



HOLY QURAN

[24:52] The response of the believers, when they are called to Allah and His Messenger in order that He may judge between them, is only that they say: 'We hear and we obey.' And it is they who will prosper.

إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

HADITH

The Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw} said: "I adjure you to be mindful of your duty to Allah and to hear and obey even if a black slave is put in authority over you. Those of you who survive me will serve much contention. At such time, hold fast to my practice and the practice of my rightly guided successors. Hold on to it by your hind teeth, and beware of innovations, for every innovation is error."

(Gardens of the Righteous - On the Obligation of Obedience to the Prophet^{saw})

WRITINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}

The word 'abd in Arabic idiom also means slave as it is said: 'A Believing slave is better than an idolater.' (2:222) In this verse, it is indicated that he who desires salvation should establish the relationship of a slave with this Prophet. That is to say, he should not step outside his commandment and should consider himself bound to his obedience as a slave is bound and he would then obtain salvation. One pities those benighted souls who bear such rancour towards the Holy Prophet^{saw} that they consider names like Ghulam Nabi, Ghulam Rasul, Ghulam Mustafa, Ghulam Ahmad and Ghulam Muhammad, amount to associating the Holy Prophet^{saw} with God, whereas the verse indicates that these names are a means of salvation. As 'abd implies that a person so named should refrain from every kind of freedom and self-direction and should be completely obedient to his master, therefore, the seekers after truth have been urged that if they wish to attain salvation, they should adapt themselves to this condition.

(A'ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khazain, Volume 5, p. 186)

FRIDAY SERMON - December 31st, 2004

Referring to Quranic verse 4:59, Huzur^{aba} delivered a sombre and admonitory Sermon on Compliance with the Administrative System of the Community. Huzur^{aba} said it is not as if he senses defiance or problem, rather he stated that at times, some materialistic or ill-informed people create a situation that is contrary to the dignity of the Community. It can influence the young and the new converts; furthermore despite the fact that the Nizaam of the Community is firmly established along with Khilafat, we need to periodically remind ourselves of its regulations.

Firstly, Huzur^{aba} said, we take guidance from the Holy Qur'an which directs people to choose and elect people in authority from among those who are worthy with due care and with prayer. During the election procedure it is important to adhere to exclude those who are excluded by the Nizaam for whatever reason.

Huzur^{aba} said no office within the Community is the birthright of an individual, rather if one is given the chance to serve that is a grace of Allah. Therefore not even a hint of canvassing either from a person himself or his/her friends is permitted. If it comes to the knowledge of the Nizaam that this has taken place, that particular person is not allowed to participate in the election process. These elections are purely to choose people to serve for the sake of Allah. Once these people are chosen they should honour their election endeavouring with all their capabilities and time, based on complete justice and selfless intentions.

The office-holders have an immense responsibility towards the Community in general. They ought to consider themselves foremost in adapting the Quranic injunction of suppressing anger and pardoning others (3:135). They need to inculcate absolute humility and not show any sign of irritability or arrogance, reforming others through counsel. Huzur^{aba} said that the central and auxiliary office-holders of the Community throughout the world needed to bring about a change in their attitude. In particular complaints are made about Lajna from its younger members and the new converts.

All office-holders should have the spirit to listen to complaints made against themselves and their friends and family and if they do not have what it takes then they ought to relinquish the obligation. Each person who 'leads' is required to serve in the manner of a servant and this needs to be apparent in each and every deed of theirs. Huzur^{aba} said all office-holders should be mindful that they are a part of the administration of the Khalifa of the day and therefore are his representatives. Their thought-process should be in line with that of the Khalifa.

(The entire sermon summary can be read at the following link:
<http://www.alislam.org/mta/summary/december31-2004.html>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Meezaan

The second issue of Al Meezaan for the year 2011 will be available for purchase at the occasion of the National Annual Ijtema Lajna Imaillah and Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya Australia, Inshaallah. This magazine which has enjoyed two years of publication already is designed specifically for children, boys and girls, of Australia. [It was launched at the occasion of Jalsa Salana 2010.] Please make sure you purchase a copy, if not at the Ijtema, then from your local Publications Secretary.

The Al Meezaan team would love to receive your feedback regarding the magazine, so make sure you share your opinions about how we can make it a better publication. Also, don't forget to send in your contributions for this magazine, as the next issue will be published in April 2012 at the occasion of Jalsa Salana Australia Inshaallah. Jazakallah Ahsan aljaza.



