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Sijill 52 - first anniversary on milad of 52nd Dai Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA}



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يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بُرْهَانٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ نُورًا مُّبِينًا*

(Surat al-Nisaa': 174)

O people, a Burhan (proof) has now come to you from your Lord, and We have revealed to you a manifest light.

SIJILL ONE YEAR

ANNIVERSARY: The 52nd Issue

By the grace of Allah Ta'ala, the *thenazaraat* of his Waliyy Imam-uz-zaman^{SA}, and the doa Mubarak of Aqamola Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}, today is the 52nd edition of Sijill. It is this weekly newsletter's first one-year anniversary. It is a most happy coincidence 52nd issue of Sijill is released as we celebrate the Milad of the 52nd Dai, our beloved Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA}.

As we celebrate a full year of Sijill, we

look back at the year that has passed the challenges that we have faced and the bounties that we have received in the last 52 weeks. We are thankful for both the challenges and the bounties. We are thankful for the challenges because they have strengthened our resolve and conviction. We are thankful for the bounties, because they have enriched our souls and raised our ranks in *Jannat*.

During this critical period in our history, Sijill has served as a historical diary and recorded all events, developments and milestones since Syedna Burhanuddin's wafaat last year. Sijill has had the singular privilege of conveying the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq's, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}, divine message of truth, guidance and love. Throughout the year, it has been the birthplace of various community building efforts and article series such as History & Biography, Nazaraat, Bayaan Highlights, Qasidas & Doas in translation, Ikhwanus-Safa, Women in Islam, Trade & Finance, Zakaat & Vajebaat, Legal Updates, News &



SIJILL ARTICLE:

Syedna Burhanuddin's Milad – The Burhan & Light from Allah Ta'ala



Events and Amal Details. For the first time in the history of Dawat through the use of the internet, mumineen were directly guided in spiritual matters and were explained the relevance of these occasions. In these challenging times, Sijill has consciously been a positive and forward-looking force in the face of negativity and slander.

The Sijill team offers shukur to Aqamola's ^{TUS} Hazrat Imamiyya for granting us the *sharaf* of this khidmat. The completion of these 52 issues is solely a result of Syedna's ^{TUS} continuous doa and nazaraat. We commend and appreciate the efforts of all those who relentlessly devoted their time and energy to this project week after week. May we continue to serve our Dai and his Dawat, the Dawat of Imam-uz-zaman ^{SA}, with sincerity, integrity and conviction/devotion. We look forward to the next year!

SIJILL ARTICLE: Syedna Burhanuddin's ^{RA} Milad – The Burhan & Light from Allah Ta'ala

"The birthday of Rasulullah is a day of Eid for Muslims" wrote Syedna Taher Saifuddin. Rasulullah's birthday signifies a day on which our savior and guide was born. It is a day to celebrate him and the noble mission and Dawat he established.

The celebration of the Milad of Imam-uz-zaman ^{SA} on the 4th of Rabiul Aakhar and the celebration of the 52nd Dai, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin's Milad on the 20th of Rabiul Aakhar is also a celebration of both their noble births and the Da'wat that they personify.

In his bayaan on the Milad Imam-uz-zaman ^{SA} on the 4th of Rabiul Aakhar, Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} read from Sijill-ul-Bisharat, the Epistle of Good Tidings,

sent by Imam Aamir ^{SA} to Maultuna Hurratul Malika ^{AS} in which he gave her the good tidings of Tayyib Imam's birth. In the epistle, the birth of the Imam is described as, "light brought forth from light." Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} added that the city of Cairo, *al-Qahirah al-Mu'izziyya*, was decorated and illuminated with lanterns to celebrate the Imam's birth. After the 50th Dai Syedna Abdullah Badruddin ^{RA} passed away, at the end of the 40 days of mourning, all the Masjids and Da'wat buildings were illuminated with lanterns (*diwa*) for the occasion of Chehlum. It was divine providence (*inayat*) that by the *nazaraat* of Imam-uz-zaman, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} was born. The illumination was as it was for the birth of Imam Tayyib ^{SA}. The birth of Syedna Burhanuddin ^{RA} was also as Imam Aamir described, "light brought forth from light."

