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Aug. 22 - 1st of Ramadan-ul-Mubarak

Sep. 20 - Eid-ul-Fitr

Oct. 16-18 - Ansar National Ijtema and Shura

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Message from Sadr Ansarullah, USA

Dear Ansar: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

The blessed month of Ramadan will be starting shortly and we should work hard to adopt *taqwa* (righteousness), avoiding spiritual as well as moral pitfalls, and to inculcate love and fear of Allah. We should reflect and turn to Allah seeking from His grace the capacity to adhere to *taqwa*. Allah Says in the Holy Qur'an: "*O ye who believe, fasting is prescribed for you during a fixed number of days as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may safeguard yourselves against every kind of ill and become righteous. But whoso from among you should be ailing, not being permanently incapacitated, or should be on a journey, shall complete the reckoning by fasting on a corresponding number of other days; and for those who find fasting a strain hard to bear is an expiation, the feeding of a poor person, if they can afford it. Whoso carries through a good work with eager obedience, it is better for him. If you possessed knowledge you would realize that it is better for you that you should fast.*" (Chapter 2, Verses: 184-185)

The idea of the fast has been inculcated in all religious disciplines which are based on revelation, though strict

conformity to the ordinances relating thereto is no longer insisted upon. Indeed, within some disciplines, the fast has been reduced to a purely symbolic observance. In Islam, the ordinances relating to the fast are clearly stated and defined and to the degree of their applicability, they are strictly observed. A tendency towards greater rigidity is sometimes encountered and has to be checked and countered through exposition of the true purpose of the fast and of the meaning of the regulations and their spirit.

Subject to the permissible exemptions, the observance of the fast is obligatory upon every adult Muslim during the month of Ramadan. Fasting is a physical, moral and spiritual discipline, and the object is the promotion of righteousness and security against evil. Through the experience of the fast, the worshipper is urged to exalt Allah for His having provided the guidance and is prompted to the beneficent use of His favors and bounties.

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: "*Allah, the Lord of*

National Ijtema and Shura

Mark your calendars for the 28th National Ansarullah Ijtema and 17th National Shura to be held on **Friday, October 16 – Sunday, October 18, 2009** at Baitur Rehman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD. Ansar are urged to attend the Ijtema and also encourage their fellow ansar brothers to attend this important event.

Sadr's message continued...

honor and glory says: All other deeds of man are for himself, but his fasting is purely for Me and I shall reward him for it. The fast is a shield. When any of you is fasting he should eschew loose talk and noisy exchanges. Should anyone revile him or seek to pick a quarrel with him, he should respond with: I am observing a fast. By Him in Whose hands is the life of Muhammad, the breath of one who is fasting is purer in the sight of Allah than the fragrance of musk. One who fasts experiences two joys: he is joyful when he breaks his fast, and he is joyful by virtue of his fast when he meets his Lord.” (Bokhari and Muslim)

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said that one who makes a solemn endeavor to seek Allah never fails. He said that if we can feel compassion for a student who works hard for school exams how could God not have mercy and compassion to allow one who endeavors to seek him to come near

Him? Certainly not!

May Allah enable all of us to achieve nearness to Allah by paying special attention to both quantity and quality of worship and recitation of the Holy Qur'an during the month of Ramadan. *Ameen.*

وَالسَّلَام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa

Ta'lim Test I of 2009

Ta'lim Test I of 2009 is being mailed to all ansar. The deadline to submit the test is August 31, 2009. Members are encouraged to submit the completed test by the deadline.

