

# What's Happening at Darul Ihsan

## 800 Sandwiches for hungry pupils!

Alhamdulillah our feeding scheme, "Feed a Pupil" under Darul Ihsan's charity wing, Muslim Community Charity is providing 800 sandwiches to seven schools. 200 sandwiches are prepared daily at the Centre presently, and promptly delivered to the respective schools before the first break.

Alhamdulillah the programme has been very well received. Thank you letters, expressing appreciation for Darul Ihsan and the Muslim community have been received. It is indeed shocking to note the number of pupils attending schools without having breakfast or carrying lunch to school due to extreme poverty. To this end, Darul Ihsan is contemplating increasing the number of schools in the next year, Insha Allah. Help us to help the poor! Will you like to take part? Then call us TODAY!

## New Da'wah Office:

Darul Ihsan's Da'wah wing "Islamic Information Centre" has recently opened a satellite office in Inanda. The office is equipped to handle Da'wah activities and is manned by a dedicated, senior Aalim. As a part of our Da'wah initiative, a web page has been created for Zulu readers on our website.

## Masjid Posters:

As an informational and educational initiative, brothers are encouraged to read the Masjid notice boards for our posters. Some recent topics include "Wake up call to Muslim parents - Matric Balls", "Islamic Guidelines for Holidays", "Violent Abuse of Women - are we man enough to condemn it?" and "Ending Violence Against Women - where do we begin?". Masjids that wish to receive a copy regularly should request to be placed on our mailing list.

## Helping the Unemployed:

Assistance rendered to the poor and needy by our welfare department has in the last few months increased considerably. However, in a move to encourage people to become self sufficient Darul Ihsan has taken the initiative of empowering job seekers by offering goods on a gratis basis for resale as street vendors and informal traders. To this end, goods totalling R100 000 was distributed.

## Bursary Fund:

The Darul Ihsan Bursary Fund (D.I.B.F) will be offering bursaries (secular and religious) to needy students for the year 2008, Insha Allah.

## New look website!

Alhamdulillah, www.darulihisan.com, our website has improved a great deal. We request viewers to submit their comments and help us improve our website. News, articles, etc. are updated daily. We invite you to our home page. Come and visit!

WISHING ALL OUR READERS & THE  
WHOLE UMMAH A JOYOUS EID-UL-ADHA  
AND HAJJ MABROOR TO ALL THE

عید مبارک و حج مبرور  
HUUJJAAJ

## Humour

Mulla Nasruddin was once delivering a Hajj sermon, when an illiterate Haaji came to him with a letter he had received from his son back home, and requested the learned Mulla to read it to him. Mulla Nasruddin looked at the letter, but could not make out a single word. So he told the man "Forgive me, but I cannot read this." The man cried: "For shame, Mullah Nasruddin ! You must be ashamed before the turban you wear (i.e. the sign of education)." Mullah Nasruddin removed the turban from his own head and placed it on the head of the illiterate man and said: "There, now you wear the turban. If it gives some knowledge, read the letter yourself."

Wish to volunteer for community or Deeni work & earn rewards? Then sms us your details immediately



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## Sunnahs of Eidul-Adha

1. To wake up early in the morning (earlier than usual).
2. To clean one's teeth with Miswak.
3. To take a bath (Sunnah bath).
4. To wear one's best available clothes.
5. To use perfume (litr).
6. Not to eat before the Eid Salaah.
7. To partake of the meat from the Qurbani animal first.
8. To recite the Takbir of Tashriq in a loud voice whilst going to the Eid Salaah and returning.
9. To go to the Eid Salaah on one route and return from another.
10. To go to the place of Salaah early.

- Mufti Taqi Usmani

## Distribution of the Meat

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If an animal is sacrificed by more than one person, like a cow or a camel, its meat should be distributed equally among its owners by weighing the meat strictly and not at random or by mere guess. Even if all the partners agree on its distribution without weighing, it is still not permissible according to Shari'ah.

However, if the actual weighing is not practicable due to some reason, and all the partners agree to distribute the meat without weighing, distribution by guess can be done with the condition that each share necessarily contains either a leg of the animal or some quantity of its liver.

Although the person offering a Qurbani can keep all its meat for his own use, yet, it is preferable to distribute one-third among the poor, another one-third among his relatives and then, keep the rest for his personal consumption.

All parts of the sacrificed animal can be used for personal benefit, but none can be sold, nor can be given to the butcher as a part of his wages. If somebody has sold the meat of the Qurbani or its skin, he must give the accrued price as Sadaqah to a poor man who can receive Zakah.

PLEASE HANDLE WITH RESPECT. THIS NEWSLETTER  
CONTAINS EXTRACTS FROM THE QURAN & HADITH.  
FILE AWAY FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

## Sacrifice & Striving - the staircase to spiritual elevation

Ramadaan has departed. It was a month that called for sacrifice of desires and sacrifice of time. Ramadaan was followed by the joyous day of Eid. The Eid was just not relaxation and good times - it entailed an extra Salaah, two Khutbahs and distribution of Fitr. It wasn't a matter of taking the day off from acts of devotion and worship after a month long period of devotion, sacrifice and striving. The theme of sacrifice and striving is clearly evident in this! After Eid, the optional six Shawwal fasts present another wonderful occasion for sacrifice and striving.

