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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الْيَوْمَ اكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ
لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

(Surat al-Baqara: 125)

Today I have perfected your religion for you, and I have completed My favour upon you, and I have approved Islam for you as religion...

MESSAGE FROM THE SIJILL TEAM:

Eid e Ghadeer-e-Khum Mubarak!

On the auspicious and joyous occasion of Eid e Ghadeer-e-Khum, we would like to wish you a heartfelt Eid Mubarak. May Eid bring us together as one. May this Eid unite us in the *walaayat* of Panjetan, A'immat, Du'aat and give us the courage and strength to give the Misaaq of Ghadeer and fulfill its commitments to the true successor of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA – Aqa Mola Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS.

SIJILL ARTICLE: The Significance of Ghadeer

In his Majlis delivered on the day of Eid e Ghadeer-e-Khum, Syedna al-Mu'ayyad al-Shirazi begins with Hamd and Salawat:

الحمد لله مشرف يوم الغدير بصاحب يوم الغدير،
المكمل بولائه دين البشير النذير،

Praise be to Allah Ta'ala who honored and graced the Day of Ghadeer because of the one who was honored on the Day of Ghadeer. The one whose *walaayat* completed the deen of Muhammad Rasulullah – who gives good tidings of reward and forewarnings of punishment.

In the Majlis, Syedna al-Mu'ayyad makes the case that the *ayat* from the Qur'an quoted above was revealed in reference to the Day of Ghadeer in which Rasulullah^{SA} delivered the final message, the final *farizat*-- the *walaayat* of his *wasiyy*, Maulana Ali^{SA}.

Syedna Mu'ayyad adds that before Ghadeer Rasulullah^{SA} was apprehensive about conveying this message because he knew the animosity in some people's hearts. So deep was the concern that eventually Allah Ta'ala revealed: 'O Rasool, convey what has been revealed to you, if you do not, you have not conveyed any message at all' (*surat al-Ma'ida:67*). So important is the message of Ghadeer that no other message counts without it. So important is *walaayat* that no other *farizat* stands without it.

Syedna Mu'ayyad argues that this last *ayat* was no doubt revealed with respect to the *fareezat* of *walaayat*, because there was no other *fareezat* or message that Rasulullah^{SA} was apprehensive about communicating to the Muslims, despite the hardships that they entailed. Rasulullah^{SA} was anxious about communicating the *fareezat* of *walaayat* because he saw the deep rooted jealousy in some people around him.

Despite Rasulullah's clear declaration in Ghadeer, *man kuntu mawlaahu fa haaza 'Aliyyun mawlaahu*, those who were jealous refused to accept Amirul Mumineen as their Imam, just as they had never truly accepted him during Rasulullah's lifetime. Despite

News & Events: Syedna TUS Eid ul Adha Program Highlights

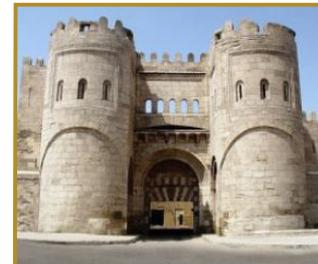
Highlights and photos from Eid ul Adha program at Darus Sakina including



Syedna's *wasila*, majlis, qurbaan and distribution of meat by hand to over 3000 mumineen and muslimkeen households.

FATIMID HISTORY SERIES: Eid-e-Ghadeer in Fatimid Times

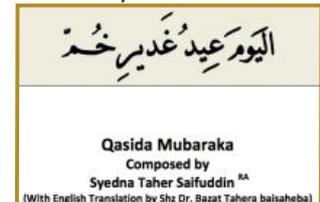
Excerpt from Shz. Dr. Saifiyah baishaeba article on Fatimid celebrations and



customs in Cairo. The excerpt is on the Eid-e-Ghadir-Khum Celebrations.

Fatemi-Madrasa: New Qasida Module

Syedna al-Mu'ayyad Qasida '*Salaamun alal itratit taheera*' - Dawat ni zaban khulaso and translation, English summary and translation, full qasida



audio, bayt-by-bayt qasida audio with key words vocab grid.

Syedna Burhanuddin's clear declaration that Syedna Outbuddin was his Mazoon in the first *misaq* that he took (and reaffirmed this until the last *misaq* he took), there were those who were jealous and never really accepted him. In their animosity they became bolder and bolder until after Syedna Burhanuddin's *wafaat* they proclaimed *la'nat* in the Masjids.

