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### **January 2004 C.E. Meeting**

*Assalamu alaikum*

**Venue:** Dar-us-Salaam

**Date:** Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2004

**Time:** 3 pm

**Topic:** Islam and democracy

By Mustaq Ali M.Sc.

### **Regular Activities**

**Dars-i Quran:** Every Friday at 2:30 pm.

**Meeting of the Executive:** First Sunday of every month at 2 pm.

**Meeting of the Jamaat:** First Sunday of every month at 3 pm.

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## **News**

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ °

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the passing away of the following members of our jamaat.

#### **Abu Munam**

who expired in Auckland New Zealand. He had been ill for some time and had survived two major operations.

Originally from Fiji, he moved to New Zealand some years ago. Although he was not a formal member of the Jamaat, he was a very strong supporter and sympathizer.

He was married to Dr. Muhammad Shams-ud-Dean Sahu Khan's eldest sister, Nadra, also from Fiji. His two brothers-in-law Nazeem and Sadr-ud-Dean Sahu Khan are the President and Secretary respectively of the Sydney, Australia Jama'at.

I had the pleasure of meeting brother Munam three years ago at the International Ahmadiyya Convention in Sydney and he later also accompanied me for sightseeing in Canberra. Although very knowledgeable about religious matters, he was very dignified and humble in the expression of his views. His daughter Fazeelat is a solicitor in Canberra, Australia. I found her keenly interested in the organization and welfare of the Jama'at in Australia.

May Allah grant his family patience to bear this loss and may He grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannat ul Firdaus.

#### **Abdul Rashid**

who was grandson of the eldest Brother of the late Hazrat Ameer, Maulana Muhammad Ali (of the blessed memory) and father of

Begum Shaheen Ch. Abdul Sattar Sahib of Hayward Jamaat passed away on December 17th at Okara, Pakistan. He died of Pneumonia. Funeral prayers in absentia may be offered for the departed soul.

Messages of condolence may be addressed to Begum Shaheen and Ch. Abdul Sattar Sahib at [sattara5@yahoo.com](mailto:sattara5@yahoo.com).

#### **Requests for prayers**

Shaukat A. Ali Sahib, Regional Director, Asia and Pacific Region, has requested continued prayers for his mother who is gravely ill in the hospital in Brisbane, Australia. At the start the situation was pretty grim because the doctors asked family's permission to put her on life support system, to which the family did not agree. Her condition has improved somewhat and is stable but still very weak. The family is at her bedside.

She is conscious and is able to recognize people and say a few words. Please pray that Allah (SWT) with His Infinite Mercy and His Choichest Blessings grant a full recovery.

## Life sketch of Professor Nur-ud- Din Zahid

*By Samina Malik*

Noman and I visited the Kashmir Jamaat several times and we were very close to Prof. Nur-ud-Din Zahid. I still remember we used to sit late at night and discuss Religion with him and Dr. Khurshid Alam Tareen. Dr. Muhammad Ahmad, Fazeel Sahukhan and Faizal Sahukhan also visited Kashmir once and met with him.

Prof Noor-ud-Din Zahid passed away on November 23 2003 after a sudden heart attack.

Prof. Zahid was born in 1936. He belonged to a literary family of Kashmir. His father the Late Maulvi Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din was a renowned saint of Srinagar and had good command of Arabic and Persian language.

Dr Zahid also, besides obtaining a Masters in Zoology, topped the university in classical Arabic. In addition to the subject he taught, he had a vast knowledge of religious literature. The Holy Quran and Hadith were his favourite subjects. He had very solid and profound command over Hadith. Prof Zahid spent his life in studying religion.

He joined Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore Kashmir in 1959 and he was recognised as a religious scholar in Kashmir.

Some of his printed works are listed below:

- 1) Noor-ul-Haq (Urdu) a small booklet on Bahi Religion
- 2) Ruh-i-Irfan being life History and teaching of Hazrat Sayid Abdul Qadir Jeelani
- 3) Hadiqat-ul-Muslimeen a collection of Hadith with commentary
- 4) Islamic Ethics
- 5) Numerous article published in Kashmir Jamaat's monthly journal Ishaat ul Haq

Listed below are his works that he was proofreading and translating and are almost ready for printing:

- 1) Kashmiri translation of Bayan-ul-quran of Maulana Muhammad Ali
- 2) Complete new urdu translation of Maulana Muhammad Ali's master piece *The Religion of Islam*
- 3) Urdu translation of Hazrat Mirza Sahib's famous Arabic Al Qaseedah with an exhaustive commentary of almost 400 pages.
- 4) Editing of Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali's Urdu commentary on Bukhari (The Faz lul Bari)

He used to deliver lectures and sermons in Urdu and English. He was often invited by non-Ahmadis to deliver lectures in their forums.

