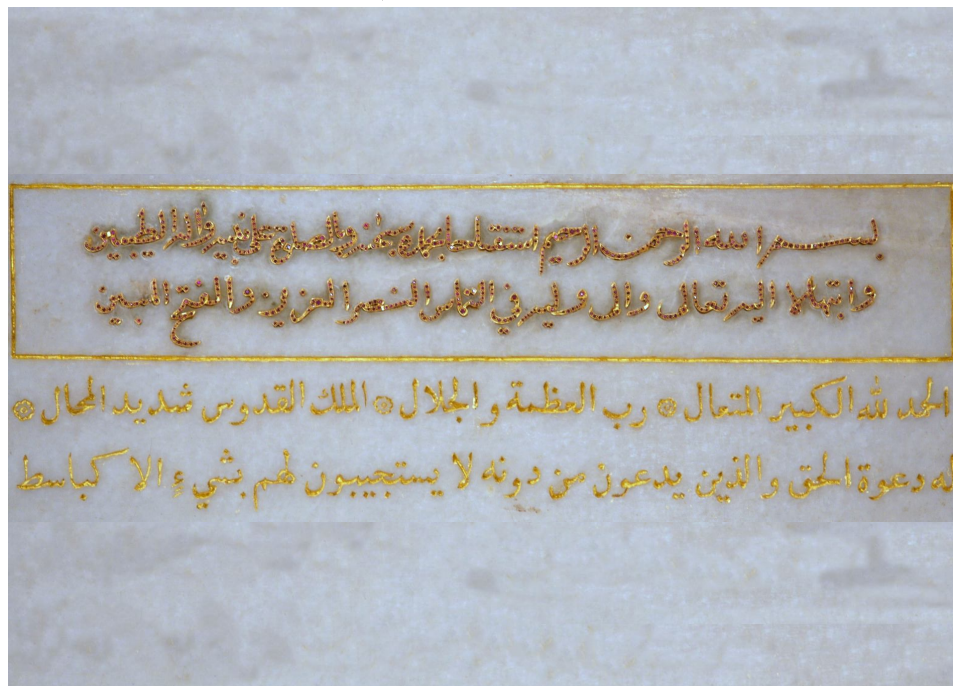


بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



The Alaamat of Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA} encrusted with rubies in Rozat Tahera.

SIJILL ARTICLE: *The Sun among the Du'āt - Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA}*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ مَن كَلَّمَهُ
اللَّهُ ۗ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٍ *

(Surat al-Baqara: 253)

Those messengers some We have preferred above others; some there are to whom God spoke, and some He raised in rank.

Syedna Taher Saifuddin was born on 27 Zil Qa'da 1305H (4th August 1888) in the time of the 48th Dai Syedna Abdul Husain Husamuddin^{RA}. When his father the 49th Dai Syedna Burhanuddin took him to the *hazrat* of Syedna Husamuddin for the first time, Syedna Husamuddin gave him the name 'Taher' and gifted him a sword, foreseeing that this newborn child would become the great Dai Saifuddin, who would protect this Dawat and fight its enemies. He foresaw that this Dai's accomplishments in the *khidmat* of the Imam would be unparalleled.

Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA} authored over 40 *Risalats*, composed over 10,000 verses of Arabic poetry, delivered 1000's of *waaz* sermons, taught 1000's of *sabaqs*, and gave 1000's of personal and private audiences to mumineen. He traveled far distances to mumineen's home towns, sometimes even on bullock-cart. He consolidated the organization of Da'wat and raised the stature of the community amongst the Muslim Ummah and world leaders (he was unanimously elected chancellor of Aligarh Muslim university for three terms and remained chancellor until his *wafaat*). He built the Zarihs of Maulana Ali^{SA}, Imam Husain^{AS} and Rasul Husain^{AS}. He constructed the Mahallus-Saify in Mecca, Saify Masjid in Mumbai (from his personal wealth), the Jame'a and hundreds of Masjids. He established sanitariums and hundreds of high schools which brought the community literacy rate to nearly 100%. He faced the enemies of Da'wat in court and rose victorious. This list simply serves to highlight the 51st Dai's many accomplishments during his 53 year reign. To elaborate on each would require volumes.

