



Ramadan Month of Qur'an

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The noble and graceful character of Rasulallah ﷺ is in total conformity to all the natural needs of man. His perfect human nature, sublimity of character, long suffering and forgiveness, magnanimity and grace, valour, benevolence, trust in Allah Ta'ala, modesty, honesty, humility, purity of heart, self-denial and forbearance, devotion and piety, fear of Allah Ta'ala, mercy, compassion and generosity, in all he is a perfect and beautiful example and a complete code of life for everyone.

For rulers and heads of states, the life of the chief and king of the Arabs holds a perfect example. For the poverty stricken, the life of the one in whose house the fire was not lit for two months holds an example. For the liberators, the life of the liberator of Makkah holds a beautiful example, who forgave even his bitterest enemies. For those who have turned their backs on this world, the life of the lone worshipper in the solitude of the cave of Hira is an example. For the labourers, the one who laboured strenuously in the digging of the trench is an example. The orphans can find solace if they look at the orphan of Aminah. The businessmen may inculcate honesty and piety within them, by looking at the life of the one who handled business in Syria. For the Imam and judges, the



great Imam and judge of Al-Masjid An-Nabawi, who pronounced justice, without distinguishing between strong and weak is a worthwhile lesson.

In a nutshell, there remains no facet of life which has not been covered by the noble life of Rasulallah ﷺ and in which there is not a beautiful example to follow.

Verily in the Messenger of Allah you have a good example for the one who looks unto Allah and the last day, and remember Allah abundantly. (33:21)

We must all study this great life which is a beacon light for every human, and emulate this greatest personality in every aspect of our lives. May Allah Ta'ala enlighten our hearts with the love of His Rasulallah ﷺ, Ameen.

Source: Shaykh-ul-Hadith, Hadrat Maulana Muhammad Saleem Dhorat hafizahullah - Extracted from 'The Perfect Example' published by the Islamic Da'wah Academy.



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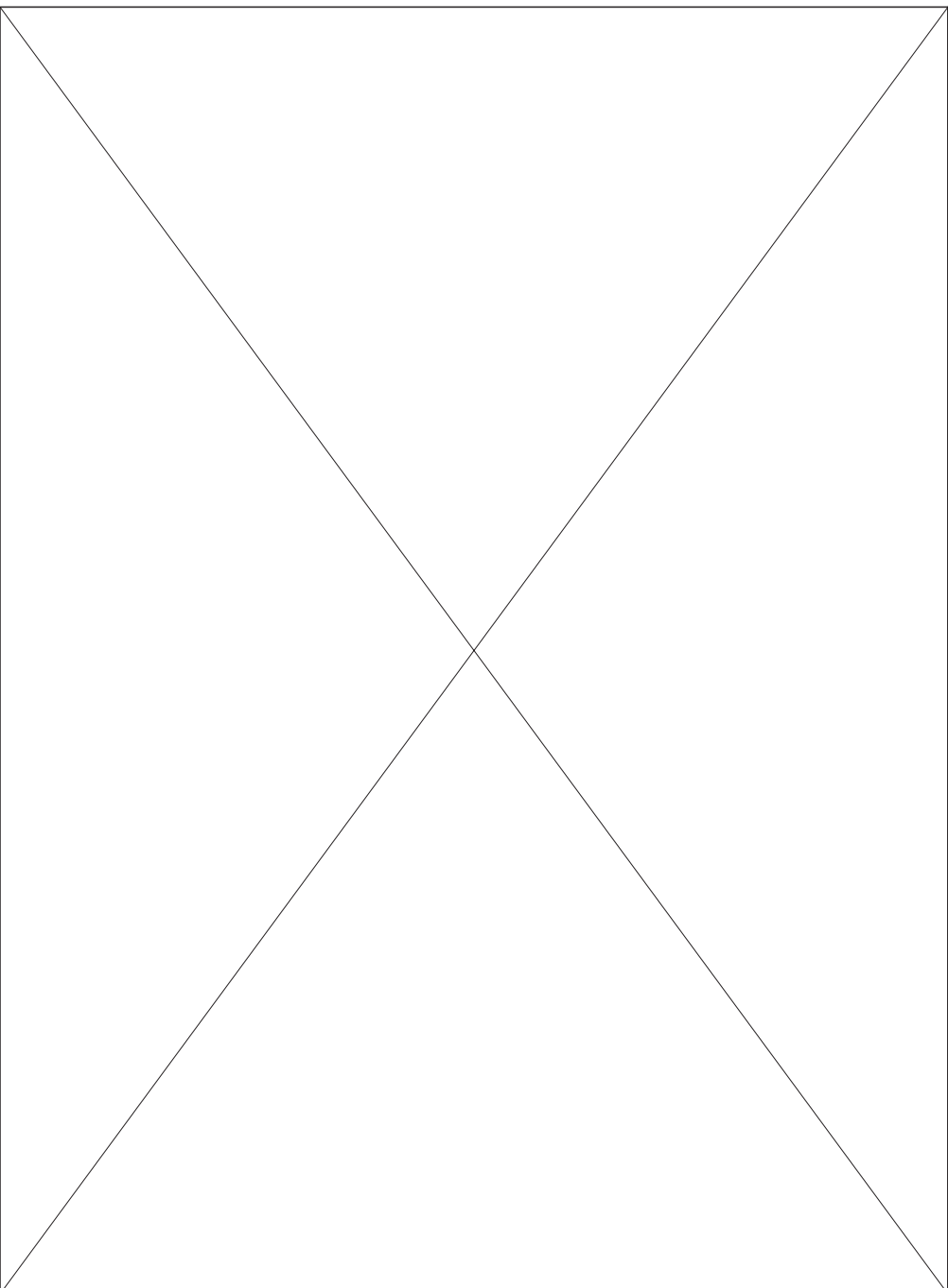
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World News

Myanmar Leader Aung San Suu Kyi Stripped of Ambassador of Conscience Award

Amnesty International has announced it has withdrawn its highest honour from Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The organisation says it wrote to Suu Kyi on Sunday informing her that she had been stripped of the 2009 Ambassador of Conscience Award.

