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## ANJUMAN'S FIRST YOUTH JALSA A SUCCESS

The Fiji Anjuman's first Youth Jalsa, held at Masjid Noor on the 14th of October, 1995 was undoubtedly a success. The programme attracted fourteen contestants who took part in Quran Tilawat competition, speech contest and Quiz competition.

### The contestants were:

Noor Dean (son of Jalal and Nazmun Dean)  
Mashood Raza (son of Hafiz and Hamida Raza)  
Irshad Zullah (son of Hafizullah and Nazreen)  
Shahid Raza (son of Hafiz and Hamida Raza)  
Famida Raza (daughter of Hafiz and Hamida Raza)  
Razia Dean (daughter of Ms Naseem Raza)  
Natasha Dean (daughter of Ms Naseem Raza)  
Shabana Sahu Khan (daughter of Imran and Rashidan Sahu Khan)  
Razia Jan (daughter of Mohammed Feroz and Nina Shamina Jan)  
Zakia Dean (daughter of Jalal and Nazmun Dean)  
Rehnaz Shah (daughter of Mohammed Afroz and Yasmin Shah)  
Aliah Jan (daughter of Mohammed Feroz and Nina Shamina Jan)  
Faiz Jan (daughter of Mohammed Feroz and Nina Shamina Jan)  
Sharun Shah (son of Mohammed Afroz and Yasmin Shah)

The competition in Quran Tilawat was divided into two groups. One group catered for children up to 12 years of age, while the other catered for those between 12 and 18 years. In this competition the winner for the under-12 age group was Faiz Jan of Varoka, Ba and for the over 12 years group the winner was Aliah Jan of Varoka, Ba. Faiz Jan was presented with a copy of the book "*Alhamdulillah*" the author of which is Mr Fazeel Sahu Khan, and Aliah Jan was presented with a Trophy, which was donated by Ms Fazilat Munam (daughter of Abu Said Munam) of Varadoli, Ba. The two judges for this competition were our Assistant General Secretary Muhammad Nazeem-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan, and our General Treasurer Mr Abdul Nasim.

In the speech competition for the 12 year plus group the winner was Rehnaz Shah and in the under-12 group once again Faiz Jan was the winner. Rehnaz Shah was presented with the book "*The Religion of Islam*," by Maulana Muhammad Ali, and Faiz Jan was presented with a copy of the *Muslim prayer book*, by Maulana Muhammad Ali. The Judges for this competition were our General Secretary Mr Muhammad Ameen Sahu Khan and Mr Shafi-Ud-Dean.

In the third and final competition, the Quiz, virtually all the contestants took part, and the winner in this competition was Razia Dean of Howell Road, Suva. She was presented with a trophy which was donated by Mr Farhad Munam (son of Abu Said Munam) of Auckland, New Zealand. In this area the quiz questions were prepared by Mr Abdul Nasim. The questions were put to the contestants by our General Secretary Mr Muhammad Ameen Sahu Khan.

Congratulations to all the contestants, particularly to the winners in each category. Apparently the Judges had a difficult task in declaring the winners, and found the standards pretty high in each category.

Special thanks to Ms Fazilat Munam and Mr Farhad Munam for the kind gesture on their part in donating the two trophies. [*Jazak-Allab*] All the participants were given consolation prizes. It is quite apparent that the Sunday school run by Mr Imran Sahu Khan is of great benefit to our children in Suva. Parents are to encourage their children to attend the Sunday school on a regular basis. The benefits are invaluable.

Insha Allah the Jalsa will be held annually.

[By Sadr-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan]  
VP - Propagation

# MAULANA MUHAMMAD ALI DAY OBSERVED

Maulana Muhammad Ali Day Jalsa, held at Masjid Noor on the evening of 14 October, was again very successful. The Jalsa commenced with the Quran Tilawat by Mr Feroz Jan (son of A Jan) of Varoka, Ba. This was followed by our first speaker, our Assistant General Treasurer and the Imam at Masjid Noor, Brother Imran Sahu Khan. Immediately after his speech Maghrib namaaz was held. After the Maghrib namaaz, the speakers were our Vice-

Presidents Dr M Y Sahu Khan and Mr Mehboob Raza and the Vice-President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Movement Mrs Yasmeen Dean. The presentation to the winners for the National Youth Jalsa was done by Dr A H Sahu Khan of Sydney, Australia and the President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Movement Mrs Saira Karim. The function concluded with dua by Dr A H Sahu Khan. After Isha namaaz, dinner was served.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR FIJI'S 25TH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE

To mark Fiji's 25th year of independence, a special 'Thanksgiving Service' was organised by the Government at the National Stadium in Suva on Sunday 8th October. The theme of the service was "Celebration For Life". Members of the Interfaith Search were invited to participate in this service.

