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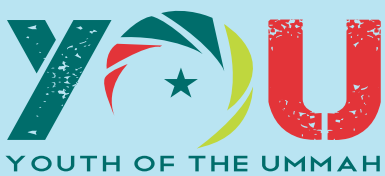
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SA's Latest Danger 'Woonga'



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of my life by trying it just
once - this was the beginning
of the end for me"

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The large scale of mass
destruction in Gaza has left
about 5,510 homes
completely destroyed and
about 31,000 partially
damaged, forcing tens of
thousands to flee their
homes that were caught up
in the Israeli air strikes.

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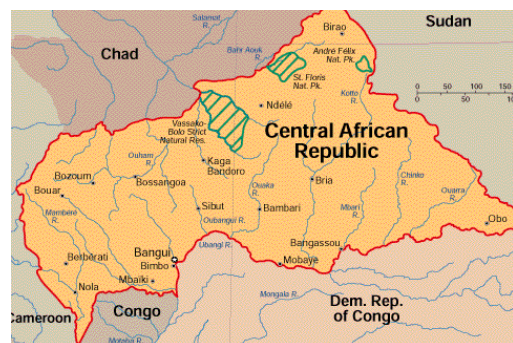
World News

Calls For Israel To Be Prosecuted By The International Criminal Court (ICC)

Hundreds of allegations of War crimes have been made against Israel. Subsequently, the United Nation's Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has appointed an independent commission to investigate. Those who were targeted by Israel include entire families who have been wiped out. Palestinian Chief Negotiator, Saeb Erekat has stated that the Palestinian Authority is on the verge of signing up to the Rome Statute so that it could ask the ICC to investigate Israeli war crimes.



CAR Appoints Muslim Prime Minister



Central African President Catherine Samba Panza has named a Muslim as the country's new prime minister. The appointment is a bid to make the government more inclusive of CAR's religious diversity and an effort to end sectarian violence between Muslims and Christians.

Saudi Arabia - Ebola Precautions for Hajj



Saudi Arabian authorities are doing all they can to assure pilgrims that the upcoming Hajj will not be affected by the Ebola virus outbreak. In October an estimated three million Muslims from around the world will congregate in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, to perform the Islamic pilgrimage.

Given the current fears over the recent Ebola outbreak in West Africa - which has already killed more than 2,200 people - concerns are growing that such a mass congregation may lead to a further spread of the disease if an infected person or

persons is found in the crowd. The Saudi Arabian Deputy Health Minister for planning and development, Mohammad al-Khasheem, said that all possible precautions are being taken to ensure that the upcoming Hajj is a safe one, with steps being taken to prevent an outbreak. Preventative measures also include special equipment at airports to detect anyone who may be infected.

Doctors and hospitals are also going to be on stand-by and ready to treat and monitor any emergency cases that may arise, Gulf News reported.

Scientists: Ozone Layer Recovering

Earth's protective but fragile ozone layer is beginning to recover, largely because of the phase-out since the 1980s of certain chemicals used in refrigerants and aerosol cans, a UN scientific panel reported in a rare piece of good news about the health of the planet.

For the first time in 35 years, scientists were able to confirm a statistically significant and sustained increase in stratospheric ozone, which shields us from solar radiation that causes skin cancer, crop damage and other problems.



Islam 'Rejuvenating' British Values



Britain's former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has said that Islam is rejuvenating "British values" during a critical speech against segments of Islamophobic segments of the British media.

Speaking to an audience of thousands at the annual Living Islam Festival, organised by the Islamic Society of Britain in Lincolnshire, the ex-archbishop praised Muslim communities that have been working with local parishes to provide family services and youth activities.

The Future will Belong to Muslims

MOSCOW - Russia's Orthodox archpriest Dmitri Smirnov has told congregants in his Sunday sermon that the future belongs to Muslims, praising them for offering help to the needy without repay, unlike the Christians in this land.

"The future will belong to the Muslims. The future is theirs," he said.