The fast of the first 10 days of Zil Hajjah (barring Eid) and the intensive Ibadah in these 10 holy nights is yet a continuation of the theme of sacrifice and striving. These days are also the days of Hajj. The Hajj is one mammoth lesson in sacrifice of time, money and great physical and spiritual striving. Then Eid-al-Adha follows. Another lesson in sacrificing of time and money and ongoing striving!

**This is the essence of the life of a believer in this world, from start to end, it is non-stop sacrifice and striving!**

All of these micro occasions of sacrifice and striving prepares a Muslim for greater sacrifices, until he is ready and willing for the ultimate sacrifice of his own life, wealth, health and everything for the sake of Allah.

THE HOLY QURAN BUILDS A MINDSET  
OF STRIVING AND SACRIFICE


Over and over, the Holy Quran repeats the theme of striving and sacrifice: "And strive (jahidu) for Allah in such an endeavour which is His right." (22:78) Also refer to verses 29:6 and 84:6.

The repeated mention of the theme of sacrifice & striving in so many verses of the Holy Quran, indicates that the Holy Quran wishes to prepare and build the mindset of the Muslim for ongoing sacrifice and striving in this world. There is no place in a Muslim's life for laziness, lethargy, indolence, carelessness, negligence and heedlessness.

**This Eid, let each one make a firm resolution to banish these despicable traits once and for all.**

In fact, nothing is achieved even of worldly benefit, without effort, striving and sacrifice, then how can the endless bliss of the Hereafter be achieved without it, merely on wishful thinking or pious hopes?

- Mufti Zubair Bayat, Ameer Darul Ihsan

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# The Sunnah Method of Qurbani

- Mufti Taqi Usmani

● It is more preferable for a Muslim to slaughter the animal of his *Qurbani* with his own hands. However, if he is unable to slaughter the animal himself, or does not want to do so for some reason, he can request another person to slaughter it on his behalf. In this case also, it is more preferable that he, at least, be present at the time of slaughter. However, his absence at the time of slaughter does not render the *Qurbani* invalid, if he has authorized the person who slaughtered the animal on his behalf.

● It is a Sunnah to lay the animal with its face towards the Qiblah, and to recite the following verse of the Holy Quran: “ I, being upright, turn my face towards the One who has created the heavens and the earth, and I am not among those who associate partners with Allah.” (Al-An'am, 6:79)

● But the most essential recitation when slaughtering an animal is: Bismillah, Allahu Akbar. (In the name of Allah, Allah is the greatest). If somebody intentionally avoids to recite it when slaughtering an animal, it does not only make his Qurbani unlawful, but also renders the animal haram, and it is not permissible to eat the meat of that animal. However, if a person did not avoid this recitation intentionally, but he forgot to recite it when slaughtering the animal, this mistake is forgiven and both the Qurbani and the slaughter are lawful.

● If somebody is unable to recite "Bismillah Allahu Akbar" in the Arabic language, he can recite the name of Allah in his own language by saying, "In the name of Allah".

## The reality of Qurbani

- Mufti Muhammad Shafi' (R)

The memorial sacrifice of Ibrahim ؑ is a lesson for every Believer in every time and era, that in order to attain the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, one has to sacrifice everything of his. This is the highest stage of perfection for humanity.

The sacrificing of animals, which has been made incumbent on the Muslims every year, has the status of a memorial to Ibrahim ؑ. Another point which becomes apparent, is that to give as Sadaqah the price of an animal, cannot absolve one from this Fard obligation and hence cannot fulfill the memorial of Ibrahim ؑ.

The intention of Qurbani is not to eat or feed the meat of Qurbani, but to fulfil a Shar'ee command and to renew the commemoration of the Sunnah of Ibrahim ؑ, and to create the spirit and desire of selflessness and sacrifice. The actual purpose of Qurbani, is to create a desire of obedience and submission in a human being.

# The Spirit of Qurbani

- Maulana Abdul Hamid

The whole idea of Qurbani is to bring the reality of Qurbani - sacrifice - into our lives. Qurbani is not just a customary ritual.

Shariah has emphasized this to the extent that even the women are told to slaughter with their own hands. If they cannot, for any reason slaughter the animal themselves, then they should be present, with Hijab arrangements.

Another aspect of Qurbani is that we should keep the animals with us for a while where ever possible, before slaughtering.

## Acceptance of Hajj

The Fuqahaa have written that the sign of acceptance of one's Hajj is that one's condition improves after the Hajj. One follows the Sunnah more meticulously, one has more inclination to practice good deeds and an aversion to sin.

