کیلئے رعایتیں/ بلا سٹر خراجات کی حد میں اضافہ کیا جو کہ میری نظر میں میری زندگی کا بہت ہی اطمینان بخش عمل ہے۔

میرا ماننا ہے کہ مشکل کی اُن گھڑیوں میں ان رعایتوں کی فراہمی کے اقدامات ہی میری جان بچانے کے باعث بنے۔ حقیقت یہ ہے کہ میں ان اقدامات کا سارا کریڈٹ نہیں لے سکتا کیونکہ یہ سارا ریلیف کلک اس وقت کی سٹریٹجی میں اس سٹاف کے ساتھ ہونے والے ایک بڑے مسئلے سے پہلے ہی منظور کیا تھا۔ جو کریڈٹ میں لے سکتا ہوں وہ شاید یہ ہے کہ میں نے اس ریلیف کو نہیں دیا اور یہ ہائیڈرولک پمپ کی بجائے ایک پمپ ایسے اقدامات نہیں اٹھا رہا اور شاید آج تک کسی پمپ نے ایسا ریلیف نہیں دیا ہے۔ بلکہ میں نے اس پمپ کی بروقت تعمیر کچھ نہیں کیا اور اُن آخری مراحل کو بھی اپنی ذمہ داری سے انجام دیا۔ میری خوش قسمتی تھی کہ مجھے ملازمین کو ملنے والے ملازمین کا اعلان کرنے کا 17 ماہ قبل چھوڑا کر میں ان قابل قدر اقدامات کا خالق تھا۔

بینک میں اس مختصر مدت کے دوران پورے کافے عرصہ سے زیر التوا نظر ثانی شدہ عظیمی ڈھانچے کی بھی منظوری دی اور اسے لاگو کیا جس سے صورتحال مزید مستحکم ہوئی اور ملازمین کے کدوں سے غیر ضروری شکوک و شبہات ختم ہوئے۔ یہ سب ایک مختصر مدت میں بہت کچھ حاصل کرنے کے مترادف تھا جو کہ بینک ایک عجیب و غریب شعبہ میں میرے لئے مستقبل کا تین کرنے کے حوالے سے بہت ہی اطمینان بخش اقدام تھا۔ کدوں کے مجھ سے پوچھا کہ میں کیوں اتنی جلدی اتنا کچھ کر رہا ہوں شاید مجھے اپنی رائے کو قوی کر مانی تھی چاہئے۔ شاید کی کوئی یہ معلوم نہیں تھا کہ اس آئندہ دواہ کیلئے دستیاب نہیں ہوں گا اور شاید میں الا شعوری طور پر مستقبل میں اپنی عدم دستیابی کی گنجائش کو کر رہا تھا۔

