

Al-Hadiya : THE CADEAU

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RAMADHAN DEEDS

CAUTION...
This Newsletter contains verses from the Holy Quran and mentions the Almighty.

Please handle with care. Do not dispose. Please circulate if you can not store it appropriately and with due reverence.

"O you who believe!
Observing As-Sawm (the fasting) is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become Al-Muttaqoon (the pious)"

[Surah al-Baqarah 2:183]

Alhamdulillah, we have been blessed with another month of fasting. We share with you some useful reminders sent in by a brother.

The rights of Allaah

1. Tawheed, which means believing that Allaah is One in His Essence, His names, His attributes and His deeds. So we should believe that Allaah alone is the Lord, the Sovereign, the Controller, the Creator, the Provider, in Whose hand is Dominion and He is Able to do all things: "Blessed be He in Whose Hand is the dominion; and He is Able to do all things"[al-Mulk 67:1 - interpretation of the meaning]

2. 'Ibaadah (worship), which means worshipping Allaah alone because He is their Lord, Creator and Provider. So all kinds of worship should be devoted to Him alone, such as du'aa' (supplication), dhikr (remembering Allaah), seeking help, humbling oneself, submitting, hope and fear, vows, sacrifices, and so on. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning): "Worship Allaah and

join none with Him (in worship)" [al-Nisaa' 4:36]

3. Shukr (gratitude, giving thanks), for Allaah is the One Who bestows favours and blessings upon all of creation, so they have to show their gratitude for these blessings on their lips and in their hearts and in their physical actions, by praising Allaah and using these blessings to obey Allaah and in ways that Allaah has permitted: "Therefore remember Me (by praying, glorifying). I will remember you, and be grateful to Me (for My countless Favours on you) and never be ungrateful to Me [al-Baqarah 2:152 - interpretation of the meaning]

The rights of the Messenger-salla lahu alaihi wa sallam The sending of the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) is a great blessing for all of mankind. Allah sent him to bring mankind forth from darkness into light, and to show them that which will bring them happiness in this world and in the Hereafter.

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Al Hadiya-THE GIFT

The name of the newsletter of JTQ carries a symbolic meaning. Education is a gift. JTQ was founded to provide education, religious and secular. The basis of JTQs vision has been to enrich society by promoting and providing education. This has been manifested by establishment of various Schools that impart Quranic (religious) education

i.e. Madrassahs and Secular Education (Nursery, Secondary and Technical). Give your gift to a needy child, sponsor one today. For KShs 1,875/= per month you will be able to assist one needy child attend Hifhdul Quran classes for one year (classes are free, this cost is towards the hostel fees) or for KShs 2,950/= per month support one child to obtain technical education. You can also sponsor particular disciplines and institution of your choice. For more details please Contact any of the following :-

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- Brother Shabir Issak Convener Taqwa Islamic & Technical Center
- Brother Hassan Mobamed Convener Darul Ulum Subcommittee
- Brother Mobamed Amin Convener Village Centers & Daw'ah subcommittee

The Gift of education is priceless...

Bank Details

We encourage you to effect direct bank transfers for your kind donations/sponsorships. Please contact us and we will avail the details. We maintain separate accounts for Zakat and other Sadaqah. Jazakallah.



Quraanic wisdom...

Let us proclaim good news to the humble, whose hearts fill with awe at the mention of their Lord; to those who endure their misfortunes with courage; to those who are devout in their prayers; and to those who give generously from what the Lord has given them. Let us proclaim good news to the righteous; Allah will protect all true believers from evil—but he does not love those who are unfaithful and ungrateful.

The Quran 22:37-38

The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasalam) said: "When a man dies, his good deeds come to an end except three: ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge and a righteous son who will pray for him."

Narrated by Muslim, 3084.

"Ramadan is the month for rebuilding our spiritual strength. How much we benefit from it is up to us."



Darul Ulum Likoni Madrassa under SEIGE

The Darul Ulum Madrassa, situated between the Darul Ulum Masjid (Sakina Jamia Mosque now bearing the name Masjid Riadha) and the Darul Ulum Secondary School, next to Likoni Police Station has been under siege for the past five months.

