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This year, Darul Ihsan Humanitarian

Centre marks a quarter-century of dedicated service to the community. Founded in 2000 (1420 AH) by Mufti Zubair Bayat, the centre has grown from humble beginnings into a multi purpose institution, committed to fostering community development, spiritual growth and holistic education.

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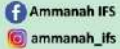


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The past twenty five years reflect the institution's enduring mission to inspire, guide, empower, educate and uplift the community. Over the years, Darul Ihsan has expanded its reach, offering a wide range of programmes, from early childhood education to adult learning, empowerment, counselling, guidance, spiritual development and motivation, all rooted in a foundation of sound Islamic values. These achievements are a result of the collective efforts of the founders, officials, members, staff and well-wishers who have all been instrumental in the institution's success.

It is our Dua and aspiration that this quarter century milestone should

serve not just as a reflection of the past, but as a springboard for future activities, programmes and endeavours.

As Darul Ihsan looks to the future, it remains humbly grateful and appreciative in its acknowledgment of the immense support and encouragement received from senior patrons, scholars, donors and well-wishers across the globe who have visited the centre, supported it over the years and graced it with their inspiration and Duas.

During this commemorative 25th year, Darul Ihsan will be conducting a variety of seminars, events, activities, programmes and releasing publications, Insha Allah.



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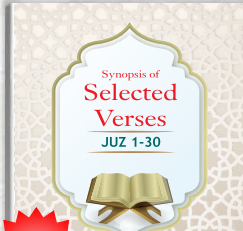
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RAMADAN & THE COMMITMENT OF A BELIEVER

Ramadan is a blessing as well as a test for us Muslims in several ways. Through fasting, it challenges our Iman, patience and self-discipline while strengthening our spiritual connection with Allah Ta'ala.

Test of Ita'at (Obedience)

Fasting in Ramadan is an obligation that tests our willingness to obey Allah's command. It demands sacrifice from us challenging us to restrain ourselves from dawn to sunset.

Test of Sabr (Patience) and Self-Control

Ramadan teaches us patience as we endure hunger, thirst and fatigue. At the same time requires us to control our emotions, avoiding anger, arguments and any negative behaviour. This strengthens the ability to resist temptation and practice self-restraint.

Test of Ikhlas (Sincerity)

Unlike other acts of worship that can be seen by others, fasting is a private act between a believer and Allah Ta'ala. Only Allah Ta'ala knows if a person is fasting or secretly breaks it. In this way our sincerity is put to the test.

Test of Shukr (Gratitude)

Fasting makes us appreciate the blessings we often take for granted, such as food, water and good health. It reminds us of those who suffer from hunger daily and encourages gratitude and humility.

Test of Generosity and Compassion

Ramadan encourages us to give charity (Sadaqah) and help the needy. It tests the

willingness to sacrifice wealth for the benefit of others, reinforcing values of kindness and empathy.

Test of Istiqamat (Consistency) in Ibadah

Ramadan is a time of increased worship, such as the extra nightly prayers (Taraweeh), reading the Qur'an and making Zikr and Dua in abundance. It tests whether we can maintain a strong connection with Allah Ta'ala throughout Ramadan and beyond.

Test of Perseverance and Commitment

Completing the full month Ramadan with a variety of good deeds requires endurance. Ramadan challenges us to remain steadfast and to carry the good habits beyond the month.

It is more like a training ground for the inner soul, refining a believer's character, strengthening Iman and preparing for a life of righteousness for the rest of the year.

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A young man travelled to London for business training. He was a righteous individual and punctual with his Salah. After training, during his spare time, he would quietly listen to the Qur'an in his hostel room. The recitation was so soft that it could not be heard outside the door of the room. Residing in a hostel in a predominantly non-Muslim country, he was careful not to play the recitation so loudly that his neighbours may take offence to it. A young woman also lived in the hostel, a fair distance from his room. One night, as he was listening to the Qur'an, he heard a knock at the door. When he opened it, the young woman stood in front of him and asked him to switch off his "music" as she could not engage in her worship. (She assumed the Qur'an to be music). The young man

stepped out of his room to check if he could hear the recitation from outside, but he could not. "Your room is in another corridor and quite a distance from here. I cannot even hear it outside the door of my room," he explained to her. But she was adamant and insisted that he switch off the recitation.

