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THINGS, BUT I AM NOT
A DEPRESSED MAN

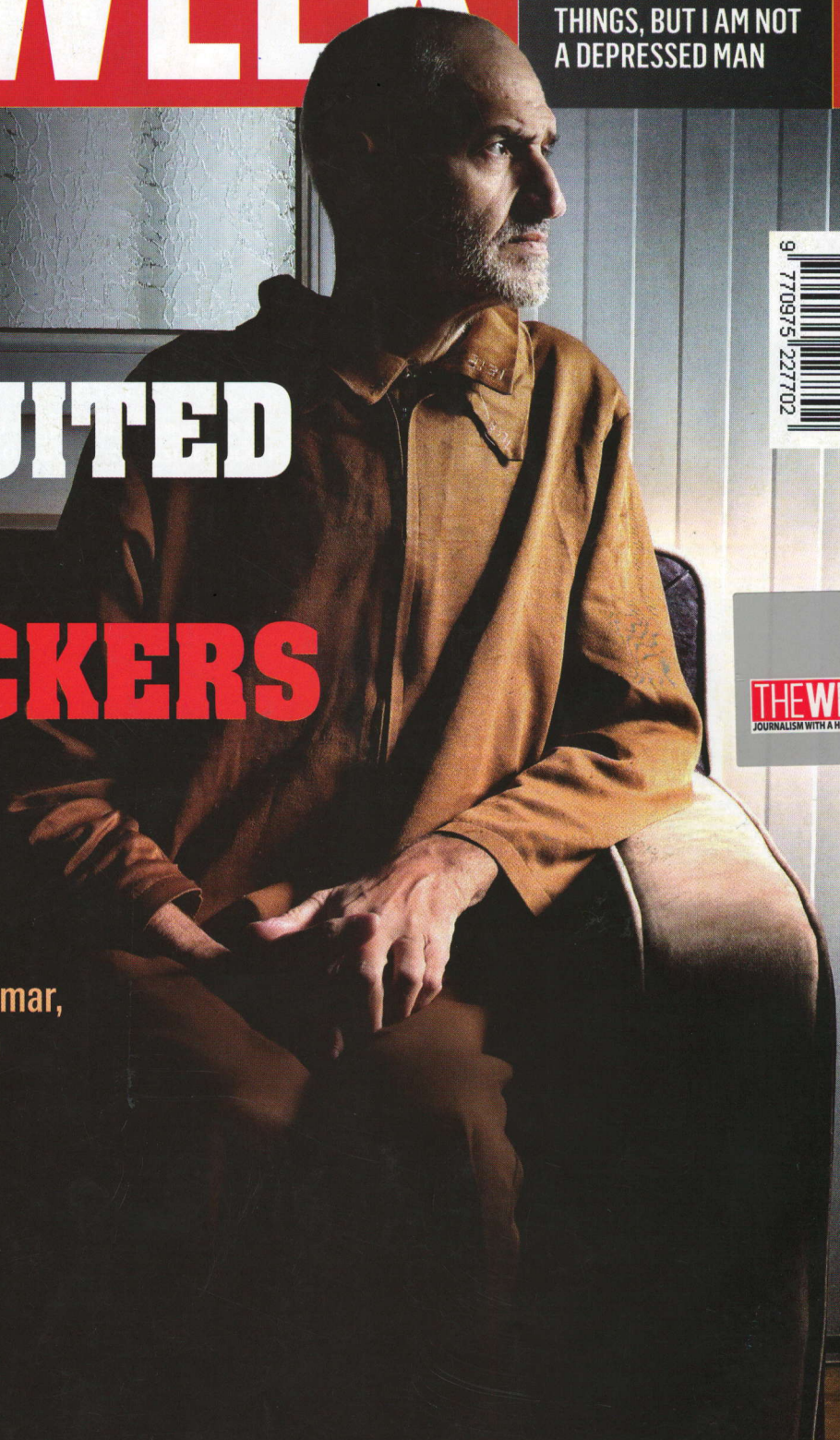
MAN WHO RECRUITED 9/11 ATTACKERS

**EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW**

THE WEEK speaks to
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key member of Al Qaeda
and Islamic State,
in a Syrian prison

