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| 19-24     | 5:52 | 7:10    | 1:12 | 5:33 | 7:14    | 8:32 |
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\*1st of Dhul Qa'dah - August 16th, 2015

\*1st of Dhul Hijjah - September 14th, 2015

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**August**  
*Shawwal/Zul-Qa'dah*

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**September**  
*Zul-Qa'dah/Zul-Hijjah*

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By Bro. Al Mustapha

**AFTER RAMADHAAN**

Summary of Khutbah written by Bro. Al Mustapha / Coral Springs Florida USA



Bro. Al Mustapha

Assalamu Alaikum W.B

I hope you all enjoyed the Eid Ul Fitr holiday remembering that Eid is our big pay day from Allah SWT. I hope you bought gifts for your children and your parents and spouse etc., and celebrated Eid with your relatives and friends and made it special and joyous as it should be. May Allah SWT accept all our salaah, fasting, duas, zakat, sadaqa, iftar and all our other forms of ibadah, and reward us and our families and the ummah generously in this life and in the hereafter, with His unlimited blessings, Ameen.

Allah SWT tells us in chapter 2:183 of the Holy Quran, "O you who believe, fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn taqwa (piety, God consciousness, self-restraint). The taqwa or God consciousness we hopefully gained in Ramadan should mold us into being better Muslim, who love Allah SWT greatly and is more closely connected to Him. It should make us a better person with better character and behavior (like the noble

Prophet Muhammad SAW) and it should also make us to be of those who strive more in the path of Allah to share His message with all mankind. Now that we've completed the month of training our will power and having made all the sacrifices to do more good, let us try to put what we learned and earned into practice for the next 11 months by making the sincere intention to remain steadfast to obeying the laws and commands of Allah God Almighty. Let us also remember to protect all our blessings that we work so hard to earn, by being very careful to keep away from major sins as well as the seemingly harmless but dangerous sins of the tongue such as lying, slandering, backbiting, and spreading rumors.

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InShaa Allaah*

*Al-Qur'aan - Ch. 21 V. #1  
"Closer and closer to mankind comes their reckoning: yet they heed not and they turn away."*

*Hadith: Abu Hurairah (R.A) said: Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said, "Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the worst of false tales." (Bukhari and Muslim)*

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&*

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*"Quiet people have the loudest minds."*



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"Oh Messenger! Spread the message (of Al-Qur'aan) which has been sent to you from your Lord. If you do not then you did not spread Allaah's message (The Qur'aan)."

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## SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

By Rev. Thomas Graf  
Professor at BC College, Florida

No doubt we are all still experiencing the “aftershock” of the travesty that occurred at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston in recent days. Much has been said, experienced, felt and perhaps even left unsaid...but, at the end of the day, where do we go from here? In the midst of the world’s “aftershock,” perhaps even more “shocking,” were the reactions and words shared by those valiant mourners from Charleston. Who will ever forget that one challenge, “We have no room for hating, so we have to forgive.” Soren Kierkegaard (Christian Theologian/Philosopher) once wrote, “Life can be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.” So, where do we go from here? I believe that Kierkegaard and those tearful mourners offer us the challenge to forgive, to reconcile and to move forward. Clearly the challenge is to learn from this horrific act of terror, but all is in vain if we cannot move forward in truth and love. As Martin Luther King Jr. stated, “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word. The evening those 9 people gathered in Charleston to study and share Jesus’ unconditional love, a number of our parishioners here at St. James the Fisherman Church gathered to continue anew our Theology Topics in the Tropics: small group discussions. Our group decided that evening to dedicate our next series of discussions to the understanding of becoming a covenanted “Community of the Cross of Nails.” As many are aware, following the destruction of Coventry Cathedral during the bombing of the city in November 1940, the people of that church made a commitment not to revenge, but to forgive and be reconciled. They declared that when the war was over they should work with those who were now their enemies, to build a kinder; more Christ-like world. The words “Father Forgive” were inscribed on the wall of the ruined cathedral as a confession of the common human need for God’s mercy. Out of this travesty during World War II, sprang a movement that is alive and active today, preaching and living the message of true forgiveness and reconciliation. Is this not where we should go from here? “Adversity draws men together and produces beauty and harmony in life’s relationships, just as the cold of winter produces ice-flowers on the window panes, which vanish with the warmth.” (Soren Kierkegaard) May this act of terror not flame the fire of vengeance and hate, but somehow be transformed into clear and concise actions of forgiveness and reconciliation. May we truly be instruments of God’s grace and peace: “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God...Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.” (1 John 4:7, 11-12) ○



Dr. Ghous Muhammad

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## ISLAMIC LAW

(D) Many books of traditions were compiled by the companions of the Prophet (S.A.W). The remarkable ones are Sahifae Sadiqa by Abdullah bin Amer bin Aas,

Sahifae Ali, Sahifae Abu Bakr, Sahifae Jebir, Sahifae Samra bin Jundal and Sahifae Sahia by Abu Hurairah.,’ The traditions of these books have been narrated by famous traditionists like Bukhari, Abu Daud, Hakim, Zailai etc. in their collections. This is sufficient to remove the misconception that the work of compiling the traditions started one hundred years after the death of the Prophet (S.A.W)

**Refutation of the Orientalists** - Thus the Qur’an and the Sunnah are the two sources which provide law for every aspect of human life for all the ages. This scientific and self-sufficient nature of Islamic Law is attacked by the oriental critics of Islam like Joseph Schacht. Their criticism sometimes unconsciously adopted by some Muslim Scholars like Abdur Rahim. The main thesis of the orientalist is that the Islamic Law is not based solely on the Qur’an and -the Sunnah. They say that only a part of it is derived from the Qur’an and the Sunnah, the remaining major portion is the product of the minds of the jurists like Malik and Abu Hanifa who arranged and classified the pre-Islamic customs and current usages. They go to the extent that Imam Abu Hanifa relied on only seventeen traditions, so the Hanafi Law was not based on the Sunnah. In this way they prepare the ground for proving that the Roman usages, which prevailed in Egypt, Syria and Iraq were adopted by Abu Hanifa, and; there cannot presumably be any other basis of the Hanafi Law as Imam Abu Hanifa could utilized only seventeen traditions and the Qur’an gives only a few rules of law. This is absolutely a false claim that pre-Islamic and current usages were adopted by Abu Hanifa and Malik. How could so renowned jurists go against the clear injunctions of the Holy Prophet (peace be UPON him) and still enjoy I lie popular support? The Prophet (S.A.W) has clearly condemned the pre-Islamic Customs and usages of other non- muslim communities in so many words: “Every pre-Islamic custom has been crushed under my feet.

