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Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} leads imamat namaz in Saifee Masjid, Mumbai

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وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ

(Surat al-Ankabut: 45)

And pray Namaaz: for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds; and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt.

SIJILL ARTICLE: The Pillar of Islam - Namaaz (Rasulullah's SA Me'raj)

Namaaz (prayer, *salaat*) is the "face of our religion" and one of the 7 Pillars of Islam (*Da'aimul-Islam*). It is an obligation (*farizat*) on each one of us to perform the 5 *faraz* at the designated times. It is said that on the Day of Judgment Allah Ta'ala will look first at whether we have prayed Namaaz and then He will look at our other good deeds.

Namaaz – at the designated times – is an obligation that demands time and attention amidst our hectic daily schedules, in the middle of our never-ending worldly stresses. Namaaz

demands that we pause for a few minutes and stand before our Creator, facing the Ka'ba, and remember Allah Ta'ala. The Qur'an states "establish Namaaz in my remembrance" (*aqimis-salaata li zikri* – Surat Taha: 14). The observance of *Namaaz* inculcates discipline and introspection. It forces us to think, at least five times a day, that there is a Creator to whom we pray and it reminds us that there is a higher purpose in our life. It gives a broader perspective to our lives, when often that perspective is lost in the grind of day-to-day life.

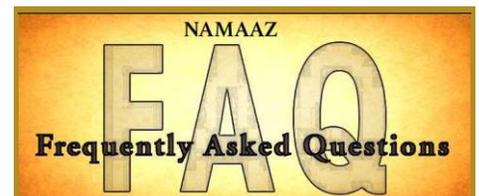
The deeper meaning of each of the tenets of *Namaaz* is explained at great length in the books of *Da'wat*, especially in the *Tawilud-Da'aim* by Syedna al-Qadi al-Nu'man ^{RA}. In many bayans, Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} emphasizes that in a world in which people are increasingly conscious of their time and what they spend it doing, the time spent in prayer is the best possible investment of our time. The returns of that investment are felt not only here in our lifetime but also, and even more so, in the Hereafter.

It is narrated in the *Da'aimul Islam* on the authority of Imam Ja'farus Sadiq ^{SA} that obligatory *Namaaz*



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prayers were, originally, 50 (yes, FIFTY), until Allah Ta'ala in His benevolence reduced them to 5. The reason for that was that on the night of Me'raj, when Rasulallah ^{SA} was returning, Musa Nabi ^{SA} asked him about the commands that he was given by Allah Ta'ala. Rasulallah ^{SA} stated that he was commanded to prescribe 50 daily obligatory Namaaz prayers. Musa Nabi told Rasulallah that in his experience, no one would pray Namaaz so many times in a day. He urged Rasulallah to seek a concession from Allah Ta'ala. Rasulallah ^{SA} sought the concession. When he was returning, once again Musa Nabi enquired about the command Rasulallah was given. Rasulallah said that the burden was reduced by 5 to 45 prayers. Once again Musa Nabi repeated what he had said before (that no one would pray Namaaz so many times) and again Rasulallah returned to Allah Ta'ala. Each time Rasulallah sought concession, the burden of Namaaz was reduced by 5 until only 5 prayers remained. But still Musa Nabi said that no one would pray Namaaz 5 times. Rasulallah at that point said that, "I am embarrassed to ask for further concession" and thus the five farizat Namaaz remained. Imam Ja'farus Sadiq, at the end of this narration, states that, "May Allah Ta'ala reward Musa Nabi on behalf of the Muslim Ummah."

