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The Miracle on 10/12

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Dear Ansar Brothers, As-Salamu 'Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

On October 12, 2014, over 1000 of us witnessed a miracle. At the beginning of 2014—when we embarked on the journey of "believe in the unseen"—imagining 1000 Ansar at the National Ijtima was a dream; our highest projection placed us at 846 attendees. And that's when the (spiritual) fun began.

Everybody got to work. The Zu'ama started booking airline tickets, the Nazimin chose aggressive attendance targets for their regions, the web team developed an Ijtima portal to share up-to-date information, the Publications team mailed posters and post-cards nationwide, Qa'id Finance started number crunching to extend travel subsidies, and our Nazim Ijtima's team dived into the red book items to improve on every little facet of Ijtima 1000. They believed, in what arithmetic suggested was impossible. They believed in the truth of

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what Huzoor (may Allah be his helper) said on January 3, 2014, "humility, hard work, and prayers."

Some say, "why chase a number?" That's a fair point. We deliberated on this point before embarking on the journey of "believe in the unseen." But the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) reminds us that there is a time for consultative discussion and there is time for decisive action. At 8:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, when we were stuck at 920 attendees, the believers acted. They wrote letters to our beloved Khalifah, made reminder calls, prayed fervently, and experienced Allah's Mighty Hand propel us to over 1,030 attendees by 11:00 A.M. One Zai'm expressed himself in these words, "...sessions of the Ijtima were very powerful which created among us new zeal to serve the Majlis and become true helpers of Allah in all aspects."

Overwhelmingly positive surveys are pouring in. Preliminary analysis reveals that nearly 95% of the attendees ranked the spirituality, program, workshops, food, transportation, and accommodation of the Ijtima as "Excellent" or "Satisfactory." Nearly 25% of the members attended the National Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah, USA for the first time and 65% of all attendees thought they were "more involved" this time as compared to previous years. As you wait for the full results of the survey—which will be posted on ansarusa.org by the end of the month Insha'allah—here is one attendee's comment: "This was my first Ansar Ijtima. I thoroughly enjoyed it; felt young again. A convert brother shared the trip with me and despite being an Ahmadi for good ten plus years, he had never attended any Ijtima in the past!"

By crossing the 1000 mark, we experienced a manifestation of "Yu'minuna bil ghaib" and now it's time for us to say: I will move on to "Yuqimunas-salat"—observe Prayer. We must attribute this success to Allah's mercy and His support for Khalifatul Masih's mission. You and I are worthless in the grand scheme of things. But if Allah accepts our humility, our meager efforts, and our sincere prayers, then He will forgive our sins and will protect us and our families from the fire.

Wassalam,

Faheem Younus Qureshi Serving Majlis Ansarullah, USA











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National Ijtima Survey

If you attended the National Ijtima but have not yet completed the Ijtima survey, please take a moment to <u>complete the survey</u> online.

2014 Ta'lim Test II

The 2014 Ta'lim Test II is now available online. The deadline for taking the test is **December 14, 2014**. Please make every effort to take the test online atwww.ansarusa.org/TalimTest. The PDF version of the test is also available if you prefer to take the test on paper.

Allah Answers the Prayers

Anonymous

I, with my family and nieces, set out for a day at a local amusement park. As we jumped in the car, I did my routine check on Google Maps—1 hour and green. Great! Just what I thought for a sunny Saturday morning.

While driving down the highway, my wife was buying something on Amazon and I was making a hands-free phone call. I ignored the warning sign on the highway—"Delays ahead at Exit 55." Sure enough, halfway through our trip, just before Exit 55, the highway was jammed and we had missed our last chance to take an alternate route. We were stuck. Worse yet, the traffic was at a standstill. Google Maps now estimated 1 hour and 15 minutes, and BLACK (and remember, we were already 30 minutes into the trip, so this represented a 45-minute total delay).

It was then that the kids in the car started complaining—really annoyed—as if we had let them down and didn't plan better. As I knew there was no way out, I reminded the kids that only Almighty Allah could get us there at a decent time. So, all of us started praying.

We began with Surah Fatihah, then moved on to Durood Shareef—and before we were done—we were back at 65 mph! Google Maps





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refresh—30 minutes and GREEN.

I felt as if the kids literally saw Almighty Allah for the first time. May Allah always keep my progeny in firm belief of their Lord, Ameen.

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