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Dear Ansār: اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) says "The Imām is like a shelter for whose safety the Muslims should fight and where they should seek protection....." In this Hadīth the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) not only admonishes the believers to remain firmly attached to the Imām but that they should struggle and strive to keep hold of this blessed station of shelter. The following Hadīth reminds us to how much obedience is required of us by the Imām, "The Imām is to be followed. So do not differ from him, bow when he bows, and say, "rabbanalakalhamd" if he says "sami'allahu liman hamidah"; and if he prostrates, prostrate, and if he prays sitting, pray sitting all together, and straighten the rows for the Prayer, as straightening of the rows is amongst those things which make your Prayer a correct and perfect one."

The institution of Khilāfat is frequently referred to as "Imāmate" which is derived from the word "Imām" that means leader. The blessed institution of Khilāfat is a mercy upon mankind and requires our unquestionable obedience in everything good. Almighty Allah assures us that He most certainly guides the Khalīfah of the time; why, then would we not sincerely and firmly attach ourselves to this God-given gift? If a believer cannot remain obedient to Allah's appointed leader then how can

he hope to remain attached to the rope of Almighty Allah?

Almighty Allah says: "Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will, surely, make them successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that he will, surely, establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will, surely, give them in exchange security and peace after their fear..." (The Holy Qur'ān, 24:56)

In light of this verse it is incumbent upon each of us to fully comprehend our responsibilities. We must realize that allegiance to Khilāfat will safeguard us from the ills of this world. The Holy Qur'an, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) have all clearly stated that a believer's words must be matched by his deeds and actions for them to be of any real worth. In professing our allegiance to the Khalīfah, we pledge ourselves to spiritual and temporal standards which must be upheld. This obligation demands sacrifices from a true believer and the benefits gained are so immense as to make the sacrifices seem insignificant. Therefore, we must make every effort to stay attached to Khilāfat.

I urge every Nāsir to resolve to strengthen pledge of allegiance to

### Sadr's message (continued)

Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul Masīh V (*ayyadahullahu ta'āla binasrihil-'azīz*) for the rest of his life. May Almighty Allah enable all of us to do our utmost in this regard, Amīn.

والسَّلام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa Sadr

## Bicycles Donation to Burkina Faso Jamā'at

Majlis Ansārullāh, USA donated 352 bicycles and 20 tricycles to Burkina Faso Jamā'at. This was only possible due to members' generous response to appeal for donation of funds for this project. May Almighty Allah reward all those who contributed for this noble cause. Ceremony for the distribution of bicycles took place on Monday, April 18, 2011. Majlis Ansārullāh, USA was represented by Sadr Majlis, Wajeeh Bajwa, and Abu Bakr Ladd of St. Louis Majlis. A detailed report will be published in Al-Nahl, In Sha'allah.



#### Sultānul-Qalam Awards

Awards for promoting and defending our faith in print and online:

Sadr Majlis Ansārullāh, USA has announced the following awards for writing about Islām. The material must be published outside the Jamā'at.

- 1. Up to \$500 for a book publication by an independent renown non-Ahmadi publisher. To seek the award, the writer will send one copy of the publication to the Sadr and one to Qā'id Ishā'at. The award will depend upon the content and quality of the publication.
- 2. Top three writers will be awarded \$300, \$200 and \$100 awards for publishing in newspapers and periodicals. The circulation of the newspapers and periodicals will be a factor in the determination of the awards. To enter the competition, please send the original publications or their scans (150 dpi minimum) to Qā'id Ishā'at.
- 3. Top three writers will be awarded \$200, \$150 and \$100 awards for publishing online on websites. The reputation and popularity of the sites will be a factor in determining the winners. To enter the competition please send the links to your writings.

Awards are for the members of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA in good standing. This year's awards will consider publications through 2011. Please contact Qā'id Ishā'at at ansarishaat@yahoo.com to make submissions or if you have any questions.

## Ta'līmul Qur'ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'līmul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, Surah Al-Kahf (Chapter 18) is to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2011. The following two verses are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of May.

## أَمْ حَسِبْتَ آنَّ أَصْلِبُ الْكَهْفِ وَالرَّقِيْمِ الْكَانُوْامِنُ أَيْتِنَا عَجَبًّا

[18:10] Dost thou think that the People of the Cave and the Inscription were a wonder among Our Signs?

كيا تو كمان كرتا ہے كہ غاروں والے اور تحريروں والے ہمارے نشانات ميں سے ايك عجب نشان تھے؟

# إِذْ أَوَى الْفِتْيَةُ إِلَى الْكَهْفِ فَقَالُوْا رَبَّنَا أَرْتَنَامِنْ لَّدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً وَّهَيِّئُ لَنَامِنْ آمُرِنَا رَشَدًا الله

[18:11] When the young men betook themselves for refuge to the Cave and said, 'Our Lord, bestow on us mercy from Thyself, and provide for us right guidance in our affair.'

جب چند نوجوانوں نے ایک غار میں پناہ لی تو انہوں نے کہا اے ہمارے ربّ! ہمیں اپنی جناب سے رحمت عطا کر اور ہمارے معاملے میں ہمیں ہدایت عطاکر۔



Āmila members of Willingboro Majlis for 2011



Ansār at South East Regional Ijtimā' held on April 2-3, 2011

Ansār at Local Ijtimā' of North Jersey Majlis held on April 22, 2011



Ansār at Local Ijtimā' of Central Jersey Majlis held on April 8, 2011

#### **Request for Prayers**

- Respected Rashida Tasneem, wife of Retired Professor Mohammed Sharif Khan and mother of Zafarulah Khan, Muntazim Umūmi of Philadelphia Majlis, passed away on April 23, 2011, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. She was a retired professor from Nusrat Jehan Girls College in Rabwah where she taught Persian for 30 years.
- Sahibzada Rashid Latif Rashedi of LA West Majlis passed away on April 27, 2011, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He was the grandson of Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed (may Allah be pleased with him).

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

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