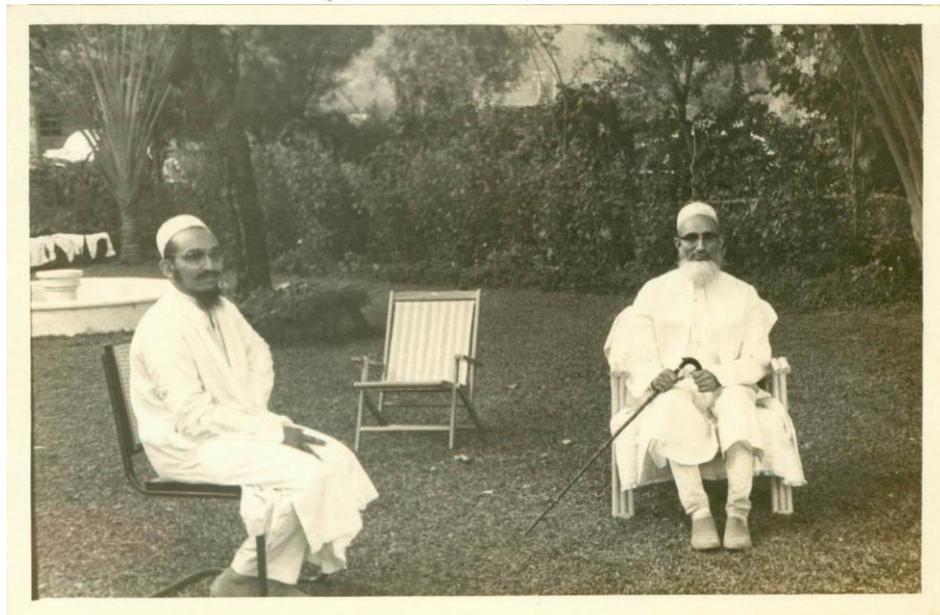


بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



Syedna Burhanuddin^{RA} and Syedna Qutbuddin^{TUS} in Darus Sakina Gardens

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وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

(Surat al-zariyaat: 56)

And I did not create the jinn and mankind
except that they may worship Me.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

مَنْ رَزَقَهُ اللَّهُ وَلَايَةَ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ صَعَّ فَقَدْ أَصَابَ
خَيْرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَلَا أَشْكَ لَهُ بِالْجَنَّةِ، وَإِنْ فِي حُبِّ
عَلِيِّ وَوَلَايَتِهِ عَشْرِينَ خَصْلَةً، عَشْرَةٌ مِنْهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا
وَعَشْرَةٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ* (1) الزهد (2) الحرص على
العلم (3) الورع في الدين (4) الرغبة في العبادة

(Rasulullah^{SAW})

He who is given the sustenance/bounty
(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). 1)
renouncing materialism, 2) desire to seek
knowledge, 3) piety and scrupulosity, 4)
eagerness/desire for worship.

SIJILL ARTICLE: Ten Virtues of a Mumin – (4) Desire to Worship

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. Rasulullah 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 – [see Sijill Article 90](#)). The second of the virtues in this world is desire (lit. greed) to seek knowledge ([see Sijill Article 91](#)). The third of the virtues in this world is piety and scrupulosity ([see Sijill Article 92](#)). During Ashara this year, Syedna TUS narrated this Hadith and explained the many facets of this Hadith and the individual virtues. Syedna introduced the Hadith saying that this is a *bishaarat* for the Shi'a of Amirul Mumineen SA. He added that in one



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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 fourth virtue is the eagerness and desire for worship (*al-raghbatu fil-'ibaadah*).**

The desire for worship (*'ibaadat – bandagi*) is closely associated with piety. The ayat quoted above underscores the importance of *'ibaadat*: *And I did not create the jinn and mankind except that they may worship Me* (Surat al-Zariyaat: 56). *'ibaadat* is the purpose of creation. To achieve Allah's grace *'ibaadat* is a must. To achieve salvation *'ibaadat* is a must. Syedna stated in his bayaan that one should not think of *'ibaadat* as a huge burden – one should not think, "how will I pray namaaz, how will I do roza" (*namaaz kem parhaase – roza kem thaase!*).

Rasulullah's *Hadith* encourages an eagerness for *'ibaadat* (not compulsion or burden for *'ibaadat*). Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA explained the varying attitudes – including the attitude towards *'ibaadat* - very clearly. He said that there are those who feel that they *have to do* something (*karwu parhe che*) and so they constantly feel that it is a burden. On the other hand, there are those who feel that they *want to do* and *should do* something (*ghanu karwu joye*) and so they constantly strive to do more. That latter is the true spirit of *'ibaadat*.