We wish to highlight our plight and the background so that you are all aware of what is going on. We all need to take stock and reflect on what this portends for all of us, the Ummah of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasalaam. We also need to reflect upon what this means for us as the Muslim Ummah in Mombasa and Kenya at large.

Darul Ulum Complex, was the main reason JTQ was founded and JTQ is the vehicle that took it off the ground. Darul Ulum means the House of Knowledge. The Kaderdina family had completely rebuilt the old mosque/prayer hall situated on this plot, which was officially opened in June, 1965.

In the mid-seventies, some Muslim brothers came together to form Jami Iyatu Taalimil Quran, fondly known as JTQ. The primary aim was to set up centres to impart Islamic Religious Knowledge. Alhamdulillah, works to build the first Darul Ulum, Likoni commenced in 1976 on the Kaderdina Family Waqf plot. The first 35 Tahfidh students graduated from Quran Memorization (Hifdhul Quran) classes at Darul Ulum, Likoni in the mid seventies. Works to expand the old small mosque thereon continued from 1976 onwards. In 1984, the plaque commemorating the commencement of the mosque extension was unveiled on 14th October, 1984. Gradually, over time, the Masjid was expanded and by 1990 became what it is today. During

that time, works had commenced on establishing the Secondary School which was built and officially inaugurated in 1990.

This was all undertaken by JTQ under the Chairmanship of Brother Mahmoud Welton, the patronage of the late Haji Abdulla Kaderdina and guidance and support from the late Haji Ali with the prayers and support of many and with the blessings of the Almighty..

We make dua for all those contributed to this project, and for all those who worked selflessly to make this project a reality we pray to the Almighty to reward them in this World and in the hereafter, and for those who have passed on, we pray for their Magfirah and for the Almighty to bless them with an abode in Jannatul Firdaus, Ameen.

Later on, the Tahfidh Madrassah was transferred to the boarding premises situated not far from the School, where it has been since owing to proximity to the dormitories. The Likoni Madrassah then became a junior Madrassa offering classes from 'Raudha' to 'Sadis' (Islamic equivalent of Nursery to Upper primary).

The complex has been running well until recently when funding constraints became apparent in the early 21st Century. Nevertheless, the JTQ committee endeavored to impart the best Islamic Knowledge possible under the circumstances. In spite of funds challenges, JTQ has continued to channel a sizeable amount of its annual budget to ensuring the smooth running of the Darul Ulum Complex. Over the past few years, we began to face newer challenges, posed by persons we thought had the interest of deen and Ummah at heart.

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DARUL ULUM (...Continued from Page 4)

As the interim group of maalims, led by our Da'I, Ustadh Rashid undertook the enrolment process towards reopening the newly renovated Madrassa, a group of persons led by a local elder, Mohamed Ramdhan, forced their way into the Madrassa premises and occupied the Madrassa classrooms. Whilst we have reported the incident and threats to the Police, we opted to use Hikmah and allow reason to prevail.

However, this group of persons, under the leadership of Aboud Athman, have now disrupted the efficient running of the Madrassa and to make matters worse are now threatening our staff who live in Likoni as well as issuing derogatory statements against JTQ officials. We have therefore resolved to take this matter up with the authorities and have highlighted this issue to all the Muslim, Administration and Civic leaders in the area.

We categorically state here that we have never authorized, Aboud Athman and his associates to act on behalf of JTQ or to solicit for funds and donations on our behalf. On the contrary, Aboud and his colleagues have

clearly embarked upon a path of usurping JTQ's role. This is a great pity and a huge shame for the Muslim Ummah. We would also like to point out that apart from all this, these actions by Aboud Athman, Kombo Mikdadi, Juma Hamadi and others are clearly a transgression against the Almighty. We continue to make dua for them to gain Hidayah, for surely, He who has dominion over the entire Universe is the most Just and His punishment and wrath is most fearsome. May we be protected from His anger and displeasure. Ameen.

It has been a painful decision for us to state all these facts here, however, for the benefit of the Ummah to understand what is going on and why we have taken the actions planned, it is important we share with you what is happening to your project. In this regard, we have now come to the painful conclusion to close the Madrassa forthwith and until further notice. We urge you to make lots of Duas so that this noble project that serves the Ummah can be salvaged. Ameen.