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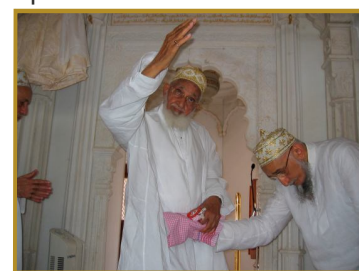
Announcement: Syedna^{TUS} Ashara Mubarak - 1436H

Syedna Qutbuddin TUS will perform *waaz* in Ashara Mubarak 1436H in Mumbai, Darus Sakina.



NAZARAAT: Syedna Qutbuddin Talaqqi of Syedna Burhanuddin^{RA}

Photos of Syedna Qutbuddin^{TUS} doing Talaqqi of Syedna Burhanuddin in 1427 in Hasanpeer with utmost humility – uploaded on fatemidawat.com



Support & Prayers for People of Kashmir: Syedna^{TUS} Doa and Contribution

Syedna's Doa message and contribution for the people affected by the worst flood in Kashmir for 103 years.



It is our belief that all Du'aat Mutlaqeen are in the elevated position of the representation and *niyaabat* of Imamuz-Zaman. It is the Du'aat whom Rasulullah ^{SA} addressed as brothers. It is the Du'aat whose names Maulana Ali ^{SA} inscribed in Kitabul 'ilm. But as the Quranic Ayat quoted above reads, there are those whom Allah Ta'ala has preferred over others. Syedna Taher Saifuddin's ^{RA} *maqaam* amongst the Du'aat was that of a shining sun.

It is incumbent upon each Dai to prepare his successor – to prepare one who is like him. Each Dai until the 51st Dai has done so. The 51st Dai prepared his successor and his successor's successor – the 52nd and the 53rd Dais. Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA} prepared his successor the 52nd Dai Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA}, who he called *ana* – (lit. me – he is like me, or he is me).

إن هذا الفتى أنا وإناء
لعلوم الهدى ونعم الإناء

This young man is 'me' (ana) – and he is a vessel (ina') of the 'ilm of hidayat – a most precious vessel.

Syedna Taher Saifuddin also prepared the 53rd Dai, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin ^{TUS}. During Syedna Taher Saifuddin's landmark trip to East Africa, Syedna Qutbuddin also accompanied him. Due to an ongoing project in Mumbai, Syedna Qutbuddin had to return to Mumbai for brief interim period, and was not present when Syedna Taher Saifuddin visited Mombasa. Later when he rejoined Syedna Taher Saifuddin in Arusha, mumineen from Mombasa requested Syedna Taher Saifuddin to send Syedna Qutbuddin to Mombasa for a few days. Syedna Taher Saifuddin agreed to their request. When Syedna Qutbuddin visited Mombasa mumineen gathered to

receive Syedna Qutbuddin with great enthusiasm and joy, and were enthralled by Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin's bayaan and personality. When Syedna Qutbuddin returned to Syedna Taher Saifuddin's *hazrat* in Arusha, a few mumineen of Mombasa traveled with him to offer *shukur* to Syedna for sending his beloved son to grace their town. Syedna Taher Saifuddin spontaneously responded '*mein kehyu thu ne ke mein biji waar aawis*' (did I not say that I would come again) (Golden Panorama, pp. 13-15).

SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE OF KASHMIR : Syedna's ^{TUS} Doa and Contribution

As the Du'at before him Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin ^{TUS} has and continues to pray for Muslims and raise the Minarets of Islam through his actions and deeds. To protect Islam is an obligation of every Muslim. At a time when millions of Muslims are suffering it is our obligation to support them.

Syedna ^{TUS} prays for the alleviation of the suffering of Muslims and all the people of Kashmir following the worst flood in 103 years in the Jammu & Kashmir region.

In the wake of the ensuing humanitarian crisis in Kashmir, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin ^{TUS} has contributed to the Jammu & Kashmir relief efforts by Pragya (www.pragya.org), an NGO dedicated to the development of remote & disadvantaged regions in India. With two field officers coordinating efforts from Srinagar and Jammu, Pragya is reaching out to flood-victims in Jammu, Riasi, Kulgam, Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam, and Anantnag districts, which are among the worst affected. Emergency relief material is being dispatched to Srinagar by air and to Jammu by road. Pragya staff in Jammu and Srinagar along with local partners

are organizing material distribution at different relief camps, community kitchens, and medical camps. The Mobile Health Unit of Pragya is being geared up for conducting health camps in the area as well.

