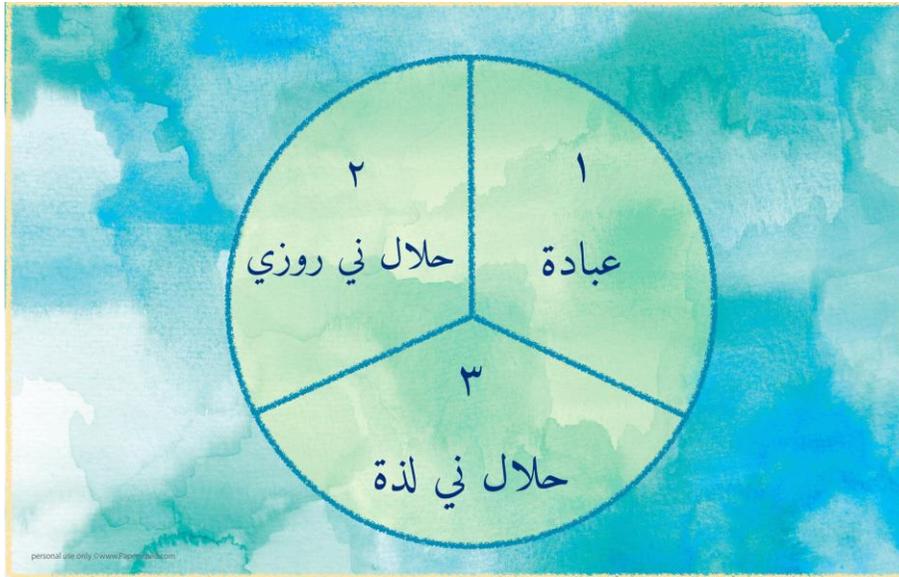


بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



Amirul Mumineen <sup>SA</sup> advised that we divide our life in three parts

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وَإِنَّ فِي حُبِّ عَلِيٍّ وَوِلَايَتِهِ عِشْرِينَ خَصْلَةً، عَشْرَةٌ  
مِنْهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَعَشْرَةٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ\*

(Rasulullah <sup>SAW</sup>)

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### SIJILL ARTICLE: Ten Virtues of a Mumin – (1) Zuhd

Having been blessed with the greatest virtue, the valaayat of Amirul Mumineen SA, it is incumbent on us to be worthy of such a great blessing that ensures our salvation. Rasululullah SA has said that "he who is given the gift

(rizq, rozi) of the valaayat of Ali has attained the goodness of this world and the Hereafter, and I do not doubt that he will enter jannat. In Ali's love and valaayat are twenty virtues: 10 in this world (dunya) and 10 in the Hereafter (aakherat)." The first of the virtues in this world is zuhd (renouncing materialism – lit. asceticism). During Ashara this year, Syedna Outbuddin TUS narrated this Hadith and explained the many facets of this Hadith and the individual virtues. Syedna introduced the Hadith saying that this is abishaarat for the Shi'a of Amirul Mumineen SA. He added that in one sense, those with true valaayat would necessarily have these virtues. If for some reason one with valaayat does not possess these virtues then upon hearing this bayaan he/she should make a firm commitment to acquire them. The concept of zuhud is to not become preoccupied with this world (dunya) and materialism. In the day-to-day grind of this world this often happens. But the truth is that this world is only a passage to the Hereafter (aakherat).



### **NEWS & EVENTS:**

Highlights & Photos of  
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### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Ashara Mubarak 1437H Broadcast  
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Being born as a human being and then “born” a mumin by giving misaq, is vital in keeping a clear direction towards the Hereafter and in concerning one’s self with the achieving salvation, *najaat* and *Jannat*.

However, this does not mean that one has to shun this world. It is a matter of setting priorities. One can strive towards achieving *aakherat* and also live a full life in this world. This can be achieved by living life according to Shari’at.

For example, earning a livelihood according to the guidance of Shari’at. Amirul Mumineen SA himself used to cultivate the land and personally oversee the work, even in burning heat. Syedna narrated that an individual came to one of our Imams and requested that he pray that he earn without any effort (*ghar bethe thaali aawi jaa*). Imam AS said that he will not pray for his livelihood, until he went out and felt the heat of the sun and made an effort to earn his living. This is a great lesson: To be religious means to uphold the pillars of religion and not to be inactive and lethargic in worldly affairs. On the contrary, our *hudaat kiraam* guide us to be active and energetic in seeking and earning our worldly livelihood.

