



Ramadan Month of Qur'an

There isn't a Muslim who does not know about the inseparable link between Ramadan & the Qur'an. Allah has openly declared this in the Qur'an when He says:

"Ramadan is the month wherein the Qur'an was revealed, as a guidance for mankind, with clear signs of the true guidance and a criterion (between falsehood & truth)". (2:185)

In this very verse Allah describes the amazing qualities of the Qur'an of providing guidance & rectitude.

In a world of gross misinformation, falsehood & deception, there isn't a greater need of mankind than having a manual that provides guidance, backed by proof & evidence and a criterion that distinguishes truth from falsehood. This is only found in the Qur'an.

At the threshold of yet another Ramadan, it is important for every man & woman, young & old to understand & appreciate this awesome connection between Ramadan and Qur'an and to strive hard, especially in this month of the Qur'an, to connect strongly with the Qur'an.

Ways Of Connecting With Qur'an

Connecting with Qur'an is manifested in several ways:

1. Reciting frequently, especially in Ramadan, to complete as many recitals as possible. This Ramadan every spare moment should be dedicated to this activity. It'll be most profitable & rewarding to do so.
2. Pronouncing the letters correctly and applying the rules of Tajweed in recital. This is how it was revealed and this is how it should be recited exactly in that manner. This Ramadan, go out of the way to recite correctly, either through electronic means by way of audios, MP3s, etc. or even better, before a qualified Qur'an tutor.
3. Studying an authentic translation & commentary of Qur'an. After all it was revealed to be a complete manual of life - a lifetime guidebook. How can anyone take benefit of its amazing teachings if he has not tried to understand its meaning and message? This Ramadan, even half-hour a day should be dedicated to grasping the sublime teachings of Qur'an by studying a good translation & exegesis.

Remarkable Fact

Allah Ta'ala had selected Sayyiduna Uthman (RA) for the momentous task of undertaking the second compilation of the Qur'an during his rule as the third Khalif. He undertook this responsibility in a way that will cause the Muslims to be indebted to him till the end of time. May Allah elevate his ranks and be pleased with him.

Many centuries later, in our times, Allah has inspired the offspring of this great compiler of the Qur'an (Jaamiul-Qur'an), Hadhrat Usman bin Affan (RA), to follow in the footsteps of their great predecessor in the service of the Qur'an. Three great sons of the Usmani progeny, Mufti Muhammed Shafi (R), Allama Shabeer Ahmed Usmani (R) and Mufti Muhammed Taqi Usmani have in the recent times, rendered outstanding service to the Qur'an! Mufti Muhammed Shafi (R) undertook a monumental 8 volume tafseer of the Quran, Ma'ariful - Qur'an, which is one of the most acclaimed commentaries of recent times. It was originally written in Urdu, but has been translated into English as well. A must read for those desiring deeper understanding of Qur'an.

Another giant figure from the Usmani family, Allama Shabeer Ahmed Usmani (R), produced a concise but very comprehensive & authentic commentary title: "Tafseer Usmani" - in Urdu, and translated into English as well.

A third giant of knowledge of the Usmani family, son of Mufti Muhammed Shafi Sb (R), a world-renowned authority, Shaikhul-Islam, Mufti Muhammed Taqi Usmani has produced an Urdu as well as an English translation of the Qur'an, titled "The Noble Quran". Each one of these 3 mentioned books are outstanding works in the field of Qura'nic study. Needless to say, besides the printed copy, online versions are available as well. Every Muslim home should have copies of these works so that young & old, male & female can derive necessary & authentic knowledge of the Holy Qur'an. May Allah make this Ramadan a turning point for a feeble and weak Ummah, by reconnecting them with Holy Qur'an on the desired level.

Mufti Zubair Bayat
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Ramadan - The beneficial scorcher

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Once more, the honourable guest, Holy Ramadan is here. The word "Ramadan" comes from the Arabic root word denoting "scorching heat", "parched thirst", "intense dryness", "sun-baked ground", etc.

The Ramadan countdown has begun. Just a few days remain for the arrival of the Holy month of Ramadan. The very name of Ramadan evokes a feeling of expectant joy and pleasure in the heart of the believer. A restlessness overtakes the believer in eager anticipation of the Holy month. Sometimes, this feeling even turns to fear and anxiety. "O Allah, will I see Ramadan this year?"

Allah Ta'ala alone knows who will live to see Ramadan. The reassurance comes in the form of a fervent Dua, "*O Allah bless us in Rajab and Sha'ban and let us make it to Ramadan.*" The Dua for this must continue with vigorous fervour - "O Allah! Let us reach Ramadan!"

Message of Ramadan

Khalid Baig

"We observe Ramadan every year. Do we also listen to it? Ramadan is the most important month of our calendar. It is a tremendous gift from Allah in so many ways."