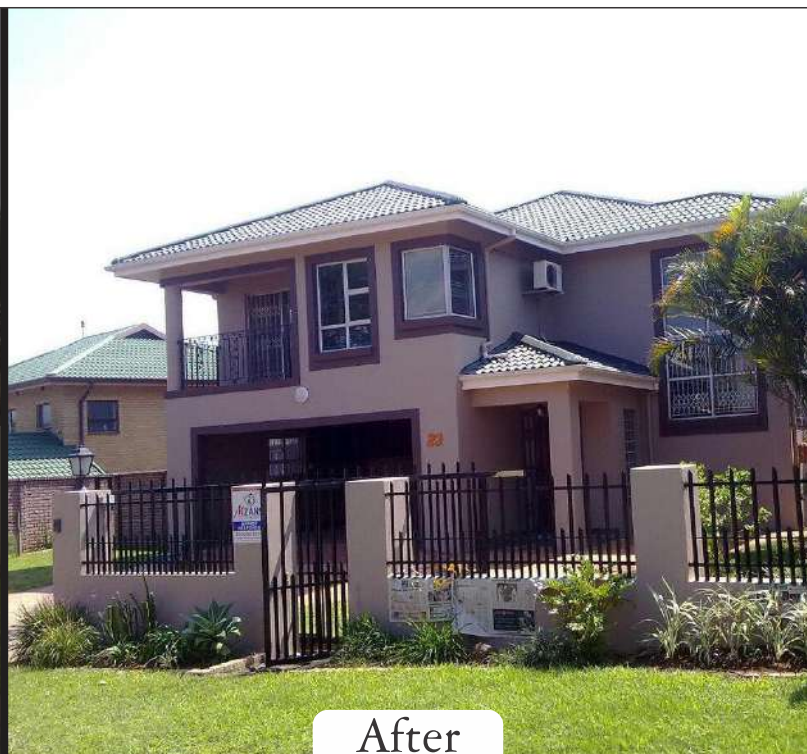
The archpriest comments came as he was recalling an experience shared with him by an elderly woman in his congregation. According to the woman, Muslim drivers never took money when taking her to church, whereas Christian drivers were only interested in making money.



"A Muslim is not interested in gaining benefit from the old woman. Rather, the Muslim offers to take her around, take her to the laundrette, pay her bills, take her to the market, carry her bags up to her floor or to her elevator (if she has one)," he said.



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Palestine Shall Be Free!



The recent deadly seven-week military operation in Gaza by Zionist Israel initiated in the Mubarak month of Ramadan left at least 2,100 Palestinians martyred and more than 10,000 injured. The horror of the genocide unleashed upon Gaza caused worldwide outrage, shock and people across the globe demonstrated against the carnage. It has made many believe and realise the importance of the Palestinian resistance - a nation fighting for peace, justice and the human right to live in the land of their birth. Hamas's support has surged after a war with massive casualties and utter devastation mainly all on the one side - this war spoke volumes about the savagery and overall intentions of the Zionists.

During the onslaught on Gaza nothing and nobody was spared. The family home became the most

dangerous place to be in as civilians became the main target. The Masjid considered to be a place of worship and safety was not spared, nor were refugee centers at schools which ought to be protected from all harm by 'International Law'. More than 90 UNRWA schools were bombed in spite of the Israeli military receiving warnings of their co-ordinates over and over again - 12 times in the case of the Beit Hanoun School including four hours before it was bombed, 17 times in the case of the Jabaliya School, and 33 times the co-ordinates for the Rafah School were passed on by the UN to the Israeli military but still it was struck by Israeli fire resulting in a massacre of civilians there. Those lucky to survive were not free from danger - ambulances, hospitals and even graveyards were bombed and reduced to rubble by the heartless Zionists.

Despite the suffering, one thing that has clearly emerged from this latest war is that Hamas has been hailed as a genuine protector of its people and it no longer stands alone. Palestinians across the spectrum have expressed overwhelming support for the fighters who defend their interest of freedom and sovereignty and have pledged to continue fighting Israel if it did not respond to all Palestinians' demands.

Hamas has fought three wars against Israel and each war has brought a new dawn to the struggle for freedom for Palestine. Many analysts are saying that this war has been the most defining thus far and regard it to be the beginning of the end of Israel. No doubt the PR image of Israel has suffered massively from this war. Local and global boycotts, protestations and divestment have piled on the pressure to the extent that the White House and Downing Street were left with no choice but to reluctantly murmur their condemnation for some of the worst injustices committed in recent years.

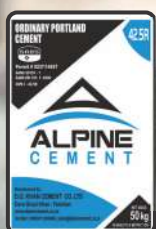
The Gaza strip is a narrow strip of land on the Mediterranean coast approximately 41 kilometres long and between 6 and 12 kilometres wide. There is no escape route for

the people locked into this open air prison. About 1.8 million people, live in this area with over one million being registered refugees. People in Gaza have been strangled and confined by a seven year blockade of basic supplies including food, medication, fuel etc.

The present truce that has temporarily brought some relief from the oppression should not cause us to forget the on-going struggle for a free Palestine. Muslims should continue to sustain the momentum built up during this onslaught until justice prevails. Through intensive dua and seeking Allah Ta'ala's Mercy a sustained plan of action must include the following:

- Abundant Istighfar (seeking forgiveness) and collective repentance
- In solidarity with our Palestinian brethren, curtail our extravagance and contribute our savings to the people of Gaza
- Write to the local press and media by expounding on these injustices and human rights violations
- Become committed to practicing Islam in day-to-day life
- Supporting the various initiatives to assist in whatever way possible, the Palestinian people.

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Recounting the Past Sins!

Q Currently I am married for several years and enjoying a harmonious relationship. However, the thought always troubles me that am I being dishonest to my partner by not disclosing the sins of my past. Should I discuss these shortcomings and clear the air?

