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"Shehre Ramadan - The Month of Ramadan in which the Quran was revealed" - Surat al Baqara Ayat 185

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شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ
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هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

(Surat al-Baqara: 185)

Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guide to mankind, as a set of clear signs for guidance and demarcation. Whosoever witnesses it should fast. One who is ill or on a journey should make up the prescribed number later. Allah wishes to make things easy for you, not difficult. Complete the prescribed number, glorify Him for His guidance, and be grateful.

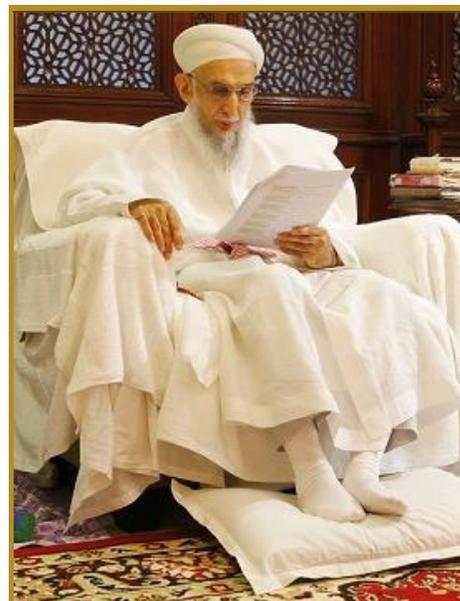
**SYEDNA QUTBUDDIN TUS
SHEHRULLAH 1436H MESSAGE
OF BENEDICTION AND
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The holy month of Ramadan is also known as Shehrullah, the month of Allah. Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS, the Dai of Allah, prays that may Allah Ta'ala grant mumineen the strength and steadfastness to fast during this holy month. May mumineen clothe themselves in piety, especially in this month, by praying namaaz, submitting zakaat and vajebaat, reciting the Quran-e-Majeed, offering iftaar, performing good deeds, helping their fellow mumineen and all humanity, staying steadfast to their principles and the truth, and by standing strong against falsehood. This is a month when the wealth of a mumineen is increased, when his or hers sins are forgiven, when relatives and friends grow closer together, and when the bonds and the community of mumineen grow stronger. Syedna TUS bestows doa that may Allah Ta'ala keep mumineen in His safekeeping, and increase their prosperity manifold



SIJILL ARTICLE:
An Honored Guest - Shehrullah



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*Maulatuna Hurratul Malika^{RA} Urus
Majlis*

in this world and in the Hereafter. May Allah Ta'ala protect mumineen and His Dawat from all harm, and may He keep mumineen in health, good fortune and happiness always. May Allah Ta'ala grant mumineen abundant barakaat.

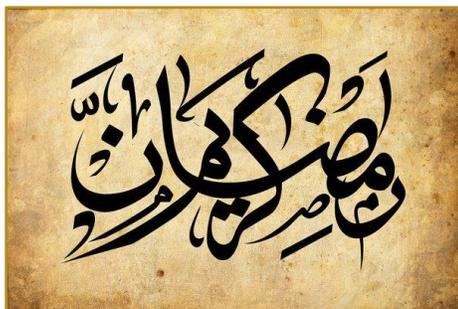
SJILL ARTICLE: An Honored Guest - Shehrullah

The ninth month of the Hijri calendar, the month of Allah Ta'ala, 'Shehrullah', is just a few days away. In their Rasa'il Ramadaniyya our Du'aat Kiraam encouraged mumineen to take full advantage and *ghanimat* of this season of worship. In his third Risalat entitled Zahrur-Riyadil-Azaliyya (1338H), Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA likens Shehrullah to a guest who has come to give us the greatest gains for this world and the Hereafter.

This is an excerpt from the Risalat:

"Honor this month, the month of Ramadan, to the utmost by fulfilling its dues of fasting and prayer. This month is indeed an honored guest that has come to give you the best gains of this world and the Hereafter. Honor and celebrate it in the manner of those who do good deeds ('amileen) and those who know the meaning of their deeds ('alimeen).

It is an honored month, one which Allah Ta'ala has chosen to associate with Himself aside from all other months, selecting it from all the different times. And Allah Ta'ala has chosen this month and preferred it for the revelation of the Qur'an and the Light (Noor).



It is a month, by whose approach, the faces of those who are good, honest and praiseworthy are shining.

It is a month, the first part of which is Rahmah (mercy), the middle part is Maghfirat (forgiveness) and the ending is 'itqun minan-naar (freedom from hellfire). So seek Allah Ta'ala's mercy, seek His forgiveness – He is Ghafurun Raheem - and beseech Him to free you from the hellfire.