“Oppose the associators the Jews and the Christians in every walk of life’

“Whosoever adopts the practice of some other nation belongs to that nation.”

Professor Abu Zuhra has refuted this thesis of the orientalist in the following words

“These people make the Maliki Law independent of the Qur’an and the Sunnah and say that ancient Arab customs have been re-arranged and given the colour of religion. This is a very superficial view and is based on, prejudice.

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Sister Sylmerie

**SISTER'S CORNER**

By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha / Coral Springs, Florida

**Prophet Yusuf's PATIENCE**

from the **WELL - JAIL - POWERFUL PERSON**

Assalamu Alaikum: There is a beautiful story about patience in the Holy Quran of Prophet Yusuf A.S. in chapter 12. His brothers threw him into the well, but he was patient and so Allah (SWT) raised him out of that well. He ended up in the house of one of the most powerful people of Egypt, but then Allah (SWT) tested him again. The wife of Al Aziz, the finance minister, tried to tempt him, but he was again very patient. Then Allah (SWT) tested him again and threw him into prison, but he was patient for the sake of Allah (SWT). And in the end Allah (SWT) raised him to a very lofty station and he became one of the most powerful person in Egypt. This is the reward of patience. In this modern day, technology is moving at warp speed to "fulfill our needs". We have developed an impressive amount of technology that has taken us out of the industrial age and into the "information" age. Almost everything is computerized, and as we know, manpower has been replaced by "computer power." However, all this technological advancement is only possible by Allah's (SWT) permission, for it is He indeed, who has created us to be intellectual humans and gave us the ability to conceive ideas, develop, invent, progress and advance ourselves. But, we seemed to have moved two steps forward and three steps backward. We have moved forward with all this fast paced progress, our lives has been simplified so much that we can share and learn the teachings of the Quran online, we can give encouraging words and support online, we can buy everything online, we can do all our finances online, we can get a degree online, we can book our travel tickets online, we can get instant news bulletin as it's happening, we can twitter our way into other people's lives and connect with old and new friends on Facebook, text our conversation to others and get instant responses, and instagram our way into each other's lives so that all our friends and family are notified instantly on the highlights or lowlights of our day. Instant gratification is what we want and a lot of this technology has given that to us. According to Wikipedia, "Instant gratification" is an immediate satisfaction or pleasure which focuses on the present. It is experienced when one does not use any effort to achieve that level of satisfaction. This is where we seemed to have gone backward; because this instant gratification seems to be creating a culture with less perseverance and less patience. The younger generation has little patience dealing with their parents, seniors, bosses etc. We are annoyed when have to stand on line to get something done, we have less patience in an actual phone conversation, we have less patience dealing with others on a one-to-one basis, less patience when faced with problems, we have no patience when we're caught in traffic, or when someone is driving slow etc. We want our duas/ prayers to be answered now.

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**CONGRATULATION CORNER**

**Congratulations to Sidique & Elisha**



Zakariya (left) & Sulaiman (right)

Sidique and Elisha were recently blessed with a second baby boy- Sulaiman Sidique Mohammed. Sulaiman was born on Fri. July 10th, 2015 at Memorial Regional Hospital, Florida USA. He weighed 7.9 lbs. and 21 inches. Sulaiman has an older brother Zakariya. May Allaah bless both of them and make them amongst the righteous.

*Inshaa Allaah Ameen - MaaShaa Allaah*



Br. Hamzad

**SPORTS**

THE WAY TO GO

**BENEFITS**

By Br. Hamzad Mohammed  
T.T.U.T.A.'s Teacher of the Year 2013,  
Trinidad, West Indies

We all do different types of jobs in our lives everyday. Each one of them requires a certain expenditure of energy and physical fitness. Without physical conditioning, the successful execution of our daily jobs and other activities will suffer a setback. Also, for us as Muslims to perform our salaah which necessitates a lot of body movements, the physical ability of the body should be able to be responsive to our needs. Hence, sports being the avenue to put our body in top physical shape. So my dear readers of this article, just simply set aside some time to take us away from our daily hectic schedule and engage in type of sports that we prefer and one that will physically spruce us up. The choice of a sporting discipline can be a competitive one or not. It's worth giving sports a try. We will never lose but gain tremendous benefits more than what are expected. Just to tickle us a bit, it is said that if the 's' at the beginning and ending of the word 'sports' is taken out, left will be the word 'port', and that is simply what sports is all about - a 'port' of entry for physical and other pleasures. Let me therefore enunciate to fellow Muslims and people of other faiths some of the advantages to be derived from involvement in sports. The list is in brevity because of space consideration.

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Dr. Harun Yahya

## A LOVELESS PERSON IS LIKE A TREE ROTTING FROM THE INSIDE

By: Dr. Harun Yahya / Ankara, Turkey  
Submitted by: Sis. Ebru / Turkey

Outer space made up of glorious and interconnected galaxies, the planets and the stars, the boundless blue sky, the bright blue oceans that move one deeply, the green fields, the majestic mountains thousands of meters high and the lovely animals living in them all. And all the people born into such a wondrously created world.

People encounter this extraordinary world the moment they first open their eyes after being born. The order in the universe is determined down to the finest degree, and you cannot change it, even by a millimeter; the moment you do, the system will collapse. The level of oxygen in the air is adjusted to be at just the right amount for humans and animals to breathe. The Sun, the moon, the stars, the delightful animals, the flowers, the plants and the lovely-smelling fruits and vegetables that emerge from the immaculate soil are all placed at our disposal. So have you ever wondered what the point behind the creation of this wondrous universe is? Since all this majesty and exquisitely precise design could not have appeared by chance, and are placed at our disposal alone, there must be a reason for it, mustn't there? There is only one answer to that question: Love. The sole aim behind the creation of the universe is love. The whole reason behind it is for man, the steward of this astonishing world, to develop a sincere love in his heart for God, his Creator, for him to properly appreciate His might and greatness. A great love for God and for His creations grows in the heart of the believer who grasps the greatness and might of God and feels deeply His infinite mercy. God is the One Who bestows the great blessing of this love in the believer's heart: **As for those who have faith and do right actions, the All-Merciful will bestow His love on them. (Surah Maryam, 96)** It is no coincidence that a person should feel a great love for God and His creations in his heart. No matter what one does, one cannot produce that sincere love in one's heart purely by one's own endeavors. God is the One Who creates and gradually enhances this fine feeling. God reveals in the Qur'an that He bestowed great sensitivity to love on the Prophet John:... **We gave him judgement while still a child, and tenderness and purity from Us – he had taqwa – (Surah Maryam, 13)** Love and faith are intertwined. As the believer grows in faith, as he attains depth in faith, he begins to see God everywhere he looks. He sees a bird with glorious plumage and he praises and thanks his Lord. He sees a lovely flower and immediately gives thanks to God. He tastes delicious foods and offers up sincere thanks to God. He listens to music and is amazed by God's creation and the effect it has on his soul. He never forgets God for a moment. He now lives a very different life, one closely bound to God and filled with a deep, abiding love and bond of affection.

