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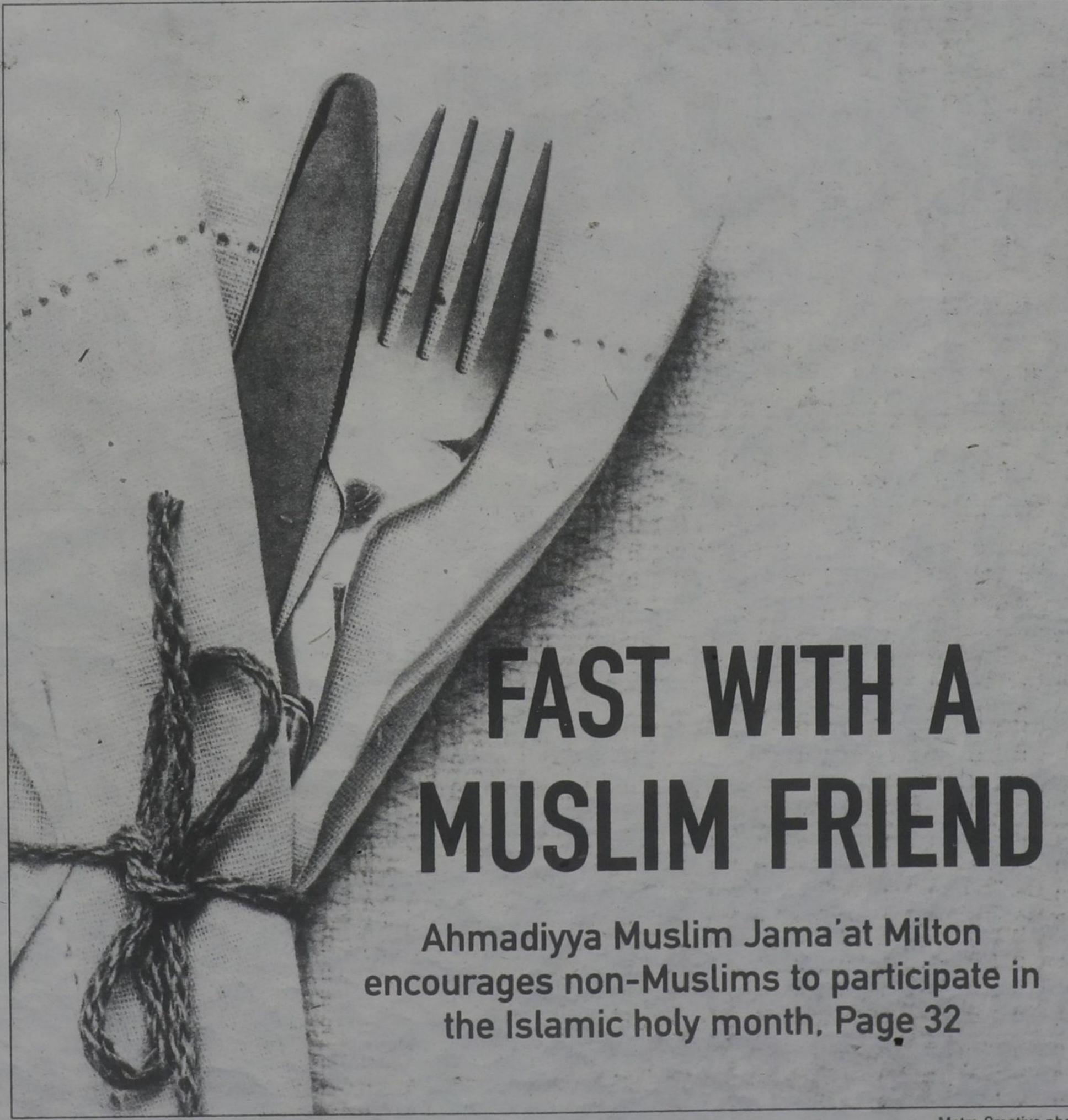
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After three years that began with face-to-face negotiations, followed by conciliation and finally arbitration, the Town of Milton and its firefighters have received an arbitration decision on a number of issues, which brings a new collective agreement closer to reality.

Although the decision of the three-person arbitration board covers significant items like retroactive pay and increases to fire-fighter wages, extended health and retiree benefits, there remain outstanding issues, most notably related to day shift scheduling.

Milton fire Chief Dave Pratt, who was still the fire service's Deputy Chief when contract talks

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