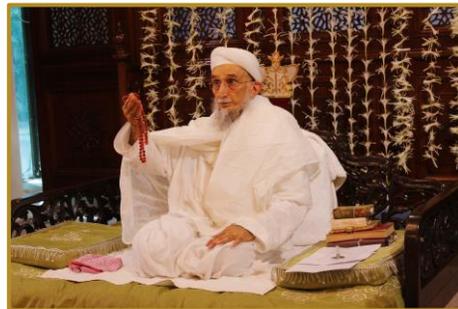
We are among those who are fortunate and confident that our prayers are accepted by Allah Ta'ala because we perform them with the *walaayat* of the Nabi who prescribed them, the *walaayat* of his successors, our Imams and their Du'aat in times of seclusion and *walaayat* of the Dai of our age Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin ^{TUS}. Therefore, we must be foremost amongst Muslims to fulfill our obligation to Allah Ta'ala and we

should do so with discipline, and try to be fully engaged and absorbed in our prayer. We are, as all good humans should be, conscious of fulfilling our commitments. The commitment of the 5 prayers is one of the main commitments we give in our Misaaq to Allah Ta'ala.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the *tawfeeq* and conviction to fulfill our commitments towards Him.

On the occasion of Rasulallah's ^{SA} Me'raj (when 50 came down to 5) we are pleased to present the beginning of the Namaaz module on Fatemimadrassa.com. This is in furtherance of our constant efforts to enable mumineen to observe Namaaz as it should be and also to facilitate the teaching of Namaaz to our children. This week we have also started a FAQ section on the questions regarding Namaaz and qasar Namaaz, Wuzu, etc. This section will be periodically updated.

NEWS & EVENTS: Syedna Abdul-Qadir Najmuddin ^{RA} Urus



Syedna Qutbuddin presided over the urus majlis of the 47th Dai al-Mutlaq, Syedna Abdul Qadir Najmuddin ^{RA} on 26th Rajab (Thursday 14th May) at Darus Sakina. Qasida Mubarakah composed by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA (*Saqa Naw'un minat-taqdeese ramsa*) and Salaam in Dawat ni Zaban composed by Shzd. Dr. Tahera baisesha were recited.

Urus Majlis was followed by Me'raj night Namaaz, washeq and waseela.

Photos of the Majlis are posted on Fatemidawat.com.

NEWS & EVENTS: Me'raj Night Wasila (Rajab 27mi raat)

On Lailatul Me'raj, Rajab 27mi raat (14th May, Thursday) Syedna Qutbuddin ^{TUS} led Maghrib Isha Namaaz and Washeq in Darus Sakina. Following Washeq, Syedna ^{TUS} beseeched the wasila of Panjetan Paak, A'immat Tahereen and their Du'aat Mutlaqeen. Syedna ^{TUS} particularly beseeched the wasila of our Nabi Mohammed Rasulallah ^{SA} who on this night travelled in *Ruhaniyyat* from Masjid-e-Haram in Makka to Masjid-e-Aqsa in Baitul-Muqaddas (Jerusalem) and their led 1,24,000 Anbiya' and Prophets in Imamah Namaz. Mohammed, Syedna said, was *Sayyid-ul-Mursaleen* and *Imam-ul-Mursaleen*. After Isra' from Makka to Baitul Muqaddas, Rasulallah ^{SA} ascended the Seven Heavens and was honored with such closeness with Allah Ta'ala that no other Prophet had attained before. The Imams who succeeded Rasulallah ^{SA} inherit his *shaan* of Me'raj. They are the *awliya'* of Mumineen in this world and ascend to the Highest Heavens taking Mumineen with them. In the time of the Imam's seclusion the Dai is the *wasila* for Mumineen towards the Imam.

Syedna ^{TUS} said that Allah Ta'ala had given us a good beginning (*aaghaaz behtar kidu*) on the *walaayat* of our Mawali Tahereen – that is, He created us in the human form with the *ne'mat* and blessings of *walaayat*. In this state, every single heartbeat elevates us in the path of ascension to the Heavens (*ma'arijus-su'ud*). Because of this *ne'mat* and *walaayat* our life is a pure life (*hayat tayyeba*) that is full of blessings and barakat.

Taking the wasila of Panjetan Paak, A'immat Tahereen and their Du'aat

Mutlaqeen – especially the wasila of the 51st and 52nd Dai – Syedna beseeched doa for mumineen for *barakat* in their livelihoods and business, for the easing of their difficulties, for fulfillment of their wishes and for their safety and wellbeing.



