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Flying in V Formation.....

A major schism within the Khoja community took place in the latter part of the eighteenth century. A number of families chose to separate from the main Ismaili Jamaat to follow the path of the Ahlul Bait (a.s.). In its wake, came many trials and tribulations for the seceding community resulting in severing of family ties and even loss of lives. Amongst other reasons, like severe economic hardships, this split in the Community, encouraged many young members of the Community to set sail, during the North Eastern Monsoons from the ports of Mandvi and Porbandar to venture towards East African shores in their dhows.

Upon their arrival in these new lands, amidst boundless opportunities, they were faced with the daunting prospect of exploring a vast unexplored tract of land within the milieu of African and Arab cultures. To challenge them further, as the colonial history evolved, these Khoja pioneers were subjected to a variety of European influences as they learned to deal with German rule in Tanganyika, British rule in other parts of East Africa, French rule in Madagascar, Italian rule in Somalia, Belgian rule in the Congo and Portuguese rule in Mozambique.

Such are the nuances of our history. Is it any wonder therefore, that this bewildering array of influences may well have engendered a fear in the minds of the Khoja of losing their identity? Would this explain the persistent perseverance by the Khojas to remain within a well-knit framework of the Jamaats and Federations, guarded so jealously, resisting any intrusion?

Understandably, the new generation is questioning the modus operandi and the insularity of the community whilst the old guard insists upon retaining what has worked well for the community for almost a century. So, where do we go from here?

A closer look at social, intellectual, political and cultural events in history will highlight the pattern in which our institutions and organizations endeavored to cater for the needs of the community. It will reveal the thought processes of the leadership of the time in dealing with conflicting forces within the larger society. Such a study will enable the community to understand the actions of the present and future leadership in combating such forces, whether these are

in the form of an alien set of values or dividing elements in the name of Islam.

The fact that a community, that has almost lost a language that it can call its own, which has never had a land it could call its own, subjected to a multitude of conflicting influences, has managed to survive for so long as a homogeneous unit must have some interesting and invaluable lessons in self-preservation. What can we learn from our past to preserve this for the future?

Having been a keen observer of the development of our Community, I can not but help recall the quote by Angeles Arien's: *"People who share a common direction and sense of community, can get where they're going quicker and easier because they are traveling in the thrust of one another."*

This principle is aptly illustrated by Arien's study of Geese flying in a V formation as they migrate and the lessons we learn from it:

Fact 1: As each goose flaps its wings it creates "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson 1: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Fact 2: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

WE EXIST TO SERVE

Lesson 2: If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

Fact 3: When a goose tires, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Lesson 3: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

Fact 4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson 4: We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement the production is much greater. The power of encouragement is the quality of honking we need.

Fact 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

Lesson 5: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

More than ever, we need to ponder over our history as we look forward. For example, if the community were faced with similar choices today, where in the interests of preservation of its values and beliefs it had to knowingly sacrifice lives, relationships as well as material possessions, would it remain steadfast and make that conscious choice? In the modern context, spread across the globe, faced with the issues of globalization, informatization and pluralism how well can we manage to remain intact in our faith and values?

It is this kind of evaluation that will enable us to deal with contemporary challenges and plan for the future. In the absence of such evaluation, we will be relegated to becoming mere joy riders on a merry-go round controlled by outside influences.

We owe it to our future generations work towards the continued existence of the Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Community as a homogeneous group in charge of its own affairs until the zuhur of Imame Zamana (A.S). Needless to state, we must focus on the best way of ensuring that the future generations can retain the values and teachings as taught by the Ahlul Bait (AS).

Hasnain Walji President
World Federation of KSMC

In Memory of Marhum Mulla Saheb

Live amongst people in such a manner that if you die they weep over you and if you are alive they crave for your company - Imam Ali (A.S.)

Mulla Asgharali M M Jaffer - 25/11/1937 - 21/03/2000

Each man has his own vocation. A man, who is determined to spend his life to serve, gives his thoughts and work for the Almighty. He has the talent that becomes his call to nurture a sense of true giving within him for the cause of Islam. It is in the true giving that true acceptances are seen. This giving has its own pleasure that comes from the deep recesses of our humanness whose nature is inclined towards the Divine. And when such a heart speaks, accepting is as pleasurable. This is our calling and a path to traverse. One who embarks on this calling will have much obstruction thrust upon him. But as Emerson says "He is like a ship in a river; he runs against obstruction on every side but one; on that side all obstruction is taken away, and he sweeps serenely over a deepening channel into an infinite sea."

