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The Reminder

In the Name of Allah,
The Beneficent, The Merciful

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Newsletter of the
Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore, Charity, Essequibo Coast, Guyana.

“Our Chains have been broken” Lahore is alive and throbbing

The Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at Islam Lahore marked the centenary Death Anniversary of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad at its international Headquarters in Lahore Pakistan from May 23 to May 26, 2008.

The occasion reflected devotion, inspiring speeches, quality attendances, youths, innovative techniques (drama) and use of multimedia presentations. It reflected a forward movement that breaks us

free from the past and shows a positive future.

The Jalsa may appear to the uncanny eye as a normal meeting but it was charged with the electricity of deep emotion, firm conviction and it was

crowned with showers of divine blessings. The challenges in the world are no doubt ever increasing and so also are our abilities to deal with those challenges.

Hazrat Ameer's Ramadan ul Mubarak Message

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“O you who believe fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil.” (Al-Baqarah 2:183)

“And when My servants ask thee concerning Me, surely I am nigh. I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he calls on Me, so they should hear My call and believe in Me that they may walk in the right way” (Al-Baqarah 2:186)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Assalaam-o-Alaikum Wa Rakhmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hoo.

This year I have selected two verses from Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow) for my Ramadan message. As we all look forward to this Blessed Month we should reflect on these verses as the first one gives us the reason for fasting and the second the path to nearness to Allah.

The major reason given for fasting in the Holy Qur'an is that 'you may guard against evil' i.e. to attain Taqwah. Taqwah may be understood to represent the spirit (baatin) of an outwardly act (zaahir). As stated in the Holy Qur'an this is the main aim of all devotional acts in Islam and other major religions. This is what the Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, meant when he said that it is not your thirst and hunger that pleases Allah but the Taqwah; this is also what is mentioned in the Bible where Mathew 6: 16-18 states:

“Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in

secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

The main advantage of Taqwah which is stated in verse 186 is that one is able to attain nearness to Allah. This verse also gives us guidance on how this nearness is attained. What we have to do is to believe in Him and hear His call by being obedient and submitting completely to Him (i.e. becoming His abd).

Allah desires that human beings seek closeness to Him; He assures that He is close to those who are His abd. Though translated as 'servants' abd in the real sense means people who mould their lives in such a way that they live as Allah wishes them to; spend their lives as exemplified by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I pray that Allah grants us the opportunity to attain nearness to Him by following the guidance in the Holy Qur'an, the revelation of which commenced in this Blessed Month. I pray that we fast with the aim of elevating our 'baatin' so we attain the state where we feel His presence in our hearts. I pray that He accepts our prayers and devotional acts ('ibaadat) during this sacred month.

As you pray for members of your families and dear ones, don't forget that you are members of a bigger family, our Jama'at. Pay particular attention to your brothers and sisters of the Jama'at in your prayers. You have also to pray for the Muslims of the world and Islam which is passing through time of great trials and tribulations; you have

Next Activities

- October 1, 2008: Eidul Fitr
- October 12, 2008: Eid Social
- October 12, 2008: Elections
- Nov 2 & 23 Jihad Meeting.
- Dec 14: Mashabo Feeding

to pray for peace amongst all occupants of our global village. You have to pray for the acceptance of prayers of all those who benefit from the opportunity this month will provide.

I pray for acceptance of my prayers for you and the Jama'at. May Allah Ta'ala grant us protection and nearness to Him.

Aameen.

Professor Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed
Ameer

Invite your friends to view THE TRUTH with Bro. Mansoor on NCN TV on Saturdays at 7:30

We believe:

1. *There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.*
2. *Muhammad (PBUH) is the seal of the prophets and after him no prophet will come whether new or old.*
3. *Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib is one of the Reformers of Islam, the Promised Messiah and the Mahdi. He never claimed to be a prophet of Allah.*

Elections

Election of Office Bearers of the Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore will take place at 10.15 am on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Bro. Abdul Nezam's residence, 18 Henrietta Housing Scheme, Essequibo Coast. This would be followed by our Annual Eid Social. All members are invited to attend. Membership of the organisation includes every Muslim who has contributed yearly to the organisation. Financial members are re-

quired to pay \$20 monthly. Exemptions can be granted by the Executive Committee for those persons who cannot afford membership fees. Fees will be collected from 9.00 am up to the time of Elections and only financial members will be allowed to vote. Only pledged members can hold position on the Executive Committee. Anyone wishing to observe this or any of our other meetings is encouraged to do so. Please inform us a few days before because lunch is normally prepared for the participants.



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Zakaat Collection

This year our Executive members will be visiting your homes again for your Zakaat or Donations. In spending your contributions, we focus on areas that others do not: Seeking the truth and spreading it. We do not focus on poor peoples' home and other good causes.

Our work is directed towards spreading the word. We therefore request you to allocate some of your Zakaat for this noble task. If our members have not visited you as yet, please call us.

A few persons have claimed in the past that they are collect-

ing Zakaat for us while they are collecting for a different organisation. They have also attempted to discredit our respected and hard working members. Your Zakaat if given to such persons will earn you the same blessings because your niyyat (intention) is good. However the sin will be heaped on those persons who attempt to mislead.

The friends, favours or money they earn in such a way will not benefit them on the Day of Judgement.

Our collection team includes Sis. Fazeela Azim, Sis. Shevon, Sis. Salima Ali, Bro. Mansoor Baksh, Sis. Bismillah Azim, Sis. Shiroonisa Edun, Sis. Wahieda Gaffar, Bro. Shaheed Mohammad, Sis. Sajeela Rayman and Bro Mohammad Ha-beeb.

Official receipts from the Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore will be issued for all moneys collected.

May Allah reward you bountifully for doing your duty and for supporting the work of all the prophets - that is - teaching the word of God.

If Undelivered please return to:

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