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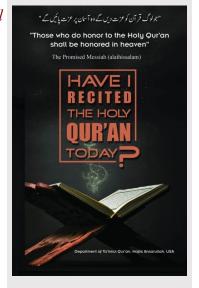
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A message from our beloved Huzur (aba) at Ansarullah Ijtima, 2022











Islamabad, UK HM - 10-11-2022

Dear members of Majlis Ansarullah USA,

ٱلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ الله وَ يَرَكَاتُه

I am very pleased to know that by the grace of Allah you are able to hold your Annual National Ijtima. May Allah Ta'ala bless this Ijtima in every way and make it very productive and beneficial for all of you in every way. Amin

I was requested to send you a message on this blessed occasion. I would like to draw your attention towards establishing a sincere and strong relationship with the blessed institution of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

From the Holy Quran and the sayings of the Holy Prophet (sa) we are reminded that in the latter days Khilafat will be established on the precepts of Prophethood. The Promised Messiah (as) has very clearly stated that after me Khilafat will be established and it will remain with you until the end of days.

We as Ahmadis are very fortunate that we are bound with the blessed system of Khilafat and thereby are united under divine guidance around the globe. Allah the Almighty has also given us the blessing of MTA which has enabled the members of the Jama'at to become closer to Khilafat even more. A large number of very devoted and sincere members listen to my Friday Sermons on MTA every week. Some members even have written to me that they listen to my sermons twice or three times in a week. Therefore, those youngsters and children who slack in this should make an effort to listen to the sermons and benefit from its blessings. You should strive to increase your understanding and love towards Khilafat in your heart. If the organization of Majlis Ansarullah tries to create awareness in its members to listen to my sermons and addresses that I deliver during various events, it













would not only serve as a great inspiration and motivation for them to strengthen their bond with Khilafat, but will also help in resolving many issues related to their moral, ethical and spiritual development. InshAllah

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) has stated on one occasion, elaborating on the importance of staying connected with Khilafat:

"The more of a relationship you have with it, the more blessings will your works and activities bear. There more distant you are from it, the more unblessed will your endeavours be, as only that branch can provide you with fruit that is attached to the tree. The branch that is cut off from the tree is not able to produce fruit." (Khilafat Ala Minhaaj Nabuwwat, Volume 3, Page 340)

So, firmly attach yourselves to this rope of Allah. Increase your level of faithfulness and sincerity. Be fully obedient to the instructions of the Khalifa of the time and pray that may Allah strengthen this divine institution, so that you are able to reap the favours that are associated with it. May Allah enable you to do so and bless you abundantly. Amin

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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Ansarullah Ijtima survey

Some of the members filled out the electronic survey at the end of the Ijtima. We are grateful for your feedback and will try to incorporate your feedback into the future Ijtima programs.

For those members who did not get a chance to respond to the survey, please <u>use the following link</u> (and two minutes) to provide your feedback. Jazakallah.

Together in-person again - Shura and Ijtima Report

By: (Iftikhar Ahmed, Qaid Publications, Majlis Ansarullah)

Majlis Ansarullah USA held the 2022 National Ijtima in Houston TX at Baitus Samee Mosque on Nov 19-20, 2022. The day before Ijtima, Majlis



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Ansarullah also held the Shura meeting, attended by Ansarullah delegates from all over the US. This was a busy weekend for everyone, but Alhamdolillah, both events were very successful, and all participants and organizers were grateful to Allah Taala for getting this opportnity to get together in person and enjoy the blessings from these events.

Here are a few highlights from both these events:

Shura: This year, the total number of Shura delegates was 180 from 55 Majalis, including 12 Nazimeen-e-Aala and 20 national amila members. Two Shura sub-committees were formed during the morning session. The Tarbiyyat sub-committee was chaired by Naib Sadr, Dr. Mansoor Qureshi Sahib, and the secretary of the committee was Muavin Sadr, Rizwan Alladin Sahib.

The Finance sub-committee was chaired by Naib Sadr Zahid Mian Sahib, and Qaid Maal, Mahmood Hanif Sahib served as the secretary of the committee.

The proposals were discussed in detail by the respective committees and recommendations were submitted. The Shura general body then deliberated on the proposal and recommendations. Ansar members asked clarifying questions and shared their comments and subsequently both committee recommendations were approved. These recommendations have been sent to Huzur (aba) for his final approval before implementation.

Ansar Ijtima: After three years, Majlis Ansarullah held its National Ijtima, in-person, in Houston, TX. Members were excited to see each other, and spent quality time during the Ijtima. A total of 606 members attended from all over the country. Houston Majlis had the honor to host the Ijtima, and despite of rain and colder than usual weather, they proved to be exceptional hosts and served their fellow Ansar brothers with utmost care and love. Jazakallah!



The long distance biking team: The first highlight of the Shura and Ijtima gathering was the Ansarullah biking group arrival on Friday morning. Twelve members rode their bikes together from Austin, TX to Houston, a journey of 171 miles. The background of this adventurous activity was that during Huzoor's

(aba) trip to USA in October of 2022, beloved Huzoor (aba) graciously met with Ansarullah Amila where he expressed his desire that Ansar should take up cycling as an exercise. He also suggested that Ansarullah should organize group cycling trips over long distances and shared examples of how Majalis Ansarullah from other countries have done the same. Saying Lubbaik to our

Khalifa (aba), Ansarullah USA National Amila immediately decided to start planning for a cycle trip and executed it at the time of Ijtima. This group of 12, included 3 members from Saf-e-Awwal.

The first day of the bicycle trip started from Austin and the group arrived in the town of Bernham before sunset, a distance of over 75 miles through rolling hills on a major US highway. Along the way they stopped to offer Salat outside a Starbucks coffee shop. It was cold and windy, but all the cyclists enjoyed the camaraderie and were able to complete the first leg of the journey.

The second day started from Bernham and they went through the countryside, passing by farms and other small towns. This time they offered Salat in an open field near a service area. The group arrived in Houston by late afternoon. The next morning Sadr Sahib and other Ijtima guests warmly welcomed the cyclists before the start of the Shura at Baitus Samee mosque in Houston.

Highlights of the Ijtima:

As always, the <u>Ijtima program</u> consisted of educational competitions, workshops, faith inspiring accounts, sports competitions, and concluding speech by Respected Amir Jama'at USA. The education competitions were very engaging and competitive. The qualifying round were held on Friday night after Maghrib and Isha prayers, and the top contenders competed in the morning session of the Ijtima. Several workshops were held, led by various Ansar members. The interactive workshops allowed members to ask questions, participate in dialog, and learn from the sessions.



The sports competitions were held in the afternoon, despite the challenges presented by the rain and cold weather. Nevertheless, we saw some solid sportsmanship and everybody, including the audience enjoyed the competitions.

Respected Amir Jamaat USA,

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad Sahib, presided over both the opening and concluding sessions. In the final session, he led silent prayers to end yet another successful national Ijtima. Alhamdolillah.

Personal accounts: Many members shared their accounts of the Ijtima, including challenges with travel. Eight Ansar missed their flight to the Ijtima. Zaim Sahib Georgia had them drive to and from the Ijtima, an 1800-miles drive.

Sixteen Ansar from NY Majlis got stuck in Orlando due to flight delays and ended up taking their return flight after 2 days.

Zaim Iowa and Sadr Iowa drove from Iowa to Houston after their flights

were cancelled.

More details, including many more Ijtima pictures, are available on www.ansarusa.org.

Send us your stories of brotherhood, Ijtima memories, or any other inspiring experience that we can share with Ansar brothers via this enewsletter.

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