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PRAISE and PEACE

What majesty, beauty, irresistible charm
Subhanaka Allahumma Antas Salaam
And this moon is a reflection of the sun
Oh Designer, Creator, Hidden, Apparent in One
Exalted indelibly that rank You raised
None ever praised such as who Yourself praised
With love this worship in One Allahu
Ecstasy of Muhammad Abdahu
When trees even stones in belief said Salaam
Ummah is your claim, for his greetings you say haraam!
Forgetfulness marred the hard-hearted of Aad
So give thanks be grateful for this day of Milaad
Glory, Praises upon Rahmaan, Rabbul Aalameen,
Upon Raheem, the love of Rahmata-lil-Aalameen
Like shaytaan be not envious oh ungrateful man
What will you say when before him you will stand?
(Irshad)

Assalato Wassalamo Alaika Ya Rasool Allah ﷺ

HAZRAT BADSHA PEER ﷺ

Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ lineage can be traced right up to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam). He was a Hassani and Hussaini Sayed. He belonged to four Silsilas, namely, Qaderia, Chistiya, Suharwardia and Naqshabandia Silsilas.

Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ arrived in South Africa in the year 1860. In the early 1850's the governments of India and South Africa were constantly negotiating with a view to bringing indentured labourers to South Africa. The South African government finally decided to bring out labourers from India under contract to work the sugar cane fields in Natal.

The first ship that was contracted to bring the Indians to South Africa was called the Truro, which left India in the first week of October 1860. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ was among the 203 males, 87 females, 21 boys, 19 girls and 10 infants aboard the ship. The long and difficult journey took approximately six weeks. On the 16th of November 1860, the Truro arrived in the Durban harbour. A large crowd awaited their arrival - the first batch of Indians to South Africa. The passengers were then transported to the Addington Barracks and kept there for some time while their contracts were being drawn up. Thereafter they were dispatched to various centres in Natal. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ chose to go to the Natal North Coast.

The Natal Sugar Estates hired Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ for his services. The contracts were for 5 and 10 years. Those with 5 year contracts were repatriated at their own expenses and those with 10 year contracts were given a choice of either going back to India at the expenses of the S.A. government or settle in the country. After the expiry of their contracts, some Indian families returned to India but most elected to settle in Natal. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ, being guided by higher spiritual authority, decided to settle in South Africa.

As time went, the Indians settled in to normal life, many in cultivating while others switching to business. Each labourer was allocated a specific area to plough and cultivate and as Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ attention and concentration began to increase towards Almighty Allah, so he began to lose interest in his work. Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ continued to engage in his meditation and spiritual exercises under the shade of a tree. The other field workers feared that he would be punished and reprimanded for neglecting his duties, but at the end of the day his fellow-workers were stunned to see that the plot of land allocated to Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ was complete, yet never saw him move from under the tree. "Unseen hands" used to complete Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ work. This trend continued for some time until his fellow-workers realised that Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ was no ordinary man as only a great saint could perform such a miracle.

When his foreman and superiors realised Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ extraordinary personality, they offered him his full salary and honourably released

him from his duties. Refusing to accept the salary for work he did not do, all he asked was to be transported to Durban, which was duly obliged.

On his arrival in Durban, Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ went straight to the Grey Street Mosque (Durban, South Africa). The mosque in those days was relatively small and the tin shanty that stood behind the mosque became Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ dwelling place right up to the day he left this world. Soon Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ became a familiar figure among the musallies, yet very few, if any, really understood or recognised his spiritual status. Very few suspected that he was really a Majzoob or a Wali in constant communion with his Creator and unconcerned with the world around him. The many predictions were not taken seriously by the people, because of their ignorance and lack of understanding of his saintly status.

Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ had only four companions, two of them are Hazrat Saaiya Bawa and Hazrat Cassim Bawa ﷺ, whose Mazaars are situated in Pietermaritzburg. The other two are Hazrat Fateh Bawa ﷺ, whose grave is located at the entrance of Brook Street Cemetery and Hazrat Sayed Sahaab ﷺ, who is buried just behind Hazrat Badsha Peer's ﷺ Mazaar.

Just as he had predicted a week earlier, Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ, passed away on the 6th of Rabi-ul-Awwal in the year 1886, just as the Mu'ezzin was reciting the second Azaan on the day of Jummah. As the musallies were walking out of the Jamaat Khana, they noticed a figure dressed in white lying next to the Wudhu Khana. On checking they noticed that it was the blessed figure of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ and he had passed away.

