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وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَدَّ الْأَرْضَ وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رَوَاسِي  
وَأَنْهَارًا وَمِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ جَعَلَ فِيهَا زَوْجِينَ  
أُنثَىٰ يَغِشِّي اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ  
لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

(Surat al-Ra'd: 3)

*And He it is Who spread out the earth and set therein firm mountains and rivers, and of every fruit He has made in it two kinds. He covers the night with the day. Surely in that are signs for a people who think, consider and contemplate.*

**SIJILL ARTICLE: Think, consider and contemplate the greatness of Allah Ta'ala's creation**

Our bodies tire and need rest. Rest is essential for work. The Quran Majeed states that Allah Ta'ala made the day for earning our livelihood just as he made the night for rest (Surat al-Naba': 9-11).

As we approach the days of Shehrollah in which we earn our livelihood for Aakherat, many of us take rest before it.

For our bodies' rest, we seek places of natural beauty and tranquility. In Kitabul-Majalis wal-Musa'iraat, Syedna Qadi al-Nu'man <sup>RA</sup> narrates an anecdote in about the spring season, when the trees and flowers blossom, and people take outings and trips. Some people indulged in drinking during these outings, which has been forbidden by Allah Ta'ala. Imam <sup>SA</sup> exclaimed, "Subhaan-Allah, is it not better (than engaging in haram actions) that they look upon Allah's great power. That they stop and think how the trees came back to life after becoming dry. How, by Allah Ta'ala's *qudrat*, they become lush after being dry, how they are adorned with fruits, alive after being dead, awakened after sleep, growing with soil and water, enriched with the heat of the sun and the pure air...we find in them our nourishment but our minds are astounded as to how it happens, how the Creator creates them, grows them from their fruits and



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seeds. All these trees with their variety of color, species and taste are “watered with the same water, but some are better than others to eat” (Surat al-Ra’d: 4). In these there are signs, proofs and *ibrat* for those who think, consider and contemplate their creation, the *qudrat* and power of their One Creator. The Imam recited the *ayat* quoted above, “in these things there are signs for those who think, consider and contemplate.”



In this is a lesson for us. Even when taking rest or enjoying our outings we must always think, consider and contemplate the greatness of Allah Ta’ala’s creation.

Just as our bodies need rest and rejuvenation, our minds need rejuvenation. As Amirul Mumineen <sup>SA</sup> has said: “Just as bodies tire, minds tire, so seek pearls of wisdom for them.”

We pray to Allah Ta’ala that we may rejuvenate our minds by contemplating the greatness of His creation, by learning the meaning of the symbols in creation, and in the Qur’an, from his *awliya’ kiraam*. We also pray that may our bodies be rested and rejuvenated to take full *ghanimat* to earn the livelihood of Aakherat in the fast approaching month of fasting, Shehrullah, Shehre-Ramadan-al-Mu’azzam.

**ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL**  
**DETAILS: *Maulatuna Hurratul Malika* <sup>RA</sup> *Urus Majlis***

Urus Majlis of Maulatuna Hurratul Malika Arwa binte Ahmad <sup>RA</sup> – the Hujjat of the Imam and the spiritual

mother of Du’aat Mutlaqeen - will be observed in Darus Sakina on 22<sup>nd</sup> raat of Shabaan-ul-Kareem (8<sup>th</sup> June) after Maghrib Isha Namaz. Mumineen are invited for salawat jaman after Urus Majlis.