میں ایئر پورٹ پر آخری لحاظ میں پہنچنے کیلئے روانہ ہوں بالکل اس وقت جب کاؤنٹر بند ہونے کو رہتا تھا لیکن اس دن صورتحال غیر روایتی طور پر دلچسپ تھی کہ میں عمومی وقت سے پہلے ایئر پورٹ پہنچ گیا تھا۔ جلدی کچھنا میرے لیے یوں خوش قسمت ثابت ہوا کہ میں نے اس دوران اپنی سیٹ تبدیل کر دالی۔ پہلے میری سیٹ دھڑکی جانب تھی لیکن میں ہمیشہ امدادی کی جانب دلی سیٹ کو ترجیح دیتا ہوں لہذا میں نے اپنی سیٹ بدل کر 10C کر لی۔ حالانکہ میرا ہڈیوں کا پھیر پلنڈر تھا کہ پوری انتظار خالی ہے اور اس نے فزٹ نہیں ہوتا کہ میں اس انتظار میں کس سیٹ پر بیٹھا ہوں۔ لیکن میں نے مانتا ہوں کہ اگر امدادی کی جانب دلی سیٹ لے لی۔ اس ساتھ کے امداد مجھے سمجھا آئی ہے کہ سیٹ کی تبدیلی بھی میری جان بچ جانے کی ایک وجہ تھی۔ ایک امداد بت جو میں آپ کو بتانا چاہتا ہوں وہ یہ کہ میں نے اسی سکرین ایئر کی بجائے ایک سیٹ میں سیٹ تک کر لی تھی۔ اگرچہ میں نے فیصلہ کیا کہ دن پہلے اسے اس وقت تبدیل کر لیا تھا تب ہی آئی اس کے باوجود خصوصی حفاظت کا شیڈول سامنے آیا۔ اس تبدیلی کی دو وجوہات تھیں ایک تو کہ بی آئی اے کی حفاظت کا وقت اچھا تھا اور اس کیلئے مجھے صبح سویرے اٹھنے اور جلدی میں ایئر پورٹ پہنچنے کی وقت نہیں اٹھانی پڑتی تھی جو کہ مجھے بالکل اچھا نہیں لگتا اور دوسری یہ کہ سکرین ایئر کی عموماً دن میں ایک ہی حفاظت ہوتی ہے جو اگر چھوٹ جائے تو اگلے دن تک انتظار کا پڑتا ہے جبکہ بی آئی اے کی ایک دن میں ایک سے زیادہ حفاظت ہوتی ہیں۔ یوں بندے کو اسی دن کی حفاظت مل سکتی ہے۔

یہ میری رائے ہے۔ اس واقعہ کو یاد رکھنا کہ ہر چیز وقت سے پہلے ہو رہی ہے۔ ایسے جیسے فحاشی کوئی اتفاقاً ہوا بھی اس دن وقت سے پہلے ہوا کیلئے تیار ہو گیا۔ اس دن ایسا لگ رہا تھا کہ ہر چیز وقت سے پہلے ہو رہی ہے۔ ایسے جیسے فحاشی کوئی بگامی صورتحال ہوا اور حلقہ لوگ بلاتنہ پڑی منزل پر پہنچنا چاہتے ہیں۔

ساڑھے چار بجے سے زائد عرصہ کے بعد اپنی پچاسویں سالگرہ پر میں اس آؤٹنگ کو مکمل کر کے اپنے قارئین کی خدمت میں پیش کر رہا ہوں۔ اس سال میں نے اپنی سالگرہ کی جتنی مبارکبادیں مل چکی ہیں اتنی پہلے کی نہیں کیں جو واقعی میں ایک نہایت خوشگوار احساس ہے۔ کچھ صاحب نے یہ بھی تجویز کیا تھا کہ مجھ صاحب اپنی سالگرہ سال میں دوبارہ منانی جائے ایک 19 اکتوبر اور دوسری 22 مئی کے دن۔ میں بہر حال اپنے دوستوں کی اس پیارمیری تجویز کو سراہتا ہوں لیکن ایسا انداز کی بات یہ ہے کہ میں کسی بھی صورت 22 مئی اپنی سالگرہ کے طور پر نہیں منانا چاہتا۔ دلچسپ کی طور بھی خوشیاں بھرے نہیں تھے اس دن 97 معصوم لوگ قتل اجل بن گئے تھے۔ حقیقت میں یہ تصورات کے ہر زاویے سے ایک افسردہ تھا۔ اس نادر ہنگامہ سنا میں جاں بحق ہونے والوں کیلئے میں دعا گو ہوں کہ باری تعالیٰ ان کا اپنی جوار رحمت میں جگہ عطا فرمائے۔