We are blessed and fortunate that over 1400 years later we are among those who have fulfilled the oath of *Ghadeer*. The Nass that was proclaimed by Rasulallah ^{SA} on Amirul Mumineen ^{SA} continued in the line of Imams in the progeny of Muhammad and Ali ^{SA}. And during Imam's *satar*, that same Nass continues in the Du'aat by Imam Aamir's appoint of the 1st Da'i – Syedna Zu'ayb at the hands of Maulatuna Hurratul Malika and each Dai's appointment of his successor through the *ilhaam* of Imam-uz-zaman ^{SA}. Indeed, the honor of the Day of Ghadeer today is truly realized by recognizing the true successor to the Nass of the Imams and the Dais – the Dai of our age – and by giving Misaq to him, recognizing and accepting the 52 Du'aat, the 21 Imams, Panjetan and through them reaching the Almighty. In his qasida, Syedna Burhanuddin ^{RA} eloquently expresses the connection between our declaration of *na'am* (yes, I swear by God) with *ne'am* (Allah Ta'ala's bounties):

يا آل فاطمة دينكم قيم
وعهدكم لبي دينكم نعم
Progeny of Fatema, our Imams, your deen is straight and unswerving. And your oath for the people of your deen is a great bounty.

جلت لهم نعم منكم لأنهم
في يوم ميثاقهم إقرارهم نعم
They enjoy great bounties (ne'am) from you because on the day of their misaaq they declare na'am.

This is indeed the covenant that we will be asked about on the Day of Judgment (*surat al-Ahzaab*: 15). And for those who have fulfilled their oaths, Allah Ta'ala promises greatest reward (*surat al-tawba*:111):

فَأَسْتَبْشِرُوا بِنَيْعِكُمُ الَّذِي بَايَعْتُمْ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ،
Then rejoice in the bay'at (misaq) that you have given, that is the greatest of victories.

ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL DETAILS:

Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} Eid e Ghadeer-e-Khum Namaz & Majlis

Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin TUS will preside over Waaz and Misaq majlis of mumineen on Eid-e-Ghadeer-e-Khumm (Sunday 18th Zil Hijja/12th October) at 11am at Darus Sakina, Thane. After *safaqat*, Syedna TUS will lead zohor/asar namaz and pray Ghadeer Doa.

Mumineen are also invited for iftaar jaman after maghrib/isha namaz.

There will be Namaz, waaz and Misaq also in Bakersfield, California, Poconos, Pennsylvania and Leicester, UK. There will also be namaz and majlis in Hyderabad/Secunderabad and Toronto/Mississagua. For further information please contact info@fatemidawat.com.

For those who are unable to attend, comprehensive Amal Details are presented on Fatemidawat.com/instructions.

QASIDAS IN TRANSLATION SERIES:

Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA} Eid e Ghadeer-e-Khum Qasida

We are pleased to present on the occasion of Eid e Ghadeer-e-Khum, a qasida written by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA in which there is *zikar* of the appointment of Amirul Mumineen ^{SA}. The qasida, '*al-yawma eidu-ghadeer-e-khummi*', is translated by Shz Dr. Bazat Tahera baisesaheba.

<p>الْيَوْمَ عِيدٌ غَدِيرِ حُجْمٍ سَابِي الْقَضَلِ الْكَثِيرِ الْجَمِّ فِيهِ نَمَّ النَّبِيُّ الْأَتِينُ جَمْرًا عَلَى صَنْوِهِ ابْنِ الْعَمِّ الْيَوْمَ عِيدٌ غَدِيرِ حُجْمٍ</p> <p>Today is the Eid of Ghadeer-e-Khummm Lofty, abundantly excellent In it Nabi Mohammed proclaimed Nass of succession Upon his brother, son of his uncle Today is the Eid of Ghadeer-e-Khummm</p>
<p>الْيَوْمَ أَلَمَّ دُوالْعَرْشِ دِينَهُ لِلْعَهْدِ فِيهِ مَدَّ يَمِينَهُ يَأْتُونَ مَرَهُ أَوْفَى يَمِينِهِ يَلْبَسُ مُغْتَمًا أَيَّ عَمِّ الْيَوْمَ عِيدٌ غَدِيرِ حُجْمٍ</p> <p>Today the lord of the Throne perfected his religion Stretched out his right hand to take the Misaq pledge Victory to the man who fulfills his pledge to Allah! He wins the finest prize Today is the Eid of Ghadeer-e-Khummm</p>

The PDF of the full *qasida* with translation is presented on fatemidawat.com

FATIMID HISTORY SERIES: Eid-e-Ghadir-Khum Celebrations in the time of the Fatemi Imams in Cairo

This is an excerpt from a captivating historical account of Fatimid celebrations and customs

written by Shehzadi Dr. Bazat Saifiyah Baisaheba. The article first offers a brief historical setting of Fatimid Cairo and then continues to describe in great detail the nature and significance of processions and banquets. The article also contextualizes the social, political, economic, cultural implications of such traditions. The article then focuses on specific occasions and their festivities. In this week's update we are excited to feature the Eid-e-Ghadir-Khum section of this article on fatemidawat.com.