Through true giving and receptive acceptances, he introduces better changes for himself and others and the community attains a greater height of development and rigour with which to withstand times of challenge and controversy and appreciates moments of comfort



and convenience. We can now say that in him is a mark of an enlightened leader.

Three years have gone by since the passing away of this enlightened leader. A leader who tried to move the community to this higher level in its development. He saw its heightened capacity to serve the cause of Islam, to come to the rescue of afflicted Muslims and to combat three great evils of human society, namely, disease, poverty and illiteracy. This zeal to give and to give truly has translated into an indelible hallmark for the Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Community and that is "We Exist To Serve." This is our tryst with destiny.

For us at the Secretariat, he continues to remain as an example to us. His frequent advice to all who worked with him remains true even today, perhaps more so because we must continue to safeguard the position of trust given by the community. This is the assurance the community has to protect our legacy as an Islamic community for generation to come.

Dr. Sibtain Panjwani - Secretary General, The World Federation of KSMC.



A Mission and Message to the Youth of today and tomorrow... **‘Build your life around the community, not the community around your life’**

The Holy Qur'an (in verse 19: 85-86) states:

***‘The day We shall gather the
 righteous to (God), the Most Gracious, like
 a band presented before the king for honours..***

Why am I called a **‘youth of today and tomorrow?’**

There is a duty, a duty incumbent on all of us. A duty that requires commitment, cause and conviction all the time but a duty that enriches us with bounties *indescribable*. It is a duty for this world and the hereafter. It is a duty far superior to and more beneficial than all other duties you can think of. It is a duty to our *community* and the near coming of our *Twelfth Imam*.

You are the potential of today and tomorrow, those who have the chance to fulfil this duty and become the ‘band presented before the king for honours.’ What greater accolade and achievement can one receive in life?

You have the knowledge, potential and skill to move our communities forward, to heights never reached, to remove the deadness, frailty and weaknesses of our Jamaats. To ultimately make yourselves, your families and your friends true, faithful Muslims who realise the Almighty's blessing for making you into believers rather than being sinners who are driven to hell, ‘like thirsty cattle driven to water’ because of their weak reasons for not practising Islam, nor having the *time* to know what Islam is, for following their materialistic desires and their love for this world – however unconscious it may be.

You are the **‘youths of today and tomorrow’** because of these reasons. It is not a hollow statement, nor is it a group of whimsical buzzwords. Prove to yourselves the fulfilment of this duty showing those who know not what Islam is and showing those who lie back, hypocritically utter such statements and only watch our communities progress slowly. Be the ones who finish first in the eyes of Allah (S.W.T), in the spiritual realm of Islam rather than only finishing first in the secular realm, of endless tests, obsessive sports and worldly pursuits. Otherwise, you become one of those who, with a guilty conscious, utter: *‘I don't have any time for the community.’* Maintain a balance with Islam as the guiding star, source and solace for all your activities in life.

We want to show you how you can contribute to the community, air your views on what you want from the community, unlock your potential for the greater good, for yourselves and ultimately, for crossing the right finishing line marked ‘Islam.’

Community Work

The community is the hub of the wheel of our lives. In the Islamic community, during the time of our Holy Prophet, the central gathering place was the mosque. Teaching the current and important affairs, consultation, mobilisation of forces, planning, strategising and much more took place in the Mosque. Although now the environment is constantly changing, the central position of the Mosques and centres remain, and will always do so.

However, it must be acknowledged that community work does not only take place in our centres and Mosques. Community work means representing the community when dealing with other people, institutions and religions. Community work means standing for one's beliefs when one is together with one's colleagues at school, university, at work or on the sports ground. Each and every individual represents the community wherever we go and in whatever we do. We all carry the banner of Islam on our shoulders.

