

## The Need of the Hour!

Peace, happiness, mercy and all good that accompany them is the inherent need of every human being. The world today is thirsty for peace, for justice, for happiness, for harmony, for mercy and for hope and humanity. A major reason for the lack of peace and harmony in the world today is the detachment of man from the sources of peace and harmony.

### Islam represents Peace

The root word of Islam is "silm", which means peace. The personality who presented the radiant light of peace to the world when humanity was at its darkest, was our beloved Master and Leader, Muhammad ﷺ. No man had a greater task than him. In a short time he succeeded remarkably by delivering humanity from the clutches of injustice, oppression, immorality and animalism to heights of greatness, virtue, nobility and piety.

### A Universal Legacy of Mercy

The remarkable life of our Nabi ﷺ has been researched, discussed and written about more than any man in history. It is a living legacy that calls

for attention to detail and for practice with purpose. Any human being that will adopt this simple, practical and beneficial lifestyle will most surely reap its benefit.

Anyone who practices on the prophetic model of mercy, trustworthiness, honesty, humility, compassion, kindness, generosity, love, hope, cheerfulness, and every other noble quality of the Sunnah will succeed.

Today, the corporate world has embraced the principles of Islam and the Sunnah into its business practice and has prevailed. Financial models, social systems and even dietary plans that have incorporated the Sunnah teaching are enjoying the great benefits of the prophetic model.

There is no doubt that the early Muslims were attracted to Islam through Muhammad ﷺ. They lived with him, knew everything about him, they loved him and gave up everything for him. Most importantly they mirrored his life and teachings in every aspect of their lives. The latter Muslims will also attain salvation and prosperity

through adopting the very same legacy their forbears did. The Sunnah is the universal benchmark for peace, justice, security and harmony for every nation till the end.

### The Reality

No Muslim will deny that Muhammad ﷺ is his beloved and the way of Muhammad is the best way to live. Sadly, apart from this basic belief and knowledge, there is not much more we know about him or really do to profess our love and allegiance for him. Whilst we claim to love him, our character and ways do not suggest that at all. We do not have too much of an idea who he really was, what he stood for and how he behaved in times of tribulation. To know Rasulullah ﷺ is more important than even knowing ourselves.

### The need to bring alive the Seerah

In Rabi al-Awwal there is a proliferation of conferences, programmes, lectures, seminars and speeches on the Seerah, yet year after year the essence of the

Seerah seems to allude most Muslims. The Seerah presents the most profound and powerful solution yet to the woes of the global Ummah. The challenge is for the Ummah to embrace this golden rope without being apologetic or afraid.

Individually and collectively the Ummah is spiritually drained. Let us realise that spiritual elevation is proportionate to our emulation of the life of Nabi ﷺ. The greater the emulation the greater the elevation and proximity to Allah Ta'ala.

Let us resolve to learn about our beloved Nabi ﷺ, to ponder and reflect over his noble life and to begin to live his Sunnah that he so anxiously implored us to. Any other option would be an exercise in vain.

**"Indeed in the Messenger of Allah ﷺ you have an excellent example to follow for him who hopes (to meet) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah abundantly." (33:21)**

Mufti Zubair Bayat

Ameer - Darul Ihsan Centre



### In this issue

Azmate-Sahaba	2	Drugs Awareness Drive	5	Darul Ihsan Activities	8	Al Ihsan Bookshop / Media	11
World News	3	Q & A	6	Bursary 2017 / H20	9	Home Industry	12
Articles	4	Q & A	7	Darul Ihsan Activities	10		



**AMMANAH**  
ISLAMIC FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

## LEAVE RIBA FOR GOOD.

Cover for homes, vehicles, business, properties, etc.  
Special rates for Masjid properties and Islamic Organisations.  
Accepted by all major banks.

Call Ammanah today for a free, no obligation quote  
Head Office

0861 786 393 or email info@ammanah.co.za

Durban Branch

031 825 6786 / 071 331 2107 or email sikander@ammanah.co.za

Ammanah IFS (Pty) Ltd is an Authorised Financial Services Provider FSPH40953



# Azmate-Sahaba Campaign

The Sahaba ؓ were the blessed companions of our beloved Master Nabi Muhammad ﷺ. The Sahaba were perfect examples of the prophetic model and the most righteous group of people after the Ambiya ؑ.

No saint can ever surpass the rank and status of any Sahabi. The status of the Sahaba ؓ is very lofty and hence, their emulation has been emphasised in the Quran and Hadith. They are crowned in the Quran with the title, 'Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah.'

The Sahaba were shining stars, beacons of guidance and the best role models for mankind. Nabi ﷺ encouraged us to hold onto the example of the Sahaba.

Jabir ؓ narrates that Nabi ﷺ said: *“My companions are like stars, whichever of them you follow, you will be rightly guided.”* (Razeen)

Nabi ﷺ also stressed on the importance of holding onto the ways, teaching and practices of the Four Rightly Guided Khulafa, i.e. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali ؓ.

## Who were the Sahaba ؓ ?

Hazrat Irbaadh bin Saariya ؓ narrates that once after leading the Salah, Rasulullah ﷺ turned to the Sahaba ؓ and delivered a lecture that caused their eyes to flow with tears and their hearts to tremble. Someone then said, "O Rasulullah! This lecture appears to be a parting advice, so do tell us about the things that you wish to emphasise." Rasulullah ﷺ said, "I advise you to fear Allah Ta'ala and to listen to and obey (your Ameer) even if he is an Abyssinian slave because those coming after me shall witness tremendous disputes. (During these times) You should keep practising my Sunnah and the Sunnah of my rightly guided Khulafa. Hold fast to this with your molars. Beware of innovations because every innovation is a Bid'ah and every bid'ah leads to deviation." (Tirmizi and Abu Dawood)

### Disrespecting the Sahaba

Reviling, cursing and disrespecting the Sahaba is extremely dangerous to a person's Iman. Whilst outwardly it might look as if one is disrespecting an individual, or a group of people, in reality it is showing disregard, displeasure and contempt for those who have served Islam with heart and soul.

Reviling the Sahaba is also in direct contravention of the Ahadith of Nabi ﷺ.

1. Hazrat Abu Huraira ؓ reported Nabi ﷺ as saying: *“Do not revile my Companions, do not revile my Companions. By Him in Whose Hand is my life, if one amongst you would have spent as much gold as Uhud it would not amount to as much on behalf of one of them or half of it.”* (Muslim)

2. *“Fear Allah! Fear Allah! concerning my companions. “Do not make them a target” (for your obscenity or charges) after me, He who loves them, loves me and he who hates them, hates Me, and he who offends them, offends me and in turn offends Allah and he who offends Allah, Allah deals with him.”* (Tirmidhi)

3. *“The sign of faith is love of the Ansar (helpers), and the sign of hypocrisy is hatred of the Ansar.”* (Bukhari and Muslim)

Sahaba are to be held in the highest esteem and regard. Without Sahaba, there would be no link between us, Nabi ﷺ and the Quran. If there was no other accolade awarded to Sahaba, it would suffice for their excellence, that they were blessed with gazing upon the countenance, and benefitting directly from the company of the greatest of Allah's creation, Nabi Muhammad ﷺ.

### Become a Volunteer

Get involved with the Darul Ihsan volunteer program and do your duty to humanity.  
Call: 08611 44726

## QUALITY ASSURED! STRONGER THAN EVER!



**Rapid Hardening Cement Now Available !!!**



**FIBRE CEMENT ROOFING AND ACCESSORIES**

AVAILABLE AT ALL OUTLETS



**SABS APPROVED**

Available in all reputable stores!