The Fatimids were Shi'as, as opposed to the Sunni majority of Egypt. The festivals and auspicious days particular to their faith were celebrated in a more restricted scale, generally within al-Qahira itself, in order not to antagonise the population.

The 'Id Ghadir-i Khumm on the 18th of Dhu al-Hijja is one of the most important and auspicious feast days of the Shi'a. It commemorates the nass of the Prophet Muhammad on 'Ali b. Abi Talib, i.e. the formal designation of 'Ali as the wasiyy and successor to the Prophet. This took place on the return trip from Makka to Madina after the Prophet's Hijjat al-Wada', in a place known as 'Ghadir-i Khumm'. Great importance was attached to this day by the Fatimids.

The night was spent in prayer and worship. The wazir was called to formally 'invite' or 'fetch' the Imam, who then proceeded in procession to the Iwan al-kabir, surrounded by his guards and followed by the amirs and military regiments, by the wazir and his retinue, and officials of the palace..."

Read the full article on fatemidawat.com

NEWS & EVENTS: Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} Eid ul Adha Program

Syedna Qutbuddin TUS lead namaz on Eid night and day in Darus Sakina, Thane. Following *washeq* on Eid night and Syedna TUS did doa that on the night of *Muzdalifa*, may Allah Ta'ala grant us *qurba* and *zulfa* (closeness and nearness) to Panjetan, A'immat and their Du'aat. Following the Eid *khutba* in the morning, on Eid day, Syedna took the wasila of our mawaali tahereen and

did doa for all mumineen, muminaat and their children:

May Allah Ta'ala deliver us to the zumra of Imamuz-zaman... this life is because of Imamuz-zaman, his naseem (breeze of blessings) is flowing, the breeze of his grace and affection..., the blessings and naseem of Panjetan and the Imams is flowing towards us, especially Imamuz-zaman, his grace and naseem is flowing towards us, because of his naseem our hardships are alleviated, our difficulties are eased...such are the nazaraat of Imamuz-zaman^{SA}. His Da'i establishes his Dawat in the midst of Mumineen -- the Imam's barakaat are Eid for us, the life [in the ma'arefat of the Imam] is Eid. May Allah Ta'ala give tawfeeq to all Mumineen to recognize these truths, to give Misaq to the Imam's Dai and by that give Misaq to the Imam. May Allah Ta'ala give tawfeeq to all Mumineen to enter the Haram-e-Aamin (the safe sanctuary) of Dawat, with calmness and peace. In this world there are difficulties and calamities, but in this Haram of Dawat, Mumineen are safe. They are safe because of their imaan.

Syedna's heartfelt *wasila, iltijaa'* to Imamuz-zaman and *doa* was an expression of Syedna's full confidence in the *nazaraat* of Imamuz-zaman and full faith and tawakkul on Allah Ta'ala.

Syedna TUS did 4 *qurbani* on Eid day and then after Eid nashto presided over Eid Khushi Majlis. Mumineen were served Syedna's *qurbani* meat during the Majlis. Qasida Mubaraka by Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA} (*ya Imamaz zamani ya man adha*) and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin^{RA} (*ya aala Fatematin deenokomu qiyamu*) were recited. Madeh by Shz. Dr. Tahera baisesaheb written for this occasion and qasida by Shz. Dr. Aziz baisesaheb also written for this occasion were recited. Shz. Dr. Abdeali baisesaheb and Shz. Dr. Husain baisesaheb offered *shukur* to Maulana^{TUS} for his doa and grace.