میں آپ کو بتانا چاہوں کہ ساتھ کو فوراً بعد طیارے میں سوار تمام افراد کی ملاجی کی گٹر الا شعوری طور پر اس وقت تک میرے دل و دماغ میں بیہوش رہی جب تک مجھے قیامت خیزوں کی گٹر حقیقت سے آگاہ نہیں پائی تھی اگرچہ میں ان میں سے کسی کو مارنے کے وقت تک نہیں جانتا تھا لیکن بعد ازاں مجھے معلوم ہوا کہ ان میں سے کچھ سے میں ذاتی طور پر شایا تھا۔ پھر کسی اس سب کیلئے میرے دل میں عجیب سی اہمیت تھی۔ وہ سب کے سب مجھ صاحب کے عزیزوں اور پوری قوم کی ہمیشہ یاد ہیں گے۔

یہ آؤٹنگ میں نے اپنے دوست احباب اور عوام الناس کے صراحت پر ہسپتال کے ستر پر ہی لکھنا شروع کر دیا تھا اگرچہ یہ بیڑ میرے گھر پر ہی تھا اور میں اس دوران اس ظاہری اور باطنی خیزوں کو کنٹرول کرنے کی کوشش کر رہا تھا۔ اس میں ہر کوئی اس قیامت خیزوں کے ہولناک سامنے سے متعلق میرے تاثرات جانتا چاہتا تھا جو بی آئی اے کے طیارے کی لاہور سے کراچی جانے والی پرواز (8303) کو پیش آیا۔ بالآخر یہ آؤٹنگ میں نے اپنی ہر کی نصف صدی کی سالگرہ پر مکمل کر لیا ہے۔

مجھے یہ بھی کہا گیا کہ میں اس سانحے سے متعلق ایک کتاب لکھوں تاہم میری ذرا خیال ہے کہ ابھی ایسا کرنا نقل از وقت ہوگا۔ میں کم از کم پانچ سال بعد اس بارے میں سوچوں گا کیونکہ میری زندگی پر اس حادثے کے تاثرات بھی قارئین کیلئے سبق آموز ہوں گے۔ اسی لئے میں نے اس موقع پر ایک مختصر تحریر لکھنے پر ہی اکتفا کیا ہے۔

مجھ سے ہر بار یہ پوچھا جاتا ہے کہ میں ساتھ کے وقت کیا کر رہا تھا اور میں کیوں یہ سوچتا ہوں کہ مجھے خدا نے پہلے ہی؟ کچھ کہوں تو میرے پاس ان سوالوں کا کوئی واضح جواب نہیں۔ میں بھی ان جوابات کی کسوٹی میں ہوں۔ میرا یہ جواب بظاہر ساتھ میں میرے مذہب کا جاننے سے متعلق ہے لیکن ہو سکتا ہے اس جواب میری پوری زندگی میں چھپا ہوا یوں صراحت غری لکھنا تاہم ہو گیا ہے لیکن یہ قابل ذکر ہو سکتا ہے کہ ساتھ سے چند لمحے پہلے میں کیا کر رہا تھا میری زندگی کے بہت ہی اہم لحاظ تھے ہو سکتا ہے کہ ان کا میرے مذہب کا جاننے کے ساتھ کوئی تعلق ہو۔

اس دن میں اللہ پاک کو جتنی بچنے سے پہلے ہی پیدا ہو گیا تھا شاید میں نہ جوش تھا کہ میں اس دن کراچی سفر پر روانہ ہونے جا رہا ہوں جہاں میں اپنی فیملی کے ساتھ تھیں ایک ہفتے کی چھٹیوں گزاروں گا۔ میری خوشی کی ایک وجہ یہ بھی ہو سکتی تھی کہ میں نے بی آئی اے کی چھپاؤ کیونکہ کچھ شیش سے ابتدائی پانچ ہفتے کا دورانیہ بھی خوش اسلوبی سے گزارا تھا۔ بینک بورڈ کے کامیوں کی جانب سے ملنے والا یہاں میری جوش استقبال بہت ہی خوشگوار تھا۔ حالانکہ میں بینک میں شمولیت اختیار کرتے وقت تریڈنگ کا کھانا تھا۔ میری ادارے کا حصہ بننے کے پچھلے خوشداشت ہوتے ہیں لیکن میرے تمام شکوک و شبہات میری اہم بات ہوئے۔

