

Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam (Lahore) Fiji

(Branch of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam, Lahore, Pakistan)

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My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Islam

Assalaamu Aleikum Wa Rahmatuallahe Wa Barakatahu

ANJUMAN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Fiji Anjuman was held at Masjid Noor on Saturday 11 February at 4.00 pm, followed by a Tablighi jalsa. All of the following office-bearers were re-elected unopposed:

President	:	Mr Ghulam Nabi Dean
Vice-Presidents	:	Dr M.S. Sahu Khan, Mr A. Wahid Khan and Dr M. Yusuf Sahu Khan
General Secretary	:	Mr M. Amin Sahu Khan
General Treasurer	:	Mr Abdul Nasim
Asst. Gen. Secretary	:	Mr Jamir Khan
Asst. Gen. Treasurer	:	Mr A. Khalil
Board Members	:	Mr Mehboob Raza, Mr M. Hanif, Mr Hafiz Raza, Mr M. Saheeb Hussein
Hon. Auditor	:	Mr Abdul Shameem of the Chartered Accountants firm of "Aswim & Shameem"

GENERAL SECRETARY ATTENDS SEMINAR IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A seminar organised by the World Association for Christian Communication - Pacific Region (WACC-PAC) was held in Goroka, Papua New Guinea, from 30th January to 3rd February. The Seminar theme was "Faith, Culture & Communication." For the first time the organisers of the seminar decided to invite a Muslim and a Hindu to the seminar to learn about their respective religions. The General Secretary of the Anjuman had the pleasure of attending the seminar and presented a paper on "The Salient Features of Islam; Islam's Liberal View of Other Religions and Its Relations to Earlier Scriptures." All expenses, to the last cent, were paid for by WACC-PAC. The Fiji Anjuman is certainly honoured to have been accorded this invitation, Alhamdulillah.

JAMAAT IN BRISBANE

By the grace of the Almighty Allah, the General Secretary of the Fiji Anjuman was able to form a branch of the Anjuman in Brisbane while he was there for a night on his return to Fiji from Papua New Guinea in February. The inaugural

meeting was held after a Quran Dars at the residence of Dr Abdul Hamid Sahu Khan who was also elected the Interim Chairman of the branch until a properly constituted meeting is held. An informal but very fruitful discussion was held regarding the propagation of Islam and how the Brisbane jamaat could contribute towards this cause. Dr & Mrs Sahu Khan hosted a sumptuous dinner for all those attending the meeting.

MAULANA SHAFQAT RASOOL KHAN SHAFIQUE ARRIVES

By the Grace of the Almighty Allah, Maulana Shafqat Rasool Khan Shafique arrived in Fiji from Lahore on 2nd March to take up an appointment as Missionary-in-Charge of the Fiji Anjuman. A grand jalsa to welcome Maulana Sahib was held at Masjid Noor in Suva on Saturday 19th March. Speakers at the jalsa included the National President Mr G.N. Dean and all three Vice-Presidents, Dr M.S. Sahu Khan, Mr A. Wahid Khan and Dr M. Yusuf Sahu Khan. A very moving nazam was rendered jointly by Mr Imran Sahu Khan and Mr Zafrullah Sahu Khan. In his address Maulana Shafqat Sahib stressed the dire need for all Muslims, particularly Ahmadiyya Muslims, to learn Arabic & Urdu and to acquire a knowledge of Islam as best as possible. He has since held regular classes for adults and children alike on Arabic and Urdu at Masjid Noor; he will be visiting the other centres after Ramadhan Shareef. Maulana Sahib was granted a nation-wide interview over Radio Fiji soon after his arrival.

NATIVE FIJIAN JOINS AHMADIYYA LAHORE JAMAAT

A young Fijian man who was a Christian a few years ago gave up Christianity to become a Muslim because he just could not accept that Jesus was born without a father and that he was still alive and would descend one day. He was converted to Islam by a group of Sunni Muslims here from South Africa but no sooner he found out that the Sunni belief regarding Jesus was no different from the Christian belief, he left to associate with the Qadiani jamaat. There too he soon discovered that apart from the same Christian belief regarding the fatherless birth of Jesus, the Qadianis believed that Hazrat Mirza Sahib was a Prophet after the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It was only at an Inter-faith meeting that we met this young man called Deen Muhammad and it was there that he came to know about the beliefs of our Jamaat. He soon became convinced with our beliefs regarding the birth and death of Jesus and our beliefs regarding Hazrat Sahib. His words....."I now feel very happy. I have found the faith I was looking for."

From "THE PROVINCE" (Vancouver); Wednesday, March 8, 1989

JESUS 'WANDERING SAGE'

(Associated Press; San Francisco)

'A group of biblical scholars agreed that Jesus Christ never promised to return and usher a new age and would have been "appalled" about becoming a cult figure in a new religion, the group's founder said. About 100 scholars, theologians and historians discussed the teachings of Jesus in a three-day seminar and agreed, with some dissensions, that Jesus did not promise a Second Coming in which he would bring a new age. Gospel writers and later followers of Jesus were the ones who predicted a second coming of Jesus, most scholars participating in the Jesus Seminar said. Robert Funk, 50, a New Testament expert and the seminar founder, said most of its members believe that Jesus was a wandering sage and did not think he was divine, "although he felt very close to God."