Mumineen should recite the qasida mubarak written by Mazoon-ud-Dawat Syedna al-Khattab RA ‘*Alayki Salaamul-laahi was salawaatu*’. Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA added several *abyaat*, which are appended to the qasida. Mumineen should also recite salaam in Dawat ni zaban composed by Shzd Dr. Tahera baisesha. The PDF of the qasida and salaam are presented on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

**HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY**  
***SERIES: Maulatuna Hurratul Malika Arwa binte Ahmad* <sup>RA</sup>**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> of Shabaan is the Urus of Maulatuna Hurratul Malika Arwa binte Ahmad <sup>RA</sup>, the Hujjat of the Imam and the spiritual mother of the Du’aat Mutlaqeen. Maulatuna Hurratul Malika was also the Sulayhid Queen who ruled a large part of present day Yemen. As the Hujjat of the Imam she established the Dawat of the Fatimid Imam in Yemen. As the seclusion of the Imam neared, Aamir Imam instructed Maulatuna Hurratul Malika to appoint the first Dai al-Mutlaq Syedna Zoeb b. Musa.

On the occasion of Urus we are pleased to present this biographical article on Maulatuna Hurratul Malika. The article is written by Shz. Dr. Saifiyah baisesha who researched and wrote her PhD thesis at Oxford University on the history of the Du’aat Mutlaqeen in Yemen. This is an excerpt from the article:

*“The Lady Queen Maulatuna al-Hurratul Malika Arwa bt. Ahmad was the third and last Sulayhid ruler of Yemen. She*

*was an extraordinarily strong, intelligent and accomplished woman – a fact remarkable in itself in a culture where women were not known for education or independence – and her political acumen and command earned her the name of ‘al-Bilqis al-Sughra’ (the younger Bilqis; Bilqis was the legendary (Biblical) queen of Sheba). Maulatuna al-Hurratul Malika was nominated to the rutba of hujjat (the only known woman to have occupied this rank besides Maulatuna Fatema) and made overall head of the Dawat in Yemen by Imam al-Mustansir Billah. After the shahadat of Imam al-Amir bi-Ahkamillah, and at his command, it was Maulatuna Hurratul Malika who instituted the silsila of Duat Mutlaqeen of the Dawat us-Satr; she is therefore known as the honorary ‘mother’ of the Duat Mutlaqeen.*



*Maulatuna al-Hurratul Malika was born in the year 440H. She was of the Sulayhid family. Her father Ahmad b. Mohammad b. Qasim al-Sulayhi, who had once visited the Imam in Cairo as an ambassador of Sayyedna Ali b. Muhammad al-Sulayhi (Fatimid Dai and founder of the Sulayhid kingdom in Yemen), died when Maulatuna al-Hurratul Malika was a child. Her mother Radah bt. al-Faari’ b. Musa al-Sulayhi remarried; Maulatuna al-Hurratul Malika was then brought up by Sayyedna Ali b. Muhammad’s wife Asma bt. Shihab, a wise and cultured woman who assisted her husband even in matters of state. It is reported that Sayyidna Ali b. Muhammad used to tell*

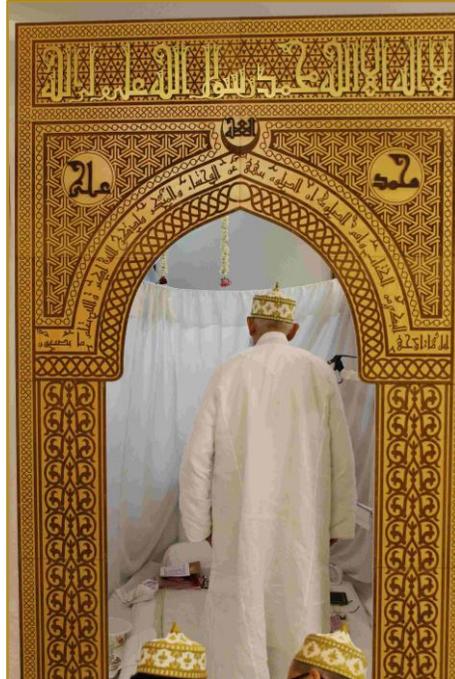
*his wife to take good care of her and honour her, for she was the future "the custodian of our children, and the guardian of our 'this matter' (the Sulayhid kingdom and the Dawat).." Maulatuna al-Hurra al-Malika is said to have had a dream as a child, that she was sweeping the palace of the Imam; Asma bt. Shihab told her that the dream signified that she would one day be of great service to the Imam.*