Mr Jalal-Ud-Dean, the Secretary of the Anjuman's Suva branch, represented the Anjuman as its chief delegate; some other members also attended. As the Anjuman's presentation, Brother Jalal read to the large gathering verses 130-134 and 136 of Chapter 2 of the Holy Quran:

130 " And who forsakes the religion of Abraham but he who makes a fool of himself. And certainly We made him pure in this world and in the Hereafter he is surely among the righteous.

131 When his Lord said to him, Submit, he said: I submit myself to the Lord of the worlds.

132 And the same did Abraham enjoin on his sons, and (so did) Jacob: O my sons, surely Allah has chosen for you (this) religion, so die not unless you are submitting ones.

133 Or were you witnesses when death visited Jacob, when he said to his sons: What will you serve after me? They said: We shall serve thy God and the

God of thy fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac, one God only, and to him do we submit.

134 Those are a people that have passed away; for them is what they earned and for you what you earn; and you will not be asked of what they did."

136 "Say: We believe in Allah and (in) that which has been revealed to us, and (in) that which was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and (in) that which was given to Moses and Jesus, and (in) that which was given to the prophets from their Lord, we do not make any distinction between any of them and to Him do we submit."

**The Chairperson of Interfaith Search, Mr Hardayal Singh, addressed the gathering; he spoke thus:**

"It is almost 25 years ago today, 10th October 1970, the day when the people of Fiji took a bold step in accepting the reigns of our Nation and won Fiji a place amongst the Community of independent nations.

It was that day, when Fiji's own flag was first unfurled. As we looked up to our own flag, we witnessed the dreams of our fore-fathers become a reality; the love and respect for the British Crown shown by the Union flag being a part of our own. People from all walks of life and from all traditions gathered to seek the blessings of the Lord at the birth of an independent Fiji.

As we today celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Independence:-

We salute the chiefs who ceded Fiji to Britain; we salute the British Crown for taking good care of Fiji; we salute the indentured labourers who worked tirelessly, so we may enjoy the fruits of their labour today; we salute the missionaries and church leaders; we salute the leaders of Fiji (those who are no longer with us today, we all pray that they may rest in peace); we salute Fiji's peacekeepers, who laid down their lives so others may live in peace; we salute the children of today, the leaders of tomorrow.

As we today look back, the last 25 years have been very challenging. We shared many moments of joy and anguish. We have overcome many hurdles and yet have many more to face. The experience of the last 25 years warrants us to walk hand in hand for the future of our nation. We continue to seek the Lord's blessings:

"Oh Lord, send us love, that is cool and pure, like your rain, that blesses our thirsty earth and fills the homely earthen jars"

"Blessed are you, Oh God of our Nation, in all the lessons we have learned from our past, and all that there is still for us to do in our future..."

Interfaith Search Fiji is a result of a call made by Church leaders in 1987 for leaders of people of different religious traditions to meet and pray together for the good of Fiji and its people. Today, we have the commitment of 14 different religious organisations. The aims of Interfaith Search is a challenge not only to our organisation but to our country as a whole.

The aims are:

1. To create an environment where suspicion can be diminished and confidence and respect built between people of different religious traditions.
2. To enable members of each group to grow in their understanding of their own faith through the interaction with

the people of other faiths.

3. To enable people to learn from the self-understanding of people of other faiths and thus diminish misunderstanding and prejudice and increase trust.

We are a family of people of different faiths cherishing unity and strength in diversity. We do not want to formulate a one-world-religion or even a form of prayer acceptable to all. Instead we search for ways of building bridges of respect and understanding between people of different religious traditions for the sake of the wider community.

Fiji's multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-religious society is a mode of oneness of God. All have contributed immensely to the development of the social, economic, spiritual and political life of Fiji. As we look ahead, we are reminded of the words of the Holy Bible.

