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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَلَوْ  
أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ  
وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا

(Surat al-Nisaa': 60)

*We never sent any Messenger, but that he should be obeyed by the leave of God. If, when they had wronged themselves, they had come to you, and asked forgiveness from God, and the Messenger had asked forgiveness for them, they would have found God Forgiving, Merciful.*

### **SIJILL ARTICLE: The Ten Days of Forgiveness (Maghfirat)**

Rasulullah's SA Khutba states that the middle ten days of Shehrullah are the days of forgiveness (Maghfirat), just as the first ten days are days of Rehmat and the last ten days are days of freedom from hellfire.

In Shehrullah, as per the guidance of our hudaat kiraam, we recite "Allahumma Shahru Ramadaan" doa

after each farizat namaaz. In that doa after "lailaha illa Allah" we say "astaghfirullah" (I seek forgiveness from Allah). Our hudaat kiraam's guidance is full of wisdom and fulfills Allah's command to seek His forgiveness, with the promise that Allah Ta'ala is most forgiving and merciful (*ghafurun raheem*).

Our Hudaat Kiraam have divided sins into three categories: 1) transgressions between an individual and Allah Ta'ala, 2) transgressions between an individual and Allah's waliyy (sahibuz-zamaan) and, 3) transgressions between one individual and another individual. The first type of sin, Allah Ta'ala will forgive as long as the individual seeks forgiveness while committing to not repeat the transgression. The second type of sin, Allah's awliyaa' will forgive because they are the embodiment of Allah Ta'ala's rehmat. With regards to the third type, an individual must seek forgiveness from the one on who he has transgressed with, and only then will Allah Ta'ala forgive his sins.

Individually, we must seek forgiveness for our sins, but the wasila and intercession of our awliyaa' is what



### **LEGAL UPDATE:**

*Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit - Further dates for the trial and the cross-examination announced*



### **AUDIO:**

*Sanaa' – (Praise of Allah Ta'ala)*

ensures Allah's forgiveness. As the *ayat* above states, "if they come to you and seek Allah's forgiveness, and if Rasulallah seeks forgiveness for them, then they will find that Allah Ta'ala most forgiving and merciful." Just as Rasulallah sought forgiveness for those who came to him 1400 years ago, in every age an Imam, and in his seclusion his Dai, seeks forgiveness for mumineen. Today, in every wasila and doa, Rasulallah's Dai, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS seeks forgiveness for mumineen. We are fortunate that we are among those who have faith in him and receive Allah Ta'ala's mercy.



It is our belief (as narrated in the following verse) that our love for Panjetan, A'immat and their Do'aat is the reason for the acceptance of our good deeds and the cause for the forgiveness of our sins.

مَسْئَلُهُمْ تَقْبَلُ الْأَعْمَالُ إِنْ قُبِلَتْ  
وَيَغْفِرُ الذَّنْبَ لِلْعَاصِينَ إِنْ غُفِرَ

While praying bihori namaaz, we pray two Rak'ats for the forgiveness of our sins. After the namaaz we recite this heartfelt Munajaat (supplication) attributed to Imam Ali Zainul Abedeen SA:

إِلٰهِي عَبْدُكَ الْعَاصِي أَمَا كَا
مُقِرًّا بِالذُّنُوبِ وَقَدْ دَعَاكَ
God, your disobedient servant has come to you Confessing his sins and supplicating you

وَإِنْ تَغْفِرْ فَإِنَّكَ أَهْلٌ ذَاكََا
وَإِنْ تَطْرُدْ فَمَنْ يَرْجُو سِوَاكََا
If you forgive, it is because you are worthy of forgiving But if you reject, to whom can he turn?
تَجَاوَزْ عَنْ ضَعِيفٍ قَدْ جَفَاكََا
فَعَبْدُكَ يَا مَهِيْمِنُ قَدْ رَجَاكََا
Pardon this weakling who has transgressed upon you For he is your servant, O Powerful One, and he beseeches you
وَجَاءَكَ تَائِبًا يَرْجُو رِضَاكََا
وَلَمْ يَسْجُدْ لِمَعْبُودٍ سِوَاكََا
He has come asking your pardon, hoping for your acceptance And he bows to no god but you

The doa for forgiveness of sins is also presented this week in the Doas in translation section below. May Allah Ta'ala forgive our sins in this Mubarak month, in these Mubarak days.

