

ISLAM, the Religion ALLAH chose for You!

"What is Muhammad if not the Father of a Single of your Menfolk? But he is the Prophet of Allah and the Last of the Messengers!". (Q)

Nearly 1400 years ago, the personality most beloved to any muslim since the beginning of mankind, breathed his last in his humble abode in Madina.

To this day the effects of those moments witnessed by his household, especially Aa'isha the wife whose arms were around him in those final minutes, brings up serious emotions when recalling.

Every Muharram, the month that marks the new year in the Islamic calendar, somehow rekindles this sinking feeling.

Especially after the outcome of Karbala, the battle where Imam Hussein lost his life in a jihad against the forces of corruption of the day.

That Imam Hussein was the direct grandson of the Beloved Prophet, the sight of his dismembered body lying in the blood-soaked desert sand will always evoke deep regret and sorrow based on the love every muslim has for his grandfather.

Likewise the love for Muhammad is extended to his entire family, wives, children and grandchildren. Including their spouses, and every companion of his.

This inner circle of the Noble Messenger is close to the heart of every believer, who no doubt heed the Apostle's message, "none is a believer until I am dearer to him than his own parents, children, and all of mankind."

In fact his entire community and society are deemed sacred due to their support and closeness to his personality and mission.

A great blow was dealt to Islam by the dissension over the choice of leadership in succession of the Holy Prophet. An issue still not resolved today, and no doubt, the reason, direct or indirect, for what happened at Karbala.

It is unthinkable however, that any muslim, could lose sight of the fact that Prophet Muhammad, the last and final Messenger, had not left anything to doubt as far as delivering the final touches to

completing his Divinely ordained mission, establishing Islam.

The final revelation appeared in his last days confirming this.

"This day have I perfected for you your religion and fulfilled my favour unto you, being pleased to choose Islam for you as your religion." (Q)

No muslim, who testifies shahadah, denies that Muhammad had fulfilled his duty, or considers that another, or other, Prophets would appear after him, or that the Quran, his trust and mission, would in any way be doubtful or inaccurate.

The total Islamic faith is enshrined in the legacy of Muhammad commencing 12 Rabi'-al-Awwal 570 AC, ending 12 Rabi'-al-Awwal 632 AC.

All the guidance and solutions for a believer are contained in the Quran and the example (sunnah) of the last Messenger.

The politics and differences as to who was the legitimate leadership after this period cannot affect what was established by Almighty Allah and His Rasool during his golden lifespan.

The extremists who lost sight of this and caused such serious division as to label each other 'kaafir' have obviously misunderstood the most basic message of Islam, spending centuries in research and debate, trying to ideologically go beyond La ilaha Illallah Muhammadur Rasoolullah.

We can only remind each other about the requirements we have to fulfil, and the belief-system we have to preserve. We should take caution that Truth and Reason must never be blocked by emotionalism, a fate that befell the followers of Isa, who to this day cannot apply simple reason and logic to their beliefs.

Allah is Greater!

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THE KING OF YEMEN AND THE LAST PROPHET ﷺ

PART 2

The King, having heard the 'Ulama and Counsellors, firstly agreed for them to stay and also build four hundred homes for them as well as a big house for our Prophet ﷺ. He left instructions that when the Prophet ﷺ came to Madina, he should stay in comfort in that house. He also left enough money to provide for the needs of the four hundred 'Ulama for a long time. The King then dictated a letter to his Chief scholar and requested him to present it to Prophet ﷺ when he came to Madina. He further requested of him that should he die before meeting the Prophet ﷺ, the letter be treasured and passed on to his children and their descendants and presented to the Prophet ﷺ whenever he came to the town. Having made these arrangements, the King was now happy and left for Yemen.

The letter was passed down from the Chief Alim to his descendants. After more than 1,000 years, the number of children from the four hundred 'Ulama had increased greatly and comprised a large percentage of the inhabitants of Madina. The letter after this long time came to be in the hands of Hazrat Abu Ayub Ansari ؑ, who had given it to his chief slave, Abū Laila, for safe-keeping.

When the people of Medina heard that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was coming to Medina from Makkah on his Hijra, they started making preparations to welcome him. The inhabitants decorated their houses and cleaned the streets. Each of them wanted Prophet ﷺ to be welcomed into and grace his house. The Prophet ﷺ, to overcome this problem, came up with a proposal that he would let loose the reins of his camel. He would stay at the house outside which the camel would come to a halt and sit down.

The camel was let loose. It went down the streets and stopped outside the house which the King of Yemen had built for Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Prophet ﷺ and the people came to this house. Abū Laila was then asked to bring the letter which he had for safe-keeping. Abū Laila appeared before Prophet ﷺ with

the letter which had been passed down from generation to generation over a thousand years from King Tab'a Awwal Hamiri.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, seeing Abū Laila approaching him, asked him, "Are you Abū Laila?" Abū Laila was stunned, having his name mentioned by the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He was surprised that the Holy Prophet ﷺ had just arrived from Makkah but knew his name. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ then said, "I am Muhammad Rasūl Allah ﷺ. I will have the King of Yemen's letter that you have for me." Prophet Muhammad ﷺ then looked at the letter and said, "Congratulations to my pious servant Tab'a Awwal Hamiri."

The letter from King Hamiri stated, "O Prophet of Allah, I pledge my faith in you and in the Book that will be revealed to you and I follow the path of your religion. If I am fortunate to see you, it will be with great pleasure. However, if this is not possible, I would request that you intercede for me and not to forget me on the Day of Judgment. I believe in your Prophethood, I seek your ba'yat (pledge of allegiance) in advance of your arrival. I swear that there is only one Allah and Muhammad ﷺ is his true Prophet." (Mizānūl Adyān)

Note: The mention of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, dhikr and gatherings in a majlis have been held in the past and will continue in the future. The fortunate have been able to receive the blessings of such gatherings (fā'id). This article shows the Prophet ﷺ had knowledge of the past as well as of the future.