On the second day of Eid, Syedna TUS did 99 *qurbaani* in Darus Sakina. Syedna's tradition is that the meat from *qurbani* is packaged and hand-delivered with the message of Syedna's doa to households of mumineen and Muslimeen by volunteers. Many mumineen muminaat also participated in the 99 *qurbani*. The whole process of *zabihat*, cleaning and butchering, packaging,

transporting and hand delivery is done on the same day. Volunteers from various local Muslim areas responded very enthusiastically and accompanied volunteers during distribution in both Sunni and Shi'a areas. Over 3000 packets of approximately 1/2kg were distributed. The packets were distributed with a card on which Ayatul Kursi was printed with a note of Syedna's doa message. People welcomed the volunteers very warmly and deeply appreciated the *qurbani* meat and the gesture of sending volunteers to all the way to their doorstep. All volunteers also expressed immense satisfaction and gratitude to Syedna^{TUS} for guiding them to take part in such activities and in the manner in which to carry out such activities.

May Allah Ta'ala grant Syedna^{TUS} longest life and may we celebrate one eid after another in his benign presence.

FATEMI MADRASA:

Salamun 'alal-'itratit-Tahera Module

Fatemi Madrasa is pleased to present the fourth qasida module, *Salamun-alal Itratit Tahera*.

This Mubarak Qasida was presented by Syedna Muayyad al Shirazi to Mustansir Imam, our 19th Imam. Syedna Muayyad was Mustansir Imam's Bab ul abwaab, the highest rank (rutba) in the Dawat hierarchy after the Imam. In this qasida, Syedna Muayyad prays salaam (greetings of peace) on the prophets, panjetan-paak, and Imams. The qasida begins with a salaam on the "Pure Progeny", and bids welcome to their "Shining Lights". Then offers salaam to each prophet by name—Adam, Nooh, Ibrahim, Musa, and Isa—praising them using descriptions from the Quran. Then offers salaam to Muhammad, Ali, and their pure progeny; and then to Syedna Muayyad's Imam uz zaman, Mustansir Imam. Syedna Muayyad declares that it is only through the Imam uz zamaan that we have access to all God's prophets and imams. He testifies that it is through the Imam al zaman that we have real access to God.

The qasida module is featured online on fatemidawat.com/madrasa and has the following components: Dawat ni zaban khulaso and translation, English summary and translation, full qasida audio, bayt-by-

bayt qasida audio with key words vocab grid (to help with memorization).

ZAHRA HASANAAT: Medical Vans September Update & Online Contribution

The Zahra Hasanat Medical reports have been published for the month of September. In September 2014 we have diagnosed 2,710 patients.

In line with our project mission to provide primary and preventive care, we are providing blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol medicines. We have a live sugar testing machine and regulate the patient's dosage accordingly. Our Medical team consists of 2 full time doctors and 2 assistants. The two vans currently cover 20 locations per week including: Parkside Vikhroli East, Vikhroli 2, Mumbra 1 & 2, Kurla 1 & 2, Vikhroli 1 & 2, Powai Dargah, Santacruz, Jogeshwari, Malad 1 & 2, Navpada, Khardanda 1 & 2, Thane, Bharat-Nagar. The vans and doctors are accessible to mumineen and non-mumineen alike. Seven days' prescription of medicines with consultancy is provided at a highly subsidised rate of Rs 30/-. For more information and to participate or contribute please email info@fatemidawat.com.

The Zahra Hasanaat website can now accept online credit-card donations (currently India only). We urge those who are able to contribute to this worthy cause. The link is: <http://www.zahrahasanaat.org/contribution.aspx>

Zahara Hasanat Trust (Regn. No. E24221M). Zahra Hasanaat Tr5ust has been approved for 80G Tax Exempt Status.

The Zahra Hasanaat website is also going through a makeover and will re-launch soon. We also hope to have facilities to accept international credit cards soon.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Ashara Mubaraka 1436H

In 1436H, Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin^{TUS} will deliver Ashara Mubaraka waaz in Mumbai at Darus Sakina inshaallah.

In Bakersfield, California, USA – Shehzada Taher baisesaheb will deliver Ashara Mubarak waaz with the raza and Doa of Syedna Outbuddin^{TUS}. Mumineen in North America are urged to partake the barakaat

of 'ilm of Aale Mohammed and the remembrance and Noha of Imam Husain SA.

In Mumbai, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Golden Panorama Now Available on Flipkart.com & 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 Outbuddin is now available online in India through www.amazon.in (<http://www.amazon.in/dp/0996039406>), flipkart.com and www.infibeam.com (<http://tinyurl.com/nsxrgee>)

Golden Panorama aims to highlight the zeal with which Syedna Outbuddin^{TUS} performed the khidmat of Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA} and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin^{RA} and their *nazaraat* on him. It hopes to highlight Syedna Outbuddin'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 Outbuddin 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 Outbuddin 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 Outbuddin'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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Upcoming updates

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