It is of utmost importance that you, the youths, participate in the different types of activities within the community - from serving tea and helping out in the car park to being members of committees and moulding the future of the community by making key decisions, carrying out essential projects and moving the community to a higher level. Make no mistake, you will be leading the community in the near future and in order for it to survive and develop, it must have secure foundations. Otherwise, you will see it and its members slowly wither away, making them stray from the path of goodness.

The World Federation is fully determined to continue to encourage the contribution of the youths in all spheres of its work – enabling the mission to be carried out successfully, Inshallah.

Dr. Sibtain Panjwani

Secretary General

The World Federation of KSMC



About the Medical Advisory Board (MAB)

The Medical Advisory Board is an appointed body by the President and functions in the same capacity as other boards of the World Federation. The Board was first set up in 1979 with the following functions:

- 1 Help to Patients.
- 2 Help to health care professionals.
- 3 Help to the community - Screening, Haj Medical Mission.
- 4 Help to slum dwellers, poor and refugees.
- 5 Help to sister organisations.
- 6 Health Education.

The Board consists of:

Chairman:	Dr Mohamed-Taki I Walji
In charge of Projects:	Dr Ahmed Hassam
Patient Welfare & Liaison Officer:	Akil A Rehemtulla
Medical Screening: Psychological Screening:	Munirali H Haji Dr Nawshad Suleman
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Patient Welfare:	Azad Rajbhai
Procurement:	Hasnain Kanani
MAB Member:	Dr Salim Janmohamed - London Murtaza Master - Birmingham Dr Husain Jiwa - Peterborough
MAB London:	Dr Munir Dattoo

A Brief outline of the Medical Advisory Board

In its 21 years of existence the Medical Advisory Board has become a household name and its services are widely known and acknowledged. Amongst the patients it is acknowledged for its services to patients, amongst the medics its services in the professional field are sought. Amongst the hujjaj, it is known for its services to the pilgrims during Haj.

Services to Patients

MAB has served over 5,017 patients since its inception twenty one years ago. Of the patients treated almost 50% came from Tanzania.

Services To Doctors

Advice, Support and finance. From time to time, the Medical Advisory Board receives requests from doctors

abroad for advice on postgraduate medical education in the West. It tries to advise them as best it can. In some cases, it gives grants or interest free loans. To foster greater awareness amongst the doctors in the community MAB has compiled the second edition of the Directory of Doctors which has just been published.

Services to Hujjaj

For 16 consecutive years (1977 – 1992), The World Federation sent a team of doctors and administrator to Haj to serve the sick. When it was felt that the community had now become self sufficient, the mission was stopped. However, there was universal pressure to re-start the mission.

On 3rd October 1998, the Executive Council of The World Federation decided to organize a survey to ascertain the health needs of the community worldwide during Haj. Dr Walji did the survey and presented his



detailed report to the Executive Council on 10th July 1999 (see Haj Medical Mission survey report). He recommended that The World Federation should send a doctor and/or administrator from its secretariat to help with and co-ordinate doctors accompanying different groups and also assist such group/groups which may not have accompanying doctors or medical supplies. This should be for a few years until it is no longer needed. This was approved.

It was clear from the survey report that some of our groups were not bringing doctors with them. They therefore had great difficulties accessing medical services for their sick during Hajj.

Help to Slum Dwellers, Poor & Needy

In 1986, MAB opened its first Primary Health Care projects in the slums of Baiganwadi situated in Govandi on the outskirts of Mumbai. Since then further health projects have been opened in slum areas of Patna and Bangalore. It is envisaged to extend these services to the needy in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. It has now embarked on eye treatment centre in the name of Aeinullah Eye Clinic and Hospital.

Help to Sister Organisations

Various clinics and institutions all over the world include Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Tanzania, Kenya, etc. receive help from MAB on a regular basis.

Health Education

In this day and age of technology there is no lack of health education leaflets on the internet. However, the community needs to increase awareness of diseases and problems affecting us especially. The following health education leaflets are available on our website.

HIV & AIDS- Update

Thalassaemia

Thalassaemia Cumulative

Cousin Marriages

Meningitis and Septicaemia

Snoring and Sleep Apnoea

Cancer of Cervix & Smear Tests for Women

Lupus (S.L.E.)

