Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Majlis Ansarullah

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Dear Ansar Brothers,
As-Salamu ‘Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

As we mark the 75 years of the establishment of Majlis Ansarullah, it’s time for us to pray and reflect. May Allah make it a blessed occasion for all of you and your families, Ameen.

Please see this special issue of Al-Fazl with a wealth of knowledge and history. We are translating this issue into English for the benefit of our non-Urdu speaking brothers.

To refresh your memory, Majlis Ansarullah, USA is joining our international Ansar family in this diamond jubilee with the following programs:

1. Monthly congregational Tahajjud Prayers are being offered/encouraged in every Majlis.
2. A 75-year commemorative edition of Al-Nahl is in the works. The print version will be available at National Ijtima 2015, Insha’allah.
3. Majlis is also humbly submitting a gift of $75,000 to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) at this momentous occasion. Without Khilafat, we have no spiritual existence.
Please pray that Almighty Allah accepts our humble efforts, make us the true “Ansar”, and grant us acceptance in His court, Ameen.

With deep respect and love for all of you my brothers,

Was-Salam,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Ansarullah, USA

Register for National Ijtima 2015 Online

Please take a moment to register online for the 2015 National Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. Ijtima 1111 will Insha'allah be held on September 18-20, 2015 at Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD.

U.S. Unemployment

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Recently, the U.S. unemployment rate hit its lowest level since 2008 (5.3%). Since 1950, the U.S. economy has gone through cycles of economic growth and contraction—a reasonable pattern for free market economies. The chart below shows the historical unemployment rate in the U.S. from 1950 to 2015 (as of April 2015). Note that men between 45 -54 enjoy the lowest rate of unemployment.

The second chart shows the unemployment rate for the U.S. and its three large states (Nebraska, California, and Texas). Among large states, Texas is
the one with the lowest unemployment rate; California with the highest. It is somewhat puzzling why Nebraska has the lowest unemployment rate. One theory is that it does not have a single dominant industry so it is less likely to fall victim to fluctuations in industries.

Since 2007, all of these three states have similar pattern of unemployment rates, but Nebraska was as greatly impacted by the economic meltdown as were the other two.

The following two charts show the U.S. labor force and unemployment rate for various states. The labor force (total workers working or
looking for work) in U.S. has been relatively flat over the last few years; predictable, given the recent economic meltdown.

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