From the Editor's Desk

**Dear Readers,
Assalam-o-Alaikum
EID MUBARAK
to all of you from
the Editorial Team.
We certainly hope
that you not only
enjoyed reaping
the blessings in the
month of Ramadan,
but also enjoyed a
joyous Eid-ul-Fitr
in the company of
your loved ones.**

**We also hope that
you are enjoying
reading the monthly
newsletter. We
would love to
hear from you
if you have any
feedback regarding
this newsletter.
Please also send
us announcements
of births, ameens,
graduations, etc.
The email to send
your information
is [naureen75@
yahoo.com](mailto:naureen75@yahoo.com). Please
mention the name
of the Majlis you are
sending the news
from. Jazakallah!**

NATIONAL ANNUAL IJTEMA 2011

LAJNA IMAILLAH and NASIRAT-UL-AHMADIYYA AUSTRALIA

23rd - 25th September at Masjid Bait-ul-Huda, Sydney

FRIDAY

SESSION ONE

2:30 pm	Quran Tilawat
2:45 pm	Lajna/Nasirat Pledge
2:50 pm	Nazm
	<i>Sports team move out</i>
4:30 pm	National Annual Majlis-e-Shura Lajna Imaillah Australia
6:30 pm	Dinner/ Salat
7:30 pm	Majlis e Shura resumes

SATURDAY

SESSION TWO

08:00 am	Sports Competitions
10:00 am	Quran Tilawat
10:10 am	Nazm
10:20 am	Opening Address (by National President Lajna Imaillah Australia)
10:30 am	Tilawat Competition (Level I)
11:00 am	Tilawat Competition (Level II)
11:30 am	Nazm Competition (Level I)
12:10 pm	Speech Competition (English—Both Levels)
1:30 pm	Salat/Lunch

SESSION THREE

3:00 pm	Quran Tilawat
3:10 pm	Nazm
3:20 pm	Lajna Bait Bazi Competition
4:20 pm	Nazm Competition (Level II)
5:00 pm	Lajna Quiz Competition
6:00 pm	Annual Report Lajna Imaillah Australia
6:30 pm	Dinner/Salat

SUNDAY

SESSION FOUR

08:00 am	Sports Competitions
10:00 am	Quran Tilawat (Winner Tilawat Competition Level I)
10:10 am	Nazm (Winner Nazm Competition Level I)
10:20 am	Speech Competition (Urdu—Both Levels)
11:30 am	Extempore Speech Competition (Both Levels)
12:30 pm	Address by Respected Ameer Sahib
1:30 pm	Salat/Lunch

SESSION FIVE

3:00 pm	Quran Tilawat (Winner Tilawat Competition Level II)
3:10 pm	Lajna Pledge
3:15 pm	Nazm (Winner Nazm Competition Level II)
3:25 pm	Prize Distribution
4:00 pm	Concluding Remarks & Dua (by National President, Lajna Imaillah Australia)

MESSAGE FROM RESPECTED SADR LAJNA IMAILLAH AUSTRALIA - Mrs. Tamseela Saleh

On the occasion of National Annual Ijtema, Respected Ameer Sahib, Mahmood Ahmad Sahib, will hold a questions and answers session (InshaAllah) where you can ask any question related to financial sacrifices. This would be a good opportunity to increase your understanding and knowledge.

[If you are not able to attend the ijtema, please send your questions to naureen75@yahoo.com if you would like them to be addressed, and these will be passed on to the Ijtema organizers.]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT.
MAY ALLAH ALMIGHTY MAKE THIS IJTEMA A SOURCE OF BLESSINGS
FOR ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE ORGANIZERS, AMEEN.

HIJRI – SHAMSI CALENDAR

The calendar used in the West is the Christian (Gregorian) calendar that is based on the solar movements, it started with the birth of Hadhrat Jesus^{as}. On the other hand the Islamic (Hijri) calendar uses lunar movements and started with the emigration (Hijrah) of Prophet Muhammad^{saw} from Mecca to Medina, which occurred on July 16th, 622.

After a lot of research and calculations a new calendar was worked out. Under the direct supervision of Hudhooor the new Hijri-Shamsi calendar was adopted in 1940, which is indeed one of his brilliant achievements.