**FATEMI DAWAT ANNUAL REPORT:1435h - 1436H PDF and ebook**

The following is the Executive Summary of the Fatemi Dawat Annual Report published this week on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com): This is the 1436H Annual Report of Dawat-e-Hadiyah, the Fatemi Dawat administration of the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq Syedna Khuzaima QutbuddinTUS, head of the worldwide Dawoodi Bohra community. Last year in Shehre Ramadan 1435H, detailed guidelines for calculating Zakaat and other wajeabaat dues were published. This Shehre Ramadan, 1436H, Syedna Qutbuddin has instructed the publication of a report of Dawat activities. The aim of the report is two-fold:

1. To demonstrate and promote an efficient, professional, compassionate, sustainable organization that will grow dynamically and multifold in the years to come, inshaallah
2. To inform mumineen who are submitting Zakaat to the Dai al-Mutlaq about Dawat activities and upliftment programs in which Zakaat resources are allocated. Learning these details, each mumineen will insha'allah be encouraged to get personally involved in Dawat activities by doing khidmat and contributing their skills and offering their counsel.

All departments of Dawat have administered many positive projects and worked efficiently to achieve their mission of serving the 53rd Dai al Mutlaq and helping mumineen. This report explains where Dawat resources are being allocated, describes this year's accomplishments, and explains future projects, under the following rubrics:

1. **Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS Program.** To establish Dawat and guide mumineen Syedna TUS has directed and presided over hundreds of hours of programs in Darus Sakina and all over the world during the course of the last year.
2. **Vazarat Saifiyyah: Dawat Administration, Infrastructure and Finance.** Syedna's vision is that the Dawat administration, through efficient management of resources and long term financial planning, ultimately becomes a self-sustaining and stronger organization, which harnesses and realizes the full potential of the community.
3. **Dissemination of Dawat Knowledge (Ilme Aale Mohammad): Sabaq,**

**Madrasa and Online**

**Materials.** It is Syedna's direction that all mumineen should have access to Dawat knowledge, if they are willing to make the effort to pursue it. Hundreds of hours of sabaq have been conducted in the last year.

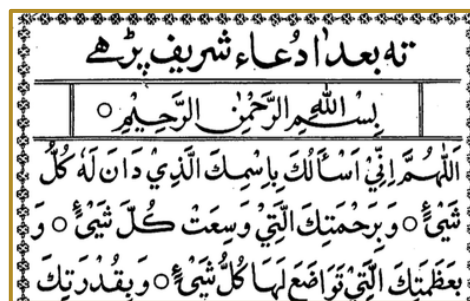
4. **Legal - Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit and Gujarat High Court Writ Petitions.** To establish the truth about Nass, Dawat has been involved on the legal front in multiple jurisdictions and countries. With Allah's bounty, a favorable outcome will safeguard the future of Dawat and help many to the True Path.
5. **Social Welfare I – Education (QJSP).** The Qutbi Jubilee Scholarship Program (QJSP) actively promotes higher education and character development especially through community service. Additionally, QJSP supports educational projects, conferences, etc. that positively develop the academic scene in India and abroad
6. **Social Welfare II - Zahra Hasanaat (Upliftment, Medical Aid, Business Support & Muwasaat).** Syedna Outbuddin is concerned for the spiritual and material well-being of his spiritual children, all mumineen. His Dawat administration aims to ensure that all mumineen have at least the basic necessities of food, shelter, clothing, education, and occupation.
7. **Ansaar-e-Fatemi Dawat - Community Activities.** Ansaar members, mumineen are undertaking various initiatives to reach out to their fellow community members, families and friends, through organized visits to towns, calling, etc.

8. **Outreach and Building Bridges.** Many efforts were undertaken to implement Syedna's vision to build ties of friendship and cooperation with people of all religions and ethnicities, including particularly our fellow Muslim communities, and participate actively in the progress of the nation and of humanity at large.
9. **Publications.** Syedna TUS directed that Dawat related materials be published in print and online such that mumineen may benefit from Ilm of Aal-e Mohammad. This year nearly a thousand articles were published along with numerous print publications (books, etc.).

