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## OPERATION SALVATION

Another Ramadaan. Another Eid.

Time marches on. Time is moving at incredible speed. Or is it just the illusionary effect of forcing too much into too little? The load has increased. The tempo has increased. Time and Space is as it always was. But people have changed.

Yes we hear so often how "times have changed". No it's people, society, ways of life, expectations, ambitions, relations, and values that have changed. Money-madness and monopolisation has become both desire and obsession, to the extent that it can make one forget the time of day. Or month.

Maybe you woke up a little late for sehri and decided, for health concerns, you couldn't fast that day. Maybe you finally woke up at the beginning of the last ten days of Ramadaan to realise that the month was reaching its end. So salvage operations went into overdrive.

Somewhere in your conscience a whimpering voice was coming through reminding you about faith and religion. That you will die. Nothing but your deeds will matter then.

So the salvage operation becomes Operation Salvation.

*Allahumma Innaka 'Afuwwun Tuhibbul 'Afwa Fa'fu Annee.* Oh Allah verily Thou art the PARDONER, loving to Pardon, so do Pardon me.

Some hasten to the 10 day I'tikaaf tents hopeful of getting the prized Laylatul Qadr, or forgiveness at least, others dish out charity, while some finally recite Qur'an and regulate Salaah. Its

crunch time. What a dilemma! Ramadaan is about to go. But it only just arrived! I thought I would slowly settle into it, and eventually I would ease into Ibaadat mode. What you overlooked was the state of your heart. You did not ease away from your worldly obsessions to create space for spirituality.

Alas, what a dilemma! Daily we are updated about the plight of the Ummah and how Muslims are being exterminated and maligned, while Islam is being trampled. Externally, we are being throttled.

Internally, we are doing it. Will we blame our children and the generations following for becoming atheists?

By the charity and sacrifice of Allah's Messenger, upon whom be peace, we are directed to fast for 6 days in the new month of Shawwaal to get the reward equivalent to having fasted a full year. The spirit of Ramadaan is thus mercifully extended and for all those who woke up rather late to the departed month of blessings, here is an opportunity.

Do let us salvage whatever good we can and seek our salvation, for as far as the coming of next Ramadaan... will we guarantee ourselves an escape from the sword of Time?

Al-Kausar wishes you a peaceful and reflective day of Eid. May Allah forgive us, guide us, protect us, and grant us victory over every form of falsehood! May Allah bless and assist the Ummah of Nabi Muhammad Mustafa (ﷺ).

**Eid Mubarak!**

# HAZRAT SUMAYYAH BINT KHUBBAT

THE FIRST MARTYR IN ISLAM

Three brothers set out from Yemen to go to Makkah. They heard about this city and wanted to experience its culture and to partake of its various social activities. One was named Yasir and the other two were named Harith and Malik. The later two left to return home to Yemen after some time, but Yasir liked living there so much that he decided to stay on permanently. According to the custom of the time he got the sponsorship and support of Abu Huthaifah bin Abdullah Makhzoomi, and became his companion and partner. As they go to know each other better, they took a liking to each other. Abu huthaifah had a very intelligent and sensible slave girl in his house, Sumaayyah. In due course of time she got married to Yasir

It was a happy marriage and soon they had a son whom they named 'Ammar. Abu Huthaifah was very kind, loving and generous man, and he liberated the family from bondage, but he continued to keep good terms with them and very often helped them with cash as well. Yasir had two more sons, whom he named Abdullah and Hareeth. The latter was murdered before the advent of Islam, and with this tragedy it seemed ill fortune started to haunt the family. Sumayyah bint Khabat (رضي الله عنها) was one of the first seven people to be enlightened by Islam and swear allegiance to the Prophet (ﷺ). She is among the foremost of the greatest women companion. Islam is unique in the sense that a person's value does not depend on colour, race, language sex or nationality. The norms are purity of heart and goodwill towards all. As ALLAH says "Verily the most honourable of you with ALLAH is that (believer) who is most pious". (Qur'an 49:13). Thus a person who wishes for his fellow human beings what he wishes for himself, who is kind to his fellow human beings for the sake of Allah (ﷻ), is the one who fulfils the conditions of the test set by Him.

The seven people who first accepted Islam were the following: Abu Bakkar Siddique, Ali bin Talib, Khadijah, Zaid bin Harith, Sumayyah bint Khabat, 'Ammar bin Yasir, Bilal bin Abi Rabi'ah (not set in order). The Quraish of Makkah could not harm the Prophet (ﷺ) because of the power and position of his uncle Abu Talib. Abu Bakkar Siddique was also a very powerful man because of the wealth of his tribe and his own personal influence. But the common Muslim whether man or woman was not spared any imaginable torture or torment.

