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Syedna Qutbuddin performs talaqi of Syedna Burhanuddin during ziarat of Syedna Taher Saifuddin

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قَالَ فَالْحَقُّ وَالْحَقُّ أَقُولُ\*

(Surat Saad: 84)

And He said. Such is the Truth (Haqq).  
And the (Haqq) Truth I shall always  
speak.

### SIJILL ARTICLE: "Veracity Beyond Doubt"

Throughout the ages, our *awliya' kiram* have battled for the Truth: Musa Nabi's *shujjat* in front of Pharaoh; Rasulullah's *shujjat* in front of the *mushrikeen* of Quraysh; Maulatuna Fatema's *hujjat* in front of Awwal; Imam Husain's *SAhujjat* against the army of Yazeed; Syedna Dawood bin Outubshah's *RAhujjat* against Sulayman in the Court of Akbar; Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed's *RA hujjat* in front of Aurangzeb; Syedna Taher Saifuddin's *RA hujjat* against the enemies of Dawat in the Court of Law. Though the times

were different and the contexts were different, the Sahib-uz-zaman established the *hujjat* of Truth, regardless of the situation, regardless of the consequences. These are just a few of the many instances. While in Africa, Syedna Taher Saifuddin<sup>RA</sup> stated when referring to Syedna Qutbuddin's visit to Mombasa after he himself visited a few days earlier "may kahyu thu ne ke may pacho aawis" (did I not tell you that I will return). Today we are seeing a glimpse of that as Syedna Qutbuddin TUS attended the Bombay High Court to establish the *hujjat*, just as Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA did so nearly 100 years ago. The same confidence. The same *tawakkul*. The same Truth. In the qasida Syedna Qutbuddin TUS composed in Eid-ul-Fitar 1435H he began with the words "O honest tongue, speak Truth. And offer salaams on the divine vessels of Truth". In *bayt* 19, describing himself, Syenda TUS adds, "a man of integrity, my tongue speaks true, my lips are habituated to nothing but pure Truth."



**LEGAL UPDATE:**  
Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit 27<sup>th</sup> &  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Syedna called me his 'beloved son', meaning successor, says challenger to title in court

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ACCORDING to Khuzaima Qutbuddin, who is the challenger to the title of the spiritual head of the million-strong Dawoodi Bohra community, the 52nd Syedna (spiritual head of the community) had said that he (Qutbuddin) was the "beloved son" of the 51st Syedna. "The Syedna appointed me as *Murtoon*. He said I was a beloved son. This carried the meaning that I was his successor."

**KHUZAIMA QUTBUDDIN**  
CLAIMANT TO THE TITLE

secretly and without a witness, Qutbuddin said, "To keep it a secret was Syedna's decision and not mine. I am the witness."

When Chagla asked why the conferring of the Nass was not a secret, according to Qutbuddin, he said, "That is possible because of the favours that the Syedna showered on me."

Qutbuddin also said that the defendant (Saifuddin), his fe-

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**QASIDA IN TRANSLATION:**  
"Alamma bideenillah" Syedna  
Burhanuddin's<sup>RA</sup> Qasida in Remembrance of  
Syedna Taher Saifuddin

۱ الْبَسَانُ صَدَقَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ كَلِمًا  
وَعَلَى لَوَاهِبَتِ الْحَقَائِقِ سَلَمًا  
۱۱ صَدَقْتُ طَوِيلًا وَبَرْتُ لَهْجَتِي  
وَاعْتَادَ مَخْضَ الْحَقِّ أَقْوَالَ فَمِي

According to our doctrine, the Mazoon's words always ring with Truth. When asked in court by the senior advocate appearing for Shz Mufaddal Saifuddin, "is it correct that the Mazoon's veracity, according to you, is beyond doubt?", Syedna Qutbuddin answered "Yes" (refer also to Sijill article 60 and the quoted text within it in which the 41<sup>st</sup> Dai Syedna Abdut-Tayyib Zakiuddin RA describes the Mazoon as a 'true and sincere friend' – *sadiqan saadiqan*).

By the wasila of Panjetan, A'immat and their Du'aat – especially the wasila of Syedna Taher Saifuddin and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA – we pray: may the word of truth prevail. May Allah Ta'ala grant Nasre Aziz and Fathe Mubeen to Imam-uz-zaman's Dai, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS. Throughout the ages our *awliya'* have spoken the Truth. Throughout the ages, *munineen* have believed and confirmed it (*tasdeeq*). Throughout the ages, misguided people have rejected and denied it (*takzeeb*).