It is worth noting that the King had made Prophet ﷺ a wasila and looked forward to intercession from the Prophet ﷺ on the Day of Judgment and the Prophet ﷺ congratulated him for his faith.

We also learn that to decorate houses and celebrate his birth is the Sunnah of the Sahabas and to have processions, decorate houses and streets as we do today is not a bid'a.



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THE DAY OF ASHURAH

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Why is this day known as Ashurah?

The conventional meaning of Ashura in the Shariah refers to the 10th of Muharram-ul-Haram. In his distinguished book, "Ghuniyatut Taalibeen", Sayyiduna Ghaus-ul-Azam, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani ؒ writes that the Ulama have a difference of opinion, as to why this day is known as Ashura. Since the reason has been explained in various ways, the consensus of the majority of the Ulama is that it is known as Ashurah because it is the 10th day of Muharram, while certain Ulama say that from the sacred days that Almighty Allah blessed the Ummat-e-Muhammadi with, this day is the 10th most important day, and it is for this reason that it is known as Ashurah. (Ghuniyatut Taalibeen, P g . 4 2 8)

Significant Events concerning Ashurah

With the exception of the Martyrdom of Sayyiduna Imam-e-Hussain ؒ there are also various other incidents which occurred on Yaum-e-Ashurah. It is also for those reasons that this day has received such excellence. In his internationally renowned Kitaab, "Nuzhatul Majaalis", Sayyiduna Sheikh Abdur Rahman Safoori ؒ explains the following important events which took place on Yaum-e-Ashurah:

1. It was on this day that the Skies earth and the Lauw-e-Qalam came into existence.
2. It was on this day that Sayyiduna Adam ؑ and Sayyiduna Hawa were created.
3. Sayyiduna Adam's ؑ Tauba was accepted.
4. Sayyiduna Nooh's ؑ Ark came on land.
5. Sayyiduna Ibrahim ؑ received the status of Khaleelullah.
6. Sayyiduna Yaqub ؑ met Sayyiduna Yusuf ؑ after 40 years.
7. Sayyiduna Idrees ؑ was raised into the skies.
8. Sayyiduna Ayub ؑ regained his health.
9. Sayyiduna Yunus ؑ was released from the stomach of the fish.
10. Sayyiduna Dawud's ؑ Tauba was accepted.
11. Sayyiduna Sulaiman ؑ received his Kingdom.
12. Sayyiduna Esa ؑ was raised into the skies.
13. Sayyiduna Muhammad Mustapha ؐ made Nikah to Sayyiduna Bibi Khadija (radi Allahu anha).
14. It is on this day that Qiyamat will occur.

The Salaah of Yaum-e-Ashurah

The Holy Prophet Muhammad Mustapha ؐ has stated, "That person who performs four rakaats of Salaah on the day of Ashurah in this way, that he reads the entire Sura Ikhlasa (Qulhuwal laa) 11 times after Sura Fatiha in every rakaat, then Almighty Allah will forgive fifty years of his sins, and he will be blessed with a Mimbar (pulpit) of Noor." (Nuzhatul Majalis, Vol.1, Pg. 181)

The Fasting of Yaum-e-Ashurah

To keep fast on the day of Ashurah is worthy of great reward. The Holy Prophet ؐ used to even fast on this day and He used to also command others to fast on this day. It is recorded in "Sahihain" from Sayyiduna Abu Moosa Ash'ari (radi Allahu anhu) that the Jews used to respect the

day of Ashura and they also rejoiced on this day. The Holy Prophet ؐ commanded, "You too should fast in this day". In one Hadith of "Muslim", it is recorded that the Holy Prophet ؐ said, "On the day of Ashurah, the People of Khaibar keep fast, rejoice and dress their wives in good clothes and jewellery. O Muslims! You too should fast on this day."

Sayyiduna Qatadah ؒ reports that the Holy Prophet ؐ has stated, "On the day of Ashurah I hope that through this (Ashurah) Almighty Allah will make it a means of Kafaara for past sins." (Mishkat Shareef, Pg. 179)

In the year 10 A.H., when the Holy Prophet ؐ was keeping the fast of Ashurah, the Sahaba-e-Kiraam (ridwaan nulaahi ta'ala ajma'in) requested, "This is that day which is honoured by the Jews and Christians." The Holy Prophet ؐ said, "If I am here next year, then I shall also fast on the 9th (of Muharram)." (Mishkat Shareef, Pg. 179) If is for this reason that we should not only fast on the tenth, but also on the ninth of Muharram-ul-Haram.

Important A'maal (practices) on Yaum-e-Ashurah

1. It is recorded in "Tafseer Roohul Bayaan" that the person who stays awake on the night of Ashurah gains the Sawaab of the Mala'ikah.
2. The Masha'ikh have stated that by making Ghusl on this day, the sicknesses for the entire year are washed away.
3. Shaami in "Kitaabus Saum" states that using surma on this day will not cause they eye to pain for the entire year.

Why is Kichra cooked during Ashurah?

It is in Shaami, "That person who cooks good food on the day of Ashurah, will Insha- Allah, gain Barkat from Almighty Allah in his home for the entire year." Commenting on this in "Tafseer Na'eemi", Sayyiduna Aliama Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan (rahmatullah alaihi) writes: "In our country Haleem (kichra) is cooked because it contain all types of grains and meat, through which we have hope that their will be barkat in the grain for the entire year. In certain narrations, it has been stated that the day on which the Ark of Sayyiduna Nooh ؑ came onto land, the inhabitants of the Ark disembarked and gathered all types of grain and cooked it into Haleem (Kichra)."