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The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "The rights of one Muslim over another are five: returning the greeting of salaam, saying 'yarhamuk Allaah (may Allaah have mercy on you)' when he sneezes, accepting invitations, visiting the sick and attending funerals." (Narrated by Muslim, 2625)
Neighbour's rights Among the rights of one neighbour over another as affirmed by Islam are the initiation of greetings, visiting him if he is sick, offering condolences if calamity befalls him, congratulating him at times of joy, overlooking his mistakes, concealing his faults, bear-

ing his annoyance with patience, giving him gifts, lending him money if he needs it, lowering one's gaze from looking at his womenfolk, and guiding him to that which will benefit him in his religious and worldly affairs.

Concerning neighbours' rights, Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning): "Worship Allaah and join none with Him (in worship); and do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, Al-Masaakeen (the poor), the neighbour who is near of kin, the neighbour who is a stranger, the companion by your side..." [al-Nisaa' 4:36]

Read more at:
http://iloveramadaan.blogspot.com/2010/09/ramadaan-deeds_02.html

PROJECT BRIEFS



Brother Abdulsamad of Shariff Nassir Foundation and Radio Rahma presiding over last years Taqwa Technical Open day.



Darul Ulum Madrassa Renovation works in progress—Dec' 10



Bro. Abdulsamad speaking at Taqwa Open Day. Radio Rahma have been supporting the Centre over the past many years by helping raise awareness and promoting it.



Construction of a Community Classroom project at Kwa Randu in progress



ImamDor during a previous Taqwa Centre open day presenting a prize to one of the best performing student



Masjid at Kaliangombe, near Taqwa Centre completed in Nov 2010.

Ustadh Rashid (photo alongside) with his recently donated motorbike. The Motorbike is very useful and helps him reach the numerous centres in the hinterland. Jazakallah to the



donor. **Jazakallah** to all of you supporters, well-wishers and donors, May the Almighty reward you and your families most abundantly in both the Worlds, **Ameen.**

Annual examinations and Hafila Program

Inshallah, the 2011 exam are underway and Hafila program has been planned as is the case each year.

ZONE C Hafila at Kasemeni centre at 10am on Sunday 24th July, 2011

Zones A and B will Inshallah hold Hafila's later this year. No Hafila intended at Darul Ulum due to the closure of Madrassa. (see separate story)

The exams are centrally set and examined professionally with invigilation and supervision. Regrettably due to the ongoing disruption in learning at Darul Ulum (see separate article in

this newsletter), no examinations took place at the Darul Ulum Madrassa.

Alhamdulillah, the Tahfidh madrassa which is situated in the boarding complex in Likoni continued normally and 16 students out of the 54 enrolled have completed memorizing the Holy Quran. By the grace of the Almighty, 8 of the Tahfidh students have been selected to take part in the Ramadhan Makadara competitions.

Taqwa Technical Centre annual open day usually in November and the date will Inshallah be communicated later.

NEWS FROM JTQ...

Editors



Note...

In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are signs for men of understanding . Those that remember Allah standing, sitting, and lying down, and meditate upon the creation of the heavens and the earth. "Our Lord! You have not created this in vain. Glory be to You! Protect us from the punishment of fire. QurAl-an 3: 190, 191

Dear Esteemed Readers,
Asalamun Alaikum.

This edition, as you can see is another bumper one, bringing the past two issues together. A lot of Alhamdulillah has happened and we share this with you here.

The one item that has captured a lot of our time and energy is the ongoing Darul Ulum Madrassa Saga which has been highlighted in this edition. This is indeed highly regrettable and a SIN by those perpetrating these actions.

To add perspective to this issue, see the table below, which has been extracted from our last audited accounts.

have been the primary beneficiaries of this project and they stand to loose from the unfolding current situation.

We however, have exercised a lot of patience and great restraint purely for the pleasure of Almighty and we continue to make dua for the misguided brothers, in a manner similar to that which the Prophet Sallahu Alaihi wasalam made for the people of Taif.

On a different note, I wish to highlight the plight of our brothers and sisters in various areas afflicted by ongoing drought. We appeal to you to remember them in duas and in your contribution for dates, iftar and Zakat.