بینک کے معاملات کو جاننے کیلئے گزشتہ 17 ماہ سے کوئی مستقل ای آئی اے نہیں تھا جس کی وجہ سے ادارے میں قیادت کا خلا تھا۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ کوہٹا کی صورت حال نے معاملات کو مزید پیچیدہ بنا دیا تھا۔ ان حالات میں ادارے کو وہاں درست سمت میں گامزن کرنا اور مشکل گھڑیوں میں صف اول میں خدمات فراہم کرنے والے سٹاف کی حوصلہ افزائی اور اطمینان کیلئے ضروری اقدامات اٹھانا بہت اہم تھا۔ تا کہ وہ محسوس کریں کہ نیا ای آئی اے کی بہبود اور پھر کیلئے ہر عزم ہے۔ سٹریٹجیوں کے تعاون کے ساتھ میں اپنے ساتھ ادارہ حوصلہ دینے میں کامیاب رہا میں نہ صرف خلوت کتابت کیا نہیں بلکہ ایسے ایسے سٹاف سے رابطے میں رہا جنہوں نے بی آئی اے کی واحد قیادت کیلئے مجھ سے



Zafar Masud
@zafar_masud



Extremely touched to receive this memento on 14th August 2020 from the Honorable Mayor of Worcester, Massachusetts at the PAGB event in Boston on my video message on the occasion ...



PIA plane crash: Survivor recalls horrific tragedy that claimed 97 lives



The Bank of Punjab's President Zafar Masud recalled the airplane crash memory and said, "God has been really kind to me and I was rescued at the right time." In addition to this, he said, "I think that God is happy with what I have done in the past and will keep practicing what I was doing before."

Moreover, he said, "when the plane crashed I fainted and when I got back consciousness I had already been rescued. I have no memory that how all incident happened" He said that he will try to imbibe good values which have been ingrained in him by his family in his childhood.

He further added, "Try to be helpful to others (as you can) and be committed with your country as much as you can, your conduct should be good and supporting to others." Moreover, he praised the overseas Pakistanis who send remittance to the country which supports the economy.



Yaseen @MrYaseenSyed · Aug 20

Replying to [@zafar_masud](#)

Sir, would like to meet up with you. Stay blessed



Awais Khan @Awaiskhan071 · Aug 20

Replying to [@zafar_masud](#)

Stay bless and safe sir



Ihsan Ullah Ihsan @luihsan · Aug 20

Replying to [@zafar_masud](#)

Wow! MashaAllah



Chaudhry Shehbaz Ahmad @ChaudhryShehbaz · Aug 20

Replying to [@zafar_masud](#)

Sir, It is a great acknowledgement on a magnificent message for every one to believe and follow. Stay blessed always.



Syed Moeed Hussain @moeed_hussain · Aug 20

Replying to [@zafar_masud](#)

Absolutely Wow Zafar Sb. Its delightful to see this magnificent gesture. God Bless.



shezad @shezadnobody · Aug 20

Replying to [@zafar_masud](#)

Great.... But reason for sending this?





Abdulahad Kashif @AbdulahadKashif · Aug 20

Replying to @zafar_masud

Mabrook Chief .



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Fahim Zafar @FahimZa68209595 · Aug 20

Replying to @zafar_masud

ALLAH pak always bless you Sir



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All Pakistan @allpakistanpk · Aug 20

Replying to @zafar_masud

Khubsurt zindgi ka aik aur khubsurt rang iss اعزاز ki shakal mein.



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RubSheikh Sheikh @RubabsheikhS · Aug 20

Replying to @zafar_masud

Speechless 🥰 GOD select you Boss.Stay Blessed.



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Dr. Jamshaid Chattha @Jachattha · Aug 20

Replying to @zafar_masud

Congratulations. This is indeed a beautiful present 🎁 and may Allah bless you and continue to protect you.