There is a good collection of his recorded Friday Sermons in our Qalamdan Pora Ahmadiyya Library.

Prof Zahid untimely death has created a vacuum that may not be filled in years to come. May Almighty Allah Grant his soul to rest in peace. (Ameen)

I am very thankful to Sugafta Tareen for giving me this information.

## In Memory of Professor Nur-ud- Din Zahid

*By Dr Noman and Samina Malik*

We had known Prof. Nur-ud-Din-Zahid for the last nine years. We first met him in the winter of 1994 in Srinagar Kashmir, where we had gone to meet Dr. Khurshid Alarm Tareen and the Kashmir Jamaat. Although it was bitterly cold outside we were very comfortable in Dr. Tareens house. We met all the jamaat members there, and Dr. Prof. Nur-ud-Din-Zahid stayed at Dr. Tareen's while we were there, so that he could be with us.

We were very impressed by his knowledge of Islam and his expertise

and the Arabic language. We could talk for long hours on religious matters and it was always a pleasure to listen to him.

Before we went to Kashmir our late Hazrat Amir Dr. Saeed Ahmad told us that Prof Zahid and Dr. Tareen had reviewed the Bayan-ul-Quran and had made the necessary correction in it.

Over the next five years we went to Kashmir several times and had the pleasure of meeting him and initiating new projects to work on.

He wrote several books and translated important articles and books which included Hazrat Mirza Sahib's famous Arabic Al-Quaseedah with an exhaustive commentary of almost four hundred pages. He also translated the Holy Quran into the Kashmiri language.

His passing away leaves a great void in the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. Dr. Tareen and Prof. Zahid had set up a Library and Reading Room in the Srinagar in Qualamdanpura Mosque. It is one of the best reading rooms in the Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

Their love and enthusiasm for the jamaat was so much that several times they travelled from Srinagar to Delhi just to meet us.

Six years ago when brother Mehboob Alam Tareen, a very dedicated Ahmadi, and the brother of Dr. Khurshid Tareen and son in law of Prof. Zahid was martyred for being an Ahmadi, we spoke to Prof. Zahid and were extremely impressed by his fortitude and patience.

We all have lost a dedicated Ahmadi and a great scholar. May Allah Almighty Grant him paradise and comfort his family in their hour of grief.

### Secretary's new telephone number

Please note that the telephone number for Shahid Aziz, Secretary of the jamaat, is now

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### **How Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din first opened the Woking Mosque**

(We reproduce below an article entitled *The Mosque at Woking: A miniature of Mecca in the days of the Pilgrimage* which was published in *The Islamic Review* of July 1930, where the author mentions events relating to how Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din first came across and opened the closed Woking mosque in 1912/13. This article appeared about two and a half years before the death of Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din.)

#### **The Mosque at Woking:**

#### **A miniature of Mecca in the days of the Pilgrimage**

by Kazi Abdul Haq

“Most surely the first house appointed for men is the one at Bekka, blessed and a guidance for the nations” — Holy Quran, 3:95.

It was in 1916 that Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din, the founder of the Woking Muslim Mission, gave us an extremely interesting account of his first visit to the Mosque at Woking. He told the story to certain of his friends who went to pay their respects to him on the occasion of his visit to Lucknow. He said that when he opened the locked-up House of God in November 1912 he found the floor chock-full of straw and other rubbish, the accumulations of the many years during which its doors had remained closed. Then he perceived an old copy of the Quran placed on a carved wooden receptacle — *Rihal* — lying in a corner, and opening the Holy Book at random he found the following words that met his eyes in the first line of the page: “Most surely the first house appointed for men is the one at Bekka, blessed and a guidance for the nations” (Holy Quran, 3:95). The word *Bekka*, the alternative name of Mecca in ancient times, literally means a place where people gather together in multitudes. It seemed to him a prophetic name, and so it has proved.

These words touched the Khwaja’s heart and he fell on the bare cold floor of the Mosque, prostrating himself before the Lord with tears in his eyes. He wept like a child and the following prayer was on his lips, if my memory does not fail me:

“O Creator of Nations and All-Powerful God, Thou madest Mecca the holiest place in the East, and didst

bring nations in multitudes to that city. Make this Mosque, I pray Thee, in like manner the Mecca in the West.”

The words welled up from a true heart. They were heard by the Lord, and the answer was not long in coming.