We offer *hamd* and *shukur* to Allah Ta'ala that we are among those who accept the truth when they hear it.

### **LEGAL UPDATE: Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

The cross-examination of the Plaintiff (Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS) in the Suit filed by him in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court began on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 at 3 PM in the historic Courtroom No. 46, presided by Hon'ble Justice Gautam Patel. The Plaintiff took the oath and before his cross-examination commenced he prayed

Bismillah.

The Plaintiff was cross-examined by Defendant's (Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin) Senior Counsel Mr. Iqbal Chagla.

Over three sessions and 5 and ½ hours of cross-examination the Plaintiff was asked several questions. Some of them were:

Mr Chagla asked: Why was the Nass conferred on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1965 secret and unwitnessed. The Plaintiff replied that it was the decision of Syedna (Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin<sup>RA</sup>) to keep it secret and that he, the Plaintiff, was the witness.

Further Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff why he was asked to keep the Nass in confidence and not disclose it. He answered that it was not for him to guess why Syedna asked this of him. Syedna instructed him to keep it confidential, and he obeyed him.

Mr. Chagla asked on what basis did the Plaintiff form the conjecture that there was danger to his life if the Nass was publicly announced, as he had stated in the Plaintiff para 29. The Plaintiff responded that Syedna (52<sup>nd</sup> Dai) had told his uncle (Mukasir Saheb Saleh Bhaisaheb Saifiyuddin) when asked why the nass was not made public, that if he (the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai) would have done so then "talwaro chali jati"

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff that other than Mukasir Saheb, who were the other people the Plaintiff was referring to in paragraph 28(i-1) of the plaintiff last sentence (This shows that certain key people, including the then Mukasir Syedi Saleh bhaisaheb knew about the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai al-Mutlaq's nass on the Plaintiff and it explains why His Holiness did not declare the nass in an open manner, realising the intrigue and

possible violence that may follow from disgruntled older brothers of the Plaintiff). The Plaintiff responded that the persons he was referring to included Busab Amatullah Aaisaheba (wife of 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai) and others.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff whether he believed that even the Defendant knew that the Plaintiff was to be the successor of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai, referring to paragraph 31 sub-paragraph (a) of the evidence affidavit dated 13th March 2015. The Plaintiff replied that he thought so.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff whether according to the Plaintiff it was correct that there was no secret about the alleged nass conferred on him. The Plaintiff replied that it was possible because of the favours showered on the Plaintiff by the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff when he felt that Yusuf bhaissab Najmuddin felt "slighted and jealous" by the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff replied it was approximately the year 1381 or 1382 A.H. (1961 or 1962). He then asked the Plaintiff when he felt Yusuf bhaissab, the Defendant and his brothers had started allegedly scheming against the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff replied that Yusuf Bhaissaheb Najmuddin personally told him that he was "very jealous" of him in 1381 A.H. (1961 – 1962) because the Plaintiff had attained such a high position at so young an age. The Plaintiff further said that therefore, according to him, Yusuf Bhaissaheb's scheming against the Plaintiff was from that time. He added that during the time of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai after a few years of his reign Yusuf Bhaissab had influenced the family of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai also including the Defendant and his brothers, and that the Defendant was the son-in-law of the Plaintiff.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff to name the brothers and supporters of the Defendant who were party to the scheming. The Plaintiff replied that apart from the Defendant, his elder brother Qaid Johar, Malik-ul Ashtar and Idris and the sons and daughters of Yusuf Bhaisaheb. Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff to name the sons and daughters of Yusuf Bhaisaheb who according to the Plaintiff were involved in the scheming. The Plaintiff replied that the sons were Badrul Jamali, Qausar Ali, Saeedul Khair and the daughters were Jauharatush Sharaf and Maria.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff to name the brothers of Yusuf Bhaisab Najmuddin who according to him were part of this alleged scheme. The Plaintiff replied that they were Ali Asghar Bhaisaheb Kalimuddin and Qasim Bhaisaheb Hakimuddin.

Mr Chagla then asked what was the purpose or object of this scheme against the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff replied that it was to malign him.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff what were the functions and duties of a Mazoon. The Plaintiff replied that there were several functions and duties of a Mazoon. In rank, he is next in line to the Dai al-Mutlaq. One of the main duties is the practice of the religion. He (the Mazoon) is the first one required to follow the guidance provided by the Dai al-Mutlaq. The Plaintiff said that in the doctrine, it is said that the Dai and the Mazoon together guide the community. It is also said that Dai and Mazoon are the fountains of spiritual knowledge for the community. The ranks of the Dai and Mazoon are called "Rutba". These are the only two who are referred to in this manner. Both of

them are the ones who spread spiritual knowledge. They are the ones who have the right to decide what spiritual knowledge is to be disseminated and from what text. They are the two persons who give knowledge to Muallimeen and Mutallimeen, (teachers and students). In the same manner, the Dai and Mazoon are in position to give knowledge to Mufideen (Professors and Teachers), as also to the Mustafideen (students) who are seeking higher religious and spiritual knowledge.