A The mercy of Allah Ta'ala is such that despite our faults and weaknesses He does not disgrace us and continues to shower respect and dignity upon us in society. Hence it is preferable to keep concealed what Allah Ta'ala has concealed for a person. If the matter has no bearing on your current relationship and you have moved on from the past vices, then

there is no reason to disclose or discuss the past.

Due to unchecked emotion and a conceived form of transparency people who have disclosed their past vices to their partners have sorely regretted that naivety. Unfortunately, such "innocent confessions" have been used to condemn the person, to win relationship arguments and to justify the wrongs of the offending partner. Continue with the relationship normally, and avoid raising issues of the past that could potentially jeopardise a harmonious marriage.

May Allah Ta'ala strengthen you and guide you to the correct decisions.

Good Marriage Partner

I am anxious about finding a good marriage partner and would like some Dua or words that will help me find someone most suitable.

A person should make abundant Dua for all good after every Fard Salah by reciting the Sunnah duas including the Dua for marriage. One may read the attribute (name) of Allah Ta'ala "Ya Jami'u", 500 times, but recite durood shareef 11 times before and after "Ya Jami'u". "Ya Jami'u" means the "One who brings together".

Easy Istikharah?

P lease advise me very briefly what is Istikharah and also give me a short way of doing Istikharah.

Istikharah is simply a Dua that can be done at any time of the day or night with the intention of seeking guidance from Allah Ta'ala on a particular matter. One may perform 2 Rakahs of Salah before sleeping and read Allahumma Khirli Wakhtarli eleven times.

Communicating and Courting before Marriage

Q A Muslim boy and girl have developed a relationship of closeness with each other and chat with each other daily. They intend to court each other with a view to marriage. Is this acceptable in Islam?

A For love to be true and prosperous it must be for Allah Ta'ala's pleasure and in keeping with His Law. Islam teaches us that marriage is the purest and most beautiful relationship that exists between a male and female. To initiate this noble relationship with contaminated elements of romance, courting and lust is

impermissible. Courtship and premarital engagement is a western concept. Outwardly it seems to be a logical thing to get to know the person but ultimately proves to be detrimental to one's faith, marriage and honour.

Knowing each other well before marriage does not guarantee the success of the marriage: following the path of obedience and the Sunnah does. Both these individuals should muster courage, be remorseful about their sinful activity by repenting and seek assistance and guidance from a pious mentor to guide them to the path of chastity and piety.

Differing with Respect

H azrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariya (Rahimahullah) writes, "My father (Moulana Muhammad Yahya) and my mentor Hazrat (Moulana Khaleel Ahmed) had differing views in various issues and rulings. However, since there was no animosity or rancour between them - let alone the public - even the Ulama were not made aware of their differences. An example of their differences was when two or three people had a share in a large Qurbani animal and wished to fix one share on behalf of Rasulullah ﷺ - the price of this animal will be shared by all three persons. According to my father this was permissible; according to Hazrat Saharanpuri (Rahimahullah) it was impermissible.

My father lived in the upper quarters and Hazrat Saharanpuri lived in the quarters below. During the days of Qurbani I would see many people

asking Hazrat Saharanpuri regarding this ruling. He would say, 'According to me it is not permissible, but according to Moulana Yahya it is. Go upstairs and find out the ruling from him. If he permits, then practice upon it.'

This ruling is also permissible according to me (Hazrat Shaikh Rahimahullah) and according to the former Mufti of our Madrasah (Mufti Saeed Ahmed Sahib Rahimahullah) but according to the former principal (Moulana Abdul Lateef Sahib Rahimahullah) it is not permissible. Each of us knew the Fatwa of the other.

I discussed the matter with both of them but they did not accept my view nor did I accept theirs. Despite this fact, never was it announced publicly nor was there any quarrel or dispute."

(Boundaries of Differences Pg.97-98)

Notices

1. Monthly Islamic Calender - Available from our website
2. 80 Literature Collection Units placed in Masajid in KZN and 80 in Gauteng
3. Jumuah Khutba Cards - Available from Darul Ihsan Offices

4. Letter to the Dept. of Sports Science UDW on issue of exempting Muslim students from dancing.
5. Masjids / Musallahs in the greater Durban region wishing to come onto the Darul Ihsan Jumuah roster may contact the office.

BACKBITING

Gheebah (backbiting) is a destructive spiritual malady in both the worlds.

One of the greatest harms of backbiting is that on the Day of Qiyamah, the backbiter will have to part with his hard-earned rewards to those whom he had back bited.

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The Good Nature of Women

Allah Ta'ala has kept certain natural characteristics in women by which they supersede men. These characteristics are most distinctive and inherent in children. The innocence and pure nature of children are vividly illustrated by their soft hearts, their nature to cry easily, and whenever they "disagree" with adults or others, they make up easily --- without harbouring any ill-feeling or enmity.