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Maulana Maseehullah Khan (R)

In the month of Ramadan Allah Ta'ala has protected us from our routine of negligence and indifference. It is as if Allah Ta'ala is saying, 'O My Banda (slave)! Why are you so deeply engrossed with your farming? Submit yourself to My Door! O My Banda (slave)! Why are you rooted to your shop busy buying and selling (making you oblivious of your Creator)? Submit yourself to My Royal Court, to the Masjid! O My Banda (slave)! Why are you busy mending shoes and sewing clothes? Come to Me! Free yourself from everything and come to My Door!'

The countdown for Ramadan begins - Making everything to the "T"

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Darul Ihsan unveils new identity and logo



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At a recent function of eminent businessmen, professionals and Ulama, Darul Ihsan unveiled its new identity and logo.

Due to the expansion and diverse projects of the organisation there was a pressing need for a name and image change. Accordingly the name "Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre" was adopted.

The term "Humanitarian Centre" represents the larger populace of our country and embraces the diverse needs and hopes of humanity, both locally and globally.

The new tag line 'GUIDANCE . UBUNTU . EMPOWERMENT'. These terms better define the work and objectives of Darul Ihsan.

GUIDANCE encompasses all aspects of our religious activities which includes Fatawa, Islamic Counselling, Education and Spiritual upliftment.

UBUNTU is a nationally renowned word which embraces the values and principles of our humanness and the importance of reaching out to the people and sharing and caring.

EMPOWERMENT is reflective of the various projects that include Skills Development, Bursaries, Relief and Welfare related activities.

The Arabic name within a dome and the depiction of a minaret is symbolic of the Islamic identity of the organisation.

The members of the audience expressed approval and satisfaction of the name and logo and reiterated their support for the organisation. The plans and architect's impression of the new head office building of Darul Ihsan was also unveiled on this occasion.

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World News

YouTube restricts video exposing Israeli brutality

YouTube decided to reinstate a video exposing Israel's brutality towards Palestinians after receiving backlash on social media.

Claiming the content violated its terms of service, the video-sharing platform deleted the video, which was posted by Palestinian academician and activist Sana Kassem to pay tribute to Palestinians killed by Israeli forces during recent demonstrations in Gaza.

Renowned American professor and activist Norman Finkelstein reposted the video, which was again removed by YouTube. Finkelstein appealed to YouTube in an email, asking for the reason for its decision.

"They will patiently wait until all the children in Gaza are murdered by Israel. Then they will repost the video," said Finkelstein.

Shortly after his statement YouTube responded to Finkelstein, telling him they will be reinstating the video but placing it behind an age restriction.

Accordingly, users can access the video only after logging into YouTube and confirming their age. Many YouTube users who often post videos criticizing Israel for its brutality against Palestinians have stated that this is not the first time that YouTube has done this.

"All my YouTube videos have been



deleted by YouTube as I've been criticizing Israel and its blatant disregard for Palestinian life," Robert Martin, an Australian activist who lives in Palestine, said on Twitter.

"Double standard: YouTube deletes video tribute of killed Palestinian journalist Yasser Murtaja as 'sensational' incitement but leaves up videos of Israelis being attacked," the Mondoweiss news website said.

At least 21 Palestinians were martyred and at least 1,500 others wounded in demonstrations on March 30 marking Land Day, when tens of thousands of Gazans converged on the Gaza Strip's roughly 45-kilometer eastern border with Israel to reaffirm their right to return to their ancestral homes in historical Palestine.

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Pre-monsoon rains expose risks for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

The arrival of pre-monsoon rains in southern Bangladesh has revealed an alarming level of risks for Rohingya refugees, United Nations humanitarian agencies said, warning that they do not have the funds needed to protect hundreds of thousands of desperate people once the rainy season begins in earnest.

"The arrival of the rains marks the start of what is going to be an incredibly challenging period for the refugees and those working to support them," said John McCue, an official at the UN International Organization for Migration (IOM), in Cox's Bazar, where more than 700,000 refugees are living in overcrowded camps.

"The worst is yet to come when cyclone and monsoon seasons hit in the coming weeks."

UN agencies and their partners have some heavy machinery and road clearing equipment, with more are expected to arrive. But humanitarian workers are facing severe shortages when it comes to other vital resources.

To date, just seven per cent of the UN migration agency's \$182 million appeal for 2018 has been secured.

"The grim reality is that most [refugees] are living under tarpaulins on highly unstable ground and are going to have to survive months of rain, floods,

landslides and possible cyclones. They are in desperate need of support and protection and we simply do not have the funding we need to deliver a fraction of what is required," said Mr McCue.

