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In the name of Allah, the Most Kind, the Most Merciful

News and Events

The World Federation News

The 4th Executive Council Meeting of The World Federation of KSIMC for the term 2011 to 2014

The 4th Executive Council meeting, for the term 2011-2014, took place on the 10th and 11th of November 2012 in the vibrant city of Antananarivo in Madagascar. An Island off the South East coast of Africa, the home to approximately 5000 Khoja Shia Ithnasheri Muslims based across 16 Jamaat's in the country. The meeting was hosted by the Conseil Regional De L'Ocean Indien (Regional Council of Jamaat's within the Indian Ocean) and by Antananarivo Jamaat. The meeting was well attended by Councillors representing various regions from across the globe, including Africa, Pakistan, India and Europe, in addition to the large number of invitees and observers.

ZCSS: Your Help, Your Support...Your Community

For over 30 years, through ZCSS, you have successfully educated over 11,000 students who have gone on to lead thriving lives. You have helped this community go from strength to strength. You have given these Shia students the tools to become self-sufficient. Now more than ever we need your support. This Muharram we are looking for 2,000 sponsors for needing and deserving students.

Sri Lanka Floods: Hardships faced by families in Wattala

In Sri Lanka's Wattala district, flooding is no stranger. The threat imposed by the rainwaters brings with it many hardships on the local people. Year after year, during and outside of the monsoon season, people living in the marsh areas in and around Wattala suffer from the overflow of rainwater from neighbouring streets and farm fields, and into their homes. The state of their homes is unlivable and residents must move out and take shelter in community schools, mosques and other vacant buildings until the rains cease and the waters have receded.

The World Federation Foundation Fund Reaches over USD\$1.2 million

It was with great pleasure and the grace of Allah (SWT), that the Chairman of The World Federation Foundation Fund, Sibtein Bhai Asaria, announced that his team had successfully raised over USD\$1.2 million of their USD\$5 million target - all within 6 months.

Pakistanis stage protest against recent Shia killings as two more are killed in latest blast

In Lahore and several other major cities across Pakistan, Shia organizations, Sunni groups and civil society groups staged demonstrations in protest to the targeted killing of innocent Shias across the country. These protests have come at the heels of the latest incident of violence in the city Quetta and the southern port city of Karachi where several local Shia leaders were killed.

The World Federation publishes new book: MUKHTAR by Dr. Mahmood Datoo

In the very popular style of Dr Datoo, the book is written in a narrative, story-like fashion, which makes reading easy and enjoyable. The content of the book covers the life of H. Mukhtar, and how he searches for the perpetrators of Karbala, and seeks retribution from them. The account of H.

Mukhtar's life is enlightening and interweaves between the politics of the time, the personalities involved, and the honour and gallantry displayed by H. Mukhtar.

World Federation India Office offers English Classes for Hawza Students

The World Federation's India Office took a further step in its endeavor to uplift the scholars in India. Today, there are more English speaking members of the community and hence there is a continuous demand for English speakers. The program is aimed at providing English language training to these students who will be tomorrow's Ulema.

Book Reminder: The Endangered Species

Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheris, (KSI) are spread over five continents and number just under 125,000. Despite being a miniscule percentage of the 200 million Shia Ithna-Asheris worldwide, their perceived influence and fame belies their numbers.

Reciters for Muharram 1434

Various speakers are scheduled to speak to commemorate the first 12 days of Muharram at Islamic Centers across the world.

Gain a glimpse into the life of the Secretary General

The World Federation's current main communication mediums including the Newswire, Insight Magazine, Updates to Donors, Constitutional Meetings and through Regional Federations and Jamaats. However, there is a feeling that more can be done to communicate the work, values, and strategy of the Khoja community's supreme institution. The Secretary General, Shan E Abbas Hassam (aged 27) has decided to use Twitter to feed information about his work, duties and his strategy at the helm of our Secretariat.

North America

Leadership Development Program – Allentown, USA

Thirty-three participants from various parts of North America started their journey to "Unlock their Potential to serve community and humanity" on November 2nd at the Al-Ahad Center in Allentown. This three day program encompassed forty hours of intensive educational experience that equipped participants with tools and skills to use in their personal and professional life.

Update on Muharram Blood Drives in North America

In the spirit of the events that took place on the day of Ashura, Jamaats all across North America are planning blood drives for the Helpers of Husayn Blood Donation Campaign by NASIMCO.

CSAA Award Winners

NASIMCO is pleased to announce the following winners of the Community Service and Academic Achievement (CSAA) Awards 2012-13. The awards were presented on Eid-al-Mubahila through respective Jamaats.

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