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Message from Sadr Ansārullah, USA

Dear Ansār:

By the grace and mercy of Almighty Allah, we have been blessed to accept the Promised Messiah and Mahdi of the time, Hadrat Mirzā Ghulām Ahmad Qādiānī (peace be on him), whose advent was prophesied by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). When the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) was granted permission by Almighty Allah to have people enter the covenant of Bai’at with him (pledging allegiance), he published an announcement called ʿIṣḥāṭār Takhir-e-Tablígh (advertisement or announcement about completion of preaching) on January 12, 1889, which mentions the ten conditions of Bai’at. Anyone who joins the Jama’at of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) pledges to abide by these conditions. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) took his first Bai’at (pledge of allegiance) on March 23, 1889 and thus the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was established.

It is essential for all followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) to understand the details of these conditions and to strive to follow them. This is because word “Bai’at” means “sold, or trade, or to be sold”. When one enters the covenant of Bai’at, he sells his heart, life, and wealth to the person whose Bai’at is being performed. After this sale he (person performing Bai’at) no longer has a say in these matters nor can he act contrary to the pledge. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said: “All sincere souls who have entered the fold of this humble one should know that the purpose of pledging allegiance is to dampen worldly ardor, so that the heart is engulfed in the love of the Bountiful God and of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), and to develop such a state of detachment that the final Journey does not seem an unwelcome prospect. However, in order to achieve this, it is necessary to stay in my company and to spend a portion of one’s life in this cause, so that—if God Almighty so wills—through witnessing some definite signs, weakness, infirmity and tardiness may be overcome and perfect faith may be born, resulting in fervor and passionate ardor. One should always strive to achieve this goal and pray that God may grant this opportunity.” [Announcement, Āsmani Faisala (Heavenly Decree)]

May Allah enable all of us to show true spirit of Bai’at and overcome weakness, infirmity and tardiness, and attain nearness to Him, Āmin.

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa
Sadr

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A Presentation on the Fallacy of Gregory Davis’ Islām 101

Syed Sājid Ahmad was given an opportunity to talk about Islām at the Science and Religion Lunch Seminar at the North Dakota State University on February 23, 2010. Imam Daud Hanif, Imam Mubashier Ahmad, Imam Azhar Hanif and Syed Sājid Ahmad have spoken at this seminar in previous years on various topics related to Islām.

Speaking on the topic, Is What you hear and read about Islām true, Syed Sājid Ahmad focused on the contents of an article published in Dakota Beacon titled Islām 101. Syed Sājid Ahmad explained the fallacy of the intent, content and premise of the said article. The speaker explained the obligation of the five pillars of Islām and said that in today’s world where once a week worship is falling in attendance; even with tax incentives, people find difficulties in helping the poor; fasting even a few days a year for the sake of God is rare; there is much more commitment to meet one’s personal desires as opposed to what their Creator wants them to do, Muslims give the world a hope that man is able to bear the rigors of spiritual practices and not despair of his salvation.

The speaker explained how the text of the Holy Qur’ān was collected and safeguarded, and that the sequence and the text of the Holy Qur’ān was known at the death of the Prophet of Islām and it is not true that it was arranged or collected many years after him, and that no verses of the Holy Qur’ān abrogate any others.

Questions by the audience continued for almost an hour after the 40-minute presentation. The questions related to the difference among various sects in Islām, status of Jesus in Islām, did Jesus die on the cross, means of salvation in Islām, etc.

The meeting was attended by professors, students, seminarians, and local citizens.

Bikes for Africa

Majlis Ansārullāh, USA is planning to collect bikes from Great Lakes, Midwest, and Gulf States regions. Collected bikes will be shipped to Africa. Hudur (may Allah be his support) has graciously approved this project. Ansār can take part in this project by donating personal bikes or by buying bikes to donate. Used bikes in good condition can be bought at reasonable prices from local Craig List, classified ads, university/college students (usually at the end of semester), police stations, flea markets, etc. Ansār can also give cash donations which will be used to buy bikes from Wal-Mart or similar discount stores. Cash donations are also accepted from regions other than the aforementioned regions. Cash donations for each bike should be about $150-$200. Checks should be made to Majlis Ansārullāh and sent to 65 Canebrake Blvd., Hattiesburg, MS 39402. This scheme is already underway and many members have already pledged/donated. The target completion date for this project is June/July of this year. Ansār are urged to actively take part in this scheme. For further information, please contact Bashir Shams, Regional Nāzim Gulf States region, at bshams@aol.com or 601-307-4612.

