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(Surat al-Munafiqun: 8)

*Honour belongs to Allah Ta'ala, His  
Rasul and Mumineen..*

### **SIJILL ARTICLE: *The Vision of a Wise Leader***

On 24<sup>th</sup> Rabiul Aakhar (13<sup>th</sup> February) Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin was warmly received by the President of India His Excellency Shri Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

In this hour-long meeting, Syedna Qutbuddin recounted the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Syednas' legacy of leading the community towards education, prosperity and being contributing citizens to our nation. Syedna Qutbuddin also emphasized the importance of good character and education as the impetus for his vision for the progress of the community and

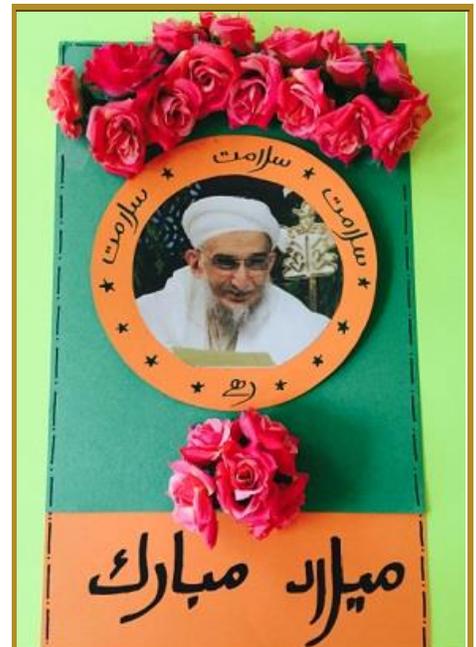
the nation at large. Syedna also mentioned that he inculcated in his own children, sons and daughters, the values of the Dawoodi Bohra faith and simultaneously encouraged them to pursue secular education. The President profoundly appreciated the academic achievements of Syedna's family, particularly the fact that six family members had completed their PhD's at world renowned universities. Syedna added that, "it is the same path of pursuing both religious and secular education that I envision and endeavor for my spiritual children [mumineen]." The President appreciated Syedna's vision and conveyed that this was indeed an example of wise leadership that will benefit the community and the nation. When Syedna stated that, "this is what I hope to achieve for my community," the President remarked that, "you have already achieved this," referring to the example set by Syedna in his own family.

Syedna also spoke of the importance of communal harmony in the progress of our nation. He said that the Dawoodi Bohra religion teaches that



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there is some goodness in all religions. He added that this awareness creates an environment of mutual respect and harmony. Syedna quoted several verses from the Qur'an, and also sayings of Rasulullah and awliyyaa' kiraam, and highlighted the significance of human beings helping one another and the importance of social justice. Syedna also stressed that we consider that service to one's nation is the duty of every community member.

Syedna's vision is the vision of a true spiritual leader, the vision of a wise leader. Such a vision and such a meeting is a source of honour for us all. *Wa lillahil 'izzatu wa li rasulih wa lil mu'mineen (Honour belongs to Allah Ta'ala, His Rasul and Mumineen).*

**NEWS & EVENTS: Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> Meets President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan**

His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin Saheb called on the President of India His Excellency Shri Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of February to convey the greetings of the Dawoodi Bohra Community. In the hour-long meeting matters pertinent to the role of the community in the future of the nation were discussed. His Holiness said, as presented in detail above, that he continues the legacy of the recently passed-away 52<sup>nd</sup> His Holiness Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb to guide the community men and women toward education, values and character building; to live as peace loving, contributing and socially active model citizens of India, in the service of the nation.

The meeting was scheduled at 1pm and Syedna<sup>TUS</sup> led Imamat Namaz in the Visitor's Room at Rashtrapati

Bhavan before the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting Syedna presented the President a bouquet of flowers conveying his greetings and the greetings of the Dawoodi Bohra Community. After conveying the greetings, Syedna<sup>TUS</sup> prayed for the progress of our nation, Hidnustan (India) and for the good health of the President for continued service to the nation. At the end of the meeting, Syedna gifted a traditional shawl to the President and also a copy of Treasury of Virtues, the sayings of Imam Ali compiled by al-Qadi al-Quda'i and translated by Shz. Dr. Tahera baisesha. The President appreciated the book and said that, "I will read it with great interest." Photos of the meeting and a selection of the media coverage of the meeting is presented on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

**NEWS & EVENTS: Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> Milad Program – 29<sup>th</sup> Rabiul Aakhar – Highlights & Photos**

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> lead Maghrib Isha Namaz on Milad raat, 29<sup>th</sup> Rabi al-Aakhar (17<sup>th</sup> February). This was followed by muminaat behno Wadhawanu program in the beautifully illuminated grounds of Darus Sakina, Thane. Syedna's chair was placed in a 'tent of light' (khaymatun-nur). The atmosphere was one of happiness and love.