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MUFTI-E-AZAM-E-HIND

Huzoor Mufti e Azam e Hind Maulana Shah Mustafa Raza Qadri Noorie alaihir rahmah is the youngest son of Mujaddid e Azam, Aala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan Qadri Barkati Bareilly alaihir rahmah. His personality and attributes need no introduction. On the one hand, he was a great scholar, a respectable and authoritative Muslim Jurist, a distinguished philosopher, expert in a wide variety of subjects and sciences, and was a great poet.

On the other hand, he was a devoted worshipper, pure and untainted, fearful and dedicated, and was familiar with the sciences of the inner and outer self. His piety and sincerity was evident and glowed brightly in all fields. He was such a lamp that millions of seekers of light surrounded him to benefit from him.

Birth and Family History

His name is "Muhammad" His hidden name was "Aal e Rahman." His spiritual mentor, Hazrat Makhdoom Shah Abul Hussain Ahmadi Noori, alaihir rahmah, one of the great personalities of Mahrehras Shareef, named the child "Abul Barkaat Muhiy'uddeen Jilani." His father, Syedi Aala Hazrat, later gave him the formal name "Mustafa Raza." In his poems he referred to himself as "Noorie." His formal name became so famous that is how he is most often referred to.

His birth took place on 22 Zil Hajj 1310 A.H. corresponding to 18 July 1892 in the famous city of Bareilly in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Ba'it and Khilafat

Hazrat Mufti e Azam e Hind was only 6 months old when his spiritual guide, Hazrat Allama Shah Abul Hussain Ahmed Noorie alaihir rahmah came to Bareilly Shareef. He took the child in his arms and prayed for him and put his finger in the child's mouth and made him his disciple (Mureed) and his successor (Khalifa).

Whilst making him a disciple, the Mentor said, "This child will be of great assistance to the religion and the society. The servants of Allah ta'ala will benefit greatly from him and receive great blessings through him. This child is a friend of Allah Ta'ala. From his blessed sight, hundreds of thousands of stray Muslims will be guided. He is an ocean of blessings.

Imam Ahmed Raza alaihir rahmah also blessed his youngest son with great titles and made him proficient in many fields of spirituality and Islamic law.

Education

After Huzoor Mufti e Azam had learnt to speak, Imam Ahmed Raza alaihir rahmah said to his older son, Hujjatul Islam, Maulana Sham Muhammad Haamid Raza alaihir rahmah, "You are aware of how busy I am, therefore you teach your younger brother." Therefore he started teaching his younger brother with great enthusiasm. At the age of 3 years he had completed the Introductory Quran book. After he had completed these, on the orders of Imam Ahmed Raza alaihir rahmah, he was taught by Maulana Shah Rahim Ilahi Manglori and Maulana Sayyid Basheer Ahmed Aligarhi. (Excerpt from Firmness of Mufti e Azam, Number 198). He continued to receive the bulk of his education from his Father. In 1328 (1910), at the age of 18, after he had completed his studies in subjects and

sciences he graduated from the Manzir e Islam Madrasa in Bareilly Shareef.

Ocean of Knowledge

Huzoor Mufti e Azam e Hind alaihir rahmah was a deep ocean of knowledge. He was proficient in Tafseer, Hadith, Rules of Hadith, Fiqh, Rules of Fiqh, Logic, Philosophy, Rhetoric speaking, syntax, grammar etc.

As well as these subjects Huzoor Mufti e Azam e Hind alaihir rahmah was also proficient in many customary subjects including mathematics, numerology, arithmetic etc.

Praiseworthy Qualities

All of Huzoor Mufti e Azam e Hind alaihir rahmah's actions and qualities were a walking, talking picture of the Sunnah of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. He was a bright light of character and faith, a mountain of determination and firmness and a shining example of piety, devoutness, faith, belief, truthfulness, honesty, and integrity. He was at the highest stage of love of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam and love of the friends of Allah Ta'ala. He was always busy in supporting and encouraging the Sunnah and opposing and discouraging innovations. Establishing the truth and exposing falsehood was a quality he received from his father, Imam Ahmed Raza alaihir rahmah.

His intelligence, insight, and ability to get to the bottom of all issues and problems was such that if ever he entered a gathering of intellectuals and scholars, he was always regarded as the leader of the gathering. He was a helper and protector of the downtrodden and helpless. He stayed away from and detested worldly people and those that were hungry for worldly influence. He was a supreme authority on character and spirituality and was a guiding light for those that had strayed from the right path. Every step he took was a reflection of the Sunnah of Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam. He was so firm in piety that anything that he understood to be against the Shariah, he shunned and stayed away from that all his life. According to him, photographs are Haram, and he did not have a single photograph taken in his entire life.

That is the reason that even though he desired it, he was never able to visit Baghdad Shareef and other resting places of the friends of Allah Ta'ala. He was so detached from the world, that even though he reached the age of 92, he never visited the head or leader of any territory or country. Many leaders and chiefs requested permission to be a part his gatherings. His sense of honour and piety always made him refuse and he would say, "What use would a darvaish have for a leader or a king?"

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DUA-E-ASHURA TO REQUEST ASSURANCE OF LIFE

The recitation of this dua has been proven on many instances. Hazrat Imaam Zainul Aabideen (Radiyallahu Anhu) mentions that whosoever recites this dua on the Day of Ashura anytime from sunrise to sunset or has someone to recite it for them whilst they listen, then Insha-Allah they would be granted the assurance of life for that year.