Similarly, a woman's heart possesses the innocent qualities of softness, crying easily and making amends quickly. Men need to strive hard to "soften" their hearts with good acts under the guidance of a reliable spiritual mentor. However, women possess this "softness" and "tender-loving-care" naturally, almost automatically. Their hearts are already prepared by Allah Ta'ala with abundant fecundity for the cultivation of softness. All that is needed is for the "seed" to be sown in their bountiful hearts and they excel in attaining proximity to Allah Ta'ala. This "seed" is the abundant and constant Zikr of Allah Ta'ala.

Hakeemul Ummat Hazrat Maulana Thanwi (Rahimahullah) has said that I give the certificate of wilayat (sainthood) to a woman who adopts three qualities with steadfastness and sincerity: 1. Punctuality on salah. 2. Zikrullah. 3. Safeguards the tongue

A woman should be very particular about her Salah and fulfil her qadha (missed Salahs) that she has neglected from after attaining puberty. Additionally, she should be acutely mindful about her cleanliness and missed Salahs after her menses. She should constantly strive to be steadfast on cleanliness and her Salah at all times.

A suggested formula of Zikr is that a woman should recite daily 100 duroods and 100 times subhanallah wa bihamdihi subhanallahil azeemi wa bihamdihi astaghfirullah. This dua was prescribed by Nabi (sallallahu alayhi was sallam) to a Sahabi who complained of constraints and worries. The Sahabi returned after a year to say he has found abundance of peace and prosperity. Consult a mentor to guide one in increasing and sustaining Zikr.

Yet another advice from the Ulama, is for a woman to safeguard her tongue from excessive speaking and making statements of ingratitude to her benefactors like her husband, mother, father, brother, etc.

A lady who is steadfast on these practices shall very quickly acquire the nisbat (connection with) and proximity of Allah Ta'ala. (Insha-Allah)

SA's Latest Danger 'Woonga'

The one universal confession that every drug addict makes is "I made the biggest mistake of my life by trying it just once - this was the beginning of the end for me".

Nyope or woonga, the so-called new cocktail drug, became available in the year 2000 in Durban and since then this cheap street drug has spread like wild fire around the country.

Some of the poisons that make up this deadly drug are dagga, heroin, ARV's (anti retro virals), rat poison, bicarbonate of soda etc. It is available at around R 20 to R30 a hit and has become South Africa's most popular drug. Woonga is wreaking havoc in not only non-Muslim communities but also increasingly in the Muslim society. Rehabilitation Centres are inundated with addicts of all ages and from all communities in a desperate bid to assist patients to come clean from it.

What are the symptoms of someone smoking woonga? How does woonga affect the mind and body? What are the true life experiences of addicts on woonga?



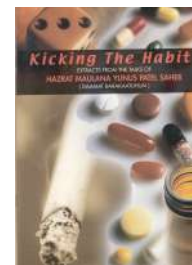
Insha Allah in the next issue we will explain and expound on the real life harms of this drug and share experiences of addicts who somehow have managed to beat the addiction and come clean.

May Allah Ta'ala protect the Ummah from the devastating evil of drug abuse.

Kicking The Habit

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Media Desk

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.

Darul Ihsan Refurbishes House gutted by Fire

Published in Daily News on Tuesday, 15 July 2014

Early in July a brave man stormed into his neighbour's burning house in Phoenix and rescued two siblings from almost certain death.

Alhamdulillah, after undergoing treatment for second degree burns the children were stabilised.

However, the entire upstairs of the home was burnt destroying all the belongings including their beds, furniture, clothing, etc.

The Daily News requested Darul Ihsan Centre to further assist the family. Upon inspection of the home - after the fire damage - Darul Ihsan Centre decided to immediately proceed in assisting to renovate the dwelling.

The entire top floor has since been refurbished, including the bathroom.

The family, despite their experience and the disaster of the fire damage, have now moved back into their refurbished 'new home.'

However, the family is still in arrears for rates, water usage and electricity and the Centre is in discussion with ward councillors to approach the municipality to alleviate the plight of the family by either reducing or completely cancelling the arrears.

In an act of goodwill and genuine concern for their neighbour, many people in the area have volunteered to assist the family.

Arrangements are also being made to provide the family with furniture, beds, a stove, refrigerator, etc.

Our aim is to provide the family with a comfortable home with the basic necessities, Insha Allah.

Visit our website for the latest news and letters to the editor www.darulihisan.com

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

Additionally, letters commenting on broad issues are regularly sent to the editors of newspapers. Below are a few letters which were sent by the Media Desk and published in newspapers.



Food Labelling Letter

On recommendation from the South African National Halaal Authority (SANHA), Darul Ihsan Centre has filed an objection to the proposed legislation on Food Labelling which suggests that for every certified product of a company, a non-Halaal product must be made available alongside it. This will have very serious and negative ramifications for all South Africans. It is highly impractical, draconian and burdens the supply chain from manufacturer to consumers with huge logistical and cost challenges.