A few days later, the young man gathered all the Muslim residents of the hostel in his room in order to listen to a beautiful recitation of the Qur'an. He closed the door so that the sound could not be heard outside. While listening, they hear a knock at the door. When he opened it, the young woman was standing there complaining. "You are disrupting my worship with your music," she shouted angrily.

They explained to her that this was not music, but the words of Allah. But she was not prepared to listen. After failing to make her understand, one of the Muslims finally asked her, "Who do you worship?" She replied, "Satan!" Shocked by her reply, they asked her to show them her method of worship. Happily, she led them to her room. As they entered, they saw a human skeleton and other bones scattered around the room... [READ MORE](#)

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QARI ABDUL BASIT'S (RA) RECITATION REDUCES COMMUNISTS TO TEARS

Once Qari Abdul Basit (Rahimahullah), the famous Qari of Egypt, was asked, "You recite Quran with a great deal of enthusiasm. Have you ever witnessed any miracle regarding the Quran?" He replied, "You ask about one miracle. I have personally witnessed many miracles regarding the Quran." When prompted to relate one such miracle, he explained, "Gamal Abdel Nasser, during his reign as the president of Egypt, once travelled through Russia. Communism was dominant during that period and commanded a great deal of respect globally. Today, Allah has completely shattered its power and influence through Jihad. In any case, Gamal Abdel Nasser visited Moscow and had state

meetings with a number of political figures. After the termination of official proceedings, he would often engage in informal discussions. During one such gathering, the communists asked him, "Why do you not study communism and abandon Islam? If you do so, we will transform your country by introducing the latest and most advanced technology. You will then become leaders in technological advancement." Gamal Abdel Nasser briefly responded to them, but was constrained to terminate his discussions due to time constraints. He left for Egypt, but felt he had not done justice in expounding the truth and beauty of Islam. Two years later, he again had the opportunity to visit Russia."

Qari Abdul Basit (Rahimahullah) continues, "I received an official letter from the president requesting me to accompany him on this trip. I was surprised. I would have regarded an invitation to the Arab World, Pakistan or any other Muslim country as normal, but an invitation to Russia was unbelievable. What would I be required to do in a country where people were atheists? In any case, I made preparations and proceeded with the president. After official meetings were over, a portion of time in his schedule was allocated for informal discussions. Gamal Abdel Nasser courageously introduced me to them and requested that I recite for them. They asked what I would recite, and were informed that I would recite a portion of the Quran. I began reciting the portion of Surah Taha, which had converted Hazrat Umar (Radiyallahu Anhu) to Islam. I recited two rukus (about 50 verses) of the Surah and upon opening my eyes, I witnessed a miracle of the Quran. Four or five of the communists sitting before me were reduced to tears."...[READ MORE](#)

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Western Cape: Massive Solar Project to Benefit Communities

Alan Winde, Western Cape Premier, stated that the project was intended for energy security.

“This project is not just ensuring energy resilience, which is much needed after the disastrous spate of power cuts; we are also taking a more responsible approach to power generation through renewable and affordable energy provision,” said Winde. “This renewable energy project will provide reliable power to the town’s residents, protect critical infrastructure, and support local businesses.”

Thus far, the solar project is expected to provide approximately 22,000 people with power, which includes the whole of Riversdale.

12.7% Eskom Tariff Hike Approved by Nersa

This comes after Eskom proposed a 36.15% increase for the 2025/26 year, however, Nersa reduced it by a little over 23%.

Additionally, Nersa approved a 5.3% increase for the 2026/27 financial year as opposed to Eskom’s proposed 11%, and a 6% increase for the 2027/28 financial year as opposed to Eskom’s originally proposed 9%. The price hikes initially sparked public outrage, however Thembani Bukula; Nersa Board Chairperson; has stated that careful consideration was taken before approving these figures...[READ MORE](#)

ONA: New Digital ID System Proposed

One of the topics was the implementation of a new digital identity system. Ramaphosa shared that it will involve the Department of Home Affairs, the South African Revenue Services, as well as the SA Reserve Bank collaborating closely to bring to fruition.