**"I give you a new commandment, love one another as I love you".**

My fellow members of my Fiji family, love one another as the Lord loves you, you are members of one family and the Family is Fiji's hope, Remember, the words of Rig Veda:

**"Be united, speak in harmony, let your minds apprehend alike, common be the end of your assembly, common be your deliberations, unified be your hearts, common be your intentions and perfect be your unity".**

Let us all today pledge to light a lamp in our hearts. This is the light of love and understanding. Spread this light through our homes, villages, cities and the whole of Fiji. Let us teach our children the essence of truthful living by setting examples, as we are all children of the Lord and the Lord is in all of us.

The Bhagvad Gita says:

**"They who worship Me with devotion they are in Me and I also in them".**

The path of love is not rosy but

follow we must as this is the only way forward. At the opening of Fiji's Parliament in March 1994, His Excellency, The President of Fiji, the Right Honourable Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara said (and I quote):

**"We know that we cannot be entirely free from unease and uncertainty. But we are bound together by our common destiny as a nation. The way forward must lie in our coming together for the good of all. This requires that we should dedicate ourselves to dialogue and consensus.**

**It demands immense patience, courage and compassion, and, above all, faith in ourselves and confidence that no difficulty we face is beyond solution to the satisfaction of all communities in our society."**

The leaders of Fiji will play a dominant role in steering our Nation. I remind them of the words of Sai Baba: **"There is no more sacred duty than to serve the country of your birth."**

We pray to the Lord to grant wisdom to our Leaders. To the people of Fiji, we also have a task to perform. I remind you of your duty as said by Baha-u-llah:

**"Mankind has been created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilisation."**

Religion is a universal phenomenon. Wherever man lives he is found giving some recognition to powers beyond himself. Religion is one thing which distinguishes men from animals who as far as we know have no religion but no human group exists who do not have religious beliefs.

The Lord's gift showers on all alike. The rays of light, drops of rain reach all irrespective of race, colour or creed. The Lord is our Shepherd, yet we have to lead our lives the way he wants us to and teach our children also. The Holy Quran says:

**"Everyone of you is a shepherd and everyone is responsible for what he is the shepherd of:"**

Let us open not only the doors of our houses, but our hearts also. Let our eyes see all as our own. Guru Nanak says in the

Holy Granth:

**"There is only one Supreme God, by whom all men are made, Nay the whole Universe is born of Him. Then none is good and none bad".**

Fiji is at a cross-roads today. Time has come when we should unite and determine the destiny of our Nation.

\* We look forward to a great future for Fiji, which would set an example of peace, love and tolerance.

\* We look forward to a Fiji where justice flows like water and uprightness like a never failing stream.

\* We look forward to a Fiji not afraid to accept the Grace and beauty of our Lord; a Fiji which will protect the beauty of our natural environment.

\* We look forward to a Fiji which provides for a future for our children.

We look forward to making Fiji a family with the Lord as our Head and we all act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with the Lord as our partner.

\* We look forward to working hard, working together to make Fiji what we want Fiji to be.

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Independence we pray to God and ask Him to:

**"Lead us on, oh Lord, lead us on,  
Be with us as we face new days  
Fill us with strength, oh Lord, fill us with hope  
Fill us with courage to go on.  
Filled with the sweetness of your light and truth  
We would find ways to share your Gifts."**

Ladies & Gentlemen, boys and girls,

On behalf of our Church Leaders and the Interfaith Search Fiji, I congratulate you all on the 25th Anniversary of Fiji's Independence and pray to Lord Almighty to bless Fiji and its people.

May peace be upon you all. May peace be upon Fiji."

# NEWS BITS

## EXAMINATION SUCCESS

The Fiji Anjuman congratulates Miss Zakia Nisa Dean and Master Noor-Ud-Dean (children of Mr & Mrs Jalal-Ud-Dean) on having recently passed the Intermediate Entrance Examination and the Fiji Secondary Schools' Entrance Examination respectively, from Nehru Memorial Primary School. Zakia scored 463 out of a total of 500 marks while Noor-Ud-Dean achieved 451 marks out of a total of 500 marks.

Well Done.