We encourage those who are able to contribute to the relief efforts (www.pragya.org/floodsinJandk.php)

ANNOUNCEMENT, AMAL DETAILS & SYEDNA ^{TUS} BAYAN RECORDING: *Milad Syedna Taher Saifuddin* ^{RA}

On eve of 27th Zil Qa'da (Saturday, 20th October), the eve of Milad Mubarak of Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA}, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin ^{TUS} will lead Maghrib Isha namaz and preside over Milad khushi Majlis. All mumineen attending are invited for Salawaat jaman after Majlis.

Those who are not able to attend should pray the Qasida mubaraka "ya ayyuhat-Tayyibu wat-Taheru" written by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA in the Shaan of Imamuz-zaman. Also the Qasida "nooru muhayyaka ya sayfal huda laami'u" written by Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA in shaan of Syedna Taher Saifuddin on his Milad in 1352H and also the salaam written by Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS "ay saifedin sarwar hazaaro salaam". Mumineen should also do tasbeeh of the name of Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA. The PDF of both Qasidas and salaam are available on fatemidawat.com.

Mumineen should also listen to the audio recording of Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin's ^{TUS} bayaan Mubarak on this occasion in 1405H in Saify Masjid, Mumbai. Syedna ^{TUS} begins the bayan by reciting the first few lines from the first Risalat authored by Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA} – *Daw'u Nooril Haqqil Mubeen* (1335H) and does the zikar of the *maqaam* of Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA}

and also his successor Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA}. The (24min) audio is available on fatemidawat.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} Ashara Mubaraka 1436H - Mumbai

It is the unique and auspicious tradition of our *hudaat* that we begin each year with *zikar* and *noha* of Imam Husain ^{SA}. And by the virtue of Imam Husain's remembrance we receive the *barakaat* of 'ilm of Aale Mohammed ^{SA} in the ten days of Ashara Mubaraka. It is indeed a great *ne'mat* to receive these *barakaat* from the Dai of Imamuz-zamaan. It strengthens and rejuvenates our spirits for the upcoming year and increases our *darajaat* in Aakherat.

In 1436H, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin ^{TUS} will deliver Ashara Mubaraka *waazin* Mumbai at Darus Sakina *inshaallah*.

From the 2nd to the 9th of Moharram (25th October to 1st November), *waaz* Majilis will begin at 3PM, followed by Maghrib Isha namaaz and Niyaz Jaman *inshaallah*. The timings for Aashura Day (2nd November) will be announced at the beginning of Moharram.

Mumineen are encouraged to take the *barakaat* of Ashara Mubaraka with Syedna ^{TUS}. The announcement of the venue and timings for Ashara Mubaraka has been made a month in advance to give mumineen sufficient time to plan for the occasion.

We will help facilitate accommodation arrangements for those traveling to Mumbai for the occasion in hotels and other accommodation close to Darus Sakina. Please inform us of your plans by emailing info@fatemidawat.com. Informing us in advance will also help us better plan for the occasion.

LEGAL UPDATES: Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit Update- 15th September 2014

The suit was listed before His Lordship Mr. Justice Gautam Patel in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court on September 15, 2014. After hearing the advocates appearing for Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin and my advocates, the Hon'ble Court passed the following orders.

Parties are to file their respective affidavits of the documents they are relying on by 14th October, 2014. The process of admission, denial and inspection of the documents shall be completed by 10th November 2014.

The Hon'ble Court then framed the Issues (points in dispute required to be decided by the Court), which are in brief on -

1. Maintainability of the suit and jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court to hear the suit,
2. What are the requirements of a valid Nass and whether the Plaintiff proves that a valid Nass was conferred/pronounced on him,
3. Whether Nass once conferred cannot be retracted or revoked or changed or superseded and if not, whether Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin (the Defendant) proves that a valid Nass was conferred on him by the 52nd Dai:
 - a) On 28th January 1969
 - b) In the year 2005
 - c) On 4th June 2011
 - d) On 20th June 2011

and these amounted to or was a retraction or revocation or change or supersession of any Nass previously conferred by the 52nd Dai.