Although the calendar is based on solar calculations, the starting point in time is the migration of Prophet of Islam instead of Hadhrat Jesus^{as}'s day of birth. According to this method 2000 AD translates into 1379 Hijri-Shamsi i.e. 1379 years have passed since the emigration of Prophet Muhammad^{saw} from Mecca to Medina.

Each month in the calendar is named after an important event that occurred in the history of Islam. The time frame in these months is the same as in the months of a Christian calendar. (Note: A lunar month is shorter by a couple of days than the solar month).

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| 1. Sulh | (peace) | January |
| 2. Tabligh | (preaching) | February |
| 3. Aman | (protection) | March |
| 4. Shahadat | (martyrdom) | April |
| 5. Hijrat | (migration) | May |
| 6. Ehsan | (benevolence) | June |
| 7. Wafa | (loyalty) | July |
| 8. Zahoor | (appearance) | August |
| 9. Ikha | (brotherhood) | September |
| 10. Tabook | (battle of Tabook) | October |
| 11. Nabuwat | (prophethood) | Novemembr |
| 12. Fatah | (victory) | December |

Taken from:

<http://www.alislam.org/library/history/ahmadiyya/73.html>

Editor's Note:

Starting with the newsletter in August 2011, the Editorial team of "Lajna News" has started using the Hijri-Shamsi calendar along with the other calendars at the suggestion of National Secretary Tarbiyyat Lajna Imaillah Australia. The above excerpt has been included for the information of the readers. Jazakallah.

MEDIA MONITORING

ONE HUNDRED WOMEN

> I was delighted to read about the mentoring network One Hundred (RA July). However, I disagree with two of the statements: 1. "It is a minority of people who have the luxury of staying at home to care for family." 2. "You are comparing your life to another five billion people, there is huge pressure ... Women look at glossy magazines and see that so-and-so has two full-time nannies and a lap pool and so people are under constant pressure." I believe Ms Ling is talking about women who are so materialistic they only look at the glossy magazines. There are plenty of other magazines that present the picture of the other side of the



coin: entire family units who live on less than a dollar a day. Perhaps if women looked at those people, they would not feel so much pressure, because the luxury of staying home can belong to everyone. If we live simply, practise moderation, provide our children love and nurture them with care, they will not need the expensive toys, nor the expensive nannies.

Naureen Choudhry, Narre Warren

This letter, written by Naureen Choudhry (Majlis Victoria) got published in a magazine called RACV. The distribution for this magazine is: 2 million people within Victoria, which is 70% of Victorian households. It is the largest circulating magazine in the state. The article can be read online at the following link on page 16:

<http://www.racvroyalauto.com.au/editions/aug11/>

REPORTS FOR MAY 2011

SHOBA TALIM

Total number under report: 790

- Talim Department formed an examination paper consisting of the book 'Blessings of Prayer' and split word translation of the Holy Quran.
- 15 Quran classes organised. 415 members benefitted from these. Verses 12 and 13 of Surah Hujarat were explained with commentary.
- Classes were organised in which Namaz, translation, Ahadith, split word translation of the Quran and the book 'Blessings of Prayer' were taught.

SHOBA TARBIYYAT

Total number under report: 395

- Tarbiyyati issues covered:
 1. Book 'Zikr-e-Ilahi'
 2. Importance of Purdah in the current society,
 3. Incorporating tabligh in our daily lives
 4. Tarbiyyat-e-Aulad
- Members reminded to listen to Friday Sermons.
- In regards to Purdah and its importance, Friday Sermons and addresses of Huzur^{aba} that referred to the importance of observing Purdah were read. Articles from Al-Fazl, Ad-Duha and Misbah related to Purdah were read.
- The following topics were outlined:
 1. Natural disasters and Divine punishment
 2. Obedience to the State
- A Jama'at Khilafat Day was organised, a Meena Bazaar and Sports Day in which the attendance was 71, 68, 75 respectively
- 5 Majalis covered Friday Sermons.

SHOBA ZIAFAT

Total number under report: 166

- Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (fundraiser for the National Cancer Council) organised. Ziafat team provided tea to all members present.
- Ziafat team served refreshments at Lajna events.
- Good table manners encouraged: members informed to practice their eating etiquettes after Majlis Meeting, where light refreshments were served. Children encouraged not to waste their food and place their rubbish in the bin.