**ALPINE CEMENT**

42.5N 50kg



**ALPINE WHOLESALERS**  
The Building Material Specialists

**0861 CEMENT (236368)**

Head Office - 24 Riley Road | Overport | Tel: 031 207 1686  
info@alpinegroup.co.za | www.alpinegroup.co.za

Branches in:  
Johannesburg | Durban | Port Elizabeth | Cape Town

## Am i a true Ummati?

RATE YOURSELF!	YES	NO
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 galvanises me into positive action and sacrifice	1	0

### SCORECARD

If you scored:

- 12-15 points - May Allah grant steadfastness
- 8-11 points - Room for improvement
- 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



# City and NGO give back to community in KwaDabeka

**E**Thekwini Deputy Mayor Fawzia Peer together with the Darul Ihsan Islamic Service Centre partnered to successfully give back to the community.

Peer and members of the centre handed out blankets, water and a hot meal to over 400 residents waiting in line at the KwaDabeka Community Health Centre.

Schools bags with stationery as well as goodie bags were handed out to children in the centre's paediatric clinic.

Peer reaffirmed her commitment to working with officials to assist the centre.

"I have done much work in the KwaDabeka area previously and I am happy to be back here. I must thank the Darul Ihsan Islamic Service Centre for partnering with the City to assist residents," she said.

Peer interacted with residents who were pleased to receive the parcels. Resident Thobeka Mbatha said it was good to see that the City cares about them.



Abdul Saeed Shaik, head of operations at the Darul Ihsan Centre said they provide services and relief to communities in dire need. The organisation has a long standing relationship with eThekwini Municipality, working closely with the Disaster Management department to provide assistance in emergencies.

"The outreach today is one of a number of initiatives we run to foster goodwill and help those in need including delivering water in drought stricken areas as well as feeding schemes at schools and old age homes," he said.

# Interventions to minimise drought impact in the City

**T**he public is urged to continue to use water wisely to mitigate the effect of the drought. Despite recent rains, the drought situation still remains a challenge in eThekwini Municipality. However, a number of interventions have been implemented by the Municipality to ensure that taps do not run dry.

A report tabled at Full Council on, 27 October outlined the various initiatives implemented by the City. Head of Water and Sanitation, Ednick Msweli presented the report to the Executive Committee which stated that South Africa is in the grips of one of the worst droughts for many decades with 2015 being the driest year on record since 1921. This has impacted on the local dam storage levels.

Therefore, the Department of Water and Sanitation together with Umgeni Water have imposed restrictions on water supply ranging from 15 to 50 percent to preserve the available storage. Msweli said the Water and Sanitation Unit has relied on water tankers which are deployed daily in areas that are known to have water supply challenges for various reasons including areas not yet reached by the Western and Northern aqueducts, areas affected by the drought curtailments and areas where there is currently no reticulated water supply.



The report stated that while some weather reports say that above average rainfall is expected in the early parts of 2017, other reports suggest that the drought could continue for at least a further 12 months. However, if 'good' rain is received before the next dry season (winter 2017), it may not be sufficient to fill the water supply dams to high enough levels to see us through until the following rainy season (summer 2017/2018).

Msweli said further steps taken to improve turnaround times included the hiring of 103 Extended Public Works Programme employees who have been deployed in some wards to expedite the reporting of faults including water pipe bursts and leaks. A WhatsApp reporting line, 073 148 3477 has been launched to help customers speedily report faults. You can also report illegal water connections and water leaks by calling 080 1313013, sms 43554 or email [Eservices@durban.gov.za](mailto:Eservices@durban.gov.za).

# Ethekwini Mayor Intensifies Anti-Fraud and Corruption Campaign

**T**his year, as the world commemorates International Fraud Awareness week from 13 to 19 November, eThekwini Municipality Mayor Zandile Gumede will use this opportunity to educate the public on how to report fraud and corruption as well as raise awareness on the channels

whistle-blowers can follow to report culprits.

With the support of a team of forensic experts and investigating officers, Gumede will reiterate the commitment she made in her inaugural speech to stamp out crime, fraud, corruption, maladministration and human rights violation in the City.

THE

# Zahab™

COIN

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THEM?



YOU WORK HARD  
FOR YOUR MONEY  
**PROTECT**  
YOUR WEALTH AGAINST  
UNCERTAINTY.  
BUY THE ZAHAB COIN.



**YOUR OBVIOUS CHOICE!**

Manufactured in South Africa by Randeree Jewellers, a gold coin rich in Islamic History containing 24-carat gold. Minted especially for the Muslim community to be used as a vehicle of investment; a gift of dowry/mehr or as a special occasion.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE KRUGERRAND IS HERE



**COIN**  
Randeree Jewellers  
GOLD EXCHANGE

[www.rjcoin.co.za](http://www.rjcoin.co.za) | 151 Essenwood Road, Musgrave | 031 202 4701 | [info@rjcoin.co.za](mailto:info@rjcoin.co.za)

# Success Story



I hope my email reaches you in good health. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the board members of Darul Ihsan (Overport) for purchasing the Lenova laptop for me which allows me to continue doing my bookkeeping work from home.

With Allah SWT mercy you have done me a great favour, SubhanAllah as I was stuck for many months with no option or funds to purchase a new laptop. May Allah SWT reward you and bless you abundantly in everything you do.

May Allah SWT make it easy for all at Darul Ihsan to continue to assist and uplift the community, InshaAllah.

Jazak Allah Khair





# Etiquette of the Haramayn

By Shaykh Maulana Muhammad Saleem Dhorat MZ

The chance to visit the sacred cities of Makkah and Madinah is indeed a great blessing and favour which Allah Ta'ala bestows upon His chosen servants. The journey is one in which the servant, despite all his shortcomings, has the honour of being the guest of his Master and Creator, Allah Ta'ala. Almost every traveller to these blessed lands entertains the wish of being able to reside in them forever. It is however, worth pondering over the verdict of Imam Abu Hanifah (R) regarding a Muslim settling in the holy places. He was of the opinion that it is makruh for the common people to reside in the blessed places, due to the fact that it would lead them to eventually lose the importance and sacredness with which these places should be regarded. Sooner or later it would result in them behaving in a negligent and disrespectful manner.

This is evident in the behaviour of the majority of the visitors who, after initially appreciating the new environment, soon change their attitude. Sad but true. This is the

case for many of us when we visit the blessed lands. Activities which are contrary to the Shari'ah take place and the respect that should be observed by every Muslim, be he a visitor or a local resident, vanishes.

The following are just some examples of actions which many of us carelessly engage in, and by doing so, violate the rights of the two Harams. They should be avoided at all costs, whether one is visiting with the purpose of performing 'Umrah or Hajj, or whether one resides in these blessed places:

## Talking in the Haram

Despite all the emphasis placed on remaining silent whilst in a masjid and being fully aware of the many virtues of engaging in Ibadah, we engage in long conversations on themes related to worldly matters. This should be completely avoided. Rasulullah ﷺ said, 'There will come a time upon people when they will talk about worldly affairs in the masjid. At such occasions, do not sit with them. Allah Ta'ala does not need such people.' (Al-Bayhaqi)

## Using mobiles in the Haram

The ringing of mobile phones within the mosques to the extent that they even ring during Salah, has become obnoxiously common. It is commonly observed that people use the mobile phone whilst reading Qur'an, doing Tawaf and some are also disturbed in Salah. We must remember in these sacred places, to switch our phones off or - even better - abstain from entering with them in the first place. It is strange how we switch off mobile phones in our local Masajid but use them freely in the Haramayn.

## Unnecessarily meeting friends

The practice of going out of one's way to meet fellow visitors just for the sake of socialising should be avoided, as it amounts to a waste of valuable time. Use every second of your time in doing good. You have your whole life in which to socialise with them when you return.

## Eating out in restaurants

Just for the sake of tasting different types of foods, we sacrifice precious time in which we could be gaining rewards. Some people go as far as missing Salah in the Haram Shareef due to eating out.

## Committing sins

Disobedience to Allah Ta'ala should be avoided at all costs. Casting evil glances and backbiting are the most common forms of sinning. We must exert extraordinary efforts to refrain from all sins and make a firm resolution to remain steadfast on this upon our return.