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Bro. Farooq Shafi

## CRANKY OLD MAN

By Bro. Farooq Shafi / Sunrise, Florida U.S.A

What do you see nurses? What do you see?  
What are you thinking when you're  
looking at me?

A cranky old man, not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?  
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.  
When you say in a loud voice, I do wish  
you'd try!

Who seems not to notice the things that you do.  
And forever is losing A sock or shoe?

Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,  
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill?  
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?  
Then open your eyes, nurse you're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am As I sit here so still,  
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.  
I'm a small child of Ten with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters who love one another  
A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet  
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.  
A groom soon at Twenty my heart gives a leap.  
Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.

At Twenty-Five, now I have young of my own.  
Who need me to guide. And a secure happy home.  
A man of Thirty. My young now grown fast,  
Bound to each other with ties that should last.

At Forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,  
But my woman is beside me to see I don't mourn.  
At Fifty, once more, babies play 'round my knee,  
Again, we know children my loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me. My wife is now dead.  
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.  
For my young are all rearing young of their own.  
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.

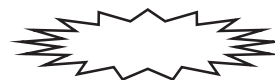
I'm now an old man and nature is cruel.  
It's jest to make old age look like a fool.  
The body, it crumbles grace and vigour, depart.  
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass, a young man still dwells,  
And now and again my battered heart swells  
I remember the joys, I remember the pain.  
And I'm loving and living life over again.

I think of the years, all too few gone too fast.  
And accept the stark fact, that nothing can last.  
So open your eyes, people, open and see.

Not a cranky old man ..

**Look closer . . . . see . . . . . ME!!**





Bro. Mikayl Yahya Ibn Kefa

## HOW THE MIGHTY ARE FALLEN! THE RISE & DEMISE OF YAJUJ & MAJUJ

Bro. Mikayl Yahya Ibn Kefa / United Kingdom

Continued from July / Aug. 2015 Issue

When they return the wall will be as they left it, and then they will continue digging and emerge against mankind." It is clear here that the troubles Yajuj and Majuj caused "back in the day", is nothing compared to the havoc they will inflict upon the earth in the future. The Qur'an speaks of a time when the hordes of terrifying warriors known collectively as Yajuj and Majuj will breach the ancient wall between two mountains and swarm across planet earth at lightning speed. It is easy to imagine that these tyrants, which are synonymous with the Biblical Gog and Magog, are not mere mortals. The Qur'an states; "When Yajuj and Majuj are let loose and swarm down every incline, and the true promise is very near, the eyes of the deniers will be riveted. 'Woe for us! We did not realise this!'" (The Qur'an: Surah al 'Anbya', 96-97) Scholars differ as to the exact identity of the hordes of Yajuj and Majuj, but there are some points that need to be considered. These vast armies cannot currently be resident on planet earth, or if they are they must be miraculously hidden from our sight. The Islamic scholars of old taught that the hordes of Yajuj and Majuj were equivalent to five sixths of the earth's (then) population. Abu Hurayrah was a meticulous scholar who spent three years in the companionship of Prophet Mohammed. He related a *hadeeth* or saying of the Prophet, in which he once stated, "They will emerge and come against the people. They will consume all of their water and the people will flee from them. They will fire arrows into the sky and they will come back stained with blood. They will say, 'We have vanquished the people of earth and now we are superior to those in the heavens in strength and power.'" Superficially it would seem as if there is a case to be made that the hordes of Yajuj and

Majuj are Jinn, and that the wall, which was built by the legendary Islamic leader Dhu'l Qarnayn, was no mere ordinary wall, but a barrier between the world of the Jinn and planet earth. However, Rasoolallah (SAW) specifically stated that they were of the Sons of Adam. They are humans, but humans who have degenerated to such an extent that there is precious little left of their humanity. So great will their assumed authority and self-confidence be, they will not be satisfied with conquering the earth, but will also set their sight upon conquering the heavens: "They will drink (every drop of water they pass by). The people will resort to strongholds. And, Gog and Magog will throw their arrows towards the sky. When they come back to them stained with what looks like blood, they will say: 'We have defeated the people on earth and those in the heaven as well.' Then, Allah the Almighty will send against them worms in their necks that will kill them all." Currently the hordes of Yajuj and Majuj are hidden from our sight, but the day is coming when the entire world will see them and tremble. And who will save us? None but Allah. He will send a pestilence against them, and they will perish where they stand. The hordes of Yajuj and Majuj will be as grasshoppers in his sight. When we meditate about the incredible power of Allah over His creation, and the intense love He has for His people, why should we fear any but Him? In this life there are times when we become afraid. We all face our own personal Yajuj and Majuj, if only on an infinitely smaller scale. But over us there is the protective shadow of the Almighty, and this is a blessing beyond compare. **END**

*"Smile, for it can lift a saddened heart. Smile, for it can light the darkest day. Smile, for it can warm the coldest heart."*

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## A LOVELESS PERSON IS LIKE A TREE ROTTING FROM THE INSIDE

By: Dr. Harun Yahya / Ankara, Turkey  
Submitted by: Sis. Ebru / Turkey

When the believer takes a step toward God, God takes one toward him; the believer's entire being overflows with love of God. Even the cells in one's body know that love. With their trust in God and faith and fortitude, believers enjoy an exceptional comfort. This is the greatest blessing bestowed on the believer. Only those believers who live and feel that deep-rooted love in their hearts would know this feeling. God loves His servants very much and wants them to love Him above all else. God is the One Who creates man from a single cell, gives him hands, eyes and ears and breathes His own spirit into him. God is the One Who bestows countless blessings on him starting from his first breath until his very last. God is the One Who causes his heart to beat without him realizing it and equips his body with the most wondrous systems. God is the One Who allows us to eat and drink. He is the One Who gives us sleep and heals us when we are ill. All that God asks from His servants in return is love. Believers direct all the love in their hearts to God first, and from Him to other people and other living things, yet God comes before all else. Deniers, however, forget God and turn their love directly towards other people, but they never find the reward they seek. **Some people set up equals to God, loving them as they should love God. But those who have faith have greater love for God. If only you could see those who do wrong at the time when they see the punishment, and that truly all strength belongs to God, and that God is severe in punishment. (Surat al Baqara, 165)** God is the One Who accepts all repentance (Tawwab), the Forgiver (Gafur), and the Most-Compassionate (Rahman); these names show how much our Lord loves, protects and is merciful toward His servants.