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Zafar Masud

@zafar_masud



Zafar Masud: The survivor of the PK-8303 crash in Karachi



Zafar Masud: The survivor of the PK-8303 crash in Karachi

PK-8303 crash: BOP President Zafar Masud released an audio message sharing his experience of the traumatizing event

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Zafar Masud @zafar_masud · 20h

Looking forward to flying again tomorrow for the first time post my air crash with [@Official_PIA](#), our national asset. We must support it and work towards it's revival and improvement. I wish to support it all out for it's restructuring. 1/3 [#PIA](#)

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Zafar Masud @zafar_masud · 20h

Hope to see it regaining it's former glory. This is important for faith and confidence of people in our own asset but also for my own self, to overcome the fear of travel, and that also on the same airline that I had suffered the accident. 2/3 [#PIA](#)

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Zafar Masud @zafar_masud · 20h

One can't live with such apprehensions. Infinitely grateful for all the support and love in these past months. Very sincere prayers for the departed souls in this fateful incident. 3/3 [#PIA](#)

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PAKISTAN
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NAME OF PASSENGER
MASUD/ZAFAR/MR

FROM KARACHI-KHI
TO LAHORE-LHE

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آپ بہادر آدمی ہیں، ظفر مسعود دوبارہ پی آئی اے کی پرواز پر

کراچی میں پاکستان کی قومی ایئر لائن کے حادثے میں زندہ بچ جانے والے بینک آف پنجاب کے صدر ظفر مسعود نے کہا ہے کہ وہ دوبارہ پی آئی اے سے سفر کر رہے ہیں۔

ٹوئٹر پر تھریڈ میں ظفر مسعود نے لکھا کہ 'حادثے کے بعد قومی اٹانے پی آئی اے سے ایک بار پھر سفر کر رہا ہوں۔ ہمیں اس کو سپورٹ کرنا چاہیے اور اس کی بحالی اور بہتری کے لیے کام کرنا ہے۔ خواہش ہے کہ پی آئی اے کی ری سٹرکچرنگ کی بھرپور سپورٹ کی جائے۔'

ظفر مسعود کی اس ٹوئٹ پر صارفین نے تبصرے کرتے ہوئے ان کے خیریت کے ساتھ سفر کے لیے نیک تمناؤں کا اظہار کیا ہے جبکہ قومی ایئر لائن کی جانب سے کہا گیا ہے کہ 'پی آئی اے کی ٹیم اور چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر پی کے 304 کی فلائٹ پر ظفر مسعود کو خوش آمدید کہیں گے۔'

کو اس کے ماضی کی عظمت دوبارہ حاصل کرتے دیکھنا چاہتے ہیں اور یہ لوگوں کے اپنے اٹالوں پر یقین اور اعتماد کی بحالی کے ساتھ میری ذات کے لیے بھی ہے کہ سفر کے خوف سے نکلوں، اسی وجہ سے اسی ایئر لائن پر سفر کر رہا ہوں جس میں حادثے کا شکار ہوا۔

ٹوئٹر صارف کاشف شیخ نے کہا کہ 'ہمیں آپ سے محبت ہے، آپ بھی ہمارا اٹانہ ہیں۔' زبیر نیازی نے کہا کہ 'زبردست ظفر صاحب، آپ بہادر آدمی ہیں۔' منیر اسلم نے ظفر مسعود کو لکھا کہ 'تباہ کن حادثے کے ٹراما سے نکلنے کے لیے اس طرح کا فیصلہ کرنا ایک غیر معمولی بہادری والا کام ہے۔'



Karachi plane crash survivor reaches Lahore in PIA plane

SAMAA | Ashraf Khan - Posted: Sep 26, 2020 | Last Updated: 3 hours ago

Zafar Masud, one of the two passengers who miraculously survived the PIA plane crash in May 2020, travelled to Lahore in a PIA flight on Saturday.