Amirul Mumineen SA has counseled us to plan and divide our time in a balanced way in three parts. The first part is to spend time in prayer and *'ibaadat* and to remember Allah Ta’ala throughout the night and day. The second part is to spend time seeking and earning a livelihood (*halaal ni rozi*) and earning a livelihood according to the guidance of Shari’at and staying away from the trade and business of things that are prohibited and *haraams* such as alcohol. The third part is to spend time with family and for leisure (*halaal ni lazzat*) - it is important to spend time to enjoy our

meals and it is vital to spend quality time with one’s family.

Syedna’s guidance enables us to be worthy of being a mumin and also teaches us how to be a good human being. His guidance encourages us to live a full life in this world while prioritizing *aakherat*. This balance is the key to a complete, successful and purposeful Life.

We offer thanks to Allah Ta’ala for the bounty and *ne’mat of valaayat*. We offer thanks for the guidance of our *hudaat kiraam*, especially Daiz-zamaan. We pray that may we always be worthy of such blessings. May we have the strength and understanding to put these teachings into practice in our lives. Over the days of Ashara Syedna expounded further on the meaning of these virtues in our lives today. These will be published in subsequent Sijill articles inshaallah.

### **NEWS & EVENTS: Highlights & Photos of Syedna <sup>TUS</sup> Ashara Waaz 6 & 7**

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddintus performed Ashara Mubarka 1437H wa’az on *Takht-e-Imami* in Darus Sakina, Mumbai with great *shaan*, bestowing pearls of divine wisdom and *ma’refat*, and delivering deeply meaningful orations about faith in Allah, and our leaders in faith, the Panjetan Paak, Imams, and Dais. In each waaz, Maulana gave guidance for this world and the next, raising high the stations of all mumineen who had the high fortune to behold his radiant visage and hear his luminous sermons. At the heart of every waaz was Syedna’s heartrending narration of the martyrdom of Imam Husain SA. Also in every waaz, Syedna bestowed pearls of dua for mumineen gathered there as well as mumineen everywhere in the world. Waaz was held in the afternoon,

followed by maghrib-isha namaaz. After namaaz, while Syedna was in the *qibla*, poignant marsiyas were recited and mumineen performed *pur-josh* maatam. Each day’s program ended with Imam Husain niyaaaz jaman.

**In the sixth waaz**, Syedna Qutbuddin TUS narrated reports of Maulatuna Fatema tuz Zahra’s AS high station. The Prophet’s Companion (sahabi) Salman al-Farisi did sajda for her, as he did sajda for her father, bowing to God’s light that he saw shining in the Prophet’s face. Nabi Muhammad commended Salman’s sincerity (ikhlaas), and said “Paradise awaits Salman more eagerly than Salman awaits Paradise.” In your age, you should cultivate “Salmaniyyat,” Salman’s jewel of ikhlaas, which will bring you closer to your Lord. Syedna narrated the glad tidings (bisharat) stemming from the marriage of Fatema and Ali. The Prophet Muhammad was overjoyed at this marriage, because from it stems salvation for his community: There will be Imams in Fatema and Ali’s lineage till the last day, who will guide each successive generation of Muslims towards Allah taala. Syedna did *zikh* of Fatema’s luminous robe (pichhori)— which caused a full tribe of 80 Jews to accept Islam— today is Fatema’s Dawat, Fatemi Dawat, and it continues to give us light, through the Dai of Fatema’s son, Imam uz-Zaman. Syedna exhorted mumineen to uphold the ten qualities of Ali’s Shia that he had recounted beginning with the first waaz. The first quality is renouncing worldliness, the second thirst for knowledge, and the third religious practice (deendari). Continuing his explication of the fourth quality, worship (ibadat), he narrated Ja’far us Sadiq Imam’s words that Allah accepts worship only from those who uphold

allegiance (walaayat) to the true Imam. The fifth quality is heartfelt repentance. In this waaz, Syedna explicated in detail the 6th quality: prayer in the deep of the night (al-qiyam bi-l-layl). Syedna ended the waaz with a unique mode of doa, based on Maulatuna Fatema's name, and he prayed eloquently and earnestly for mumineen, basing each doa on a letter of the name 'Fatema' ([see details in last week's Sijill article](#)). He narrated heartrendingly the plight of Fatema's daughter Maulatuna Zainab AS in Karbala, and the shahadat of her two young sons Aun and Muhammad.



