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**Subject:** **UNREPORTED STORY: Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, & NY's oversight/"public protection" entities.**

**Attachments:** [3-14-25-email-to-mamdani.pdf](#)

**TO:** **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**

**ATT:** [Investigations Editor Christopher S. Stewart](#) -- **Got a Tip?**

None of The Wall Street Journal's articles, opinion pieces, and editorials on Zohran Mamdani reveal his corruption as a NYS assemblyman, destroying lawful, constitutional state governance, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities.

Establishing this corruption is **open-and-shut and *prima facie*** – laid out by my above-attached and here-linked [March 14<sup>th</sup> e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", which, with a [March 17<sup>th</sup> supplementing e-mail](#) to him, I provided to the Wall Street Journal and other "local" NYC journalism by a [March 20<sup>th</sup> e-mail](#), to which Mamdani was cc'd. Mamdani was also cc'd on my [March 18<sup>th</sup> e-mail](#) to Albany's Legislative Correspondents Association (LCA) reporters, also furnishing them with the March 14<sup>th</sup> e-mail and its March 17<sup>th</sup> supplement. Mamdani did not deny or dispute the accuracy of any of it.

Evident from these, from my further [April 7<sup>th</sup>](#) and [April 18<sup>th</sup>](#) e-mails to the LCA roster of reporters, and from Mamdani's votes in May approving the FY2025-26 budget bills, is that he cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted for larceny and corruption – and that he will be convicted. You can confirm this fact from [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for mayor as an Independent candidate, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#). By contrast, [Mamdani's campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#).

Below are my July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> e-mails to The New York Times about the foregoing – to which there has been no response. My subsequent e-mails to NY's other press are posted [here](#).

I am available to discuss the foregoing and to answer your questions about this fully-documented election-upending story, bringing down not only Mamdani, but the field of NYC mayoral candidates. Also, such other NYC Democratic primary winners as NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president, and NYC Democratic primary winner-incumbents NYC Public

Advocate Jumanne Williams, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, and Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez – *and that's for starters.*

Thank you.

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**Subject: AGAIN -- The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- MAMDANI, etc.**

**TO: New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust**

Eight hours after sending you my below July 11<sup>th</sup> e-mail – whose several typos in Mamdani's name I have now corrected – the New York Post published "[Zohran Mamdani's campaign persona called into question by vote to give himself raise: critics](#)", identifying that "Mamdani did not respond to The Post's request for comment."

Apparently, The Post saw "news value" in its July 11<sup>th</sup> story. Do you? Will The Times be following up by requesting Mamdani's comment to The Post article – the tiniest sliver of Mamdani's hypocrisy and corruption that my below linked March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and March 20<sup>th</sup> e-mails to him establish. Have you not yet determined their "news value"?

By the way, is The Times' May 28<sup>th</sup> article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)" the only article The Times published about his record as an assemblyman – so puny that it had to be bolstered by comments from other legislators, ALL Democrats, as to his "forceful voice" "to move the ideological center of the Assembly to the left", interspliced with The Times' usual anti-Israel slanting and slander, consistent with Mamdani's lies as, for instance, in stating: "Mr. Mamdani stands firm in his defense of Palestinians in Gaza, where over [53,000 people have been killed](#) by Israeli forces" – when revealed by the hyperlink is that this figure is "according to Palestinian health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and combatants" – in other words, it is according to Hamas.

Suffice to say, this May 28<sup>th</sup> article, by two of your three Albany reporters – recipients of my March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> e-mails and of my May 18<sup>th</sup> letter to Publisher Sulzberger – concealed the ENTIRETY of what the e-mails particularized, with evidence, and falsely made it appear as if there is nothing irregular in how the Legislature operates, including pertaining to the budget and this fiscal year, and the inclusion of policy – indeed, concluding, as follows:

“Perhaps the most telling evidence of Mr. Mamdani’s evolution came earlier this month, when the budget bills came up for a vote. As in years past, they contained scores of policy changes, not all to Mr. Mamdani’s liking. Mr. Mamdani voted yes.”