NEWS FROM LONDON

- * Shaikh Sharif Ahmad Sahib arrived in London from Lahore on 30 October 1988 to take up his appointment as Missionary-in-Charge.
- * Mrs Jameela Khan, a very energetic and very sincere Ahmadi, continues to lead the U.K. Jamaat as its president.
- * At the monthly meeting of the U.K. Jamaat on the 12th of March the topic for discussion was "Quran on Environmental Issues." Those taking part in leading the discussion were Shaikh Imamuddin, Mr Shahid Aziz and Shaikh Sharif Ahmad, the Imam. The Imam concentrated on the spiritual environments while the two other speakers dealt with advancement in Science and Technology and the resulting air and water pollution. In support of their assertions the speakers quoted copiously from the Holy Quran.

From "The Fiji Post" Saturday, 21 January 1989

EDUCATION OFFICER WINS TOP AWARD

'The Education Officer with the Fiji Police Force, Mr Muhammad Amin Sahu Khan, has won himself top Jaycee honours. He was confirmed with Jaycees International Senatorship at the annual handover banquet of Fiji Jaycees at the Grand Pacific Hotel on Saturday 14 January. The Senatorship was bestowed on Mr Sahu Khan by the chairman of the Fiji Jaycees Senate group. The American Ambassador to Fiji, Mr Leonard Rochwarger, was the Guest of Honour. Mr Sahu Khan, who joined the Jaycee organisation in 1982, has been awarded the National Presidential Award each year for his outstanding contribution in the field of leadership development, and a Certificate of Merit for his involvement in Community service.'

HAZRAT AMIR'S BEGUM SAHIBA PASSES AWAY

The Fiji Anjuman records with deep regret the recent passing away of our most revered Hazrat Amir's Begum Sahiba.

Innalillahe Wa Inna Ilaihe Rajiun

May the Almighty Allah grant the departed soul Jannat-ul-Firdaus and may He grant Hazrat Amir Sahib the courage to bear the loss.

ARABIC & URDU CLASSES AT MASJID NOOR

All members of the Anjuman in the Suva area are advised that classes in Arabic and Urdu are held regularly at Masjid Noor as follows:

- . Between Maghrib & Isha namaaz daily except on Mondays
- . From 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Mondays/Thursdays/Fridays (for women only)
- . From 10.00 am to 12.30 pm on Sundays
- . From 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Saturdays
- . (Those members wishing to receive lessons at other times are to liaise directly with Maulana Shafqat Rasool Sahib).

RAMADZAN SHARIEF

Tarawih commences on the evening of 7th April

Fasting commences on Saturday 8th April

Lailat-Ul-Qadr (the Grand Night) will be commemorated on Thursday 4th May

Eid-Ul-Fitr will be celebrated on Sunday 7th May.

DEVOTIONAL BROADCASTS

The Anjuman's radio devotional programme for the next three months is as follows:

- April 8th & 21st (5 mins duration)
- May 12th (5 mins duration)
- May 28th (12 mins duration)
- June 7th (5 mins duration)

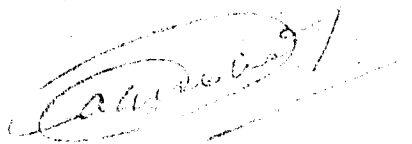
MASJID NOOR TELEPHONE

The present telephone number (23169) at Masjid Noor is to undergo a change scheduled for early May when the new directory is expected to be issued by the Department of Posts & Telecommunications. Our new number will be 313549.

Wedding

Muhammad Nazeem-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan, youngest son of Mrs & the late Ahmed Hussein Sahu Khan of Ba, married Ainul Nisha, daughter of Mr & Mrs Ishaque Ali formerly of Varoka, Ba and now of Vancouver Canada, on Saturday 17 December 1988. The marriage was legally solemnised by the Anjuman's General Secretary who is also a registered marriage officer. The Nikah ceremony too was performed by the General Secretary. The couple soon after left for Australia where Nazeem is a final year Law student. May Allah bless Nazeem and Ainul.

MAY THE PEACE & BLESSING OF ALLAH BE UPON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



Muhammad Amin Sahu Khan
(GENERAL SECRETARY)

SWORN DECLARATION OF HADRAT MAULANA MUHAMMAD ALI, FIRST HEAD OF THE LAHORE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY:

"I, Muhammad Ali, head of the Lahore Ahmadiyyah Community, do swear by Almighty God that my belief is that Hadrat Mirza Sahib was a Mujaddid and the Messiah, but not a prophet, and that a person cannot become a *kafir* and excluded from the pale of Islam by denying him as such; this was also the belief of Hadrat Mirza Sahib himself. "O God, if I have lied in swearing by Thy name, send upon me such exemplary punishment as could not come from human means, and by which the world would see how terrible and frightening is God's punishment for those who deceive His creatures by swearing falsely in His name."