Furthermore, the sheer scale of the crisis and the short period of time in which it unfolded has had a major impact on the topography of the area. Protecting almost a million people from the life-threatening dangers of cyclones and other disasters far exceeds current financial resources and pledges.

In spite of the severe funding shortage, IOM and partners on the ground, including the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are working flat out to prepare.

IOM is setting up sites across the camps stocked with emergency supplies to ensure that even if areas are temporarily cut off, people will still have access to aid. Teams of porters have also been readied to bring in supplies on foot, if roads are damaged.

UN agencies are also supporting the relocation of thousands of families from areas deemed most at risk and helping communities strengthen their resilience. They are also training refugees in first aid, search and rescue, and early warning systems as part of a cyclone preparedness programme.

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Night after night in Ramadan, the believers witness a unique spectacle at Masjids around the world. They stand in special Taraweeh prayers in which the imam will recite the entire Quran from memory. Those who have accomplished this extraordinary feat of memorizing all of some 6000 verses are not a handful of devotees but there are hundreds of thousands of them.

Most Muslims in the world today do not speak Arabic. Yet they have painstakingly learnt to pronounce each and every word of the Quran correctly. The phenomenon is not a result of some religious resurgence that would pass. From the very first day that the Quran was revealed, it was memorized. And the number of those who have memorized it has been increasing ever since. Memorization of Quran has been

ongoing through the centuries in the Muslim world.

There are other religions that claim to possess the Word of God. None can show a book that has commanded anything remotely comparable to this level of devotion. The Quran is the most read and memorized book in the world. It is also the most studied book in the world. It has stimulated development of entire disciplines of knowledge dealing with its reading, writing, and interpretation.

Those who sincerely seek guidance will find their questions answered, their confusions removed, their problems solved from the Noble Quran. From the beginning until the end, every word in the Quran tells the reader that it is the Word of Allah. And those who ignore it do so at their own peril.

Library & Research Centre

- Darul Ihsan maintains an Islamic Library at its Sea Cow Lake, Overport and Starwood offices.
- Classical and contemporary works can be accessed from the library in English, Arabic and Urdu. Sections include Fiqh, Seerah, History, Hadith, Tafseer, Aqaaid, Education, Tasawwuf and general information.



- Members of the community, students and scholars are welcome to utilise the library for research purposes by prior appointment with the Centre.

Patience and Fasting

Indeed fasting is from the most virtuous of righteous deeds, such that it is established in a hadeeth qudsi that Allah Himself said, *"Every good deed of the son of Adam is for him except fasting; it is for Me and I shall reward (the fasting person) for it."* (Bukhari/Muslim)

The reward for an act of worship is multiplied by ten to seven hundred folds, or many times over, except for fasting, for Allah is the One who will reward for it. This means that the reward is tremendous!

Ulama have stated that fasting entails three types of sabr (patience); patience in the obedience of Allah, patience in not disobeying Allah and patience with Allah's decree.

- It is patience in the obedience of Allah because a person employs patience in this obedience whilst performing it.
- It is patience in not disobeying Allah because a person refrains from those things which have been made forbidden for the one who is fasting.
- It is patience with Allah's decree because the fasting person is afflicted with pain, thirst, hunger and weakness.

And for these reasons, fasting is from the highest forms of sabr, because it combines between the three types.

"Only those who are patient shall receive their rewards in full, without reckoning." (39:10)

Deeds will be weighed not counted

Sheikhul Islam Hazrat Mufti Taqi Usmani Saheb (Hafizahullah) mentioned at the completion of Bukhari Sharif in Karachi

"Man's Actions will not be counted on the day of Qiyamah, rather they will be weighed. Hence there are two ways in which actions gain weight. Through sincerity and remaining within the parameters of Sharia and Sunnah. Without these two elements huge actions will have no weight, whilst the very

same elements add weight to the smallest of actions. Mufti Rafi Usmani Saheb, the grand Mufti of Pakistan mentioned that Shariah means to fulfil the rights of others and being cognizant of it's boundaries. After giving weight to an action, the way to protect that action is to be cautious with regards to the rights of others. Those who will not adhere to this principle will be among the losers on the day of Qiyamah. A person may become the fuel for Jahannam whilst his reward will be allotted to others."

Four things I cannot replace

Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbaas said: There are four things which I cannot reciprocate:

- 1) A man who greets me before I greet him (responding to his greeting won't make my greeting equal to his greeting, as the one who greets first is the better person).
- 2) A man who creates space for me in a gathering.
- 3) A man whose feet get dusty because he went out in search of my need.

4) As for the fourth person, none but Allah can reward him. He was asked, who is this? He said: A man who has a need and spent the night thinking about who he could approach and he finally decides I am the one.

Allamah Ibnu Qayyim al Jawziyyah (Rahimahullah) states: "Indeed in fulfilling the needs of people is a pleasure none can describe except he who experiences it."