To view the full report please visit [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

**DOA'S IN TRANSLATION: Doa for Forgiveness of Sins (Maghferat-uz-zunoob)**

Our Mawali Tahereen have guided us to recite this doa after the two Rak'ats for Forgiveness of Sins (Maghferat-uz-zunoob) in Bihori namaaz. We present it with a full English translation so that mumineen may pray it in Arabic and understand the literal meaning of the doa while reciting. This is an excerpt from the translation of the doa:



*O light, O holy, O first to be before all things, O eternally lasting after all things, O Allah, O merciful one. Bestow salawaat on Muhammad and Aal-e Muhammad, and — Forgive those of my sins that alter your favors. Forgive those of my sins that*

*bring down your wrath. Forgive those of my sins that cut off hope. Forgive those of my sins that give enemies the upper hand. Forgive those of my sins that cause my prayer to be rejected. Forgive those of my sins that make me deserving of being struck by calamities. Forgive those of my sins that cause the sky's rains to hold back. Forgive those of my sins that cause my shame to be exposed. Forgive those of my sins that hasten death. Forgive those of my sins that darken the firmament. Forgive those of my sins that would leave a legacy of regret. Forgive those of my sins that tear up protective veils. Forgive those of my sins that eliminate oaths.*

The full doa is available on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

**AMAL DETAILS: Second Ten Days (Maghferat no Dasko)**



The middle ten days of Shehullah are known as the ten days of *Maghferat* (forgiveness) based on the *khutba of Rasulullah SA* in the last days of Shabaan. In these ten days, as in Shehullah as a whole, mumineen are encouraged to do the following:

1. **ROZA:** Continue Shehullah Roza.
2. **NAMAAZ:** Pray all five *farizat namazon* time with their respective *Sunnat* and *Naafilat*. As Rasulullah SA has said, in Shehullah the *sawaab* for praying one *farizat* is the equivalent of praying 70 *farizat* in other months and praying *sunnat* in Shehullah 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 *salam*s after *faraz*;  
 Asar: *Sunnat* 2 *salam* before *faraz*; Maghrib: *Sunna* 3 *salam* after *faraz* and 1 *salam* for '*daf'il aafaat*';  
 Isha: *Sunnat* 2 *salam* before *faraz* and *Nafilat* 2 *salam*s after *faraz*).

3. **DUA:** Pray [allahumma haadha shahr 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 *nafilat* (text & audio available on [website](#)). [Allahumma ya mu'tiy as su'aalaat](#) after maghrib *namaaz*, before *iftaar* (text available on [website](#)).
4. **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/en/g/hsr\\_english.html](http://www.mp3quran.net/en/g/hsr_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.
5. **BIHORI:** Pray Bihori as much as possible, especially *namaaz* and *doa* for Maghferat-uz-zunoob (forgiveness of sins). Details of Bihori with accompanying translation and audios of some *doas* have been published on [FatemiDawat.com](http://FatemiDawat.com)

**LEGAL UPDATE: Bombay High Court Declaratory Suit 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The Hon'ble Bombay High Court has set further dates for the continuation of the trial and the cross-examination of the Plaintiff's witnesses (including the Plaintiff – Syedna Qutbuddin) on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

**AUDIO: Sanaa' – (Praise of Allah Ta'ala)**

Every morning before Fajr *namaaz*, especially in Shehrullah, *Sanaa'* is recited in our Masjids. *Sanaa'* literally means "praise", and in this case, it means praise of Allah Ta'ala. The tradition of reciting *Sanaa'* traces its origins to Imam Mohammed ul Baqir's SA statement that, in the last part of every night, and the entirety of Friday eve (Jumo'a ni raat), *afirishta* announces that he is prepared to forgive sins and grant wishes. *Sanaa'* is composed of various praises of Allah Ta'ala from *ayats* of the Qur'an Majeed, verses of *munajaat* (supplication to Allah Ta'ala) and *qasidas* in praise of A'immat (Aalu Taha).

An audio of *Sanaa'* is presented this week on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com), recited by Husain bhai Arsiwala.

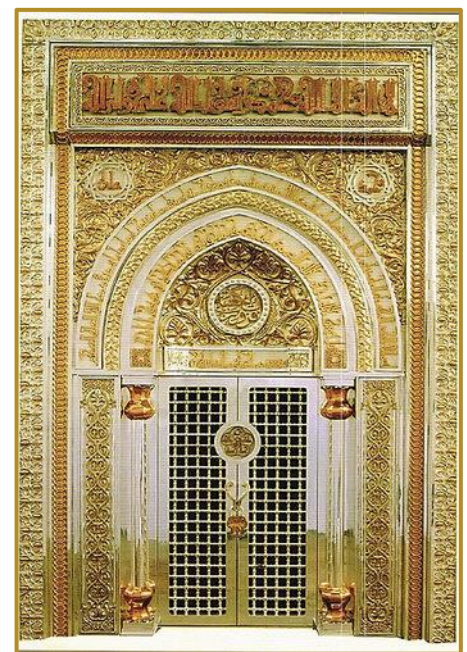
**ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL DETAILS: 17mi & 19mi Raat of Ramadaan - Washeq**