To read the full article visit [www.fatemidawat.com](http://www.fatemidawat.com)

**NEWS & EVENTS: Shabbaraat – Thum Washeq Namaz & Wasilo**

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup>, led Maghrib Isha namaz on the eve of the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Shabaan in Darus Sakina. The pillar of forbearance and virtue, Aqamaula <sup>TUS</sup> prayed Thum washeq with utmost khdu' and khushu'. After the washeq, Syedna TUS beseeched the wasila of Panjetan, A'immat and Du'aat Mutlaqeen, especially Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA. In the wasila Syedna TUS also enlightened mumineen with the significance of this night, including the ayat of the Quran instructing Rasulullah SA, "delegate to your *wajeh* (face) one half of the Masjid-e-Haram (*fawalli wajhaka shatral masjidil haram*)." Syedna TUS explained that Rasulullah's SA wajeh was Amirul Mumineen SA and Masjid-e-Haram represents Rasulullah's SA Dawat. Just as Rasulullah SA established the overt (*zahir* – Quran & Shari'at) of his Dawat, he is instructed by Allah Ta'ala to delegate the establishment of the covert (*batin* – *tawil* meaning) of his Dawat to Amirul Mumineen SA and appoint him as his *wasiiyy* and successor. Syedna TUS added that in this night we prayed washeq according to the instruction

and *irshaad* of Rasulullah SA. The 14 *rak'ats* and the 14 *surats* we recite in each one of them represent the *maratib* of the Dawat of Mohammed SA and Ali SA. It is with this knowledge and *ma'rifat*, Syedna continued, that we beseech the *wasila* of Mohammed and Ali SA in this auspicious night.



Syedna TUS said that we pray tonight while offering thanks that Allah Ta'ala enlightened us with the knowledge so that we perform his *'ibaadat* in *zahir* (the Thum washeq) and *batin* (the meaning of the *washeq*). We pray offering thanks that by the virtue of following our mawali tahireen, our Imams and their du'at, we ascend the levels of knowledge and *ma'rifat*, proclaim the Unity (*tawhid*) of Allah Subhanahu and the high rank of Allah's *awliya'*. Through this means, we attain the happiness of this world and the Hereafter. Syedna TUS prayed for the wellbeing of mumineen, muminaat and their children and for the fulfillment of their wishes. Syedna TUS also prayed that we take *ghanimat* of the coming month of Shehruallah according to the advice and *irshaad* of our *awliya'* kiraam.

These are but glimpses of the *wasila* in which Syedna's TUS beseeched doa for every aspect of a mumin's life – both *deen* and *dunya*.

Towards the end of the *wasila* Syedna TUS recited the Shahaadat of Imam Husain SA and took the *wasila* of his Sajda and doa.

*I beseech doa by the wasila of Imam Husain's doa in his sajda, taking its barakaat. May the mo'jiza of this sajda manifest in this age also. May Allah Ta'ala grant the Dai of Imam Husain and the Dai of his successor Imam-uz-zaman SA – Khuzaima Qutbuddin – nasre-aziz and fathe-mubin. May this Dawat of Haqq last forever and may the mumineen residing in the city of Dawat remain well and prosperous.*

May Allah Ta'ala grant Syedna TUS longest life till qiyamat to continue to raise us in the levels of *ma'rifat* and knowledge and to enrich our lives with his priceless doas.

Photos of namaz and washeq are presented on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

**FATEMI MADRASA: Bā' – Badrut-Tamam 'The Full Moon' – Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin**

On the auspicious occasion of Syedna Qutbuddin's Milad Mubarak Fatemi Madrasa presented '*Tohfat Tahera'*. During Syedna Taher Saifuddin <sup>RA's</sup> zamaan, Maulana Qutbuddin <sup>TUS</sup> had started to compile this 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 by taking the name of Dai Zaman and learning his esteemed qualities with a short bedtime story that would keep their interest.

