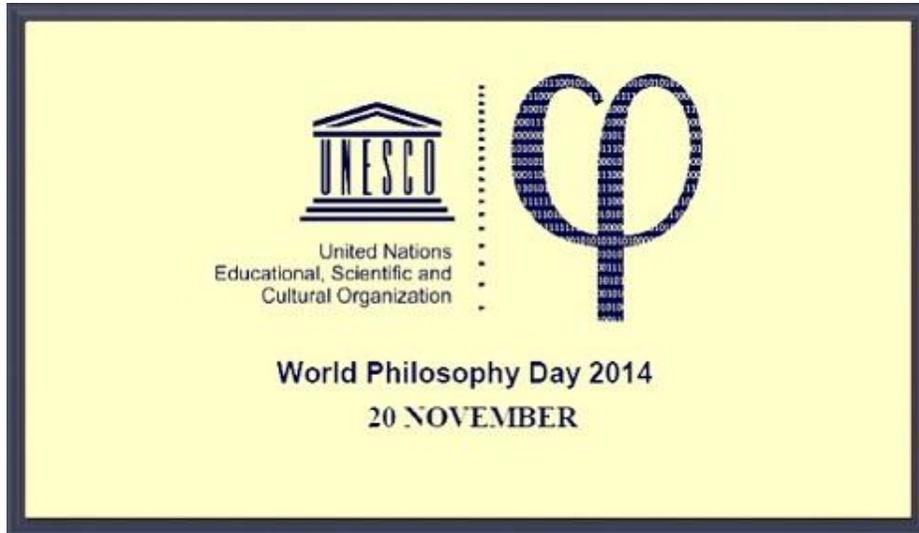


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Shz. Dr. Tahera baisab at UNESCO Roundtable.

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يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَى  
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(Surat al-Hujuraat: 13)

*O mankind! We have indeed created you from a male and a female, and made you nations and tribes that you may come to know one another. Truly the noblest of you in the sight of God is the most God-fearing among you. Truly God is Knower, Aware...*

### SIJILL ARTICLE: 'The Children of Adam and Hawwa'

It has been the legacy of our Hudaat and, in particular, Syedna Taher Saifuddin and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin to engage and interact with other communities. This interaction is based on a foundation of mutual respect and is an effort to build bridges of friendship. Syedna

Taher Saifuddin<sup>RA</sup> spearheaded many such efforts with Muslims in particular and all our fellow human beings. In his Qasida-Autobiography Syedna Taher Saifuddin states:

*I spent my days to do good for all people, young and old.*

*And verily they all came to love me, as they realized, that I am a support for them, and their best helper.*

*The love of the worshippers of God for me increases in all His lands, highlands and lowlands.*

Syedna Burhanuddin<sup>RA</sup> continued Syedna Taher Saifuddin's<sup>RA</sup> legacy and became known throughout the world as the "Ambassador of Peace." Continuing the legacy of the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Dais is Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> who recently stated, "We must restore the tradition of mutual respect and fellowship with other religious communities, and engage in enhancing the social welfare of fellow Indians and of our compatriots in whichever country we live."

In the context of inter-community friendships, it is a matter of pride for

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**NEWS & EVENTS: 1<sup>st</sup> Safar Majlis Photos**

Photos of Khushi Majlis on the pehli raat of Safar in Darus Sakina.

our community that Syedna's daughter, Shz. Dr. Tahera baisesha, was invited by UNESCO to participate in a roundtable conference on "The contribution of Ali ibn Abi Talib's Thought to a Culture of Peace and Intercultural Dialogue." This conference was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014. In the talk (details in the section below) Shz. Tahera baisesha quoted a verse of poetry attributed to Imam Ali<sup>SA</sup>, "People are peers and equals—Their father is Adam, their mother is Eve."

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the conviction and courage to live up to the teachings of our Imams and their Dai's and, particularly, the Dai of our time - Syedna Outbuddin<sup>TUS</sup>. May we be confident and secure in our beliefs, traditions and values. And may we safeguard our legacy of being a peaceful, educated and engaged community. May we have the strength to stand up to those who are taking our community on a path of isolationism and radicalism. Syedna Outbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> is guiding us and leading by example, he is showing us how to be good human beings, following Sirat-e-Mustaqeem. But this is our community also and each one of us has a stake in it. Each of us must take responsibility to protect the true messages of our hudaat.