## INDEPENDENCE MEDALLISTS

His Excellency the President of Fiji and Chancellor of the Order of Fiji has awarded to the following members the 25th Anniversary of Independence Medal:

Shaukat Ahmed Ali - (CAAF)  
Asina Sahu Khan - (YWCA)  
Mohammed Jamir Khan - (LCC)  
Dr M Shams-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan  
Malka Shah - (St. John's)  
Ayesha Shameem  
Nazhat Shameem - (DPP)  
CONGRATULATIONS

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Mr Jalal-Ud-Dean represented the Muslim community (as a resource person) at a panel discussion on "Nuclear Testing - A Theological Perspective" organised by the Pacific Concerns Resource Centre Inc. at the YWCA Hall on Wednesday 6 December.

## VISITORS

The Fiji Anjuman has had the pleasure of receiving the following visitors from abroad in the last quarter:

Mrs Mumtaz Sahu Khan from Sydney.  
Mr & Mrs Abid Raza & Family from Auckland.  
Miss Jasmine Dean (d/o Ms Naseem Raza) of Auckland.  
Dr Zamil Karim & Dr Mrs Satma Karim &

children (Raina & Zainal) of Auckland.  
Mrs Saheba Sahu Khan of Vancouver, Canada.  
Mr Mohammed Shafeeq of Surrey, Canada.  
Mrs Nazreen Nisha Sahu Khan & children, Canberra.  
Mr Arshad Hussein Sahu Khan, Brisbane.

## MIGRATION

Mr & Mrs Mohammed Nisar of Raiwaqa, Suva, and very active members of the Anjuman, left Fiji on Saturday 18 November to settle in the United States. As a parting gift, they presented to Masjid Noor a large library table with six padded chairs and a double-door fridge.

Fare Thee Well!

## ILLNESS

\* Two elderly members of the Anjuman, Maulvi Riasat Ali (86) of Nausori and Mrs Mariam Sahu Khan (83) of Suva, are most unwell. Jamaat members are urged to pray for the good health of these two members [Maulvi Riasat is the father of our Nausori branch President Mr Feroz Ali; Mrs Mariam Sahu Khan is the mother of the Anjuman's General Secretary Mr Amin Sahu Khan and Assistant General Treasurer Mr Imran Sahu Khan.]

\* Members are also asked to pray for Mr & Mrs Akbar Jan (of Ba) who have had to travel to New Zealand for medical treatment. Mrs Jan suffers from some heart ailment while Akbar requires a routine check-up. [Although not pledged members of the Jamaat, both Mr & Mrs Jan are strong supporters of the Anjuman.]

## WEDDINGS

Shaleemar Khanam, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Muhammad Feroz Sahu Khan of Nadi, married Mohammed Hafizul Hasan, youngest son of Mr & Mrs Mohammed Hasan of Lautoka on 23rd December. Congratulations!

Remiza Raza, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Abid Raza of Auckland, New Zealand married Sheraz Baitul Khan, son of Mr & Mrs Baitul Sattar Khan of Tavua on 31 December. Congratulations!

## EXCERPTS FROM SOME LETTERS

### From Guyana

Brother Omar Mukhtar and Brother Abdul Rasheed, both converts to Islam, recently started a house to house distribution of literature produced by the Anjuman. They have found people of all faiths very interested in Islam. This work is being done every Sunday."

The Guyana Anjuman for the past five months has been presenting a new half hour television programme entitled 'Your Question Answered'. The programme deals specially with controversial topics. The Imam Mohammed Rasheed answers questions put to him by Bros. Omar Mukhtar and Abdul Rasheed."  
(Food for thought for the rest of us: Editor)

### From London

We do receive your quarterly 'Khitaab'. I have, on several occasions, used excerpts from it for our own meetings. I think that I did write you about the high standard of the articles, the layout and the general appearance (all being very good) on a previous occasion. In any case it is worth repeating, because it is a good production."  
(Jameela Khan)

### From Rakiraki

I read with interest about 'Islam and its Teachings' in the Fiji Times of Saturday 11 November and wondered if you had other publications or material on Islamic teachings. I am very interested in Islam and would appreciate any help you can give me on this great religion."  
(George Kelsall)