May Almighty Allah (S.W.T) guide us all along the straight path

Darul Ulum Likoni Mosque & Madrassa Subsidy

Amounts in KES	Year 2010	Year 2009	Year 2008
Fees from Madrassa Students	37,050	46,600	77,100
Annual Madrassa Expenses	(630,620)	(598,077)	(501,368)
Madrassa Annual Deficit - funded by JTQ	(593,570)	(551,477)	(424,268)
Masjid Running Costs	(123,014)	(121,495)	(103,850)
Total spend by JTQ on Mosque & Madrassa by JTQ	(716,584)	(672,972)	(528,118)

These figures do NOT include the cost of running the Nursery and Secondary Schools nor does it include the Hifhdul Quran Madrassa running costs. and to success in both Worlds. Ameen. Jazakum Allah Kheir.

It is also clear that all this time, the Muslims residing in Likoni

S.H. Issak

Shabir Issak

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These efforts were targeted at the Masjid and Junior Madrassa. Owing to our collaborative working style whereby the local communities are involved by way of committees, we worked closely with the Mosque and Madrassa committee. The role of the committees is to assist us in running our centres efficiently. These have worked very well in all the village centres and have been an opportunity for the local communities to benefit from the exposure, training and development.

In the Likoni complex however, this resulted in a quagmire with the committees overstepping their boundaries and embarking upon various unsanctioned acts. Since these could potentially bring JTQ into disrepute and or erode public confidence we introduced mechanisms to stem these. You will recall our previous statements in past newsletters cautioning against unknown persons soliciting funds in this regard. A classic case was the attempt by someone to raise funds for the electricity bill whereas JTQ has been and continues to pay for these running costs!

Regrettably, the matter came to a turning point when some of the Mosque and Madrassa committee members in 2009 formed a grouping under the guise of a self-help group and tried to force itself into using the Madrassa classrooms. (We clarify, the local committee or Mosque and Madrassa Committee referred to herein is NOT the JTQ sub-committee but the facilitative grouping that is composed of 'Raatibs' and parents of the students in the Madrassa. This is akin to a PTA in the traditional schooling system.)

This grouping would disrupt Madrassa classes to conduct their meetings and the most unfortunate issue here was the com-

placence of two of our very own maalims (teachers), Kombo Mikdadi and Juma Hamadi. In spite of the Mudhir conveying to them what they were doing was wrong, they continued unabated. Various incidents occurred after this including the disruption of the annual Hafla (prize giving ceremony) and soliciting funds for various activity. This was clearly a worrying trend and when attempts to dialogue failed, we sought the intervention of Muslim leaders including Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK) and the Chief Kadhi's office. This culminated in the formation of a new select committee in September 2009 composed of three brothers from Likoni and three brothers from JTQ.



Darul Ulum Project, Likoni

The select committee attempted to discuss on ways of improving the Madrassa and towards bridging any communication gaps. Unfortunately, the brothers from Likoni shot down any and every effort in this regard. After fourteen long meetings spread out over as many months, a resolution was reached to close the Madrassa temporarily to pave way for overall restructure and renovations.

Before the Madrassa could be reopened, Brother Aboud, one of the members in the Likoni team initiated and commenced the madrassa in the Masjid premises. He stopped all dialogue forthwith and along with his colleagues commenced on a hate speech campaign against JTQ as a society, its officials and its staff. It was clear that even administrative issues were not being allowed their due process. The matter came to an unacceptable level when in April 2011, a shameful incident took place on a day earmarked for enrolment. /Page10

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Among the rights that the Messenger has over us are that we should love him, obey him and send blessings upon him. Loving him (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) is achieved by obeying his commands and believing what he told us, avoiding that which he forbade and not worshipping Allaah except in the ways that he prescribed.