Mr. Chagla asked the Plaintiff if it was correct according to the Plaintiff that the veracity of the Mazoon was beyond doubt. The Plaintiff replied "yes".

The Hon'ble Justice Gautam Patel kept the matter for directions on June 15, 2015 and then the further schedule for further cross-examination will be decided.

As updated on [Fatemidawatlegal.com](http://Fatemidawatlegal.com).

**MEDIA ARTICLES: Covering the Hearing of the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April in Leading Newspapers**



Various newspapers covered the beginning of the final hearing on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 in the Bombay High Court in the declaratory suit filed by the Plaintiff Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin. These include the Times of India, Indian Express, DNA, Mumbai Mirror, Hindustan Times, Asian Age, and Rediff.com News. A selection of articles are presented in

the Media section on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

**ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL DETAILS: Ayyamul Barakaatil Khuldiyya -1436 – Urus of 51<sup>st</sup> Dai Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA**

The 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of Rajab are the Ayyamul Barakaatil Khuldiyya (the days of heavenly barakaat), the days marking the Urus of the 51<sup>st</sup> Dai Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA. (A short biography of Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA was published on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com) last year).

Syedna Qutbuddin TUS will lead Maghrib Isha namaz and preside over Khatmul Quran and Urus Majlis of Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA on eve of 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Rajab (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May) at Darus Sakina after Maghrib Isha namaz Inshaallah.

On Urus mubarak day – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Rajab (7<sup>th</sup> May) – Syedna Qutbuddin TUS will deliver waaz Mubarak at 5pm followed by Maghrib Isha namaz and Salawat jaman. All attending are invited for Salawaat Niyaz Jaman after Majlis.

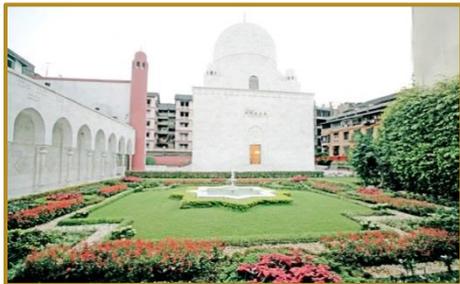
Shehzada Taher bhaisaheb will preside over Urus Majlis in Bakersfield, California, which will be broadcast live on youtube and will be available for replay.

On Rajab 17mi raat (4<sup>th</sup> May) Majlis will begin at 8.05PM PST (5<sup>th</sup> May 7.35AM IST). Click [here](#) to attend.

On Rajab 18mi raat (5<sup>th</sup> May) Majlis will begin at 8.05PM PST (6<sup>th</sup> May 7.35AM IST). Click [here](#) to attend.

On Rajab 19mi raat (6<sup>th</sup> May) Majlis and bayaan will begin at 8.15PM PST (7<sup>th</sup> May 7.45AM IST). Click [here](#) to

attend.



Mas'uls and coordinators are urged to gather mumineen for urus majlis and salawaat jaman on this auspicious occasion, especially 19mi raat and take barakaat.

Amal details are posted on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

We pray that by the Nazaraat of the 51<sup>st</sup> and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai May Allah Ta'ala give Nasre Aziz and Fathe Mubeen to their successor the 53rd Dai, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin. The flow of these *barakaat* is apparent in every majlis and every bayaan. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the opportunity of ziarat in Rozat Tahera on the occasion of Urus Mubarak with Syedna Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup>, Inshaallah.

### QASIDAS IN

#### TRANSLATION: "Alamma bideenillah" Syedna Burhanuddin's <sup>RA</sup> Qasida in Remembrance of Syedna Taher Saifuddin

After the *wafaat* of Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA, his successor the 52<sup>nd</sup> Dai Syedna Mohammed Burahnuddin RA composed a qasida in his remembrance. The title of the *qasida* "Alamma bideenillah uzmal-masa'ibi" has echoes from the qasida that Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA wrote in remembrance of the 50<sup>th</sup> Dai Syedna Abdullah Badruddin RA "Alamma bideenillahi afja'u haadisi".

