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

News and Events

The World Federation News

Syria Conflict: The World Federation condemns latest attacks against Shia Muslims and calls on all Jamaats to hold special Amaals during the Holy Month of Shabaan

Amid the ongoing conflict in Syria, sectarian tension has escalated to the point where Shias, Sunnis and the Alawites are being slaughtered senselessly. In the Syrian town of Hatlah, The World Federation has received confirmed reports that Shia Muslim citizens here have been threatened with revenge where a Husayniah was set on fire and innocent lives were lost. This most recent attack came after the take-over of the city of Qusayr by anti-rebel forces who defeated the rebels. The World Federation is calling on all peoples of Syria and beyond to end these acts of violence and division and work towards creating harmony, unity, brotherhood and dialogue.

Ramadhan Relief 1434: The World Federation prepares for aid distribution to 100 Syrian Refugee families – Lebanon

This Ramadhan, these Syrian refugee families need your help to bring food on the table and a shelter over their heads to lighten the day to day financial pressures they have – at least during this Blessed month. With Ramadhan only 4

weeks away, please donate to The World Federation's Ramadhan Relief Fund so that we can make sure that these families are taken care of this Ramadhan.

Syrian Refugee Appeal: A snapshot of The World Federation's work in to help 100 displaced families in Lebanon

For over 24 months now, since the start of the crisis in Syria, The World Federation has been working to help the displaced and affected families from Syria. The World Federation's strength and experience in working in the region comes from the network of support we built through our office in Damascus which was set up as part of our Hawza program there.

Islamic Education appoints mentors for Madinah and Bab Summer Courses

The excellent and renowned Madinah and Bab Summer Courses are one of the highlights of the year at The World Federation. The Islamic Education team is committed to ensuring that the courses continue to reach new heights of excellence, through the spiritual, moral, and educational development of the course participants.

Operation "Well" Done: Grade 9 Madrasah students raise over \$31,000 to build wells in Pakistan – Vancouver, Canada

On Saturday 1st June 2013, the Grade 9 class of Madrasah Az-Zahraa held Operation "Well" Done - a fundraising event to build 14 wells across Pakistan's flood affected areas where over 1,000 water wells were destroyed by the 2010 monsoon floods. Not only did they raise enough funds to build 14 wells, but they surpassed their target and collected just over \$31,000 in donations and sponsorships – amounting to over 50 wells.

The World Federation Boys Youth Camp: Reflections of a participant student

Ali Abbas Merchant was a participant at the boys youth camp in Panvel and shares his experience.

The Walji Alibhai Pradhan Loan Application deadline is approaching!

The Walji Alibhai Pradhan Loan is available to a male or female student of our Khoja community looking to study a bachelor's degree in the West. The loan is available for a maximum of £5,000 per student per academic year for up to three consecutive years.

Islamic Art and Calligraphy Exhibition – Toronto Canada

Calligraphy is at the core of Islamic art. From 29th May to 8th June 2013, The Mulla Asghar Library and Islamic Resource Centre (MARC) hosted the official opening of The Islamic Art and Calligraphy Exhibition by Ms. Salva Rasool. Visitors feasted their eyes on glorious words from the Quran and Asmaul Husna in the enigmatic and mystical scripts of Arabic calligraphy to set their minds soaring and transcend the splendorous past cutting across all cultural and geographical boundaries.

SSC Result 2012 – 2013 of Mulla Asghar Memorial (EM) High School, Avalkonda

The results of the Mulla Asghar Memorial (EM) High School in Avalkonda for 2012-2013 have been published. All 19 students sat for exams and scored between 6.2 and 9.2.

Haji Naji Memorial Trust improved website

The Haji Naji Memorial Trust has improved their website with additional functionality for readers, including a search box for automatic transliteration of English to Gujarati.

Al Khoei Foundation - CASS Research Internship

The Centre for Academic Shia Studies is currently advertising 5 to 8 research internship positions for a research project on religious extremism and violence

towards Shia Muslims. The research will feed into various parliamentary avenues and work for the UN Rapporteur.

Poem: My Betrayal

With the recent passing of the celebration of Mab'ath, 'My Betrayal' is a poem that begs the crucial question - are we the true lovers and reflections of Muhammad (S) or have we betrayed him?

Celebrating the Wiladat of the 3rd Imam (as)

The blessed month of Shabaan is filled with happiness for the followers of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family). It is in this month that we commemorate the birth of four towering personalities (three of whom are Imams), the first being the grandson of the Prophet (or as the Quran refers to him, the son of the Prophet) – Imam Hussein ibne Ali (peace be upon him).

Celebrating the Wiladat of Hazrat Abbas (as)

As the lovers of the Ahlul Bayt mark the 1,400 birth anniversary of Hazrat Abbas (as), the right-hand man of Imam Husain (AS), this becomes a celebration not just to be 'commemorated' in our traditional manner, rather it should be one in which we should truly strive to learn more about this important personality.

Celebrating the Wiladat of 4th Imam (AS)

The Ornament of the Worshippers is one of the titles given to the Imam whose birth anniversary we commemorate in the month of Shabaan – an individual who also happens to be the 4th Imam. Of course, the person whom we are talking about is none other than Imam Ali ibnil Hussein Zainul Abideen (peace be upon him).

Europe

Meraj – Ascension to the Heavens

27th Rajab is the date when Prophet Muhammad (SAWW) was given permission by Allah (swt) to first travel miraculously from Makkah to Jerusalem, with the assistance of Angel Gibriel (a.s.). They then ascended unto the Heavens and The Holy Prophet (SAWW) received infinite knowledge, wisdom, guidance and blessings from Allah as his chosen and most beloved servant.

KSIMC of Birmingham asks 'This community is important to me because...'

A recent census held by the KSIMC of Birmingham found that its population has grown by 43% in just a twelve year period. This has largely been due to the migration of people from Jamaats all over the world, due to Birmingham's excellent universities and work prospects. As a result, Birmingham Jamaat is embarking on the Mehfil-e-Abbas Project, which aims at creating a centre that accommodates this rapid growth so that the community's needs are fully met.

Africa

BMMK Continuous Professional Development Seminar for IRE Teachers

Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya organized a ten day IRE seminar for the Assistant Muallims in charge and IRE Teachers from 15 BMMK rural centers, Zahra Madrassah and Swafaa Islamic Center from 15th April 2013 to 26th April 2013. A total of 38 participants attended this seminar.

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