Protect Your Health During Haj & Ziarat

Guidance for Participants in Ghusl & Kafan

Rubella

Flu Vaccination Guidelines

Travellers' Thrombosis

ANNUAL REPORT 2002

The following is a breakdown summary of patients managed by Medical Advisory Board of the World Federation of K.S.I.M.C.

Jan - Dec 2002

Total number of patients - Birmingham = 158
Total number of patients - London = 12

Countrywise Analysis

Tanzania	69
Kenya	24
UK	18
Pakistan	17
Other	15
United Arab Emirates	10
India	9
Iran	8
Total	170

Types Of Cases

Others	50
Heart Problem	23
Cancer	21
Eye Problem	15
ENT Problem	10
Neurological Problem	10
Gynaecological Problem	9
Spinal Problem	6
oint Disorder	6
Liver Problem	6
Kidney Problem	4
Blood Disorder	4
Thalassaemia	2
Abdominal Problem	2
Lung Disorder	1
HIV	1
Total	170

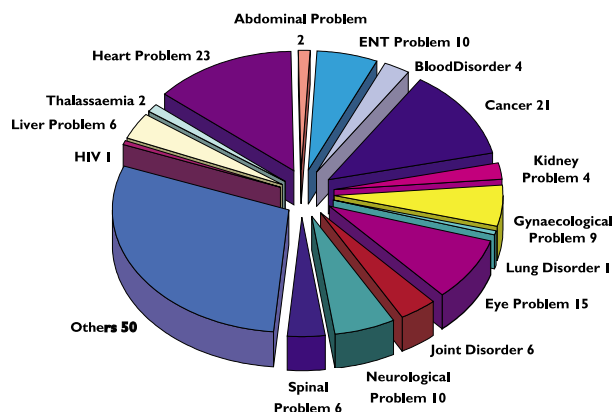
Cumulative Total

YEAR	PATIENTS	TOTAL
1980	4	4
1981	4	8
1982	43	51
1983	99	150
1984	209	359
1985	369	728
1986	318	1,046
1987	412	1,458
1988	219	1,677
1989	176	1,853
1990	168	2,021
1991	230	2,251
1992	272	2,523
1993	267	2,790
1994	300	3,090
1995	416	3,506
1996	299	3,805
1997	315	4,120
1998	293	4,413
1999	240	4,653
2000	201	4,854
2001	163	5,017
2002	170	5,187



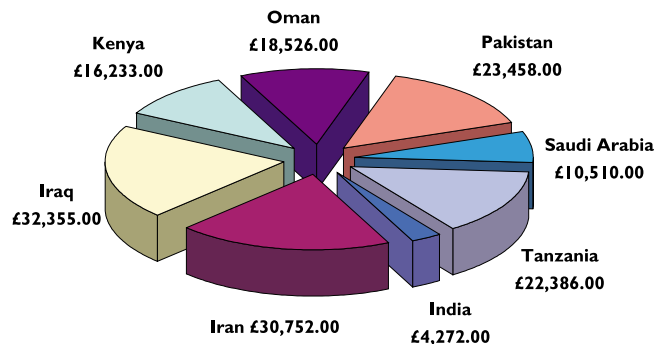
TYPES OF CASES

Total No. of Patients treated 170



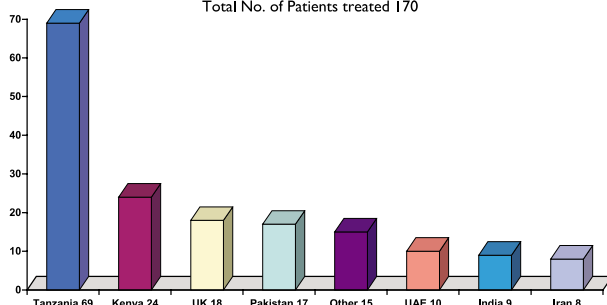
AID GIVEN IN 2002

Total £158,492.00



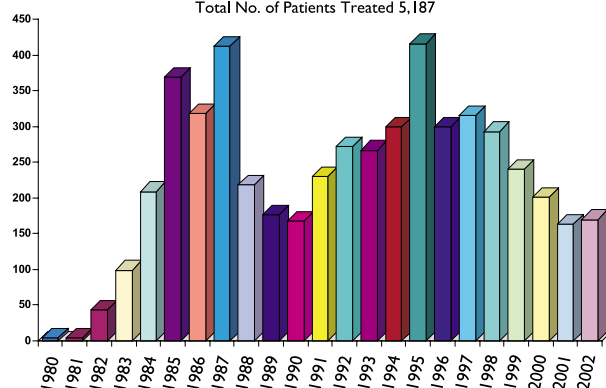
COUNTRYWISE ANALYSIS

Total No. of Patients treated 170



YEARLY ANALYSIS OF PATIENTS TREATED

Total No. of Patients Treated 5,187



Out of the total 170 patients 84 went on to receive specialist treatment.