Below is the letter that was sent to Director General of Health.

Attention: Food Control
Director General of Health
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Dear Sir,

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE LABELLING AND ADVERTISING OF FOODS: AMENDMENTS

Darul Ihsan is a multi-purpose, Islamic service providing centre based in Durban, South Africa which works for the upliftment and empowerment of the community

through the provision of a variety of essential and quality services. One among its key objectives is to promote a better understanding of Islam and Muslims, thereby serving as a bridge-builder between communities. It strives to serve the Muslim community in particular and the broader community in general. It is guided and managed by qualified Islamic scholars (Ulama) and its operations are conducted within the framework of the Noble Quran. It aspires to co-operate and network with other organisations for the common good and benefit of humanity.

Please be advised that we object to the aspect of the new labelling law of having dual marking of products i.e. Halaal and non-Halaal.

This law if enacted is draconian and places onerous conditions on all concerned in the supply chain, i.e. manufacturer, transporter to the consumer.

Our organisation opposes such a move as ill-advised and infringes on our religious rights and cautions the Minister in proceeding with same.

Yours sincerely
For Darul Ihsan Centre

The Quran and Inheritance

Many Islamic laws are outlined in the Quran by broadly explaining principles. Finer details and explanations are explained through the Ahadith of Rasulullah ﷺ. However, the importance of the laws of inheritance is such that its laws are mentioned in the Quran in detail. Allah Ta'ala has clearly prescribed what different heirs would receive in the varying situations.

As such it is obvious there is no room for discretion or doubt in these laws. Wealth is tempting and often spurs people to violate the laws of the Shariah in order to obtain wealth. Lest anyone is driven by the same temptation

when it comes to inheritance, Allah Ta'ala concludes the verses pertaining to inheritance with the following clear warning:

“Those are the boundaries of Allah ... And he who disobeys Allah and His Rasul and transgresses His boundaries, He (Allah) will enter him into the fire, forever he will dwell therein, and for him is a disgraceful punishment.” (Surah Nisa, V.13)

Thus it is imperative that estates are wound up according to the Shariah and that every heir be given fully what is due to him/her. Due to the lack of knowledge of basic aspects in this regard, disputes in matters of estates and



inheritance are encountered regularly.

Darul Ihsan Fatwa Department facilitates and assists with the drawing up of wills as well as assisting in estate mediations. We strongly advise all to be vigilant and safeguard themselves from coming under the purview of the above warning.

Virtues Of An Honest Trader

It is related by Abu Sa'eed Khudri رضي الله عنه that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **“The honest trader will be with the Prophets, the Truthful and the Martyrs.”**

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Illness is also a Blessing

I am a male in my forties who has survived at least 40 surgical procedures, and still counting! Sickness came when I least expected it and things that I took for granted like having a job and supporting, providing, caring and protecting my family came to a halt.

The situation became insurmountable because on the one-hand you have to seek urgent - and costly - hospitalization and surgical procedures for conditions which medication/pain killers cannot relieve and on the other hand you are incapable of providing for your family's needs.

While in hospital I have broken down into tears many times not only because of the excruciating pain that I was going through but also because of the anguish of not being able to provide and care for my family. Imagine how difficult it is not to be able to provide for my family especially when they visit me in hospital and only look upon me as the person who is supposed to be the support they need.

The only person I could turn to is Allah Ta'ala, my Creator and in humility I cried out:

'O Allah, You have given me this sickness and I fully accept it as Your Will. Please do not make my family and me be a burden to anyone. Watch over my family and their needs and give me the strength and ability to

endure the pain and the test that I am going through. I am aware the difficulties the Prophets ﷺ and Sahaba experienced. Compared to their hardships mine seem minor.'

We must have Iman and trust our Creator. It is difficult to comprehend that 'sickness is a blessing and a mercy from Allah Ta'ala' as it is generally looked at negatively. We must be positive and appreciate that whatever happens does so only through the Will of Allah Ta'ala. We must be strong and have unshakeable faith that - whatever our suffering - it will be followed by ease as this is the promise of the Quran.

With perseverance, Sabr and Dua I turned to Allah Ta'ala in the belief that - at some point - my suffering will come to an end, as Allah Ta'ala is the best of planners.

In the course of all these events - with the little strength I had - I approached Darul Ihsan Centre for assistance. Through the assistance I received from Darul Ihsan Centre I was able to study and start a new career. Darul Ihsan Centre gave me comfort and assistance when I was most desperate. The Centre became a pillar of strength sent to me by Allah Ta'ala at the time of my greatest need.

Today I work whenever I am able to. I always believe that our Creator has something planned for me and that gives me courage and strength.

May Allah Ta'ala bless the Centre and all those who serve the organisation, those who support them and all their respective families, Ameen.