- Malfuzat Mufti Mahmood (R)

## Brief Profile of Hazrat Umar bin Al Khattab ؓ

- He was known as الفاروق because after accepting Islam he did not keep it a secret.
- He accepted Islam 6 years after Nubuwwah & was from among the foremost to accept Islam.
- After he accepted Islam, the Muslims started reading Salaah in the Haram without fear.
- Nabi ﷺ once said, I can see the Shaytans and evil people running away from Umar ؓ
- He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Khalifa of Islam during which he ruled 2/3 of the world for 10yrs.
- He passed Away in 23AH. Age:63
- He is buried next to Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ in the Rawdah Mubarak

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE QUIZ!!!

1. Who were the 1<sup>st</sup> to accept the invitation of Ibrahim's ؑ call to Hajj ?
2. What year was Hajj made obligatory (Fardh) ?
3. Which tribe was in charge of the affairs of the Ka'bah prior to the Quraish?
4. What is the height of the Ka'bah?
5. Who lit the 1<sup>st</sup> lamp in Masjid un Nabawi ﷺ?
6. Who was charged with the duty of distribution of Zam-Zam on Hajjatul Wida ?
7. Who performed the 1<sup>st</sup> Tamatu' Hajj?
8. What animal did Rasulullah ﷺ sacrifice in his final Hajj and how many did he himself physically slaughter ?

Submit your responses via fax, email, sms or post but do it FAST! The first 20 correct replies will receive a prize! (Make sure you provide your full address/contact details).



Which animals are not suitable for Qurbani?

- The following animals are not suitable for Qurbani
- Animals whose horn(s) has been broken off from the root.
  - An animal that is blind, one-eyed or has lost more than one-third of its eyesight.
  - Animals that have lost more than a third of the ear. Similarly, animals which have no ears from birth.
  - Animals which are lame to the extent that it walks on three legs only and is unable to use the fourth leg. However if the animal can walk to the place of slaughter on the fourth leg with a limp it will be allowed.
  - Animals so lean and thin that their bones have no marrow.

Can a man purchase the Qurbani animal for his wife with his wealth, even if she can afford it?

A man may purchase his wife's animal from his wealth with her consent.

Can one use the skin of the Qurbani animal?

It is permissible to use the skin for one's personal use, eg. he may use it as a Musalla/mat. However, if the skin is sold, it is not permissible to use the income thereof. It is Wajib to give it (the income) in charity. It is not permissible to give the skin in lieu of any services rendered.

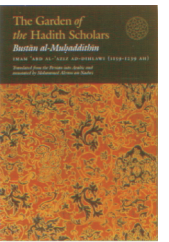
## BOOKS FOR SALE

(Available at Darul Ihsan)

### The Garden of the Hadith Scholars R119.00

- Shah Abd Al Aziz Ad-Dehlawi (R)

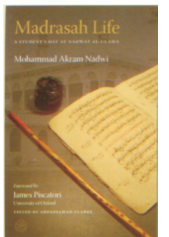
*Bustan al Muhaditheen* is a well-known anthology of Hadith sciences, major books of Hadith and Muhaditheen. Originally written in Persian in the early nineteenth century, it has been extremely popular among scholars of Hadith in India ever since. 358 Pgs.



### Madrasah Life R35.00

- Ml. Akram Nadwi

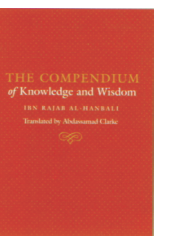
The notion that all modern Madrasahs are terrorist factories is a falsehood based on ignorance. This book reveals the daily routine of one well-known Madrasah in India and so lifts the veil on that ignorance. It is an account that academics, journalists, pundits and all those concerned with current events and issues should read.



### The Compendium of Knowledge and Wisdom R159.00

- Allamah Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali (R)

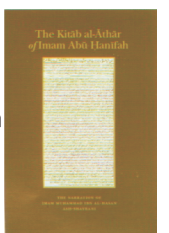
The *Compendium of Knowledge and Wisdom* is a translation of the masterwork of Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali. The author adds another eight Hadith to the famous Forty Hadith of Imam an-Nawawi and gives a much more elaborate commentary on the rulings that they entail and on the spiritual dimensions of the Hadith. 819 Pgs.



### The Kitab al-Athar R159.00

- Imam Abu Hanifah (R)

The *Kitab al-Athar* by Al-Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifah Nu'man ibn Thabit was the first book composed in Islam after the generation of the Companions. In the version before us, Imam Muhammad, himself a Mujtahid, narrated each tradition from Imam Abu Hanifah and then followed each with some explanatory material. 643 Pgs.



### The Muwatta of Imam Muhammad R99.00

- Imam Muhammed (R)

The version of the *Muwatta* narrated by Imam Muhammad Ibn al-Hasan al-Shaybani, one of the two leading pupils of Imam Abu Hanifah, comes directly from his three years of study with Imam Malik and will not only be of particular interest to students of the Hanafi fiqh, but also to students of hadith in general. 624 Pgs.