We would like to draw the attention of our community at large to the fact that:-

- ◆ Heart disease and Cancer remains the biggest killer in our community.
- ◆ The incidence of cancer of all organs is alarmingly **increasing**.
- ◆ HIV & AIDS is spreading in our community like wild fire and number of deaths is increasing every year.
- ◆ Drug abuse is very common amongst our youngsters.

World Federation resolution requires all member jamaats to ensure that all prospective bride and grooms are tested for HIV and Thalassaemia.

We wish to thank all our well wishers and donors. We hope you will continue to support us.

AID GIVEN

Country	Dispensaries /Hospitals Helped	Medical Literature Supplied	Medication & Equipment Supplied	Medication & Treatment to Patient	Total Value
India				•	£ 4,272.00
Iran			•	•	£30,752.00
Iraq		•	•	•	£32,355.00
Kenya	•	•		•	£16,233.00
Oman				•	£18,526.00
Pakistan				•	£23,458.00
Saudi Arabia				•	£10,510.00
Tanzania	•	•	•	•	£22,386.00

TOTAL VALUE £158,492.00



Medical Advisory Board - Interim Report

February 2003

Promoting Health & Fighting Disease

Vision To Reality

Screening:

- ◆ Being conducted in jamaats. Presently screening going on in jamaats in UK & Tanzania. Health Improvement Board (HIB) of COEJ is taking over screening programmes in UK.
- ◆ Very important tool in detecting serious diseases and Thalassaemia.
- ◆ All regional federations to urge their respective medical boards to organise screening programmes in their jamaats. MAB is here to help.

Haj Medical Mission:

- ◆ Support is provided to our hujjaj from India and Pakistan by allocating a doctor to them each.
- ◆ A doctor, an administrator and medication are provided by MAB to support these doctors and provide service to groups who do not have their own doctor.
- ◆ Groups from India and Pakistan are progressing towards being self-sufficient.

Patient Care Service:

- ◆ Our service to patients from all over the world continues.
- ◆ Services in Birmingham and London.
- ◆ By December 2002, 5187 patients were helped.
- ◆ Good news! The numbers are going down. Reason (a) they are going to India (b) better facilities available locally (c) better health awareness through health education.

Medicines & Equipments:

- ◆ Being sent **free** of charge to Iraq, Iran & East Africa.
- ◆ Close co-operation with CHB in helping them with their projects.

- ◆ Specific health care projects in East Africa.

Research & Publications:

- ◆ Health education leaflets on following subjects are available HIV & AIDS, Thalassaemia, Cousin Marriages, Meningitis and Septicaemia, Snoring and Sleep Apnoea, Rubella, Cancer of Cervix & Smear Tests for Women, Lupus (S.L.E.), Protect Your Health During Haj & Ziarat, Flu Vaccination Guidelines, Guidance for Participants in Ghushl & Kafan & Travellers' Thrombosis
- ◆ Leaflets on subjects like Asthma, Depression, Stress, Obesity, Diabetes, etc. are being prepared.

Health Care Professionals:

- ◆ Help is available in the form of guidance to doctors and other health care professionals.
- ◆ Help with journals and equipments.
- ◆ Network of health care professionals.
- ◆ Specific help to health care professionals in distress e.g. Pakistan.

Community Health Education:

- ◆ Screening for Thalassaemia done in UK and India.
- ◆ Specific information on disease affecting our community available e.g. Thalassaemia, Lupus, etc.
- ◆ Chronic diseases campaign on way.

Primary Health Care:

- ◆ Provide in deprived communities like Govandi, Bangalore, Patna, etc.
- ◆ Basic eye care and Cataract operations available **free** to the needy in Patna and Bangalore through Ainullah Eye Clinic.

