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Lajna News

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Holy Quran

Verily, I am Allah; there is no god but I, so worship **ME** alone and observe Prayer for my remembrance; (20:15)

Hadith

Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet^{saw} said: The first item in respect of which a person would be called to account on the Day of Judgment will be Prayer. If that is found in order he would be successful and prosper, but if that is not in order he would be ruined and lost. In case of a shortcoming in his obligations the Lord of honor and glory will say: Look, if among the voluntary acts of My servant there is anything that would make up his shortcoming in respect of his obligations. All his obligations would be checked up in that manner. Jabir relates that the Holy Prophet^{saw} said: Giving up Prayers is tantamount to disbelief and paganism.

(Muslim)

Writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}

There is no doubt about it that the prayers (five daily prayers) are the cause of blessings, but these blessings are not the lot of everybody. Only he whom God enables to pray is the one who prays. Otherwise the prayer is nothing more than a shell in the hand of the one who prays. It has nothing to do with the kernel. Same is the case with the *Kalima*. The person whom God enables to recite the *Kalima* is really the person who recites it. Unless one gets to drink from the heavenly fountain, reciting the *Kalima* and offering the prayers, these things cannot be of any avail. The prayer which produces a sweetness and a zeal for more of worship and which strikes a communication with God and is offered in all humility brings about a change in the life of the man. And this change is instantaneously perceived by the one who prays like this. This change makes him realize that he is not what he was before. (Malfoozat vol. 6, pg. 378)



Message from Sadr Lajna Australia - Mrs. Tamseela Saleh

Each passing day is bringing us closer to celebrating 100 years of Khilafat. These celebrations represent our gratitude for the greatest blessing of Khilafat. Allah The Almighty likes those people who are grateful.

This is the time to assess our spiritual condition and bring about a self-reformation of the standards that our beloved Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba}, expects of us. I anticipate Lajna Imaillah Australia to be in the forefront when it comes to partaking in the Khilafat Jubilee Celebrations, so let us start with active participation in the Centenary Prayers Program.

I would also like to remind my dear sisters that Jalsa Salana Australia 2008 is fast approaching. I urge all sisters who attend to make use of this spiritual occasion to uplift their souls, remain busy with remembrance of Allah, pay special attention to the Islamic injunction of Purdah and obey the Jalsa Salana workers. It is my hope and prayer that all efforts of self-reformation will bring us closer to Allah, Inshaallah.

Majalis Highlights Oct-Dec 2007

Queensland (Brisbane):

- Eid Milan Party -28 Oct '07: Nasirat highlighted the program with a National Song, fancy dress show and a comedy play. A Lajna Hair styling competition was also arranged following Lajna indoor games. 55 Lajna and 21 Nasirat attended the program.
- Lajna General Meeting – 28 Oct '07: The new Amila was announced, whereas the departing members were farewelled. 55 Lajna and 21 Nasirat attended the program.
- Interfaith Symposium – 4 Nov '07: "EXISTENCE OF GOD" – Members of the Christian Community (Mrs. Denise Austin), the Sikh Community (Ms. Amandeep Kaur) and the Ahmadiyya Community (Ms Atiyatul Ghalib) presented their discourses based on their respective Holy Scriptures. 44 Lajna, 15 Nasirat and 8 guests attended. The program concluded with silent prayers, followed by refreshments. A bookstall was also organized.
- General Meeting – 2 Dec '07: 55 Lajna and 21 Nasirat attended the program which consisted of a variety of Taleem, Tabligh, Health and Annual Exhibition presentations.
 1. Khidmat-e-Khalq: an amount of \$740 has been collected as children's contribution under "Kids Eid Gift Scheme" for the needy children.
 2. Khidmat-e-Khalq: gifts of \$ 340 were distributed to the children of "Royal Children's Hospital" and "Logan Hospital" on Christmas.
- Tabligh: Four Lajna members visited an "Old age home" and a "host home". Christmas gifts in the form of flowers, chocolates, small gifts, and a card on behalf of Lajna were presented to about 15 people.

Queensland (Bundaberg):

- Eid Milan Party & a sports Event held on 1 Jan '07.

Sydney:


- Refresher Course for National Majlis-e-Amila and local Sydney Majalis Amila - 18 Nov '07
- Khidmat-e-Khalq: National Secretary Khidmat-e-Khalq organised for the collection of gifts for children of all ages from all Majalis in Sydney. These were donated to children at Nepean Hospital Sydney with the assistance of Dr Talat Uppal.
- Eid Milan Party –23 Dec '07: Held for Nasirat by National Secretary. Nasirat brought a present and these were then randomly drawn by each Nasira.