### **NEWS & EVENTS: Shz Dr. Tahera Baisesha Invited to UNESCO Roundtable**

Shehzadi Dr. Bazat Tahera baisesha was invited by UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to participate in a roundtable conference on "The contribution of Ali ibn Abi Talib's Thought to a Culture of Peace and Intercultural Dialogue." It was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014. UNESCO is

the cultural branch of the United Nations and this conference was organized by UNESCO's Iraq office based in Jordan and Paris as part of UNESCO's World Philosophy Day celebrations.

The conference opened with a welcome address by His Excellency Professor Dr. Mahmood Al-Mukhallaf, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Iraq to UNESCO. In addition to Shehzadi Tahera baisesha, other invited speakers at the event included several scholars from Iraq: Hussain Obaid Al-Furaiji, Professor at the University of Baghdad; Ra'ed Shamseddin Al-Gaylani, Professor of Philosophy at University of Baghdad; and Shaikh Waleed Abdulhameed Khalaf Farajallah, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence at the University of Kufa. Other speakers were diplomats and advisors to the Iraqi government: Professor Salah Mahdi Al-Fartousi, Director-General of the Ministry of Culture based in Baghdad; and Dr. Haider Saeed, Adviser at the Iraqi Centre for Strategic Studies, Amman, Jordan. A third group of speakers included academics from US, European, and Far Eastern, scholarly institutions: Paul Heck, Professor of Islamic Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC; Abd Ali Sfayeh, Professor at the University of Bordeaux, France; and Karim Douglas Crow, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Advance Islamic Studies, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference was moderated by Yasser Tabbaa, Professor of Islamic Art at the University of Memphis, USA, and co-author of a UNESCO publication which was also launched at the conference titled Najaf: The Gate of Wisdom. History, Heritage & Significance of the Holy City of the Shi'a. The book includes photographs of Maulana Ali's zarih mubarak built by

Syedna Taher Saifuddin, and attributes the zarih to him in the publication. Shehzadi Tahera baisesha mentioned to Dr. Tabbaa and to His Excellency Mahmood Al-Mukhallaf that, "my grandfather Syedna Taher Saifuddin, the 51<sup>st</sup> Dai al-Mutlaq of the Tayyibi Daudi Bohra community, was the one who had built and gifted the zarih." In attendance in the audience were Ambassadors and Permanent Delegates to UNESCO of from several Muslim and Arab countries. Shehzadi Tahera baisesha met and talked with His Excellency Ahmad Jalali of Iran, His Excellency Huseyin Avni Botsali of Turkey, and the Ambassadors and Permanent Delegates of Libya and Qatar. She also met Iraq's ambassador to France, His Excellency Fareed Yasseen, who was introduced to her by His Excellency Mahmood Al-Mukhallaf. The conference was covered widely by the news media, and in attendance were a large number of members of television and print media from Iraq, Iran, and France, including Le Monde, the leading French newspaper. The title of Shehzadi Tahera baisesha's presentation at the conference was "Imam Ali's Preaching of Peace and Pluralism: Exhortations from the Nahj al-balagha (Path of Eloquence) and the Dustur ma'alim al-hikam (Treasury of Virtues)." The following is a summary of her presentation:

*Ali ibn Abi Talib<sup>SA</sup> was acknowledged as a sage of Islamic wisdom and a master of Arabic eloquence. His sayings, sermons, letters, and verse have had enormous currency through the ages and continue to resonate today. Imam Ali's exhortations to kindness, equity and justice are well known, and they work on multiple levels: of individual character building, on formulating a pluralistic society, and on effective and*

*just government. And these add up to strong advocacy of peace and pluralism. In my presentation, I will discuss Ali's preaching of peace and pluralism through a selection of his sayings, sermons, letters and verse. There are many things that could be said and many texts that could be discussed. Today, I will focus on five key categories of his teachings in this sphere.*

1. Imam Ali's explanation of the meaning of the term "Islam".
2. 2- Imam Ali's teachings on ethics (kindness, piety, brotherhood etc) in his sermons.
3. Imam Ali's appreciation of all of God's creatures including birds and animals.
4. Imam Ali's frequent references to the prophets Moses, Jesus, David and Solomon as exemplars alongside the Prophet Muhammad.
5. Imam Ali's exhortation and emphasis on compassion and justice in governance.

These categories are presented in further detail with examples on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

Tahera baisesaheba concluded that "In addition to what is present in these texts, it is also important to note what is absent: any kind of rancor or malice toward any of God's creatures.