A PCT (Primary Care Trust) Provides Free Circumcision to Children

Heart of Birmingham Teaching Primary Care Trust is planning to provide free (on NHS) circumcision service to children aged from 2 weeks to 3 months.

This has been brought about by the pressure exerted by local Muslim population through local GPs. The matter was aired in PCT public meeting and with support of local GP's the PCT has approved the scheme.

GPs in the inner city who are competent in doing circumcision (vetted by Consultant Surgeon) will be paid by the PCT to perform these operations. Local hospital and Consultant Surgeon will provide back up cover in case of any complications.

Muslims in other parts of the UK and Muslim GPs should follow this example and put pressure on their local PCTs to provide similar services in their areas.

Such schemes already exist in Bradford and Leeds.



January 2002 Aeinullah Eye Clinic PATNA

Introduction

Patna is a thriving city with a lot of history and culture. It is the capital of Bihar. In and around Patna over 100,000 people live in abject poverty and gross deprivation. Majority of the inhabitants are Muslims and mostly Shias. They lack basic facilities like housing, sanitation, and clean water. Health care is non-existent. Most people are unemployed and getting enough to eat is a daily struggle.

The World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities has over the last 25 years set-up Zainabiya Health Centre to provide basic health care to the inhabitants. Coupled with this, health education is provided to teach the people basic preventative measures, immunisation, family planning and maternity care.

Cataract Surgery

Through our project, we serve the poor Shia's in remote villages in Patna and provide treatment for their eye problems.

Blind patients with Cataracts are brought to Patna city and full Cataract surgery with intra-ocular implant is carried out – cost Rs 3,000 per patient is equivalent to £40.00 per patient. This includes transport for patients from their villages to Patna city, accommodation, food medicines and spectacles.

Recently we carried out 21 operations – Alhamdulillah, they were all successful.

Aeinullah Clinic will give eyes to the blind. In this clinic of Allah's Eye, we pray to Allah (SWT) that may He bless this clinic and give Shefa (cure) to all those who knock on its doors.



Patients waiting their turn to be operated on



Patient being prepared with antibiotic eye drops



Patient being prepared for surgery





Operation begins



Ready to go back to ward to rest



It is all over now



Operated eye dressed



Final touches

To the Donors

We salute you.

We congratulate you that with your funds so many people are regaining their eyesight and that you will be receiving Allah's blessing for ever and ever.

Amin.



World Federation Opens its First Hospital Aeinullah Hospital

*On Wednesday 8th January 2003, the World Federation's first hospital was opened.
The Aeinullah Eye Hospital in Bangalore.*

Bangalore is a beautiful, thriving, prosperous capital of Karnataka State in South India. Just outside Bangalore in the slums of Neelsandra, over 100,000 people live in abject poverty and gross deprivation. Majority of the inhabitants are Muslims and mostly Shias. They lack basic facilities like housing, sanitation, and clean water. Health care is virtually non-existent. Most people are unemployed and getting enough to eat is a daily struggle.

In April 1996, the World Federation set-up its Zainabiya Health Centre to provide basic health care to the inhabitants. Coupled with this, health education is provided to teach the people basic preventative measures, immunisation, family planning and maternity care.



Zainabiya Health Centre

Eye Disease

Incidence of Eye Disease particularly blindness is very very high in India. Young people as young as those in their 30's and 40's are blind with cataract. The World Federation therefore started Aeinullah Eye Clinic on 24th June 2001.

It has been turned in to an Eye Hospital. It is fully funded by the World Federation. We pay particular tribute to our donors.

Aims & Objectives of Aeinullah Eye Hospital

Let's us consider the fact about eye disease and care. Every five seconds one person in our world goes blind. Today nearly 50 million people are blind and another 150 million are victims of severe visual disability. This is the reality. Unless global efforts are significantly intensified, this number is projected to double by the year 2020. All major organizations involved in the prevention of blindness and delivery of eye care throughout the world have to launch a focused and coordinated effort together to address this avoidable tragedy.