Syedna Burhanuddin, as the ayat quoted above states, was the Burhan, the proof, sent forth for our guidance, and the divine light to illuminate our path.

As we celebrate Syedna Burhanuddin's Milad, we do not simply celebrate an individual's birth. We celebrate the day in which a divine star was born, when light came forth from light.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} Milad Majlis – 20th Rabiul Aakhar

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin ^{TUS} will preside over the khushi Majlis of Maulana al-Muqaddas fi A'la Ilyeen, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} Milad Mubarak on the eve of 20th of Rabiul Aakhar (8th February, Sunday) at Darus Sakina, after Maghrib Isha namaz. Mumineen are invited for Salawaat Khushi jaman after Majlis.

In Bakersfield Shz. Taher bhaisaheb Majlis on this occasion will be broadcast live on 20th Rabiul Aakhar (9th February, Monday) at 4.30PM PST (6.00AM IST, 10th February). Mumineen who are unable to attend are urged to:

- Recite the [Qasida Mubaraka](#) of Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA}, in which he describes the shanaat of Burhanuddin Moula ^{RA}
- Recite the [Qasida Mubaraka](#) of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA}, written on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr in 1411H.
- Recite the [Madeh](#) written by Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} in shaan of Syedna Burhanuddin ^{RA} at the time of Syedna Burhanuddin's Takht Nasheeni. This madeh was recited in front of Syedna Burhanuddin ^{RA} in the grand ziyafat function of Shabab-ul-Eid-iz-Zahabi that was held in Kamla Nehru Park, Mumbai.
- Hear/view excerpt of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} bayaan Mubarak on his Milad 1427H.
- [Join](#) Shz. Taher bhaisaheb Majlis in Bakersfield live at the time mentioned above or [replay](#) (Click [this link](#))

BAYAAN: Excerpt from Syedna Burhanuddin ^{RA} Milad Waaz 1427H

On the occasion of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} Milaad Mubarak we are pleased to present and excerpt from Milad Mubarak waaz in 1427H.

This was Syedna Burhanuddin's ^{RA} 95th Milad Mubarak which was celebrated in London. Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} had also traveled to London for the occasion.

In the video excerpt Syedna Burhanuddin ^{RA} blesses mumineen with priceless words. He says, "mumineen

you are in my thoughts every minute and every second. May Allah Ta'ala keep us together in this world and the Hereafter.”
We offer thanks to Allah Ta'ala that we were with Syedna Burhanuddin^{RA} in this world and also offer thanks that we are with his true successor today and that we will be with Syedna Burhanuddin^{RA} in the Hereafter.

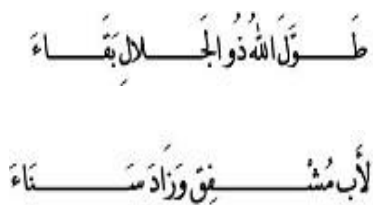
QASIDAS IN

TRANSLATION: Qasida Written by Syedna Qutbuddin^{TUS} on Syedna Burhanuddin^{RA} Milad 1427H

Every year on the occasion of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin's^{RA} Milaad, his Mazoon and Mansoos composed a Qasida in which he expressed his sentiments, prayers and devotion to his Dai.

On the occasion of Syedna Burhanuddin's^{RA} first Urus on the 16th of Rabiul Awwal we published the 100 verse Qasida that Syedna Qutbuddin composed on the occasion of the 100th Milad with photos.

On the occasion of the 104th Milad of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin we are pleased to present the Qasida composed by Syedna Qutbuddin^{TUS} on the occasion of the 95th Milad (the same year from which the Bayaan excerpt is also presented). We are pleased to present this qasida with English translation. These are a few *abyaat* of the Qasida:



May Allah the Sublime grant long life to our compassionate father, and increase his glory/brightness,

light.

Among the illustrious/noble Dais, you, the 52nd dai, are without doubt as the sun.

Verily you, O Muhammad, are Allah's dai; you lead the people of the world towards Him.

Verily you, O vicegerent / Naib of the Imam, are the vessel for the Fuyuz of the Imam.

