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Announcements and News

Friday	Prayers	12:30
	Dars/speech	12:45
Sunday	4-12-2011	15:00

Web Casts: Please note that the Friday *khutba* and prayers, the *dars*, as well as all meetings are broadcast over the virtual mosque at the time stated above.

Biography

Hazrat Ameer Dr Saeed Ahmad Khan Sahib.

Mrs. Safia Saeed is compiling a biography of our late Amir Hazrat Dr Saeed Ahmad Khan. She requests members of the UK jamaat to share their fond memories of his visits to the UK.

Please write to her on bintesaeed@yahoo.com or send them to the editor of The Light.

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Mr. Khutubudeen Amjad Ali, age 93, was the Imam of the Diamond Road Mosque in Claxton bay for 40 years. He was trained by Maulana Tufail, and also had the pleasure of meeting and learning from Maulana Abdul Haque Vidyarthi and Maulana Sadr-ud-din (May Allah be pleased with them). He was so greatly appreciated, that a commemorative plaque, in marble, was placed on the wall of the Mosque in honour of his service to Islam and the Community. His legacy is his children and grand children of whom our Mustaq is one. May Allah receive him in Paradise. Amin.

A Letter from Fiji

From Akbar Abdullah in the USA

Dear Sister Jameelah Khan & All, *Assalam-o-Alaikum*,

I am forwarding to you a letter from Brother Jalal Ud Dean of Suva, Fiji, who appreciated your

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arrangements during the function of Eid-ul-Adha at the Darus Salam, Wembley Center in the United Kingdom.

You may wish to share this letter of appreciation with other members of the Jamaat.

Allah Hafiz, Br. Akbar Ibn Abdullah.

Dear Br JAK, *Assalaamu'Alaikum Wr Wb*, Thank you very much for sending over the attachment, which some of us could not open. However, I have managed to access it on the AAIIIL website and was very pleased with the arrangements (for 'Id) at WS. Special thanks and appreciation goes to the team from Pakistan, which accompanied Hazrat Ameer Sahib, and who not only provided necessary impressive support and encouragement but glorified the occasion simply with their dignified presence. It must have been rather stressful taking into consideration time differences of time zones during in travel, yet meeting up to schedules punctually.

The article narrative was very good and indeed very enlightening that branches of AAIIIL are making significant inroads in other countries, now, at head of the Islamic 15th Century of *Hijra* and - *Insha-Allah* - the momentum would continue with desired inertia.

I was initially somewhat confused why there were two Eid namazs but later appreciated that gender separation was perhaps difficult in confined spaces; and of that course that makes logical sense.

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I note that the events, such as this, are excellent marketing strategy in AAIIIL propagation outreach. There were also radio talks and discussions with others on the Punjabi outreach (including Sikhs preparing for Guru Nanak

Jayaanti), and perhaps added a bit more mileage to the wider Islam that the common denominator (Prophet Abraham) is household name amongst Jews, Christians, Muslims and Hindus. I wrote an article on this.

My special thanks to the organizers. Most regretfully I was not present to enjoy the company of our Wembley based AAIIIL friends. Judging from pictures and narratives provided, it appears to me that Wembley AAIIIL is many times larger than our Fiji AAIIIL. Some people in the photos were familiar to my memory from past photo-submissions but the majority were not so. I fully understand and appreciate that it is just not logistically possible to add a name to a face of everybody in the photos.

We need to place our hand firmly on the handle of democracy in those other countries, which constitutionally recognize AAIIIL Ahmadees as Muslims *per se* and also allow AAIIIL to have places of worship without inherent fear of desecration to those places of worship; and further allowing AAIIIL to call a mosque a mosque. Whilst still on democracy, the community there (Wembley) are advantaged with the fundamental rights to tip the scales of negativity against Muslims "as real-time illustrations of terrorists" to positives of a peace-loving community of non-aggressiveness, which defines the conceptual true meaning of Islam.

The AAIIIL crest displayed prominently is certainly an eye-catcher.

It was all in "a day's work and very well-done." Wassalaam.

Towards a Quranic Society

Islamic group, Al Burhaan's, conference
in Johannesburg, South Africa.

By Ebrahim Mohamed, AAIIIL (SA),

Cape Town, South Africa

I recently delivered a speech entitled, *The Cosmopolitan Nature of Islam* at a conference organized by an Islamic publication group, Al – Burhaan, situated in Johannesburg, South Africa. The conference took place on the 14th and 15th May 2011. The theme of the conference was, *Towards a Quranic Society*. I was invited by the head of the group, Mr. Aziz Shaikh who has been in contact with me in the past with regard to obtaining copies of the English translation and the Religion of Islam by Maulana Muhammad Ali. Mr. Shaikh had high praise for Maulana Muhammad Ali, describing his English translation as one of the best and recommended it, together with his Religion of Islam to the audience at the introduction to my speech.