### From Trinidad

For many years I have been the recipient of your publication 'Paigham-E-Haqq' and am aware that it was the wife of your former president, Nabi Dean, who hails from Trinidad, Pearl Dean, who was responsible, for which I am indeed grateful. I must admit that your Jamaat is doing a wonderful job propagating the religion of Islam."  
(Ameer Mohammed)

### From USA

I have noticed in our (Fiji) jamaat we may be small in number and we may not be related by blood, but the love, friendship, unity and the care that we have for one another is so great. Our last Jumuah was so touching. Salaam to all the members."  
(Mohammed Nisar) (Recent migrant to the US)

# WORLD IN BRIEF

*from our news papers*

## What craziness

A NEW kind of coffin for people who fear being buried alive has come on to the market in Italy, the Daily Telegraph reported.

For the equivalent of about \$F6,300, the corpse will be certain to have every comfort in the hereafter in a coffin crafted in Lucca, Tuscany, by Fabrizio Caselli.

But should it turn out that he or she was accidentally buried alive, Caselli's electronic gadgets and a lifesaving kit inside offer every opportunity to let the outside world know.

He provides a bleeper, a two-way microphone-speaker, a torch, a small oxygen tank, a sensor to detect a person's heartbeat -and a heart stimulator.

## Different gods

Sir - I wonder if a list of all the gods worshipped by people in the world could be published. I remember a list printed once in alphabetical order and I believe there were 60 or so. It started off with Allah and there were Gods starting with every letter, even X and Z. Also, I have seen statues of Jesus Christ as a yellow man with slanted eyes, and as a negro with short kinky hair. - And Why Not?"

## Muslims declare war over Islamics

ALGIERS, AP - Algeria's most violent Muslim militant movement, the Armed Islamic Group has declared war on the rival Islamic Salvation Front, accusing them of selling out to the government.

In a communique circulating in Algiers the group known by its French initials GIA accused the Salvation Front of using armed struggle to simply "regain the right to sit in Parliament".

GIA head Djamel Zitouni said in the statement that his group was committed "before God to battle the malevolent cult that calls itself the Islamic Salvation Army", the military wing of the Salvation Front.

The threat comes amid an upsurge of violence while the government of President Liamine Zeroual seeks to open the door to Muslim moderates and battle the militants at the same time.

The effect could split and weaken the insurgency, though the GIA could remain a source of persistent violence.

Zeroual, elected president in November after being appointed by a military-installed government in January 1994, has taken three Muslim fundamentalist moderates into his new Cabinet.

## Clergy told to stay out of politics

ISLAMABAD, Reuter -

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has urged Pakistan's Muslim clergy to stay away from politics after an opposition Islamic alliance called a general strike in protest against her government's policies.

She told reporters in Islamabad that the strike called by the clergy-dominated seven-party Milli Yakjheti Council (MYC) had prompted a poor response although her government allowed the groups a free hand to organise it.

Bhutto said Islamic scholars-called *ulema* should devote themselves to spreading the message of Islam and teach people how best to serve orphans, widows and destitutes. "As far as politics is concerned, it should be left to politicians," the official APP news agency quoted her as saying.

MYC sources said police had detained hundreds of Islamic activists while trying to stop the strike called to protest against what the alliance called Bhutto's anti-Islamic policies.

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*Maulvi Abdul Aziz*

*in memory*

*of his wife*

*Anrudan Aziz*

## RAMAZAN SHAREEF 1996

FIRST TARAWIH : SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st  
FIRST ROZA : MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd  
LAILATUL QADR : FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th  
EID-UL-FITR : WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

### AAII INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY

The International Directory of the "Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-I-Islam Lahore & Its Branches" as printed and distributed by the AAI of USA contains errors pertaining to the Fiji Anjuman. All recipients of this directory are kindly asked to note the following corrections:

PRESIDENT : Office phone is 679 - 674544  
and NOT 679 - 6745444

SECRETARY: The address "40 Tuisowaqa Road  
Namadi Heights, Suva, Fiji"  
is his temporary residential address  
only.

For ALL correspondence, please use the Anjuman's official  
address:

GPO Box 407  
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FIJI ISLANDS.