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'Build-a-Home'

House No. 3 Built In Ntuzuma

A Darul Ihsan team of Ulama and volunteers were in Ntuzuma on Saturday, 30 August 2014 to view the third house built by the Centre. The objective of the visit was to officially meet the recipient family and handover the keys to their new home which is part of the 'Build a Home' housing project that was launched by Darul Ihsan Centre in 2013. The Ntuzuma family of eight, two adults and 6 children that received the house were previously living in abject conditions in a mud house which had a low roof and poor sanitation. The walls of the mud house were collapsing, the roof was leaking and it was unthinkable that

anyone could live in such a structure.

With the grace of Allah Ta'ala and the contributions of generous donors this crumbling structure was demolished and the brand new house built in its place. The 'Build a Home' team met with the family who expressed their thanks for the visit and appreciation to Darul Ihsan for their efforts. Plans are being drawn for houses number four and five.

Muslims are requested to contribute generously to this important project and make Dua for its success.



Why Mediation Works

When a marriage or family dispute becomes difficult to resolve internally by the affected parties then the Noble Qur'an encourages the appointment of mediators from both parties to try and bring about an amicable resolution. Reconciliation of differences has been cited as the most preferred form of settlement. (See Surah 4 Verse 35)

Disputing parties are often not aware of the remarkable potential of mediation as an alternative that can settle disputes and even help to preserve the relationship. Ego and emotion do not allow common sense and good faith to prevail. This leads to endless heartbreak and bitterness between individuals and families.

Mediation is by far the better option than court action and litigation in any dispute. Taking someone to court in an on-going relationship is like trying to remove a fly from someone's head with a hammer. Mediation lets the other side know you are serious and offers a bridge inviting the other side to come to an agreement.

Some negative aspects about litigation and benefits of mediation:

1. Safe & Easy - Litigation can result in unfair awards while in mediation parties are in complete control. The mediator will not permit unfair tactics so the playing field is equalised.

2. Convenient & Affordable - Litigation costs thousands for even a simple case without a firm guarantee of resolution. Mediation offers an affordable alternative.

3. Saves Time - Lawsuits can be lengthy and very frustrating. Mediation shows results in a fraction of that time.

4. Confidential and Dignified - Court matters are open to the public and media. Mediation is not.

5. Solution based system - Mediation provides options, solutions and answers. Litigation is hostile and focuses on naming and shaming.

The most important benefit of a healthy mediation is that it is in keeping with the teachings of the Noble Qur'an and Sunnah through which one achieves the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and a blissful life.

Correct Your Character!

Great emphasis is generally placed on various acts of Ibadah (worship) like optional Salah, Zikr, charity, Umrah, etc. These are indeed most rewarding acts of good that one must strive to practice and reap the rewards. However, there are other acts of Ibadah (worship) that are also relevant to our daily lives and relationships that are compromised and generally not considered as acts of merit.

People tend to be selective in which acts they wish to do and not to do. Islam is a complete way of life and must be practiced completely. We tend to find that the important injunction of good character and upholding noble conduct is often undermined. Some people conduct

themselves with outward piety in society yet behave with their wives, children, employees and subjects in a manner that is devoid of noble character. Rasulallah ﷺ emphasised the importance of good conduct in many Ahadith and gave it a lofty position among the acts of good.

Some Ahadith pertaining to good character:

- Hazrat Abu Darda ؓ narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said, "Nothing is more weighty on the scale of deeds than one's good manners." (Sahih Bukhari)
- Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr ؓ said, "Rasulallah ﷺ was never obscene or harsh - rather, he used to say that the best among us are those who have the best manners." (Sahih Bukhari)
- Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ said that Rasulallah ﷺ said, "If one has good manners, one may attain the same level of merit as those who spend their nights in prayer." (Sahih Bukhari)

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Q & A

Q If a person did not perform the Wajib Qurbani negligently in the past, how should he compensate for it?

A If a person had purchased the animal but did not slaughter it during the days of Qurbani then he should give the live animal away in Sadaqah (charity). If an animal was not purchased, then he should give the current value of one Qurbani (sheep or goat) in Sadaqah. One should also seek forgiveness for neglecting the Qurbani that was obligatory upon him.

Q Is it permissible to use for Qurbani, cattle below 2 years, however, this animal weighs the same, looks the same, and is fed the same food as the other 2 year old cattle

A No. Qurbani cannot be made of cattle that are under 2 years of age. The concession of slaughtering an animal that is below the required age but resembles the animals of the required age applies only to sheep that are more than six months old.

Q Is it permissible to give Qurbani meat to non-Muslims?

A Yes, it is permissible to give Qurbani meat to non-Muslims.

Q Does a lady's Ihraam have to be white or any colour?

A There is no specific colour for the Ihraam of a female. It can be any colour. However, it should not be transparent.

Q Can one Muhrim perform the Halaq or Qasr for another Muhrim?

A Yes. It is permissible for one Muhrim (person in the state of Ihraam) to cut or shave the hair of another Muhrim provided all the necessary rites of Hajj have been completed.