Because of my recuperating health, I was at first reluctant to attend and was only going to prepare a paper to be read out at the conference, but with gentle persuasion by Sister Samina and Dr Noman to attend, I changed my



Ebrahim Mohamed handing over books to Aziz Shaikh

mind and decided to go and present my talk in person. Since it was the first time that we had received an invitation from a fellow Muslim Group and who we had never met before, we did not know what to expect. As it turned out, there were no hostilities and we received a very warm welcome.

I was accompanied by my wife Scheega Mohamed, my Sister Ruwaida and her husband Yusuf Zain who are all members of our Jamaat.

Amongst the other speakers at the conference were, Dr Yusuf Noor who spoke on *Evolution and the Quran*, Appeal Court Judge, Muhammad Navsa on *Islam our True Identity*, Dr Ismail Munshi who gave a very good explanation of the concept of *Awqaf* – its basis in the Holy Quran. Br Osman Moosa, Human Rights Activist, On Human Rights and Islam in the South African context, Sister Suleilah, The Holy Quran – An educational and teaching book. A sister read a paper by Sister Soraya Khan on Abuse of women with reference to female circumcision. Brother Nuh spoke about *Gaining knowledge of the Holy Quran as an effective antidote to the un-Islamic practice of priesthood*.

The speeches were of a high standard and I was pleasantly surprised at the broad mindedness of the group. Everyone shared concern for the moral decay of the Muslim leadership and ‘so called’ *ulema*. The lack of interest of Muslims in general in studying the Holy Quran, was commented on, as an item that needs to be addressed, by almost all the speakers. As one speaker puts it, too much emphasis is put on proper recital and sciences such as how many verses were revealed at Mecca and Medina etc, but little about the underlying wisdom of the messages and its application in our daily lives.

To a question posed by Ruwaida Zain as to what can be done about those who go about calling Muslims *kafir*, Brother Aziz Shaikh replied that he once heard a quote from a respected scholar that says that unless you are called a heretic, you cannot claim to be a good Muslim. He continued by saying that those who call Muslims *kafir* have more bark than bite and we should not concern ourselves with it and carry on with our work in promoting the Holy Quran and its true teachings.

My talk on the cosmopolitan nature of Islam was well received. With the prevalent intolerance and prejudices in just about all communi-

ties, it was felt to be relevant. After the conference I received several requests for my contact details. We were promised that copies of all the speeches will be made and collated and distributed to all participants and posted on the Al Burhaan web site. A copy of my speech was forwarded to the Editor of the Islamic Review and Light, USA for consideration for publication. After my talk there was a Q and A which I handled to the satisfaction of the enquirers.

Hazrat Amir's European Tour

Akbar Ibn Abdullah

Friday, October 14, 2011: This evening, concluded the second day of convention staged by AAAILN which is being held in the city of The Hague in Holland. Brother Abdul Santoe Sahib, the European representative of the Central Anjuman, reports that the first two days of functions went well, with very good sessions. The program deliberations are taking place generally in accordance to the announced schedule.

Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib was joined by Mian Umar Farooq Sahib, Senior Vice-President and his Begum Sahiba, Brigadier Mohammad Saeed Sahib and his Begum Sabiha Saeed and the Central Anjuman's General Secretary, Amir Aziz.

On the opening day of the convention Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Pasha Sahib spoke on the history of our Jamaat. On Friday October 14th he led the Jumah prayer after delivering Khutba. Later in the evening he spoke at length on "What are we? What is the destiny of our peace abiding people, etc?"

Sheikh Umar Farooq, Senior Vice-President of Central Anjuman spoke briefly on the first day of the convention. He said he was happy to attend this convention in Holland for the first time and while thanking the Jamaat for holding this international gathering, pledged a very generous donation in Euros for the Berlin Mosque. Jazak

Allah, for Mian Sahib's generous contribution of funds for missionary work in Berlin and may Allah reward him for his big heart. Amin. Due to a pressing previous commitment in Pakistan Mian Sahib and his Begum Sahiba left Holland for Pakistan today.

Amir Aziz, the Central Anjuman's General Secretary, from amongst the overseas delegates spoke briefly. The UK Jamaat is represented by Dr. Jawad Ahmad, his Begum Sahiba and brother Nasir Ahmad's daughter, Nagina, who resides in Wazirabad, Pakistan, and is also the grand granddaughter of the Late Hazrat Niaz Ahmad Sahib. A large contingent of delegates from Suriname, which is headed by Brother Robbert Bipat, President of SIV Jamaat, is also in attendance.