دُعَاةِ عَاشُورَاءِ

يَا قَابِلُ تَوْبَةٍ أَدْرِمَ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءِ يَا قَابِلُ ذِي الثَّوْنِ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءِ يَا جَامِعَ
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مُغِيثَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنَ النَّارِ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءِ يَا رَافِعَ أَدْرِيْسَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءِ يَا
مُجِيبَ دَعْوَةِ صَالِحٍ فِي النَّاقَةِ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءِ يَا نَاصِرَ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءِ يَا رَحْمَنَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَرَحِمَهُمْ مَاصِلِي عَلَى سَبِيلِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَصَلِّ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالرُّسُلِ وَأَقِضْ
حَاجَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَطْلِمْ رَأْفَتَكَ وَرَحْمَتَكَ وَمَهْنَتَكَ وَرِضَاكَ وَأَجِنَا
حَيَوَةَ طَيْبَةً وَتَوَفَّنَا عَلَى الْإِيْمَانِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ بَعِثْ
الْحَسَنَ وَالْحُسَيْنَ وَأَبِيهِ وَوَجَدَهُ وَبَيْنَهُ فَرَجَ عَمَّا نَحْنُ فِيهِ

7 TIMES

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ مَلَأَ الْمِيزَانَ وَمُنْتَهَى الْعِلْمِ وَمَبْلَغُ الرِّضَى وَرِزْقَةُ
الْعَرْشِ لَا مَلْجَأَ وَلَا مُنْجَاءَ مِنَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا إِلَيْهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ الشَّجَرِ وَالْوُتُرِ
عَدَدَ كَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ الثَّقَاتِ كُلِّهَا نَسْتَلْكَ السَّلَامَةَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ وَ
هُوَ حَسْبُنَا وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ نَعْمَ الْمَوْلَى وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ
الْعَظِيمِ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَعَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ عَدَدَ ذُرِّيَّةِ الْوُجُودِ وَعَدَدَ مَقْلُوباتِ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Ya qaabila taubati Aadam Youma Aashura, Ya faarija karbi zin nooni Youma Aashura, Ya jaami'a shamli Ya'qoob Youma Aashura, Ya Saami'a Da'wati Moosa wa Haroone Youma Aashura, Ya mugheethe Ebrahime minan naari Youma Aashura, Ya raafi'a Idreese elas samaaee Youma Aashura, Ya Mujeebe da'wati saaleh jin naaqati Youma Aashura, Ya Naasira Sayyidina Muhammadin Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam Youma Aashura, Ya Rahmaanud Dunya wal aakhirati wa Raheemahuma Salli Ala Sayyidina Muhammadew wa ala aali Sayyidina Muhammadew wa Salli Ala Jamee'il Ambiyae wal mursaleena waqdi haajatina fid dunya wal aakhirati wa atil umranaa fi taa'atika wa mahabbatika wa ridhaaka wa ahyina hayaatan tayyibataw wa ta waffana alal imaanil wal islaami bi rah matika yaa arhamar Raahimeen. Allahuma bi iznil hasani wa akhihi wa ummihi wa abihi wa jaddihi wa banihi far rij anna ma nahnul fi. (Then 7 Times) Subhanallahi mil al mizaani wa muntahal limi wa mablaghar ridhaa wa zeenatal arshi laa malja'a wa laa man jaa'a minal laahi illa ilay. Subhanallahi ada dash shaf'ee wal watriwa ada da kalimaatillahit tammati kulliha nas alookas salaamata bi rahamtika yaa arhamar Raahimeen. Wa huwa hasbunaa wa ni'mal wakeel. Ni'mal moula wa ni'man naseer. Wa laa howla wa la quwata illa billahil aleeyal azeem. Wa Sallahu Ta'aala ala Sayyidina Mohammadew wa ala aalihi wa sahabihi wa ala mu'mineena wal mu'minaati, wal Muslimeena wal Muslimaati ada da zarraatil fujudi wa ada da ma'loomatil laahi wal hamdu lilahi rabbi alalmeen



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GRATITUDE AND CONGRATULATIONS

First and foremost we thank Almighty Allah, and through the waseela of his beloved and final prophet ﷺ granted us with this beautiful Islamic new year known as the month of Muharram-ul-Haram which is one of the four sacred divine months and at the same time we take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to the entire Islamic world especially to all the Hajees who have performed their Hajj Umrah. Allah Ta'aala accepts the Hajj of every muslim the opportunity to visit the blessed city of Makkah al-Mukarramah and Madinat al-Munawwarah Ameen.

INTRODUCTION

With the sighting of the new moon of Muharram (Which is the beginning of the new Islamic month). Muharram itself is a sacred month and is from the months which have been mentioned in the Holy Quraan.

Almighty Allah says in the Holy Quraan: "Four of them (Zil Qadd, Zil Hajj, Rajab, and Muharram) are sacred". (Surah Taubah)

VIRTUES

From the 4 months Muharram has been blessed with the certain specific virtues.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has said: "The best of fast besides the fast of Ramadaan is the fasting of Muharram". (muslim)

In another hadeeth Hazrat Ibn Aabaas ؓ reports: That the peace of our hearts and minds, the most generous and kind prophet ﷺ has said: "The one who keeps a fast in the month of Muharram will receive the reward of 30 fast for each fast (in this sacred month)."

Although the fast of Muharram are not compulsory, the one who fast out of his own will be entitled to a great reward by Allah Ta'aala. The hadeeth signifies that the fast of the month of Muharram are the most rewardable amongst the Nafl fasts. The hadeeth does not mean that the reward can only be attained by fasting for the whole month. On the contrary each fast during this month has a merit; therefore one should take advantage of this opportunity

THE DAY OF ASHURA

Although the month of Muharram is sacred as a whole month but the 10th Muharram is the most sacred amongst all. This day is called the Day of Ashura and it is the one of the most sacred days in the Islamic calendar.