**Aeinullah means eye of Allah
It is also one of the names of our
first Imam Hazarat Ali (AS)**

About 90% of the world's blind live in developing countries like India. However if significant efforts are made in this direction then about 70% of the blind people will regain their eyesight. About 60% of all blindness worldwide is caused by Cataract, Childhood Eye disease, Trachoma and Onchocerciasis. In India, there is over 3 years backlog of cataract surgery to be done.

Aeinullah Eye Hospital has been launched with the same objectives in mind under the World Federation and supported by many service minded people.

"It Is Better To Light A Candle Than Curse The Darkness"

The Aeinullah Eye Hospital is fully equipped with state of the art machines.



Dr (Mrs) Sameena Zamindar (M.B.B.S. & M.S.) and Dr Irshad (M.B.B.S. & M.S.) are the two renowned ophthalmologist (Eye Specialists) associated with Aeinullah Eye Hospital. They conduct outpatient clinics 5 days a week and screen at east 10 patients per day. They conduct cataract and other operations twice a week and do a cataract surgery camp every month.



Some of Latest Modern Equipment at the Aeinullah Eye Hospital

We intend to conduct free cataract eye camps on a month basis. They will be conducted shortly in different parts of Karnataka where poor Muslim in general and Shia's in particular are concentrated. Patients selected for cataract surgery during these camps will be operated at our hospital including inter-ocular lens. We intend to help the very poor under the same scheme. The regular cost of cataract eye surgery (out of camp cases) will be Rs 2,500 including inter-ocular lenses.

Aeinullah Eye Hospital will give eyes to the blind. We pray to Allah (SWT) that may He bless this hospital and give Shefa (cure) to all those who knock on its doors.



Patients waiting for their eye check-up



Dr Sharfunnisa checking a patient for assessment before eye surgery



Dr Irshad, Dr Sameena Zamindar & Dr Sharfunnisa discussing a complicated eye case

To the Donors

We salute you. We congratulate you that with your funds so many people are regaining their eyesight and that you will be receiving Allah's blessing forever and ever. Amin.

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Message from the President of the World Federation

Plight of Mumineen in Iraq: Now is the time to respond

With the war phase almost over, as the mumineen of Iraq come to terms with the reality of a life after Saddam and with foreign forces on their land, we must not fail in our duty to do what we can to assist in their hour of need. Now is the time to act and respond. We cannot afford to have a time lag.

Devastated by years of economic sanctions and Saddam's misrule, the people of Iraq today find themselves especially vulnerable to the catastrophic effects of this war. Acute shortages of drinking water, and wide spread shortages of basic medicines means that preventable diseases are becoming fatal. The urgent need is to respond quickly with water, food and emergency medical supplies for the next few months.

Following the Gulf War over 10 years ago, the Medical Advisory Board of the World Federation has been consistently sending medicines, to Iraqi refugees. With its decades long active participation, the WF – MAB has a good number of contacts and access to doctors, volunteers and front line workers, who are now traveling to Iraq to assist the mumineen in Iraq.

As the WF continues to coordinate a worldwide campaign to raise funds for Iraqi Relief, the secretariat has already begun to implement the first phase of the contingency plan to provide for the most immediate relief while it considers the options of

medium term needs and long-term rehabilitation in consultation with our Marja' Ayatullah Seestani.

Immediate medical supplies are being sent to the affected areas, as many Iraqi doctors and volunteers, who have worked closely with the MAB travel to Najaf, Karbala and Basra. The supplies contain first aid kits and medication, such as painkillers and antibiotics to combat communicable or infectious diseases. This will also include medications for people coping with chronic illnesses, including diabetes, asthma and stress related ailments, as looting inside Iraq has further reduced the availability of such medicines. Amongst other measures, provision of water and sending water filters through various relief agencies is also being discussed.

Our relief workers in Dezful are meeting the needs of refugees, who had to leave Iraq 10 years ago with only the clothes on their backs, and who now wish to return to Iraq. They are being assisted with means to prepare for their return to their homes. Plans are being made to address other needs when the opportunity opens to resettle them in their homes in Najaf, Karbala and Basra.

The special task force set up by the WF is actively monitoring the situation on a daily basis and we will Inshallah be issuing regular updates once our frontline workers are on the ground. We will also be seeking direct guidance from our Marja' and will communicate his wishes and guidance to mumineen.