Long before his demise Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ had predicted that a great Muslim missionary and saint by the name of Hazrat Shah Goolam Muhammad Soofie, Hazrat Soofie Saheb ﷺ will be arriving in South Africa to settle and propagate Islam.

In the year 1895, Hazrat Soofie Saheb (ﷺ arrived in South Africa, 14 years after the demise of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ. Through his spiritual powers, he located the grave of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ. Placing two stones on either side of the grave, he informed the people that here lies a Kaamil Wali and a genuine friend of Allah. Hazrat Soofie Saheb ﷺ then had a shelter built over the grave with wood and iron. He even celebrated the first Ur's of Hazrat Badsha Peer ﷺ.

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MIRACLES DURING THE BIRTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ

The birth of the beloved of ALLAH was enveloped in amazing and miraculous occurrences, a sign of things to come. Numerous prophets came to Bibi Amina ؓ and congratulated her with the good news of the birth of the Promised Prophet ﷺ through whom the world would be blessed. Amongst these prophets was Ibrahim Khalil Ullah" He said I came to give you the good news to celebrate the birth of your son. The name of the child would be Muhammad. He would be Rahmat Ul Lil Aalameen or the blessing for the whole universe. Amina ؓ stated that as soon as the labour pains started, an angel miraculously came and asked her to drink from a cup in his hand. This drink had been sent by ALLAH. It was whiter than milk and sweeter than honey. As soon as she drank this heavenly drink, her pangs of child birth disappeared and all fears left her.

After enjoying this drink sent as a gift from ALLAH, Amina ؓ saw the gates of Heaven open. Then angels descended. They waited for the childbirth. As soon as the child was born, they bowed before him and paid their respects to the new born. This was done by the angels under orders of ALLAH.

Three angels from this group went towards the Kaabah. One angel stayed over the Kaabah. One went to the East and the other towards the West. After that, a light spread out which lit up the world. In this miraculous light, Amina ؓ stated, she could see distinctly the palaces of Palestine and Syria. Just before the birth of Muhammed ﷺ, four unknown ladies appeared miraculously before Amina ؓ to attend to and take part in the celebration of the birth of Prophet ﷺ.

The first lady was Bibi Hawa ؓ. She exclaimed ALLAH has sent me to partake in the honour celebration of the birth of this child, who is the greatest amongst all my descendents. This child is Rahmat Ul Lil Aalameen. The other ladies of the family heard this conversation. They revealed it to the people of Makkah.

The second lady was Sarah ؓ the mother of Prophet Ishaq ؑ and grandmother of Prophet Yacoob ؑ, whose children are the Israelites or Jews. She prayed that by joining in the celebration of this child birth, she would, through the prayers of this Prophet, be able to obtain the forgiveness of the Jews if they followed this child.

The third lady was Hijr ؓ, the mother of Ismail. She came, with Otto (a sweet-smelling essence) from Heaven, to express her love for this great grandchild of her son Ismail which fulfilled Allah's promise to her husband Prophet Ibrahim. The fourth was Asiya ؓ wife of Firaun.

In the hands of these four special nurses the Prophet ﷺ was born, with his ﷺ navel cord already separated miraculously from His ﷺ's mother's body, and with His ﷺ body miraculously pure and clean without any kind of blood or filth on it. All the other Makkkan ladies present were also witnesses to same. They naturally spread the news to the Makkans. These events became the talk of the town.

Immediately upon birth, the child Muhammad ﷺ surprisingly prostrated to worship ALLAH. No other child had done such a prostration and worship of ALLAH immediately on birth. Then, to the amazement of all present, He ﷺ recited in a loud and clear audible voice with His ﷺ right hand index finger raised miraculously as if in the act of giving evidence (a) "Ash-hadu an La ilaaha illallahu Anna Muhammadur Rasul Allah" (b) "Ya Rabbe habli Ummati" Translation: (a) "I give evidence that none is worthy of divine worship except ALLAH, I am Muhammad, the messenger of ALLAH". (b) "O Sustainer Lord (of the Universe) bless me (and) my followers".

When Amina ؓ looked upon the face of her child she found it shining like a full moon due to Noor-e-Muhammadi. The perfume of the finest otto was coming from the body without any scent being applied. By the will of ALLAH this sweet aroma from the body of the child continued throughout his ﷺ's life. By this miraculous sweet fragrance, people could say that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is coming this way or has just passed from here. These were some of the unnatural facts of his ﷺ's mubaarak life experienced by both the believers as well as the disbelievers. ALLAH caused such a miracle to occur from the time of the birth and continued the miracle throughout his ﷺ's life on earth. This was not experienced by anyone including the earlier prophets. This is one of the unique examples set by ALLAH to show how HE celebrated the birth of HIS Beloved for 63 years i.e. till his ﷺ's departure from earthly life.