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE**

By: *Salma Mohammed*

**Sheriff Scott Israel**  
attended  
**JUMUA IN RAMADHAAN**

Sheriff Scott Israel attended Jumua in Ramadhaan at Darul Uloom Institute, Pembroke Pines Florida USA on Friday July 10th, 2015. He was also accompanied by Chief of Staff Lisa Castillo, Deputy Nezar Hamze and other officers. The Sheriff addressed the Jumua



*Shaikh Shafayat & Sheriff Scott Israel*

congregation with Ramadhaan Greetings along with a brief update on community Services.

**Commissioner Jay Schwartz**  
Visit To

Darul Uloom Institute, Pembroke Pines Florida USA



*Comm. Jay Schwartz & Shaikh Shafayat*

On Friday June 26th, 2015 Comm. Jay Schwartz visited Darul Uloom Institute, Pembroke Pines Florida USA. He addressed the Jumua congregation of services that the City of Pembroke Pines offer to the Community.

**Florida Business "NAZTEC" Creates History**  
At Masjid Al-Haram - Makkah & Masjid Al-Nabawi - Madinah, Saudi Arabia



**Photo from left:** *Mr.Saeed Al Garni, Mr.Waleed Al Sagabi -Head of Translation Department-Al Haram, Mr. Mohamed Salahuddin - President & CEO of NAZTEC Florida, Dr.Shaik Abdul Rahman Al Sudais - President & Grand Imam of Masjid Al Haram-Makkah , Masjid Al Nabawi - Madinah, Dr. Al-Khuzaim-Vice President General Presidency of Haramaine & Mr.Ali Algarni*

*Please see Page 25 for more details, Inshaa Allaah*

**INTERFAITH IFTAAR AT DARUL ULOOM INSTITUTE**



**Photo above from left:** *Shaikh Shafayat, Rabbi Mark Winer, Sis. Ghazala and Mrs. Suellen Mark Winer*

CAIR Florida held an Interfaith Iftaar at Darul Uloom Institute on Saturday June 20th, 2015. The program was coordinated by Sis. Ghazala Salam. There were many Non-Muslim guests who participated in the Iftaar and dinner. The program was a great success! MaaShaa Allaah!

**POLITICIANS ATTEND IFTAAR**  
AT DARUL ULOOM INSTITUTE



**From left:** *Tamin Chowdhury, Com. Jay Schwartz, Saif Hamideh, Andrea Gunderson, State Rep. Richard Stark, Shaikh Shafayat & Sajan Kurian*

Emerge USA held their Iftaar at Darul Uloom Institute, Pembroke Pines Florida on Monday June 22nd, 2015. The program was coordinated by Bro. Tahmim Chowdhury. There were many Political Representatives from South Florida who shared their greetings to the congregation and also participated in the Iftaar and dinner. The program was a great success! MaaShaa Allaah!



**Photo above from right:** *Bro. Azad Ali, Bro. Imran & Shaikh Shafayat speaking with Comm. Jay Schwartz*



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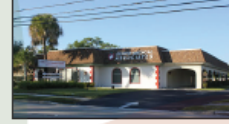
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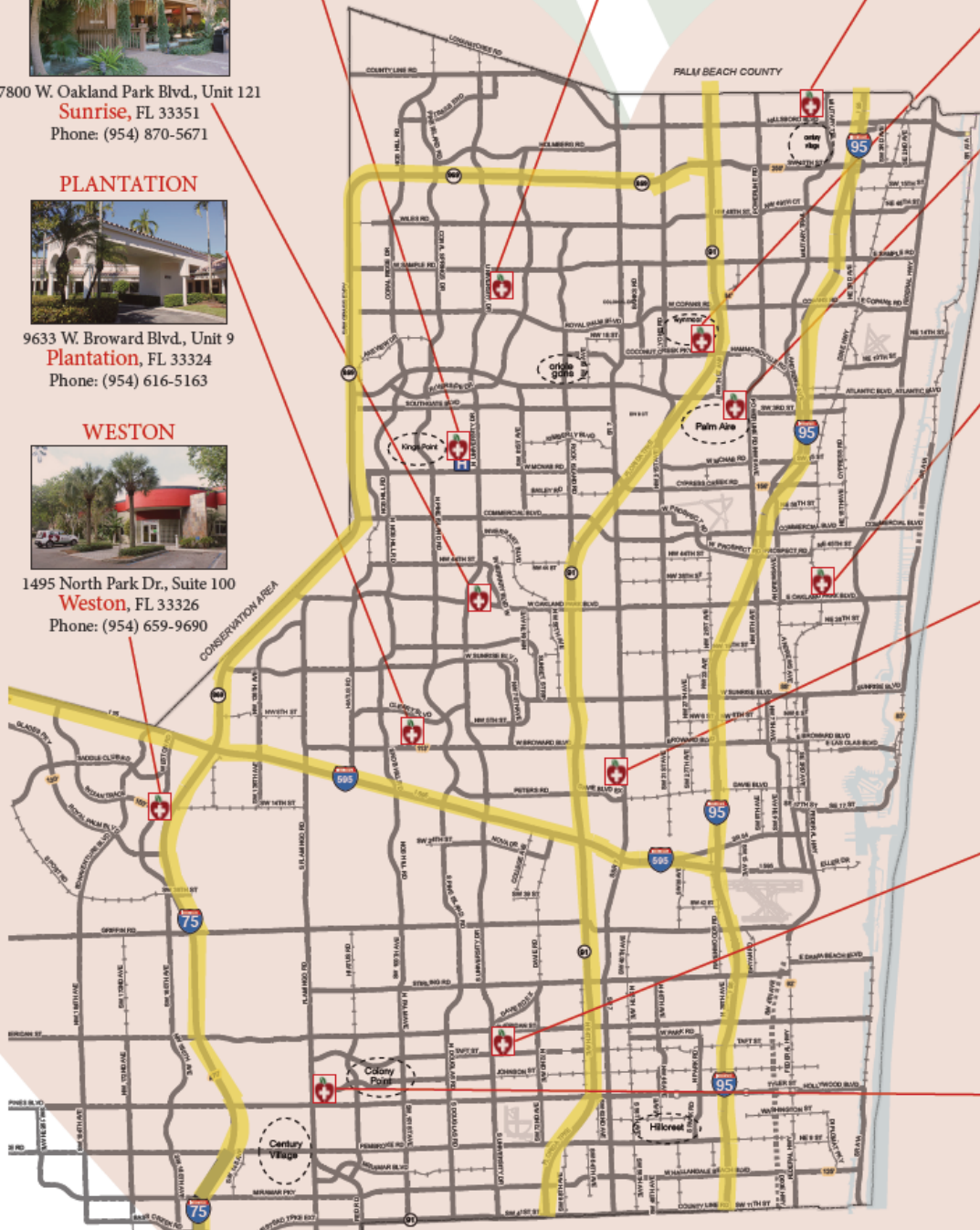