Hazrat Ameer is the personal guest of Sjaikh Kasiem. President of AAAIL (Netherlands). Tomorrow, Saturday, October 15, 2011, will be the concluding day of the convention. The rest of Hazrat Ameer's program in Holland is as follows:

Sunday, October 16, 2011	- Utrecht
Monday, October 17, 2011	- Rotterdam
Tuesday, October 18, 2011	- The Hague
Wednesday, October 19, 2011	- Bus convoy to the Berlin Mosque. Hazrat Ameer will travel with the convoy and he will remain there for ten days before returning to the United Kingdom.

Brother Abdul Santoe Sahib, reports that he started the morning by attending the business meeting held at The Hague masjid by the executives of all the jamaats. The meeting went very well with positive responses from all participants. After the meeting he returned to Rotterdam and later in the afternoon he joined the final session in progress at the Tropical Hall where about 500 guests were assembled. He recalled the day's activities as they progressed.

There were several introductions of key delegates, followed by a panel discussion with the public, conducted by the youth of Holland Jamaat. Amir Aziz, the Central Anjuman's Gen-

eral Secretary was a part of the panel. This question and answer period was quite fruitful with positive responses as some very challenging questions were asked.

Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. & Professor Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, to the delight of the audience, spoke on the, Spirit of Ahmadiyyat and the future of our youth. He was also very elated to see such a large group of Ahmadis in the Netherlands.

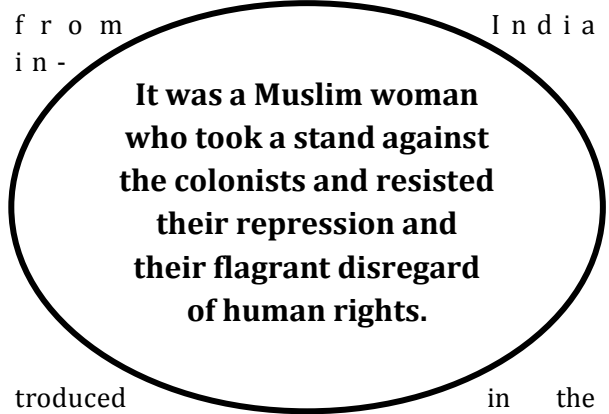
The three-day convention at The Hague concluded with Maghrib and Isha Prayers and dinner with musical accompaniment by Ronny and friends.

From all accounts, the Hague convention was most successful with the grace and blessings of Allah. Sjaikh Kasiem Sahib, Chairman of the AAILN, The Hague is a very energetic person, an exemplary role model of the youth of Holland Jamaats. During the convention no fund-raising was on the agenda as this will be done by all the Netherlands Anjuman at the end of the month.

Sunday, October 16th Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. & Professor Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, his entourage and other foreign delegates were invited at the Jalsa staged by the Utrecht Jamaat of Holland. The members of the Utrecht Jamaat converted a Church into a Mosque with a large spacious Hall that can accommodate several hundred members at a time. Zafar Abdullah, Choudhary Abdul Sattar and I attended an international convention here in the year 1994 when Maulana Jaggoe Sahib was alive and celebrated his 80th birthday. My second visit was in the year 2002 when the Utrecht Jamaat launched an ambitious project to beautify the entrance and expand the seating capacity of the main Hall considerably.

In the Utrecht Mosque the devotees started their combined Zuhar and Asr prayers at 2:00 PM. The Jalsa began a little after 3:00 PM, which was ably chaired by brother Lal Mohammad, President of the Utrecht Jamaat. The keynote speaker was Rajendar Bhagwan Bali, Professor

of History and Sociology in Holland. He is originally from Suriname and did considerable research on the indentured labour from India in -



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introduced in the colony of Suriname. Prior to his taking the podium, brother AAS Santoe Sahib introduced him to the audience. In his introduction Santoe Sahib outlined the achievements of the Professor and stated the degree of respect he commands in the Dutch literary community for his research work and historical writings especially about the indentured labour and their families in Suriname.

Based on his book the Professor Bali outlined the history of how and when the indentured labour was introduced in Suriname, the torture and hardship they had to bear, and some of the details were quite gruesome. The professor went on to say that in his research he discovered that there was a Muslim woman who took a stand against the colonists and resisted against their repression and their flagrant disregard of human rights. The Professor's talk was very impressive, informative and entertaining to the great delight of Hazrat Ameer and the audience. Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. & Professor Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib appreciated the research on the repression of Surinamese indentured labour community by the colonists, and went on to infer a similar oppression and persecution that the Ahmadis had to bear from other Muslim communities since its very inception until this day. Hazrat Ameer quoted from the Holy Qur'an on how we must handle such prejudices and oppression against our Jamaat.