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A Memorable Graduation With Profound Messages..

BY RIAAZ ESSACK

On 5th December 2015, Saaberie Chishty Dawah Centre celebrated its annual graduation jalsa for preschool learners and adult females. It's our sixth batch of preschool graduates and the third such event for adult females. Just over 50 learners graduated from the class of 2015. Like other graduations, it too was met with much cheer, laughter, tears and a few standing ovations for superb achievements. This year's extraordinary program also received the participation from The President, Chairman, and Executive Directorship of Saaberie Chishty. They proudly handed certificates and gifts, engaged parents and helped serve refreshments. So what made the graduation memorable? ... and what were the profound messages?

A 90 year old granny completed her two year madrasah course. Mama Leila Tladi reverted to Islam in 2013 and without hesitation joined the adult madressah. Her address on the ones of Allah and achievement received a standing ovation. However, the lifelong memory comes from fact that she has lost most of her eyesight and has relied entirely on her aged memory to get through her imtehaan (exams). Muallimah Hawah Mlangeni also shared her personal experiences and uncertainties of teaching the Year 2 class, many of whom were significantly elder than her. She steered her class through the year telling herself "O Allah, you have blessed me with Islamic knowledge, give me the strength to teach these ladies". Muallimah Fatima Felani, also demonstrated her teaching skill and perseverance with the Year 1 adult females. These new reverts read passages from the quraan and delivered tafseer of selected Hadith. In 2011, I thought we had witnessed the ultimate of Allah's guidance when Mama Amina Mathabo (68years) and Baba Sulaiman Motaung (84years) embraced Islam. This year's graduation gives new meaning to the infinite power and miracles from

Allah. The young have been blessed to educate their elders and the famous dua knowledge (rabbi- ziddni-ellmann) has reinforced the power of dua.

Our preschool learners also did some teaching in their own style with some profound messages. They opened the program with a recitation of Sura Fatheha and its meaning. They also read some simple duas and rhymes before showing off their acrobatic skills. The Saaberie Chishty Islamic Preschool, under the leadership of Sh Yusuf Asikimu and teachers (Madam Iris and Zanelle) now has a syllabus that encompasses both Islamic and secular content. To everyone's surprise, the little ones also performed a sketch on teenage pregnancy, its consequences and advised the audience on the value of education for prevention of teenage pregnancy. The item that received the most cheer and laughter was the individual performance of each learner. They had to introduce themselves, provide details of their parents, home address and tell us their career aspiration. Doctors, teachers, and soccer stars were just a few. Insha-Allah these little ones will be blessed with the gift of knowledge and purposefully lead their communities in coming years. Aameen.

Last and certainly not least, management gave special recognition to staff members and sponsors for their tireless efforts in areas of: dawah, daily soup kitchen, masjid affairs, boarding school program, madressah and infrastructure maintenance. 2015 was a trying year for both residents and SA as a whole. Without committed staff, sponsors and goodwill from the residents of Orange Farm, these results would not have been possible. The Chairman and management of Saaberie Chishty Society express their heartfelt Jazak Allah to all for making the Dawah Centre in Orange Farm a success beyond imagination

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"O Mankind ! Eat of the lawful and good things from what is in the earth, and follow not the evil. Surely he is an open enemy to you (S2: V168)

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DA'WAH THE WAY FORWARD

Q&A

BY MOULANA
SHAH FAISAL
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MEELAD-UN-NABI ﷺ

What is the reward of celebrating the birth of the holy prophet ﷺ?

Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlvi (RA) says, "The reward of celebrating the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is that through his mercy, Allah enters these people into Jannah. Muslims have always celebrated the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ by cooking feasts, inviting guests and by giving charity in abundance. They express their happiness and spend open-heartedly. Through the blessings of this, Allah showers his blessings upon them. [ma sabata biss sunnah]"

A Jewish couple got blessed with Imaan through the blessing of Meelad. Hazrat Sayyiduna Abdul Wahid bin Ismail (RA) narrates that a great lover of the Holy Prophet ﷺ lived in Egypt. He used to celebrate the birth of the messenger of Allah will fill happiness and joy. During these days he would give a lot towards charity. A Jewish family lived next door. One day during the month of Rabbi-un-Noor Shareef, the Jewish woman asked her husband, "Why does our Muslim Neighbour hold such a big feast during this month?" Her husband replied, "During this month his prophet was born, therefore he does acts like these throughout this month to show his happiness and Muslims show great respect to this month." Upon hearing this, the wife said, "The Muslims do such a great thing by celebrating the birth of their prophet ﷺ every year." When the Jewish woman went to sleep that night she had a dream in which she saw a beautiful and elegant man, a divine light was shining from his face and a crowd of people surrounded him. She walked forward and asked someone as to whom this noble person was. The man replied, "He is the last prophet of Allah. He has come do that he can bless the Neighbour for celebrating the birth and also to me your neighbor and show his joy." The Jewish woman asked, "Will He talk to me?" The man replied, "Yes".