Amnesty International says Suu Kyi had not used her political and moral authority to safeguard human rights, justice or equality in Myanmar citing her apparent indifference to atrocities committed by the Myanmar military and increasing intolerance of freedom of expression.

'Defending the indefensible': Malaysia's Mahathir slams Aung San Suu Kyi over Rohingya crisis

SINGAPORE: Aung San Suu Kyi's response to the alleged atrocities against Myanmar's minority Rohingya community is "indefensible", said Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Tuesday (Nov 13) in a withering criticism of the Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Mahathir, 93, said he was "very disappointed" by Aung San Suu Kyi's failure to defend the Rohingya, a stateless Muslim minority driven from Myanmar in their hundreds of thousands last year by an army

Amnesty International Southern Africa's Shenilla Mohamed says since Suu Kyi became the de facto leader of Myanmar's civilian-led government in April 2016, her administration has been actively involved in the commission or perpetuation of multiple human rights violations.

campaign that UN investigators said amounted to genocide.

"Someone who has been detained before should know the sufferings and should not inflict it on the hapless," said Mahathir, in a reference to Aung San Suu Kyi's long years of house arrest under Myanmar's military rule.

"But it would seem that Aung San Suu Kyi is trying to defend what is indefensible," he told reporters. "They are actually oppressing these people to the point of killing them, mass killing."

Medication pick up programme cuts hospital queues

SOUTH AFRICA - Health MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo has lauded the Central Chronic Medicine Dispensation and Distribution (CCMDD) programme for reducing congested queues at healthcare facilities.

According to Dhlomo, there are less than 17 million people in the province who are now collecting their chronic medication closer to their homes, without having to spend money on transport fare or waking up very early to stand in long queues at congested healthcare facilities. Since the launch of the programme in 2014, 4557 chronic medication pick-up points have been established across the province.

"We are very pleased with the success of this programme. It means that our fellow compatriots who are hypertensive, diabetic, or those who have arthritis, HIV and other ailments only have to come to a health facility once every three months to collect their medicine. Otherwise they fetch it closer to their homes, at libraries, community halls, tribal courts and other local amenities. The medication is pre-packaged and all looks the same, which helps eliminate stigma because no-one can tell what the medication is for," said Dhlomo.

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The raging furnace of infidelity

Infidelity and cheating in marriage is a serious problem affecting society. The rapid changes in social living and the rise of technology have catapulted this problem to an all new level. It is so much easier now to be lured into an enticing chat, view pornography in privacy, stumble over a provocative email or express your feelings with a fellow worker in your office through social platforms.

The reality is that infidelity is destructive and brings misery and heartbreak to the affected parties. It breeds insecurity and devastates long built relationships. For a Muslim, involvement in fornication and adultery is the worst form of depravity. It damages the Imaan and leaves one's faith teetering on a knife's edge.

Cases of infidelity and illicit affairs are encountered by the Social Department on a regular basis. There seems to be a frightening trend among people to pander to their shahawaat (base desires) without fear for its repercussions. The slightest opportunity to indulge sways a person from chastity and purity to immorality and shame. It is astonishing to what length people will go to entertain the call of an illicit lover.

Muslims are urged to take heed of the following:

- Do not venture anywhere near zina (promiscuity or fornication). This entails protecting all the limbs of the body including the heart and mind from filthy thoughts, actions and engagements.
- Lower one's gaze in a deliberate and unapologetic manner. Convey the message of chastity.
- Guard one's self, one's spouse and children from places of promiscuity and unsupervised usage of technology that could cause one to succumb to this dangerous scourge.
- Make constant Dua for protection from all vices. "O Allah, purify my heart & keep my private organs chaste from sin".

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Suicide

The Needless Loss of Life

It is that time of the year when the incidents of suicide increase, unfortunately suicide deaths in the Muslim community are becoming common. The loss of human life is always tragic, but when it is needless and self-inflicted then the pain and loss is compounded. Statistics about suicide show an alarming growth rate every year, with some reports showing upto 60% increase.

It is inevitable that in life one will encounter challenges and difficulty at some point or the other. No matter how enormous the challenge of life may seem to be, it will never be beyond one's capacity to bear it with patience. The Quran says "Allah does not burden a soul more than it is capable of enduring" (Surah Al-Baqarah)

Those inclined to suicide believe that a quick way to dispense of life's hurdles is to resort to suicide. Generally, people who have lost all hope in life, or have underachieved in some task they expected to be successful in, turn to suicide and consider it to be a relief from their perceived 'failure' or the 'indignity' that comes with it.

In reality, suicide does not give relief - rather it brings loss and regret. Embracing challenges with patience and fortitude will bring relief and consolation for us from Allah. The Quran says "Verily with every difficulty there is relief". This verse is repeated in Surah Inshirah for emphasis.

Almighty Allah is our Creator, He gives life and owns it, and He alone has the right to end it. Suicide is forbidden in Islam and listed among the major sins. There are specific

sanctions mentioned in the Quran prohibiting self-killing. Allah says in the Quran, "And do not kill yourselves. Surely, Allah is Most Merciful to you." (Surah An-Nisa)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah ؓ narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever throws himself down from a mountain and kills himself will be in the Fire of Hell, throwing himself down therein forever. Whoever takes poison and kills himself, his poison will be in his hand and he will be sipping it in the Fire of Hell forever. Whoever kills himself with a piece of iron, that piece of iron will be in his hand and he will be stabbing himself in the stomach with it in the Fire of Hell, forever." (Sahih Bukhari)

Hazrat Thabit bin Dahak ؓ narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever kills himself with something in this world will be punished with it on the Day of Resurrection." (Sahih Bukhari)

What to do if you are suicidal:

- Think deeply about one's Creator, family, teachers and well-wishers - turn to Allah and seek His assistance.
- Talk to Ulama, scholars, and reputable social workers who are able to help in combating negative thoughts.
- Join support groups that provide useful assistance for those potentially suicidal.
- Seek medical assistance from a professional.