The suit will now be heard on **14th October 2014** for directions as to the next date and further schedule.

NAZARAAT: Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} Talaqqi of Syedna Burhanuddin ^{RA}

Shehrullah 1427H (2006): Syedna Qutbuddin (TUS) does talaqqi of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (RA) after namaz

Syedna Burhanuddin (RA) spent the first ten days of Shehrullah 1427H in Hasanpeersab. Syedna Qutbuddin (TUS) was due to stay back in Mumbai. However, upon leaving for the airport while doing wada of Syedna Qutbuddin, Syedna Burhanuddin told him, "Bhai saathe aawi jaaw".

In Hasanpeersab, Aqa Burhanuddin lead namaz during the holy days of Shehrullah in Masjid. After every namaz, Syedna Qutbuddin would do talaqqi of Syedna Burhanuddin. These invaluable photos show Bawa Shafeeq Syedna Burhanuddin giving Imami salami to all mumineen muminaat while holding the hand of Syedna Qutbuddin.

Whenever Syedna Burhanuddin would not come to lead namaz in Masjid, in Hasanpeersab and elsewhere, he would send raza to Syedna Qutbuddin to lead namaz in his place. Upon learning that it will be Syedna Burhanuddin's Mazoon Syedna Qutbuddin who will lead namaz, those who bore jealousy and hatred for him and continuously spread falsehoods about him would deliberately not attend the namaz. This was a clear defiance of the Imami raza of Syedna Burhanuddin.

Upon returning from Hasanpeersab to Mumbai, Syedna Burhanuddin stopped at Ahmedabad for ziarat of Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed (RA). He was due to lead namaz of Maghrib and Isha in the Masjid. This time, Syedna Burhanuddin sent the raza to Syedna Qutbuddin to lead namaz in his place only a few moments before Maghrib. All those who would usually deliberately not come to

namaz if Syedna Burhanuddin had deputized Syedna Qutbuddin, here had to – *ala raghmi unufihim*, in spite of their defiance and hatred – pray behind Syedna Qutbuddin.

The Qur'an Majeed says in Surat al-Tawba, ayat 32: "They desire to extinguish God's *noor* (light) with their mouths/curses/falsehoods; and God refuses but to perfect His *noor*, though the people of unbelief may hate this." Wa-l-hamdo Lillahe Rabbil Aalameen.

Photos uploaded on fatemidawat.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Golden Panorama Now Available on Amazon.in in India

The printed version of Golden Panorama: A Pictorial Commemoration of the Life and Services of Syedna

Burhanuddin's Mazoon Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin is now available online in India through www.amazon.in (<http://www.amazon.in/dp/0996039406>) and www.infibeam.com (<http://tinyurl.com/nsxrgee>)

Golden Panorama aims to highlight the zeal with which Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} performed the khidmat of Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA} and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} and their *nazaraat* on him. It hopes to highlight Syedna Qutbuddin's major contributions to Da'wat; and to highlight a life spent for the guidance and betterment of mumineen. The 128 page book has many unique photographs and reports which many mumineen will perhaps see for the first time.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Syedna ^{TUS} Saturday Qadambosi Bethak Resumed

As earlier stated in the philosophy of Da'wat and the Guiding Principles, access to the Dai is available for all mumineen, not just a select few. Following the end of Ramadaan, bethak audiences with Syedna Qutbuddin are once again scheduled every Saturday. Bethak is at 5pm at Darus Sakina, Thane. Many Mumineen are taking the opportunity of attending these bethaks for qadambosi and to seek Syedna's guidance, blessings and *doa*. Many Mumineen are also attending to offer their Misaaq to the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS. Those who wish to have an audience in bethak are advised to email info@fatemidawat.com or call +91-22-2585-6076.

This Newsletter

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Qutbuddin's office, and will be published in Dawat-ni-zaban and Gujarati. It will also highlight the latest updates on fatemidawat.com. Please register to receive the newsletter regularly at info@fatemidawat.com

Sijill is an Arabic word which literally means official letter. It was a term often used in the Fatimid chancery. The name is inspired by the most auspicious letter 'Sijill-ul-Bisharat'.

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