He stated, “We will invest in digital public infrastructure to give South Africans access to government services anytime, anywhere, through a relaunched gov.za platform...[READ MORE](#)

MASJID & MUSALLAH PROJECTS

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monthly running cost

Masjid Bilal is strategically situated at the entrances of huge townships - Lindelani, Kwa-Mashu, Ntuzuma, Newlands and surroundings. In recent years the Masjid has become the central point for many Muslims in the area. At the Masjid complex various projects are run, including weekly revert programs, madrasah classes, seasonal jalsas for Seerah and Ramadan and various other outreach activities for the community. Revert classes and empowerment programs are held throughout the week for both males and females. The Masjid is a hive of activity for the community that allows them to bond and uplift

themselves, socially, economically and spiritually.

Masjid Bilal at present gets around 80 Musallees for Jumuah. Through Jumuah programmes by learned speakers, as well as providing meals after Jumuah, many musallees attend and are appreciative of these opportunities. In Ramadan, full completion of the Quran Shareef takes place in Taraweeh by appointed Huffaz and Ibtikaaf is observed in the last ten days of Ramadan. Iftaar is served to the Musallees who frequent the Masjid. Apart from the dates and savouries which are provided - all musallees are invited to partake of a meal which is served after Magrib Salah.

Musallah Mazhar Al Ihsan

(Ibnis Rd, Reservoirhills, Durban)

R30 000
monthly running cost

This Musallah serves the surrounding where many musallis attend Salah coming by foot. The Musallah also has a fully fledged Madrasah running with it. Young children and revert sisters attend this Madrasah. Ongoing programs and guests frequent the Musallah which is also in need of expansion. In due time the Musallah will also serve the students of Darul Ihsan who will be housed at the student’s boarding facility adjacent to the Musallah. Taraweeh Salah and programs are held in Ramadan together with Iftaar feeding.

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
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THE GREAT STATUS OF A FATHER

The status accorded to the father in Islam is very great.

Islam accords great rank to the parents due to the sacrifices they endure for their children. A good father works hard to ensure his family is well cared for. Parents often sacrifice their own wishes and comfort for the comfort of their children. Children should accord the highest level of respect, patience, tolerance and love for their parents.

Hazrat Ayesha (R) narrates that on one occasion a man came to Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم accompanied by an old man. Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم asked him, "Who is this person (the old man)?" He replied, "This is my father." Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم then advised him regarding the rights of the father saying, "You should not walk in front of him, do not sit before he sits and do not become a cause of others abusing him." (Al Mu'jamul Awsat lit Tabrani)

Hazrat Abu Darda رضي الله عنه narrates that Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "... The father is the middle door of Jannah. So either look after it or destroy it." (Tirmizi, Ibn Majah)

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar رضي الله عنه narrates that Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The pleasure of Allah is in the pleasure of the father and the displeasure of Allah is in the displeasure of the father." (Tirmizi)

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10 DAYS

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My Lord, be forgiving and have mercy, and You are the best of
the merciful. (Surah Al-Mu'minun - Verse 118)

Middle 10 Days - 'Maghfirat' (Forgiveness)

SECOND
10 DAYS

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ
الْقَيُّومُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ
I seek forgiveness from Allah, the Magnificent, whom there is
none worthy of worship but Him, the Living, the Subsisting and
I repent to Him. (Tirmidhi)

Last 10 Days 'Najat' - (Freedom from the fire)

THIRD
10 DAYS

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي
O Allah! You are Most Forgiving and love forgiveness, so forgive
me. (Tirmidhi & Ibn Majah)

FIDYA

Compensation for missed fasts

Allah Ta'ala has granted permission to people who are aged or terminally ill and have no hope of fasting again in their life, to compensate for each fast by feeding a poor and needy person (two complete meals for a day). This compensation is referred to as 'fidya.'