According to Ibn Abi Asim When the Holy prophet migrated to medina he found out that the Jews of Medina used to fast on the 10th of Muharram, They said that it was the day on which prophet Moosa ؑ was saved from the red sea miraculously and the Pharaoh was drowned in hearing from the Jews the Holy prophet ﷺ said: we are closer to Moosa than you. He then asked the Muslims to observe the fast of Ashura. (Abu Sa'eed)

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED ON THE DAY OF ASHURA

There are several incidents which took place on the day of Ashura which have made their place in the glorious history, here are some of them.

- Rain descended from the skies for the first time.
- Mercy was revealed for the first time.
- Arsh, Kursi, Sky, Earth, Sun, Stars, Moon, heaven was created.
- Adam ؑ's repentance was accepted on this day.
- Adam ؑ was born on this day and entered jannah.
- Hazrat Ebrahim ؑ was released and was safe from the fire of Nimrood.
- Hazrat Esa ؑ was raised up to the sky.
- Hazrat Muhammed ﷺ married Hazrat Khadija ؓ on this day.
- Imaam Hussain ؑ was martyred.
- And the Day of Judgement will take place on this day.



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HAZRAT BABA FARID-UD-DIN

Dar-e-Janat hai darwaza Farid Uddin Chishti Ka (The door of Farid Uddin Chishti is the door of heaven). Hazrat Baba Faridudeen Gang Shakar (rahmatullahi alaihi) was one of the most influential and pivotal figures in the Chishtiyyah silsila, and is widely renowned for his intensely rigorous mujahedas in Allah's path. After the premature death of Khwaja Qutubuddin Kaki (rahmatullahi alaihi), only a year after the demise of Khwaja Moinudeen Chishti (rahmatullahi alaihi), the bulk of the work begun by the latter fell upon his shoulders. It was he who, in his 37 years as head of the silsila, ensured the propagation of Islam throughout India and the lands beyond.

Baba Farid al-Din Masaud-Ganj-i Shakkar ('Treasure of Sugar') as he came to be known-was born in Kahtwal, in the district of Multan (present-day southeast Pakistan). His grandfather Qazi Shuoayb, a jurist from the house of Farrukh Shah 'the Just' (whose lineage is traced through Sultan Ibrahim ibn Adham to 'Umar al-Faruq), had left his native Kabul after it was swallowed up by the Ghaznavid Empire. Miraculous events surrounded Baba Faridudeen's (rahmatullahi alaihi) birth. He was born on the 29th Shabaan in 569 AH, the son of a pious alim and a waliah (female saint).

As the night was cloudy, people did not know whether Ramadaan had begun or not. But a dervish told them that a wali had been born who would be the Qutb (spiritual monarch) of his time, and that they must look to the child for their answer. Sure enough, the one-day old Baba Faridudeen (rahmatullahi alaihi) did not touch his mother's milk after sehri, indicating to all that Ramadaan had in fact begun. Baba Faridudeen (rahmatullahi alaihi) was a direct descendent of Hazrat Umar Farooq (rahmatullahi alaihi). After completing his education in Kahtwal, for higher studies Farid al-Din proceeded to the city of Multan, which was then an important center of Islamic learning. In Multan, Farid al-Din lodged at a mosque, where he busied himself with books. One day as he was reading Khwaja Qutb-ud-Din Bakhtiyar Kaki appeared in the mosque.

Farid al-Din recognized at once that this was no ordinary man. As Khwaja Qutb al-Din prayed his namaz, Farid al-Din meekly seated himself nearby. When the Khwaja was finished, he addressed him: 'Masud, what are you reading?' Farid al-Din answered, 'I am reading Nafi' (a legal text, the title of which means 'useful'). 'And do you find it useful?' Farid al-Din confessed, 'What is useful to me is the alchemy of your glance.' Overcome with emotion, he kissed Khwaja Qutb al-Din's feet.

After his education finished, Baba Faridudeen (rahmatullahi alaihi) was ordered by his Pir-o-murshid to begin a tour of all the Islamic countries in order to meet the leading mystics of his time. On this journey, he came into contact with many great sufis. Whilst in Madinah performing Hajj, he was spiritually directed by the Holy Prophet (saw) to go to Baghdad. Doing so, he was welcomed by the son of Hazrat Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani (rahmatullahi alaihi) and given khilafah in the Qadriyya silsila, as well as receiving from him various sacred relics such as a turban and wooden food bowl of Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). After eighteen years of traveling, he returned to Delhi and his Pir-o-murshid, and was given khilafah by Khwaja Qutbudeen Kaki

(rahmatullahi alaihi) in the presence of many great sufis.

His great popularity aroused the ire and jealousy of Ajodhan's qadhi, who out of his envy wrote a letter to the leading ulema of the time complaining about Baba Faridudeen's (rahmatullahi alaihi) love of Sama. But the ulema rebuffed him, saying, 'Baba Farid is the Qutb of our time, and the highest authority on Shariah among all of us. If he says Sama is permissible, then it is.'

The above incident bears ample testimony to the universal awe in which Hazrat Baba Faridudeen (rahmatullahi alaihi) was held.

His mujahedas were of such rigour that few in the history of sufism have managed to surpass them. Once he was ordered by Khwaja Qutbudeen Kaki (rahmatullahi alaihi) to perform a forty-night seclusion whilst suspended upside down in a well, being pulled up only for salaah and to perform more ordinary devotions. As an initiate Farid al-Din followed the example of his murshid in fasting continuously and practicing the most rigorous spiritual disciplines undertaking even the daunting chilla makus ('inverted retreat'); forty nights of zikr ('remembrance,' invocation) while suspended upside-down in a well. One day when Khwaja Muoin al-Din Chishti, Khwaja Qutb al-Din Bakhtiyar Kaki, and Farid al-Din were sitting together, Khwaja Muoin al-Din said to Khwaja Qutb al-Din: 'How long will you scorch this youth with spiritual exertions? Show him some kindness.' Khwaja Qutb al-Din assented, and both Shaykhs rose and together gave Farid al-Din the blessing of a glance of kindness.