Request for Prayers

- Khalifa Saleemuddin Mahmood of Miami Majlis passed away on February 5, 2010, Innā lillāhe wa innā ilaihe rājeʿūn.
- Chaudhry Muhammad Ashraf of Central Virginia Majlis passed away on February 17, 2010 at the age of 90, Innā lillāhe wa innā ilaihe rājeʿūn. He was the father of Amjad Chaudhry, National Secretary Ziafat.
- Dr. Hameed Hassan Syed of New Jersey passed away in February, 2010, Innā lillāhe wa innā ilaihe rājeʿūn. He was an Al-hāj.

May Allah grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmīn. Ansār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.
Moral Training Week

Department of Moral Training, Majlis Ansārullāh, USA is holding a Moral Training week on Monday, March 22 through Sunday, March 28 in local Majālis. The purpose of Moral Training week is to focus on individual Moral Training aspects of Ansār. It is intended to serve as a Tarbiya (Moral Training) refresher for Ansār. Ansār are urged to actively engage in individual Moral Training activities throughout the week. During the week, Ansār are urged to:

- Offer every Salāt at its prescribed time.
- Offer at least one Salāt in congregation daily (at home if not at the mosque).
- Offer Dars of Hadith, Malfoozāt, etc. at home to family members daily.
- Recite the Holy Qur'ān daily and read translation and commentary.
- Strive to say Tahajjud prayer throughout the week or at least twice during the week.
- Attend Friday prayer at the mosque or Salāt center.
- Listen to Hudur’s (ayyadahullah) Friday sermon or at least read sermon’s summary.
- Write a letter to Hudur (ayyadahullah) for prayers.
- Strive to do good and refrain from the forbidden.
- Try to give up at least one bad habit and adopt a good one.

Ta’līm Test II of 2009

Ta’līm Test II of 2009 is due on April 30, 2010. Members are encouraged to submit the completed test by this deadline. Please contact your Za’īm Majlis if you have not received the test.

The test is comprised of the following parts:

Section I: The Holy Qur’ān, Surah al-Buruj (Chapter 85), Translation & Commentary
Section II: Hadith Book: “Forty Gems of Beauty”, Hadith # 6 to 10
Section III: Book: “Essence of Islām” (http://www.alislam.org/books/essence/contents.html)
Topics: Fighting in the Cause of Allah, Divine Decrees & Determination, Punishment in This World, Woman, Marriage and Righteous Progeny.

Study material is available online at: www.ansarusa.org and www.alislam.org.

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

- online: go to http://ansarusa.org/phpQ/fillsurvey.php?sid=3 (preferred method)
- through Za’īm Majlis
- fax: 281-733-2084
- e-mail: dawood@sndtaxservices.com
- snail mail: M. Dawood Munir, 11106 Brandon Gate, Houston, TX 77095-6603

Online Ta’līmul Qur’ān Classes

Online Ta’līmul Qur’ān classes are being held every Tuesday at 8:30 PM (EST). Ansār are encouraged to register for online classes as well as have their children register for these classes. To register for classes, please visit http://moodle.alfurqan.us. For more information please contact:

Syed Fazal Ahmed, Qā'id Ta’līmul Qur’ān, at fazalahmedsyed@gmail.com or (215) 805-3610
Fazalur Rehman Qureshi, Nā'īb Qā'id Ta’līmul Qur’ān, at Allrehman@aol.com or (201) 780-1889
**Ta’līmul Qur’ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization**

As prescribed in Ta’līmul Qur’ān syllabus of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, Surah Al-Infitār (Chapter 82) is to be memorized during the first half of the year. The following two verses are assigned to be memorized during the month of March.

Who created thee, then perfected thee, then proportioned thee aright?

In whatever form He pleased, He fashioned thee.

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Group photo at farewell party given in the honor of the outgoing Za’īm of Dallas Majlis, Mujahid Mahmood

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