He also lauded the bravery of the Muslim woman who fought colonist for their ungodly repressions and injustices without regard for their human rights.

Professor Rajendar Bhagwan Bali was very much impressed with Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum. At the conclusion of the jalsa he came to Hazrat Ameer and knelt to secure his *Ashirbad*, that is blessings from Hazrat Ameer.

After Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, several delegates from abroad spoke on their subjects and projects. Brother Robert Bipat, President of SIV, stated his Jamaat's intention to hold an international convention in November of 2012. Dr. Jawad Ahmad of UK also commented on the theme of indentured labourers and where the Ahmadis came from.

Brother Noer Sardar, President of Stitching Jamaat, The Hague, presented a Holy Qur'an in Dutch to the Hindu Scholar Rajendar Bhagwan Bali, professor of History and sociology.

All the guests were served a sumptuous meal and the programme of the day in Utrecht ended at about 5:30 PM. It was a very good jalsa

Monday, October 17th, the Honourable Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. & Professor Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, his entourage and other foreign delegates were invited at the Jalsa staged by the Rotterdam Jamaat in the Netherlands.

Brother AAS Santoe Sahib, European representative of the Central Anjuman, reported thus. The function commenced at about 7:30 in the evening and concluded at about 11:30 PM. To the delight of the visitors and local participants, a delicious dinner and deserts were served. After dinner and prayers the formal meeting began which was chaired by the President of Rotterdam Jamaat, Brother Firoz Nasrullah Sahib.

The first speaker of the evening was Brother Noer Sardar, President of the Stitching Jamaat in The Hague. He reiterated that 35 years ago he is amongst the pioneers that formed the first Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam, Lahore in the Netherlands and since then outlined

his accomplishments, efforts and sacrifices.

There were other speakers. Amongst the ladies delegates from abroad, Begum Sabiha Saeed, wife of Brigadier Mohammad Saeed Sahib gave her impression and feelings about the Holland Convention. Her speech continued by emphasizing the need of keeping our identity as Muslims, with particular reference to the role of women folk.

The honourable Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. & Professor Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib complimented the speakers that preceded him and address their various messages and concerns.

Brother Rafiq Mano Singh, second Treasurer of SIV Jamaat also spoke on this occasion. His speech evolved around our duties and obligations within the realm of Ahmadiyyat and Islam. This was a good and spiritually fulfilling gathering. The presence of Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum energized the Jamaat of Brother Firoz Nasrullah Sahib in Rotterdam. Jazak Allah!

Tuesday, October 18th, the Honourable Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. & Professor Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, his entourage and other foreign delegates were invited at the Jalsa staged by the AAIL (Holland) Jamaat in The Hague, Netherlands

Twenty five years ago Mr. Yaqub Jagroop founded this Anjuman and he has been the President of this Jamaat since its inception. As it happened to be the 60th birthday of President of the Jamaat, Mr. Yaqub Jagroop, the foreign delegates and local guest numbering nearly a hundred taken some light moments before the formal jalsa to celebrate Mr. Yaqub Jagroop's 60th birthday by partaking a delicious dinner; when the cake was brought in jubilantly wished the host of honour "Happy Birthday and many happy returns". Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Dr. Pasha Sahib bless the occasion and wished the President a long, happy and fruitful life in his mission and sacrifices for the Jamaat.

The formal Jalsa began under the Chairmanship of Mr. Yaqub Jagroop at about 9:00 PM after offering combined Maghrib and Isha prayers.

Earlier in the day Dr. Jawad Ahmad and his Begum and sister Nagina returned to United Kingdom. Dr. Robert Bipat, President of SIV, had gone to Belgium to meet with some Surinami members there. Several Presidents of Holland Jamaats were in attendance.

Brother Rafiq Muno Singh, second Treasurer of SIV Jamaat spoke on the *Unity of Jamaats and their sincerity in fostering brotherly relations amongst each other*. He was followed by Brother Qasim of The Hague Jamaat and Brother Amir Aziz, General Secretary of the Central Anjuman.

Brother AAS Santoe Sahib took the podium and spoke on the *Jihad-i-Akbar, cleansing of own souls*. He spoke in both Urdu and Dutch languages (bilingual). He quoted from several verses of the Holy Qur'an and the hadith and concluded by emphasizing dire need of removing vanity and arrogance from one's soul and to practice humility in self.