It is also important to understand that individuals have varying capacities and eagerness for *'ibaadat*. Therefore, Allah Ta'ala has made the distinction between *'ibaadat* that is obligatory (*farizat* – such as the five farizat namaaz, roza in Ramadaan, zakaat etc.) and voluntary (*tatawwu'* – such as sunnat/naafilat before and

after *farizat* namaaz, roza in Rajab, etc). Eagerness *fortatawwu'* is indeed a good thing, but *farizatis* an obligation that each of us undertakes in our *misaaq*.

To emphasize the importance of the *farizat* of namaaz in the stipulated time, our hudaat kiraam, said that one must pray by gesture even if drowning. The Qur'an Majeed strongly asserts that namaaz is a time-bound obligation (Surat al-Nisaa': 103). Namaaz is the face of religion. One's piety and worship is recognized first and foremost by his regularity in namaaz. That is the first aspect of one's worship that Allah Ta'ala looks into.

Since the reward is not immediate, it is difficult to measure or directly perceive the divine grace that is accumulated by Allah Ta'ala's worship. The worship we perform with our bodies has a dramatic impact on our soul, here and in especially in the hereafter. Each namaaz, each roza, each doa, each good deed is accounted for. As the Qur'an states: "whoever does an atom's weight of good shall see it, and whoever does an atom's weight of evil shall see it" (Surat al-Zalzala: 7-8). It is important to plan for *'ibaadat*, especially *farizat*, just as we plan for our other needs such as meals, sleep, health etc. Once we feel that we want to and should do *'ibaadat*, it will become increasingly easy for us to plan for and perform *'ibaadat*, whether at home, at school or at work.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the *tawfeeq* and strength to worship Him. "You [alone] we worship, and You [alone] we ask for help" (Surat al-Hamd: 5 – *iybaka na'budu wa iyyaka nasta'een*). We offer thanks to Allah Ta'ala for the guidance of his *awliya' kiraam* and Daiz Zaman and the example they set in the worship of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the strength to remain firm in the *valaayat* of Syedna

Qutbuddin TUS, for it is by his *valaayat* our worship is accepted by Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala give Syedna a long life till *qiyamat* in Sehhat and Aafiyat.

NAZARAAT: Darus Sakina

Many years ago, shortly after the *wafaat* of Syedna Taher Saifuddin Aqa RA, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS purchased a piece of green land at the outskirts of Thane near Mumbai. The payment for this land came from the monetary gifts (Shehrullah Silat inayat) that Syedna Taher Saifuddin had bestowed Syedna Qutbuddin and other savings.



Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA bestowed his doa and raza, and with the ilhaam of God and his Wali, bestowed the name "Darus Sakina" to this land. "Darus Sakina" has several meanings in the Arabic language, including "House of God-given Peace and Tranquility", "House of Victory", and "House of Compassion and Mercy". Dawat Kitabs also provide a higher and lofty meaning: "House of Divine Inspiration (*ta'id*)".

Syedna Burhanuddin bestowed such a name to this piece of land, which today it has truly come to embody in all its meanings. Indeed, Darus Sakina today is the place where the true successor of Syedna Burhanuddin resides, and from it, confers *hidayat* and guidance and the promise of salvation to all those who answer his call of Haqq. Therefore, even in these tumultuous times, by the

Graces of Imam-uz-Zaman and the *nazaraat* of Syedna Burhanuddin, Darus Sakina is a place of God-given peace and tranquility, a place of victory for Haqq, and a place where mumineen can obtain the *Rehmat*, the compassion and mercy of God and His Wali. It is a place where the *ta'ad* of the Imam flows ceaselessly towards his Dai.

Having bestowed this mubarak name, Syedna Burhanuddin then gave azeem sharaf and barakat to Darus Sakina by gracing it with his holy presence and residing in it for several days many times during his mubarak years as Dai. He also personally toured the grounds of Darus Sakina several times, bestowing every corner of it with his barakat, doa and shifa.

The photo depicts Syedna Burhanuddin and Syedna Qutbuddin sitting in the serene calmness of the gardens of Darus Sakina. More photos

and historical anecdotes of Syedna Burhanuddin Aqa's visits to Darus Sakina will be posted in the future inshallah.

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: With Namaaz Times for Mumbai, Udaipur, London, Stroudsburg USA, Colombo

We are pleased to present the final complete Misri Calendar for 1437H along with the main miqaats, parallel Gregorian dates. The calendar is

presented in printable (A4) PDF format. Versions with namaaz timings for Mumbai, Udaipur, London, Stroudsburg USA and Colombo are also available.



We are happy to send versions with namaaz times for specific cities upon request. Please send your request to info@fatimidawat.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.

This Newsletter

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Qutbuddin's office and will be published in Dawat-ni-zaban and Gujarati. It will also highlight the latest updates on fatimidawat.com. Please register to receive the newsletter regularly at info@fatimidawat.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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