So do good, no matter how meagre you may consider it, as you don't know which good deed will admit you into Jannah!!!

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Helping with household chores An important Sunnah

Household chores are generally associated with women since she is regarded as a homemaker, but The Prophet of Allah ﷺ practically taught a lesson to the men of the world that there is no harm in doing household chores.

Helping your wife with household chores is a neglected sunnah. Any man that sees it beneath him or is too arrogant to help his wife around the house is acting against the sunnah.

Hadhrat Aisha (RA), the beloved wife of Nabi ﷺ, was asked, *“What was the practice of Nabi ﷺ in his house?”* She replied, *“He used to keep himself busy serving his family and when it was the time for prayer he would go for it.”* (Bukhari)

So helping wash the dishes, cooking, cleaning, raising the kids, etc., is all part and parcel of being the 'man' of the house. The notion that it is somehow degrading for men to help and work with the wife around the house is foreign to Islam.

In another report Hadhrat Aisha (RA) is reported to have said, “He did what one of you would do in his house. He mended sandals and patched garments and sewed.” (Adab Al-Mufrad)

In another narration she said, “He milked his goat.” (Ahmad)

Hence, he did not find such things too 'womanish' for him to do. It is no wonder that he said, “The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I am the best of you to my wives.” (Tirmidhi/Ibn Majah)

Ramadan the month of charity

Ramadan is the month of kindness and charity. Millions are in distress, the need for remembering this message of Ramadan cannot be overstated.

Unfortunately, today another scene seems to be dominant in some parts of the Muslim world. For many Ramadan is the month of celebrations, shopping, fancy iftars at posh restaurants, entertainment and gossip. People stay up at night but not for worship; they while away that time watching television or wandering in the bazaar. Ramadan becomes more a month of feasting than fasting.

It is narrated in a hadith, the Prophet J said, *“At every iftar, Allah has people whom He redeems from the fire.”* [Ahmad]

In another narration it is stated that on each night of Ramadan people gain freedom from hell fire. As such, we should fast every day as if it is our last fast and hope that on each special night, we are amongst those written from the redeemed!

So ask Allah in those last moments of your fast every day to write you from amongst those fortunate ones.

Discharge your Fitrah early

As Ramadan draws to a close and we prepare to say our farewell, we feel both sad at the separation from our guest as well as the excitement for Eid. However there are many of our fellow brothers, sisters and children for whom the day of Eid is just another day of toil and strife. The Shariah has made provision to mend the broken hearts of the less fortunate on this day and it comes in the form of Sadaqatul Fitr.

Sadaqatul Fitr (also known as Fitrah) is compulsory on every Muslim who has the value of Nisab in access of necessities on the day of Eid after subtracting debts. A father will discharge the Sadaqatul Fitr on behalf of his minor children if they have no assets.

The significance of Sadaqatul Fitr can be understood from the

following Hadith: “The fast remains suspended between the heavens and the earth until fitrah is discharged.” (Targhib)

Whilst Muslims do discharge their Fitrah, many do so at the last hour. By discharging Fitrah late, it does not fulfil the purpose of benefitting those in need.

Early payment of Fitrah will allow the recipients to prepare adequately so that they too can enjoy a happy Eid. In keeping with this spirit, we urge Muslims to discharge their Fitrah a few days before Eid.

Imam Malik (Rahimahullah) has recorded in Muwatta, that Sayyiduna Abdullah Ibn Umar ؓ would send his Fitrah to the one who was in charge of collection two or three days before Eid. (Fathul Bari)

Sunnats of Eid

1 To rise early - before dawn - use the Miswak, take a bath, apply Itr (perfume) and wear one's best clothes

2 To eat something sweet before Eid Salah

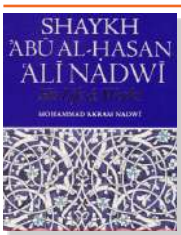
3 Men to attend the Eid Salah at the Eid Gah

4 To go for Eid Salah by foot if possible, and to choose a separate route going to and returning from the Eid Gah

5 To recite the Takbeer for Eid along the way - Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar - La ilaha illallahu wallahu Akbar - Allahu Akbar Walillahil hamd. (Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. There is none worthy of worship but Allah. Allah is the Greatest, Allah is Greatest. And all praises are for Allah)



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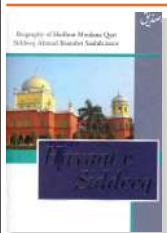
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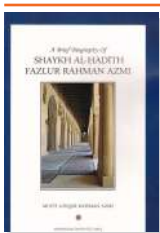
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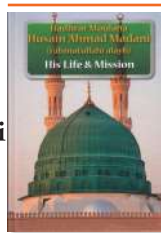
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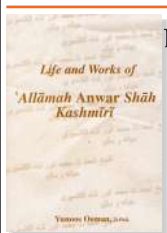
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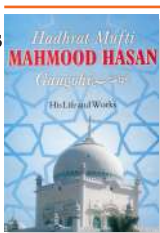
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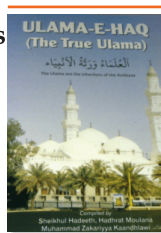
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Q & A

Q Is it compulsory on an expectant mother or a nursing mother to fast? Are they required to fast after Ramadan if she has the missed fasts or can she just pay the kafarah?