Victoria:

- Tarbiyyati Class Nasirat and Lajna – 17 Nov '07: Theme: "Salat". Presentations on various aspects were highlighted, including a demonstration by Nasirat on the correct way of performing Salat.
- Eid-ul-Adhiya: Sweets were distributed to Nasirat and young children

Announcements

Achievements:

- Sarah Chaudhry D/O Dr. Abdul Ghaffar Chaudhry, Bundaberg, has received O.P 4 in Grade 12 exams. Please pray for her that Allah Almighty helps her to achieve her goals in future. 
- Dr. Ammara Ghaffar Chaudhry, Bundaberg, has passed the exam of Fellowship of Royal college Of General Practitioner in December 2007.
- Zubeda Zia, Bundaberg, has successfully completed her Diploma in Child Care in December 2007.

New Arrivals:

Brisbane Lajna cordially welcomes the following Lajna members to their Majlis:

Mrs. Munazza Arif, Mrs. Nighat Khan, Ms Farah Malik, Mrs. Rubina Ayyaz, and Mrs. Fahmida Naseer.

Victoria Lajna welcomes 5 new lajna members from Pakistan in December.

Bushra Rehana, Hamida Khatoon, Amtul Qayyum Rani, Nasreen Tahir, Shafqat Hafeez

Births:

- Dr. & Mrs. Imran Khurshid (Bundaberg): first baby girl 'Maryam Ahmed Khurshid' - 1 Feb '07 
- Mr. & Mrs. Zahid Shah (Bundaberg): baby boy 'Nauman Wasim Shah' - 27 Feb '07. Nauman is the brother of Farid & Walid Shah.
- Sr. Najma Shahin (Al-Mubarika) & Mr. Anwar-ul-Haq Shahin (page jewellers): second waqf-e-nau child - 7 Aug '07, sister of Faiz-ul-Haq. Huzoor^{aba} has named her Nida-ul-Haq.
- Dr. & Mrs. Shahid Malick ((Bundaberg): baby girl Ayesha Malick - Sept '07. She is the sister of Maryam & Bilal Malick.
- Sr. Farhat Khurram (Al-Fatima) & Mr Khurram Saeed: first child - 15 Oct '07. She has been named Zaara Rehmat Khurram.
- Mrs. Mansoorah & Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Malhi (Victoria): baby boy - 20 Oct '07. Fozan Ahmad Malhi is in the Waqf-e-nau scheme.
- Mrs. Sobia & Mr. Waheed Ahmad (Victoria): second child, a baby boy - 11Nov '07. Huzoor^{aba} has named him Waleed Ahmad, who is in the Waqf-e-nau scheme.
- Mr. & Mrs. Farooq Abro (Bundaberg): baby boy Samee Abro - 29 Dec '07. He is brother of Ibn-ul-Mehdi.
MAY ALLAH BLESS ALL CHILDREN WITH A LONG, HEALTHY & SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS LIFE, AMEEN.

Corrections:

- In the previous issue of Lajna News, the Sports Awards were wrongly announced that Al-Khadija received first position. It is **Al-Mubarika Majlis** that has received **First position** for the 3rd consecutive time.
- Essay Competition Winner, under 25, first position holder is **Sobia Ahmed (Melbourne)**. Her name was incorrectly announced as Sobia Iqbal.

General Information regarding Jalsa Salana 2008

Registration

Entrance to Jalsa Gah shall be strictly on the basis of registration cards. Sisters are requested to register themselves at the registration booth near the entrance to the Ladies section of the Jalsa compound. Members are requested to display their registration cards during the entire jalsa.

Sisters are encouraged to invite their friends and contacts of tabligh on this blessed occasion, they must submit their names to National President Lajna Imaillah so invitations can be issued and on the basis of information provided. Registration for these guests can also be completed prior to jalsa day.

Jalsa Gah

Ladies Jalsa Gah will be in the premises of the downstairs prayer Hall of Bait-ul-Huda mosque, Sydney. The Kitchen area of the mosque will be allocated as a rest area for elderly members and children only. However no food or drink is allowed in either of these areas.

First Aid, Kidmat-e-Khalq and Lost & Found

There will be booths arranged for all of the above services close to the Jalsa Salana Office located near the entrance to the Jalsa Gah.



Exhibition & Food Stalls

There will be a separate marquee arranged for exhibition and food stall. Exhibition will include crafts, hand made items made by sisters and other merchandise from all over Australia. The food stall will be selling a variety of foods and drinks. Exhibitions and food stalls will only be open during break time.

Child Care

Child care service will be provided for children ages 4-7 years old. Mothers can benefit from this service. Also this year the Khidamat-e-Khalq department has organized care for children with special needs. This will also be in the Childcare Marquee.



Stroller Marquee

There will be a marquee for kids strollers, strollers will not be permitted in the jalsa gah. Mothers will be provided with proper arrangements in stroller marquee as well.



Diyafat (Food Service)

Food services will be arranged in a separate marquee. Sisters are requested to co-operate with volunteers during Diyafat and show absolute patience and discipline.