Baba Faridudeen (rahmatullahi alaihi)'s kindness and forbearance were legendary. Once a soldier came with the intention of killing him, but the great saint merely told him, 'Dear brother, I have done you no harm. Why would you kill a dervish and earn the curse of God?' When the man relented, he immediately embraced and forgave him. He was the most humble of men; despite all the vast knowledge he had at his disposal, he would refrain from even correcting those who came to him arrogantly for fear of puncturing their egos. Baba Faridudeen (rahmatullahi alaihi) enjoined the strict adherence to Shari'ah and the necessity of renouncing the pleasures of the world as pre-requisites for embarking on the journey towards Allah. His love for the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) was so intense that he would sometimes break down and cry whilst lecturing on him, realising his own worthlessness as compared to that of our beloved Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). As with all the great sufis, the object of his life was devotion to Allah and service of mankind.

Death comes to all, even the greatest of saints, but the manner in which we receive it is not the same for all. As Baba Faridudeen (rahmatullahi alaihi) was born in a state of devotion, so too he died in that state. Khwaja Farid al-Din would often lie in prayerful prostration (sijda) for hours on end, reciting, 'I die for You; I live for You.' Having reached his ninety-third year, on the evening of 5 Muarram 664/1265 the Shaykh breathed his last. His last words were, 'Ya Hayyo ya Qayyum.' Upon his death, a divine voice was heard by those gathered to say, 'FRIEND HAS MERGED INTO THE UNITY OF FRIEND.'

HOME REMEDIES FOR ULCER

BY HASINA BEGUM SAYED

Definition

An ulcer is an erosion (open sore) on the surface of an organ or tissue. Ulcers most commonly erupt in the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum, in which case they are known as peptic ulcers.

Causes

The problem begins, in most cases, with a spiral-shaped germ that seems to live for one purpose, digging holes in our stomachs. This bacterium, known as *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori* for short), is very common: it's found in about half of all people under 60 years old. *H. pylori* never causes problems in most people, but in an unlucky minority, the bug burrows through the stomach's protective mucous coating. The bacteria and stomach acid irritate the sensitive lining beneath, causing ulcers to form.

People who use nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and aspirin for pain relief over long periods can develop ulcers.

Heredity also plays an important role in contributing to ulcers. People who have a family history of ulcers seem to have a greater likelihood of acquiring the condition, as do people with type O blood. In addition, liver disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and emphysema are among the conditions that may increase vulnerability to ulcers. Stomach and pancreatic cancers also can cause these sores to form.

Symptoms

Ulcers can produce mild symptoms resembling heartburn or severe pain radiating throughout the upper portion of the body. The most common discomfort of ulcers is a burning sensation in the abdomen above the navel that may feel like hunger pangs. Pain comes about 30 to 120 minutes after eating or in the middle of the night when the stomach is empty. At this time, the acidic stomach juices are more apt to irritate the unprotected nerve endings in the exposed ulcer. Usually, pain subsides after eating or drinking something or taking an antacid to neutralize stomach acid.

Some people experience nausea, vomiting, and constipation. Blood in the feces (discoloring them black), blood in the vomit, extreme weakness, fainting, and excessive thirst are all signs of internal bleeding and may appear in more advanced cases.

Although ulcers are not usually life-threatening, they can cause serious damage if left untreated. Ulcers may erode nearby blood vessels and cause internal seepage of blood or hemorrhage (massive internal bleeding). A perforated ulcer may penetrate an adjoining organ, causing infection.

Diagnosis

Physicians diagnose peptic ulcers primarily on the basis of an X-ray examination after the patient has swallowed a special chalky substance called barium. The barium makes the digestive tract visible on X-ray film, allowing the doctor to view any abnormalities.

A second diagnostic technique is called an upper GI endoscopy (also called gastroscopy). The doctor inserts an endoscope (a flexible, lighted, tubelike instrument) through the mouth and down the esophagus to directly view the lining of the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum. An endoscopic examination and a biopsy (removal of a tissue sample for analysis) are necessary to confirm that an apparent ulcer is not actually a cancerous growth. *Helicobacter pylori* can be diagnosed with endoscopic biopsy or through a blood or breath test.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #1: It's very important to follow a diet rich in fiber and low in fats. Eat steamed green vegetable like alfalfa, broccoli, and tomatoes.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #2: Eat small portions to avoid producing too much digestive acid, but eat frequently to keep these acids from attacking the stomach linings.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #3: Studies have shown that cabbage juice cures ulcers in less than ten days, prepare cabbage juice and drink one quarter a day divided in four doses (must be taken immediately after juicing). If you can't tolerate the taste or odor of cabbage there is a Chinese remedy made with dried cabbage that has been used for many years with excellent results.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #4: For bleeding ulcers eat organic baby food and drink brown rice water to soothe the digestive system.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #5: Avoid milk, although it soothes the digestive tract and neutralizes stomach acid, it also stimulates the production of more acid, further irritating the ulcerated area.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #6: Avoid coffee, alcohol, citrus juices, sugar, hot and spicy foods, these substances irritate the stomach and encourage the production of gastric acid.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #7: Take 5000 IU of vitamin A four times a day, for six weeks, to heal the mucus membrane.

Home Remedies Peptic Ulcer #8: Take vitamin E to heal the stomach linings.



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Moderation is the process of eliminating or lessening extremes. It is used to ensure normality throughout the medium on which it is being conducted. Moderation is also a principle of life that helps protect one's life from harm. Moderation is considered a key part of one's personal development and is one of the jewels of human nature. Practicing moderation becomes difficult when the person does not have a strong sense of self-control against temptation. The idea of moderation takes a unique look at what is right or wrong. Indeed the secret of a happy life is the moderation of all things. A moderate person exercises in moderation, controls their life in moderation and enjoys pleasures in moderation. By doing so that person finds time and resources for a variety of activities and lives a more complete life. Such a life is full of inclinations, for the person who lives such a life enjoys a variety of first choices.

