

# Howard's passage to Indi

As a proud Australian of Indian origin living in this country since 1960 I am delighted that our Prime Minister has finally taken serious interest in India. I am a member of a group of Aussies...

## Hair-raising decision

It was sad day for cricket when umpire Darrell Hair played a key role in accusing Pakistan of ball tampering. Considering anti-Asian decisions by Hair in the past, cricket lovers must be surprised he was...

## Sad episode

It was sad to watch players using aggression in their gold medal match Australia. They did not do justice to their talents. I hope I will see them play hockey in the future. Mercury 30/9/06

## Yes Minister

# The Way I saw it...

## Australia and the World

### 1962-2019

### Ikram (Ike) Naqvi

# Writer worthy prize-winner

saddened to read Piers Akers' criticism (*The Mercury*, 25) of the awarding of the Nobel Prize to writer Arundhati...

acknowledging Mr Akers' very right-wing views are pathetic. I would commend the Peace Prize committee in choosing Arundhati as the worthy recipient.

Regarding the Booker Prize, I think Roy could have retired to a life of luxury.

She decided to give the prize to the poor and fought on.

She went to prison fighting the case against displaced people as a result of the dam.

She should be praised for donating money of \$50,000 to help the Australians.

Her statement that 'Australia was a policy of genocide' defies previous records.

Who knew Tasmania was an example of genocide,



## Muslim at a religious festival

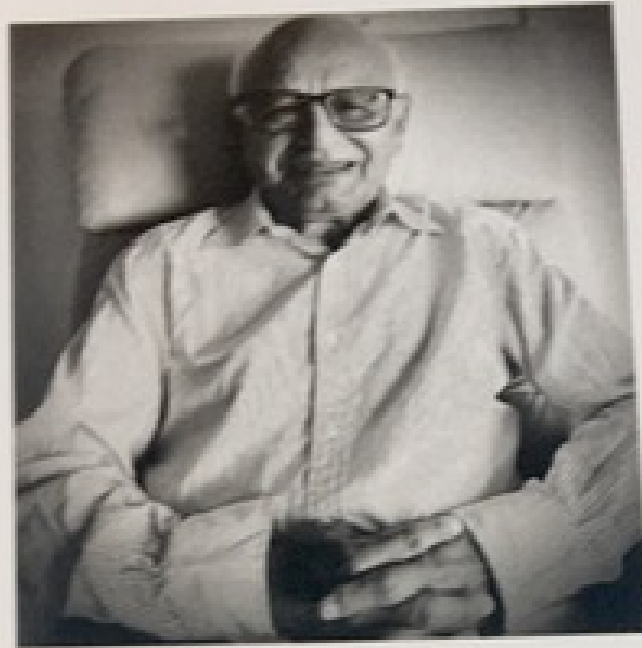
If we have been victims of the "inevitability" of terrorism, we should not have been attacked. A momentary claim that terrorism is a threat is a fantasy and al-

American prosecutors and had to be required to prove a criminal offense.

Curtis al-Qaeda's own statistics show that the September 11 attacks were a crime against humanity. People detained in Guantanamo Bay, and people detained in the United States, are innocent. The September 11 attacks were a crime against humanity. The September 11 attacks were a crime against humanity. The September 11 attacks were a crime against humanity.

Of these, the Republicans, the Democrats, and the others, all have been guilty. In fact, the September 11 attacks were a crime against humanity.

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Ikram (Ike) Naqvi has been writing letters to the Editor of newspapers for more than 50 years. The letters allow him to express his views – beyond the dinner table - on a range of subjects, spanning immigration, to foreign policy, to cricket. He was publicly recognized by the Mercury Newspaper as one of the most notable and prolific writers to the Editor in the recent decades, contributing to the dialogue that underpins a healthy democracy.

Ikram immigrated from India to Australia in 1960 to study geology. After obtaining degrees from India, Australia and Canada, as well as enjoying two careers in geology and fundraising for charities including Save the Children, Freedom from Hunger and Oxfam, Ikram founded a non-profit organization, the Amroha International Society, which funds cataract operations for those who cannot afford treatment.

Ikram lives in Tinderbox, Tasmania. This is his fifth book.

Other books by Ikram Naqvi:

*Safarnama*, 2010

*In the Mood For Mughal Food*, 2013

*Reflections from the Bench*, 2015

*Khandan*, 2020