The woman then called out to Nabi ﷺ. The Messenger of Allah replied, "Labbaik" (I am here). She was impressed by this and said, "I am not Muslim but you ﷺ still replied to me." Nabi ﷺ said, "Allah has told me that very soon you will convert to Islam." Upon hearing this she read the Kalima. She woke from her dream and accepted Islam from the heart. She decided that in the morning she would gather all her wealth and celebrate the birth of Nabi ﷺ and give a lot towards charity. When she woke up in the morning she saw that her husband was preparing a feast. She asked him in astonishment, "What are you doing?" He replied, "I am preparing an invitation because you have accepted Islam." She asked, "How do you know?" He replied, "I seen the Holy prophet ﷺ last night in my dream too and I have also accepted Islam". [Tadhkira-tul-Waaizean]

Abu Lahab and the birth of Nabi ﷺ
After the death of Abu Lahab, some of his family seen him in a pitiful state and asked him as to what had happened. He replied, "I have received no happiness after leaving you, but I receive water through my index finger because by using this finger I freed my slave girl, Suwaibah" [Bukhari]

Muslims and the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ
Concerning this narration, Sayyiduna Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlvi states, "in this event there is great evidence for those who celebrate the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and spend their wealth in this occasion." (When Abu Lahab who was a strong disbeliever received the news of the blessed birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ he set free his slave girl and because of this he was rewarded so imagine how much reward the Muslims will get who spend his wealth with full happiness on this occasion. [Madaarij-un-Noboowwah])

Celebrate Meelad with full happiness
My dear Islamic brothers, celebrate Meelad with full happiness. When a strong disbeliever like Abu Lahab can gain benefit by becoming happy at the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, we, Alhamdulillah are Muslims. Abu Lahab celebrated Meelad not with the intention of the birth of Nabi ﷺ but with the intention of having a nephew and still he was rewarded. So if we celebrate Meelad with the intention that the Messenger of Allah was born on this day, how can we remain deprived of being rewarded???



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 Today is the gathering of Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ
 It is the gathering of the Beloved of Allah ﷺ

Parhoh Swalleh Ala Swalle Ala Swalle Ala Har Dam
 Ke Mehboobe Khuda Swalle Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 Today is the gathering of the Beloved of Allah
 Recite Durood and Salaam every moment

Wuzu se Awo Betoh Ba Adab Be Jo Durood Un Par
 Jahaan Ke Rehnuma Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 Today is the gathering of the guide of the world
 Come in a state of wudhu and respectfully send Durood upon Him

Karam Ke Phool Naiki Ke Samar Rehmat Ke Guldasti
 Batinge Mustafa Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 Today at the gathering of Allah's chosen Mustafa ﷺ
 Wherein the blessings of goodness and the results of mercy are being distributed

Hai Jiske Noore Se Range Behare Gulshane Hasti
 Usi Rangi Ada Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 It is the gathering of that pinnacle of light
 Through whose Noor (light) the entire creation has been lit

Farishte Alame Bala Se Soen Soen Kar Ye Kehte Hai
 Chalo Noore Khuda Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 Today is the gathering of the light of Allah
 The angels listen attentively and join in the praises

Huzoori Mai Kare Sab Pesh Swalleh Ala Ki Nazri
 Ke Kul Ke Peshawa Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 Today is the gathering of the leader of the entire creation
 Present Durood and Salaam upon Him

Huweh Hai Jis Ke Faize Noor se Dono Jahaan Roshan
 Usi Shamsud Duha Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 It is the gathering of that bright star today
 Through whose grace both worlds has been lit

Hai Adna Martaba Qosain Ka Darga Hame Jis Ki
 Usi Shahedana Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 Qosain's status is also less in comparison to that king's status of both the worlds

Nikala Jis Ne Chashma Aab kah Ungli Se Jangel Mai
 Usi Behre Sakha Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 It is the gathering of that generous ocean
 who has extracted a fountain from a cup of water

