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Next Meeting

Assalamu alaikum

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Time: 3 pm

Speaker: Mr Mustaq Ali M.Sc.

Please make every effort to attend and be on time.

Regular Activities

Dars-i Quran/Hadith: 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

Indonesia



One of our beloved Brother in Indonesia, Brother Imam Musa Pradjasiswaya passed away at 04:20 pm (Indonesian Time) or 09:20 am GMT on Saturday, January 15th 2005. May Allah blessed his soul. Imam Musa was a very active member of the jamaat who put the publishing arm of the Indonesia jamaat on a sound footing. A brief biography of the late Imam who had been regularly in touch with Mr Nasir Ahmad

is given on page 4.

Surinam

Nita Rodjan-Abdulrahman, a very devoted Ahmadi sister, passed away in Paramaribo, Suriname, on 16 December 2004.

She was only 54 years of age and died of a massive heart attack. She leaves behind a husband and two children. She was a very active and hardworking member and took part in all activities of the Jama'at. May Allah Ta'ala bless her soul and grant her Jannat and grant patience and fortitude to the bereaved family to bear this great loss. Ameen. Ghai-baan janaza was led by Hazrat Ameer in Darus Salaam, Lahore after Friday prayers on 17/12/2004.

All members are requested to say Ghai-b Jenaza for his soul.

Tsunami Disaster

Indonesia

From Dr F.Ahmadi

Dear Dr. Zahid Aziz.

Thank you very much for your sym-

pathy. It is really sad news that my son in law (Ricky) lost his relatives (7 people, one of them is his grand mother, his parents are safe because they live in Jakarta). We could not find their dead body but the house where they live fell down and was flat with ground. The only structure remains is its floor. Ricky and my daughter (Yuni) join one of voluntary group (there are many groups) and maybe within this week they are going to Aceh. Also, one of my Acehnese friend lost his 50 relatives. We were amazing to see in TV program, a man lost all his family and he said: "They are not owned by me, but by Allah almighty" and he still want to apologize for not being able to deliver food (bread etc.) to his clients. It was very touching. We, all of us should think about or meditate over what the *hikmah* (wisdom) is. Allah has planned elegantly.

Concerning with our own jemaat member, there is no news about victims so far. We don't have branch in Aceh province.

That is the news from us and that is what we are facing now. Others are

O.K.

We wish you and all jemaat member in U.K are in good condition.

Once again, thank you very much and send Salaam to you and everyone in U.K.

Thailand

From Akbar Abdullah

Mr Shaukat Ali, Director South East Asia, was in Lahore attending the annual jalsa when Tsunami struck. His son has a single storey beach house in the area where the wave hit and the rest of the family were there for the holiday. They heard a noise and went out to see what was happening and saw the huge wave approach their house. They ran to the neighbours which was a two storey structure and just managed to get to the second floor to see the water wash away their house. We give thanks to Allah for keeping safe the family of our dedicated and devoted brother.

Holland

From: Hikmat Mahawat Khan

(1) On Thursday 11 November 2004 at 13:00 GMT the World Broadcasting Radio Netherlands is hosting me and a famous Dutch publicist (who once participated in a seminar of AAHLN). I will be able to unfold the Islamic view from an Ahmadiyya perspective which will be broadcast all over the world. You are invited to visit the website and share your thoughts and view on the quotes of Mr Paul Scheffer and mine. www.rnw.nl/amsterdamforum I hope that this can make a humble contribution in the propagation of Islam and creating awareness of Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement.

(2) Today, Thursday 13 January 2005 the **Dutch Government officially and formally declare that the Ahmadiyya movement is an official muslim stream in Islam with whom the government want and will communicate when it comes to issues regarding Islam.** The Ula-

mon is the recognized official Ahmadiyya body that will represent the Ahmadiyya community in all contacts with government and official institutions. Jazak Allah.

This is a milestone for the Ahmadiyya movement. In the Dutch society we have about 1 million Muslims where clearly the Ahmadiyya movement is a minority but as Hazrat Ameer once said the movement is a drop in the bucket but one that colours the whole bucket.