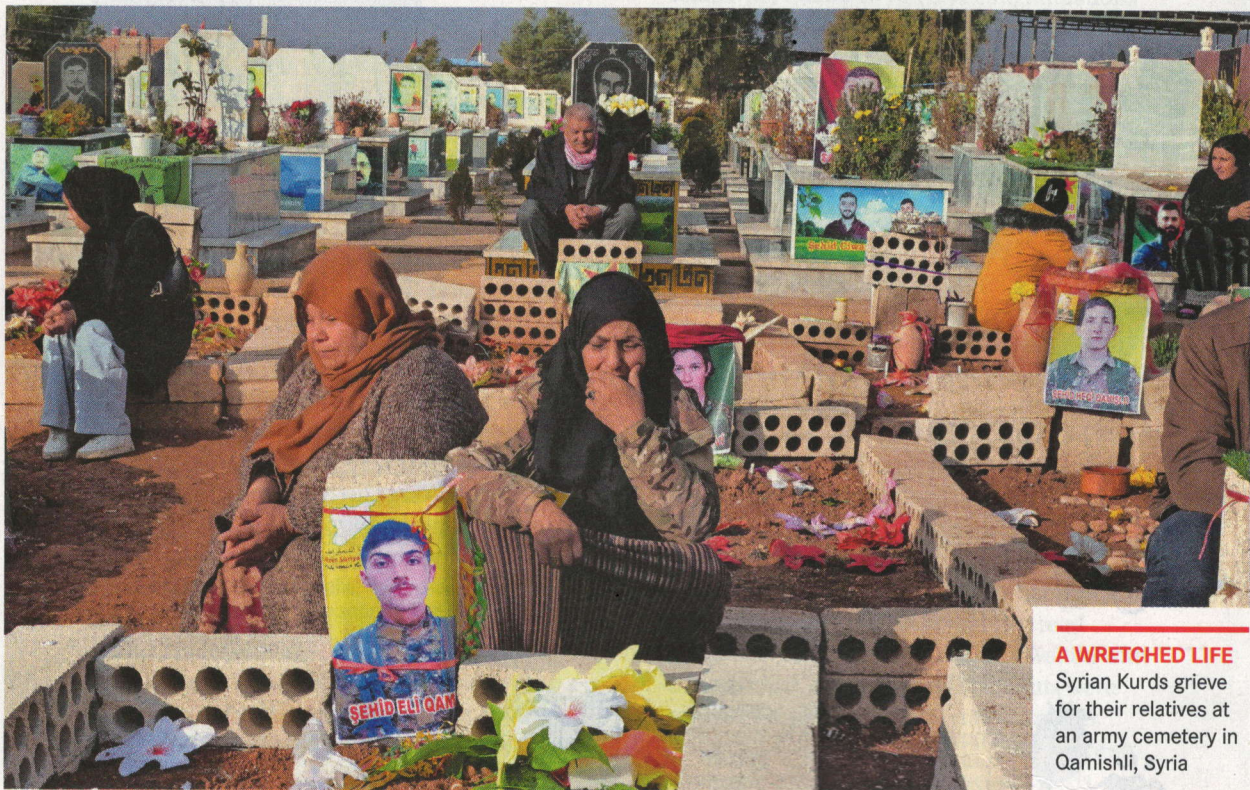
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EXCLUSIVE COVER STORY 18 WITH 9/11 RECRUITER

THE WEEK interviews Mohammed Haydar Zammar, the man who recruited the hijackers behind the 9/11 attacks. **A former key member of both Al Qaeda and Islamic State, Zammar is currently imprisoned in a Kurdish-controlled jail in Syria.**

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North East Syria is enduring a silent tragedy. With a new president in Damascus, the region struggles with the influx of internally displaced people. Numerous lives have been lost to war, terror attacks and, lately, Turkish drone strikes

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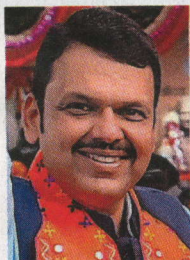
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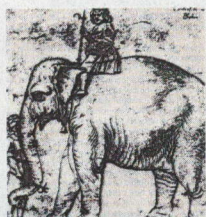
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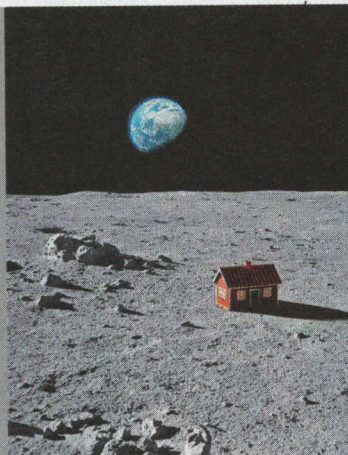
Over the years, Nirmala Sitharaman hasn't flinched or blinked no matter what the provocation—be it on the professional or personal front. As for me, **I love tracking her budget saris, from the very first watermelon pink Mangalagiri silk to the yellow Pochampally, followed by a beautiful Bomkai.**



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Amitav Ghosh, author

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