Sumayyah bint Khabat (رضي الله عنها), her husband and her son 'Ammar were very often the targets for the cruelty of the Quraish. On one occasion as the Prophet (ﷺ) was passing by the market place he saw all three members of the family being put through the worst form of torture possible. But the Prophet (ﷺ) was so helpless that there was no way he could

rescue them. He could only console them and said, "Be patient O family of Yasir! For your final destination is Paradise" Uthman (رضي الله عنه) also narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) used to say these words to comfort the family. Once 'Ammar managed to escape and reach the Prophet (ﷺ). He then asked when this persecution of the innocent Muslims would end, and when they would be able to breathe peacefully. He said things were going beyond all limits. The Prophet (ﷺ) then comforted him with a prayer to Allah (ﷻ) to protect and save the family of Yasir from the hell fire.

Abu Jahl gave Sumayyah bint Khubbat the worst kind of punishment, but she did not waver even for a second and remained as steady as a rock. He tried to pressure, cajole with and threaten her to recant, but she bluntly refused. He could not accept the fact that she could resist him so stubbornly and in out of rage he thrust his spear into her. This proved to be a fatal blow, and she passed away. Thus Sumayyah bint Khubbat had the distinction of being the first woman martyr of Islam. This incident took place seven years before the Hijrah. Then her husband also fell victim to the torture and was martyred. After the martyrdom of both the parents, 'Ammar took a special place in the affections of the Prophet (SAW). He used to address him loving as Ibn Sumayyah. The Prophet (SAW) often spoke and praised the family of Yasir in the highest.

Abdullah bin Mas'ood (RA) says the Prophet (SAW) once said that when dissensions and disputes appeared among the people Ibn Sumayyah would always stand by the right and just. This family sacrificed their lives, all in order to nourish the truth and also to earn rewards for the hereafter. It is about people like these that Allah says: "Verily, ALLAH has purchased of the believers their lives and their properties for (the price) that theirs shall be the paradise. They fight in ALLAH's cause so they kill (others) and are killed. It is promise in truth which is binding on him in the Taurat and the Injeel and the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than ALLAH? Then rejoice in the bargain that you have concluded. That is the supreme success" (Qur'an 9:111).



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## EID-UL-FITR-THE FESTIVAL

### The following is Mustahab on Eids day:

- \* To trim the nails.
- \* To have a bath.
- \* To brush the teeth with a Miswaak.
- \* To wear nice clothing - preferably new, if not, then freshly washed clothes.
- \* To use attar (scent)
- \* To perform the Fajr Salaah in the Musjid.
- \* To pay the Fitra before the Eid Salaah.
- \* To walk to the Eid gah or Musjid in one route and return on another.
- \* To eat dates something sweet before going for Eid Salaah.
- \* To express joy and donate generously.
- \* To recite the Takbeer on route to the Eid Gah or Musjid.

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**Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar Laailaaha Illallaahu  
Wal Laahu Akbar Allahu Akbar Wa Lillahil Hamd**

"Allah is the greatest , Allah is the Greatest, there is none worthy of worship besides Allah and Allah is the greatest and to Allah belongs all praise."

### THE EID SALAAH

The Eid Salaah is waajib upon every person on whom Jumah Salaah is waajib. There are only two Rakaats in the Eid Salaah. These two Rakaats are offered as an expression of thanks to the All Mighty Allah for giving us the strenght, courage and taufeeq to keep Fast, performing Taraweeh and I'tikaaf etc. during the Mubarak month of ramadaan. This is also where Allah rewards us for our Fast, patience and sacrifices.

### NIYAH-INTENTION

Before beginning the Eid Salaah ensure that you have Wudhu. Say the Niyah as follows:

نَوَيْتُ أَنْ أُصَلِّيَ بِهِ تَعَالَى رَكْعَتَيْنِ  
مَعَ سِنَّةِ تَكْبِيرَاتٍ صَلَاةَ عِيدِ الْفِطْرِ  
أَقْتَدَيْتُ بِهَذَا الْإِمَامِ مُتَوَجِّهًا إِلَى  
جِهَةِ الْكَعْبَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ

**"Nawaytu an Usalliya Lillahi Ta'aala Rakataini  
Ma'a Sittati Takbeeraati Salaata Eidil Fitri  
Iqdadaitu Behazaal Imaam Mutawajjihan Ila Jihatil  
Ka`batish Sharifah"**

"O Allah I am performing two Rakaats Eid-ul-Fitr Salaah with six additional Takbeers for You, as a follower behind this Imam facing towards the Holy Kaabah."

### METHOD OF THE EID SALAAH

After the Imam says the first Takbeer (Takbeer-e-Tahrira) recite Thanaa (Subhanakalla-humma). Thereafter the Imam will say three extra Takbeers, raising the hands to the ears with each takbeer, and releasing them to your side after the first and second extra Takbeers. Now, after the third extra Takbeer, fold and place your hand below the navel. The Imam will read Surah Fatiha and a Surah and complete the Rakaat in the usual manner.