The test is comprised of the following parts:

The Holy Qur'an: Chapter 88, Sura al-Ghashiyah (Translation & Commentary)

Hadith: "Forty Gems of Beauty"

Part A: Definition of Hadith, categories of Hadith
The method of narration, categories of narrators
Standard work of Hadith
Difference between Hadith & Sunnah

Part B: Hadith # 1 to 5

Book: English: "Essence of Islam"

Urdu: "Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian in view of his writings"

Topics to cover: The Purpose of Creation, The need for Prophets, Repentance and Seeking Forgiveness, Resurrection, Dhulqarnain

The electronic version of these books are available online at:

<http://www.alislam.org/books/essence/contents.html>
<http://www.alislam.org/urdu/tahreer>

Completed test can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- Through Za'eem Majlis
- Fax: 281-733-2084
- E-mail: mmunir52@sbcglobal.net
- Snail mail: M. Dawood Munir, 11106 Brandon Gate, Houston, TX 77095-6603

Please contact Qa'id Ta'lim M. Dawood Munir at 832-526-8614 or Na'ib Qa'id Ta'lim, Belal Khalid, at 732-841-4924 if you have any questions.

Africa Water Wells Project

Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih Al-Khamis (may Allah support him with His Mighty Help) has advised Majlis Ansarullah, USA to install 5 water wells per year in African countries. Saying *Labbaik* to Huzur's (*ayyadahullah*) directive, Majlis Ansarullah, USA has partnered with Humanity First to install these wells at a cost of \$3,500 per well. Ansar are invited to sponsor one or more water wells individually or with family. Please contribute generously and send your checks directly to Qa'id Finance, Kalim Rana, at 5411 Chelsea Fair Ln, Spring, TX 77379-6215.

Ansarullah Hall Fund

In 1998, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) had approved a proposal, made by Majlis-e-Shura of Majlis Ansarullah, USA, to build Ansarullah Hall adjacent to Baitur Rehman Mosque. Some funds have been collected since the inception of this scheme. Total funds to be collected for this hall are \$500,000. Recently Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Ameer Jama'at USA, asked Majlis Ansarullah to raise \$500,000 for ongoing expansion of Baitur Rehman Mosque. Ansarullah Hall is part of this expansion. Therefore, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, is requesting each and every member of Majlis Ansarullah to step forward and contribute generously. Members who have already contributed towards Ansarullah Hall are also encouraged to donate again for this cause. Members are urged to contribute generously towards Ansarullah Hall Fund as soon as possible. The payment should be sent to Qa'id Finance, Kalim Rana, directly or through za'eem Majlis. Jazakomullah.

Regional Ijtema of Headquarters and Virginia Regions

Regional Ijtema of Headquarters and Virginia regions was held at Baitur Rehman Mosque on Sunday May 17, 2009. 134 Ansar from Potomac, Laurel, Baltimore, Silver Spring, York, Central Virginia, North Virginia, South Virginia, Richmond, and Washington DC Majalis participated the Ijtema. Dr. Khaled Ahmad Ata, Na'ib Sadr I, Perwaiz Aslam Chaudhry, Za'eem A'la, Basharat Ahmad Wadan, Nazim Virginia region, and Imam Daud Hanif, Na'ib Ameer and Missionary In charge also attended the Ijtema. Ansar from various majalis participated in many educational and sports competitions.

In his introductory address, Dr. Khaled Ahmad Ata talked about the history of Majlis Ansarullah and reminded Ansar of the importance of their role in the tarbiyat of the younger generations. Basharat A. Wadan exhorted ansar to concentrate on self purification and self examination in the context of spiritual progress and to keep up the noble traditions of Ahmadiyyat. In the concluding session, Perwaiz Aslam Chaudhry emphasized the importance and benefits of participation in the regional and local congregations. Imam Daud Ahmad Hanif drew Ansar's attention towards their duties and responsibilities as the senior members of the Jama'at.



Ansar at Gulf States Regional Ijtema held on May 30 & 31, 2009 at Baitus Samee Mosque, Houston



Book stall arranged by Dallas Majlis in a local flea market in Dallas

Learning Urdu with the Revelations of the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam

ہاں میں خوش ہوں

Hān mein khush hoon

Yes, I am glad.

Hān: yes **mein:** I **khush:** glad **hoon:** am



Ansar at Mid West Regional Ijtema held on May 17, 2009 at Baet-ul-Jaamay Mosque, Chicago

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