## Spending time shopping

Rather than remaining in the Sacred Masajid to perform Ibadah, we tend

to spend enormous amounts of time shopping. In reality, the majority of the items that are sold there are also available back home. Rather than starting to shop as soon as we arrive, we should confine the purchasing of our gifts and personal needs to the last 2-3 days of our stay in each city and fix hours per day so that the entire last days are not wasted either. This will help to ensure that we spend as much of our time as possible in Ibadah.

## Watching Television

The fact that a television set is found in nearly every room does not mean that we should watch it. Doing so would be a form of laghw, which is also a sin. Moreover, some people engage in watching films, movies or football games. All these should be shunned for they bring the displeasure of Allah ta'ala.

## Looking at the faults of others

We have a tendency to look at the mistakes and faults of others. We forget that every person around us is either a visitor or resident of the cities of Allah Ta'ala and His Prophet ﷺ. Is it appropriate to disgrace either the visitor of Allah and His Rasul ﷺ or an inhabitant of their cities?

## Ibadah void of spirituality

Whether it be Tawaf, greeting the Prophet ﷺ or other acts of worship, our devotions have all become mere rituals, to the extent that we perform 'Umrah every year during our holidays simply because it has become a trend to do so. We need to perform 'ibadah with the sense of the sacredness of the place and greatness of the Creator with the sole intention of pleasing Him only.

The book 'Virtues of Hajj' by Shaykh-al-Hadith, Shaykh Maulana Muhammad Zakariyya rahimahullah is a recommended read. It will help us rectify our behaviour and reacquaint ourselves with the sacredness of the places we are visiting and the significance of the actions we are carrying out.



# TRAVELLING OVERSEAS?

0%

**COMMISSION**  
**ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE**  
**AND AT COMPETITIVE RATES**

**Customer Service Centre**

**0860 225 786**

**www.albaraka.co.za**

Albaraka Bank Limited is an authorised financial services and credit provider.  
 Albaraka Bank Limited: Reg No. 1989/003295/06  
 Albaraka Bank Limited is an Authorised Dealer in foreign exchange  
 FSP No. 4652, NCR No. NCRCP14

***Your Partner Bank***



## BRANCHES

**MAIN BRANCH**

57 Joyce Road, Sea Cow Lake  
 Durban, 4051  
 Tel: 031 577 8391

**OVERPORT**

Sovereign Heights  
 515 Brickfiled Road, Overport  
 Tel:031 208 4715

**WESTVILLE**

Shop 16 - Romax Court  
 123 Jan Hofmeyer Rd  
 Westville, 3630  
 Tel:031 267 1176

**KINGSMEAD**

121 Old Fort Road, Durban  
 TEL:031 3040359

email: [info@chohans.co.za](mailto:info@chohans.co.za) | [www.chohans.co.za](http://www.chohans.co.za)  
 Customer Careline 0860 786 786



## Special Interview

**W**e interview community Aalim and Imam of Howick Masjid, Maulana Zakariyya Murchie. Maulana is an expert drug counsellor and heads the Drugs Awareness Drive (DAD) on behalf of Darul Ihsan Centre. Maulana has many years of experience with drug victims and their families and has lectured extensively on this topic.

### 1. How serious is the drug problem in South Africa?

Unfortunately the drug problem in our community has spiralled out of control and is a threat to the entire community.

### 2. How serious is the problem among Muslim boys and girls? Are there stats?

Unfortunately our Muslim youth are heavily involved, being a minority population of Muslims in South Africa, we have close onto 40 Muslim rehabilitation centres in the country and many smaller organisations and individuals actively involved in dealing with this scourge. I am not aware of any collated stats or official figures.

### 3. Why do young Muslims do drugs?

Many different factors and reasons, one key factor is peer pressure, easy access to wealth, freedom, lack of supervision, domestic pressures, lack of Deen in the home, poor communication between parent and child etc.

### 4. What should parents do to help their children avoid drugs?

Parents must educate and empower themselves with information about drugs, keep a close watch over their children, spend quality time with their children and be alert to signs that could suggest that their child is taking drugs. Do not allow your child free access to large sums of money and the freedom to go anywhere with friends unless you know where and with whom your child is.

### 5. Who is DAD and what is their work?



DAD, is an educational campaign initiated Darul Ihsan Centre, with the focus on creating awareness and education in the community about this scourge. We want to reach out to all Muslim communities educating, empowering, creating awareness about the prohibition and harms of drugs and providing support and counselling to those affected.

### 6. How can the Muslim community benefit from and help DAD?

We depend heavily on public support. Your best support is to help us spread the information about the harms of drugs, encourage youth to attend DAD programs and workshops that are in different areas. **Visit our website, make suggestions to us for improvement and make dua for those who are affected.**

### 7. What is the long term plan to stem the drug problem among the youth?

More proactive participation from parents, teachers, community etc. to really expose the destructive nature of this problem. Parents should not be indifferent to the problem and learn to accept the realities regarding their child. It is easier to help a user in the experimental stages.

### 8. How can DAD be reached?

You may contact the Islamic Centre Howick office on 0333302278 or any Darul Ihsan office. Visit our web site [www.dad.org.za](http://www.dad.org.za).



## Darul Ihsan launches Clinic and Wellness Day at Masjid Bilal Castlehill

**D**arul Ihsan Centre - through its Muslim Empowerment Fund (MEF) - hosted its first 'Clinic & Wellness Day' at the Castlehill Islamic Centre on Sunday 24 July 2016.

The focus of this project is to provide general health checks and guidance for those who may not be able to commute to or access such services in their respective areas.

The clinic day began at 10:00am with the registration of about 150 patients and consultation starting with nebuliser tests, followed by blood sugar level checks, blood pressure tests, etc.

Five volunteer doctors, five opticians, five pharmacists and four nurses were on hand for the inaugural "Clinic & Wellness Day."

Free eye tests and medication was also provided for all patients.

The medical practitioners were aided by some 10 volunteers who assisted them together with staff and Ulama members from Darul Ihsan Centre.

Refreshments and lunch packs were provided for all and every patient received a free cooler bag, courtesy of our generous donors.

Many of the attending patients were overwhelmed and expressed their appreciation to the organisers of the 'Clinic & Wellness Day'.

Darul Ihsan Centre places on record our sincere thanks to all who contributed, assisted and made dua for this noble effort especially the medical team and all other volunteers who sacrificed their valuable time for this program.



ORDERS NOW ACCEPTED BY E-MAIL - SEND TO [orders@arrowcc.co.za](mailto:orders@arrowcc.co.za) or [info@arrowcc.co.za](mailto:info@arrowcc.co.za)

WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY ADVERTISED PRICE OR WRITTEN QUOTATION ON COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE..... WE HAVE THE STOCKS

**Cosmetics • Toiletries  
Salon Products  
Hardware  
Patent Medicines  
Snuff & Tobacco  
Cigarettes  
Jewellery • Fancy Goods  
Prepaid Cards**

201 Umgeni Road, Durban, KZN, SA Tel. +2731 309 5383 • Fax +2731 309 1122  
e-mail: [info@arrowcc.co.za](mailto:info@arrowcc.co.za) website: [www.arrowcc.co.za](http://www.arrowcc.co.za)

WE NOW ACCEPT VISA & MASTER CARDS. WE ARE OPEN EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9am - 1pm  
FULL RANGE OF STOCKS AVAILABLE - NO RESTRICTIONS  
E. & O.E. We reserve the Right to Limit Quantities • Promotion Valid While Stock Last • Prices Subject to Change Without Notice

**Head south of Durban for all your new & used vehicles, parts and service requirements.**

**Durban South Toyota!**

LEAD THE WAY TOYOTA

**DURBAN SOUTH TOYOTA Excellence in all we do!**  
2 PROSPECTON RD, Prospecton • Tel: 031 949 6500  
[www.durbansouthtoyota.co.za](http://www.durbansouthtoyota.co.za)



**Q** A brother purchased animals for Qurbani. He has not yet paid me. What do I do? And what is the status of his Qurbani?

**A** If the brother has delayed payment beyond the agreed stipulated time, then he is committing an act of oppression and is sinful for delaying payment if he has the means to pay. Notwithstanding, this his Qurbani will be discharged.