This major milestone is achieved after 3 years of struggle and battle. Last year, almost exact a year ago, the government decided that in the representation of Muslims towards the government, parties should involve Ahmadies, as well but this seems for other Muslims not enough to include us. I had a tough battle after this and finally today the government decided not to wait on others but self declare that it wants to deal with the Ahmadies along the other Muslim brothers and sisters (Sunnis, Shja and the Alavi).

This achievement come also along the success we recently made when we were included in the official body of the National Muslim Broadcasting (Radio and TV) organisation.

Today, we had a meeting with the minister and the press where this was announced. All national radio, news paper and TV covered this and once again the name of Ahmadiyya and the representing body Ulaamun became a fact and well known "brand" for Muslims and non-Muslims in Holland. Even the international news agency, Reuters and AFP, where represented to cover this.

Today, we have a situation that there is respect for the Ahmadiyya movement in Holland. This is in the broad society from government, parliament, university, press and the community (Muslims and non Muslims) in general. The ground for the teachings of Ahmadiyyat is now ripe. The brand is known. There is respect for the ideas and organisation. Insha Allah we can more successfully propa-

gate the Ahmadiyyat now.

May I share this joyfull moment with all my brothers and sisters around the world and may I hope that this news can encourage you all to strive to create more awareness of Ahmadiyyat around the world in order to be able to propagate the teachings of Ahmadiyyat.

India

From: Dr Zahid Aziz

An article in today's "Times of India" that I stumbled across (while doing a "Google" search for the Woking Muslim Mission), begins with the following words: **"Exactly 70 years ago, some 20 miles out of London, in a pretty little English town straight out of a light-suffused Turner watercolour, Choudhury Rehmat Ali had a brainstorming session in the Woking Muslim Mission. Anecdotally, over three weekends, in possibly one of the most cost-effective branding sessions ever, the word 'Pakistan' was created."**

The link to this article is here:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/23581429.cms>

I cannot say whether The Times of India got this information from an article on our own website about this

(see: <http://www.wokingmuslim.org/work/pakistan.htm>), or if they have some other source.

Requests for prayers

From Akbar Abdullah:

Urgent prayers for Master Imam Rasul Buksh who is gravely ill in CWM Hospital in Suva for treatment of cardiac problems, diabetes and broken hip sustained from a fall. May Allah grant him speedy recovery. Members are requested to remember him in their prayers.

Hazrat Ameer's Eid Message

"The parable of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is as

the parable of a grain growing seven ears, in every ear a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies (further) for whom He pleases. And Allah is Ample-giving, Knowing.”

(Al Baqarah 2:161)

“And the parable of those who spend their wealth to seek Allah’s pleasure and for the strengthening of their souls is as the parable of a garden on elevated ground, upon which heavy rain falls, so it brings forth its fruit two-fold; but if heavy rain falls not on it, light rain (suffices). And Allah is Seer of what you do.” (Al Baqarah 2:265)

Dear Members, Assalaam-o-Alaikum

The Indian Ocean Tsunami has created a humanitarian crisis of catastrophic proportions. More than 200,000 have died, with the toll still rising. Millions in South East Asia and East Africa have been left homeless. The dead have to be buried, the injured treated and the hungry fed right now. More has to be done in the weeks and months ahead to rebuild their shattered lives, to take care of their orphans and to provide shelter for the homeless. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have died and with those suffering as well as their loved ones. This disaster has affected all, irrespective of their casts, colour or creed; it has not discriminated between gender and religion; it has spared neither the child nor the old. It has cast awe into the hearts of not only those who have been directly affected but all those who have witnessed this devastation. The miraculous stories of those who survived also bring to mind the Mercy of Allah. In this calamity we have seen that the Power of Allah is beyond our comprehension and His Mercy is also infinite.