### CONVENTION INVITATION

The Fiji Anjuman takes pleasure in inviting you to the "World Muslim Convention of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-I-Islam", to be held in Fiji, a small but beautiful nation tucked away in a corner of the vast Pacific Ocean, from Friday 5th to Monday 8th April 1996. AAI (Fiji) looks forward to the pleasure of having you at the Convention. DO COME, PLEASE. Kindly pass the word around to our other Ahmadi brothers and sisters, NOW.

### AAII FIJI AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Fiji Anjuman will be held at Masjid Noor in Suva on Sunday 25 February, commencing at 9.30a.m.

### *The Promised Messiah Speaks*

#### THREE STAGES OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS

*By Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad  
Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement  
in Islam*

The fact is that the teaching of the Holy Qur'an and the instructions of the Holy Prophet are divided into three stages. The first is intended to turn savages into men and to instill into them notions of human proprieties; the second is to raise them from the stage of natural humanity to that of moral beings; and the third is to elevate them from the moral stage to the stage of spiritual union with God, where they may enjoy His nearness, approbation and love. At this stage there is annihilation and effacement, and all signs of a separate existence and a separate will are completely obliterated, and there is left only one absorbing sense of Divine Presence, the single transcendent Presence, that is to remain after the dissolution of the Creation. This is the final stage of progress for every God-seeking individual, be he man or woman, and hereto converge all the different systems of religious exercises. Here ends the journey of the saints. This is the stage referred to in the term "Istiqamat", which occurs in the opening chapter of the Holy Qur'an. At this stage are finally quenched under Divine Command all the passions and desires which are ignited in the lower self of man. When this stage is attained, then is the whole citadel finally conquered. The rabble of passions and desires cease their din and the question is asked "To whom does the Kingdom belong to-day?" and the answer comes, "To the God of Glory and Greatness."

But far otherwise is the case with the stage of morals and good conduct. In that stage there is no security against the enemy during the unguarded moments of spiritual strife, because for those who have not yet passed beyond this stage there still remains to overcome many a stronghold difficult to conquest and they have to live in the constant fear of a sudden overwhelming assault by their lower selves when the appetites have been made more furious by prolonged abstinence. Such men can never lead a life altogether free from dust and impurities nor can they ever be secure from the assaults of their passions.

# REGIONAL NEWS

From *Shaukat A Ali*  
AII Regional Director - South/East Asia and Pacific

Assalamu Alaikum Wa  
Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatuh.  
We sincerely hope and pray that you are all well and happy by the grace of Merciful Allah and that you are preparing for the commencement of *Ramazan Shareef*, with associated sacrifices and *Tarawih* Prayers. May Almighty Allah shower His choicest blessings on all of us and make the coming month of fasting a pleasant one and give us the will to make even greater sacrifices for the cause of *Abmadiyyat - ameen*.

*Alhamdulillah*, the last few months have been very exciting and we have witnessed an amazingly rapid progress for the *Anjuman*, particularly in the Asia and Pacific region. I have visited Calcutta, Madras, Delhi, Lahore, Jakarta and Jogjakarta in the last couple of months to meet members of our *Jamaat*. The success stories can be seen from the brief information on our *Anjuman*'s activities in the following countries, in alphabetical order:

## AUSTRALIA

Reports from the Secretary of the Branch, Mr Mohammed Usman Sahu Khan, confirm that the *Jamaat* has remained very active throughout the period under review. Apart from their regular *Jumab* and *Dars-i-Quran*, a well-attended and excellent programme of speeches and *nazams* were organized for the Holy Prophet's Birthday celebrations in October and a very successful fundraising dinner was held at the residence of the Branch President, Mr A Khalik Shah, on 25 November 1995.

## FIJI

The programme of activities and the events of the last quarter are covered in detail elsewhere in this issue of the *KHITAAB* but I would also like to add to the General Secretary, Mr M Amin Sahu Khan's request to expedite the confirmation of your participation in the forthcoming World Muslim Convention of AAI (Lahore) to be held at Masjid Noor in Suva from 5-8 April 1996.

## INDIA

Our programme of activities and events during the period under review were incredible. Our brothers and sisters who have discussed these with us are very pleasantly surprised at the extent of our activities in India in the last few months. Most of the credit for these achievements are due to the untiring efforts of Brother Abdul Razak of Bombay and, of course, the prayers and support of *Hazrat Ameer-e-Jamaat*, Dr Saeed Ahmad Khan Sahib, and all you brothers and sisters from around the world.