It was Masud's first air travel after the plane crash that killed over 90 people in Karachi. He was welcomed by the PIA CEO at Lahore's Allama Iqbal Airport.

"Looking forward to flying again tomorrow for the first time post my air crash with PIA, our national asset," Masud said in a [tweet](#) on Friday. "We must support it [PIA] and work towards its revival and improvement."

The survivor said that it was necessary for him to "overcome the fear of travel". One can't live with such apprehensions, he said.

The PIA Airbus A320 was en route Lahore when it crashed into a residential area in Karachi, after attempting to land at Jinnah International Airport. The inquiry report had termed the crash a result of "human error" by the pilot and air traffic control.



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Indebted to [@zafar_masud](#) for trusting and supporting [#PIA](#). With your trust and confidence, we commit to achieve the hallmark of excellence with our hardwork and professionalism, and with your continuous support and patronage. PK304/26SEP











'It's not your time': Survivor recalls final moments of deadly Pakistan plane crash

KARACHI: The last thing Zafar Masud can remember before he lost consciousness when the plane dived to the ground is a voice from within, saying that his time had not come yet.

Masud, president of the Bank of Punjab, is one of two survivors among the 99 people — 91 passengers and eight crew members — onboard the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plane from Lahore that crashed into a residential area of Karachi on May 22 after it failed on approach to the runway.

Masud was not supposed to be on the plane. His booking was for an earlier SereneAir flight, which he skipped, as being a night owl, he thought he might not wake up on time. When he arrived at the Lahore airport, "everything seemed to be in a hurry," he told Arab News in an interview at his residence in Karachi last week. "Everyone seemed to be rushing towards his destination, much faster than it's supposed to be."

Most of the passengers on the PK8303 flight were flying home to meet their families over Eid Al-Fitr after more than two months of coronavirus lockdown. The accident came days after commercial flights resumed ahead of the Muslim holiday.

"The flight was very smooth. But when it tried to land on Karachi airport, the first time there was a bump, it hit, you know, there was a bump at the landing," Masud recalled.

He remembered that the plane hit the runway two more times.

"By the time you could have reacted or, you know, thought about anything. The flight actually took back up again into the air, which is again, very unusual, at least this is happened to me for the first time."

Initial reports suggested that as it neared landing, the plane's ground speed was above the runway threshold. It lifted up from the runway surface and crashed over the Model Colony residential area while attempting another approach



the Model Colony residential area while attempting another approach

"Since I was on the first seat, I don't know what was happening in the plane, the rest of the cabin, but I could see that the air hostesses were panicking. They started reciting Quranic verses," Masud said.

Moments later, he saw the cockpit door opening. "When the cockpit door opened, I could see from the windscreen, that the plane was, it appeared that the plane was nose diving ... I realized that the plane is crashing."

He started speaking to himself as his entire life flashed before his eyes: "I asked my God, God, so the plane is crashing, and I'm dying. I got this voice, literally from inside. My God tells me, 'no, it's not the time, you won't die.' And then I asked him again, I said, God, but you know, it is, it's inevitable. It cannot be avoided. It's crashing. He said, 'yes, the plane is crashing, it's not your time.'"

Then he passed out.

Masud was told that his seat had as if flown out of the plane onto a house, a bit away from the fuselage that started to burn. People on the ground realized he was alive and helped him up. "The moment I was put in the ambulance, my first reaction was 'what happened to the rest of the passengers?' That was my first question. And they told me, they don't know." He heard in response that he was the first one rescued.

"There was a lady doctor who came, she dialed the number for me, I remember the number of my mother. But my mother's phone was coming shut for some reasons ... I told her to call my father. I remember his number as well. She called up my father.

Masud escaped with a broken arm and bruises. The other survivor, Muhammad Zubair, a mechanical engineer, suffered burns to his hands and legs.