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A husband's common dilemma

Question

There's a bitter relationship between mother in law and wife. Most of the times mother's approach creates the friction. The son sometimes tries to advise with wife and mother regarding the issue. But mother get upsets and angry towards son. The son does not want to do or say anything disrespectful to his mother. At the same time the son also wants to maintain his wife's Islamic rights and harmony in the marriage. What should the husband do?

Answer

The husband should avoid engaging in the matter. He should listen to the wife her side and pacify her but do not take any position. Similarly, listen to his mother and be respectful and attentive to her but

not take her side. He should remain neutral but show both of them separately that he cares and is concerned. Praise the wife privately for her good qualities and support and encourage her to good character, patience and Dua. Reassure his mother of his respect, concern and commitment towards her as a son and encourage her to make Dua for him and for happiness. Keep some useful literature around the house that they may pick up and read. The husband should not react emotionally to any situation or make any statement that will create disharmony. Husband should give Sadaqah daily, make abundant Dua and join the company of a reputable Shaykh/mentor/Alim to gain ongoing guidance in the matter.

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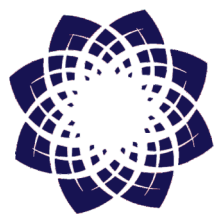
5 Duties to our Master Muhammad ﷺ

The lesson and teachings of the Sunnah are universal for the harmonious co-existence of humanity. The way of life shown to us by our master Muhammad ﷺ is simple, practical and beneficial in every respect. Allah Ta'ala says in the Noble Quran "And you Muhammad ﷺ are surely on an excellent standard of character."

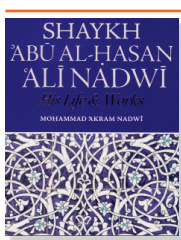
(Surah Al-Qalam, Verse 4)

Every follower of Nabi Muhammad ﷺ is indebted to him for his sacrifices, concern and love for his followers. A Muslim has five primary duties to Nabi ﷺ

- 1 Belief** - To believe in the finality of His Prophethood and that there will be no messenger after him. We also believe that everything he brought was true and divine and that he is the seal of messengers.
- 2 Love** - Every Muslim must develop true love for Nabi ﷺ. Faith is incomplete without true love for him. True love will propel one to emulate the Sunnah and pursue his mission.
- 3 Emulate his objectives** - Emulating the Master ﷺ is a sign of true love for him. The one who sincerely loves Nabi ﷺ and fulfils his mission has been promised Jannah.
- 4 Recitation of Durood** - It is essential for every Muslim to recite Durood upon Nabi ﷺ frequently, especially on Friday. A person should endeavour to recite at least 300 Duroods daily and increase it on Friday. Recitation of Durood enhances love for Nabi ﷺ.
- 5 Propagation** - to propagate and promote the life and teachings of Nabi ﷺ. This shall be done by way of character and encouragement to others to follow this path. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the intercession of Nabi ﷺ on the Day of Qiyamah.

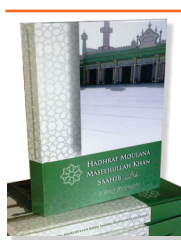


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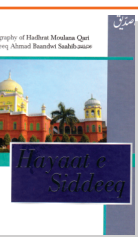
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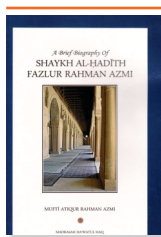
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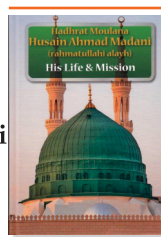
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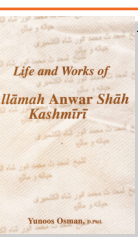
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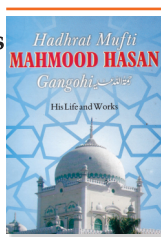
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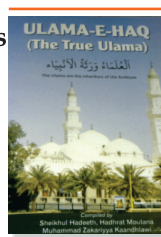
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HOLIDAYS - YEAR END - ROAD SAFETY

It's the year-end - Don't be caught off guard

Dear Parent

- The academic year-end is a time when many learners plan for a 'party bash' to end the year in a celebratory mood. Haram & illicit entertainment - alcohol, drugs, sexual activities, etc. are the main attractions.
- An innocent braai or party could be an occasion for alcohol and hard drugs like cocaine, etc. to be introduced, turning your son/daughter into a drug addict.
- Drag racing and speeding on the roads at 'breakneck' speeds with a group of 'wild' friends - where the possible risk of an accident may claim lives or leave permanent injuries to your child.
- Your child could be a victim of rape - since these parties are synonymous with sexual activities, many have fallen prey to rape and subsequent suicide

Parents are requested to please take responsibility. Communicate and interact positively with your child. Create good alternatives to occupy your child. Make regular dua for protection and success of your child.

May Allah protect our children and grant them steadfastness on Deen.

The Holiday Season - Allah is always watching

The holiday season is here. While on vacation, Muslims tend to become unmindful of their identity and duties towards Allah Ta'ala. Let's always be mindful of the following:

Uphold your Muslim identity at all times (dress code, behaviour, honesty etc.)

Be punctual with the five daily Salah - even on a journey

Guard against all forms of immodesty and shameless activities

Lower the gaze - especially in public places like malls, beaches, etc.