All muminaat received the sharaf of wadhawanu while qasidas and madehs were prayed. The wadhawanu program continued as a brass band jubilantly played. Each mumina offered wadhawanu and mubarakbadi with great tamakkun.

For the first time, mumineen bhaiyo who had come for imamat namaz also received the sharaf of wadhawanu. As Syedna<sup>TUS</sup> left the grounds, fireworks lit the sky and the band

played the national anthem. Then, mumineen were served Milad Khushi Jaman in the Darus Sakina grounds. On Milad day, Syedna Qutbuddin arrived for Waaz Majlis in the afternoon. After sharbat wadhawanu rasam, the qasida Mubarak by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA *Sahibal Asri waliyyal fathi wan-nasrin-suri* was prayed, and also the Madeh written for the occasion by Shz. Dr. Tahera baisesha. After this, Syedna TUS began bayaan Mubarak. Syedna TUS began the bayaan Mubarak with the zikar of Panjetan, A'immat and Du'aat and the metaphor of the Tree (*shajara*) that Rasulullah SA had drawn. Just as a family tree, this *shajara* was represents our spiritual affiliation with panjetan, the Imams, their Dai's and finally Dai-z-zaman. The leaves that are attached to the *shajara* are healthy and those that fall of dry and wither and are eventually burnt. In the *bayaan*, Syedna TUS recited the Qur'anic ayat 'yu'tikum kiflayni min rahmatih' (*Allah Ta'ala gives you a two-fold portion of his Rahmat – Surat ul Hadid: 28*). In the light of this *ayat*, Syedna<sup>TUS</sup> stated that there are 8 Dais whose 2 sons became Dai. The first of the 8 was the 8<sup>th</sup> Dai Syedna Husain b. Ali, whose two sons, Syedna Ali (9<sup>th</sup> Dai) and Syedna Ibrahim (11<sup>th</sup> Dai) both became Dais. Similarly, two sons of the 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> Dais also became Dais. In the same parallel, the two sons of the 51<sup>st</sup> Dai, Syedna Taher Saifuddin<sup>RA</sup> also became Dais. The first was the first son of the 51<sup>st</sup> Dai, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin<sup>RA</sup>, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai al-Mutlaq. The second was the 11<sup>th</sup> son of the 51<sup>st</sup> Dai, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Dai al-Mutlaq. Syedna also did zikar of the context of his birth in Syedna Taher Saifuddin's home, and Syedna Taher

Saifuddin's nazaraat on him from his childhood, beginning with the name Khuzaima that he loved.

Syedna also bestowed much doa Mubarak for all mumineen before the recitation of the shahaadat of Imam Husain <sup>SA</sup>. A video excerpt of the doa will inshaallah be presented on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com) next week. Following waaz Syedna TUS led Maghrib Isha Namaz and then presided over Jumadal Ula Pehli Tarikh Majlis in the grounds of Darus Sakina, once again in the khaymatun-nur (lighted tent). The Majlis began with a spell binding recitation by Shz. Dr. Husain bhaisaheb of the beginning of Surat ul Fateh and the recitation of the qasida mubarak 'Hilalun Bada'. Then qasidas and madehs composed in shaan of Syedna Qutbuddin on the occasion of Milad Mubarak by Shz Taher Bhaisaheb, Shz Dr Bazat Saifiyah Baisaheba, Shz Fatema Baisaheba, Shz Arwa Baisaheba, Aamenah Baisaheba, Zahra Baisaheba, and Qutub Khan Bhaisaheb were prayed. Tuhfat Tahera, was completed and presented in Harat Imamiyah on this auspicious occasion. Tuhfat Tahera is a book to teach our children Arabi alphabets by taking the name of Dai Zamaan and learning his esteemed qualities. Syedna Qutbuddin composed two stories for the description of the first two letters, in Syedna Taher Saifuddin's time. The first volume of Sijill, all 52 issues from the last year was published in book form and also presented to Syedna. Syedna prayed many doas for all those involved in khidmat, and bestowed countless blessings for mumineen khidmatguzar.

Many businessmen, police-men and people from the surrounding areas also came to offer bouquets and greetings and receive Syedna's blessings. Syedna blessed all those who came and invited them all to have *jaman* with mumineen.