Q If a person passes away in Ihraam, will he be buried in Ihraam or the regular Kafn?

A According to the Hanafi Mazhab, a person who passes away in Ihraam will be given a normal Ghusl with soap and will be buried in a normal Kafn covering his head.

Q Is Jannatul Mua'alla in Makkah as virtuous as Jannatul Baqi?

A Just as Sahabah ؓ are buried in Jannatul Baqi, Sahabah are also buried in Jannatul Mua'alla. There is great virtue for passing away in both Makkah Mukarramah and Madinah Munawwarah.

Q When Hajees returns home, is it established from our Ulama that they should feed within their home to retain the Barakah?

A Hajj is a great pillar of Islam and is a great bounty. Upon its completion, if someone wishes to feed the poor and close friends and family or give some gifts

etc., then this is permissible. However, this should not be done to show-off that 'I made Hajj/Umrah' nor should it be regarded as something which is necessary, nor should a person be taking any loans - whether interest bearing or not - to have this function.

MISSING PERSON

Thembinkosi (Ebrahim) Magagula, I.D.No. 720222 5620 082, husband of Aniva Cynthia (Haneefah) Masondo, has not been contactable since April 2014 despite numerous efforts to contact him.

Mr Magagula is hereby instructed to attend a Judicial (Faskh) sitting of the Muslim Marriages Tribunal (MMT) that will be held at the Darul Ihsan Centre Office, 3rd Floor, Gem Towers, 98 Overport Drive, Durban on Thursday, October 30th, 2014 at 11.30 a.m.

FAILURE TO ATTEND the hearing constitutes contempt and admission of guilt

Any person having information about Mr. Magagula may contact the Muslim Marriages Tribunal at 031 207 4749 during office hours or convey the message to him.

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Profile Pictures & Social Media

Q Social media platforms like Whatsapp, Twitter, facebook and others allow a person to post a profile picture with one's portfolio and contact detail. People use this to post a photograph of themselves, spouse, child, some animate object or a picture of something relating to their personal life. Is this permissible? Please explain.

A Social media is a largely open forum for anyone to access and view. As such, by posting personal pictures on social media one allows unknown individuals to see what they normally do not have access to. This can lead to people becoming curious, envious or even jealous and thereby may open the door to abuse and vice. Therefore personal and animate postings should be avoided. If one really wishes to have a profile picture, one should place an inanimate image that conveys a positive message.

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.

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What's Happening at Darul Ihsan Centre

Informative Ulama Workshop on Palestine

Ulama and scholars from all over KZN attended an informative and educational workshop on the Palestine crisis on Tuesday 19 August 2014 at the Al Falaah College in Durban. Darul Ihsan Centre identified the need for Ulama and educators of our Ummah to be empowered by information about this important topic due to the lack of a proper perspective of the situation.

Brother AB Dawjee, an expert on affairs and crises in the Middle East, especially Palestine, conducted a well-researched and clinical presentation to the attendees and gave a complete overview on the history of the Palestine issue up to present day events.

The attendees, who remained engrossed throughout the session, not only interacted with the presenter but also fielded many important questions which were adequately responded to. The Ulama were greatly impressed by the quality of the presentation and found it to be a true eye-opener to the real issues affecting this troubled land and its beleaguered people.

The discussion required much more time, particularly on the present



and future status of the crisis.

It was decided that a follow-up session be convened to continue the discussion and engagement with Ulama so that they can disseminate this information to the Muslim community and also set-up a structure to effectively engage with the media on the crisis.

Refreshments were provided with notes and course material made available to the participants for future reference.

The Ulama expressed their sincere appreciation for the opportunity to be part of this important initiative.

Darul Ihsan Centre has received requests from Ulama in other provinces for the programme to be held in their respective areas.

Annual Blanket Distribution 2014

Darul Ihsan Centre's blanket distribution for 2014 commenced in early winter - with initial distributions completed in Ficksburg and towns in Southern KZN.

The distribution process is carefully planned and co-ordinated with care centres, clinics, old age homes and other such centres where a genuine need is established.

Members from Darul Ihsan's 'Muslim Empowerment Fund' also travelled to Cape Town for a distribution of blankets in Tafelsig. Distributions also took place in certain areas of Gauteng like Evaton West and Vanderbijlpark.

The distribution of blankets is generally accompanied by the presence of key public figures from local councils with respective councillors, mayors and the media playing an important role in giving recognition to Muslims for their support and concern for the plight of those in need.



This year a total of 4 353 blankets were distributed throughout South Africa. Though the distribution was slightly less than in previous years, the generous contributions from Muslims has helped many old and deserving people to keep warm this winter. May Allah Ta'ala bless all those who contributed - with Barakah and prosperity.

Islamic Centre Starwood (Phoenix)

Due to pressing needs of the community and consultation with concerned individuals, with the Grace of Allah Ta'ala, a Social and Welfare office was opened by Darul Ihsan in Phoenix in 2012. The Centre is located at 13 Acropolis Street, Starwood, Phoenix.