Be alert and conscious about the Halal status when eating-out or purchasing food

Road safety tips

Road users have rights and responsibilities towards each other. Muslims must display etiquette and courtesy on the road. Some tips to follow are:

- Never text whilst driving - it's like driving blindfolded - Using a cellphone whilst driving is highly distractive
- Be alert of other motorists, cyclists and pedestrians
- Keep safe driving distances
- Take regular breaks and don't drive if tired
- Ensure all passengers buckle up including babies in child safety seats
- You are not the only one on the road. Respect other users, don't be hasty and give way where you can
- Recite your travel duas, ayatul kursi and make zikr whilst driving

May Allah Ta'ala enable us to be steadfast and protect us from all harm and haram.

Cleaning the rust

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Indeed the hearts rust just as iron does."

The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم asked: "What is its polish?"

Rasulullah ﷺ replied: "Abundant remembrance of death and recitation of the Quran"

(Shu'abul Iman, hadith: 1859 & Musnad al-Shihab, hadith: 1179)

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Excellence of the Noble Family & Companions of Nabi ﷺ

Hazrat Abbas ibn Abdul Muttalib رضي الله عنه

Name: Abbas ibn Abdul Muttalib **Title:** Abul Fadl

Birth: 2 years before the year of the elephants

Demise: 12 Rajab 32 A.H. aged 88 - buried in Jannatul Baqee

Hazrat Abbas رضي الله عنه was the paternal uncle of Rasulullah ﷺ and was 2 years elder in age. Once someone asked him, "Are you older or is Nabi ﷺ older?" He replied, "I am older in age but he is greater in stature."

His father was Abdul Muttalib. His mother was a lady from Namr bin Qasit tribe. She was the first Arab woman to drape the Ka'bah with a silk cloth. The reason was that Hazrat Abbas رضي الله عنه got lost when he was a child and she made a Nazr (vow) that if she finds him she will drape the Ka'bah with silk. When Abbas رضي الله عنه was found, she fulfilled her Nazr.

Virtues

- Hazrat Abbas رضي الله عنه was a leader in Makkah in the pre Islamic era. His responsibility was maintenance of Musjidul Haraam and providing water for the Hajeers (pilgrims).
- He accepted Islam in its early stages and concealed it. He was forced to participate in the battle of Badr on the side of the Mushrikeen. Nabi ﷺ said, "Whoever meets Hazrat Abbas رضي الله عنه should not kill him. He has been forced to come out." Abul Yusr Ka'b ibn Umar captured him. He ransomed himself and returned to Makkah. Then he made Hijrat to Madinah Munawwarah after some time.
- A large number of Ahadith are narrated from him.
- Mujahid (R) says, "Hazrat Abbas رضي الله عنه set free 70 slaves at the time of his death."
- Hazrat Abdul Muttalib ibn Harith ibn Abdul Muttalib رضي الله عنه narrates in a lengthy Hadith that Rasulullah ﷺ said, "...O People! Whoever harms my uncle harms me. The uncle of a man is in the rank of the father." (Tirmizi)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mughaffal رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "(Fear) Allah, (fear) Allah regarding my Sahabah. (Fear) Allah, (fear) Allah regarding my Sahabah. Do not make them a target of criticism after me. Whoever loves them, it is based on love for me that he loves them. Whoever hates them, it is based on hatred for me that he hates them. Whoever harms them, harms me. Whoever harms me, harms Allah. Whoever harms Allah, very soon Allah will seize (punish) him". (Mishkat)

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Q & A

Q: Is it permissible for Muslims to make purchases or sell items on what is known as "Black Friday Sales"?

A: It appears that the concept of "Black Friday" is purely a business marketing concept and has no pronounced connection with any religion or religious practice. As such, it would be deemed permissible for Muslims to trade in and benefit from such promotions.

Muslims should however bear in mind that making purchases and taking advantage of promotions and sale items should be done according to need and with moderation. One should exercise caution and avoid wasting time in frivolity of the market place and impulsive buying of goods one does not require based on availability and greed.

Q: What is the ruling with regards to having Christmas decorations, Santa and Elves etc. in my store? It is just to create a theme.

A: This must be avoided by Muslims. Though it may appear nowadays merely as a theme but such displays do have religious connotations with festivities of other faiths. Muslim traders should try to maintain a

distinct identity.

Q: I have just recently heard that if I give my zakat to a registered organisation who issues a section 18A tax certificate I can claim back a portion of the zakat paid in my tax returns. Is this permissible?

A: It is permissible to use the 18A tax certificate and claim a refund or rebate on the taxes one has paid or will pay. One's Zakat is discharged as the recipients have received the Zakat in full.

The refund or allowable deduction from government granted to the taxpayer is considered to be a lowering of his/her the income tax and generally has nothing to do with one's Zakaatable calculation, distribution nor is it a return of ones' Zakat.

The above is not an endorsement of organizations that provide '18A' tax certificates. One must ensure that the organization one has entrusted to distribute one's Zakat is credible and has discharged one's Zakat correctly in terms of Shariah under the guidance of experienced Ulama.

Q: Kindly advise on activities and chores for children in the holidays to help keep them occupied?

A: Parents should plan the time and activities of their children in the holiday constructively. The routine should be a mix of spiritual obligations and exercises, fun, character building and development. Time should be allocated for them to do some household chores (making the bed, tidying the room and cupboards, etc.) to help them appreciate the luxuries they enjoy. Gardening and other such recreational activities may also be considered. The key is to avoid them being idle or involved in wrong doing or joining wrong company. Programs held by reputable organizations that will help to orientate them to develop themselves holistically should also be considered.

Q: What is the Islamic ruling on hitting children to discipline them?