That book was not completed then and Maulana <sup>TUS</sup> wrote in the introduction that it would be done later. On the occasion of Milad of Aqa Mola Outbuddin, the full and completed story version was published so that Mumineen and their children may take barakaat and use it for learning Dawat ni zabaan.

We present on [fatemimadrassa.com](http://fatemimadrassa.com) the second story in Lisanud-dawat (with audio recording) and English translation.



### **Badrut Tamaam - The Full Moon - Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin**

The night came and with it came the beautiful moon that brightened the night sky.

The next day the teacher asked Rehana, "In the day the sun shines, but what shines in the night?" Rehana began to think about the answer, but she could not figure it out. Her teacher said softly to her, "Don't be scared (if you don't know the answer). Tonight, when you go home go to the balcony and look up to the sky. Then, tomorrow tell me the answer."

Rehana went home quickly, because she wanted to find out the answer to this question. When she and her family were having dinner, Rehana told them about the question her teacher asked her. Her mother said, "Sweet daughter, tonight is the fifteenth night in the month - you should definitely go and seek your answer."

When it was 9pm, Rehana's brother

Shabbir held her hand and took her out to the balcony. There Rehana looked up at the sky in wonder and pondered her teacher's question - What shines in the night as the sun shines in the day? Rehana quickly understood the answer, "The moon looks so beautiful tonight! Just as the sun shines in the day, the moon shines in the night." Shabbir responded, "Tonight is the night of the full moon, it makes the darkest of nights become filled with light." Watching the full moon from her bedroom window, Rehana fell asleep.



The next morning on her way to school, Rehana met her teacher. When she told her teacher the answer he told her, "Well done! You have given the right answer - In the day as the sun shines, in the night the moons shines." Rehana was very happy, and the teacher told her, "Rehana, you must remember another thing." Rehana asked, "What?" The teacher explained, "Just as the sun and moon exist in this world, in our spiritual world we also have a sun and a moon: Imam-uz Zaman is our sun and his Dai is our moon. When the Imam is in seclusion meaning people cannot see him, then the night comes - we call this the night of seclusion. Rehana, do you know who is our moon in the night of seclusion?" Rehana responded immediately, "Dai." Her teacher said, "Well done, well done. In the night of seclusion our Dai reflects the light of the Imam-uz-Zaman like the moon reflects the light of the sun. The Dai reflects this light for us mumineen so that we may be guided by it. "Rehana, who is the Dai today?" Rehana answered quickly, "Moulana Syedna

Khuzaima Outbuddin." When Rehana said Moulana's name, the teacher was very happy and said, "Our Moulana's shaan is great. In the night of seclusion he shines like a full moon, in Arabic a full moon is called, Badrut-Tamaam. Therefore we call this Moulana - Badrut Tamam Khuzaima Outbuddin TUS." Moulana's sweet daughter, little Rehana remembered this with great enthusiasm:

### ***Badrut Tamaam - Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin***

### ***The Full Moon - Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENT: Kaffaarat for Rozas Missed in Shehrullah 1435H**

For those who have missed rozas in Shehrullah due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances kaffaarat should be given. Kaffaarat is calculated as per Shari'at norms: ½ Kg of Wheat (to a miskeen) per roza missed. Those wishing to submit their kaffaarat, should calculate the cost of ½ Kg of wheat where they reside. Please contact [info@fatemidawat.com](mailto:info@fatemidawat.com) to coordinate how to transfer this amount, which will be used to buy wheat that will be given to masakeen. Please note that the kaffaarat for last year's missed rozas should be given with enough days in Shehrullah to give the wheat to masakeen on a daily basis (i.e. if 5 rozas were missed in Shehrullah, kaffaarat should be given latest by 25<sup>th</sup> Shehrullah so that the kaffaarat can be given every day for the last five days of Shehrullah). (Sila fitra and other Zakaat information will be published shortly)

**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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**Upcoming updates**

- Cradle to the Grave – Part 6
- 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
- Fatemi Madrasa Namaz Module – Part 2
- 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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