*Alhamdulillah*, our target of US\$20,000 for 1995 for the India Project was exceeded during the year as a result of your overwhelming support. I take this opportunity to thank each of you from the core of my heart for your co-operation and financial contributions towards the project as well as for your prayers and words of encouragement. May Almighty Allah reward you all abundantly for your generous assistance. *Insba Allah*, as soon as the details of income and expenditure are received from India, a financial statement for period ended 31 December 1995 will be presented to all the Branches and individuals who have participated in this worthy project, and perhaps included in a future issue of the *KHITAAB*. You will kindly note that we have been very prudent with the financial control; the cost of establishment of the Centre in Delhi was below the budget and publication of the literature was generally a quarter to a half of the prices paid by others for identical publications. As a result, we may not require additional external funding during 1996, apart from the promises already made by our brothers and sisters last year.

## Calcutta

As you are aware from the previous Newsletter, a branch of the *Anjuman* was established in Calcutta on 1 July 1995. In the intervening period contacts were maintained with our members and others and during our visit to the city in December, several people took the Pledge of Fealty to join the Movement. With the progress

made to-date and the potential for the future, we have appointed a full-time *Muballigh*. Arrangements have also been made for translation into Bengali language of some of our booklets initially, to be followed by other books, and a search for a suitable premises for the establishment of our Centre has commenced.

## Delhi

Our programme of activities in Delhi has intensified in recent months and we have published an additional nine books, to add to the three published earlier in the year - for a total of twelve (12) books during 1995. Arrangements have been made for a few more to be published shortly and it is envisaged that *Insba Allah* a total of over twelve books will be published this year.

*Alhamdulillah* our Centre was established in August 1995 with the purchase of a small premises. Regular daily prayers, *Jumab*, *Dars-i-Quran* and other meetings are now held at the Centre where a library and book depot have also been established. As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, we have a full-time *Muballigh* and a part-time *Muballigh/teacher* in Delhi. Currently, we have an average of twenty five students studying Arabic and Urdu free of charge.

During the second of my two visits to Delhi during December, we were joined by a number of brothers, who had come especially to meet me after traveling all night from Bhadarwah, Jammu, Sofipura and Srinagar. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our brothers from Yaripura could not make it. I was deeply touched by the respect and honour accorded to me by all the brothers from various districts. Lengthy discussions were held on a number of important issues including publication of literature and their distribution and sale, translation of books into various Indian languages, propagation of Islam and spread of *Abmadiyyat* throughout India, introduction of *Tablighi* classes to train *Muballighs* and creation of an umbrella body to co-ordinate the

activities of the branches in India. Further progress on these and other developments and issues will *Insha Allah* be included in the subsequent Newsletters. In the meantime, it has been agreed by all concerned that every effort would be made to inaugurate the *Tablighi* classes at Srinagar where we have a few very learned scholars who are willing to provide lectures on regular basis to the students from all over India. Details are being finalized and it is envisaged that the classes will commence in April/May 1996 for approximately six months with breaks in between as appropriate. *Insha Allah*, we will be able to accommodate students from abroad from next year after the rectification of teething problems, if any, and development and refinement of appropriate syllabus and curriculum during the first year of operation.

### Madras

*Alhamdulillah*, you will be delighted to note that a branch of the *Anjuman* was established at Madras on 20 December 1995 during our visit to the city. A part-time representative has been appointed and translation of some of our booklets into Tamil language has been arranged. It was very moving for us to note that a 70 year old man had traveled 700 kilometres by train from Coimbatore for the sole purpose of meeting me and after discussions took *Bai'at* to join the *Anjuman*.

### India project

With all your prayers and the Blessings of Almighty Allah, apart from establishment of three new branches at Calcutta, Delhi and Madras, there have been indications of interest from various other parts of India. *Insha Allah* with your continuous prayers and support, the appointment of two full-time and three part-time *Muballighs*/teachers/representatives and availability of adequate literature, there will be further progress in the coming months.

Brother Abdul Razak had again accompanied me throughout the hectic trip, however, upon my return, I learnt that he has been hospitalised with some infection in his legs, a complication brought about by diabetes. Please pray for his quick and complete recovery. Brother Razak is an invaluable asset for the *Jamaat*.