A: Islam requires one to be kind and affectionate towards children and at the same time also requires one to bring one's children up with the correct values. Islam also recognizes the fact that sometimes children may need to be firmly disciplined in order to inculcate in them the correct values. However, such disciplining is strictly regulated and physically abusing and maiming the child is prohibited. If a child has become very rebellious and refuses to abide then as a last resort and within the required guidelines, a degree of light physical discipline maybe administered. This is merely to instil the seriousness of the situation and not to inflict pain o harm to the child. Nonetheless, whilst this maybe permissible it is still best and advisable to avoid and seek other measures of discipline.

Accordingly, parents and guardians should adopt a gradual method in disciplining their children. For example, a parent is to encourage his/her child towards Salah from the age of 7 which is much younger than the age at which Salah becomes obligatory. Should this method be adopted correctly the child would be in the habit of Salah well in advance and the need for disciplining through other means should not arise. Hence, the child should be encouraged and guided with kindness, affection and wisdom towards these values.

Notwithstanding this, when the child remains disobedient, Islam recognizes the need to inculcate more stringent disciplinary measures when required for the long term benefit of the child. If the child is allowed to remain stubborn and rebellious this condition will grow with him and adversely affect him and others in future. It is in this regard that the Hadith states, "Command your children to perform Salah when they are 7, and spank them if they do not perform it when they are 10." (Al-Musannaf ibn-Abi Shaybah #3500)

However, such spanking is strictly regulated by the Jurists as follows,

“The time of spanking children has long gone. The effects of hitting children are not positive. As a result, the child could become obstinate and fearless. A child may be spanked with an open hand, not with a stick, not more than thrice (such as three slaps on the back). Only so much force may be exerted which the child will be able to bear (i.e. it should not bruise the child or leave marks on his body). The child must not be hit on the face or head. Anything beyond this is not permissible, otherwise the child will be allowed to take retribution on the Day of Judgement. Children should be treated with kindness and affection." (Adapted from Fataawa Mahmoodiyah v.20 p.306 - compilation of the Fatawa of the Late Grand Mufti of India, Mufti Mahmood Hasan Gangohi (Rahimahullah).

Based on the above, it is clear that one should endeavour to discipline one's children through all means other than spanking. In fact, if a child is not brought up correctly, spanking the child may very well make the child more stubborn and obstinate.

Hence, one should strive to earn respect and obedience by becoming true role models and through love and affection and avoid inflicting physical disciplinary steps upon children in one's care. Bringing up children is a discipline and so long as one fulfils one's responsibility correctly, there will hardly be the need to hit or spank children.

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Large turnout for Hajj & Qurbani Programme

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre hosted its annual Hajj & Udhiyya programme at Masjid Bilal in Castel Hill on Sunday, 12 August 2018.

The programme saw almost 2,000 men, women and children from communities in and around Lindelani, Richmond Farm, Inanda, Umlazi, Kwa Mashu, Castle Hill, Newlands East and West and surrounding areas attended the programme. Others from as far as Shaka's Kraal, Newcastle and Johannesburg also attended the programme.

With ongoing programmes of this nature we hope to create an opportunity and environment of learning, social cohesion and brotherhood for Muslims from

different backgrounds and areas.

The programme was interspersed with moving, inspiring Qira'at, inspirational talks in Zulu, Nasheeds, etc. on various aspects of Haj and Qurbani.

Attendees expressed their appreciation for these programs that give Muslims from different communities to meet and interact. Particular note was taken of the separate and comfortable facilities for our mothers and sisters.

The programme ended after Zuhrah Salah with lunch and cool drinks served to all. These initiatives are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim community.

Darul Ihsan in broad Outreach in Vryheid

The Outreach Team of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre - together with students from Madrasah Islamia Ibrahimiyah and community volunteers in Vryheid - coordinated a broad outreach in Vryheid on Saturday, 11 August 2018.

The outreach in the area was part of the Centre's annual 'Sponsor-A-Blanket' winter campaign where blankets and other supplies are distributed to deserving communities.

The Outreach Team, students and community volunteers - headed by prominent Ulama, Maulana Maseehullah and Maulana Ahmed Kathrada - distributed 360 blankets, 720 snack packs, 350 stationery packs, 300 winter ear muffs and about 300 vegetable seed packs to pupils, parents and the elderly at the following schools and areas:

1. Tholothemba Primary School in Vryheid
2. The Hlengingqondo Primary School in Emadwaleni, Vryheid
3. The Lakeside community village in Vryheid
4. The 'Roadside Informal Settlement' (located en route to Dundee)

Representatives present at the outreach were the Chairman of the Hlengingqondo Primary School Mr Masondo and Head of Department Ms Nokwazi Ntshangase; Ms C Ngubani, Head of Department at the Tholothemba Primary School, Councillor Absolom Mbatha of Ward 13 Vryheid and Mr Joel Hlatshwayo, a representative from the local Induna's office.

All officials present and many recipients expressed their sincere gratitude, particularly for the blankets received in view of the bitter cold experienced in the area.

Abdul Saeed Shaik, Head of Outreach, conveyed a special thanks and appreciation to all students of the Madrasah and community volunteers for their assistance and coordination in the outreach and, in particular, the hospitality of the Kathrada family.

These outreaches are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim

Widespread Blanket distribution in Gauteng, Mpumalanga & North West Provinces

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre, in its annual 'Sponsor-a-Blanket' winter blanket drive, distributed some 2,000 blankets to many deserving communities through welfare centres and its partners at many localities in Gauteng, Mpumalanga and North West Province.

The entire blanket distribution campaign was coordinated by Maulana M S Ravat from centre's office in Johannesburg.