It is the month that has Lailatul Qadar, the night that is greater than a thousand months. The night in which Maulatuna Fatema AS did not let anyone of her children sleep. She sprinkled water on the faces of those who slept. In readiness for it during the day she would prepare them with little food. She would say: 'one who receives forgiveness in this night is marhoom (one who receives Allah's rehmat)' and 'one who does not receive this night's goodness (khayr) is mahroom (bereft).' So take full advantage and ghanimat of its hours by praying namaaz, beseeching doa, and supplicating to Allah Ta'ala with humility and sincerity. Do this and Allah Ta'ala will forgive your sins, eliminate your misdeeds and multiply the reward for your good deeds. And beseech Allah Ta'ala with the wasila of the hallowed name, the one concealed between the kaaf and the noon, as you offer thanks to Him for the awareness of this night and the recognition of its mamthul (the one whose maqam and high status this night represents) – beseech Allah Ta'ala to resurrect you in His company.

It is a month with, which Allah Ta'ala has preferred you, the Ummah of Mohammed, aside from other peoples. A month in which, by multiplying your good deeds and bestowing you with barakaat, Allah Ta'ala has showered you with his graces and ne'mats.

So exert yourselves in Allah Ta'ala's worship and 'ibaadat. Bow your heads to Him. Wear the clothes of His taqwa. Find solace in His remembrance. Offer iftaar to those who are fasting. Meet your relatives with beneficence and presents. Greet your neighbors with grace and kindness. Console and help your brothers with the favors that Allah Ta'ala has given you. Submit your zakaat, especially zakaatul-Fitr to whom Allah Ta'ala has ordained you to submit to, and Allah Ta'ala will purify your wealth, He will accept your deeds, fulfill your wishes, diminish your misdeeds, better your condition and enjoy happiness in your return."

As this month approaches us, we are fortunate that we receive the guidance of the Dai of Imam-uz-zaman SA, with whom we begin our rozas, with whom we pray namaaz, to whom we submit our zakaat, and whose doa in this holy month is a great source of barakat for mumineen.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the strength to honor this guest and garner barakaat in this holy month.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Syedna^{TUS} Shehrullah 1436H Namaaz Program

Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin TUS will lead Fajr, Zohor Asar and Maghrib Isha Namaaz in Darus Sakina every day in Shehrullah al-Mo'zzam inshaallah. Mumineen, Muminaat and their children are invited for salawat and iftar jaman after Maghrib Isha Namaaz. Dates of Qadambosi and Vajebaath bethak will be announced next week.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Shehrullah Imam namaz in other cities

It is vital according to our faith that Imam namaz is with the *raza* of the Imam's Dai. If Imam namaz is not with *raza* then *namaaz* is not valid. *Haqq na Dai* Syedna Khuzaima

Outbuddin TUS has granted *raza* for Imam *namaz* in Sheh *rullah al-Mo'azzam* in various cities where *mumineen* reside, including:



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For more information, or if you cannot get through to the listed number, please email info@fatemidawat.com. Further locations will be updated as *raza* is sought and given. If you wish to have Imam *namaz* in your hometown and have someone who you feel is capable of leading *namaz*, you may request for Syedna Outbuddin's *raza* through info@fatemidawat.com.

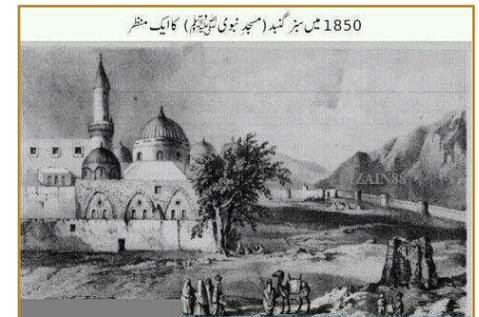
THE MONTH OF RAMADAAN: *Rasulullah*^{SA} *Khutba* (From *Sijill 20*)

On the last Friday of Sha'baan, *Rasulullah* SA delivered a *khutba* in which he extolled the merits of the upcoming holy month of Ramadaan and encouraged all Muslims to occupy themselves in '*ibaadat*'. This is the text of the *khutba* as translated by Shz. Dr Bazat Tahera baisesha (which was published in the context of her article on the art of oratory in classical Arabic literature):

"O people! An exalted month has come close to you; a month that contains one night in which good deeds performed count for more than good deeds performed over a thousand months. Whosoever performs in it an optional act in order to achieve closeness to God is like one who performs a mandatory act at other times. Whosoever performs in it a mandatory act is like one who performs seventy mandatory acts at other times. It is a month of forbearance, and the reward of forbearance is Paradise. It is a month of charity. It is a month in which the believer's decreed sustenance is increased. Whosoever feeds a fasting person at the time of breaking fast will gain forgiveness for his sins and the freeing of his neck from Hellfire; he will

have the like of the fasting person's reward, without any decrease in that person's own reward."

...
Rasulullah SA also said in the *khutba* that there are four things that we must do abundantly in Ramadan – two which will please Allah Ta'ala and two which you have no choice but to ask for. The two that please Allah Ta'ala are testifying that there is no God but Allah and seeking His forgiveness. The two that you have no choice but to ask Him for are praying for *jannat* and seeking refuge from Hellfire.