The rights of people

Parent's rights

"And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents"[al-Israa' 17:23] The rights of the mother in this regard are greater, because she is the one who bears the child, gives birth to him and breastfeeds him. A man came to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and said, "O Messenger of Allaah, who is most deserving of my good companionship?" He said, "Your mother." He said, "Then who?" He said, "Your mother." He said, "Then who?" He said, "Your mother." He said, "Then who?" He said, "Your father." (Agreed upon. This version was narrated by al-Bukhaari, al-Adab, 78) Prophet (saw) said Ameen thrice when Jibreel come and said.. Kaab Ibn Ujrah (RA) relates that Rasulullah (SAW) said Come near to the mimbar and we came near the mimbar. When He (SAW) climbed the first step of the mimbar, He (SAW) said "Aameen", When He (SAW) ascended the second step, He (SAW) said "Aameen", When He (SAW) climbed the third step, He (SAW) said "Aameen" When He (SAW) came down, We said "O Rasool of Allah (SAW), we have heard from you today something which we never heard before" He (SAW) said When I climbed the first step, the angel Jibraeel (A.S.) appeared before me and said "Destruction to him who found the

bleamed month of Ramdhan and let it pass by without gaining forgiveness" upon that I said 'Aameen'. When I climbed the second step, he said, "Destruction to him before whom thy name is taken and then he does not make Dua for Allah's blessing on me (by saying, for example SAW)." I replied 'Aameen'. When I climbed the third step, he said "Destruction unto him in whose lifetime his parents or either one of them reaches old age, and (through failure to serve them) he is not allowed to enter Jannah".

I said 'Aameen'. (Hakim, Baihaqi) Note In this Hadith, it appears that Jibraeel (AS) gave expression to three curses, upon which Rasulullah (SAW) said Aameen every time. In al-Durr al-Mansoor it is reported that Jibraeel (AS) advised Rasulullah (SAW) to say Aameen. Being an angel of such high mark, Jibraeel's giving these curses is sure to be accepted. May Allah (Subhanahu wa Taala) in His infinite mercy grant us His help and save us from these three dangers.

The rights of one Muslim over another

The believers are brothers and are an integrated nation, like a building parts of which support other parts. They treat one another with mercy and compassion, and love one another. In order to preserve this building and this brotherhood, Allaah has prescribed rights which each Muslim has over his fellow Muslim. These include love, sincerity (naseehah), relieving his distress, concealing his mistakes, supporting him when he is in the right, respecting neighbours and honouring guests. These rights also include returning greetings of salaam, visiting the sick, accepting invitations, saying "yarhamuk Allaah (may Allaah have mercy on you) to a Muslim when he sneezes, and attending his funeral.

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WHAT TO RECITE IN PROSTRATIONS WHEN READING OR RECITING THE HOLY QUR'AN (Sajda-e-tilawah)

اسْجُدْ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي خَلَقَهُ، وَشَقَّ سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ، بِحَوْلِهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ، فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ

**Sajada wajhiya lillathee khalaqahu, wa shaqqa sam'ahu wa basarahu bihawlihi
wa quwwatihi. Fatabaarakallaahu 'ahsanul-khaaliqeen.**

I have prostrated my face to the One Who created it, and gave it hearing and
Sight by His might and His power. Glory is to Allah, the Best of creators.

Appeal for Dates & Iftar...

KES 1,500/= per pledge

will Inshallah enable us purchase and send a tin of dates on your behalf to the numerous village and town centers that we manage. In most cases, dates and water is all that the residents get at Iftar time. Remember the looming drought related famine facing

Kenya? Owing to lack of adequate rainfall areas close to Mombasa are also affected and food is in short supply. Alhamdulillah, some brothers have pledged Iftar assistance for two of our very remote village centres which Inshallah we hope to reach. Feel free to come forward with your pledges to help this initiative.

Ramadhan Program

DATES Distribution

Tins of dates are purchased and distributed to the numerous JTQ supervised centres. See above write up and appeal...

IFTAR for village centres. Some well-wishers come forward and contribute towards the Iftar program. This has been especially encouraging for the Taqwa Centre where the students enjoy a variety in their diet as a result. This year, the students will be on attachment during Ramadhan hence we shall channel the iftar contributions towards village centres, Inshallah.

FOOD & CLOTHE Distribution

Well-wishers contribute their Sadaqah and Zakaat towards this exercise. Last year, Alhamdulillah we managed to reach over 900 families in the hinterland. This year we make a special appeal in this regard due to the difficulties and food shortage being experienced in some of the coastal regions.