There will be chairs available for **elders** only. Sisters are requested to take this in consideration that they may be asked to leave the chair as they are to be used by elderly person only. If you wish to sit on the ground while eating please carry a sheet or mat with you. Sisters are urged to respect food, make sure you and your kids are not wasting any food.

Anyone who requires special diet food during Jalsa Salana is requested to present their names to their Majlis president. This includes no or less salt, no or less spice etc. diets for elderly or special need members. Food can then be prepared according to needs of people.

Shoes

All Lajna members are requested to please bring a shopping bag to place their shoes in and keep with them in their bags. So that shoes are not placed outside, where they can be messy and also get mixed with others shoes.



Volunteers

Although this year we have not formally requested any volunteers for Jalsa Salana 2008, any Lajna members who may wish to volunteer their names to perform any duties should give their names to their Majlis President. We will Inshallah contact them if we require any assistance.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR HIGH ACHEIVERS

As you are aware that every year we distribute awards to the Jamaat members in the annual Jalsa Salana who performed well in their studies. I would like to request you to forward me the names of your organization's members who performed under the same criteria in their academics for the awards to be given in the annual Jalsa Salana 2007.

For further information regarding the required criteria, the National Jamaat Secretary Taleem, Mr. Idrees Khan, can be contacted at:

(02) 9894 5740; email: idreeskhan1@hotmail.com; 37 Kings Road, Castle Hill, NSW 2154.

The deadline for submissions of names is **28 February 2008**.





Lajna Imaillah Australia held their Amila Refresher Course on 18th Nov '07. Main features included discussions on the following:

- 17 points about the aim of Lajna Imaillah—by Sadr Lajna Imaillah Australia
- Main points from Amila Meeting held with Hadrat Khalifat-ul-Messih V^{aba} at Jalsa Salana 2006
- Instructions on reports writing protocols
- Extracts from Huzoor^{aba}'s guidelines to office-bearers

The final address was by the Respective Ameer Sahib, who addressed the Lajna upon the topic of Wassiyat. Lajna had the opportunity to ask questions regarding Wassiyat and had their questions answered by Sect Wassiyat as well as the Respective Ameer Sahib. The day was concluded with silent prayer. About 70 Lajna members from Sydney Majalis attended.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MAJALIS

Exam of the book "Al-Wassiyat" (The Will) written by the Promised Messiah^{as} will be held on **Sunday 24 February 2008** at the main Jamaat centers in each State.

All Jamaat members are encouraged to read the book thoroughly and benefit from this opportunity to increase their knowledge. Please contact your Majlis President for further information.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM NATIONAL SECRETARY TALEEM

Change to Lajna Taleem Syllabus 2007-2008

After receiving feedback from many Lajna members about the Length of the National Taleem Syllabus, the National secretary Taleem in conjunction with National Majlis-e-Amila Lajna Imaillah Australia has made some changes to the syllabus as follows:-

- 40 Ah-Hadith have been reduced to 20 Ah-Hadith.
- Hifz-e-Quran for curriculum part 2 has been reduced to only 1st Rukuh of Surah Yaseen
- Special Hifz-e-Quran for curriculum part 2 has been reduced to first 18 verses including Bismillah of Surah Al-Tatfif (Al-Mutafifeen)

We hope that all Lajna members will find it easier now and will make every endeavor to try and complete it so that they may increase their knowledge.

Khilafat Centenary Celebrations

As you are aware that the Khilafat Centenary celebrations are beginning this year. The official beginning of these celebrations will occur on the 27 May 2008 by Huzoor^{aba} in UK. Therefore, we would like to advise you to cover the topic of "Life of the Holy Prophets^{saw}", "Khulafa-e-Rashideen" & a brief History of Islam in your Majalis meetings/Tarbiyyati classes **before** covering Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. This is an especially important topic for all members to understand, in a better way, the importance of this blessing of Almighty Allah and reminds us about our responsibilities. This is an integral part of our faith and highlights the necessity for Khilafat.

National Secretary Khilafat Centenary, Lajna Imaillah



Khilafat Centenary 2008

The next book to be studied in the series of books which are part of the Khilafat Centenary Educational program is "Second Chapter (Titled: The true Story of the Split)" of the book "The truth about the split" written by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the second (ra).

InshaAllah this book will be distributed towards the **end of February 2008**. Exam of this book will be held on the last Sunday of June 2008 at the main jamaat centers in each State. Please contact your Majlis president if you need any further information.



Editor's Desk

Next issue of the newsletter will be dedicated to the events and announcements related to the Khilafat Centenary Celebrations InshaAllah. Remember to actively participate in the Khilafat Centenary Program announced by Hazrat Khalifatul Massih V^{aba}. We do look forward to **your feedback** for the next issue by **May 15 '08** at naureen75@yahoo.com.

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