For the houses of God (masjids) in the East and the West, you are the builder.

Syedna Taher Saifuddin said in a qasida that 'this young man is me', and truly we see him clearly in you.

Verily the Eid of your 95th salgirah has brought all happiness.

My life is, O Burhanuddin Maula, always always fida fida for you.

I seek a glance of beneficence, O wise one, towards me; a glance which makes kimiya [turns metal to gold].

The full Qasida with English translation is presented on Fatemidawat.com.

NEWS & EVENTS: Syedna^{TUS} Milad Imam-uz-zaman Bayaan Highlights & Photos

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS} presided over the khushi Majlis of Tayyib Imam^{SA} Milad Mubarak Majlis on the 4th of Rabiul Aakhar at Darus Sakina.

In the bayaan Mubarak Syedna^{TUS} recited from the Sijil ul Bisharat, the Epistle of Good Tidings, which Imam Aamir^{SA} sent to Maulatuna Hurratul Malika in Yemen

informing her of the birth of Imam Tayyib^{SA}. Syedna^{TUS} also described the celebrations in Misar and related those to the celebrations of the birth of Syedna Burhanuddin^{RA} (See Sijill article above).

Syedna^{TUS} narrated the unique *riwayat* of the rock-crystal vessel (*Barniyya*) that a merchant in Cairo was attempting to sell but could not find any buyers. The merchant was led by one of his friends to a distant land where he entered a luminescent tent and presented the vessels to the Imam. This *riwayat* about Tayyib Imam^{SA} after he went into *satr* is the only one that we know.

Syedna^{TUS} narrated the *riwayat* such that the image of the *noorani khaymah* was in front of us. Syedna Qutbuddin^{TUS} concluded the *riwayat* by saying that, "Tayyib Imam's successor, Imam-uz-zaman, he is present on the face of this earth today, in a *khayma* of *noor*. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the honor of his *deedar* very soon." Syedna^{TUS} then beseeched Imam-uz-zaman^{SA}, "your Dai, your servant, Khuzaima Qutbuddin, in *ruhaaniyyat* (in soul and spirit) offers *Sajadaat* and *Salaam* in your Prophetic presence. Our *Salaams* to you O Amirul-Mumineen. All these *mumineen* are with me... forever grace us with your *nazaraat*. Your Dai, your mark is on his forehead (*aapni nishaani ehni pishaani ma che*). Grant him support and succor (*yaari*). You gave him the name Khuzaima and *laqab* Qutbuddin at the hands of your Dai. You designated him as the 53rd Dai. I am sacrifice (*qurbaan*) for you with my family and myself. My days and nights are in your remembrance and service." Syedna^{TUS} bestowed *doa* Mubarak for *mumineen* in the bayaan and prayed the *shahaadat* of Aqa Husain^{SA}. Photos of the Majlis are presented on Fatemidawat.com.

FATEMIDAWAT.COM: New Layout

Over the last year, we have developed the beginning of an immense multimedia library on Fatemidawat.com. In our continuous effort to make the material intuitively accessible, and in honor of the first anniversary, we have restructured and reorganized the sections of Fatemidawat.com.

ABOUT: The About Section aims to give a clear and concise explanation about Dawat, its structure and its foundational principles. In this section is the [Philosophy](#) Section (includes vision and philosophy of Dawat), [Hierarchy of Dawat](#) Section (includes description of Dai, Mazoon, Mukasir), the [Historical Figures and Predecessors](#) Section (includes biographies of previous Du'at), and an [Affiliated Organizations](#) Section (includes details about Zahra Hasanaat, QJSP etc.).

RESOURCES: This Resources section has five main parts: nazaraat, bayaans, evidence of nass, frequently asked questions. The [Nazaraat](#) Section presents Aqa Taher RA and Aqa Burhanuddin RA's shafaqat and ne'mats on Syedna Outbuddin TUS and his family. The [Bayaans](#) Section has videos and audios of sermons and discourses by Syedna Outbuddin as well as sermons and discourse by his shehzadas. The [Evidence of Nass](#) Section provides a detailed explanation of Syedna Burhanuddin's nass on Syedna Outbuddin. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) has categories of common questions and concerns regarding nass, current events, Islamic Finance etc.