KES 1,000/= per food packet

helps provide some relief to the Muslims affected in these hardship areas. The packet currently includes maize flour, beans, cooking oil and salt.

Some well-wishers have been donating clothes for this exercise (Lesso etc) which are also very much appreciated. In order to ensure effective control, the village centres are used as means to validating and distributing the items.

ZAKAT COLLECTION

JTQ maintains a separate account for Zakaat and utilises it according to the Shariah. These funds are used primarily towards assisting the poor, needy and orphaned children in our various institutions along with some assistance given to the maalims. Please feel free to contact any of the officials or the office if you wish to obtain more information. Jazakallah.

BEING A BAD NEIGHBOR

Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) has enjoined kind treatment of neighbours in the Quraan (interpretation of the meaning): "Worship Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) and join none with Him in worship, and do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, the poor, the neighbour who is near of kin, the neighbor who is a stranger, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (you meet), and those slaves whom your right hands possess. Verily, Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) does not like such as are proud and boastful." [al-Nisaa 4:36]

Harming a neighbor is haraam because of the greatness of his rights.

Abu Shurayh (may Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) be upon him) said: "By Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala), he does not believe, by Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala), he does not believe, by Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala), he does not believe." He was asked, "Who, O Messenger of Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala)?" He said: "The one from whose harm his neighbor is not safe." (Reported by al-Bukhaari, see Fath al-Baari, 10/443)

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) be upon him) regarded the praise or criticism of a neighbor as a measure of a persons goodness or badness.

Ibn Masood (may Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) be pleased with him) reported that a man said to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) be upon him): "O Messenger of Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala), how may I know if I am doing well or not?" The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) be upon him) said: "If you hear your neighbor say that you are good, then you are doing well, and if you hear him saying that you are bad, you are not doing well." (Reported by Imaam Ahmad, 1/402, see also Saheeh al-Jaami', 623).

Harming a neighbor may take many forms, including: not allowing him to fix a piece of wood to a shared wall or fence; expanding ones dwelling in such a way as to deprive him of sun or air without his permission; opening windows overlooking his house and looking out of them to invade his privacy; disturbing him with loud sounds such as hammering or shouting, especially when he is asleep or resting; or throwing trash in front of his door.

The sin of such deeds is increased when they are done to a neighbor, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah (Subhanahu wata'ala) be upon him) said: "If a man were to commit adultery with ten women, it would be better for him than committing adultery with the wife of his neighbor, and if a man were to steal from ten houses, it would be better for him than stealing from the house of his neighbor." (Reported by al-Bukhaari in al-Adab al-Mufrad, no. 103; see also al-Silsilah al-Saheehah, 65).

<http://www.islam-qa.com/en/ref/books/10#66>

Note: This has been sent in by a brother vide email.

All creatures on earth will pass away. But the face of your Lord will endure forever, in all majesty and glory. Which of the Lord's blessings would you deny? All who dwell in the heavens and on the earth, look to God for help. Each day God engages himself on some new task. Which of the Lord's blessings would you deny?

The Quran 55:26-30

Change of guard in the excom ...

During the 2011 Annual General Meeting, Brother Mohamed Akram, who has been in the chair over the past fifteen (?) years stepped down citing personal reasons and also with a view to create more synergy in JTQ.

He stated he was proud to have served and will Inshallah continue to serve the Jumiyah. He remains an active member of the executive committee (excom) and is the convener of the Tahfidh Madrassa at Likoni.

Brother Masoud Ali was unanimously elected to the position of Chairman of the Jumuiyah.

Brother Masoud Ali, joined JTQ in 2007 and has been a key contributor to the educational program restructure. He is currently the project director of Madrasa Resource Centre, MRC (where he has been working over the past fifteen years).

He holds a Bachelors of Art degree in History and Religion and is currently pursuing a higher degree.

Brother Masoud during his professional career has served as a teacher at Sheikh

Khalifa Bin Zahid Secondary School and joined the MRC as a teacher trainer focussing on Early Childhood Education.

The members are cognizant of Brother Akrams selfless service over the years and we pray to the Almighty to reward him and his family most abundantly in both the World's Ameen. We also wish Brother Masoud all the best and pray to the Almighty to help him steer and guide the Society to greater heights. Ameen.