A If she cannot manage the fast and on the advice of a pious experienced Muslim physician/doctor, fasting is detrimental to her health or that of her child then fasting will not be compulsory on her. However if she can manage all or some of the fasts then it is compulsory for her to keep that which she can manage. She will have to make Qadha for the missed fasts after Ramadhan when she is able to keep these fasts. It is however advisable to make a bequest that if these Qadhas are not made in her lifetime, then fidyah should be given on her behalf.

Q Can one take a bath after Sehri, to be purified from the state of Janaabat (requiring a Fardh Ghusal)?

A It is not advisable to unnecessarily delay the Fardh Ghusal. However, due to time constraints, if one requires to have the Sehri and delay the Ghusl to after the time of Sehri ends, it is permissible to do so. It is preferable to at least gargle the mouth and put water in the nose before the Sehri time expires.

Q Does masturbating break the fast?

A One is not allowed to masturbate, whether fasting or not. However, if one does this vile act whilst fasting then the fast will break and a qadha will have to be kept.

Q What is the status of a fast if one has to inhale the smoke of incense stick, cigarettes etc.?

A If one were to intentionally and deliberately inhale any substance that is perceptible (visible) like smoke emitted from incense sticks, perfumes, cigarettes etc. or the vapour of perfumes in a way that the flame or smoke is deliberately brought close to the face and the smoke is thereby ingested and goes down the throat, then one's fast would become invalid and Qadha is necessary. (Tahtaawi ala Maraql Falaah, P: 660, Ilmiyyah).

Q Does the usage of the pump break my fast?

A It is advisable that you use your pump at Sehri Time and Iftaar time. However, if you do have an attack then you could use your pump. This will break your fast and a qadha will have to be kept.

Q Does using eye drops while fasting break the fast?

A Using eye drops whilst fasting does not invalidate the fast.

Q What is the meaning of Kafarah?

A Kafarah is the penalty and a form of expiation which the Shariah imposes upon a Believer for flagrant violation of the sanctity of the fast (i.e. intentionally breaking the fast) during the month of Ramadan.

Q What necessitates Kafarah?

A Intentionally eating, drinking and to have intercourse during the fast of Ramadan.

Q How is Kafaarah fulfilled?

A 1. Fasting for two months consecutively, and if one does not have the strength to fast, then

2. Feeding sixty poor and hungry persons two meals, or feeding one person two meals a day for sixty days

Q Please identify items that are non Zakatable?

A There is no Zakah on the following:

1. Metals other than gold and silver such as platinum, titanium, etc.
2. Property, Land and Building
3. Household effects, fixtures and fittings
4. Motor vehicles
5. Personal effects (that are not gold/silver)
6. Diamonds, pearls and other precious or semi-precious stones

N.B. If any Non-Zakatable asset is purchased for resale then it shall be regarded as stock in trade and considered as Zakatable.

Q How is Nisab calculated?

A The Nisab of gold is 87.48 grams and silver is 612.36 grams. Hence, if a person only owns gold which is less than 87.48 grams then Zakah is not compulsory since he is below the threshold of Zakah. Similarly, if a person only owns silver which is less than 612.36 grams then Zakah is not compulsory.

However, if a person owns any other Zakatable asset together with gold and silver then the applicable Nisab would be the value of 612.36 grams of silver.

The equivalent Rand value of this fluctuates daily. This may be obtained from your local Ulama body.

Q Is Zakah calculated on the solar year or lunar year?

A The Zakah year is based on the Hijri (lunar) calendar and not on the Gregorian (solar) calendar. Zakah should be calculated accordingly.

Q How does one calculate Zakah and does assets have to be in one's possession for a complete year?

A A person who possesses Nisab for the entire Lunar year will be liable to pay Zakah, irrespective of the fluctuations during the year provided the net-value had not reached zero.

Hence, Zakah is paid on the entire value of the net Zakatable assets (Zakatable assets minus liabilities) in one's possession although some assets may have entered one's possession at different points during the year.

Q How is Zakah calculated on shares/unit trusts and partnerships?

A The net Zakatable assets of the company/fund/partnership will be considered and Zakah will be calculated pro rata of one's investment/shareholding. However, calculating Zakah of the listed company share or unit trust maybe cumbersome. Therefore, one may pay Zakah on the full market value of the investment.