Remembering the final sajda of Imam Husain ^{SA} Syedna ^{TUS} said:

We are fortunate that we have received the doa of Imam Husain's sajda and the doa of his Dai Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed in his last sajda. We have received both doa-s. With this doa we receive ne'mat in both worlds, dunya and aakherat.

Syedna also prayed:

May Allah Ta'ala safeguard the sanctity of the Haram of Dawat. And mumineen with mohabbat in their hearts also do doa for their Dai, the successor to the 52 Duat, the 53rd Dai, Imamuz-zaman's servant and Dai, May Allah Ta'ala give him the strength to perform Imam's khidmat, to face the enemies of Dawat and grant him nasre aziz and fathe

mubeen. In that are good tidings (bisharat) for mumineen.

These are glimpses of Syedna's ^{TUS} heartfelt and sincere doa for mumineen on the auspicious night of Isra' and Me'raj. May Allah Ta'ala give longest life to Aqamola ^{TUS} to continue to beseech doa for us and guide us to Siraate-Mustaqeem.

FAQ's: Namaaz and Wuzu

We pray Namaaz today in the manner that it was prescribed by Rasulallah ^{SA}. The questions that arose for various circumstances or issues that the one offering prayer faced were answered by Rasulallah ^{SA} and by his successors the Imams and their Dai-s in time of seclusion. Just as it was no one other than Rasulallah who could prescribe the basic tenets of Namaaz, no one other than the true successors of Rasulallah can clarify what can and cannot be done especially in the context of Namaaz.

The FAQ's for Namaaz and Wuzu have been divided into five primary categories: *wuzu* (ablution), *sehew* (unforced errors), *Qasar* Namaaz (during travel), illness and Imamat Namaaz.

These are some of the sample questions, the FAQ can be viewed in entirety on Fatemidawat.com. If you would like to submit further questions please email info@fatemidawat.com.

1. What are the reasons due to which wuzu is invalidated?
2. IF an individual joins Imamat Namaz and the Imam leading the namaz is already in the second Rak'at – what should he do?
3. If a traveler meets his relative who is "ghair baaligh" (minor), should he pray the entire namaaz or should he pray qasar namaaz?

4. If an individual enters the masjid and it is close that his zohr namaaz will be counted as kazaa if he prays tahiyatul masjid, what should he do?
5. If an individual is not certain whether he has given the ruku' or not, what should he do?
6. What is the niyyat for kazaa namaaz?
7. What is the prescribed way in which an individual who is ill pray namaaz?

FAQ's for roza and zakaat will also be published in the near future inshaalalh.

FATEMI MADRASA: Namaaz and Wuzu Practical Pray-along Video

In the Quran, Allah Subhanahu says "And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me" (Surat al Dhariyat: 56 - *wa ma khalqtul jinna wal insa illa li ya'budun*). One of the best ways to worship Allah is through Namaaz (*salaat*), and in that spirit we present this Namaaz module to help mumineen and their children to pray Namaaz with a deeper understanding and in the correct manner.



It is said by our *hudaat kiraam*, that when a child reaches the age of seven the importance of performing Namaaz should be emphasized and enforced.

Parents can start by encouraging their child to pray a single faraz, for example maghrib, and then build on each Namaaz slowly so that by the time the child gives misaq, all aspects of Namaaz are perfected.

Fatemi Madrasa is pleased to present a pray along audio/video for maghrib wuzu and maghrib faraz Namaaz. It is encouraged that for children who do not know how to pray Namaaz or haven't memorized their Namaaz duas that they pray along with this audio and video during Namaaz time, preferably on a daily basis. In the coming weeks, we will also present an English and Dawat ni Zaban translation of all Namaaz duas to facilitate

understanding and memorization of Namaaz.

LEGAL UPDATE: Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit 27th & 28th April 2015

The cross-examination of the Plaintiff (Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin ^{TUS}) in the Suit filed by him in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court began on the 27th 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.

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

Visit Fatemidawatlegal.com to read further (some of the questions asked are presented on the site).

Visit Fatemidawat.com media section for some of the newspaper coverage of the hearings.

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.

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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'.

Updates this week

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