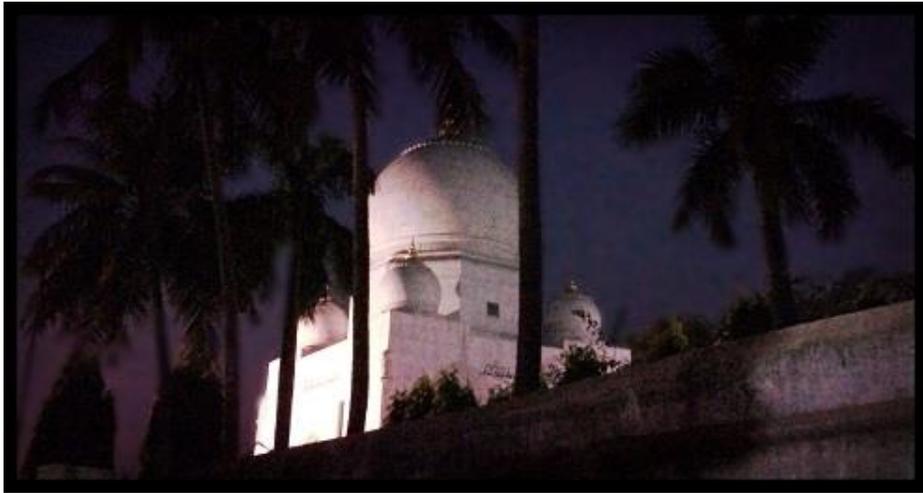


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وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتًا بَلْ
أَحْيَاءٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ*

(Surat Aale-Imraan:169)

Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord.

SIJILL ARTICLE: "You will kill my body but you cannot kill my soul"

In the Rasail of Ikhwanus Safa (the Epistles of the Brethren of Purity), the 44th epistle explains the belief (aqeeda) of the Brethren. It states that our belief is that the soul (nafs) survives even after it leaves the body (jism). Therefore, the body is only a temporary vessel through which the soul can prepare and achieve salvation. This is the core of our belief system. The Rasail then present numerous examples including the example of the shuhadaa' of Karbala who faced thirst, hunger and slaughter in the face of injustice and tyranny. The Rasa'il

state that these shuhadaa' would not have sacrificed so much had they not been certain that their souls would ascend to the highest heavens, after bearing such severe physical violence to their bodies by swords and spears. The 27th of Jumadal Ukhra is the Urs of Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed RA: the Dai who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of Da'wat because it was his duty towards the Imam and mumineen. On 21st Jumadal-Ukhra, Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed was summoned to appear in front of Aurangzeb, the Mughal prince who was then the governor of Ahmedabad. Abdul-Qawi (known in our kitaabs as Abdul-Ghawi)—a high ranking official in the court – said to Syedna Qutbuddin, "Admit that you are Rafzi (blasphemous), repent of your past sins, and the Prince will let you go." Syedna Qutbuddin roared like a lion and responded, "I am not a Rafzi, my forefathers were not Rafzis. We are the true Sunnis because we are the faithful followers of Rasulullah's sunnat. I declare that there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet. I read the Quran, I pray namaaz, give zakaat, fast in Ramadan, and perform hajj to the Baytullah. I am a Muslim. How is my blood legal for you to shed?!" When

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Abdul Ghawi heard Syedna Qutbuddin's fiery and utterly logical response, he threatened Syedna Qutbuddin saying, "Admit you are a Rafzi, otherwise the Prince will have you executed!" Syedna Qutbuddin replied spontaneously—and only a true wali of Allah could give such a reply—he said, "If you kill me, you will kill my body. You cannot kill my soul." Abdul Ghawi, afraid that Aurangzeb would be persuaded by Syedna Qutbuddin's magnificent answers, hastily instructed his soldiers to return Syedna Qutbuddin to prison. Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed^{RA} is the ultimate example of the strength of belief of our Du'aat Kiraam. At the time of independence, certain fundamentalist elements threatened Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA} with bloodshed if he remained in India. Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA} replied that, "do not threaten us with bloodshed, our forefathers have sacrificed their lives for the sake of this Da'wat." Some years ago, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin^{RA} repeated these words. Today, Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed's namesake, the 53rd Dai Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}, holds the same beliefs and is a manifestation of that same conviction. Let us mumineen be conscious of our Dai's strength of belief in every waking moment, and let us strengthen our convictions in their remembrance, and let the enemies of Dawat beware.

ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL
DETAILS: Syedna Ismail Badruddin
(Bawa)^{RA} Urus Majlis

On Urus Mubarak of Syedna Ismail Badruddin on 23rd of Jumadal Ukhra (Sunday 12th Apr) Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS} will preside over urus majlis at 5pm at Darus Sakina followed by Maghrib Isha Namaz and qadambosi bethak. All Mumineen are

invited for Salawaat Jaman after Namaz. Shzd. Taher bhaisaheb will preside over the Urus majlis on 23rd raat of Jumadal Ukhra (Saturday 11th April) from Bakersfield CA. Majlis/broadcast will start at 7:45 pm PT (8:15 am India Standard Time on 12th April 2015). You can participate using the YouTube [link](#). Mumineen who are unable to attend urus majlis in person are urged to Pray Khatmul Quran on the Niyyat of the Syedna Ismail Badruddin^{RA} Pray Qasida Mubaraka "Allahu Yansuru Da'watan lit-Tayyibi"
Mumineen should also recite Dawat ni zaban salaam written by Shz. Dr. Tahera baisesaheba in shaan of Syedna Ismail Badruddin^{RA}.

ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL
DETAILS: Syedna Qutbuddin
Shaheed^{RA} Urus Majlis and waaz

Syedna Qutbuddin will preside over Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed^{RA} urus majlis and waaz on 27th Jumadal Ukhra (Thursday 16th April) at 04:30pm at Darus Sakina, Thane, inshaallah, followed by Maghrib Isha Namaz. All Mumineen are invited for Salawaat Jaman after Namaz. Shzd. Taher bhaisaheb will preside over the Urus majlis on 27th of Jumadal Ukhra (Thursday 16th April) from Bakersfield CA. Majlis/broadcast will start at 4:30pm PT (5:00am India Standard Time on 17th April 2015). You can participate using the YouTube [link](#). On the auspicious occasion of Urus of Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed^{RA}, Mumineen muminaat and their children are advised to do the following amal:

1. Do tilawat of Qur'an-e-Majeed.
2. Recite Qasida Mubaraka "Alayka Salaam-ul-laahe ya Qutub-al-Huda" (composed by Syedna Taher Saifuddin) and offered with English

- translation on FatemiDawat.com
3. Recite Marsiya Mubaraka "Ya [Qutba dinillahi](#)" (composed by Syedna Taher Saifuddin).
4. Recite the [Salam](#) written by Shz Dr. Bazat Tahera Bensaheba, in shaan of Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed^{RA}.
5. View and listen to Shz. Taher bhaisaheb waaz through this YouTube [link](#). (For mumineen in Eastern timezones a waaz recording will be uploaded shortly).

BIOGRAPHY SERIES: Syedna Qutub Khan Qutbuddin al Shaheed – Dawat ni Zaban version

Last year we presented this brief biographical article by Shz Dr Bazat Tahera Baisesaheba about the 32nd Dai al-Mutlaq Syedna Qutub-Khan Qutbuddin al-Shaheed ibn Syedna Daud ibn Qutub-Shah^{RA}, highlighting his *paak sirat* and his *shahadat*(martyrdom). This year we are publishing the Dawat ni Zaban version of this biography. Below is an excerpt from the biographical article in English.

Mumineen—men, women and children—all know Syedna Qutbuddin, and they know him as Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed. He was shaheed ud duaat (martyr of the Duaat), waheed ul hudaat (unique among the Divine Guides). As Syedna Taher Saifuddin declared, Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed's shahadat was written in the Preserved Tablet, the Lawh e mahfuz. Rasulullah SA had first given this bisharat, that "in a thousand years, my Dai will be martyred in India." Syedna Qasim-Khan, at the time of his nass on Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed with the rutba of Itlaq, also gave him the bisharat of the rutba of shahadat. Earlier, Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed's father, Syedna Daud ibn Qutub-Shah had given the same bisharat: During Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed's childhood, he became gravely ill. Expecting the end, his mother began to prepare a namaazi kafan. When Syedna Daud ibn Qutub-Shah saw this, he disclosed to her that the child would not die but grow into a

This Newsletter

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- Article Series: Women in Islam
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