**Q** A colleague of mine has asked if Binary Trading is Halaal or Haraam? Can you please shed some light on this matter?

**A** Trading in Binary Options is not a legitimate form of earning due to a number of factors, mainly the fact that the transaction does not entail trading in an actual commodity but rather earning by predicting the fluctuation and movement in the price of a commodity. This is not a permissible way to supplement one's income. You may consider other investment methods and we could guide you, where possible, InshaAllah.

The Shariah has provided universal guidelines and safeguards with regards to our commercial dealings and protects the interest of all parties in the economic chain. The regulations ordained by the Shariah are for the individual and collective benefit of the community.

# Q & A

**Q** What is the Shari ruling with regards to having Christmas decorations, Santa and Elves etc. in my store? It is just to create a theme.

**A** This must be avoided by Muslims. Though it may appear nowadays merely as a theme but it definitely has religious connotations. The Hadith says that whosever enhances and gives impetus to the religious celebration of a nation will be counted from amongst them. (Daylami) May Allah Ta'ala protect us all.

**Q** Is it permissible for Muslim businesses to sell fireworks?

**A** Selling of fireworks is Makrooh (undesirable) and must be avoided. The undesirability is even more serious in the festive or religious periods when fireworks are bought and sold to celebrate religious functions. Through its sale and promotion one indirectly aids in the festivities.

**Q** I would like to know if a wife is allowed to take on her husband's surname?

**A** A wife may adopt her husband's surname if she wishes. The wife using the husband's surname will not amount to attributing her lineage to anyone other than her father. It is generally done for matters of convenience and identification.

The prohibition mentioned in the Quran and Hadith refers to attributing one's lineage to a person other than one's real parents. This is not the case when a woman changes her surname to that of her husband. Nevertheless, this should be the decision of the wife and she should be allowed to choose whatever she prefers.

**Q** What is the correct date of birth of our beloved Nabi ﷺ?

**A** It is famously recorded in the books of history that the blessed birth of our Nabi ﷺ occurred on the 12th of Rabi'ul Awwal. However, according to the preferred view of the scholars and historians, Nabi ﷺ was born on the 8th of Rabi'ul Awwal.

(Seeratul Mustafa)

**Q** I have a compulsory contribution on my salary to the Government Employee Pension Fund, the percentage contribution is fixed at 20%. Over time this has accumulated to an amount in excess of R600 000. I have now become aware that I am required to appoint beneficiaries to this fund in the event of my death before retirement or resignation. Who should I appoint as beneficiaries?

**A** You can appoint anybody you wish as your beneficiary with reference to this fund, be they heirs or non-heirs.

**Q** My father in law passed away and he left his house to my mother in law. Is this correct?

**A** If your father in law had for all intents and purposes given the house as a gift to his wife in his lifetime, giving her full possession and control over its ownership, then it will be regarded as a valid transaction.

If he had merely bequeathed the house to her, or intended it to enter her ownership after his demise and retained control of it in his lifetime, then such an arrangement will not be correct. The heirs may agree to a redistribution agreement according to Shariah. If the heirs willfully and happily consent to give the house to their mother, then this will also be permissible.

The laws of succession are complex and it is advisable to consult an experience Aalim when effecting such transactions.

**Q** Is it permissible to take Marijuana for medical reasons as it doesn't intoxicate like Alcohol and other substances.

**A** Marijuana is generally taken as a recreational intoxicant by addicts. Islam does not permit taking intoxicants, even in small quantities. Hence, this is not permissible.

With regards to utilising something that is forbidden for medicinal purposes, the general principle is that if a pious experienced Muslim Doctor advises that there is no alternative which will have the same effect to cure a certain sickness and prescribes a medicine which is unlawful, then utilising such a substance on the basis of necessity, to the extent of the necessity, will be permitted under the circumstances.

**Q** What is Mufti Saheb's view with regards to what's happening in the Muslim world currently like the attempted coup in Turkey attacks in France in Bangladesh, the explosion in Madinah Munnawarah and many other events where civilians lose either lives. Can we say this is the punishment from Allah SWT?

**A** These attacks are based on a gross misunderstand of Islam



**VAWDA GOLDGEM JEWELLERS**

*Blissful*  
**ELEGANCE**

534 PETER MOKABA RIDGE (RIDGE RD) | OVERPORT | DURBAN  
TEL: 031 208 9142 | INFO@VAWDAGOLDGEM.CO.ZA  
WWW.VAWDAGOLDGEM.CO.ZA

## Feed-a-Patient

*You Can Help Us Help The Poor!*

FOR ONLY  
**R1.00  
PER PACK**



**MUSLIM  
EMPOWERMENT FUND**  
*Caring for the people*

Over 20 000 biscuit packs are supplied - on a monthly basis - to 27 institutions of care.



by some. It could also be that nefarious political and economic agendas are pursued through these attacks to create global instability and confusion. True Muslims should reflect over these events and respond to them by increasing our involvement in Islamic activity, identity, charity, propagation and enhancing our own individual capacity. These tragic events should make us more conscious of our own sins and shortcomings and we should turn sincerely towards repentance and excessive dua for peace and understanding. Daily dua for the oppressed and assisting in whichever way we can should become a priority of every Muslim.

**Q** Is it allowed to listen to Nasheeds in which people are stamping their feet and using their hands along with the tune?

**A** The reciting of verses of poetry that have permissible and beneficial content is permissible in itself.

However, accompanying such recitation, with the playing of musical instruments or dancing etc., is forbidden.

We strongly recommend that you refer to the book "Slippery Stone" by Brother Khalid Baig. The book is an excellent well researched work by the prominent writer and will serve to give a much better understanding of this subject. You may purchase the book from Al Ihsan Bookshop at [www.alihsanbookshop.co.za](http://www.alihsanbookshop.co.za)

**Q** I've recently heard that once babies start eating solids, if the mum changes the babies nappy she has to make a fresh wudu as the wudu breaks. Is this true?

**A** Wudhu does not break by merely changing a child's nappy. Yes, if impurity has soiled the mothers' garments or body then the soiled area should be thoroughly washed.

**Q** Are we allowed to give away the children's clothing to the poor. A lot of the babies clothes were given as gifts at the time of birth?

**A** This depends who the gifts were made for. If the gifts were made to the child, then it will belong to the child. It is safest that the second hand value of the clothes be determined when the

clothes are given out and the value could then be kept for the child or new clothes could be purchased with this money for the child.

**Q** My father passed away earlier this year. He formed a trust wherein he and my mum were the trustees. Does this trust continue after his demise, or does it have to be dissolved? His heirs were the beneficiaries of the trust.

**A** A Trust is merely a legal vehicle and not a Shari entity unless it has been made a Waqf. Generally, the assets of the Trust and the proceeds are to be inherited by the heirs of the deceased. Principally, the Trust should be dissolved unless all the heirs (not only the Trustees) are baaligh and sane and they agree for it to continue as a Shari partnership. If some heirs are minors and it is in their best interest to continue then



Darul Ihsan Fatwa Department

## Darul Ihsan Fatwa Dept.

*The Fatwa Department of Darul Ihsan provides a wide range of services such as the issuing of rulings, verdicts, research, mediation, estate distribution and planning, general advice, etc.*

*The Fatwa Department receives an average of 250 questions per month - mostly via email - from around the globe. Every reply is checked and approved by at least two Muftis that serve in the department.*

### Need a Quick Response ?

Darul Ihsan Fatwa Department provides a SMS/WHATSAPP answer service for your queries  
Cell Number: 084 786 2224  
Email: [fatwa@darulihisan.com](mailto:fatwa@darulihisan.com)

## What is Fidya?

### Who can pay and who should fast

terminally ill, will pay Fidyah for missed fasts.

Persons who may have been excused from fasting due to temporary illness or travel must make Qadha i.e. keep the missed fasts. Such a person will not be allowed to pay Fidyah for the missed fasts.