In the second Rakaat after Surah Fatiha and the Surah, before going into Ruku, the Imam will say three extra Takbeers, raising your hands to the ear and releasing them to the sides each time. Thereafter the Imam will say Allahu Akbar and go into Ruku, complete the Salaah in the usual manner.

After the Salaah the Imam will make a Dua, and deliver a Khutba. There is no Azaan or Iqamah for Eid Salaah.

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## HAZRAT AMIR KHUSRAU رحمۃ اللہ علیہ THE BELOVED OF MEHBOOB-E-ELAHI رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

About 16 days after Id-ul-fitr, many Muslims and some non-Muslims in and around Delhi take part in another festive occasion they call the Satrahvin Sharif - literally Holy Seventeenth. This is the Urs or death anniversary of Hazrat Amir Khusrau, the favorite companion of 12th century Saint Nizamuddin Aulia. Thousands of people throng the twin Dargah (tomb) and offer their nazrana (of flowers, chaadar and sweets), say the fatehas (oblation), tie threads of mannat (vow) on the tomb's jali, or just sit there listening to ecstatic qawwalis. There is also Charaghan (illumination with lamps) inside the tomb, and outside, everyone makes merry in a colourful fete, which goes on for three to four days.

One might ask as to why someone's death is celebrated and not mourned. According to Khwaja Hasan Sani of Dargah Nizamuddin, the death for common people could be a sad, mournful affair, but for a Sufi it is only a transition – the final step to the soul's communion with God, a milan or wedding with the divine which the Sufi had been aspiring his/her entire life – hence the celebration. In fact the Arabic word Uroos from which Urs is taken, literally means a wedding.

There may be thousands of saints in the Indian subcontinent whose tombs become centres of such occasions at least once every year, yet the legend of Amir Khusrau and Nizamuddin Aulia is something special in the history of Indian Sufism. Amir Khusrau, according to the popular belief, was a steadfast Sufi and the favourite disciple of Nizamuddin Aulia. However, the contemporary scholars of history and Persian language know him as a court poet who successfully managed to appease more than seven rulers of Delhi Sultanate with his charming poetry that can still be considered some of the best literature produced in the entire Persian world, apart from being a mine of source-material for historians.

Hazrat Amir Khusrau (rahmatullahi alaihi), the legendary poet, composer, inventor, linguist, historian and scholar, one of the intellectual giants of Indian history, was Nizamuddin Aulia's most loved and devoted mureed. As an Amir (noble) in the court, Khusrau may have indulged

in all sorts of material pursuits, but only in his pir's Khaneqah he found the real love and an atmosphere for the evolution of his creative and spiritual faculties.

Khusrau who had an Indo-Turkish parentage was introduced to Khwaja Nizamuddin at an early age. There are endless anecdotes – in oral tradition as well as documented history – as to how passionately the two loved each other, right from their first meeting till the moment of their death. Nizamuddin Aulia who was visited in his monastery by thousands of people every day, used to say that he often gets fed up with every one including sometimes himself – but with Khusrau, Never! He also wished if his religion allowed, he would have Khusrau and himself buried in the same grave after their death.

The death of the two men was also an unusual event which highlighted that Khusrau's love and respect for Hazrat had reached its Zenith. When Nizamuddin Aulia breathed his last, Khusrau was away at Lakhnawati in Bengal on Mohammad Tughlaq's royal mission. When he heard the sad news, he couldn't control himself, and rushed back to Delhi. On seeing his pir's grave, he blackened his face and rolled over in dust in utter grief, tearing his garments, reciting the following Hindi doha impromptu:

Gori sovary sej par,  
Mukh par daray kes;  
Chal Khusrau ghar aapnay,  
saanjh bhaee chahu des.  
The fair maiden rests  
On a bed of roses,  
Her face covered  
With a lock of hair;

Let us oh Khusrau, return home now,  
the dark dusk settles in four corners of the world.

After this, it is said, Khusrau's condition started deteriorating and within exactly 6 months of his master's death, he too expired, or rather his love met with the ultimate consummation on Friday 29th Ziq'ad 725AH/1325. This incident and the above couplet is remembered as the highest point in Khusrau's relationship with Nizamuddin and also probably the reason for their becoming a combined legend.



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## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY MOULANA SHAH FAISAL KHAN QADRI MISBAHI



### EID-UL-FITR

Q- what is the excellence of Eid ul Fitr?

A- First of all, we congratulate the general ummah and the readers of Al Kausar especially on the arrival of the divine gift of Eid ul Fitr that Allah has bestowed upon us.