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Q & A

Q What are the conditions for the validity of discharging Zakah?

A 1. It is necessary for the validity of Zakah to have the intention of discharging Zakah.

2. This can be done in several ways:
- intention is made when handing over Zakah to the recipient - or intention is made at the time of separating and setting aside money for discharging Zakah., - or the intention can be made after discharging the wealth, whilst the Zakah is still in the possession of the recipient.

3. The condition for the validity of the discharge of Zakah is "Tamleek" - where ownership and possession of the wealth is transferred unconditionally to the deserving recipient. Hence, Zakah cannot be given or used for the construction of a Masjid, Islamic institute, etc. nor can Zakah funds be used to prepare meals for deserving recipients without giving them unconditional possession over the food.

Q Can Zakah be given in kind?

A Zakah can be paid in cash or kind. Hence, one can discharge goods and consumable items as Zakah. When giving in kind, the item should be in good usable condition.

Q Can Zakah be given to someone else to discharge on one's behalf?

A Authority can be delegated to another person or an organisation to distribute Zakah on one's behalf. However, if this representative does not distribute the Zakah, or distributes it incorrectly then one's Zakah will not be discharged, and will remain unfulfilled.

Q Can Zakah be discharged gratuitously on behalf of another person?

A Zakah may be discharged gratuitously for another person provided this is done with the consent of the one who is obligated to do so. E.g. if the husband wants to discharge the Zakah of the wife for her, then he may do so with her consent or knowledge.

Zakah may be discharged on one's behalf by another person upon one's request and this will be a debt which should be repaid.

Q Can Zakah be discharged in advance?

A Zakah can be discharged in advance. One must, however, calculate Zakah at the end of the Zakah year to determine whether there was any shortfall or not, and if so make good the outstanding amount.

Q Is it permissible to appoint a boy who has not attained buloogh to lead the Taraweeh Salah

A It is impermissible to appoint a boy who has not attained buloogh (i.e. he has not yet reached puberty) to lead the Taraweeh. However, if those following him also have not reached puberty, it will be permissible.

Q Is it permissible to appoint a Hafiz who shaves or trims his beard less than the required length to lead the Taraweeh Salah?

A It is not permissible to shave or trim the beard to less than a fist length. Therefore, it is not permissible to appoint such a person as the Imam. Those who appoint such a person as the Imam will be sinful. However, the Salah will be valid.

Q If a person heard the Imam recite the Ayat of Sajdah out of Salah, but joins the Salah before Ruku for that Rak'at, when does he make Sajdah?

A If he then joins the Imam in the same Rak'at before ruku, the Sajdatut Tilawah of the Muqtadi will also be fulfilled. If the Muqtadi missed the Rak'at in which the Sajdah was made, he should the make the Sajdah outside Salah for the recitation which he heard.

Q What should be done if the Imam performs three Raka'ts instead of two?

A If the Imam stands up for the third Raka't without sitting for Tashahhud then he should return to Tashahhud as soon as he remembers and make Sajdah Sahw and complete the Salah as long as he has not made Sajdah for the third Raka't. If he has made Sajdah for the third Raka't then he should continue and perform the fourth Raka't. Thereafter, he should repeat the first two Raka'ts which became null and void. The second two will be considered as valid Raka'ts of Taraweeh. If he has made Salaam after three Rak'ats then too he should repeat the two Raka'ts. The Qirat should be repeated as well for the khatam, to be complete.

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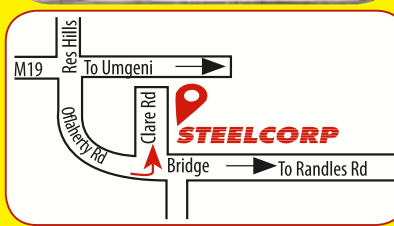
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Al Ihsan Quran & Kitab Distribution Project

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In recent years many tons of authentic Islamic literature have been distributed free to institutes both locally and abroad.

Alhamdulillah from January 2018 to date, the following assortment of literature was distributed:

- 3000 general Islamic books to Al Fida Foundation in PE.

Made in Heaven Marriage and Family Development Programme

Marriage breakdown, family strife and dereliction of duty have become more prevalent as the challenges of modern life takes its toll on our society. It is essential for us to become proactive in ensuring that our families and communities are given the required knowledge and skill to embrace these challenges.

The Social Department of Darul Ihsan conducts free marriage, family and youth development programmes on an ongoing basis for the benefit of the community.

Held in various towns and cities nationally, the programmes comprise of workshops, spiritual discourses, counselling, guidance, evaluation and Q & A sessions.

