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it wasn't just muslim women who "led" the caa protests. it was muslim men too. have you ever wondered why this image of "strong" muslim women "who don't need muslim men" is projected by liberals and the left? notice how they decentred sharjeel imam from the shaheen bagh +

protests and turned it into a women's issue completely...? as if the citizenship amendment bill called into question the citizenship of women only. why this targeted erasure of muslim men from the narrative? where there were women, there were men too. talk about the saviour +

gaze, lmao. you'll find it in droves in indian liberals and leftists.

oh, and btw, i'm not saying this as something i "feel". it's very very real. the cpi(m) report on the delhi pogrom even stated that "women leading the protests did not allow their stage to be used for +

muslim fundamentalist propaganda." notice how the movement is being hailed as women's only when ALL members of the muslim community were being affected? and simultaneously presenting this picture of women against the more "fundamentalist", "radical" picture of muslim +

society, which is, of course, muslim men. and it wasn't just this report, literally everyone fell into this forced dichotomy, a dichotomy that was forced upon us, in order to drive a wedge between men and women of the community. therefore it becomes very important to +

counter this "dadis of shaheen bagh" narrative that literally everyone partook in, which admired the protestors only for their gender and not for the real purpose: which was that they, like muslim men, like muslim children, were (& are) on the brink of losing their citizenship. +

also, muslim women need to avoid falling into this trap. our whole community is suffering, and that suffering is much greater than the suffering that women go through on account of being women. at the end of the day, you're muslim before you're anything else. keep that in mind. +

oh, and btw, muslim women have always been very active socially, and even politically. so, yeah, shaheen bagh wasn't "unprecedented" in the history of muslim women.

we don't need your majoritarian, saviour-y gaze to give us certificates and hail us as heroes for "breaking +

free" from muslim men and from the "docile, submissive, repressed muslim woman" narrative that you imposed on us in the first place. no thank you.