In a short video presented on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com) we have attempted to capture the palpable joyousness of the occasion. It was a clear, crisp Mumbai night, with a perfect breeze that rustled through the leaves of the beautifully lit magnificent trees in the Darus Sakina Gardens. The Police Band's tunes filled the air, and smiles, laughter, friendship, happiness and most of all our love for Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup> bound us all together. Our hearts brimming with happiness and our faces gleaming with love and joy, we forever gazed at our Beloved Father, so grateful to be a part of his family.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT: Maulatuna Fatema <sup>SA</sup> Shahaadat Majlis**

Syedna Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup> will preside over the shahaadat Majlis of Maulatuna Fatema <sup>SA</sup> on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> Jumadal-Ula (28<sup>th</sup> February) at 4PM inshaallah. Syedna <sup>TUS</sup> will recite shahaadat bayan in the majlis. All mumieen are invited for Salawaat jaman after waaz and namaaz.

#### **ZAHRA HASANAAT: Medical Vans January 2015 Update**

The Zahra Hasanat Medical reports have been published for the month of November. In January 2015 we have diagnosed **3,057** 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](mailto: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>

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

#### **FATEMI MADRASA: Tuhfat Tahera**

During Syedna Taher Saifuddin <sup>RA's</sup> zamaan, Maulana Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup> had compiled a book for children (*khazeenat Tohfat Tahera*) on the occasion of his daughter Shz Dr. Bazat Tahera's first birthday. In that book, Maulana had written the Arabi Alphabets and with each letter, such as Alif he had written a Sifat (praise) of the Dai. When the book was arazed to Syedna Taher Saifuddin, Syedna Qutbuddin had also written a short story of the first few alphabets, with the intention of completing the remaining stories later. The spirit of the book was to teach our little children the Arabi alphabets and also the language of Dawat ni zaban, and that they do so by taking the name of Dai Zaman and learning his esteemed qualities with a short bedtime story that would keep their interest. That book had not been completed then and Maulana <sup>TUS</sup> had written in the introduction that it would be done later.

Today, on the occasion of Milad of Aqamaula Outbuddin<sup>TUS</sup>, with his raza Mubarak, the full and completed version is being published so that Mumineen and their children may take barakaat and use it for learning Dawat ni zabaan.

This is one of the short stories, the one for the letter 'te'.

*Te - The Taj (crown) of Itlaaq (Absolute Authority)*

"Little Zainab loved to hear stories about princes and princesses. She would always say, "tell me the story, tell me the story!" One night, when Zainab's mother came to put her to sleep, Zainab as always asked, "please tell me the story of the prince and princess!" So then Zainab's mother started telling a story about a prince and princess, "Once upon a time, there was a very just and kind king. He had a very big kingdom, a very big army, and a very magnificent crown. The crown was made of gold and it was brimming with diamonds and precious stones. When the king would go to his court wearing this crown, the diamonds and precious stones would shine so brightly that no one in the court could bear to look towards it – the crown indeed was so bright. A poet then spoke, "Oh King!" Because of your crown you are beautified, but I say that you yourself are in fact the crown of this kingdom! This land is beautiful indeed because of you." Then Zainab's mother asked her, "Zainab, do you know who

*the king is of the kingdom of Dawat?" Instantly Zainab responded, "The king of this Dawat is our Dai, Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin!" Zainab's mother said, "well done Zainab, well done!" Zainab was a very smart girl and she also knew a little Arabic. Excitedly she told her mother, "I have understood something important mother! Listen to this good thing I have to say: the Taj (crown) of itlaaq (absolute authority) adorns Aqamaula's forehead. It is the taj of the niyabat (deputation) of Imam-uz-zaman. But we can even say that Aqamaula himself is the taj for the forehead of Da'wat. The Da'i-l-Mutlaq himself is the taj of itlaaq. The distinction, honour and glory of Da'wat is because of Aqamaula."*

The PDF of the Tuhfat Tahera is presented on [Fatemimadrassa.com](http://Fatemimadrassa.com). After final edits, a print version will also be available.

#### **FATEMI MADRASA - ANNOUNCEMENT: Syedna Outbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> of Rabiul Aakhar (18<sup>th</sup> February) was the Milad Mubarak

of our beloved Aqamaula Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin<sup>TUS</sup>. Children of Fatemi Madrasa, submitted Madehs in Dawat-ni-zaban, poems in English expressing their sentiments for their spiritual father and Dai, and creatively and thoughtfully decorated cards. All entries were arazed in Hazrat Imamiyah and Syedna Outbuddin<sup>TUS</sup> bestowed doa Mubarak for the children of Fatemi Madrasa, especially the participants of this competition.

We commend all the participants on their efforts and encourage them to pursue Madeh writing in the future. All entries are published on [Fatemimadrassa.com](http://Fatemimadrassa.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 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.

**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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The name is inspired by the most auspicious letter 'Sijill-ul-Bisharat'.

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- Hikayaat: Morals & Fables from Dawat Kitaabs
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- Fatemi Dawat Architecture – Galleries and Presentations
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- Q&A series on pertinent issues: Shari'a compliant finance, qasar namaz.

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