We request you, especially during the Holy month of Ramadhan to remember in your duas, all the members of JTQ (who are all volunteer workers as you know) including those who have passed on; as well as all the staff of our institutions who actually do all the hard work in reaching, preaching and teaching the students, villagers and raatibs. Jazakallah.

We remind you of our appeal to consider joining JTQ as a member and earn Thawab. For further details, contact any of the officials. Remember, this is a voluntary service whose reward you will receive from the Almighty, Inshallah.

Amongst the innumerable blessings in the Holy month of Ramadhan, Dua is accepted by the Almighty at the time of Iftar. Make lots of Duas for yourself, the Ummah and JTQ. Sehri/Suhur is an important time as it enables one to wake up in the later part of the night and manage night prayers (Qiyamul Lail), spend time in reciting the noble Quran, doing Zikr as well as fajr prayers with congregation. Let us use this opportunity to reform our lifestyle. Ameen.

Website Update:-

Alhamdulillah, we are currently in the process of redesigning the JTQ website. Inshallah we shall advise once this is complete.

In the meantime, you can download (to print or to save) a color version of this newsletter from the website. It is available in a PDF format with very clear pictures. (You will need acrobat reader to view it.)

Extract from the Annual Report 2010/1431AH

The 36th annual general meeting of JTQ was Alhamdulillah held on Wednesday 14th of March 2011 at the Masjid Mihrab, Ndia Kuu JTQ Offices.

As per tradition, the concluded year was reviewed with various reports being tabled, amongst them the Hon. Secretaries report which detailed the activities of the year along with summaries of the numerous institutions. Also tabled were the Hon. Treasurers report which detailed the financial summary resulting in the tabling and subsequent approval of the audited accounts.

Finally, the Hon. Chairman presented his overview of the past year and his vision for the coming year. After serving many years as the Chairman, Bro. Akram requested that members consider nominating a new Chairman owing to various personal commitments and issues.

The AGM is a key event in the Society's annual calendar since the inauguration of the Jumiya over thirty years ago. Captured alongside are highlights from some of these reports for your information.

RAMADHAN PROJECTS SUMMARY

Food distribution

A total of 1165 food packets were distributed in the last Holy month of Ramadhan (compared to 996 in the previous year) covering all four zones as follows:-

- ZoneC – Mnyenzeni, Gandini, Bofu, Kibanda Ongo and Mtaa – 376 packets
- ZoneB – Kwa Kijala/Chonyi/Batani/Ribe/KwaRandu – 361 packets
- ZoneA – Taqwa/Kasemeni/Kokotoni/GuruGuru/Kafuduni/KibaoKiche - 371 packets
- ZoneD - Mtepeni – 57 packets

The food packets cost KShs 562.600/= which was raised by well-wishers and zakat funds. In addition, donation of lessos and khangas worth some KShs 80,000/= were also distributed during the exercise.

Dates Distribution

A total of 63 tins of dates were distributed in all our centres. Of these, 30 were purchased through donations raised by members, friends and family whilst the rest were actual dates tins donated by well-wishers.

Annual Iftar Program at Taqwa Centre
The traditional well-wisher hosted Iftar for Darul Ulum Students since the Taqwa students were on attachment in Ramadhan at a cost of some Kshs 36,000/=

Itikaf Program

We received several pledges for Sadaqah which we used in Ramadhan to help feed those taking part in our Village Mosque Itikaf during the last ten days.

IDAHI PROGRAM

Alhamdulillah, a record total of 164 pledges were received and distributed in the form of 18 bulls and 38 goats in 22 of our centres spread out all over the Coast Province. The exercise as has been the practice also took into account the overseas contributors resulting in the slaughter taking place a day later than Eid day declared in Kenya.

TAHFIDH QURAN COMPETITIONS

Alhamdulillah, our Quran memorization students from Likoni took part in various competitions, the most famous one being the one in Makadara grounds during Ramadhan organised by our brothers Muslim Mercy Youth. Young Qari, Najah Mahmud scooped the 4th overall position amongst the male students in the 15 Juzu Category.