**In the seventh waaz,** Syedna Qutbuddin TUS narrated the glad tidings given by Prophet Muhammad in his hadith: "Indeed, it is the followers of Ali who will win paradise" (Shi'ato Aliyyin humul fa'izoon). In this waaz, Syedna expounded the lofty station of Maulana Ali. He explained that the numerical value of Ali (Ayn-Lam-Yeh) was 110, and that it encompassed the creed of God's unity (shahadat of tawheed) and also was the sum indicated by the letters Meem and Ayn: Muhammad and Ali, together (in Arabic, ma'an, written with Meem and Ayn). Based on the three letters in Maulana Ali's name, Syedna narrated three reports: (1) Amirul Mumineen's excellence (fazilat): a lowly slave of the Banu Riyah clan had the honor of 70 tribes of angels praying at his bier (janaza), and of the Prophet leading the janaza prayer, because of the

man's professed love for Ali. (2) Amirul Mumineen's miracle (mujiza): from Kufa in Iraq, Amirul mumineen miraculously enabled his devoted Companion Jabir bin Abdillah al-Ansari to visit (ziyarat) Rasulullah's grave in Medina (3) Amirul Mumineen's battle (ghazwat): In the Battle of Ohad, when the Meccan pagans who were the Prophet's enemies attacked him in Medina, Ali was the only person who stood steadfast in obeying Rasulullah in his command not to leave battle posts to chase after the retreating army. Rasulullah was badly wounded in this battle, and it was only Maulana Ali's fervent defense of him that saved the day, such that Rasulullah said to Jibraeel "Ali is part of me, and I am part of Ali." The residents of heaven called out, "There is no warrior but Ali, no sword but the Zulfaqar" (La fata illa Ali la sayfa illa Zulfaqar).

Relating these events and reports to our present times, Syedna said that many say they are afraid to declare allegiance to the rightful Dai, even though they believe he is the rightful Dai, because they are afraid of being denied burial rights in the Bohra cemeteries currently controlled by the other side. Syedna said the body can be buried anywhere in God's earth. When a mumineen passes away on Hajj, he is buried in the Muslim cemetery there. What is important is your soul, your belief; only giving misaaq to the true Dai of Imamuz zamaan will ensure your salvation (najaat). Syedna prayed that may Allah grant all those of our community who have been misled, those who do not bear hatred for me, may Allah grant them tawfeeq to answer the true Mansoos of Syedna Burhanuddin RA, the true 53rd Dai Khuzaima Qutbuddin. Syedna also narrated an enlightening report of recent history: In the 47th Dai Syedna Abdulqadir Najmuddin's RA

era, there were individuals among Syedna's own family members who were spreading poison about Syedna Najmuddin's nass and the legitimacy of his dai-ship. At a ziyafat held in honor of Syedna Najmuddin, a leader of those backbiting individuals was present. At the end of the meal when the mukhlis host of the ziyafat—who was named Dost bhai Seth—served betel leaf (paan) with silver glazing to the sahebs sitting around Syedna Najmuddin, this detractor said with crafty innuendo pointing towards Syedna Najmuddin: "Is the paan's silver glazing real or fake?" (Kem Dost bhai Seth, waraq sachcha chhe ke khota?). Dost bhai Seth answered: "The silver is real; making the real appear fake is what you do." (Waraq toh sachcha chhe, pun sachcha ne khota banawu aapnu kaam chhe).

Syedna narrated the 8th quality of Ali's Shia: They do not solicit from people (al-iyaaas min al-khalq); they look only to Allah and his wali for help. Syedna ended the waaz with moving shahadat of Amirul Mumineen, and narrative of Husain's three Ali-s: Ali Asghar, Ali Akbar, and Ali Zainul Abedeen. Photos of the 6th and 7th Waaz are presented on [FatemiDawat.com](http://FatemiDawat.com)

### **NEWS & EVENTS: Syedna Hatim b. Ibrahim<sup>RA</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Dai al-Mutlaq) Urus Mubarak - Poconos**

On 16mi raat of Muharram, Syedna Qutbuddin TUS presided over Urus Majlis of Syedna Hatim b. Ibrahim RA in Poconos, USA.