'Drug Awareness Drive' in Umzinto and Park Rynie, Isipingo and Dundee

The 'Drug Awareness Drive' ('DAD') is an initiative of Darul Ihsan Centre launched in 2015 as a pressing need for intervention was discerned from parents and families in the Muslim community. The programme focuses on education and awareness about this debilitating scourge. Through education, people will understand the damages, hazards, problems and issues brought on by substance abuse. It is much easier to work with an educated community.

Over the years numerous workshops, lectures, and interactive sessions have been held with communities nationally. Pertinent literature has been developed to support the ongoing programs. A significant amount of networking also takes place with experts and rehab centres in an effort to secure the best possible opportunity for the victim.

The outreach programmes centre around Jumuah talks delivered by Ulama, sisters program, program

- 300 Madrasa syllabus books for learners to Eldorado Park Jamaat.

- 2000 Islamic books, 2500 Tasheel Syllabus books from Pre-school to Grade 12, 200 Qurans, 50 revert literature books to SiraaJam Muneera Institute in Florida/Roodepoort.

- 2560 Qurans to UMASA, Uganda Muslim Association in South Africa - these Qurans are then shipped to Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, etc.

The distributed books and Qurans are in a good and usable condition which is a huge saving to parents, Madrasas and also favourable for the environment.

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The programmes are dynamic, spiritual and contemporary - providing holistic ways on how to navigate the challenges and discover opportunities to achieve success and happiness in life.

In 2017 a series of programmes were held in conjunction with local community members in Johannesburg, Azaadville, Newcastle, Ladysmith, Estcourt, Durban and Cape Town.

In February 2018 a series of programmes were held in various venues in Port Elizabeth with hundreds of participants in attendance. More programmes are scheduled for the year - InshaAllah.

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for Maktab learners and an interactive public program in the community centre. Additionally, slide presentations, video clips, a Q & A session and the dissemination of relevant literature are disseminated.

The programmes generate lively interaction, valuable contributions and sharing of ideas and strategies as to how to deal with the complexities of this scourge.

'DAD' thanks the Ulama and community members of Park Rynie and Umzinto for their warmth and hospitality and coordination of an initiative which is at the heart of many. The feedback received was encouraging.

May Allah Ta'ala accept this humble effort, make it easy for those whose lives are affected by the incidence of substance abuse and protect our families and the Ummah.

Drug Awareness Drive

The Spirit of 'Ubuntu and Empowerment'

The Welfare Department of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre (DHC) serves the community with commitment and dedication.

In the spirit of 'Ubuntu' and the empowerment, Darul Ihsan activities are driven by the spirit of the Quran and Sunnah.

In one hadith our Nabi Muhammad ﷺ has said, “Whosoever fulfils a need (religious or worldly) of anyone in my Ummah that brings joy and happiness to him that person has brought joy to me. And whoever brought joy to me then surely he has brought joy to Allah. And whoever has brought joy to Allah, then, most certainly Allah will enter him into Jannah.” (Bayhaqi)

The hadith motivates us to help the person in difficulty for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala. Indeed, Allah Ta'ala loves those who help His creation.

The Darul Ihsan Welfare Department attends to hundreds of needy cases through its offices at Sea Cow Lake, Overport, Phoenix, Howick and Johannesburg.

While Zakat funds form the bulk of the resources a substantial amount

is reserved from other funds in order to fulfil our vision in the spirit of Ubuntu and the empowerment of people of other faiths.

Such ventures, then feeds into our broader mission of providing a humanitarian service.

Darul Ihsan Outreach Programmes include:

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Darul Ihsan Welfare Department

Azmatu Ahlil Bait was Sahaba - Excellence of the Noble Family and Companions of Nabi ﷺ

One of the most important educational programmes presented by Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is the Azmatu Ahlil Bait was Sahaba campaign.

The programmes - honouring the illustrious companions of Nabi ﷺ are conducted on a monthly basis in masajid and schools in Durban and surrounding areas and also other towns in Kwazulu-Natal.

The purpose of such programmes are to relate the true lives of the Sahaba to the ummah and instil the love of the Sahaba into their hearts in a time when much misinformation and negativity of their lives and their companionship with Nabi ﷺ exists.

Alhamdulillah, on the 20th April 2018 Mufti Zubair Bayat, the Ameer of Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre - together with a team of 8 Ulama - conducted programmes at several masajid and Islamic schools in Phoenix, Umhlanga, Verulam, Stanger and Shakas Kraal.

The day culminated with a closing programme presented by Mufti Zubair Bayat Saheb after Isha Salah at the Verulam Jami masjid.

All programmes were well attended with much positive feedback from attendees and a better understanding of the lives of the Sahaba.



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Seeking the Great Night

When is Laylatul Qadr ?