Allah Ta'ala states in the Noble Qur'an: "Those amongst you who are ill (temporarily) or on a journey, then the same number (should be made up) from other days." (Al Baqarah)

It is clear from this verse that merely the paying Fidyah will not suffice for missed fasts.

A breastfeeding or pregnant woman who fears loss of her life or the life of

her child due to fasting is exempted from fasting until she regains her health.

Nabi Muhammad ﷺ has said in a tradition: "Verily Allah Ta'ala has excused the travelling one from fasting and has shortened his Salaah to half and has excused the pregnant and breastfeeding ones from fasting." (Tirmizi, Ahmad)

The breastfeeding woman and pregnant woman will fall under the purview of part of the Ayat as mentioned above regarding the temporarily sick and traveller i.e. "Those amongst you who are ill (temporarily) or on a journey, then the same number (should be made up) from other days." Thus, a

pregnant or breastfeeding women must keep her missed fasts in full once strength and good health is regained.

The notion of paying for missed fasts in place of actual fasting is incorrect. No compensation is allowed for one who is able to fast. It is however advisable to make a bequest that if these Qadhas are not made-up in one's lifetime, then Fidyah should be given on one's behalf.

**NB:** One who has missed fasts in Ramadan due to illness (any temporary illness) or due to a journey then he should endeavour not delay in making up for the missed fasts as there is no guarantee of life. In the instance of a person who rightly paid Fidyah due to genuine illness and then regained good health, he shall be required to keep the missed fasts.

## Feed-a-Pupil

*You Can Help Us Help The Poor!*

**For ONLY R1.00 A SANDWICH**

**MUSLIM EMPOWERMENT FUND**  
*Caring for the people*

Volunteers - housewives and businesses - prepare sandwiches for the poorest pupils. +/- 50 000 sandwiches a month distributed to 55 schools

## BASSA'S HARDWARE

Your one stop shop for all your hardware



**NEWLANDS**

**DELIVERIES DONE DAILY**

**920 INANDA ROAD, NEWLANDS**

TEL: 031-577 8811 / 031-577 5380 FAX: 031-577 8400

**128 BRIADALE DRIVE, NEWLANDS**

TEL: 031 578 2626

## TEXTILE & HABBY CENTRE

**NOW OPEN**

1300 Umgeni Road ☎ 031 829 3163

**LESS 10%**  
on all exclusive faces

**LESS 20%**  
on selected printed chiffons and stretch fabrics

**R10, R20 & R30 DEALS**

- 100% Cotton fabrics
- Pure linens, snowlook
- Scuba, Lycra
- Metallic wax prints
- Printed viscose
- Hessian, Assorted denims
- Plain and printed polycotton
- Plain dyed items (Bon Bon, Tactyl, Georgettes, Satins, Tullies)
- Extensive range of haberdashery, wool and batting

**Trading hours: Mon - Fri 8:30-4pm / Sat 8-2pm / Sundays 10-2pm (selected) / Closed daily 12:30-1:15pm / Fri 12-1:30pm**



AMPLE SECURE PARKING AND COMFORTABLE SHOPPING ENVIRONMENT





## Relief at Georgehill Road

On Saturday, 02 July 2016 the Darul Ihsan Relief team, together with volunteers, provided some relief to about 90 destitute families residing in abandoned buildings along Georgehill Road in Sydenham, Durban.

200 packs of assorted fruit and 200 sachets of juice were distributed to adults and children residing in these buildings and makeshift dwellings with no utilities.

These residents live under terrible and extremely harsh conditions particularly in view of the cold winter season.



The residents were most appreciative and thankful to the Darul Ihsan Relief team for visiting them and providing them with the victuals.

Darul Ihsan Centre thanks all donors/sponsors in making such outreach possible.

## Outreach at Malacca Road Settlement

Recently Darul Ihsan Centre - through its Muslim Empowerment Fund - was proactive in a few food/feeding programmes.

On Wednesday, 07 September 2016 the Centre donated 40 containers of food to the Cheshire Home in Chatsworth.

On Friday, 23 September 2016 the Centre sponsored meals to the Audiology staff at the Phoenix Assessment Centre on the occasion of their annual event.

Staff members expressed their

sincere gratitude to Darul Ihsan Centre for the meals provided and other past gestures to the Phoenix Assessment Centre.

On Monday, 26 September 2016 upon request from 'The Association for the Aged' (TAFTA) - on the occasion of their variety day activities at TAFTA's South Beach residence centre - 390 hot meals were provided by the Centre and served to the aged.

Darul Ihsan Centre thanks all donors/sponsors in making such outreaches possible.

## Outreach at Ekhanana Old Age Home

Darul Ihsan Centre - through its Muslim Empowerment Fund - distributed 100 blankets to senior citizens at the Ekhanana Old Age Home in W Section, Umlazi on Wednesday, 27 July 2016.

Sister Zakiya Kikia-Khan - a senior grade high school teacher at the Reunion Secondary School in Umlazi - brought to Darul Ihsan Centre's attention the need for blankets for both permanent residents and day visitors at the old age home - particularly in view of the recent cold and wet weather.

Grade 10 and 12 learners from the Reunion Secondary School, assisted in the distribution of the blankets



and 130 hot food packs to the senior citizens at the old age home.

Some of the volunteer learners went further and assisted in feeding the senior citizens.

In addition, the learners and staff of the Reunion Secondary School also donated groceries, clothing and toiletries for the senior citizens.

## 'Operation H2O' distributes water to households in Vryheid

Continuing with its water distribution drive, 'Operation H2O,' - an initiative of Darul Ihsan Centre - on Sunday, 02 October 2016 distributed bottled water to households in Vryheid.

The relief team of the Centre, together with volunteers, arrived the night before at the Madrasah Islamiya Ibrahimiyya in Vryheid where they were met by their host, Maulana Ahmed Kathrada Saheb, the Ameer of the Madrasah.

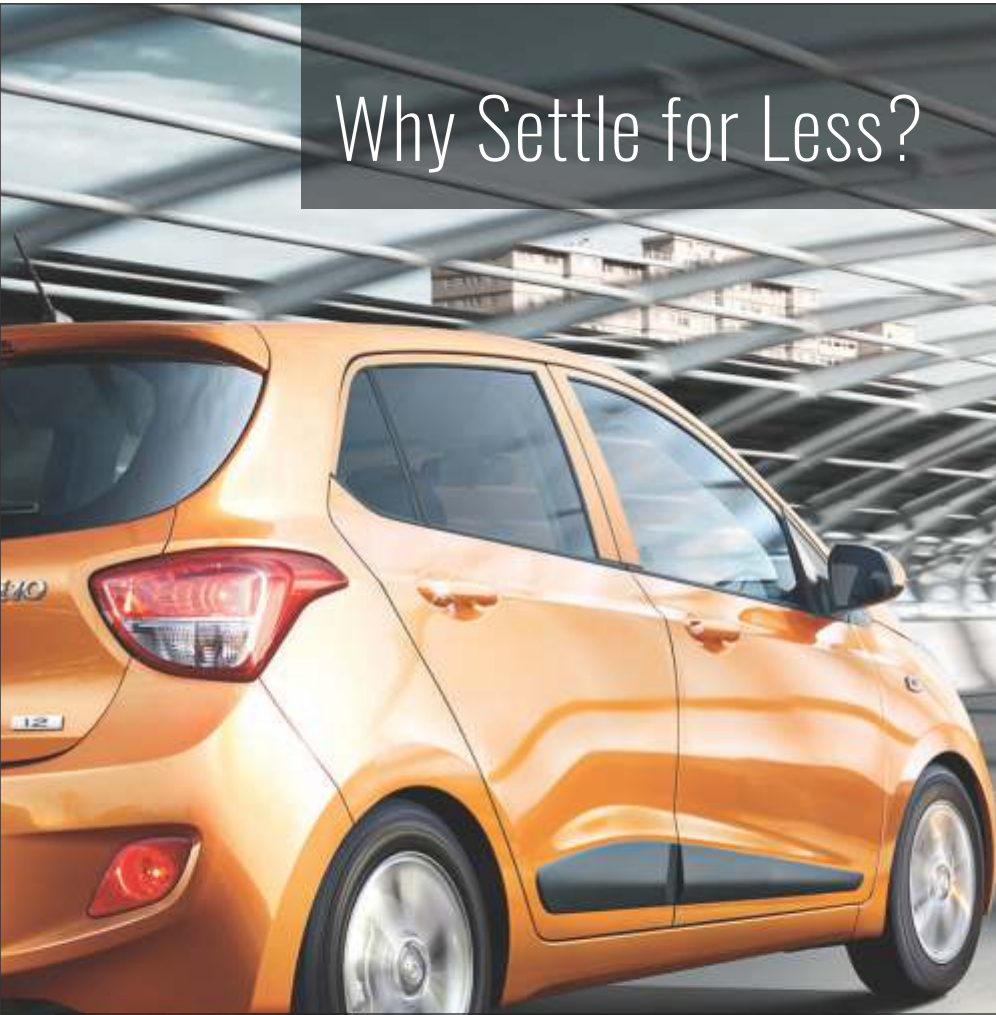
Early on Sunday morning the relief team were joined by enthusiastic local volunteers and volunteers who drove down from Dundee to facilitate the distribution of water in Lakeside. Five litre potable water bottles were distributed here to about 1 500 households who do not have running water.