Dua Ye Mangele Jo Maangani Ho Haq Se Ai Mehfil
 Tere Mushkil Khusha Swalleh Ala Ki Aaj Mehfil Hai
 It is the gathering of that eraser of difficulty (Mushkil Khushaa)
 Ask oh attendees! Ask for whatever (Dua) request you may have

IN RESPECT OF THE SACRED HAIR

Ajab Dunya Mei hai Nemat Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Yehai be Misl be Qimat Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 How great is the blessing of the auspicious hair of the Holy Prophet ﷺ
 The hair of Nabi ﷺ is a priceless jewel

Takabbur Dil Me Na Lawoh Palak Aankoh Se chal Jawoh
 Tume Jis Jaage Mai Pawoh Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Do not come with a spark of pride in this gathering
 As it will burn the skies also

Yahi Chalna Ibadat He Barie Jag Me Se A'adat Hai
 Joh Haq Aghe Se A'adat Hai Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Coming here is worship, in fact it is an honour in the world
 This has been a practice of our elders, the auspicious hair of Nabi ﷺ

Hadisa Aur Parho Quraan Nabi Par Hoh Tume Qurbaan
 Ke Hoh We Rahate Dil Jaan Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Continue the recitation of Hadith and Quraan for the pleasure of Nabi ﷺ
 For the auspicious hair is the peace and tranquillity of the heart

Ke Jis Ghar Mai Ye Nemat Hai Who Aafat Se Salaamat Hai
 Buzrugi Ki Alamat Hai Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 In whose house this gift is, is protected from difficulties
 This is the sign of our pious elders

Ke Os Par Aag Jal Jawe Ne Pani Os Ko Lejawe
 Sabhi Afat Se Bach Jaweh Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 This is saved from flood and flame
 A total protection from all calamities is the auspicious hair of Nabi ﷺ

Balaya Doere Sab Baaghe Nazar Kies Ki Na Weh Lage
 Hai Jies Par Aur Jies Jaage Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 All calamities and difficulties disappear at the place where the auspicious hair is

Bakhili Na Karo Bahi Liya Who Phoel Khosh Bohi
 Suno Dekho Khoshi Howi Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Oh Brothers! Do not be ungenerous, bring along fragrance and flowers
 Listen and come to see the auspicious hair of Nabi ﷺ

Wuzu Kar Sab Tume Awah Ki sab Tazim Diek Lawoh
 Ziyarat Sab Kiye Jaawo Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Come in a state of wudhu and respectfully make Ziyarat of the auspicious hair of Nabi ﷺ

Ye Din Ko Eid Pehchano Kaho So Saach Ko Jaano
 Nabi Hazir Hai U Maano Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Recognise this day as the Day of Eid and believe that Nabi ﷺ is present here

Ba Hukme Khaliqe Qadir Mubarak Rohha Ho Hazir
 Tamasha Hai Ajab Nadir Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 By the order of the power of the Creator the unique spiritual presence of Nabi ﷺ is felt

Bayaan is Baat Ka Bolo Khazana ilme ka Kolo
 Share Ke Wazne Me Tolo Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 What can I say about this? What treasures of knowledge can I open?
 In the light of Shari'ah about the auspicious hair of Nabi ﷺ

Wida Haj Mai Nabi Sahib Ada Karne Lage Waajib
 Osi Din Se Howe Na Eeb Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 When on the farewell pilgrimage Nabi ﷺ fulfilled that obligation of removing His ﷺ's blessed hair
 From that day the auspicious hair of Nabi ﷺ became a blessing

Nabi Ne Baal Otra Kar Kahaa Khidmat Karo Jaakar
 Howa Os Roze Se Ghar Ghar Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 After removing the blessed hair, Nabi ﷺ distributed His auspicious hair to the companions

Jin he Aqaa se Ulfat Hai Onhai Ulma Ki Sohbat Hai
 Osi Dil Beech Chi Raghit Hai Mubarak Baal Hazrat Ka
 Whoever loves the Holy Prophet ﷺ frequency the company of the learned (Ulama)
 This attraction is found in that heart

ISIS: In The Eyes Of The Beholder

Written by: Iqbal Jassat

Is terrorism now squarely in the eye of the beholder? This seems to be the view of Guardian correspondent Seumas Milne.

In a recent oped titled "Now the truth emerges: how the US fuelled the rise of Isis in Syria and Iraq", he asserts that nowhere is it more apparent than in the Middle East, where today's terrorists are tomorrow's fighters against tyranny. And often at the bewildering whim of a western policymaker's conference call.