The Jurists have equated this amount to that of Sadaqatul Fitr (amount given before Eid to the poor). Fidya may be given at the beginning of Ramadan or at the end. Fidya cannot be discharged before Ramadan. (Shaami)

This rule applies only to those who cannot fast because they are chronically ill or very old - with no hope whatsoever of fasting again.

However, those who were excused from fasting because of a valid temporary excuse must fulfil the missed fast(s) after Ramadan as soon as they have regained health and are able to. Fidya will not suffice in this situation.

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Q&A

Q Is it permissible to perform Taraweeh whilst looking into the Quran?

A The preferred opinion of the Hanafi Mazhab (school) is that looking into the Mushaf (text of the Quran Shareef) during Salah invalidates the Salah. Thus, whether it's a voluntary or obligatory Salah, it is impermissible to look into the Mushaf whilst performing Salah.

The jurists provide two reasons for this prohibition:

1. Examining the Mushaf, flipping its pages, and similar actions amount to

engaging in multiple actions that are not part of Salah (Amal Katheer). That would give the impression to an observer that one is not actually in Salah.

2. Seeking assistance in recitation from the Mushaf is considered to be akin to something external to Salah, which is not permitted.

Q Can a Ma'zoor (excused person) lead Taraweeh Salah?

A In principle, a Ma'zoor is someone who cannot maintain Wudhu between two Salahs. To determine if one is a Ma'zoor, select the two Salahs with the shortest interval, typically Asr and Maghrib. If one is unable to find a time between these two Salahs to perform Salah with Wudhu (even if performed sitting), one will be categorised as a Ma'zoor. It suffices for a Ma'zoor that the issue arises once between each Salah for one to remain classified as such. If the excuse does not occur at all between two Salahs, the individual will no longer be considered a Ma'zoor, and the rules applicable to Ma'zoor status will cease to apply.

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Q Can females wear imitation silver rings? I know there's a difference of opinion (or there may be) about wearing fake gold/silver.

A In principle, it is only permissible for females to wear gold or silver rings, or rings plated with gold or silver. Wearing a ring made of metals other than gold and silver is deemed impermissible.

Q What should I do if I have accumulated interest money?

A In principle, interest money should be returned to the specific individual/s it was received/accrued from. Where determining this is not possible, it should be disposed in charity without the intention of reward. Generally, Interest funds cannot be used for any personal benefit or gain.

Q Can a child who is not Baligh (mature) lead the congregation in Taraweeh Salah?

A According to the Hanafi Mazhab (school), the preferred view is that the Imam should be an adult (Baligh) to lead adults in all Salahs including the Taraweeh Salah.

Q Is it permissible for a woman to recite slightly audibly in Salah if she is alone in the room, as it helps to concentrate better?

A There are two scenarios:

Sirry (inaudible) Salah such as Zuhr and Asr - One should recite the Qira'ah softly such that one can hear oneself and a third person is unable to hear.

Jahry (audible) Salah - One may recite audibly if there are no Ghayr Mahrams who could hear the recitation.

Q If a Masjid has a female section, can one who is in the state of Haidh sit in the women's section for programs? If not can a mat be placed at the back of the women's section for those in Haidh to sit on?

A It is not permissible for a woman in the state of Haidh to enter any place duly declared as a Shari' Masjid. However, if the ladies section is not part of the Masjid, but rather the Sahn etc., then it will be permissible for her to sit in this section. Hence, if the ladies section is part of the Masjid proper, then she will not be allowed to enter the ladies section.



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The Daughters of the Ummah Foster Positivity in Salah with Exciting Programme

Over 80 Muslimahs aged between 9-15 were in attendance at the event, which featured the exceptionally knowledgeable and dynamic speaker Muallimah Shakirah Hunter of Umm AbbadAcademy.

The programme opened with a short Qirat and translation on screen, followed by an exciting rapid fire quiz by Muallimah Hunter which built tremendous confidence and rapport with the otherwise quiet and apprehensive youth.

This was followed by the main theme of the event: Salah. Muallimah Hunter explained the importance of finding happiness and relaxation in the action, offering ways to do that by providing each attendee with a workbook to help them write down their struggles, goals, and reasons for this important prayer...[READ MORE](#)

Paying Zakat on Wealth Gained within the Year

A common question that arises when calculating Zakat is: how long does Zakatable wealth need to be held in one's possession for Zakat to become compulsory on it.