The team continued to Sasko where another 1 200 households - also without running water - were handed the bottled water. Other institutions that also benefitted from the distribution of bottled water included the Esikhame Creche, Nqome, Vryheid Correctional Services and Madrasah Islamiya Ibrahimiyya.

A total of 21 400 litres of water was distributed in the area.

Additionally, 150 blankets were handed to the elderly and 60 school bags were handed to school going children.

The people of the area expressed their deep appreciation to the relief team for providing the much needed drinking water.



At Woodford Car Hire, we never compromise on service and value. So you can feel confident that youre getting the most out of your journey with us.

Speak to Woodford Car Hire today  
031 207 8669 | [woodford@woodford.co.za](mailto:woodford@woodford.co.za) | [www.woodford.co.za](http://www.woodford.co.za)

South Africas largest independent car hire company.

**WOODFORD**  
CAR HIRE



**SOLLY BADATS**  
FURNITURE • APPLIANCES • BEDS

46 Ismail C Meer (Lorne) Street  
Durban, 4001  
Tel: 031 309 5721 /3616  
[sollybadats@pop.co.za](mailto:sollybadats@pop.co.za)  
[www.sollybadats.co.za](http://www.sollybadats.co.za)

**WE TRY TO BEAT OR MATCH ANY PRICE ON ALL MAJOR BRANDS**



**MUHAMMAD 083 786 3714**  
**EBRAHIM 083 778 3714**

**National Optical**

**Clinic Prices**  
**For Affordable Eye Care**

*We See You Right*

83 Yusuf Dadoo Street (Broad Street)  
Durban, 4001  
Tel: 031 301 3368

*Shukran For Your Support*





# Bursary



The Darul Ihsan Bursary Fund (DIBF) offers bursaries to deserving students for Islamic education, tertiary education and Muslim Schools (grade 8 to 12).

Applicants are invited to complete an application form and forward the required documents to our offices.

Apply online on [www.darulihshan.com](http://www.darulihshan.com) or call our office on 031 207 4749. Applications from 1st December 2016, Insha Allah.

2017

## ‘Made in Heaven’ marriage workshops convened in Durban

The Social Department of Darul Ihsan Centre convened two important marriage workshops for sisters in Durban. The first workshop held over two days on 21 and 22 September 2016, was a motivational program for married women to enrich, enhance and improve their marriages and help them to navigate challenges in their relationship. The program, held in Sea Cow Lake, was well attended and invoked tremendous interest from many sisters. The program generated a lot of feedback from the participants and many attendees expressed their appreciation for the beneficial programs.

The second workshop on 24 September was a pre-marriage program that focused on the younger sisters who were unmarried or newlywed. This workshop focused on the many realities that a woman faces once she enters

marriage and aspects of management, strategy, motivation and resolution etc. were discussed.

The workshops were conducted by Muallima A Peer, a counsellor, mentor and educator with extensive experience in the management and nurturing of marital and social relationships.

Participants expressed their appreciation for the educational initiatives facilitated by Darul Ihsan Centre and many requests for further programs were received. The programs were free of cost to the participants.

The Social Department acknowledges the tremendous assistance and contribution of its volunteers and well-wishers in making the programs a success and pray that Allah Ta’ala grant prosperity and goodness to all who assisted and contributed in whatever way to the programs.



# SUMMER CAMP

## 2016

### Paintball

Raft Building Obstacle Course  
Islamic Abseiling  
Guidance Team Building  
& MUCH MORE

3 Days Boys Only

10 - 12 Dec

For Information & to Register visit: [www.you.org.za](http://www.you.org.za) or call: 031 207 4749

Limited Spaces Register Now To Avoid Disappointment




# Operation H2O

**Operations H2O has successfully undertaken the following distributions:**

### Inanda – Verulam – Waterloo

21 February 2016

28 800 litres of water

### Melmoth

28 February 2016

15 100 litres of water

### Empangeni

8 March 2016

28 800 litres of water

### Greytown

13 March 2016

25 000 litres of water

### Ulundi

10 April 2016

23 000 litres of water

### Intanda

24 April 2016

15 000 litres of water

### Clare Estate

14 June 2016

3000 litres of water

### Greytown

17 July 2016

7 500 litres of water

### Glencoe

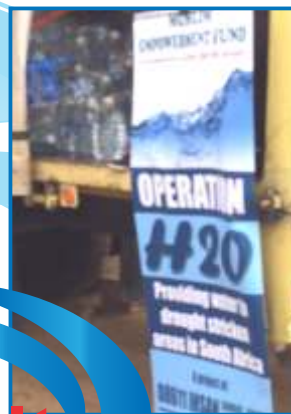
21 August 2016

15 000 litres of water

### Vryheid

2 October 2016

21 400 litres of water



## R10/5lt

Operation H2O thanks all donors and volunteers for their overwhelming support. More distributions are earmarked in the coming weeks. To contribute or to join the H2O volunteer team please call 072 206 5459

‘...a drink of water given to someone is sadaqah...’  
(Sahih Bukhari)

Donate Now & reap unlimited reward

### Banking Details

**First National Bank**

**Account:** Darul Ihsan (Relief)

**Branch:** Tongaat - 220329

**Account Number:** 62134947144

**Ref:** H2O Lillah only

# Learn the Deen

Revert Classes

Adult Classes

‘Learn The Deen’ is a program to teach the basics of Islam to revert Muslims and anyone who wishes to gain basic knowledge of Islam. The course is offered for FREE.

### MALES

**Mondays (9am-10:30am) - Phoenix Lake**

**Tuesdays (9am-12pm) - Sea Cow Lake**

**Saturdays (8am-10am) - Overport**

### FEMALES

**Mondays (10am-12pm) - Sea Cow Lake**

**Wednesdays (10am-12pm) - Sea Cow Lake**

**Saturdays (8am-10am) - Overport**

For more info Contact:

Darul Ihsan Centre

031 577 786 8



# Free Marriage Registration

The Darul Ihsan Centre offers a free service of registration of marriages in accordance with the South African Marriage Act. In terms of the Act, for a marriage union to be recognised and legal, the marriage must be registered by any office of the Department of Home Affairs, or court or an authorised marriage officer appointed by the Department of Home Affairs.

## Procedure for registration:

For marriage registration purposes, the following requirements must be adhered to:

a) An Ante-nuptial Contract excluding the accrual system must be drawn by an attorney. Cost in drawing up a contract may vary (You may contact Darul Ihsan for advice).

b) Both spouses must be South African citizens (possessing the green coded ID Document). Marriage officers are not permitted to register a marriage of any one or

both spouses being of foreign origin. In such a case, only the Home Affairs may register the marriage.

c) In the case where any one or both spouses being married (registered) previously, then a court decree of divorce must be produced.