It is in light of this *hidaayat* of *Rasulullah* SA that our *hudaat kiraam* have made it a custom to recite "*allahumma haadha shahru Ramadan*" after each *farizat namaz*, ending with the prayer "*la ilaha illa allah, astaghfirullah, allahumma inni as'alukal jannah, wa a'uzu bika min an-naar*" (see translation in this *Sijill*).

To read the full article visit FatemiDawat.com

DOA IN TRANSLATION: *Iftaar Doa, allahumma haadha shahru Ramadaan doa and Sheh *rullah Fajr Namaaz Doa** (From *Sijill 20*)

There are many *qasidas* and *doas* in Arabic that are recited by *mumineen* very regularly, some even daily. These *qasidas* and *doas* are priceless treasures that our *hudaat*, our guides, have given us. It is our endeavor to make the substance and matter of

these *doas* more accessible to *mumineen* by presenting them with translation and commentary. Our hope is that a better understanding of the meaning of the *doas* and *qasidas* would make the experience of reciting them all the more engaging and rewarding. In that vein, **in the beginning of Ramadaan**, we are pleased to present the translation of **three doas recited every day in Shehrollah**:

- **Allahumma haadha Shahru Ramadaan**– recited after every *farizat* namaaz.
- **Iftaar doa** – *Allahumma ya mu'tiy as su'aalaat* – recited after maghrib namaaz, before iftaar.
- **Fajr namaz doa** – *Alhamdu lillahil-ladhi hadaana li hamdihi* – doa by Imam Ali Zainul Aabideen SA recited every morning after Fajr *namaz*. The audio of this doa recited by Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA is also posted online on fatemidawat.com

All these doas are presented with English and Dawat-ni-zaban translations. They are also presented in a printer friendly format to enable printing for daily use.

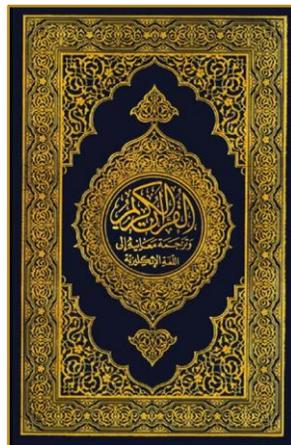
AMAL DETAILS FOR THE FIRST TEN DAYS: Rehmat no Dasko

The first ten days of Shehrollah are known as the ten days of *Rehmat* based on the *khutba* of Rasulullah SA quoted above. In these ten days, as in Shehrollah as a whole, *mumineen* are encouraged to do the following:

1. **NAMAAZ**: Pray all five *farizat* *namazon* time with their respective *Sunnat* and *Naafilat*. As Rasulullah SA has said, in Shehrollah the *sawaab* for praying one *farizat* is the equivalent of praying 70 *farizat* in

other months and praying *sunnat* in Shehrollah is equivalent in *sawaab* to praying *farizat* in other months. (Fajr: *Sunnat* 1 salam before *faraz*; Zohor: *Sunnat* 3 salam before *faraz* and *Nafilat* 2 salams after *faraz*; Asar: *Sunnat* 2 salam before *faraz*; Maghrib: *Sunnat* 3 salam after *faraz* and 1 salam for '*daf'il aafaat*'; Isha: *Sunnat* 2 salambefore *faraz* and *Nafilat* 2 salams after *faraz*).

2. **DOA**: Pray *allahumma haadha shahru Ramadan* after each *faraz* (text and translation available on website). Pray *doa* of Imam Ali Zainul Aabideen SA after Fajr *namaz* (text, translation and audio of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA reciting this doa available on website). Pray *doa* of Imam Ali Zainul Aabideen after Zohor *naafilat* (text available on website). *Allahumma ya mu'tiy as su'aalaat* after maghrib *namaaz*, before iftaar (text available on website).



3. **QURAN**: Pray at least one *sipara* of Quran Majeed a day so that you can complete one full Quran in the month. Some dedicated *banda-s* of Allah complete one full Quran recitation every single day in Ramadan. For those who are not fluent, there are many websites which have full audio of Quran-e-Majeed so you can recite alongside the recitation

(http://www.mp3quran.net/eng/husr_english.html). For those who cannot read the Arabic script at all, there are transliterated Quran (the Arabic Quran written in English script), which you can use until you are able to master the Arabic script.

4. **BIHORI**: Pray Bihori as much as possible. Details of Bihori with accompanying translation and audios of some doas have been published on FatemiDawat.com

NEWS & EVENTS: Maulatuna Hurratul Malika RA Urus Majlis

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuiddin TUS presided over Urus Majlis of Maulatuna Hurratul Malika Arwa binte Ahmad RA – the Hujjat of the Imam and the spiritual mother of Du'aat Mutlaqeen in Darus Sakina on 22nd raat of Shabaan-ul-Kareem (8th June) after Maghrib Isha Namaz.



Photos of the Majlis are presented on Fatemidawat.com

ANNOUNCEMENT: Kaffaarat for Rozas Missed in Shehrollah 1435H

For those who have missed rozas in Shehrollah 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 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 25th 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 next week)

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. Please register to receive the newsletter regularly at info@fatemidawat.com

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