

# MUSLIM EMPOWERMENT FUND

## STUDENT HELP PROJECT

As the new school year begins, Darul Ihsan's annual "Student Help Project" is well underway.

The "Student Help Project" provides school wear, stationery and school fees to deserving pupils. This year, Darul Ihsan expects to increase its budget to meet the needs of more pupils. As part of the "Student Help Project", 3000 stationery packs are distributed. These packs are distributed to local primary schools for the poorest of children.

## DARUL IHSAN'S BURSARY FUND

Currently bursaries are being processed by the 'Darul Ihsan Bursary Fund' (DIBF) for 2011. The closing date for applications is end of March 2011.

Last year, in 2010, bursaries were provided for **82 learners**.

## MADRASATUL-ABRAAR

Darul Ihsan's High School Madrasah class, Madrasatul-Abraar provides three categories of classes, viz. Hifz class, Senior Boys Class and Junior Boys Class.

## www.darulihsan.com some features of our popular website

### Vacancies

A call is made to businesses to use our free internet facility to advertise vacancies they have in finding employment for suitable employees. People looking for employment may also supply us with their details

### News

For daily updated local, national and international news, visit our website

### Masjid Posters

Earn substantial rewards by placing our posters on the Masjid notice boards by downloading out informative posters



Old and new clothes may be donated to deserving people through our Welfare desk. Items given as Zakaat must be properly labelled as "Zakaat".

## Miscellaneous

- **Youth Camp:** *Youth of the Ummah (YOU)* successfully undertook a 4 day camp to the Kruger National Park last year (Dec - 2010)
- **Year Planner:** Darul Ihsan 2011 Year Planner in A4 and A3 size much appreciated by the public. Copies are available from our offices
- **Jumuah Roster:** 16 venues are presently on our weekly Jumuah Roster

**Wish to receive our free SMS and e-newsletter?**  
**Then SMS your details to 0837860788**  
**or email to: [disc@darulihsan.com](mailto:disc@darulihsan.com) immediately!**

## "BASIC ISLAM"

The 'Basic Islam' course for reverts that is conducted at Darul Ihsan's Centre in Bester is now in its 2nd year of operation. Essentially the 'Basic Islam' course has three levels, namely: 'Basic Islam 1, 2, & 3' - consisting of the Primary, Intermediary and Advanced levels.

Members of the public are encouraged to send reverts (males only) to the Centre keeping in mind the dates (for the 1st term) which are as follows:

COURSE	DATE
Bester (B1)	Feb 07 to Feb 17
Bester (A13)	Feb 21 to March 03
Bester (A14)	March 07 to March 17
Bester (B2)	March 21 to March 31
Bester (A15)	April 4 to April 14

NB. "A" denotes Basic Islam 1 and "B" denotes Basic Islam 2 course. For further details contact Ml Ahmed Kathrada on (031) 2074749

### **Anxious Arab leaders are scrambling to offer concessions to prevent a so-called domino effect**

The recent shocking events in the Arab world after the revolution in Tunisia and the uprising in Egypt has dramatically altered the political landscape there with contagious effect in other Arab countries. All are urged to make Dua for good and favourable conditions to prevail in the Muslim world.

Hasni Abidi, a Middle East expert said:

"The contagion is already happening. There is a phenomenon of imitation. This morning Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh said he would not seek to extend his presidency, when his current term expires in 2013, and his son would not be a candidate.

In Jordan King Abdullah appointed a new prime minister on Tuesday while the former one had only been there for one month. And in Algeria, Morocco and Libya the authorities have lowered the prices of essential everyday products. It's not a domino effect just yet, but Arab leaders are starting to be gripped by panic. They are making certain concessions and preparing for their departure. They especially don't want to have to leave like former Tunisian President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali."

## Q & A

FROM OUR FATWA DEPARTMENT

**Q** I work in an office with a computer and Internet access. I asked my boss if I can surf the net during working hours. He said 'yes' on the condition that I make minimal use of the Internet, like checking my emails, and with no interference to my work. Unfortunately I cannot control myself from using the internet. I have this urge to surf Islamic websites, read Islamic articles and go on discussion forums. I do personal stuff like downloading bayans, nasheeds etc., onto my phone. I know this is wrong. The problem is I can't stop myself. I feel bad that I do this. How can I stop myself? My heart doesn't want to believe that this is 'sinful.'

**A** Islam emphasizes the importance of Amaanah and trust. The Hadith mentions that one who is negligent in this regard is deficient in his faith and belief. Hence, it is of great importance that you protect and safeguard what you have been entrusted with.

It is not correct for you to abuse this trust and use the internet, and other such facilities provided by your employer, for unauthorized usage, even though this may entail the downloading of Deeni material and content. You should therefore make a firm resolution not to surf the net and control the usage as permitted by your employer.

You should also compensate your employer for any unauthorised usage of the Internet in the past.

Further, in order to control yourself and as a deterrent, you may impose a fine upon yourself that will be given as charity if you use the internet more than what your employer has allowed you. This will be over and above the compensation that you will give to your employer. Such a self-imposed penalty will, Inshallah, prove beneficial - providing that you are honest to yourself.

May Allah Ta'ala guide us to uphold and fulfill that which we are entrusted with and protect us from disobedience.

And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best.  
Fatwa Dept, Darul Ihsan



# AM I A TRUE UMMATI?

<b>RATE YOURSELF!</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1. I know my Nabi ﷺ and my knowledge of his Seerah is not limited to the very basics	1	0
2. I am eager to learn more about his life and I am not content with whatever I know	1	0
3. I am willing to take out time daily to read up on his life, even a few pages	1	0
4. I own many books on Seerah in my home	1	0
5. I am willing to spend money to buy good and authentic books on Seerah	1	0
6. My attitude towards his Sunnah as my way of life is one of serious commitment	1	0
7. I consider his Sunnah to be encompassing of all aspects of life and not confined to a few physical actions only	1	0
8. I am serious about following his greatest Sunnah - his Akhlaq	1	0
9. I treat my wife in light of his treatment towards his wives	1	0
10. If he had to spend 3 days at my home as a guest, he would have found the Sunnah culture in my home	1	0
11. I promote his Sunnah to those towards around me, especially my sub-ordinates, family and friends	1	0
12. My love for him is deep down in my heart and I do not love others and their way of life more than his way of life	1	0
13. When he is denigrated, it causes me intense pain and anguish more than anything else in the world	1	0
14. I care for his Ummah very much and share the intense love he had for his Ummah	1	0
15. The suffering and decline of his Ummah causes me grief and worry and galvanises me into positive action and sacrifice for his Ummah	1	0

### SCORE CARD: If you scored:

12-15 points - Masha-Allah, May Allah grant steadfastness  
 8-11 points - Room for improvement, inshallah  
 4-7 points - Cause for concern  
 Below 4 - Urgent reformation needed

The idea of this exercise is to develop within ourselves the practice of introspection with a view to improving and progressing in our Deen - May Allah imbue all with his love and following his way of life always