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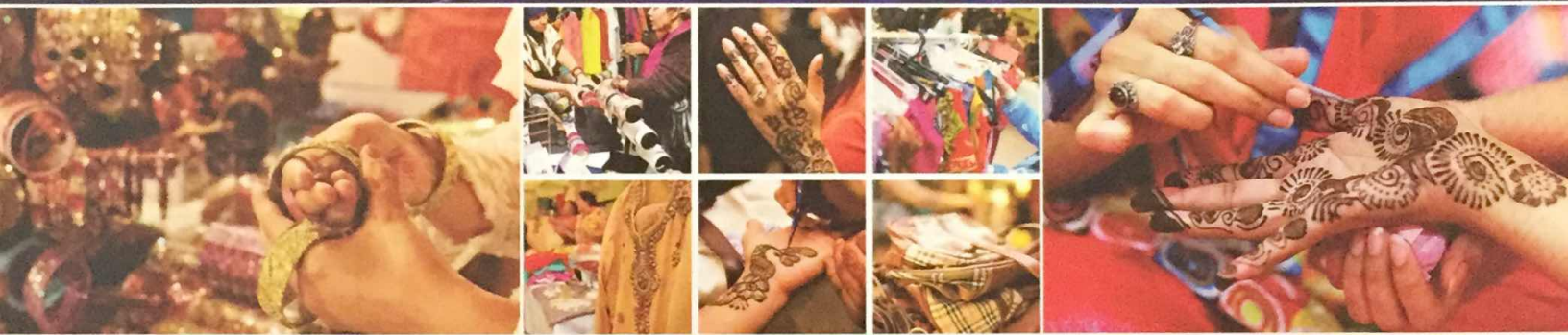
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## YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAM



*Photo on Left:*

Darul Uloom Students & Al-Haya Youths coordinated a Youth & Family program on Sunday July 12th, 2015 at Darul Uloom Institute, Florida USA. The event was consisted with Qur'aan Recitations, speeches about Youths and Family plus Naats by some of AL-HAYA Youths. The Mc's were Bro. Basit & Bro. Fahad. There were approximately 250-300 people in attendance. MaaShaa Allaah.

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OSAC - Overseas Security Advisory Council / US Department of State Diplomatic Security invited Shaikh Shafayat at a 2 days Conference on June 1st and 2nd, 2015 to deliver a lecture on "Radicalization in the West." The event was held at the Hope Center in Dallas, Texas USA.



## WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA



Sis. Ghazala Salam



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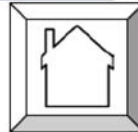
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**Florida Business "NAZTEC" Creates History at**

**Masjid Al-Haram - Makkah & Masjid Al-Nabawi Madinah, Saudi Arabia**

Since the first Umrah 4 years ago by NAZTEC President & CEO ,Mohamed Salahuddin, who could not understand the full arabic Jumu'ah Khutbah's at both Masjid Al Haram & Masjid Al Nabawi , his thoughts and vision were to find a solution to understand the Khutbah's and other important sermons at both these holy places. Along with Mohamed , over 70 % of worldwide Muslim population visiting the holy places do not speak or understand Arabic until now! The idea for a solution to understanding of the Khutbah's actually stemmed while at Masjid Al Haram in Makkah for Mohamed. Mohamed Salahuddin a Scientist , Engineer & Industrialist along with his team of dedicated Engineers & product designers at NAZTEC Florida tirelessly worked for the last 3 years on creating a World Class, State of the Art , first of its kind Digital Simultaneous translation system for possible installation at both holy places. The design involved complex and critical first of its kind innovations to do a system capable of simultaneously translating the Friday Jumu'ah Khutbahs into 35 different languages. Mohamed and his team actually started designing the system 3 years ago with no Orders or even a single contact at the holy place. The immense desire to create the system for a far distant possibility of actually installing at the holy places were just a dream and huge amount of resources and money were spent on creating the system ! "We were knocking at every single possible contact in Saudi Arabia and could not reach or contact anyone !

We did not give up - made several trips to both the holy places to put forward the idea and Al-Hamdulillah the breakthrough came-in during 2014, when I was fortunate to meet one of the haram directors for a shortwhile and presented my idea !" This led to our introductions to other Senior Administrators at Masjid Al Haram. During 2014 a separate and new translation department was created at both holy places. It is every individual and company's dream to do at least some-kind of work at Masjid Al Haram & Masjid Al Nabawi! Early this year NAZTEC florida got its dream fulfilled when Mohamed Salahuddin met up with Shaik Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais President & Grand Imam of Masjid Al Haram & Masjid Al Nabawi.

**HUMOR**

**IMAAM  
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Installation of equipment at Masjid Al-Haram, Makkah

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# The Holy Qur'aan says: Feed Those In Need

## Ch. 63 - SURAH MUNAFIQUN - VERSE #10

“And spend something (in charity) out of the substance (wealth) which We have bestowed on you, before death should come to any of you and he should say, “O my Lord! Why didst thou not give me respite for a little while? I would then give (largely) in charity (Sadaqah), and I would be one of the doers of Good.”

## Ch. 36 - SURAH YA SEEN / Verse #47

“And when they are told “Spend ye of (the bounties) with which Allaah has provided you, the unbelievers say to those who believe “Shall we then feed those whom, if Allaah had so willed, he would have fed, (Himself)? ye are in nothing but manifest error.”