Allah's favours must be celebrated and rejoiced. The Glorious Quraan commands us to rejoice over the bounties and mercy of Allah: say, "Only Allah's grace and mercy on it so let them rejoice" (Surah Yunus 58). The holy month of Ramadhaan is a month full of mercy, forgiveness and freedom from hell. It is such a blessed and sacred month in which the divine law was revealed in the form of the Holy Quraan for the betterment, reformation, and the eternal salvation for the whole of humanity. It is a month in which every muslim's faith is tested, therefore having found a perfect code of life in the form of the Holy Quraan and succeeded in the exam of a whole month, feeling and expressing happiness is a natural matter for a Muslim. For this reason we have been given the opportunity to celebrate Eid ul fitr immediately after the departure of the blessed month.

Q2- How should I prepare for Eid ul Fitr?

A2- The following are desirable acts to be done on Eid.

1. Cutting the hair according to the Sunnah
2. Cutting the nails
3. Having a bath
4. Wearing new or cleaned clothes
5. To apply fragrance (itr)
6. Offering fajr salaah in the Masjid
7. Before going to the Eid Salaah, to eat some dates in odd number (3,5, or 7). If nothing is eaten before the Eid Salaah there is no sin
8. Going to the Eid Gah on one route and returning another
9. Giving Fitra to the poor and needy
10. Expressing happiness
11. Many other things , eg showing respect to

others

Q3- when must the 6 fasts of Shawaal be kept?

A3- There are many great virtues of keeping the 6 fasts after Eid.

Fast throughout the year

Sayyiduna Sawbaah narrates that the Beloved Prophet ﷺ said, "The one fasting 6 days after Eid ul Fitr ( in Shawaal) is as though he fasted the entire year.

By the grace of Allah. Through His Beloved Prophet ﷺ, how easy it is for us to fast the entire year. Every Muslim must take full advantage of this opportunity. The wisdom behind the reward of fasting for the entire year is that Allah bestows for him 10 times the reward, this is due to the mercy of Allah. Allah has said, "Whosoever brings one good deed, for him are ten rewards" ( Surah An'aam 6:160).

The above verses make it clear that the fasts of Ramadhaan are equivalent to those of 10 months and then the 6 fasts after Ramadhaan are equivalent to 60 fasts. Therefore one will earn the reward of fasting the entire year.

Huzoor Sadrush Shariah wrote his famous book Bahaar-e-Shariah, that it is better to keep these 6 fasts separately but there is no harm is one keeps it consecutively after Eid ul Fitr. A person can keep the 6 fasts any day in the month of Shawaal besides the day of Eid.

We would like to congratulate one and all on this auspicious event of Eid-ul-Fitr. May Allah grant us the blessings of this month! Aameen

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# LEAVE YOUR MARK

BY YASMIN OMAR

Assalaamu alaikum

How often have you heard that 'the youth need to be more responsible because they are the future'? Far too many to remember, isn't that so? Do you just ignore the statement? Or, have you allowed yourself to give some thought to the statement?

I know that every one of you has the desire to be remembered! What do you want people to remember you for? How do you want to leave your mark? Is your mark going to be your name across the school desks? Is it going to be your reputation as the class clown? Or, will it be your name on the school achievement list?

Why does it have to be something big? Little steps too, can earn you big rewards!!!

Then you may ask, 'What can I do, really? I am still so young!'

You are never too young to make a difference. Where is your ambition and drive? Or, it could be that you just don't know how to!!!! Any small meaningful action has a ripple effect and may impact on many more individuals, directly and indirectly. You have no idea how? That's where I come in with a few suggestions to help you.

- o We all have special gifts, talents or abilities identify yours or, ask someone to point it out to you, if you can't. Use that in a meaningful way.
- o Sometimes, it is just your personality, good spirits and positive outlook that could catch someone's attention and, instill positive change in them. Try to be a positive role model to others.
- o Offer to help out an individual or an

organization. Help ease the burden for others, your burdens too will be lighter.

- o Initiate a project with a group of friends. Work together and pool in your ideas on what your options are. There are many ideas or projects that you can adopt, it doesn't have to be a new one, make use of existing structures.
- o Adopt patience, kindness and care and consideration for Allah's creations. He too, will in turn accord you the same, Insha Allah. These are qualities we need more of, do not think that these acts go unnoticed! They are, by the One who is most important, Allah Ta'ala.

Let me remind you that there are numerous other things that can be included; these were only a few suggestions from me.

You have to constantly remind yourself that what is required of you is to take small steps at first. Leave the big leaps to experienced individuals.

Do whatever you can, within your means. Let it not overwhelm you or anyone else. Do not allow it to consume all your time. Let there be a balance in all that you do.

Remember that Allah also loves those acts that are simple as it is the intention behind it that is most important.

Start within your immediate environment, for it is those that matter the most. They are the ones that will make du'aa for you and support you, because they were Allah's gifts to you.

In a small way, you too can shake the world. Make a difference, one small step at a time!