The Khwaja was formerly a successful lawyer, and has relinquished a lucrative practice in response to a call from within. He journeyed to England and there gave tireless service to the Cause; he kept no count of day or night; he denied himself every pleasure and relaxation and in the onset became seriously ill, but medical advice fell on deaf ears when his doctors urged him to take a few months’ rest. He had without doubt achieved a unique success, such as honesty and integrity, accompanied by diligence and the infinite taking of pains, most properly deserve; but every moment of success tightened up the harness of labour. Single-handed he worked on, till he lay on what seemed likely to prove his death-bed. Various diseases have assailed him one after the other during the last three years, some of them mortal, such as phthisis, chronic diabetes, and heart trouble. Like a willing martyr he prepared to meet his death, as he saw the seed sown by him in a barren land growing into a fruitful tree. His prayer to the Almighty that he might see the Mosque at Woking a Mecca in the West had been heard.

His illness caused great anxiety all over the country, but the gracious Lord has spared his precious life to us.

**Eid-ul-Azha at the Woking Mosque presents a spectacle that can be matched only in Mecca itself. Almost all Muslim nations in the world are represented in the gardens of the Mosque, prostrating themselves before their God and magnifying the Most High, even as they magnify Him at Mecca on this sacred occasion. Woking is the only town in the world which becomes on such days a replica in miniature of the Ancient House of God in Arabia.**

The Khwaja gave us also another interesting account of the day some time in 1913, when he went to Woking in order to take charge of the Mosque and the Sir Salar Jung memorial house with their appurtenances. He reached Woking in the forenoon. The time for the noon-prayer came, and accompanied by the late Shaikh Noor Ahmad, his saintly companion who

was to act as Muezzin — that is to say, one who calls to prayer — proceeded to the Mosque’s precincts. We find in the Tradition that the first Azan — call to prayer — in the days of the Holy Prophet was given at the same hour. A touching scene occurred when Mr Noor Ahmad came to that portion of the Azan which runs: “Hasten to the prayer and hasten to success”; his voice broke with emotion, and he wept. The Khwaja was the only observer of the solemn scene and the only worshipper then present to respond to the call. Afterwards, when the late Shaikh was asked the cause of his emotion, he replied that the Azan of Bilal — the Muezzin in the days of the Holy Prophet — brought nations to Mecca; but how utterly unable he was to have worthily replaced him — Bilal — a passing thought that brought tears to his eyes.

“Be happy, O blessed soul in heaven, thy voice has been heard and the Woking Mosque draws to itself at the times of Eid representatives of every Muslim nation.”

Thus I address the spirit of the late Shaikh who is no more with us in this world. I cannot conclude without expressing a Muslim’s gratitude to the royal family of Bhopal, seeing that the Mosque itself is a gift from that illustrious house to the Muslim world. The late Doctor Leitner, who built the Mosque with the Bhopal money, published a letter in the early nineties in the London Press in which he maintained that the Mosque was intended only for a few selected persons and could in no case be regarded as a centre of Muslim activities in England, far less as the headquarters for a campaign for the conversion of English people to Islam. But coming events were to give his words the lie. **The Mosque is not only the centre of Muslim religious activity in the British Isles but the seat of the Islamic Mission that has witnessed hundreds of conversions to Islam.** I pray for the soul of the late Begum Sahiba [ruler of Bhopal]. It is gratifying to note that H.H. the Nawab-mother of the present ruler of Bhopal promised the Khwaja a considerable sum for enlarging the Mosque and on her last visit to England laid the foundation stone of the contemplated extension. I hope that Muslims will soon celebrate the coming Eids within the four walls of the new building, as it will be far too cold to remain out in the

## Forward Planner—2004

January	4th	Monthly meeting
February	1st	<i>'Id al Adha</i> Prayer 11 am
March	7th	Monthly meeting
April	4th	Monthly meeting
	9th	Good Friday Bank Holiday
May	2nd	<i>Millad un Nabi</i>
June	6th	Monthly meeting
July	4th	Monthly meeting
August	1st	Monthly meeting
September	5th	Monthly meeting
October	3rd	Monthly meeting
	Friday 15th	<i>Ramadaan</i> starts
	Sunday 17th	1st Ifftari
	Sunday 24th	2nd Ifftari
	Sunday 31st	3rd Ifftari
November	Sunday 7th	4th Ifftari
	Sunday 14th	<i>'Id al Fitr</i> Prayers 11 am
December	5th	Monthly meeting

**Other activities will be announced in the Monthly Bulletin.**