## Ch. 89 - SURAH FAJR - THE BREAK OF DAY Verses #17 - #20

#17. Nay, Nay! But you are not generous to the orphans!  
#18. Nor do you encourage one another to feed the poor / Miskeen.  
#19. And you consume inheritance with greed,  
#20. And you love wealth with extreme love!

## FEE SABEELILLAAH OR SADAQAH JAARIYA

**\*SADAQAH FOR BLESSINGS** - Please join us to feed those in need/Miskeen as Fee Sabeelillaah (In the Path of Allaah).

**\*FIDYA** - For missing Ramadhann Fasts - Ch. 2 V#184 - Fasting for a fixed number of days; but if any of you are ill, or on a journey, the prescribed number (should be made up) from days later. (However) it is better for those who can afford to give a ransom/Fidya of feeding one poor/needly person. But he that gives more, of his own free will, it is better for him. However, it is better for you to fast, if you only know.

**\*KAFFAARAH** - For Breaking a Promise - Ch. 5 V#89 - Allaah will not hold you to account for what is futile in your promises, but Allaah will hold you to account for your deliberate promises. Otherwise (you would have to do) Kaffaarah/expiation by feeding ten poor / needly people, on an average of how you feed your family or clothe them; or give a slave his freedom. If that is beyond your means, then fast for three days. That is expiation/Kaffaarah for the promises ye have made (and broken). But keep to your promises. Thus doth Allaah make clear to you His signs, that ye may be grateful.

**\*SADAQAH JAARIYA** - Please join us to feed those in need/Miskeen on behalf of your loved ones who have Passed Away, like parents & grand parents, etc.

InShaa Allaah Aameen MaaShaa Allaah

## Ch. 76 - SURAH INSAAN - THE HUMAN BEING Verse #8

“And they feed, for the love of Allaah, the poor, needy / Miskeen, the orphan, and the captive.”

## Ch. 30 - SURAH AR-RUUM VERSE #38

“So give what is due to kindred, the needy / Miskeen and the wayfarer. That is best for those, whose intention is for the pleasure of Allaah, and it is they who will prosper.”

### SURAH MAA'OON - ALMS GIVING

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#### Ch. 107 - VERSES #1- #7

“Do you see the one who denies the Judgment (to come)? Then such is the (person) who repulses the orphan (with harshness), and do not encourage the feeding of the poor and needy / Miskeen.

So woe to the worshippers, (for) they are neglectful of their prayers.

Those who (pray) to be seen (by others), but they refuse (to help) those in need.

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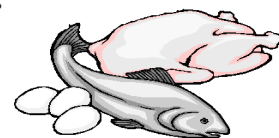
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An Industrialist, Businessman, Engineer, Inventor, Philanthropist, and a public service volunteer, Brother Mohamed Salahuddin Pazhoor is a graduate of Harvard Business School. Brother Pazhoor has had the blessed opportunity to work as a Chief Engineer on projects in Masjid-Al-Haram, Masjid-Al-Nawabi. He currently is working on a one of kind project in the world to implement a translation mechanism that translates Friday Khutbahs and other services to thirty-five languages simultaneously! Six language channels are to be up and operating by and a second phase of ten language channels in the next few months IN SHAA AALLAH. Aside from his international efforts, he also

serves as the Board of Directors at Muslim community of Palm Beach County, Purdy Lane, West Palm Beach, and as an advisor for Al-Amin Center Masjid, in Boynton Beach, and volunteers with Red Cross of America. He is the President and CEO of Naztec Invent which designs, manufactures and supplies voting booths for over four hundred governmental clients and US. Brother Pazhoor is gearing up for the 2016 US Presidential Elections. His firm belief in his mission statement is helping Masjids anywhere and everywhere! Al-Hamdulillaah, Bro. Salahuddin Pazhoor was an Award Recipient at the 2015 Al-Hikmat Annual Dinner & Award Ceremony. MaaShaa Allaah!

**Photo on right:** Custom Innovation Antenna for the Translation Services installed at Masjid Al-Haraam in Makkah - by NAZTEC Florida, USA.



*By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha*

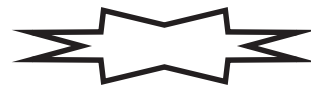
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**PROPHET YUSUF'S PATIENCE from the WELL - JAIL - POWERFUL PERSON**

However sometimes, immediate action and reaction and impulsive responses and immediate outcomes does not always nurture and develop good virtues. By waiting, being patient, and tolerating our situation and placing our trust in Allah (SWT) to give us the best resolution; may bring us greater rewards. Maybe Allah (SWT) give us the quality of patience so that we can worship Him more and gradually get closer to Him while we wait, and this way sincerely build a true appreciation for His many rewards. It is by His design that He does not answer our duas immediately, because if He did, we would have instant gratification and we would have no incentive to worship Him constantly, and constantly praise

Him, and constantly fear His punishment, and continually understand that we always need Him. "O ye who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy; vie in such perseverance; strengthen each other; and fear Allah; that ye may prosper". (Al'Imran 3:200). Instead of wanting to skip challenging times, and avoid them, Allah is teaching us that the way to the easing, is through, the difficulty. It takes patient perseverance, or enduring with a good spirit still intact, in order to reap both the internal and external rewards of struggle. According to the dictionary, patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. It is a delayed gratification. As the story of

Prophet Yusuf (AS) remind us of the rewards of patience, let us try our best to maintain that virtue of patience with each other, our family, our community, our friends, our neighbors, our teachers, our Imams, and with people in general. Let us understand that instantaneous information, pictures, viral videos and online communication is a definite plus for humankind, but we do not want to lose the essence of appreciation, thankfulness, perseverance and peace of mind which is all a byproduct of patience. May Allah (SWT) bless us with this beautiful virtue of— patience.