Syedna Qutbuddin will lead Maghreb Isha and Washeq *Namaz* on 17mi, 19mi and 21mi Raat at Darus Sakina, Thane, inshaallah. On 19mi raat Mumineen are invited for *Iftaar* and *Salawaat jaman* by Dai of Amirul Mumineen SA, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS. By the *raza mubarak* of Syedna Qutbuddin TUS *Imamat namaz* will also be held in Pune, Secunderabad,

London, Leicester, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, Bakersfield, Poconos, New Jersey, San Francisco, Houston and other cities. On the auspicious occasion of these *layali fazela*, Mumineen *muminaat* and their children who are not able to attend are advised to do the following *amal*:

1. Pray Maghrib Isha *Namaz* with *Sunnat* and *Naafelat*.
2. Pray 24 Rak'at Washeq *Namaz* (Charhti Surat). PDF of washeq *Niyyat* and *Doa* on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).
3. Sajada Wajhi *Doa* (recording of *wasila* starts with this *doa*).
4. Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin Aqa (TUS) has graciously given *raza* for his *wasila mubaraka* recording to be played on this *mubarak* occasion. Mumineen *muminaat* and children listening to the *wasila mubaraka* should observe the appropriate *adab* (etiquette) of attending in person even when listening to recording.

**ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL DETAILS: 19mi Ramadaan Amirul Mumineen SA Shahaadat Waaz**



Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS will deliver *waaz Mubarak* and pray *shahaadat* of Amirul Mumineen

Maulana Ali bin Abi Talib SA on 19<sup>th</sup> of Shehre Ramadaan (Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July) at 11AM at Darus Sakina, followed by Zohor Asar Namaaz.

Mumineen outside Mumbai can participate in Shehzada Taher bhaisaheb Waaz Majlis in Bakersfield live at eve of 19<sup>th</sup> raat of Shehrullah (9.30PM Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July PST- 10AM Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July IST) through this [link](#) or using the same [link](#) for replay thereafter.

**ZAKAAT & VAJEBAAT FORM**

1436H

Zakaat & Vajebaat form for 1436H with updated Silah-Fitra amount for this year and instructions for submission of zakaat and vajebaat has been uploaded on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

Zakaat is the 4<sup>th</sup> Pillar of Islam, a farizat and obligation on every Mumin.

A detailed explanation of the principles of the Shari'at concerning Zakaat was presented on [fatemidawat.com](http://fatemidawat.com) with the raza Mubarak of Syedna Outbuddin TUS last year. These are the fundamental principles for the calculating zakaat: Zakaat is compulsory every year @ 2.5% (1/40th) of your 'zakatable income' minus basic living expenses. For further details about calculating zakaat and how to araz it visit <http://www.fatemidawat.com>

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Shehrullah Imamat namaz in other cities**

It is vital according to our faith that Imamat namaz is with the raza of the Imam's Dai. If Imamat is not with raza then namaaz is not valid. Haqq na Dai Syedna Khuzaima Outbuddin TUS has granted raza for Imamat namaz in Shehrullah al-Mo'azzam in various cities where mumineen reside, including Bakersfield, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Hyderabad/Secunderabad, London, Leicester, Mississauga, New Jersey, Paris, Poconos, San Jose, Singapore, Toronto. Please visit [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com) for contact

information.

**FAQ's: Roza**

We do roza today in the manner that was prescribed by Rasulullah SA. The questions that arose for various questions that arose were answered by Rasulullah SA and by his successors the Imams and their Dai-s in time of seclusion. Just as it was no one other than Rasulullah who could prescribe the basic tenets of Roza, no one other than the true successors of Rasulullah can clarify what can and cannot be done.

The FAQ's for Roza have been divided into four primary categories: Roza General Rules & circumstances that break Roza, Roza in case of travel, Roza in case of illness & missed Rozas and Kaffaarat.

The FAQ's can be viewed on

[Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com).

FAQ's for zakaat will also be published in the near future inshaallah. FAQ for Namaaz has been published on [Fatemidawat.com](http://Fatemidawat.com) earlier this year. If you would like to submit further questions please email [info@fatemidawat.com](mailto:info@fatemidawat.com).

**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). 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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- 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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