The celebrations of Eid ul Adha this year will be marred by the sorrow of the Tsunami calamity. This festival commemorates the great sacrifice rendered by Hazrat Ibraheem and Hazrat Isma’eel (may peace be upon

them), so let it be a time of spiritual reflection on the spirit of this sacrifice and let us grab this opportunity to show our generosity and love for mankind. The victims of the tsunami disaster need our generous support. The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has said:

“Feed the hungry, look after the sick and strive for the freedom of the enslaved.”

(Bukhari, Kitaab ul At‘imah, 70:1)

This will also be a means to fulfil the ninth condition of our pledge (Ba‘at) which states:

“I will be compassionate to all mankind for Allah’s sake only, and as far as possible, I will utilise my God-given energies to benefit them with Allah’s favours.”

I have established a Tsunami Relief Fund and appeal to all members of the International Lahore Ahmadiyya Community to participate generously in the worldwide relief efforts. Jazaakallah. The Central Anjuman will collectively remit the total collection to Indonesia who have suffered the greatest loss.

May Allah Ta‘ala bless our humble efforts in His way as stated in the verses of the Holy Quran quoted above. Aameen.

Jama‘ats are requested to collect donations from members and remit them to the Central Anjuman collectively. May the blessings of The Almighty Allah Ta‘ala be upon you and all your loved ones. Aameen.

The pre-determined Eid date by U.K. jamaat PROVED RIGHT ONCE AGAIN.

By Dr Zahid Aziz

The following is quoted from the website www.moonsighting.com dated 15 January 2005. (ISNA stands for Islamic Society of North America)

“ISNA’s Announcement: ISNA is

pleased to announce that Eid ul Adha will be on Friday, January 21, 2005. The Hajj Authority in Mecca as well as the Moon Sighting Committee in North America have both announced that Wednesday 12 January 2005 is the beginning of Zul Hijjah, and Friday 21 January 2005 will be Eid ul Adha (Eid of Sacrifice) with Muslims around the world celebrating the day of Eid in solidarity.

On January 14, the Supreme Judiciary Council of Saudi Arabia announced a change in its earlier statement, that the standing at Arafat will be on January 19 and Eid ul Adha on January 20.

Moon sighting on January 10 was astronomically ruled out in Saudi Arabia. The new moon was born at 12:03 Universal Time on January 10 and was only 3 hours old in Saudi Arabia. It set 3 minutes before the sunset. Therefore, sightability on January 10 was totally incredible.

ISNA stands by its earlier decision that Eid ul Adha in North America will, insha’Allah, be on Friday, January 21, as announced earlier.”

Comment by Zahid Aziz:

It is a **proven, undeniable fact** that at the last Eid-ul-Fitr in November 2004, the date declared for Eid by Saudi Arabia, Saturday 13 November, was **incorrect** in terms of moon sighting as the lunar crescent was impossible to observe anywhere on Friday 12 November. Our date of 14 November, pre-announced long before, **was proved right**.

The same situation has arisen again. Saudi Arabia has announced Eid-ul-Adha as on 20 January, which is impossible in terms of moon sighting. We had fixed our Eid date **long in advance** at Friday 21 January.

Al-hamdulillah, Lahore Ahmadi, a tiny, reviled group with little worldly resources, **are proved right yet again**, and the powerful, mighty, wealthy Saudi Arabia and their millions of followers around the world **are proved wrong again in terms of Islamic Shariah!**

M. IMAM MUSA PROJOSISWOYO B.A.

A brief life history

By Nasir Ahmad L.I.B

Born on 19 July 1942. His grandfather, R. Moeh Aspari, became a member of the Ahmadiyya Movement through Bro. HOS Tjokroaminoto, a staunch and devoted Ahmadi. He took the *bai'at* by writing directly to the Central Ahmadiyya Anjuman in Lahore before the Ahmadiyya Anjuman in Indonesia was formed. His parents, also joined the Ahmadiyya Movement by letter. They established a book depot and organised the annual *Jalsa* (convention) every year before the WWII.