Kiran Khan Paracha

## LIVE A PURPOSEFUL LIFE

By: *Sis. Kiran / Pembroke Pines FL.*

Every time I read about living your life on purpose, I would get confused. What is a life on purpose or a purposeful life? How can an ordinary person with average knowledge live a purposeful life? Allah couldn't have left that for the rich and the educated alone? There is no dearth of literature on the subject but then again, that literature is accessible to certain people and even those people are left with confusion as they cannot figure out what purpose their lives have. This apparent lack of purpose leads to a life full of dissatisfaction, feeling like a failure because they felt had no real purpose per se. One day while observing a couple, my confusion was gone and it was replaced with an answer that thoroughly satisfied me. I got my answer when I met a couple that has truly lived their lives on purpose. It was then that I had an epiphany as I realized that to Allah, purpose is not saving the world or eliminating world poverty alone, it is simply living your life the right way. If you are involved in major causes, then by all means continue furthering them but for the average souls like myself, Allah has set a simple meaning of purpose and that is hidden in the ayah that states: "*Whoever will do the right thing, whether male or female and believe in Me also, then I (Allah) will keep them in this world with pious and comfortable life and after death give them the best return of their noble deed. (Quran 16:97) It is that simple: do the right thing. Now if you are wondering what the right thing is, I must elaborate. Right thing is the right action in each given situation. If you are helping your friends and ignoring your family, you are NOT doing the right thing. Help your friends but do not give them precedence over family because Quran clearly gives preference to blood relations. Set your priorities right. Find out what would be desirable action in Allah's eye in each situation and take that action. If you are sure that the only person who could have stolen your ring is that maid who came to work over the weekend but you have not seen it with your own eyes then fear Allah. Do not hold her responsible and do not punish her for no one knows the truth but Allah. You can ask her to leave but do not go overboard with your anger. If you have a vacant house but your brother lives in a small cramped apartment with his family, then offer him your house. Do not amass wealth for it is only good when being spent to please Allah (swt). Let your brother live a more comfortable life if you can for Allah (swt) will offer you a comfortable life in this world and Akhirah for your admirable actions. In short, your actions must please Allah. Yes there are actions that may not displease him but would still not please him clearly so in those cases, let Allah be the sole judge.*

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## WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

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#### Muslim Women Organization Florida U.S.A

Sister Tehsin Siddiqui has attended Nova Southeastern University and served as the President of IMAN (MSA at NSU) 2 years. During her Presidency, IMAN hosted former Attorney General Janet Reno; as part of "Hope not Hate" townhall events, participated in interfaith dialogue on campus in South Florida Muslim Community. After graduating from NSU, Sister Siddiqui furthered her educational career and graduated from Barry University with a degree in Physician Assistant program, and obtained her Masters of Clinical Medical Science Degree. Sister Siddiqui has served as a Board Member of Sahara; an organization working and providing culturally sensitive services to the Asian women in distress. She currently serves as a Treasurer for Sahara, Secretary of the Nur Center, Vice President for Muslim Women Organization of South Florida, and Board Member for Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations (COSMOS). In her very limited available time, Sister Siddiqui volunteers at UHi Community Care Clinic, South Floridas first Muslim owned and operated Medical Clinic providing free healthcare to South Florida Community. Tehsin currently resides in Davie with her husband and three children.



Sis. Tehsin Siddiqui

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#### Florida Business "NAZTEC" Creates History

At Masjid Al-Haram - Makkah & Masjid Al-Nabawi Madinah, Saudi Arabia

This revolutionary dream project got the approval from the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques His Highness King Salman of Saudi Arabia. NAZTEC created history by winning the order directly from General Presidency of Haramaine, Saudi Arabia for installing high technology simultaneous translation systems at both holy places. At the company's manufacturing facility at Florida, We had to work day and night almost a 24x7 work for months to get the first set of equipments and antenna for installation of the Phase-1 for doing 6 language translations: English, Urdu, French, Turkish, Indonesian (Malay) & Hausa. The complex new innovation Antenna and systems actually started taking shape at NAZTEC's florida facility. A custom and first of its kind, Ultimate Quality line up of equipments were custom manufactured with team of Product Designers, Engineers and technicians under the dynamic leadership of Mohamed Salahuddin. "We invented a new Antenna system for installation at the tall minarets of the Masjid Al Haram" All equipments were manufactured in-house and tested at the Florida facility of NAZTEC.

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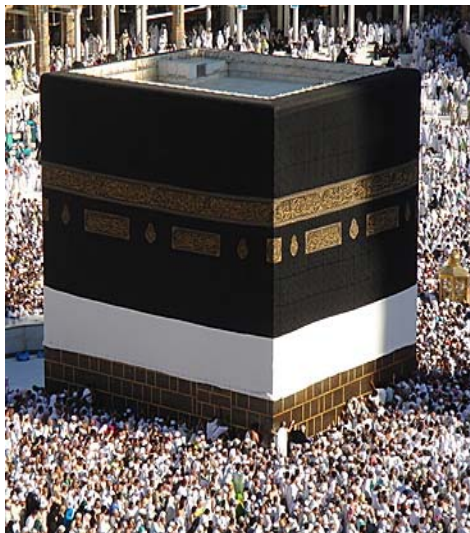
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**QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER**

By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

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By Bro. Al Mustapha

**AFTER RAMADHAAN****EATING PRAWNS / SHRIMPS**

**Question:** What's the Islamic Law on eating PRAWNS / SHRIMPS?

**Answer:** There are differences of opinion on shrimp being a fish or not. Hence, some scholars say, it is permissible to eat but not recommended to eat because it's considered as a worm/scavenger. However, since there is no evidence to prove prawns / shrimps is haraam, it is then up to every individual to decide whether to eat it or not. In the Qur'aan, Allaah says, in Chapter 5, verse 96 "Lawful to you is the pursuit of water game, and its use for food." It is however, the opinion of some scholars, that sea-food is only fish, and other water creatures are

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These are very dangerous sins that can wipe out all our blessings and can make us bankrupt (Allah forbid) on the Day of Judgement. Let us remember that our enemy satan is now once more on the loose and is trying to make up for the month he lost in misleading us, he is our true enemy and we must take him as an enemy and always beware of his deceptive attacks. My friends, we spent the last month repenting to Allah SWT and planting and nurturing the seeds of taqwa, iman, patience, self-restraint, good character, good conduct and kindness, now we must continue to take care of and water and fertilize these young plants, we certainly don't want them to die or not bear the fruits of Iman, taqwa, good character that will ultimately lead to us reaping endless blessings and great rewards insha Allah. We should avoid at all costs going back to accumulating sins by lying, deceiving, backbiting, slandering, breaking our promises and our trusts with Allah God Almighty and our trusts with others. Let us not try to deceive Allah God Almighty by being good in Ramadhan and then revert back to our old sinning ways, sowing the seeds of discord and disunity as we will only deceive ourselves. Our willpower and our ability to control our inner desires is much stronger now and we should be better able to withstand the trials, temp-