For that “yes” vote alone, Mamdani cannot be elected NYC’s next mayor, because – based on my e-mails to him – he must be indicted and will be convicted of corruption. If you have any doubt of this, you should “confirm it through direct sources”, such as [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for NYC mayor as an independent, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#).

Tellingly, [Mamdani’s campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#) – and none is reflected in The Times’ July 9<sup>th</sup> guest essay “[If Zohran Mamdani Wins, Then What?](#)” by Ross Barkan, with its required disclosure: “In 2018, when I ran for state senator in New York City, Mr. Mamdani was my campaign manager”. Barkan, a left-wing, agenda-driven journalist, is an accomplice to the corruption of lawful, constitutional state governance involving the Legislature, the budget, and pay raises. [As far back as May 2013](#), I furnished him with the evidence of what was going on, including my [April 15, 2013 complaint to then U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara](#) – sending him e-mail, after e-mail, to which he never responded. This includes when he was campaigning for the Senate, such as my [October 4, 2017](#) and [January 17, 2018](#) e-mails to him reflecting my entreaties that he could easily win election and, simultaneously, propel non-partisan, good-government reform if he would “blow the whistle” on the corruption of the Senate incumbent – entreaties I would repeat in my e-mails in 2020 to Mamdani, running against an Assembly incumbent. In any event, nothing could be more obscene than Barkan’s sentence, in his essay, “There cannot be any whiff of self-dealing or graft in the Mamdani administration”, considering that “self-dealing” and “graft” are precisely how Mamdani became and conducted himself as an assemblyman, in collusion with his fellow self-dealing, grafting legislators, who would then endorse and support his mayoral candidacy.

Please advise by no later than noon tomorrow, July 14<sup>th</sup>, whether you will be confirming from Mamdani the obvious truth of my e-mails to him, etc.

Thank you.

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**Subject: The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- The "On-The-Job Performance" of Mamdani & Hoylman-Sigal as State Legislators, Corrupting Lawful, Constitutional State Governance & Irreparably Injuring the People of New York**

**TO:** [New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust](#)

The Times' July 4<sup>th</sup> article "[Mamdani Once Claimed to Be Asian and African American. Should It Matter?](#)" quotes [your statement](#):

"When we hear anything of news value, we try to confirm it through direct sources. Mr. Mamdani confirmed this information in an interview with The Times."

Are you aware of my [March 14<sup>th</sup> e-mail](#) to Mamdani entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", whose supplement I sent him on [March 17<sup>th</sup>](#) – thereafter sending both to him again when I cc'd him on my [March 18<sup>th</sup> e-mail](#) to the roster of Legislative Correspondents Association reporters – The Times' three Albany reporters among them – and then, again, when I cc'd him on my [March 20<sup>th</sup> e-mail](#) to The Times, New York Post, Daily News, New York Law Journal, Wall Street Journal, and Associated Press, with the five Times e-mail addresses being Metro and Editorial in addition to the three Albany reporters.

The March 20<sup>th</sup> e-mail I would then feature as "Example #1", at page 1, of my mailed [May 18<sup>th</sup> letter to Publisher A.G. Sulzberger](#), e-mailed to eight Times e-mail addresses, including Editorial, Metro, and the three Albany reporters, on [May 18<sup>th</sup>](#) and [May 19<sup>th</sup>](#).

As the "news value" of my e-mails to Mamdani is obvious, did The Times not ask him to confirm their equally obvious truth? And if not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won the Democratic primary to be New York City mayor?

Also, and plainly reinforcing, was the obvious "news value" of my [March 16<sup>th</sup> e-mail](#) to Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, also entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", and additionally sent to him, twice, when I cc'd him on the March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> e-mails of which it was part. Did The Times not ask Hoylman-Sigal to confirm the equally obvious truth of these e-mails to him? If not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won [the Democratic primary to be Manhattan borough president](#)?

Please advise – including as to when you would like to interview me with respect to the foregoing election-upending EVIDENCE of the "on-the-job performance" of Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal as state legislators, corrupting lawful, constitutional state governance and irreparably injuring the People of New York.

Thank you.

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