Pluralism is a modern concept, but we see it in action in the practice and teachings of Imam Ali.

In summary, if we look through the compilations of Imam Ali's words, the vision that emerges exhorts peaceful coexistence among communities, just governance with a role for people of all denominations and faiths, and respect and caring for all God's children."

Shehzadi Tahera baisesaheba's talk was much appreciated by her fellow speakers and the members of the audience. Alhamdulillah.

Photos of the event are presented on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

## **NEWS & EVENTS: 1<sup>st</sup> of Safar Majlis Photos**

Syedna Qutbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> presided over Pehli Safar ul Muzaffar khushi majlis at Darus Sakina. After Qur'an Majeed tilawat Qasida mubarakata "Hilalun Bada min khilalid-dujunna" was prayed. Mumineen received sharaf of qadambosi of Imam uz zaman's Dai. Photos of the Majlis are presented on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

## **NAZARAAT: 6 Safar 1384H (16 June 1964)- Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin<sup>RA</sup>'s telegram to Shehzada Qaid Joher Ezzuddin and Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin in reply to their account of Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin<sup>TUS</sup>'s waaz**

In the year 1384H (1964), Syedna Taher Saifuddin (RA) had sent Syedna Qutbuddin (TUS) to Indore for khidmat of Ashara Mubarakata waaz. Syedna Burhanuddin (RA), who was at the time the Mazoon and Mansoos of Syedna Taher Saifuddin, sent his two eldest sons, Shehzada Qaid Joher Ezzuddin and Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin to attend waaz with Qutbuddin Mola in Indore. During their time in Indore, they sent several letters and telegrams to Syedna Taher Saifuddin (RA) and Burhanuddin Mola (RA), in which they expressed their profound reverence for Qutbuddin Mola and his waaz. Some examples of what they wrote are presented below, followed by some of Burhanuddin Mola's (RA) replies to them:

### **Some (translated) excerpts from Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin's hand written letter to Syedna Taher Saifuddin<sup>RA</sup> and Burhanuddin Mola<sup>RA</sup>, on 20 Muharram, 1384H:**

In Indore on Ashura day Kakaji Saheb [Qutbuddin Mola<sup>TUS</sup>] conducted the mourning and matam [on Imam Husain<sup>AS</sup>] with amazing fervour. It appeared to us servants just as if Taher Saifuddin Mola<sup>TUS</sup> was sitting amongst us delivering the sermon, and it appeared to us as if this is Burhanuddin Mola<sup>TUS</sup> delivering the sermon amongst us.

Whenever the people or we servants used to say to him that you deliver the

sermons with amazing shaan, Kakaji Saheb [Qutbuddin Mola<sup>TUS</sup>] would just say, "this is just because of the barakat of doa of Huzurala<sup>TUS</sup> [i.e. Syedna Taher Saifuddin<sup>RA</sup>] and Mazoon Maula<sup>TUS</sup>[Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin<sup>RA</sup>].

There is great eagerness among the believers, men and women, and also great zeal for tafadi/khidmat. When Kakaji Saheb goes for Ziyarat [in Ujjain] a huge crowd gathers and everyone cries out "Maula, Maula" and asks for shifa/blessings.

It is not possible to relate everything, but this I will say, that everything about Kakaji Saheb is very similar to both of you [i.e. Syedna Taher Saifuddin<sup>RA</sup> and Burhanuddin Mola<sup>RA</sup>]. And everywhere people also say the very same thing that this is Taher Saifuddin Maula<sup>TUS</sup> or Burhanuddin Maula<sup>TUS</sup> who has come.

Here Kakaji Saheb Khuzaima Bhaiesaheb looks after us with great care and affection. Whenever we servants kiss the hand of Kakaji Saheb he pats us with affectionate hand and lays a kiss on our foreheads.