Does it have resonance with the age old adage of "One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter"? Or is Milne's proposition more complex than this? There certainly is a correlation between the two if we consider the trial of a Swedish man in London.

Accused of terrorism in Syria, Bherlin Gildo's trial collapsed after it emerged that British intelligence had been arming the same rebel group the defendant was charged with supporting, wrote Milne.

Embarrassed prosecutors abandoned the case to avoid embarrassing the intelligence services. Being caught with your pants down seems no big deal for Britain and her western allies. But to have proceeded with the trial in the face of overwhelming evidence that the British Raj was providing extensive support to armed Syrian opposition groups, would have constituted an "affront to justice" as argued by Gildo's defence.

So what was MI6 busy with that ironically got Gildo off the hook? According to Milne, reports were cited that MI6 had cooperated with the CIA on a "rat line" of arms transfers from Libyan stockpiles to the Syrian rebels in 2012 after the fall of the Gaddafi regime. Besides "non-lethal assistance", the "aid" included body armour, military vehicles, training, logistical support and most importantly the secret supply of arms on a massive scale.

"Clearly, the absurdity of sending someone to prison for doing what ministers and their security officials were up to themselves became too much".

Surely the hype generated by western media following the Paris attacks lacked this context. Why? Can it be a blindspot or simply a refusal to acknowledge that blowback is directly connected to western military expansionism?

Subjecting the phenomena of ISIS as Milne has done, reveals a great deal more of America's inglorious role in the entire saga. A recently declassified secret US intelligence report, written in August 2012, uncannily predicts and effectively welcomes the prospect of a "Salafist principality" in eastern Syria and an al-Qaida-controlled Islamic state in Syria and Iraq, according to Milne.

Though analysts are familiar with America's duplicitous agenda in the Arab Muslim world and in particular its unjust funding and arming of Israel, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) document contains shocking facts.

Milne claims that in stark contrast to western claims at the time (2012), the Pentagon's DIA identifies al-Qaida in Iraq (which became ISIS) and fellow Salafists as the "major forces driving the insurgency in Syria" and states that "western countries, the Gulf states and Turkey" were supporting the opposition's efforts to take control of eastern Syria.

DIA revelations, as shocking as they are, firmly places events in the realm of realpolitik rather than conspiracy theories. These facts remind us of the dangerous games played by European powers, along with the US. Unfortunately, unlike sport, these "games" extol a huge cost in the form of human lives.

And we dare not take our eyes off this fact!

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Ik Gule-ser sabde-Jannat, Pyaare Mohayuddin Shah

Golre ke Mehr ne aisa nawaaza tha unhe
Aaftaab-e-ilm-o-hikmat, Pyaare Mohayuddin Shah

Unki Surat Saadgi thi, Unki Seerat Moahni
Surat-o-Seerat ki daulat, Pyaare Mohayuddin Shah

Mazhare Noor-e-Nabi the, aur the Aale-Nabi
Jalwa-e-Rifa't ki surat, Pyaare Mohayuddin Sha

Masnad-e-dars-e- Hadeeth-o-Mantiq-o-Fiqh-o-
Kalaam
Sab ki Rawnak, sab ki Zeenat, Pyaare Mohayuddin
Shah

Un ke Husn-o-Noor ka patau Haseenudin Sha
Husn-e- Jeelan ki Malaahat, Pyaare Mohayuddin Shah

Din tha choti Eid ka, aur maah Eid-ul-Eid ka
Jab soodare soo-e-Jannat, Pyaare Mohayuddin Shah

Manqabat maqbool ho gi Qaadri Faisal teri
Lik raha hai jin ki nisbat, Pyaare Mohayuddin Shah

Beloved Mohiyuddin Shah is an embodied love and grace
He is an evergreen flower of paradise.

The shining sun of Golra has graced him in such a way
That Qibla Mohiyuddin Shah became a shining sun of
knowledge and wisdom.

His exterior was simple, his interior and character was
attractive
He was a treasure of outer and inner beauty.

He was manifestation of the Noor of Nabi, he was progeny
of Nabi
He was a figure of loftiness and highness.

He was the beauty of different fields of Islamic Sciences
I.e. logic, theology, debates and jurisprudence.

One of the manifestations of his beauty and glu is Qibla
Haseenudin Sha
He is the attraction of the beauty of Jeelan (Gous Paak).

When he passed away the day was small Eid (Friday)
And the month was Eid of all Eids (Rabbi-ul-Awwal).