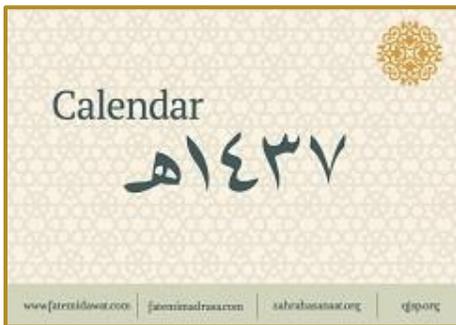
With Syedna's raza, Shz. Husain bhaisaheb led Urus Majlis in Darus Sakina, Mumbai. Darees was prayed in the Majlis on the niyyat of Syedna Hatim Mohyuddin RA, Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA.

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Ashara Mubaraka 1437H Broadcast Videos Still Available**

Due to the tremendous interest in the broadcast of Shz Taher bhaisaheb Waaz during Ashara, the full Waaz videos will be available for viewing until Chehlum for those who have not had the opportunity to view and listen to waaz.

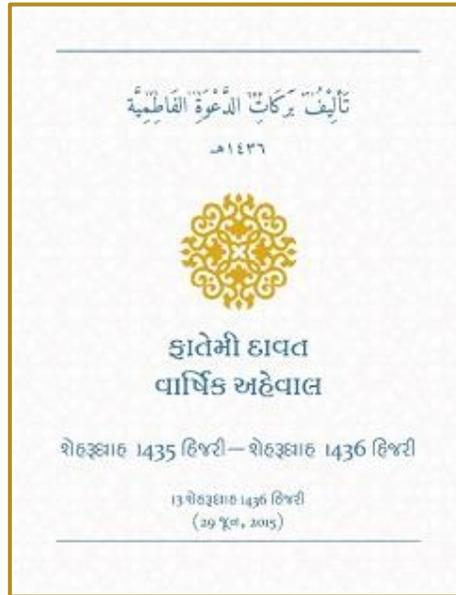
**1437H HIJRI CALENDAR UPDATED**

We are pleased to repost the final complete Misri Calendar for 1437H along with the main miqaats, parallel Gregorian dates. The calendar is presented in printable (A4) PDF format. A version with namaaz timings for Mumbai is also available. We are happy to send versions with namaaz times for specific cities upon request. Please send your request to [info@fatemidawat.com](mailto:info@fatemidawat.com). We are also working on a .csv file of our calendar which mumineen can import into their existing calendar on their PC/MAC or google calendar.



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1435H/1436H: Now Available in Hindi & Gujarati**



In Shehre Ramadan 1436H, Syedna Outbuddin instructed the publication of a report of Dawat activities. The aim of the report was two-fold:

1. To demonstrate and promote an efficient, professional, compassionate, and sustainable organization that will grow dynamically and multifold in the years to come, inshallah.
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. It is now available in Hindi and Gujarati on [FatemiDawat.com](http://FatemiDawat.com)

**FATEMIDAWAT.COM: New Search Tool!**

[FatemiDawat.com](http://FatemiDawat.com) has developed as an immense resource for mumineen worldwide. It has been exactly one year since we migrated to our custom built website, which now has over 1000 pages. Our website team has worked tirelessly to improve the organization of the website to enable mumineen to find and locate relevant information. For example the Amal Details are now organized by month, the qasidas marsiyas etc. are organized by category etc. in addition to many minor improvements. This Hijri New Year, we are pleased to present a robust google powered search tool for [FatemiDawat.com](http://FatemiDawat.com). The tool is at the top right hand corner of the homepage and searches all Fatemi Dawat websites.

**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)

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'.

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**Upcoming updates**

- Cradle to the Grave – Part 6
- Ikhwanus Safa Article Series
- Quran recitation with commentary analysis (regular).
- Hikayaat: Morals & Fables from Dawat Kitaabs
- Article Series: Women in Islam
- 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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