The office renders social welfare assistance to people in the form of monthly groceries, rentals, electricity bills, medical assistance, clothing and food hampers. Advice and counselling are also administered from the office.

Case files for some 200 people have been registered. Many more apply for welfare assistance on a daily basis. Six units of Phoenix are covered by the office, viz. Palmview, Redfern, Shastri Park, Stanmore, Sunford and Whetstone. The generous support of the community is appreciated.



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Annual Kajoor Distribution 2014

Another annual project of Darul Ihsan Centre is the national distribution of dates, popularly known as "Sponsor-a-Kajor-Pack". Generous contributions from the public, who are eager to reap the tremendous rewards of feeding a fasting person, drives this programme that sees thousands of kilograms of dates distributed. With the Grace of Allah Ta'ala, this year a total 10 700 kg (1 kg packs) of dates were distributed nationally. The distribution programme is well planned and co-ordinated by the Centre's Ulama and volunteers, who ensure that the dates are purchased, packed and



reach the recipients promptly to be enjoyed for iftar in Ramadan.

We thank all the donors and well-wishers for their continuous support in sustaining these projects.

'Handyman Basics' Programme

Darul Ihsan Centre, through its Skills Development Programme, hosted a 'Handyman Basics' DIY presentation at its Gem Towers offices on Saturday (07 June 2014). Twenty one people attended the presentation which was conducted by a skilled artisan.

The participants posed many DIY questions and thoroughly enjoyed the interactive approach of the presentation.

Darul Ihsan Centre - in its continuing Skill Development Programme - will host similar presentations & workshops in the future, Insha Allah.

Skills Development Programme

In a quest to provide basic education and skills, Darul Ihsan Centre initiated a number of skills development programmes, viz. Bonsai Tree-keeping, Appliance Repair course, First Aid course, Basic Plumbing, etc. Skills Development courses have become popular with courses on Electrical, Plumbing, First Aid, Accounting Made Easy, Basic Handyman Course etc.

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Darul Ihsan Jumuah Roster Programme

The Jumuah platform is a powerful and effective medium for educating the Ummah and addressing important issues. Darul Ihsan Centre facilitates +/- 45 Jumuah-programmes per month at 30 venues in the greater Durban area. The Centre has drawn up guidelines for speakers, based on historical dates and significant occurrences in the Islamic year.

The following are some of the venues that are assisted by Darul Ihsan for their Jumuah-programmes...

1. Pinetown Masjid
2. Ottawa Masjid
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Azan: 1pm Lecture: after Azan
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Annual Youth Night 2014

About 200 youth, including Huffaz, students and Ulama converged at Masjid ut Taqwa in Sea Cow Lake for the 'Youth Night' programme - hosted by the 'Youth of the Ummah' (YOU) the youth department of Darul Ihsan Centre on Saturday, 12 July 2014/ 14 Ramadan 1435.

The programme has become a calendar event, being held every year in Ramadan for the past six years.

The programme comprised of talks by Ulama and other speakers and a



joint khatam of the Quran and Zikr session.

The programme commenced from after Taraweeh Salah until midnight. Most of the youth remained until the end of the programme. Light snacks were also served to all present.

Alhamdulillah, it was heart-warming to observe the youngsters eager to make khatam of the Quran purely for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.



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The Takbeer Of The Days Of Tashreeq

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The first ten days of Zul-Hijjah are among the most significant days in the year.

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "There are no days in which Ibadah is more beloved to Allah Ta'ala than the first ten days of Zul-Hijjah. The fast of each day is equivalent to the fast of one year and the Ibadah of each night is equivalent to the Ibadah of Laylatul Qadr." (Tirmizi)

Mas'ala 1:

It is Mustahab (recommended - not compulsory) for those making Udhiya (Qurbani) to abstain from removing any hair of the body and from clipping the nails from the first of Zul-Hijjah until completing the Qurbani.

Mas'ala 2:

It is highly rewarding to fast during the first nine days of Zul-Hijjah, especially the 9th (Day of Arafat).

Mas'ala 3:

The recitation of the Takbeer is compulsory upon every male and

female immediately after every Fard Salah.

Days of Takbeer:

Commences: After the Fajr Salah of the Day of Arafah (09 Zul Hijjah)

Terminates: After the Asr Salah of the last day of Tashreeq (13 Zul Hijjah)

Method:

For males, it should be recited audibly once immediately after making Salam. Females should recite it softly.

Hint: Ladies may consider sticking a little reminder at the place where they perform Salah to help them remember the recitation of the Takbeer.

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4	Did you make an effort to learn the laws & duas of qurbani?		
5	Did you recite the Duas during Qurbani?		
6	Did you exercise patience & tolerance in waiting your turn?		
7	Did you control your temper & tongue when faced with trials?		
8	Did you ensure you were present at the time of sacrifice?		
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