Distribution of blankets was facilitated through volunteers and organisations in the following areas:

Rietvlei, Swaneville, Kagiso, Benoni, Fietas, Eldorado Park, Mafeking, Marikana, Mbombela, Rustenburg, Coronation, Soweto, the old age home in Newclare, Northcliff Women's Forum, Bree Primary School, Johannesburg Hospital, West Rand Muslim

Association, Westbury Darul Uloom, Qaasimul Uloom in Nelspruit, the Sultan Bahu Centre in Mayfair and at Saaberie Chishty Society in Johannesburg.

The recipients comprised individuals and families from indigent communities, learners at schools and Darul Uloom, patients at hospitals - particularly those impacted by incidents of xenophobia and reverts to Islam.

Participating members and partners of this wide outreach expressed their appreciation to the Centre and communicated the humble and sincere feedback they received from recipients of the blankets.

Alhamdulillah, through the dedicated, generous and ongoing support of the Muslim community Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre's 'Sponsor-a-Blanket' campaign has brought warmth and comfort to thousands countrywide.

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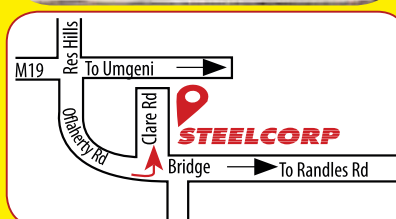
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What's Happening at Darul Ihsan Centre

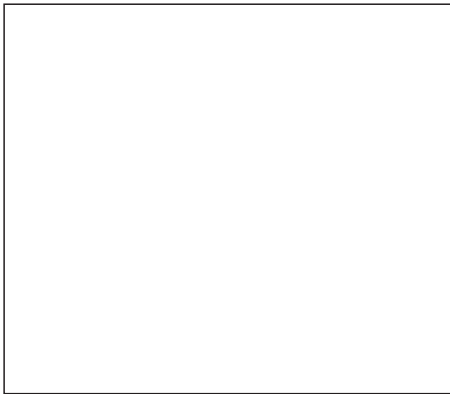
Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre Phoenix office provides meals to many seeking jobs

Households in Phoenix and surrounding areas are affected by many social conditions which impact negatively on their lives. One among the many challenges experienced is massive unemployment which has resulted in not only poverty but a desperate need for even a single meal for the day.

At certain areas of Phoenix like the Sunford, people arrive early in the morning and wait along the streets for potential employers who might offer work - even if it is just for a few hours or a day.

Getting up very early in the morning and arriving at such places on foot is not only an ordeal for them but to wait for the remote possibility of work for just a day - especially on an empty stomach - is overwhelming.

To help this situation, Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre's Phoenix office has been providing packed meals for up to 50 recipients a day -



standing along streets seeking jobs - seven days a week.

A grateful recipient expressed himself as follows:

"Often we wait to find some sort of employment on the streets without much hope. Thanks to Darul Ihsan, at least we know that we will not be hungry for the day."

These outreaches are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim community.

Marriage Workshops held in Stanger

The Social Department of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre, in its ongoing campaign to educate and empower Muslims conducted several workshops in Stanger on 17th and 18th October 2018.

Three dedicated programmes were held over 2 days. First up was a Pre-marital workshop on Wednesday for younger soon to be married sisters who were extremely thankful for the valuable advice and lessons.

On Thursday morning a marriage enrichment workshop was held for all married sisters. Many attendees expressed deep appreciation for the event as they had drawn exceptional life tools from it.

An exclusive session was held with therapists, educators and volunteers on their role as community workers.

The well attended programmes were conducted by Muallima Aabida Peer, a counsellor, mentor and educator with extensive experience in the management and nurturing of relationships.

Darul Ihsan thanks the Ulama and community of Stanger for graciously partnering and participating in the programmes.

May Allah Ta'ala accept the constructive efforts of all who are striving to uplift the Ummah.

Annual Seerah Programme - (Masjid Bilal - Castlehill)

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre held its annual Seerah event for 2018/Rabi Ul Awwal 1440 on Sunday, 18 November 2018 at Masjid Bilal in Newlands West, Durban.



The programme was interspersed with inspiring Qira'at, inspirational talks in Zulu & English, Nasheeds, etc. on the Seerah.

Attendees expressed their appreciation for these programmes that give Muslims from different communities the opportunity to meet and socialize.

A sumptuous lunch was served to all participants. Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre

Darul Ihsan Home Improvement Project

The "Home Improvement" project of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre (DHC) specifically supports low-income homeowners in a bid to renovate, repair and improve the general condition of their homes and enhance their living conditions.

Improvements may include plastering walls, re-surfacing floors, attending to leaks and dampness that may be the cause of severe structural damage as well as

a health hazard to the occupants, etc.

Recently Mr Mahomed approached DHC for assistance to restore and paint his rented apartment kitchen after it was extensively damaged due to the explosion of a gas cylinder.

Fortunately, there were no injuries or fatalities. DHC, through its 'Home Improvement,' project proceeded to assist Mr Mahomed by restoring his kitchen.

Darul Ihsan feeding outreach at Anjuman Eikhavatoool orphanage - Family contributes on son's Hifz completion

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre's Outreach Team facilitated meals for children at the Anjuman Eikhavatoool Islam Orphanage in Mayville on Saturday, 10 November 2018.

Over 120 hot meals were provided for the children at the orphanage for lunch.

The meals, cool-drinks and cakes were sponsored by the kind gesture of a Durban family whose son completed Hifz-ul-Qur'an. The respected family was present at the orphanage and personally interacted with the children and assisted in serving meals to them.

Gift bags were also handed to every child at the orphanage. Brother

Yaseen Dawood, the supervisor of the orphanage, expressed his appreciation to the family for the provision of the meals and thanked the Outreach Team for their efforts.