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# HADRAT POCHEE BAWA QADRI SABRI رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

Hadrat Mohammed Ismail Cassim Pochee Qadri Sabri (alaihira rahmah) occupies a prominent place among the spiritual leaders of South Africa. In his temperament, as in the circumstances of his life, Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) was destined for an extra-ordinary character.

Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) was born in Verulam (Durban, South Africa) on the 3rd of Rajab in early 1880 A.D. His father, Cassim Pochee, came to South Africa in the early 1870's and was a great devotee of Hadrat Badsha Peer (alaihira rahmah). At first his parents settled in Newcastle and later moved to Charlestown at the request of Hadrat Badsha Peer (alaihira rahmah).

Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) was approximately 7 years old when he was embraced and blessed by Hadrat Badsha Peer (alaihira rahmah) who predicted that "this boy will be like me."

Hadrat Pochee Bawa's (alaihira rahmah) early education was acquired from his father and at a very young age he displayed a great interest in Sufism. Indeed, as predicted by Hadrat Badsha Peer (alaihira rahmah), Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) as a youngster showed characteristics of an ideal saint.

Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) was a Mureed and Khalifa of Hadrat Shah Mohammed Fazl Hassen (alaihira rahmah) in the Qadri Saberi Silsila of Rampur, India. Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) was also instrumental in guiding many people towards the Divine Path and gave advice to people on day-to-day matters.

Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) had an overwhelming love for the Holy Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) and the Ahle Bait (ridwanullahi ajma'in). He also had great love and respect for Huzoor Sayyiduna Ghous-ul-Azam (alaihira rahmah), Hadrat Zindaa Shah Madaar (alaihira rahmah) and particularly that of Hadrat Saabir Paak (alaihira rahmah).

Having fulfilled his mission as a true servant of Allah,

Hadrat Pochee Bawa (alaihira rahmah) breathed his last on Thursday, 29th Ramadaan (April 1959) at the age of 75. He was buried on Eid Day, 1st Shawaal (6th April 1959) before Jumma Salaah.

A Mazaar has been recently erected over the tomb of the saint which has been attracting the multitude of Muslims and non-Muslims for Ziyarat daily as well as during his annual Ur's Shareef which has been in progress for the past 36 years.

His Mazaar Shareef is to be found in Charlestown Cemetery. To this day his immortal glory continues to inspire thousands of grieved hearts by his spiritual blessings. A monumental miracle for the world to experience and learn lessons of love and peace from such an exalted soul.

## THE FASTS OF SHAWWAAL

Hazrat Abu Ayyub رضی اللہ عنہ reported that Rasullullah ﷺ said : *"If anyone who has kept the fasts in Ramadhaan, follows them up with six(optional) fasts of Shawwaal then (he will get reward for the fasts of a year but if he does that always) it is as if he fasted all his life. (Muslim)*

Hazrat Sauban رضی اللہ عنہ reported that Rasullullah ﷺ has said that: *"Joining six days of the fasts of shawwaal is equal to the fast of the whole year. Each good act is equal to ten such acts."* (Ibn Majah, Nasai)

It means that the reward of each good deed is atleast multiplied ten times. Therefore, thirty days of the fasts of Ramadhaan is thus equal to three hundred days and the six days of Shawwaal is equal to sixty. Thus, making the total of three hundred and sixty, which is the number of days in the lunar Islamic year.



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## AN AMUSING INCIDENT

One night Khalif Haaron Ar-Rashid was quite restless, and said to his vizier, Jaafar Ibn Yahya al-Barmaki: "I cannot sleep this night. I feel depressed, and do not know what to do." His servant Masrur, who happened to be standing nearby, burst out laughing at these words, and the Khalif asked: "What are you laughing for? Do you mock at me or are you just being frivolous?" Masrur replied: "I take an oath by your relationship to the Leader of the Prophets Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam that I have done this unintentionally. It was just that last night I was outside the castle walking towards the bank of the river Tigris, when I saw many people gathered around a man who was making them laugh. I remembered some of his words which caused me to laugh. His name is Ibnul Maghaazali. I beg your pardon, O Commander of the Faithful!"

Haaron Ar-Rashid said: "Bring him to me immediately."

Accordingly Masrur went out to find Ibnul Maghaazali. When he had found him Masrur said to him: "The Commander of the Faithful wants you." Ibnul Maghaazali replied: "To hear is to obey!" Masrur continued: "But on the condition that if he presents you with a gift, a quarter of it will belong to you, and the rest to me."

Ibnul Maghaazali replied: "No, half will be mine and half yours." But Masrur would not agree. Ibnul Maghaazali again proposed: "I will keep a third of it and you can have the remaining two-thirds."

They finally agreed to this after a great deal of haggling.

When he was brought he greeted in an impeccable manner and introduced himself very well. Haaron Ar-Rashid said to him: "If you make me laugh I shall give you five hundred dinars, but if you fail to make me laugh I shall give you three blows with this sock."