The Honourable Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha responded to the other speaker's messages and concerns. He blessed and praised the President of AAIL (Holland) Jamaat, Mr. Yaqub Jagroop on his 60th birthday and for his dedication in founding and managing the Jamaat and his yeomen services for the last 25 years. Then Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum raised his hands in a closing dua for the well-being of the Jamaat and its worthy President. Amin.

For preserving the memory of such successful gathering Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum posed in several group photographs with the Holland Jamaat's Presidents, foreign delegates, local members and the officials of the Jamaats. The Jalsa concluded after 11:00 PM.

The proceedings of the Amsterdam Jalsa went as follows:

1. Opening remarks and welcome of Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, his entourage, other foreign delegates delivered by Sister Sharda Poesa, President of the Amsterdam Anjuman.

2. Opening prayer performed by Hadji Ramdjan.

3. A report of the Amsterdam Jamaat's current and future plans, delivered by Sister Sharda,.

4. A speech delivered by the Honourable Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Professor Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, followed by

5. A speech by Brother Amir Aziz, General Secretary of the Central Anjuman, and finally,

6. The concluding du'a offered by Brother Moennoe Singh, the Second Treasurer of the SIV, Suriname.

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

In the morning about 7:00 AM a convoy of members of the various Holland Jamaats and their representatives, the remaining foreign delegates and Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum left Holland for the Berlin Mosque in Germany. The convoy returned after four days leaving behind at the Mosque Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum and his Pakistani entourage. On October 28th, the Pakistani delegation departed for Pakistan while Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum returned to the United Kingdom.

Friday, October 21, 2011, Jumah prayers combined with a jalsa took place. Hazrat Ameer delivered the khutba, led the prayers and opened the Jalsa. He made an appeal for donations urgently needed for the repair of Berlin Mosque. Hazrat Ameer had extended invitations to attend this Jalsa to international guests that attended the human rights meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

An appeal was made on the opening day of the European jalsa and another appeal from Berlin. There will be a grand appeal in the *Salana Jalsa* at Lahore at the end of this year. Mian Umar Farooq Sahib promised 10 thousand Euros, and Dr Hamid Jahangiri, another very generous person, has pledged thousands of US dollars. Other people have also already contributed. Jazak Allah! May Allah (swt) bless and amply reward the donors named by our beloved Hazrat Ameer. Amin.

Our Honorable Ameer-i-Qaum has passionately appealed for funds urgently needed for a

timely repair to some damage sustained by the Berlin Mosque. However, his instruction is that the actual remittance of the donation should be undertaken only when the Central Anjuman, Lahore provides the routing channel to which fund it should be credited.

THE BERLIN MOSQUE

An Appeal

A great majority of our global Jamaat members who have been contributing towards the welfare of the Berlin Mosque are not aware of how resplendent the Mosque appears to onlookers. During the Utrecht, Holland Convention in 1995, I was fortunate to visit the Mosque for the first time and I would like to share my impressions with you.

Now, I can say with great certainty that the Berlin Mosque, which was built similar to the design of the Taj Mahal of Agra, India, is the most beautiful religious edifice of Muslim worship in the whole of Europe.

As members of the AAIL (Lahore) we must be all be proud of our great effort and sacrifice to help build such an historic Islamic edifice in the heart of Europe. I picked at random a website from the internet, which happened to be the website of the UK Jamaat. By clicking on the link berlin.ahmadiyya.org/new-photos/index.htm and browsing through the current and historic pho-



tos, you will sense that these elegant pictures of the Berlin Mosque will renew your zeal and will inspire you with an enhanced spirit for a whole-hearted sacrifice in pledging and implementing generous financial support for the maintenance and much-needed repair funds for the Mosque.

A word of caution, however. Nearly two decades ago we lost custody of the Woking Mosque. Let's not allow this to happen again with the Berlin Mosque, due to any lackadaisical support and disinterest on our part. We must resolve to keep its custody today, tomorrow and forever, Inshaa Allah!

The German Government has designated the Berlin Mosque as an historic monument. With the tight budget they are not readily forthcoming with the funds now needed for urgent re-

pairs. This is more reason why we should not lax in our resolve to continue our monetary support wholeheartedly.

On many occasions, and especially during regional and international gatherings, Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum has voiced his concerns with passionate appeal for our wholehearted donations for the repair and upkeep of the Berlin Mosque. Let us, therefore, respond to our

Ameer's appeal with the generosity that comes from our heart.

May Allah reward you with His infinite mercy and grant you His choicest blessings. Amin.

On behalf of Ameer-i-Qaum