Darul Ihsan encourages this form of humanitarian concern and urges other families to 'invest' their resources in worthy causes of community upliftment. The donor family has indeed set a remarkable example for the Muslim community to follow. May Allah Ta'ala accept their contribution and noble intentions.

These outreaches are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim community.

Feed-a-Patient Project

The 'Feed a Patient' project of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is, Alhamdulillah, in its tenth year of operation.

Through the project the centre distributes almost 10, 000 biscuit

packs per month to patients at hospitals, care centres, clinics, etc.

These outreaches are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim community.

Ongoing Outreach benefiting local communities

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre's Outreach Team facilitated several programmes of feeding and blanket distribution to impoverished communities.

On 8 August, 2018 Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre's Outreach Team - together with a group of volunteer sisters - distributed 200 blankets and 200 snack packs consisting of assorted fruit, potato crisps and biscuits to patients at the KwaDabeka Community Health Centre.

"The outreach has really meant a lot to this community because the patients come early in the morning, many as early as 4:00 AM. All who have received the blankets are not only grateful but are pleasantly surprised at this kind gesture," (facilitator Ms Jali).

Additionally, on the 8, the Outreach Team - through its office in Johannesburg - distributed 170 blankets to learners at the Bree Primary School in Mayfair West. Biscuits and snacks were also handed to the children at the school.

On Friday, 10 August 2018, Over 100 hot meals were provided for the children at the Anjuman Eikhavatoool Islam Orphanage in Mayville. Cool-drinks and snack packs were also distributed to the children. The meals, cool-drinks and snack packs were sponsored by the kind gesture of a community member on the occasion of his Nikah which had taken place earlier in the day.

These outreaches are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim community.

Feeding Outreach in Durban area

Amongst the wide range of community outreaches that Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is actively involved with is the organization's sustained feeding programme.

The feeding outreach provides hot-packed meals to destitute individuals in mostly urban areas.

For the month of September 2018 the following outreaches were undertaken:

Wednesday, 05 September - 220 hot-packed meals were distributed in the Greyville area.

Wednesday, 12 September - 220 hot-packed meals were distributed

in Clare Estate & Sea Cow Lake.

Wednesday, 19 September - 341 hot-packed meals were distributed in Bester, Phoenix.

Wednesday, 26 September - 245 hot-packed meals were distributed in Overport, Clare Estate and Mayville.

"I look forward to the arrival of the Darul Ihsan van in our locality as it makes all of us feel that we are not forgotten," said a very thankful recipient in the Greyville area.

These and other outreaches are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim community.

Feed-a-Pupil Project

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre's 'Feed a Pupil' sandwich preparation and distribution drive for learners at schools in Durban and surrounding areas is an ongoing project.

Alhamdulillah, for 2018 over 45,000 sandwiches per month are distributed to deserving learners at 49 schools.

Our support team of volunteer housewives and sisters who prepare the sandwiches are doing a noble and excellent job. They timeously prepare the sandwiches and the entire exercise of sandwich distribution to schools runs like

clockwork resulting in learners receiving fresh sandwiches for all their days at school.

What a single sandwich means to a hungry learner is perhaps something we may never be able to appreciate. Being part of this noble initiative provides the minimum nourishment for thousands of deserving learners at schools.

The 'Feed a Pupil' is a growing initiative and community support is always welcome.

Kindly contact our offices to volunteer towards this noble initiative.

Welfare Department of Darul Ihsan strives to serve those in need

Poverty, harsh economic conditions and a high rate of unemployment is making extremely difficult for households to survive. Families are finding extreme difficulty to meet their daily needs of food, rental, utilities, medical expenses, transport, school fees, frail care, clothing, stationery, etc. The list goes on.

The Welfare Department of Darul Ihsan, through its various upliftment projects and services strives to address the immediate needs of families encountering difficulties.

The Welfare Department also assists in empowering individuals who are enterprising but do not have the means to start off their work.

Recently a self-employed person who was in a dilemma was assisted to regain ability to earn. His story is one of courage and inspiration.

Abdullah (name changed), a respected indigenous Muslim (30), married with two children (5 & 8 years old), lost his only means of income to support his family. Abdullah, who has a Professional Driving Permit (PDP), is registered to a location-based app that allows him to be a hire on-demand private driver.

After a struggle he managed to raise the required deposit to hire a

vehicle from a company and was able to support his family through this income. Regrettably, after being involved in a motor vehicle collision he was blocked by the company to hire another vehicle resulting in him being unemployed.

He then approached the Darul Ihsan Welfare Department for assistance to travel to Pretoria and approach the head office of the vehicle hire company to appeal his case to be re-registered and be able to hire a vehicle once again.

Alhamdulillah, Abdullah's appeal was successful, but he was unable to raise the deposit to hire another vehicle. The Welfare Department assisted him with the deposit required for another vehicle and Abdullah is once again able to earn a living and support his family.

During his rounds in the Sea Cow Lake area Abdullah is often met by the Welfare Department staff for Salah at Masjid Taqwa.

He expresses his gratitude to the organisation and its well-wishers:

"Alhamdulillah, the Welfare Department has made it possible for me to be able to earn an honest living and support my family with dignity."

These projects are made possible through the generous contributions and ongoing support of the Muslim community.

Drug Awareness drive held in Port Elizabeth

The 'Drug Awareness Drive' - 'DAD', an initiative of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre presented a series of educational programmes on drug and substance abuse in Port Elizabeth on 16 & 17 September 2018. The Ulama of Darul Ihsan were warmly received by the PE community on a coldish weekend with plummeting temperatures.

Programmes were held at several schools, Madrasas and a special presentation for mothers and sisters was followed by the main evening programme on Saturday, 15 September 2018. Jumu'ah programmes were conducted in PE and Uitenhague by the visiting Ulama.