## At the time of registration, the following documents are required:

a) Both spouses must be present with the original ID documents.

b) Accompanied with three passport size photos of each spouse.

c) First page of the ANC Contract identifying the Protocol No.

In order to fast track the procedure, a "Marriage Registration Details" form is emailed for completion, thereafter a date is fixed for the actual registration.

**Contact person - Maulana Ahmed Kathrada - Call 031 207 4749 or 083 500 7868**

# MMT

## Muslim Marriages Tribunal

Wherever an Islamic Judicial system exists, a Muslim woman could approach an Islamic court to seek an annulment of marriage when circumstances require her to do so. In the absence of such a system, as is the current situation in South Africa, women have an alternative to approach an Islamic Judicial Committee or Tribunal for annulment.

A Judicial Committee or Tribunal should comprise of religious and competent individuals of integrity.

An annulment concluded by such a tribunal, following due process is valid and binding upon the couple, resulting in the wife being released from the marriage.

The Muslim Marriages Tribunal, an initiative of Darul Ihsan Centre, has been established to serve the Muslim community in realising the above objectives.

**For guidance and advice on this service call the MMT on 031 207 4749 or email mmt@darulihisan.com**

# 'YOU' Hiking Trip to Giba Gorge

The "Youth of the Ummah" ('YOU') 'Youth Wing' of Darul Ihsan Centre hosted a successful hiking trip for over 50 youth boys at a trail in Giba Gorge on Tuesday, 04 October 2016.

The youth programme for the day was originally scheduled to take place at the Krantzklouf Nature Reserve, however, due to inclement weather conditions it was redirected to the Giba Gorge Nature Reserve.

A total of 54 boys (between 12 to 18 years), together with 5 Ulama convened at Masjid ut Taqwa in Sea Cow Lake and, after a short programme of Qirat and general advices, departed for the Nature Reserve.

Participants were divided into groups of 11 with an average age within each group for the hike.

The hiking trail was about 5km long which meandered through a spectacular and scenic route and ended at a waterfall. The boys,

together with Ulama, dipped into the fresh water at the base of the waterfall which invigorated them to hike back to the start of trail where lunch was served followed by Zuhrah Salah.

Thereafter a 'Q and A' session was presented by Maulana M Ballim from the Fatwa Department of Darul Ihsan Centre followed by advices relating to youth matters. The 'Q and A' session was very animated and proved to be very beneficial to all.

The response and feedback of the hiking trip from the participating youth was positive and encouraging with keenness shown for more such adventure trips.

'YOU' - in its ongoing initiative for the youth - plans to host similar events in the future, InshaAllah.

May Allah accept the contributions of the sponsors, efforts of the volunteers and participants and all others involved for a safe and successful programme.



# JABULA HARDWARE

## MAYVILLE

2 CARLOW ROAD, MAYVILLE, DURBAN  
Tel: 031 261 2294

## CHATSWORTH

SHOP 22 CROFTDENE MALL  
120 CROFTDENE DRIVE, CHATSWORTH  
Tel: 031 401 9888

## DEMAT

310 DEMAT, SAVANAH PARK  
Tel: 031 578 9006

## the Blinds Syndicate

Leading Manufacturers of Window Coverings and Allied Products



- Roller
- Vertical
- Bamboo
- Roman
- Panel
- Lumi Range
- Venetian
- Motorised
- Pleated



Contact us for a dealer near you.  
Tel: +27 32 5334750  
Email: sales@luminosblinds.co.za



www.luminosblinds.co.za

## HOPEWELL FOOTWEAR (PTY) LTD.

68 Paisley Road  
Jacobs  
Durban  
4052

PO Box 831  
Durban  
4000

Tel: 031 4682431  
Fax: 031 4687268

www.hopewellfootwear.com  
Email: info@hopewellfootwear.com





# Husband just can't lower his gaze

What can i do for my husband or with my husband, I can't take it anymore. He just can't lower his gaze when he sees a woman with tight or short clothing, it is so unislamic to do this. Is there a dua maybe that I can recite for him as it makes me sick and hurt me a lot.

We are perturbed by your predicament. May Allah Ta'ala make it easy for you.

This is primarily a spiritual illness that needs courage, determination and strong will to change. Your husband must first be able to acknowledge his problem and accept that he needs help to remedy it. Thereafter, sincere repentance, istighfar, keeping good company and

consultation with a pious Alim, regular zikr and perhaps leveraging some form of penalty if a mistake is made are some of the ways in which he may be able to overcome the problem. Together with that regular dua must be made to Allah Ta'ala to guide one and help one to be cured of this predicament.

From your side you need to be wary of belittling and ridiculing him for the problem as this may serve to 'distance' him from you. Be patient, supportive and play the role of a 'silent' mentor and place your trust in Allah Ta'ala to overcome this challenge.

May Allah Ta'ala make it easy for you to help your husband and guide him and us all to righteousness.

**Donate Now & reap unlimited reward**  
• Direct deposit / EFT • Debit Order • Donate Online

**Banking Details**  
First National Bank  
Account Name: Darul Ihsan Centre  
Branch: Tongaat - Code: 220329  
**Account Numbers:**  
Lillah: 62130045398  
Zakat: 62130044910  
Feeding: 62134947764  
Relief: 62134947144

**Subscribe**

TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTERS EMAIL  
IWEB@DARULIHSAN.COM

KINDLY SAVE THIS NUMBER TO YOUR CONTACTS AND WHATSAPP YOUR NAME AND NUMBER TO  
**+27 83 786 0788**

# Media Desk

The Media Desk contributes local, national and international news articles for the website and also focuses on news content of the Muslim world.

Letters commenting on broad issues are also regularly sent to the editors of newspapers.

Below are a few letters which were sent by the Media Desk and published in newspapers.

Bias and negative reporting against Islam has become a very real phenomenon in the media, especially in the international press.

The Darul Ihsan Media Desk primarily monitors the media for Islamophobic (anti-Islamic) comments and anti-Islamic sentiments made in the mainstream media and interacts positively with media portals conveying the Islamic perspective.

**Is there a solution to Syria's situation?**

THE brutality happening in Syria is horrific and abhorrent and has to be unequivocally condemned.

According to estimates by the UN and the Arab League Envoy to Syria, 400 000 have died in the five-year civil war.

It is estimated that almost 5 million have become refugees with more than 6 million displaced within the country.

Syria's Aleppo residents state that Russian "bunker" bombs are "making the ground shake like an earthquake".

The city is facing its worst violence in years and talks of unimplementable ceasefires are just rhetoric to those who are desperately seeking an end to the conflict.

Those who are suffering the most in the country are caught up and bewildered in an end game of too many different forces and players.

The only solution to the conflict is a political one.

Yet that seems impossible because all international agents in this humanitarian catastrophe have their own agendas.

**DARUL IHSAN CENTRE Media Desk**

Visit our website for the latest news and letters to the editor  
[www.darulihisan.com](http://www.darulihisan.com)

## AL IHSAN BOOKSHOP



**Virtues of remaining steadfast when losing a child**

R45



**Natural home remedies for all**

R25



**Path to spiritual elevation**

R40



**Preparation for death**

R45



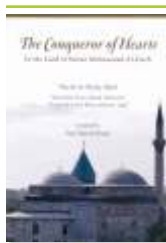
**Medication for the heart**

R60



**Everlasting connection**

R15



**Conqueror of hearts**

R40



**Benefactors of Islam**

R30

**Place your orders via:**

**Whatsapp: 084 401 1527 or**

**email: [bookshop@darulihisan.com](mailto:bookshop@darulihisan.com)**

**online: at [www.alihsanbookshop.co.za](http://www.alihsanbookshop.co.za)**



**PAK PLASTICS**  
*innovative flexible solutions* a division of the PAK Group

MANUFACTURERS OF HD, LD CARRIER, FLAT & BOUTIQUES BAGS.