Moderation in Islam means that one does not exaggerate and go beyond the limits set by Islam, and that one does not neglect it and fall short of the limit set by Islam. We as Muslims vary between extremism, negligence and moderation. Islam is a religion which emphasises a balance in life. The essence of moderation in Islam is the avoidance as well as the rejection of extremes and radicalism. Moderation is a distinctive feature of the Muslim community; it is a characteristic that enables the Muslims to last and survive, unlike the inevitably vanishing adopters of extremities. Undoubtedly moderation is a foundation for empowerment. Moderation is an Islamic principle in every walk of life, including eating, drinking and dressing up. It should be noted here that these walks of life are permitted as long as they do not transgress the laws of Islam. Islam did not come to dab on the desires of people, or to accept their dysfunctional conditions, but it came to abolish all forms of ignorance and establish a special system in humanity. Islam tells us as Muslims to work in this world, and seek livelihood and peace in it. Thus, Islam indicates to us that we have to make the effort in acquiring success in this world and in the hereafter. One of the features of moderation which is characterized by Islam is the combination of idealism and realism in a perfect and wonderful form. As far as idealism is concerned, the Islam is keen to enable human beings in reaching the highest possible levels easily, comfortably and tranquilly. In realism, Islam takes into account the condition and nature of human beings, the limits of their capacity, the nature of their composition, and the reality of their life. People say that Islam is an all-encompassing religion and nothing else. These people do not understand the fact that Islam is a religion of moderation and discards extremism. If we look closely at the teachings of Islam we as Muslims are taught to keep in mind that the life of the hereafter is our ultimate goal, and therefore we should be charitable and not become too attached to worldly things.

Allah Almighty has so beautifully mentioned in the Holy Quraan: "And thus We made you an exalted community among all the nations." (S 2: V 143) The Ummah of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) is the last Ummah and it is referred to as the Ummah which is justly balanced and moderate. Nabi (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) has so beautifully mentioned: "The best of actions are the ones done in moderation." (Bayhaqi)

A wise scholar once said: "Be moderate in everything because moderation is a virtue. If we become extreme then we have narrowed our minds. Thus, constantly remember that moderation is the inseparable companion of wisdom." Therefore we must understand the concept that moderation is the centre wherein all philosophies meet. People have the incorrect perception when they think that a person makes fewer mistakes when that person grows up. Moderation is not a way to avoid mistakes, but to learn a lesson through self-cultivation and condensation of thoughts. Some people are of the opinion that incorporating moderation in our lives we make our life worthwhile. We must continuously recollect the teaching of moderation in Islam and how moderation allows us to increase our spiritual strength. It is through spiritual strength that we are able to develop self-mastery in our actions and to live with Islamic morals and values. Moreover, it is with increased spiritual strength that we can protect ourselves from the dangerous excesses and destructive addictions of today's world.

I always believe that the spirit of moderation should always be regulated by the spirit of wisdom. Thus, if we go beyond the bounds of moderation then we will be placing an outrage on humanity. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, a German writer, artist, and politician has said: "Out of moderation a pure happiness springs."

May Allah Almighty, through the Wasilah of Nabi (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam), grant us the strength and ability to imbibe and incorporate moderation in our lives, Aameen!

For The Esaale Sawaab of:

- 1.) Hazrat Ghulaam Mustapha (R.A) 2.)
- Hazrat Baba Kassim Faridi (R.A) 3.)
- Hazrat Sayed Khalid Shah (R.A)
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MUHARRAM SHAREEF

BY SHEIKH ZUZE ISHAAQ - HEAD OF DAWAH ACTIVITIES AT ORANGE FARM

Allah ﷻ created us with conscious and free will and we surrender to His call and truly we beg His guidance and mercy. We have been all blessed to receive this direct guidance from Allah ﷻ, the Glorious Qur'an and the Sunnah practise of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Let us all be conscious of what we do in this life on earth.

Brethren! We should know that the new Islamic year has visited us. This is the month which deserves our esteem and reverence most, providing us Muslims the opportunity to strive morally, socially and spiritually to attain nearness to Almighty Allah ﷻ.

Muharram is the first month on Islamic calendar and its first ten days are considered sacred. Many incidents took place during these days and amongst them it was the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussein ﷺ the grandson of Rasoolullah ﷺ at the cruel hand of Yazid and his army. The plains of Karbala at Iraq bear witness to this brutal and cruel act of Yazid.

A sacred day it is in this month, Ashura- distinguished and honoured, therefore worship Allah as much as we can since on this day Allah ﷻ returned to Adam ﷺ with mercy after his exile from paradise and his lamentation and his repentance, and on this day Allah saved Noah and his companions in the ark, and Allah Extinguishes the fire in which Ibrahim ﷺ was thrown in, and on this day Essa ﷺ was taken to heavens and lastly on this day descended the first Mercy and Blessings of Allah from Heavens with first rains also fell. Etc.

With this in mind we should inculcate in us the spirit of patience and sacrifice for Allah's pleasure as the significance on this day, by fasting as recommended by our Nabi Muhammad ﷺ. And whosoever observes fast on this day is like one who fasts all his life and will receive great reward from Allah. Whoever places his hand on the orphan, or feeds a hungry man or offers water to a thirsty man, Allah will serve him a feast from paradise and will quench his thirst with the wine of salsabil. And whoever provides generously for His

family on this day Allah will be generous to Him throughout the year. Ameen!