O Faisal Qaadri! Your manqabat (tribute to Shah Saheb)
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Because you have penned down in the glory of Qibla
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CHALLENGES TO BE RESOLVED

BY MOULANA AHMED KHOROLO - SAABERIE CHISHTY DAWAH CENTRE

From time to time different forms of weaknesses and evils take root within the ummah which need our serious and immediate attention. If we don't address these weaknesses, they tend to become an accepted norm amongst us and the seriousness of these incorrect practices disappears from the heart. Some people even reach the level of condoning them which is very dangerous for one's Iman.

Hence it is imperative that we regularly identify these issues and collectively make an effort to up root them before they become entrenched and deep rooted within our ranks. For this reason the command of *amr bil ma'ruf wa nahi anil munkar* (enjoining good and forbidding evil) is such an important aspect of our Din.

Allah says in the noble Quraan:
The believers, men and women, are helpers of one another. They enjoin good and forbid from evil, they perform Salah, give Zakat and obey Allah and his Messenger. Allah will have mercy on them. Surely Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.

Furthermore, one should always endeavour to correct others in a positive, polite and sincere manner. The aim should be to rectify the person and not to degrade or insult him. Such methodology should always be adopted when enjoining good and forbidding evil which proves fruitful and does not create aversion in the person.

Hence, we hereunder list a few 'burning issues' prevalent amongst us, which need our immediate attention.

Non repayment of Debts & Loans
Unfortunately this issue has reached unacceptable and deplorable levels within our society. Nearly every day one hears of incidents of Muslims who either took loans or merchandise on credit and are not repaying. What makes worse is they have no conscience about their actions. They still 'live it up and go for holidays etc.

The warnings of non-repayment of debts sounded by Rasulullah said: ﷺ "Delaying of payment by an able debtor is oppression." (Sahih Bukhari)

Rasulullah also said: "After the major sins, the worst sin is to meet Allah in such a condition that one owed money and did not leave anything behind for repayment." (Musnad Ahmed)

According to one narration, Rasulullah said that a person was stopped at the door of Jannah because of debts. (at-Targhib)

Abdullah Ibn Jahsh states that one day they were sitting in the courtyard of the Masjid where the janazahs used to be placed. Rasulullah ﷺ was also sitting there with them. Rasulullah ﷺ looked towards the sky and then put his head down. Then

he placed his hand on his forehead and said, "Subhanallah, Subhanallah, what a severe thing has been revealed". The Sahabah remained silent. The next day, Abdullah Ibn Jahsh asked Rasulullah ﷺ what the matter was. He replied: "A severe command has been revealed regarding debts. By the being in whose hand is my life, if a person is martyred in the path of Allah then he is brought back to life 'then he is martyred and he has a debt, he will not enter Jannah until he pays the debt.'" (Musnad Ahmed)

Disintegration of the Family Unit
This too has become common now-a-days where there is a break in communication and relationship between families. Leave alone far family members, some people are not on 'talking terms' with close family members such as brothers, sisters and parents etc. This is indeed a sad state of affairs. The family is the foundation of Islamic society. A stable family unit is essential for the spiritual growth and progress of its members. The disintegration of the family is the eventual disintegration of society and humanity. Families are fragmenting, leading to a disjointed society. This disintegration also causes people to be deprived of barakah and blessings from Allah.

It is mentioned in a Hadith Qudsi: "Allah says: "I am Allah, I am Rahman. I created the Rahim (family relationships) and I have derived this word (rahim) from one of my names. So whosoever joins (maintains) this relationship, I will join him (with my mercy) and whosoever severs it, I will sever him (from my mercy)." (Mishkat)

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "whosoever desires expansion in his sustenance and a longer life, should maintain a good relationship with his family members." (Ibid)

Abdullah Ibn Salam says that when Rasulullah ﷺ came to Madinah Munawwarah, he appeared before him. The very first of his blessed words that fell upon his ears were: "O people! Observe widespread Salam (greetings), feed others, maintain family ties and observe Salah at night when the people are asleep, you will enter Jannah without any hindrance." (Ibid)

Another Hadith warns: "The divine mercy of Allah does not descend upon a nation in which there is a person who severs family ties." (Ibid)

Hadrat Abu Bakar narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "There is no other sin worse than oppression and severing of family ties for which a perpetrator is swiftly punished in this world besides that which is in store for him in the hereafter. (Tirmidhi)

May Allah grant us and the entire ummah the divine ability to strive collectively in rectifying all our sort comings and to lead a life pleasing to Allah and his Rasool ﷺ AMEEN?