Imam Musa completed his Elementary and High school education in Surakarta from 1950 to 1961. He then went to Jakarta to do a Bachelor's course in the Economic Faculty of the University. When he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Economics, the country went through mass demonstration against the government. As Imam Musa was an active member of the Islamic Students Association (H.M.I), it became impossible for him to continue his studies at the University. He thus left the University and became an active member of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Anjuman, Indonesia, after he got married in 1970. He established a centre of the Lahore Ahmadiyya at IX/12 Kesehqtan, Jakarta. Weekly *dars-i* (explanations) *Qur'an* and the annual *Jalsa* are held at this centre regularly. He also established the Darul Kutubil Islamiyyah Foundation with the active cooperation of Bro. H. Soetjipto and Dr. Bambang Dharmaputera to publish books, periodicals and booklets of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. Most of the publications were Indonesian translations of the English books published by the Central Anjuman in Lahore. Some of the major publications are:

1. Indonesian translation of the English translation of the Holy *Qur'an* by Maulana Muhammad Ali (*Qur'an Suci Terjemah dan Tafsir*) rendered

by H. M. Bachroen.

2. Indonesian translation of *The Religion of Islam* by Maulana Muhammad Ali (*Islamologi Dienul Islam*) rendered by H. M. Bachroen.

3. Indonesian translation of *A Manual of Hadith* by Maulana Muhammad Ali (*Kitab Hadits Pegangan*) rendered by H. M. Kaelan and Imam Musa Projosiswoyo.

It also included publication of the monthly journal *Studi Islam* and the booklet *Fathi Islam*.

He moved to Cimanggis 1987 to be near his office and residence. There he established the Darus Salaam Prosiswoyo Foundation in memory of his youngest daughter and his mother. At this foundation, he held *dars-i Qur'an* on weekends. He also managed to have a small library and book depot for books published from Yogyakarta and Jakarta. He performed *Hajj* in 1993.

At the end of 1997, he retired from his job because of liver illness and returned to Jakarta. Here he continued holding *dars-i Qur'an* every third week and took an active part in organising Friday congregations and other meetings. He devoted most of his time to translating books and booklets published by the Central Ahmadiyya Anjuman in Lahore.

The books already published are:

1. *Great Religions of the World* by Mrs. Ulfat Samad
2. *Anwarul Qur'an* Part 1 (Chapters 102-114) by Dr. Basharat Ahmad
3. *The Soul of Salah and Du'a* by Imam Kalamazad Mohammed
4. *Necessity and Benefits of Trials and Tribulations* by Imam Kalamazad Mohammed

All these translation works and others were revised and edited by Dr. Bambang Dharmaputera and then processed through the computer.

Other translations done by Imam Musa and which are being edited by Dr. Bambang Dharmaputera and

awaiting publication are:

1. *Anwarul Qur'an*, Parts II & III (Chs. 78-101) by Dr. Basharat Ahmad
2. *Ar-Rahman* (The Beneficent) by Dr. Basharat Ahmad
3. *Living Thoughts of Prophet Muhammad* by Maulana Muhammad Ali
4. *The Early Caliphate* by Maulana Muhammad Ali
5. *The Ahmadiyya Case* by Hafiz Maulana Sher Muhammad, translated and edited by Dr. Zahid Aziz
6. *Muhammad in World Scriptures*, Vol. I & II by Maulana Abdul Haq Vidyarthi
7. *Jesus in Heaven on Earth* by Khwaja Nazir Ahmad
8. *Prophethood in Islam* by Maulana Muhammad Ali
9. *Truth Triumphs* by Mumtaz Ahmad Faruqui

The books which are being translated:

1. *The Great Muslim Reformer* by Dr. Basharat Ahmad
2. *Second Coming of Jesus* by Maulana Muhammad Ali

Imam Musa was a very sincere, devout and dedicated Ahmadi. A glance at his translation and published works shows his literary zeal and deep commitment to the cause of Islam and the Ahmadiyya Movement. He not only kept in contact with other branches of the Movement such as the USA, Holland, Trinidad, India and Pakistan through correspondence, but also kept them informed about the activities of the Indonesia *Jama'at*. May Allah bless his soul.