In his special address in the main programme, Mufti Zubair Bayat, the Ameer of Darul Ihsan Centre highlighted the need for every Alim, educator and parent to become actively involved in the eradication of the drug scourge as this was a challenge that affected all members of the community. Mufti Saheb emphasised that there was no longer any room for apathy towards this global danger if we wish to save the future. He also asserted that we need a collective and proactive effort to the problem.

In his power point presentation Maulana Zakariya Murchie



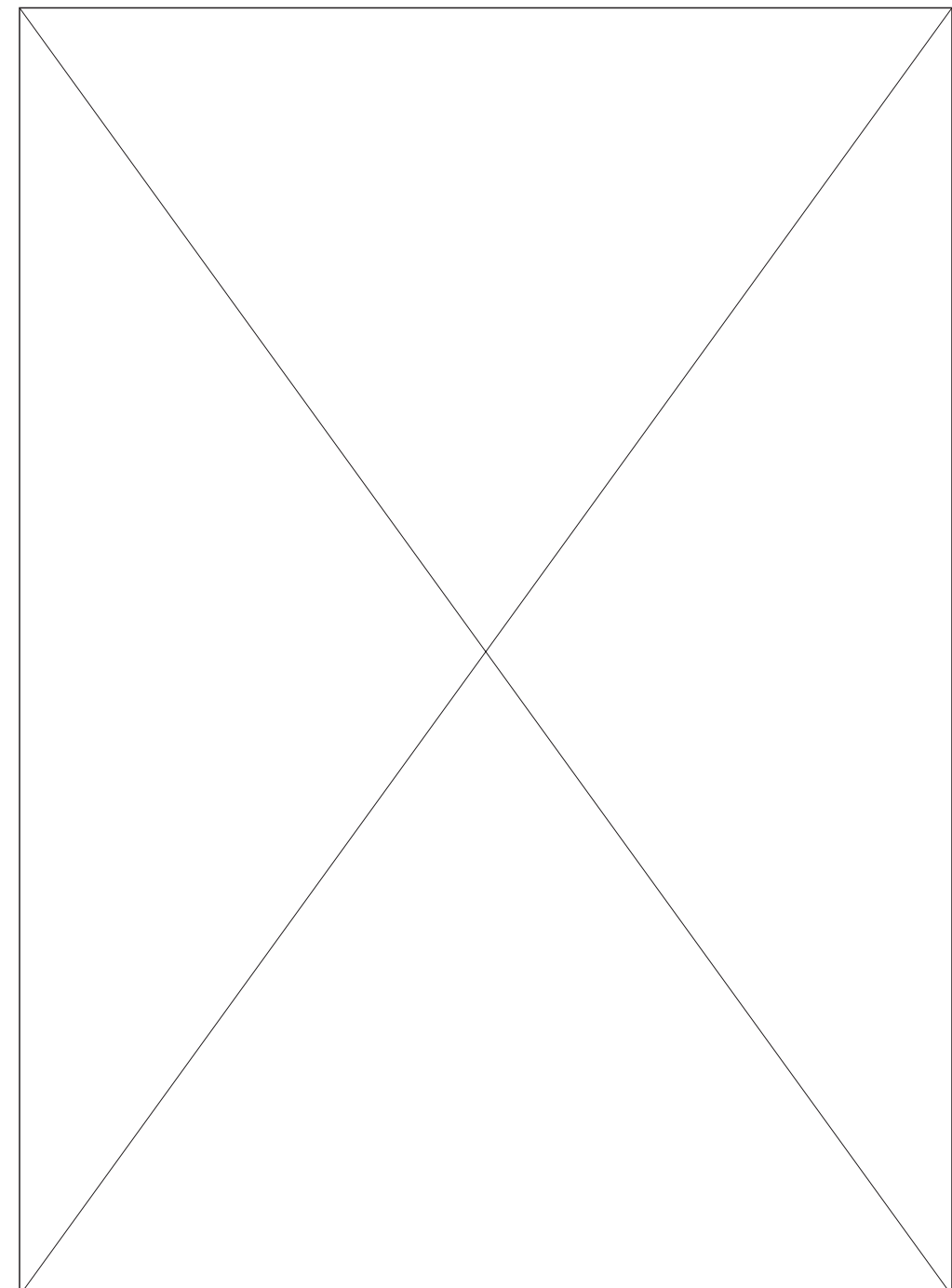
discussed new research that revealed the explosive dangers of newer substances being processed in laboratories that were compounding the lethal effect that these substances have on the human body and mind.

The well-researched presentations have ignited the concern of communities wherever these programmes are held and participants are appreciative to 'DAD' for the initiative.

The 'DAD' team thanks the community of Port Elizabeth for their hospitality and co-ordination of an initiative which is at the heart of the Ulama and community.

May Allah Ta'ala accept this humble effort, make it easy for those whose lives are affected by the incidence of drug and substance abuse and protect our families and the Ummah.

For more information, support and drug counselling call Moulana Z a k a r i y a M u r c h i e



Made in Heaven Marriage and Parenting Programmes hosted in Durban

The Social Department of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre, in its ongoing campaign to educate, inform and empower, hosted two workshops in Durban on the last weekend of August 2018.

A marriage programme was held at Madrasah Islahul Muslimeen in Sherwood, Durban for its senior learners and a parenting workshop for mothers at Sea Cow Lake.

The aim of these workshops is to educate Muslim women and enrich their lives by helping them to make their lives a meaningful journey of bliss, piety and eternal happiness.

The well attended programmes were conducted by Muallima Aabida

Peer, a counsellor, mentor and teacher with extensive experience in the management and nurturing of relationships.

Participants especially appreciated the 'Parenting with Wisdom' workshop as they acknowledged the realities that parents are grappling with in these challenging times.

The programme also unearthed the need for a workshop for teenage girls to be better guided in their relationships with their parents.

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