PUBLISHED SERIES: This Published Series section provides a collection of works published in English and other languages, which is considered authoritative by Dawat. It includes texts on pertinent and practical

subjects such as the Principles of Fatimid-Tayyibi finance. The collection is regularly updated with new material. Most material is available for download as PDF. The categories under this section are, [Academic Articles](#), [Dawat History](#), [Ikhwanus Safa](#), [Sijill Articles](#), [Trade and Finance](#), [Wajeabaat](#), [Women in Islam](#), [Book](#), [Theses](#), etc

EDUCATION: The Education Section provides information about [Madrasa](#) and [Sabaq](#). **PRAYERS:** The Prayers Section is a new section that attempts to consolidate information useful to mumineen in ibaadat. We are working on new layouts in order to present [Amal details](#), and [Qasidas](#), [Marsiya](#)s, and [Salaams](#) by month. There is also a [Hafti](#) section, and a [Translation, Commentary on Do'as](#) Section. We are working on presenting these latter sections two in list format.

NEWS: The News Section houses messages from Syedna ^{TUS}, as well as announcements from Syedna's office, recent updates, events and more. In this section, you can find [Sijill](#) (the newsletter), [Announcements](#), [Doa Messages](#), [Events](#), and the [Media](#) Section as well.

CONTACT: This section has a [form](#) that you can use to submit an arzi or to contact the office of Syedna for any reason. You can also register here to indicate interest in receiving updates and information. In this section, there is also a [directory](#) of all Fatemi Dawat centers around the world.

A new comprehensive search tool on the homepage will also be featured soon.

FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE MONTHLY SABAQ SERIES: Part 3 – The Birth of a

Mumin's Child

We are pleased to present the third part in the series 'From the Cradle to the Grave'. In this 21 minute video, Shz Taher bhaisaheb begins by stressing the importance of *aqal* – intellect – in the understanding of Shari'at. The focus of this part is on the birth of a Mumin's child and the *hidayat* of our Mawali Tahereen about the birth of a child.

In previous weeks, the first and second part in the series 'From the Cradle to the Grave' were presented. In the first two parts, Shz Taher Bhaisaheb addresses the meaning and purpose of the Shari'at of Islam, Shari'at Mohammadiyya and introduces the Sabaq Series. Through the sabaq he raises and answers pertinent questions.

The Sabaq videos are available on Fatemidawat.com and also as a Podcast through [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#).

FATEMI MADRASA -**ANNOUNCEMENT: Syedna Outbuddin ^{TUS} Milad Madeh and Poetry Competition**

Madeh is a tradition of our Dawat. Syedna Mu'ayyad Shirazi, the Babul Abwaab of Mustansir Imam has said in a qasida: *"any praise [poetry] other than yours is nonsense. Your praise is part of religion, it is a noble task and it is insightful"*.

The 29th of Rabiul Aakhar (18th February) is the Milad Mubarak of our beloved Aqamaula Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin ^{TUS}. Mumineen, especially children of Fatemi Madrasa, are encouraged to submit Madeh in Dawat-ni-zaban or poems in English expressing their sentiments for their spiritual father and Dai.

The submissions will be presented to Syedna Outbuddin ^{TUS} on the eve of his Milad Mubarak. Please email all

submissions
to info@fatemidawat.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Saturday*

Bethak

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 Mubarakah,
bethak audience with Syedna
Outbuddin are once again scheduled

every Saturday (starting Saturday
23rd Muharram/ 15th November).
Bethak is at 6.30pm at Darus Sakinah,
Thane after Imamat Namaz.
Mumineen are invited for Salawat
Jaman.

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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- QJSP: *First Higher Education Scholarships Details*
- Syedna^{TUS} Ashara Waaz Highlights
- Shz Taher bhaisaheb monthly sabaq broadcast
- Matrimonial Forum and Nikah
- Quran recitation with commentary analysis (regular).
- Hikayaat: *Morals & Fables from Dawat Kitaabs*
- 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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