Simply, Zakat is calculated on an annual basis, based on the possession of Zakatable wealth that is equivalent to or more than the threshold (Nisab) after deducting debts. One will be liable to pay Zakat on Zakatable wealth once the threshold is maintained for the year. If a person becomes completely insolvent in this period, then the cycle will be restarted once Zakatable wealth to the value of the Zakat threshold (Nisab) returns...[READ MORE](#)

Youth of the Ummah's 15th Youth Camp at Seula Zimbili, KZN

The camp attracted around 30 young participants from various communities, who came together to engage in a series of educational, spiritual, and recreational activities. Through the guidance of the Ulama and facilitators, the youth were offered valuable lessons in leadership, Deen, personal development, and social responsibility.

A few objectives of the camp were:

Spiritual Growth and Reflection: To help the youth strengthen their connection to Allah Ta'ala and deepen their understanding of Islam.

Fostering Brotherhood and Unity: To encourage the youth to build meaningful relationships with others in the Ummah, irrespective of race or wealth.

Personal and Leadership Development: To cultivate leadership qualities and promote personal growth in accordance with Islamic principles.

Each day began with Fajr Salah in Jamat followed by Dhikr of Allah Ta'ala. Inspirational advices covering relevant topics were discussed after the Asr Salah. These sessions were designed not only to increase knowledge but to help participants internalize and apply Islamic teachings in their daily lives.

The camp also incorporated physical activities to foster teamwork and enhance the overall experience...[READ MORE](#)



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Pre-Ramadan Program for locals at Masjid Bilal in Durban

On Sunday 16th February 2025, a program was held at Masjid Bilal Castlehill, Newlands themed 'Preparation for Ramadan.'

The program which was conducted in Zulu and catered for the local community. It was titled "Amalungiselelo-e-Ramadan" (Preparation for Ramadan).

The program commenced with a Qirat and Nazm followed by advices in Zulu by local Ulama regarding the virtues of Ramadan and tips on how to derive true benefit from this month.

A congregation of one hundred and twenty local brothers and sisters attended the program and were left spiritually inspired and uplifted.

The program commenced just after 11am and carried on until Zuhr Salah...[READ MORE](#)

Resilience & Commitment of Darul Ihsan Welfare Officers

The Welfare Department's tasks include domestic, financial, and other related support and assistance.

To appropriately provide these services, large numbers of applicants are interviewed regularly. A water tight screening process is applied, wherein Welfare Officers use their training and experience to scrutinise cases eligible for the centre's intervention.

During these interviews, Welfare Officers offer appropriate needs-based counselling and motivation with a focus on spiritual upliftment, as well as guidance on how the applicant should strive to be self-sufficient.

At the same time, significant attention to the conditions of applicants are considered and conscientiously attended to. This includes vulnerability, desperation, and states of angst, wherein trained officers provide wisdom and guidance that can potentially change and influence their lives.

These magnanimous and often unsung efforts are part of the services provided by the centre to the community and also to hundreds of donors who entrust the organisation with their Zakah distribution.

These administrative functions require Lillah funds to operate. Your kind contribution in this regard will be an added reward to your discharging your Zakah obligation.

SADAQATUL FITR

Notes on Sadaqatul Fitr:

- Wajib (compulsory) on adult males and females who have in their net-possession assets to the value of Nisab. (i.e. Zakatable assets + non basic assets - minus liabilities) on the day of Eid.
- The father is responsible to discharge Sadaqatul Fitr on behalf of his minor children.
- May be discharged from the commencement of Ramadan and must be given before Eid Salah.
- Should be given to needy Muslims who are eligible to accept Zakah.

Rasulullah ﷺ said, "The fast remains suspended between the heavens and the earth until the Fitr is discharged." (Targheeb) Sadaqatul-Fitr purifies the minor deficiencies that occurred whilst fasting during Ramadan and brings happiness to all on the day of Eid.

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