Allah say's in the Glorious Qur'an "Have you not seen those who proclaim themselves to be pure, nay, it is Allah who purifies who He pleases and they will not be wronged in the least" (Al-Qur'an) So again we can see that human life has no value or dignity without the means of doing well, that is the above light of obedience. It is our great duty to save Islam and by so, allowing Islam to guide us our decision and actions will eventually lead us to a more meaningful life-Insha'Allah.

May Almighty Allah inspire us all to take benefits in this sacred month and grant us a heart full of passionate and devotion Ameen!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOCUS

BY FAKIR HASSEN

Makkah, SAUDI ARABIA - In the wake of a successful Hajj, the Kingdom's Project for the Utilization Sacrificial Meat will distribute Qurbani meat among the poor people in 23 countries in Asia and Africa. A total of 25,000 slaughtered sheep will be distributed among the poor and needy inside the Kingdom while another 240,000 will be refrigerated and sent outside the Kingdom.

Mina, SAUDI ARABIA - Minister of Health Dr. Abdullah Al-Rabeeah announced that this year's Haj season was safe and free from epidemic or quarantine diseases, despite earlier concerns about the deadly MERS virus which has so far killed 60 people worldwide, 51 of them in the Kingdom itself. The minister said that the Ministry of Health had mobilized all resources to ensure the health and safety of pilgrims as well as to provide them with a healthy atmosphere to perform their Haj rituals with ease and comfort.

Washington, USA - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has urged President Barack Obama to end drone strikes in Pakistan, touching on a sore subject just as relations between the two countries have been improving after years of suspicion over the US-led campaign in Afghanistan. The US has quietly restarted security assistance to Pakistan after freezing much of that aid during a period of strained relations following the 2011 Navy SEAL raid that killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

London, UK - Western and Arab powers meeting with Syrian opposition leaders in London agreed that President Bashar Al-Assad could not be part of any future government, according to British Foreign Secretary

William Hague. Syrian opposition chief Ahmad Jarba told Western and Arab allies the group will not attend of peace talks unless the goal is to remove Assad from power. Jarba said the opposition risks losing credibility if it yields to international pressure to attend talks that do not aim at Assad's removal.

Bandar Seri Begawan, BRUNEI - for allegedly meeting her fiancé Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah has before their wedding, police said, announced that a new Shariah adding that her father was the chief criminal law that could include suspect. Prosecutors are to press penalties like amputation for theft and charges against the 35-year-old over stoning for adultery will be enforced in the death of his daughter in the six months. The sultan said in a speech village of Shabaa in the southern that the Shariah Penal Code would be highland province of Taz, the police applied to Muslims only. Brunei's website said. Killings of daughters, Shariah Islamic court had previously wives or sisters to punish perceived handled mainly family-related breaches of family honor are not disputes. Nearly 70 percent of Brunei's uncommon in Yemen, despite people are Muslim Malays while about pressure from the United Nations and 15 percent are non-Muslim ethnic human rights watchdogs for more Chinese.

Makkah, SAUDI ARABIA - The

Presidency of the Two Holy Mosques Madinah, SAUDI ARABIA - A citizen has set up an exhibition to document of the Netherlands who was involved the history and artifacts of the Haram in a derogatory film about Prophet Mosque in Makkah and the Prophet's Muhammad (peace be upon him) is Mosque in Madinah. The manager of aiming to establish the first Islamic the Two Holy Mosques Exhibition, political party in Europe. The party Mohammad Al-Jabri said that the will focus on serving Islam and exhibition will include old inscriptions Muslims not only in the Netherlands of the Qur'an, historical items, rare but Europe as whole, said Arnoud photographs, and architectural van Doorn, who was involved in the models representing the various production of the controversial Islamic eras. It is made up of different "Fitna". Van Doorn had reverted to halls: The reception hall which has a Islam about a year ago and model of the Haram Mosque and old performed Haj this year. He also and new photos of the Two Holy performed Umrah in February. "The Mosques; and the Haram Mosque hall party will comprise a large number of which exhibits a model of the Holy Muslim members as well as non- Kaaba stairs, made of wood dating Muslim members who sympathize back to 1240H. The hall also exhibits with Islam and Muslims," he said. the kiswa (Kaaba cover) used through Van Doorn regretted taking part in ages, in addition to a Kaaba door the film, which he said contained a lot

which dates back to 1363H.

Sana'a, YEMEN - A 15-year-old (pbuh).

Yemeni girl has been burned to death

effective action by the authorities to protect women.

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31 December	Shab-e-Data Wa Mehr-o-Raza (R.A.)	Urs Shareef Saaberie Chishty Masjid Lenasia
3/4/5 January	Hazrat Badsha Peer (R.A.)	Urs Shareef Overport Secondary School Grounds Durban
13 January	Eve Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal "Big Night" Subject to sighting of the New Moon
18 & 19 January	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Saaberie Chishty & Jamia Razvia Masjid Lenasia
18 & 19 January	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Rustenburg Meelaad Group
25 & 26 January	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Laudium Meelaad Group
26 January	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Al Hudaar Foundation Lenasia
25 & 26 January	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Quadiya Masjid Koshnee
1 & 2 February	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Madressa Mohamadiya Quadiya Nirvana School Lenasia
9 February	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Zakariyya Park Civic Centre
10 February	Eve Giyaarwee Shareef	Subject to sighting of the New Moon
14 & 15 February	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Sultan Bahu Masjid Mayfair
22 & 23 February	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Sham-ul-Islam Lenasia South
22 & 23 February	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Mafikeng
23 February	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) & Giyaarwee Shareef Bawas Tolt Benoni
1 March	Hazrat Sabir Paak (R.A.)	Urs Shareef Zeerust Civic Centre
1 & 2 March	Meelaad-un-Nabi	(Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Piet Retief
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10 May	Hazrat Khaak Saar Ali Shah (R.A.)	Urs Shareef Baitun Noor Centre Lenasia
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