Now Ibnul Maghaazali said to himself: "What are the odds of me getting three strokes with the sock?" (He thought that the sock was empty). Accordingly he began to joke and to play tricks which would have made even caused a rock to laugh. But not Haaron Ar-Rasheed, who did not even smile.

Ibnul Maghaazali was first astonished, then grieved and at last frightened.

Haaron Ar-Rasheed said to him: "Now you have deserved the blows." He then took up the sock and twisted it. In the sock there were four stones, each of which weighed two ratal (a unit of measurement). When he struck Ibnul Maghaazali once, the latter yelled out in pain.

He remembered the condition Masrur had imposed upon him and exclaimed: "Pardon, O Commander of the Faithful, listen to only two more words of mine." Haaron Ar-Rasheed replied: "Say as you wish."

The man continued: "Masrur and myself have an agreement. I have agreed to let Masrur have two-thirds of the reward I might receive, and to keep one-third for myself. To this he had agreed only after much bargaining. The Commander of the Faithful has decided that the reward would consist of three blows, of which my share would be one, and Masrur's two. I have received mine, and now it is his turn."

Haaron Ar-Rasheed laughed, called for Masrur and struck him. Masrur groaned from pain, and said: "I give him the remainder as a gift!"

The Khalif laughed and ordered them to be given one thousand dinars. Each received five hundred, and Ibnul Maghaazali went away grateful.' (Al-Mustatraf Vol. 1, p 473)





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## THE IMPORTANCE OF SADAQATUL-FITR

Sadaqatul Fitr (or fitrah) is a Wajib (compulsory charity) which becomes payable on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The Noble Messenger of Allah ( Sallallāhu 'alayhi wasallam) said:

"The fast remains suspended between Heaven and Earth until the fitrah is paid."

Rasulullāh Sallallāhu 'alayhi wasallam made charity of Fitr compulsory as a purification of fasts from useless talks and vile discourses and also as food for the poor .(Hadith-Abū Dawūd).

Sadaqatul Fitr is wājib (compulsory) upon all and it is not permissible to delay the payment of fitrah later than the Day of Eid for:

1. Who is alive at dawn on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr.
2. On Whom Zakaat is Wajib, or who possesses goods free of debt in excess of his personal needs (e.g. house, clothing, furniture, etc.) to the value upon which Zakaat is obligatory.
3. On the father, on behalf of his minor children.

Points to remember:

It is essential that Sadaqatul Fitr be distributed to the poor and needy Muslim before the Eid Salaah (prayer). However, if this obligation has not been discharged timeously it should be done as soon as possible.

It is preferable to give one's Sadaqatul Fitr firstly to needy relatives, thereafter to one's needy neighbours and then to other needy Muslims.

What amount should be paid?

The amount of Sadqatul Fitr is 1.633kg of wheat or 3.266kg of barley or the equivalent in cash.

For the exact amount in your area we suggest you contact your local Masjid, Islamic Organisation or Islamic Scholar.

## MATTERS OF TRUTH

BY IBRAHIM VAWDA

The Great Return March being staged by the Palestinians in Gaza is a civil society initiative and is organised and planned by the Palestinians and not by Hamas, as the Zionists and the Pro-Israeli lobby in our country wants us to believe. This storyline is all part and parcel of the Zionist propaganda and all propaganda can only be sustained with lies and half-truths.

Any suggestion that Hamas must be held accountable for the murderous actions of the Zionists, supported by the US and her allies in the region is being very economical with the truth.

The truth of the matter is that the Zionists and Zionism have clearly been in military occupation of Palestine for seven decades. This occupation constitutes colonialism and apartheid which are contrary to international law. In addition, this occupation is accompanied by ethnic cleansing and genocide of the Palestinians.

The 1965 International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) describes apartheid as an international crime. In addition, the 1998 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court calls apartheid a crime under the court's jurisdiction. Israel is flagrantly guilty but not yet held accountable.

According to Zionist historians, Israel was given its birth certificate and thus legitimacy by the UN Partition Resolution of November 29, 1947. This is propaganda nonsense.

First of all the Palestinians were never consulted by the UN to assign any part of its territory to a minority of alien immigrants to form a state of their own. Besides, this so-called resolution was a mere proposal. It had no effect or legal binding unless approved by the UN Security Council. This partition plan became invalid. This absolute British mess then effectively surrendered the issue to Zionist terrorism.

The Nazis called the French Resistance "terrorists"; the West referred to them as heroes. When a vicious occupier has his jackboot on your throat you have no choice but to fight with any weapon or any method that's available. Pinning labels like "terrorist" and "militant" on people who are defending their homes and families is absurd.

Always the little guy with the little gun is the terrorist, never the big guy with big guns, bunker-busting bombs and nukes. This warped mentality is the greatest obstacle to peace.

The Palestinians live in the occupied territories with no food, no work, desperate and no hope. Palestinians do not need pity. They need justice.