Launching a new store? Promotional bags? SALE bags ?  
Contact us today, for a competitive quote for all your plastic packaging needs.

Look out for our Tuff One range of multi-purpose poly bags at your local distributor.

**Tuff One™**

Tel: 032 944 2705

11 Krishna Desai Circle  
Trurolands, Tongaat, 4400

[ashraf@pakplastics.co.za](mailto:ashraf@pakplastics.co.za)  
[yacoob@pakplastics.co.za](mailto:yacoob@pakplastics.co.za)  
[www.pakplastics.co.za](http://www.pakplastics.co.za)



PAK0031 (RV) [www.rvbd.co.za](http://www.rvbd.co.za)



# DARUL IHSAN SUPPORTS HOME INDUSTRIES

Darul Ihsan Centre supports our sisters who are striving to earn a Halal living through home based business. We urge Muslims to support these businesses, especially in this difficult economic climate.

<b>MENDHI – TUPPERWARE – SH'ZEN</b> Tupperware, Sh'zen and mendhi for any occasion... I'm the lady to call: Faatima 0724567008	<b>HOMEMADE by RANDEERES</b> Need a break from cooking or just need help on a stressful day? Contact us for our menu today! 0832598678/0312073754 - Overport - Ladies Only	<b>HOME BOX</b> Too busy to cook? Why eat out when u can order home cooked meals. For all your savouries & meal requirements-0312091852- Whatsapp: 0714482269
<b>HALAAL PATTIES</b> Patty Princess Patties-Pure Beef Gourmet Patties-Fathima : 0767786852- DBN/PMB-Halaal-Variety - Also available for wholesale- Order Now!	<b>WEIGHT LOSS &amp; BEAUTY</b> ZAHS FUSION – Stockist of Hibah Collection, Bioxlim Weight Loss, Argan Range, Sh'zen Beauty Products-Durban based-Courier Nationwide Zaheerah: 0823199020	<b>BABY LINEN &amp; CLOTHING</b> Lil Babes specialises in trendy baby linen & clothing with stunning embroidery & diamante detail, range of colours & styles- Call: 0835560786
<b>LOSE WEIGHT</b> Lose weight be healthy with Herbalife. Also labels for everything n anything. Call Nafisa 0817792777 info@dreamhealth.co.za	<b>ABAYAS CLOAKS SCARFS</b> Rafahiyyah-for abayas, scarves & cloaks, specialising in BEDOON ESSM cloaks, scarves & pardas- Whatsapp: 0835561786- www.rafaahiyyah.co.za	<b>HELP WITH SCHOOL WORK</b> Improve your child's results with EXTRA assistance! Help with projects & homework- Preparation for exams- Individual lessons Gr. 1-10. Sadiyah: 0840808711
<b>PERSONALISED GIFTS</b> Nas Creations-Specialising in personalised gifting- Wudhu towels-mugs & water bottles-Wrapping gifts-0836560752- nascreations.co.za Instagram: naseefa_g	<b>LIFT CLUB</b> Lift club available from Reservoir Hills to Overport. In and around Overport as well. Contact Fatima Vahed: 0795761952	<b>MONTESSORI</b> Admissions now open! Babies to Tots Montessori, Daycare & Aftercare-Birth to 4 years. Tailored times to suit your individual scheduling! Overport-Call 0746157315
<b>BODY CARE</b> Body Beautiful-Treatment of damaged skin-Acne-Crystal tomatoe,Nano Blanc-Glutathione Caps & more...Hassina:063684297	<b>COOKWARE</b> Make cooking easy again – Your pots determine & define the meals you prepare – Get cooking healthy with AMC Cookware - for specials Call/Whatsapp: 0823912900	<b>Tectile Slinky Burkas</b> Soft - light & Comfy HUGE VARIETY OF COLOURS for Ladies, Kiddies & Babies. Contact Razia Parak on 0312089004 or 0827863603
<b>ACCOUNTING TUITION</b> Grade 8 to 3rd Year - Individual or Group - Based in Sherwood (Durban) - Fatima Bhaiyat CA (SA) - Call or Whatsapp: 078 5786 130		

## ADVERTISE IN AL IHSAN TIMES WHAT YOU GET BY ADVERTISING:

- **10 000 COPIES DISTRIBUTED NATIONALLY**
- **3 ISSUES PER ANNUM**
- **WIDELY CIRCULATED**
- **DIVERSE READERSHIP**

**TO ADVERTISE  
WHATSAPP: 084 401 1527  
EMAIL: SCL@DARULIHSAN.COM**

### Terms:

- Strictly for Home Industries only
- Advertising space is limited – first come first serve basis
- Maximum 180 characters including spaces
- Deadline for advert submission is 1 Nov 2016
- Use specimen as a guideline for your advert
- Very Affordable advertising rates
- Al Ihsan reserves right to accept or reject any advert

# Are you wasting your life on social media?

This is a tough question for anyone to answer today. Whatever your response maybe, the reality is social media has the ability to distract us from real work.

Is checking your social media four times an hour really more effective than checking it once?

As one observer put it, social media is like staring into an open refrigerator—you're looking for something though you don't know what, so you just keep staring until you snap out of it.

Wasting literally hours on social media has been shown to decrease self-esteem, cultivate undesirable feelings like jealousy, lust and envy. It distracts us from doing the really incredible work we're all capable of producing every day. Instead we squander our time to feel some short-term connectivity and meaning.

Moreover, social media has a major tendency to boost ego and self-love. The overuse of social media perpetuates our focus on self. It trains us to make snap judgments about others, as well as our own



self-worth in context of who we paint others to be.

The reality is that those who lead the happiest, most meaningful lives spend the least amount of time focusing on their personal ego and status and direct their energies towards the needs of others. With social media it's about championing my agenda, my word, my post - out of social media the ego is dormant and one is guarded from faking fame.

The word is not to ban social media totally from our lives as there is value in it - but these platforms can be a source of genuine benefit if used responsibly and effectively. Spending 2 to 3 hours of a day on a media platforms is an indication of over consumption and addiction.

**To Advertise Call: 031 577 786 8**  
10 000 copies distributed nationally

**This publication contains Quranic verses and narrations of Nabi ﷺ - Please handle with respect**

**Amina's WONDER SPICE**  
Wonder no More  
100% Pure Quality Products  
HALAAL  
S.A.N.I.L.A. SOUTH AFRICA'S AUTHENTIC HALAAL AUTHORITY

Now Available at selected Pick & Pay / Super Stores

**Turn up the HEAT in your KITCHEN this BRAAI SEASON**  
With our Range of Easy to use Pour on Spices & Pastes

**SA'S 1st Date Shop**  
with the biggest variety under one roof, available throughout the year

**WONDER DATES**  
وندر ديتس

Wide variety of pre-packed dates for every occasion

**WE STOCK THE LARGEST RANGE OF CISCO'S NUTS AND DRIED FRUIT, BILTONG, SWEETMEATS, CHEVDRA, PURE BUTTER BISCUITS, FOREST FAIRIES AND A WIDE RANGE OF ALL TYPES OF OCCASIONAL GIFTS. FOR EVERYTHING NUTTY, CHEWY, MUNCHY, NIBBLY, SPICY, SWEET & SAVOURY. MAKE A DATE WITH WONDER DATES**

**WE ARE HERE**  
71 Donkin Road, Sea Cow Lake, Durban, South Africa  
MASJIID-UL TAQWA CHOHAN'S SPICE SOLLY MANURA

**Some Benefits of Dates**

- Effective in Treating diseases of the respiratory system, Heart conditions & Cancer
- Strengthens Bones
- Rich in Fibres
- High in Natural Vitamins & Minerals
- Acts against Low Blood Pressure

**Tel: +27 031 577 5023 • Fax: +27 031 577 5943 • Cell: +27 082 503 0102**  
• Email: info@aminaspice.co.za • Website: www.aminaspice.co.za, www.wonderdates.co.za  
**71 Donkin Road, Sea Cow Lake, Durban, South Africa**