### INDONESIA

I have just returned from another visit to Jakarta and Yogyakarta, where the headquarters of *Gerakan*

*Abmadiyah* Indonesia, a branch of AAIH Lahore, is located. A very warm welcome and excellent hospitality were extended to me by the brothers and sisters at both locations and extensive consultations were held on the activities and programmes of the *Anjuman* as this was my first visit as the Regional Director. The *Anjuman* has seventeen active branches in Indonesia at present and the membership is increasing continuously.

For the information of our readers who may not be very familiar with the *Jamaat* in Indonesia, I provide a brief historical back-ground and their activities. *Abmadiyah* was introduced in Indonesia in 1924 with the arrival of late Mirza Wali Ahmad Begg and the late Maulana Ahmad. The *Jamaat* was formally registered on 10 December 1928. The Holy Quran was translated into Dutch in 1938 and later into Javanese language. It was translated into *Bahasa* Indonesia in 1979 and is now in its seventh edition (1995). *The Religion of Islam* was translated into *Bahasa* Indonesia in 1977 and is now in its 4th edition (1993) while the *Manual of Hadith* was translated in 1992. Apart from these major works, a number of books, sections of some books and tracts of *Hazrat* Mirza Ghulam Ahmad *Sabib* (*Masib Mauood* and Reformer of the Fourteenth Century *Hijrah*), *Hazrat* Maulana Muhammad Ali *Sabib* and *Al-Hajj Khwaja* Kamaluddin *Sabib* have been translated into *Bahasa* Indonesia by the members of our *Jamaat* and more books are continuously being translated from English and Urdu. Additionally, their very zealous, dedicated and devoted President, *Al-Hajj Maulana* S Ali Yasir, has written about thirty (30) books most of which are used in our secondary and high schools as text books. Publication of all our books are now arranged in-house including printing of the 1,682-page Holy Quran.

The *Abmadiyah* Education Foundation was established by the *Jamaat* in 1947. The first primary school was established on 1 September 1947 followed by the first secondary school on 1 October 1947 - both in Jogjakarta. The *Jamaat* has continued to expand in the promotion of education ever since. Currently, it has one Kindergarten, one Primary, five Secondary, three General High, two Technical/Vocational High, one Economic High and one Girls High Schools and one Management and Information Services Academy in Yogyakarta. There are over 6,000 full-time students studying in the *Anjuman's* schools in Yogyakarta alone. The Technical High Schools have been given special recognition by the Government and several billion Rupiah worth of sophisticated and

computerized machinery and equipment have been provided by the Government. Various types of machinery, equipment and their components are now produced with the equipment supplied by the Government at these technical institutions. By the grace of Almighty Allah I was taken on a tour of several of these highly impressive facilities during my visit. Apart from Yogyakarta, the *Jamaat* has several schools in other districts.

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR BERLIN MOSQUE

The first major repairs to Berlin Mosque since the Second World War is expected to cost the *Anjuman* more than US\$250,000. Work is expected to commence soon and the *Anjuman* has declared 1996 as the **Year of Berlin Mosque**. All our appeals for funds globally will be focused on Berlin Mosque this year. More details on this will be provided in various Newsletters and other communications. On behalf of the *Anjuman*, I would like to appeal to all our esteemed brothers and sisters in the South/East Asia and Pacific, to contribute generously and to wholeheartedly support this noble project. The funds should be sent through the branches to the *Imam* at the Berlin Mosque directly or, if it is more convenient, to me and I will remit the funds progressively to the *Anjuman* in Berlin after acknowledging receipt.

### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I request you all to pray for the health of *Hazrat Ameer* as well as for Brother Abdul Razak and for all of us. I would also like to once again take this opportunity to plead with all of you to take a little more interest in the affairs of the *Anjuman* and to devote a little time and effort for the promotion of the *Anjuman* and its activities. There is a tremendous potential for the expansion of *Abmadiyah* throughout the world but unfortunately we have limited resources. At the same time, it is sad to note that we are not making optimum use of the available resources. Please come forward to offer your services to the *Anjuman* so that we can together carry the banner of Islam to the furthest corners of the world. You may be surprised to see how big a difference your small contribution could make if we all collaborate and unite our efforts and if everyone increases his or her participation just a little.

EID MUBARAK.  
Wassalam.