SHOBA TABLIGH

Total number under report: 532

- 357 members prayed for Tabligh efforts
- 147 members wrote letters to Huzur^{aba}
- Items distributed to non-Ahmadi friends
 - o 1 Holy Quran
 - o 1 Misbah
 - o 373 Peace Pamphlets & 5 books
- 177 members distributed food and sweet to non-Ahmadi friends
- 81 members attended Daiyaat Class (studied death of Jesus^{as} with help of Quran and Bible)
- In Majlis Brisbane (QLD), an Ahmadi student of Griffith University presented her thesis on the 'Importance and Value of Education Among Ahmadi Muslim Women'.
- In Majlis South Australia, members discussed Sharia law with a priest. A link was sent which contained lectures of Hadhrat Khalifatul Massih IVth regarding the topic.

SHOBA KHIDMAT-E-KHALQ

Total number under report: 558

- Members performed 1121 services
- Members perform Waqar-e-Amal in BaitulHuda and Khilafat Centenary Hall
- Overview of Khidmat-e-Khalq activities:

Type of Activities:	Members involved:
Providing meals	175
Monetary Donation	203
Clothes Donation	147
Provided Transportation	136
Social Welfare Visits	288
Community Work	16
Local and National Events	156

SHOBA SANAT WA DASTKARI

Total number under report: 209

- 7 cooking, 2 sewing & 1 craft classes organised.



SHOBA SEHAT-E-JISMANI

Total number under report: 287

- 210 Lajna members participated in sporting activity this. The sporting activities included Cricket, Soccer, Badminton.
- Topics of lectures included:
 - o Sleep deprivation
 - o Sweet drinks
 - o Summer bites
 - o First Aid
 - o CPR
 - o Cuts and burns
 - o Sweet tooth
- A Sports Day was held in Majlis South Australia and Majlis Brisbane (QLD). The day consisted of marching, tarana and sports like message relay and tug of war.

SHOBA ISHAAT

Total number under report: 874

- 107 members subscribed to any Jama'at magazine. 18 members subscribed in this month
- 2 web reports and 1 news for newsletter were sent to Jama'at Australian website
- 3 reports were sent to Al Meezan magazine
- 2 reports were sent to the Lajna Annual Magazine 'Ad-Duha'. They were titled:
 - o The simple life of Hudhur^{saw}
 - o Ehadnama Khilafat
- Members helped in urdu typing, arrangement of bookstall, proof-reading and translation
- Following books were sold:
 - o Zikr-e-Ilahi
 - o Ad-Duha
 - o Al Meezan
 - o Islam Aur Asr-e-Hazir ke Masail ka Hal



EDITOR'S DESK

The Lajna Imaillah Publications team brings you a variety of publications throughout the year. It is a humble request to all Lajna members to contribute and participate in Publications projects, such as writing for Ad-Duha, sending announcements for the newsletter and participating in the Jihad of the pen by writing to newspapers and become a part of the media monitoring team. If you have any announcement for the next issues of the newsletter, please contact us at naureen75@yahoo.com Jazakallah.

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AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

By the grace of Almighty Allah, Lajna Imaillah Australia held 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' on the 15th of May 2011. The funds raised from Australia's Biggest Morning Tea help Cancer Council to continue their work in cancer research, prevention, education and support services.

The day began at 11:00 am, the volunteers who arrived earlier helped to prepare the area. Tables were arranged, posters placed and food was organized by the volunteers. The Sydney Majlis divided food amongst themselves, where some arranged cakes and biscuit, whilst others arranged the savory food.

Volunteers effectively prepared and sold the food. The Australia's Biggest Morning Tea was arranged in Khilafat Centenary Hall, adjacent Masjid Bait-ul-Huda. The funds raised on the day by the Lajna Imaillah of Sydney were \$1513. Alhamdulillah.

'Australia's Biggest Morning tea' was also organized by Lajna Imaillah Majlis Brisbane (Qld). The event was organized on 1st May and 22nd May at Bait-ul-Masroor Mosque. Lajna members raised \$822 in two days.

In both Sydney and Brisbane, the stalls were decorated with posters, handmade banner, balloons and flowers. The volunteers remained busy taking food orders. The Lajna Imaillah was very dedicated to donate for the great cause. The pictures of the event are attached on the next page. In total, the Lajna Imaillah of Australia collected \$2560 for 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea'. Alhamdulillah. May Allah Almighty enable the Lajna Imaillah to continue to do such works. Ameen.