

# NEWSREEL

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### Programmanus

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KATE HOLLAND: Hi, I'm Kate Holland. And this is Newsreel.  
Today:

How lockdown is affecting Ramadan.

**FATUMA: *I'm not connecting with my friends and my family in the same way.***

And could dogs sniff out coronavirus?  
But first.

#### Colourism on TikTok

KATE HOLLAND: This song is "Why This Kolaveri Di". It's from an Indian film called 3.

But most recently it's become the soundtrack to a widely criticised TikTok craze.

These videos are posted mainly in India. The people in them have digitally darkened their skin colour and look sad. They then reveal their natural, lighter skin tones and celebrate.

Critics say the videos promote colourism. Colourism happens all over the world. It's where people of darker skin tones are discriminated against – particularly by people of the same ethnic or racial group.

BBC reporter De'Graft Mensah spoke to some English school pupils about the issue.

**DE'GRAFT: *What sort of stereotypes do you hear that are attached to both dark-skinned and light-skinned people?***

**recently**

*nyligen*

**craze**

*fluga, innegrej*

**reveal**

*avslöjar*

**celebrate**

*här: ser glada ut*

**promote**

*uppmuntrar till*

**particularly**

*särskilt*

**stereotypes**

*förutfattad mening*

**attached to**

*sammankopplas*

*med*

*STUDENT: A lot of people have said things like prestige and they say a lot of light-skinned people obviously think that they're better. But that's just because other people in society have made light-skinned out to be better and it's actually like quite hurtful.*

**prestige**  
*som anses ha hög status*

TikTok has removed some videos in of this kind, but other users have been responding to the viral posts in video form. Verified user Javier Felipe thinks colourism is simply wrong.

**has removed**  
*har tagit bort*  
**viral**  
*som sprider sig (som ett virus)*

*JAVIER: No, just no. Are we serious...?*

### **Ramadan in Lockdown**

Every year, Muslim people across the world take part in Ramadan.

**Ramadan**  
*muslimsk högtid som innefattar fasta*

The Islamic holy month is very important to many Muslims. But this year, Ramadan's been a little different here in the UK – as we are still in lockdown, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

**holy**  
*heliga*

Fatuma lives in London. She told me what Ramadan means to her.

**reflect**  
*reflektera, tänka efter*

*FATUMA: It's a time to reflect, time to connect with friends and family. For me, more than anything, it's an opportunity to wind down and to focus on my spirituality and to build my relationship with God.*

**wind down**  
*varva ner*

During Ramadan, Muslims don't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. And this fast is broken at what's called iftar – which is normally a *group* meal.

**dawn**  
*gryning*

For Fatuma, a normal Ramadan involves going to her mosque every evening. And she often has iftar at a place called Ramadan Tent – a community project where anyone can join for food.

**community**  
*grupp*  
**break bread**  
*äta tillsammans, dela mat*

*FATUMA: Often people who are experiencing homelessness and hunger will attend. And it's an opportunity to break bread with people of all strands and with different ways of life.*

**people of all strands**  
*alla typer av människor*

But this year, Fatuma can't gather with people outside.

*FATUMA: It's meant that I'm not connecting with my friends and my family in the same way. I have a lot of family who I don't live with*

*and sadly I've not been able to see them. I've not been able to attend mosque. But what I've tried to do is connect with my friends online.*

**attend**  
*närvara*

### **Dogs testing for coronavirus**

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, testing for the virus has been a major focus of politicians and scientists across the world.

**major**  
*stort*

And now, experts are looking to man's best friend to see if it can help.

**scientists**  
*forskare*

Tests will soon start to find out if dogs can detect coronavirus using their sensitive sense of smell.

**detect**  
*upptäcka*

Some dogs can already sniff out conditions such as malaria, Parkinson's and some types of cancer – and, if the tests are convincing, it looks like they could be helping to diagnose Covid-19 too!

**sensitive**  
*känsliga*

**sense of smell**  
*luktsinne*

KATE HOLLAND That's all for this series of Newsreel! I'll be back after the summer break. Until then, goodbye.

**convincing**  
*övertygande*