[Your] servant, Mufaddal

### **Some transcriptions of various telegrams sent from Indore by Shehzada Qaid Joher Ezzuddin and Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin to Syedna Taher Saifuddin and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin:**

**TELEGRAM 1:** SYEDNA BOMBAY  
A thousand prostrations. May God grant longest life to Akamola [Syedna Taher Saifuddin<sup>RA</sup>], Bawajisaheb Mola [Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin<sup>RA</sup>] and Qutbuddin Mola [Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin<sup>TUS</sup>] and give us strength to weep and do matam on Ashura and to do Dawat khidmat. Humbly beseech blessings for Qutbuddin Mola and all of us specially [in] Ashura  
YOUR SERVANTS QAIDJOHER MUFADDAL

**TELEGRAM 2:** Received. A thousand prostrations. Kakaji Saheb's [Qutbuddin Mola's<sup>TUS</sup>] wisdom and sermons of deep knowledge beyond description. On 8<sup>th</sup>[Muharram] unique sermon on "ali-e-hakeem". [He

delivered] Husain Imam's and Amirul Mumineen's Shahaadat with tremendous power, and weeping and matam continued even after the late afternoon (asar) prayer. Humbly beg blessings for Kakaji Saheb and all.

YOUR SERVANT, QAIDJOHAR, MUFADDAL, JIVANJEE

**Upon receiving these letters and telegrams, Taher Saifuddin Mola and Burhanuddin Mola replied, expressing their joyousness at hearing these akhbaar of Outbuddin Mola and his waaz. Below is an example of a reply telegram sent by Burhanuddin Mola to Shehzada Qaid Joher and Shehzada Mufaddal:**

**TELEGRAM 1:** Recd. Thanks God. Very much delighted with your charming account of Bhaisaheb Outbuddin's enchanting oratical delivery of Vaaz and all Momineen's enthusiastic and affectionately [w]arm reception for him.

**TELEGRAM 2:** Recd. Much pleased hearing Bhaisaheb Outbuddin's excellent Vaaz report. Hope you all well = Burhanuddin

To view the original scanned copies of the letters and telegrams visit <http://www.fatemidawat.com/resource/reference-materials/nazaraat/smb-telegram-response-to-waaz.html/>

### **COMMUNITY: Markaz Directory Updated List**

The Markaz directory has been updated (last update 21<sup>st</sup> Nov) on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com) and will continue to be updated as new centers are formalized. These community centers will help and support mumineen for religious and social activities. Each Markaz has a *Mas'ul* (Coordinator) who is responsible for organizing and facilitating the following:

1. Ibaadat – Namaz and Majlis with Syedna's<sup>TUS</sup> raza Mubarak.
2. Madrasa for children and Sabaq
3. Rites – Birth (chhatti / Aqeeqa/ Misaaq / Nikah / Burial)
4. Social Support (Zahra Hasanaat Activities) – Helping those who require medical, educational assistance (Qutbi Jubilee Scholarship Program).
5. Community gatherings – social get-togethers

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Saturday Bethak Timing Change**

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 Ashara Mubarak, bethak audience with Syedna

Outbuddin are once again scheduled every Saturday (starting Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Muharram/ 15<sup>th</sup> November). Bethak is at 6.30pm at Darus Sakina, Thane after Imamat Namaz. Mumineen are invited for Salawat Jaman.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shz. Taher bhaisaheb & Shz. Aziz bhaisaheb Weekly Sabaq Resumed**

Following the break for Ashara, Shz. Taher bhaisaheb and Shz Aziz bhaisaheb online sabaq have resumed. The timing for Shz Taher bhaisaheb sabaq is at 5.15 PM (California time – PST) on every Thursday – which is 6:45 AM Indian Standard Time - Friday. The timing for Shz Aziz bhaisaheb sabaq is 8PM (Indian Standard Time) every Thursday Inshaallah.

If interested in joining please email [info@fatemidawat.com](mailto:info@fatemidawat.com).

Those already registered will receive an invite to the gotomeeting session by email.

### **Shz Taher Bhaisaheb WAAZ & BAYAAN VIDEOS: Available Online Until Chehlum**

Due to the tremendous interest in the broadcast of Shz Taher bhaisaheb Waaz during Ashara, the full Waaz videos as well as the shorter excerpts, will be available for viewing until Chehlum for those who have not had the opportunity to view/listen.

#### **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](http://fatemidawat.com).

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### Upcoming updates

- Syedna<sup>TUS</sup> Ashara Waaz Highlights
- Shz Taher bhaisaheb monthly sabaq broadcast
- Ikhwanus Safa Article Series – 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment
- Matrimonial Forum and Nikah
- Quran recitation with commentary analysis (regular).
- Hikayaat: Morals & Fables from Dawat Kitaabs
- Article Series: Women in Islam
- Fatemi Madrasa new material
- Fatemi Dawat Architecture – Galleries and Presentations
- Fatimid Literature Article Series
- Q&A series on pertinent issues: Shari'a compliant finance, qasar namaz.

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