# VARIOUS USES OF VASELINE

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- \* **Smooth feet:** Add some vaseline to your feet each night and cover with socks for smooth and healthy glowing skin.
- \* **Growing eyelashes:** Add a small amount to your eyelashes with a cotton applicator each night and over time your eyelashes will appear longer and thicker.
- \* **Knees and elbows:** If you've got ashy or dry knees and elbows, vaseline can help rescue your skin. In addition to hydration, vaseline can help give your skin a smooth and even toned appearance.
- \* **Dry lips:** Exfoliate your lips and apply a small amount of vaseline daily to keep them hydrated and from refrying.
- \* **Exfoliant:** Mix a cup of sugar or sea salt with essential oil to vaseline and you'll have a great exfoliant that moisturizes as well.
- \* **Removing cuticles:** When you're giving yourself a manicure, try some vaseline to soften and remove the extra skin and cuticles around your nail bed.
- \* **Lip stain:** melt som vaseline with cocoa and place in a mold or jar to let harden. You'll get a hydrating and colored lip stain with a pleasant taste.
- \* **Massage:** Use vaseline for a relaxing, hydrating and smoothing massage.
- \* **Moisturizer:** Let vaseline melt over a low heat or under a lamp, and smooth over skin that needs a little extra moisturizing help.
- \* **Makeup remover:** Instead of harsh chemicals, try a thin layer of vaseline to remove stubborn makeup.
- \* **Hair removal:** To calm irritation from shaving or waving, vaseline should be applied in a thin layer over the treated skin.
- \* **Eyebrower setter:** To keep your eyebrows thick and in place, try a small amount of vaseline.
- \* **Dandruff:** Apply a small amount to massage to your scalp before shampooing. Vaseline will help eliminate skin shedding and itching.
- \* **Scars:** To help diminish the appearance of scars after surgery or injury, apply vaseline daily as it helps regenerate skin cells.
- \* **Creamy lipstick:** Try mixing your lipstick with a small amount of vaseline to create a creamy and moisturizing lip enhancer.
- \* **Poison or itch control:** Apply a small amount to the area affected by poisonous plants or itchy insect bites to help ease the discomfort.
- \* **Hair dying:** Add vaseline along your hair line before you dye your hair to avoid staining your skin.
- \* **Leather shine:** To help your best leather shine, whether shoes or purses, massage in a small amount of vaseline.
- \* **Sticky bottles:** Apply a small amount to the lip of your bottles that tend to stick to help you quickly remove the cap the next time.
- \* **Makeup stains:** Did your foundation or eyeliner smear onto your clothes? No worries. Massage in a small amount of vaseline and simply rinse the stain away.
- \* **Eye shadow:** Want to experiment with new shades? Make a creamy eyeliner by mixing in powdered eye shadow to help your eyes shine.

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# THE NEXT CARD - JORDAN?

BY FAIZEL KHAMKAR

When the Arab spring came to the fore the country that most successfully negotiated its passage out of the anarchy and regime change that came with the Arab spring was Jordan. The fact that Jordan like all other Arab countries around the illegal Zionist State of Israel needed to be destabilized in order to make the Zionist State the dominant state. This goal of destabilizing Jordan however appears simply to have postponed and the unjust, illegal and immoral agenda against Jordan and which only favours the Apartheid State of Israel has re appeared with the mass protest currently taking place.

Massive public protest took place in Jordan and despite certain interventions by the Government and King Abdullah these protest continued with many vowing to continue with this intervention until all their demands are met. This is the same strategy which was used in Libya as well as Yemen.

The country had stagnated economically and in line with international thinking and at the behest of the International Monetary Fund loans had been taken out in an attempt to stimulate the economy. However with the normal unfavourable conditions and loan arrangements the economy was not stimulated. This then led to austerity measures especially through taxes being put in place in very much the same manner as Obama did in the States after 1998. This meant that the ordinary person became the financial target to redress a situation which was neither their fault nor from which they would benefit.

Jordan is not endowed with rich resources and therefore unlike some of its neighbours struggle to produce income. The geo political events have also contributed to its woes. The refugees from Palestine and Syria, and this amounts to a substantial amount of people would undoubtedly affect the economy of any country that does not possess a lot of natural resources and is not compatible in manufacturing. Jordan has lost money as a result of the regional boycott of Qatar, and is currently losing income it earned through the transit of goods. This is a result of the re-opening of a crossing between Saudi and Iraq at Arar, a crossing that had been closed for 27 years since Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990. Furthermore the Israeli/Saudi axis in pursuing an economic agenda to

create a position where the number one economic power in the middle east would be Zionist Israel with the Saud's favourably placed to collect the left over's and the targeted victim being Iran primarily has created major financial problems for Jordan.