The bodies of most of the plane's passengers were charred beyond recognition.

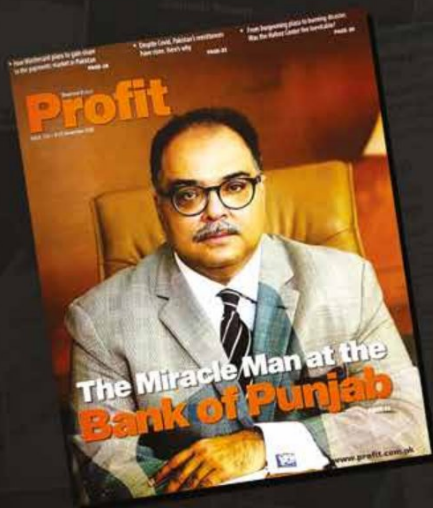
Asked whether the accident and unlikely escape have changed his life, Masud said: "I have no answer why my God let me live" and that he is now "more committed to doing the right thing."

Several months after the deadly crash, he decided to fly again to overcome fear and in late September boarded a flight from Karachi to Lahore, also with PIA.

"I took a very conscious decision, despite extreme opposition from my friends, my family. They did not want me to fly. And even if I fly, they didn't want me to fly on PIA," Masud said. The flight he took was a return route of the tragic Lahore-Karachi flight.

The flight was fine, he said, until the plane approached Lahore and was preparing to touch down. When Masud saw the ground, he had a flashback from the crash: "It was a split second, it was a flash. But then otherwise, it was all okay."

"I wanted to do that. Because I wanted to alleviate that fear in my mind," he said. "I just wanted to be very clear that life could be normal."







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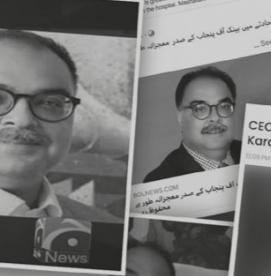


PIA Flight 8303's Survivor Zafar Masood Shares A Short Video
Horrific tragedy that claimed 97 lives



Mr. Zafar Masud
@ZafarMasud

Reached Darul sehat hospital
met Zafar masud it is a miracle he survived the crash
he fell out of the plane in pieces
he was rescued by residents and brought to cmh Malir. int
now he is Darul sehat and undergoing tests right now
allah give him health



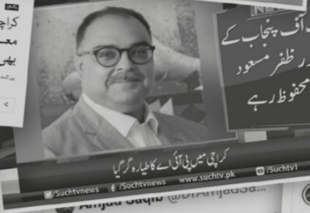
Senator Murtaza Wahab
@murtazewahab1
I can confirm that 2 passengers on board PIA plane have miraculously survived the crash. Their names are Zafar Masood & Mohd Asim. Both are in stable condition. Keep praying for others.
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As per sources, there are survivors of the crash, including Zafar Masud, President of Bank of Punjab amongst others.
Treatment is being provided at CMH Hospital, Malir.
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@zainabimam
A close relative was on the plane from Lahore that crashed. He is one of the survivors - he is one.



CEO Bank of Punjab Zafar Masud reveals how he survived Karachi PIA plane crash



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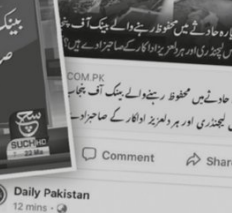
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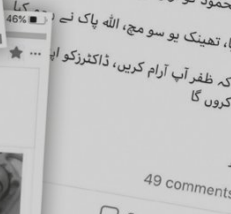
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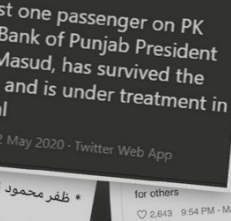


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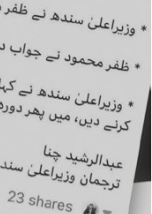
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