On the auspicious occasion of the 51<sup>st</sup> Urus Mubarak of Syedna Taher Saifuddin we present this qasida with Dawat ni zaban fehwa and English

translation. These are the first few *abyaat* in English translation (by Shzd. Dr. Tahera baisesheba).

*The greatest calamity has struck God's religion  
With the passing of a Dai who attained the highest station*

*Syedna Taher Saifuddin—his loftiest virtue, this:  
He was a sun among all the Dais of Taha's progeny*

*He was a sheltering cave for believers, refuge for followers  
Truly, in all kinds of catastrophes*

*He was the House of Allah—whosoever invoked salawaat on him,  
Knowing his high rank, truly performed salaah (prayer) toward Baitullah*

*He was a sword (saif) in the hand of the Wasi's son  
Drawn, sharpened, to slay rancorous enemies*

*Rainclouds poured down when they saw his face  
I swear by this and it is true; I have seen it myself*

*What a luminous face, face of Imam uz zamaan  
Its light dispelling the blackest darkness*

...  
*I grieve him, now hidden in a grave  
Like a setting sun that hides in the West*

*Let us recite a verse from his qasida  
A qasida whose lines are gleaming stars*

*"Our beginnings have been the best of beginnings due to our Mawali  
And by their wasila, we pray for the best end"*

...

*I saw—and I say this with utter conviction—that his grave  
Was a flowerbed (rauzat) of paradise,  
surrounded on all sides by light*

...

*But I must endure—and I follow the example  
Of the essence of creation, pure sons of the Wasi*

*I will continue to be grateful to him, abundantly, unceasingly  
I will continue to seek his flowing faiz*

*He appointed me as his successor by the Imam's inspiration (ilhaam)  
And through me—even though he has gone—he is still present*

...

### ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL DETAILS: Ayyamul Beez

On 13<sup>th</sup> of Rajab Mumineen, the day of Amirul Mumineen SA wiladat, Mumineen should recite 'Asamiyyazil' Qasida composed by Syedna Taher Saifuddin <sup>RA</sup>. Text and translation of Qasida has been uploaded on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

Syedna Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup> will observe rozas on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of Rajab as per the Irshaad of Imam Ja'farus-Sadiq <sup>SA</sup>. Mumineen are encouraged to do roza on these auspicious days and pray namaz and Das Surat on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Rajab.

On Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Rajab (3<sup>rd</sup> May) Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup> will lead Salatuz-Zawaal and Zohr Asar Namaz in Darus Sakina, Thane, followed by Das-Surat Tilawat and wasila.

Those who are unable to attend should do amal as per the instructions in the Sahifa (PDF on [fatemidawat.com](http://fatemidawat.com)). Audio recording of Das Surat Tilawat has been uploaded on the website to enable mumineen to listen and read along in their Quran Majeed. Recording

of Sadaqalla doa and Wasila by Maulana Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup> has also been uploaded.

**AYYAMAUL BEEZ: Days of the Full Moon – Days of Supplication & Prayer (From Sijill 13) – Also in Dawat ni Zaban**

The 13th, 14th and 15th of Rajab-ul-Asabb are known as the 'Ayyamul Beez' (أيامُ البيض) 'the days of the white nights'

as these are the days in which the full moon is visible throughout the night. 'Beez' literally refers to 'white' in Arabic (from abyad) and by extension light, and so the connotation is that these are days in which the moonlight is so bright and continuous that night turns to day.

These three days are particularly significant in the month of Rajab which is the month of Maulana Ali <sup>SA</sup> - just as Shaban is the month of Rasulullah <sup>SA</sup>,

and Ramadan the month of Allah Ta'ala. The 19<sup>th</sup> Dai Syedna Idris Imaduddin <sup>RA</sup> composed an entire Risalat "Risalat al-Bayan li ma wajib fi Ma'rifati Shahre Rajab" in which he did bayaan on the deeper meanings of the month of Rajab and the significance of these three days in particular.

View the full article on [fatemidawat.com](http://fatemidawat.com).

The article is now also available in Dawat ni Zaban and Gujarati.

**This Newsletter**

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Qutbuddin'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). Please register to receive the newsletter regularly at [info@fatemidawat.com](mailto:info@fatemidawat.com)

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**Upcoming updates**

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- Ikhwanus Safa Article Series – 4<sup>th</sup> Installment
- Quran recitation with commentary analysis (regular).
- Hikayaat: Morals & Fables from Dawat Kitaabs
- Article Series: Women in Islam
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- Q&A series on pertinent issues: Shari'a compliant finance, qasar namaz.

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