The above led to a background of rising prices, higher unemployment more so amongst the youth many of whom are graduates from tertiary level and this was compounded by increases in fuel and electricity prices together with changes in the taxation laws and regulations which would have hit the ordinary financially suffering Jordanian even more. These austerity measures became the means to foster the massive five days (and still counting) protest actions and the changes to taxation measures was seen as the last straw to break the camel's back. The former Prime Minister Hani Al Mulki was remove and replaced with a former economist at the World Bank, Omar Razzaz. The tax reforms have also being re examined.

The question that needs to be asked after the invented reasons presented against Gadafi in Libya was exposed and it was proven that the protest against Gadafi was manufactured if the Jordanians had sufficient reason to justify embarking on this destabilizing protest actions. On the face of it they have a valid reason and cannot be denied the right to protest in the circumstances. However the need to be careful in not having their protest hijacked as was the case in Iraq and taking into account potential disastrous consequences. The state capture of Jordan by the agents of the Zionist namely IMF in this case is clear for all to see. The blaming of the Jordanians in order to murky the real key role players and beneficiaries can be easily be manipulated by the biased media houses. Another key factor lies in the fact that Jordan are recognized by international convention as being the guardians of Jerusalem and in particular Masjidul Aqsa and that arrangement does not suit Zionist Israel who together with their poodle Donald Trump would look for any reason to change that arrangement. Is Jordan the next card to fall?

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOCUS

BY FAKIR HASSEN

**Cairo, EGYPT** - The Arab League's Permanent Committee on Human Rights has called on the International Criminal Court to open an immediate investigation into Israel's continuing crimes against Palestinians. It also urged UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to take legal action against Israel due to its crimes in Occupied Palestinian Territories and to stop recent US measures that run counter to international law.

**Jerusalem, PALESTINE** - An estimated 250,000 Muslims from all over Palestine attended the third Jumma of the holy month of Ramadan at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque. Worshippers filled the mosques and the open air plaza of Al-Haram Al-Sharif. Palestinians from the West Bank started arriving in Jerusalem since the early hours, heading toward Al-Aqsa Mosque, an opportunity they get only during Ramadan when Israel, the occupying power, relaxes the onerous restrictions it imposes during the year on entry of West Bank Palestinians into occupied Jerusalem.

**Uttarakhand State, INDIA** - Sikh police officer Gagandeep Singh, who saved a Muslim man from being lynched by a Hindu mob, is now receiving death threats and has been forced to go on leave. "I was just doing my duty. Even if I were not in uniform, I would have done the same thing, and every Indian should do the same," Singh told media. "If the issue is saving the life of a person, religion should not come in the way. I would have failed in doing my duty if I

would not have saved him," he said. **Copenhagen, DENMARK** -, Danish lawmakers have approved a law banning garments that cover the face, including Islamic veils such as niqab or burqa, joining Austria, France, and Belgium, who have done this. The government insisted that the new law is not aimed at any religions and does not ban headscarves, turbans or the traditional Jewish skull cap. Those violating the law risk a fine of 1 000 kroner (\$156).

**London, UK** - Hundreds of the famous red double-decker buses in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Leicester, and Bradford carried adverts for a day praising Allah as part of a campaign launched by the Islamic Relief to help raise awareness for victims of Syria's civil war. A spokesman said he hoped the posters, which bore the words "Subhan Allah," would portray Islam and international aid in a positive light.

**Rome, ITALY** - Pope Francis has stated that equating Islam to terrorism is foolish. "It might be coming out of many people's mouths, but this equation is a lie and it is foolish," Francis said in an interview published by Italian newspaper L'Eco di Bergamo. "The most important role (of religions) is that of promoting a culture of encounter, together in the promotion of true education for responsible behaviour that takes care of creation," the Pope said. **London, UK** - The Ramadan Tent Project held its annual Open Iftar which offered members of the British

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public a free warm meal as well as a chance to converse with Muslims and non-Muslims from all walks of life. The Ramadan Tent Project began as a community initiative inviting people of all faiths to break their fasts together during the month of Ramadan. It was shortlisted in 2016 as one of the 50 most innovative Global Muslim Start-ups and has attracted people from all walks of life.

**Harnosand Town, SWEDEN** - A Facebook post by Stefan Lindquist, the district chairman of the Swedish Christian Church, calling Muslims "kind-hearted", went viral on social media, gathering 19 000 reactions and 4 326 shares. "What if we Swedes would lift our eyes and see how it really is. I did it and discovered what amazing Muslim friends I have," Lindquist said in his post. "I wanted to show the Muslim community's love and mercy. I think there is an unnecessary fear and anxiety for Muslims."

**Jeddah, SAUDI ARABIA** - The Saudi Council of Ministers has approved a law criminalising sexual harassment in the Kingdom. The draft law, which was approved by the Saudi Shoura Council, introduces a jail sentence of up to five years and a SR300,000 (\$80,000) fine.

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