tations and deceptions of our chief enemy satan, as our taqwa was hopefully strengthened much in Ramadan. But if we don't use it we could easily lose it my friends! Keep in mind that Satan cannot make us or force us to commit sins; he just plays on our weaknesses and tries to deceive us in those weak areas of our faith, our character and in our conduct. Unfortunately we sometimes fall prey to his deceptive calls and we commit sins. That's why we must sincerely repent daily and seek Allah's mercy and forgiveness at least 5 times a day in our prayers. We should also continue to recite our Qurans daily and read and ponder on the meaning so we understand Allah's advice and commands and can better implement them in our lives. We must also continue to have the best character and conduct and continue to feed and help the poor and needy. Throughout our lives, while we have the health and wealth, we must also keep raising the bar and strive to do more in the path of Allah as He advised in chapter 4:95 saying that the believers who sit at home and those who strive in the path of Allah with their wealth and belongings and their selves - are certainly not equal. Allah has distinguished those who strive in His way above those who sit at home and will give them special rewards. Ranks specially bestowed by Him and His forgiveness and mercy, for Allah is oft-forgiving, most merciful.

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**AFTER RAMADHAAN**

By Bro. Al Mustapha

The noble Prophet SAW advised us to always strive for the best in what we do and to ask Allah for Jannatul Firadaus, the best and highest Heaven. In our daily lives we certainly do strive for the best; we strive for the highest scores in school, we want the best colleges, best careers, best jobs, best salary, best wife, best cars, best houses, best kids, most wealth etc. but unfortunately when it comes to Islam, we tend to fall short and settle for last place in everything. We pray the least salaah, (if any), recite the least amount of Quran, make minimal effort to attend Islamic classes, give the least charity, barely go to the Masjid for salaah, we rarely make any effort to share the message of Islam with others and we spend the least time or money in doing so. My friends, this has to change, we need to better balance our lives. Let us at least make the intention today for us and our children to pray more salaah and go to the Masjid and attend classes at least once or twice per week. Let us recite our Qurans daily for at least 5 to 10 minutes in the morning and evenings. Let us do more to help the poor and needy and let us support all dawah events or at least tell other about Islam or sponsor some Qurans or CDs and other brochures on Islam. My friends, Allah SWT advises us in chapter 67:2 that He created and gave us life and death so that He may try or test us to see which of us are best in deeds. Let us make every effort in our short and temporary lives on this earth to ensure that when we leave this world, we know we did our very best in our daily lives to live in total submission to the will of Allah SWT, Insha Allah. ○

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**LIVE A PURPOSEFUL LIFE**

By: Sis. Kiran / Pembroke Pines FL.

But the actions that clearly please Him are known to each and every soul and when we give up our ego, pride and anger, we can see the righteous path and the right action in each case. It then requires some courage on your part to take that action for it may not always please you instantly but in the long run it definitely will because it was done purely to make Allah happy. They are plenty of right actions one can take in a day from eating Halal food, to being patient with our children to loving our parents, to staying faithful and loyal to one's spouse and giving respect to others and more. But each action should be taken not to gain something from people but solely to make Allah (swt) happy. That is the gist of living a purposeful life and may Allah (swt) grant us all the courage and strength to do the "right thing" for it sure requires courage, patience and commitment.

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**Florida Business "NAZTEC" Creates History**

at

Masjid Al-Haram - Makkah & Masjid Al-Nabawi  
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During the tests the company had invited several local imams to witness the tests and among the distinguished Special invitee to NAZTEC's manufacturing facility was Shaikh Shafayat. Almost a plane load of equipments were sent from Florida to jeddah airport and then to both the holy places. Mohamed Salahuddin and team of very capable engineers from florida landed up at Saudi Arabia for a 60 day non stop day & night work at both the holy places! We started the installation at Al Haram in Makkah with too many technical and administrative challenges at the holy site. A brand new sophisticated control Room was designed and created in a record time at the first level above King Fahad Gate of Al Haram. A technically marvelous antenna system were erected at both minarets above the King Fahad Gate. The minarets were almost 400 feet from ground level and we had to get special permission to work at nights to avoid the day time heat! Atleast two occasions the minaret elevator stopped midway due to technical reasons and we had to wait a while inside the elevator to be rescued ! Few occasions the police locked us up inside the minaret and left ! Alhamdulillah Al Haram has very effective Se-

curity system and all our engineers and technicians had special access identity cards to access any part of Masjid Al Haram for the installation work. All officials including security , projects, maintenance , gate security , police, intelligence and everyone at both holy sites were very cooperative for our day and night first if its kind work at both the holy sites! We had to install custom indoor broadcast Antenna at several indoor locations at both holy places. Al-Hamdulillah the system was installed and tested in a record time of 40 days at Masjid Al Haram and in 20 days in Masjid Al Nawabi. We did atleast 3 Jumua'ahs reliability , coverage and effectiveness testing and Alhamdulillah the system was fully commissioned and working for 6 languages at both holy places to the fullest satisfaction of everyone! Next time Mohamed or rest of the 70% non Arabic speaking musalees visit the holy places - no need to feel left out of the important Jumu'ah Khutbah's , all can listen to the simultaneous live translations in your own Smartphones or from a custom device which is proposed to be automatically distributed from thousands of automatic vending machines proposed to be installed in and around Haram , hotels, airports etc. Phase-2 of the project is likely to start in next 2 months to add atleast 5 more additional channels and the ultimate aim is to commission the 35 language system in both the holy places. Other than translation of the Jumu'ah Khutbahs , the system will be used for tafseer of the Holy Qur'an during Ramadhan , important announcements in multiple language during Hajj, Ramadhan , Fridays and during other time. "We thank Almighty Allah to have blessed us and given this opportunity to make a lasting difference to all the visiting musalees for generations to come at Masjid Al Haram & Masjid Al Nawabi!" **Al-Hamdulillah Mission Accomplished!** We all Muslims in USA can be proud of this significant achievement !

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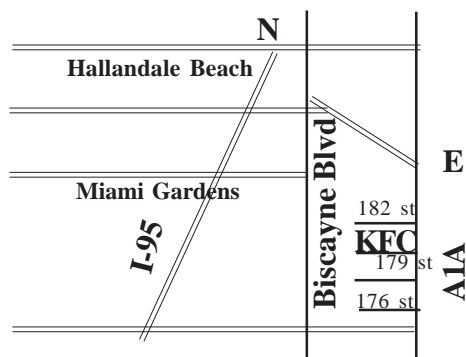
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