CHILD MARRIAGES UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

BY FAIZEL KHAMKAR

UNICEF, an organ of the United Nations has recently published a document which they find disturbing. The document deals with child marriages. Child marriages are defined as marriages undertaken by anyone under the age of eighteen. It is estimated that by the year 2050 such marriages will increase by three hundred and twenty million totalling to an estimated 1, 2 billion. million. The estimate for Africa amounts to an increase of three hundred and seventy million child marriages. Representatives of UNICEF have come strongly against such marriages. It acknowledges that poverty plays a key role in such marriages taking place. The rationale forwarded is that these marriages provide for support and as such is popular. UNICEF also cites cultural and religious practices as contributory factors leading to child marriages.

UNICEF regards marriage before the age of 18 is a fundamental violation of human rights. The reason for this conclusion is based on the following five points:

- 1) We will not end violence against women and girls as long as girls marry as children
- 2) Child brides are more vulnerable to physical violence
- 3) Marrying young subjects girls to insidious forms of violence – emotional and psychological
- 4) Child brides are more likely to describe their first sexual experience as forced
- 5) Action on child marriage will send the clear message that violence against girls and women can never be excused in the name of tradition or culture

We cannot deny that there are possibilities that human rights can take place in child marriages. However human rights abuses have been known to have taken place in adult marriages as well. Interestingly it is clear from UNICEF's study that no research was undertaken where a comparison has been drawn on human rights abuses between child marriages and adult marriages. What is also not clear is the percentage of human rights abuses in child marriages. An important factor also not taken into account is the socio-economic conditions prevalent where such abuses take place.

It manifests that human right abuses are created artificially in the absence of a holistic research to enable change that is acceptable to western norms. The perception that western norms are superior is a fallacy which must be exposed to the fullest. Compare the norms advocated through western culture of teenage pregnancies outside of wedlock and the right to actively engage with the opposite sex freely without responsibility being attached (other than financial) of the consequences of these actions. The following quote will expose the hypocrisy of this thinking: "A complex practice of which the causes cannot be generalised, child marriage relies on a core assumption: that women and girls are somehow of lesser value. This often leads to situations where acts of violence against girls are easier to justify."

What is very clear is that financial considerations are at play. It is propagated that in the absence of child marriages education opportunities will present itself leading to a better life for all. How many people, globally, are educated (in some cases even over educated) and find themselves in a position of unemployment and poverty. Furthermore basic education should normally be made available before the age of fifteen. This justification is a cover for the need to obtain more cheap labour, the modern day form of slavery.

An old adage which has been proved to be a capitalistic ploy once more surfaces under another name. The child marriage is publicized as being a principle cause of an increase in population at a rate which limits resources availability. The reality is that without the pilferage and looting of resources by the capitalist with the aid of politicians there will be enough resources for everyone.

UNICEF furthermore presents an argument which says that maternal deaths are more prevalent in child marriages than in adult marriages. This argument is spurious until a comprehensive and holistic study is undertaken. The socio-economic factors, access to health care and a host of other factors need to be taken into account. It further argues that the body of the child (lets argue of a seventeen year old) is not geared for child bearing. Nobody can meaningfully explain the difference between a seventeen year old and an eighteen year old in terms of body capability. It is also an ignored fact that it is not only age but body structure as well can contribute to medical problems in pregnancies. Another factor is the unavailability of nutritional sustenance for consumption.

Child marriages can create problems however to simply ignore a holistic approach in order to fulfil an imperialistic social agenda will create greater problems. The first step is to address the problematic issues of human abuses which lead to the depriving of resources to the natural owners.

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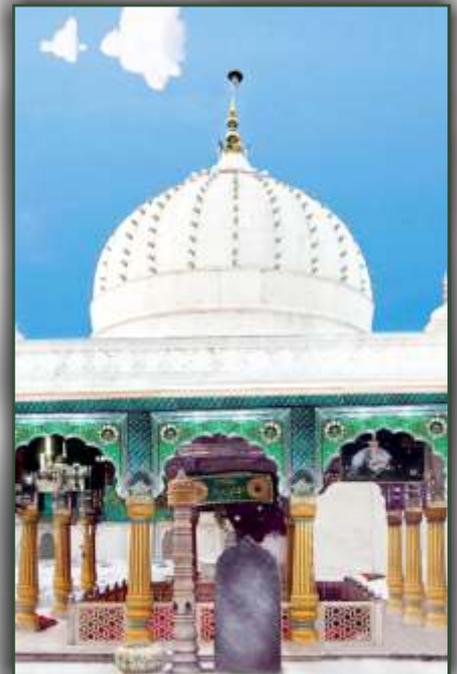
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