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Seek Laylatul Qadr in Ramadan in the last ten nights. Verily, it is during the odd nights, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th or the last night of Ramadan." (Ahmad)

This blessed night is a serene and calm night in which the dawn breaks without any radiant beams of light. It lasts until the break of the dawn.

What is Laylatul Qadr ?

Amongst the many blessings of Ramadan is a precious and special night known as Laylatul Qadr - The Night of Power. This great and powerful night is better than a 1000 months (83 years and 4 months).

This night brings an abundance of mercies, forgiveness, spiritual progress and elevation for a Muslim. It is a night to earn Allah Ta'ala's pleasure and the ultimate prize of Jannah.

Allah Ta'ala says: *"The Night of Power is better than a thousand months."* (Quran 97:3)

Rasulullah ﷺ said: *"Whosoever stands in ibadah - worship on this night, with sincere faith and with genuine hope of gaining reward, his*

previous sins will be forgiven." (Bukhari and Muslim)

Some suggested practices for this night:

Spend as much of this night in the Masjid, in seclusion or in the programmes of the pious. Females may seclude themselves in a quiet corner in their homes.

Recite as much Qur'an as possible, particularly the prescribed surahs and verses.

Perform nafl Salah - Salatut Taubah - Tahajjud Salah - Salatut Tasbeeh etc.

Make abundant zikrullah - different forms of Zikr including durood and duas.

This night is a great opportunity for dua. Beg from Allah to fulfil your needs and the needs of the Ummah both in this world and the hereafter.

Aaisha (RA) reports: "I said: 'O Rasulallah ﷺ should I find myself the "Laylatul Qadr", what shall I pray ? Rasulallah ﷺ replied: say, "Allaahumma innaka afuwwun tuhibbul afwa fa'fu anni" "O Allah, You are most forgiving, You love forgiveness, so forgive me." (Tirmizi)

Take regular breaks during the night to avoid getting over-exhausted. Try switching between different forms of worship.

Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani (Hafizahullah) An ocean of knowledge

Justice (Retired) Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani was born in 1943 in Deoband, India. He is the son of the late Maulana Mufti Muhammad Shafi, the former Grand Mufti of Pakistan. Known as one of the leading Shariah scholars of today. A prolific author, expert in the fields of Hadith, Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence), Economics, and Tasawwuf. He has been teaching these and other branches of Islamic education since 1959. He also served as a Sharia Judge at the Supreme Court of Pakistan. A permanent member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, currently the vice president of Darul Uloom Karachi.

Some prominent scholars have remarked about him:

"An intelligent and knowledgeable teacher and author" (Ml Yusuf Binnori)

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"The apple of Indo/Pak region" (Sheikh Abdul Fattah Abu Ghuddah)

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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.

Be proactive and save water

The most important lesson for us on the Cape Town water crisis is that we implement measures that all households of the city have now been compelled to. Many throughout the country use water in a mind-set that supply is limitless.

For many years, the drought situation is a stark reality in our country and government has failed – apart from having balked at future planning and activating/implementing sustainable measures of water security – to have a drive in place to raise the consciousness of its citizens of the Day Zero nightmare scenario in Cape Town.

At the same time, it is despicable that politicians are focusing on political mileage rather than working with their sleeves folded above their elbows and coming forward with solutions. The best and most powerful things that we can do as citizens is to be proactive in implementing water saving and conservation measures in our daily lives.

Listings of how to do this abound on the internet.

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Ibn Abbas ؓ says that Nabi ﷺ instituted the charity of Fitr as a means of purification from useless talks and vile speech and also as a means of relief and food for the poor. (Abu Dawood)

The Night of Eid

Known as the Night of Reward and Prize-Giving Nabi ﷺ has stated: "Whoever stands up (in worship) in the nights preceding the two Eids, yearning for reward from Allah, his heart will not die on the day when all hearts will die." (Ibn Majah)

Greeting on Eid day

Jubayr ibn Nufayr ؓ said: "When the Sahabah ؓ met on the day of Eid, they would say to each other, 'Taqqabalallahu minna wa minkum (May Allah Ta'ala accept from you and us)'" (Fathul Bari)

What to do on Eid Day

Spend the day remembering Allah, visiting family, the poor, needy, orphans, elderly and sick. Adopt humility and ensure that no laws of Shariah are compromised on this day. Remember the less fortunate and the Muslim Ummah undergoing difficulty in different parts of the world.

Six fasts of Shawwal

Hazrat Abu Ayoob Ansari ؓ reports that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Whoever observes the fasts of Ramadan and follows it up with keeping six fasts in Shawwal, then (he will get the reward) as though he fasted the entire year." (Muslim)



Nabi ﷺ said:" Whoever eases the difficulty of a distressed person, Allah ﷻ will ease his distress in this world and the Hereafter" (Muslim)

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