In the meanwhile, I urge the Community to centralize its efforts and funds, so as to optimize the relief work the WF has undertaken on behalf of you all.

Let us pray for the safety of our Ulema and all mumineen of Iraq.

Iraq Relief Fund

The time for action is now!!!

Our hearts go out to the innocent men, women and children of Iraq who face the perils of yet another humanitarian disaster as the war progresses. It is predicted that around one million people are likely to be displaced, the already fragile infrastructure will collapse and humanitarian catastrophe will ensue. The weak and vulnerable will be the worst affected.

The time for action is now!!! It is our duty to help in whatever way that we can. Allah SWT says in the Qur'an:

"If they ask you for help, it is your duty to help them". [al-Anfal (8): 72]

The World Federation considers it a duty to assist in whatever way it can to help mitigate the consequences of this catastrophe.

Following the Gulf War over 10 years ago, the Medical Advisory Board of the World Federation has consistently been sending medicines and equipment to Iraqi refugees who are camped along the Iraq/Iran border. The ZCSS is also providing for the education of Iraqi refugee children in Iran. Up until now, the sum of over £1 million pounds has been contributed both in cash and in kind to help the refugee

communities from Iraq. We are working through the Offices of our Marja for Welfare of Iraqi Refugees. This is ongoing work, but now we will need to do more as a result of the ongoing war.

The Medical Advisory Board of the World Federation is co-ordinating a worldwide campaign to raise funds and has prepared a contingency plan to provide for the most immediate relief, followed by medium term needs and long-term rehabilitation. To ensure that we can implement this plan, we need volunteers in each of our jamaats around the world, to assist in the collection of funds, not only from our communities, but also from schools, places of work and the general public at large. We also need manpower to act swiftly to ensure aid reaches as early as possible.

Besides making financial contribution, we are requesting that those who would like to be volunteers to help us implement this plan should contact Murtaza Master at the Medical Advisory Board Offices in Birmingham, UK on telephone number: +44 121 449 2788 or email address: mab@world-federation.org

Finally, we request everyone remember the people of Iraq in your prayers and please help in this humanitarian crisis.



Iraq Relief - Progress Update I

Since our launch of this appeal, we are pleased to inform Mumineen that the World Federation has the following to report as update one:

FUND RAISING EFFORTS

The Community worldwide has displayed an amazing sense of concern and has rallied to exert maximum effort in helping raise funds for this fund. The Youths in London, Birmingham, Peterborough and other cities have even taken to the streets to collect from the public. From the reports received so far, many jamaats worldwide have collected good sums towards this noble cause. These efforts need commending and we pray to the Almighty to reward all involved in these noble endeavours amply. We request that all collections be sent to the World Federation as quickly as possible so disbursements can progress without delay.

DISBURSEMENT

The World Federation has been contributing to relief efforts for the Iraqi Mumineen for over 20 years. Iraqi Refugee camps in Iran and people inside Iraq continued to receive constant aid in the form of medical supplies and money to help buy basic rations.

Following the outbreak of the latest war, our efforts with the same agents have intensified. We have chosen to work in the following main fields:

1. **Medical Assistance** - This would be in the form of Medical Supplies as well as Medicines which remains the single most necessity today inside Iraq. The Medical Advisory Board of the World Federation has already collected medical supplies and medicines from several well wishers as well as bought some necessary drugs from the funds collected so far. The first civilian flight into Basra was the Virgin Atlantic flight with Sir Richard Branson. With the relief supplies he had taken, he also transported free for us, £53,000 worth of medical supplies and our coordinator for this project. The coordinator's report was broadcast by the BBC and ITV on their TV news channels on 6 May. Our medical supplies are now being distributed to the needy centres in and around Basra. A further £20,000 worth of essential medicine has been given to Doctors who have travelled to Iraq this week. The list of medicine needed is compiled by the Medical Advisory Board of the World Federation as per the request being received from the front line workers.
2. **Orphans** - The Welfare of Orphans has always been an area of primary concern for the World

Federation. For the thousands of parentless orphans and those who have no news about their fathers, efforts are being currently made to arrange for fostering in homes of their immediate relatives. The World Federation will contribute towards the cost of fostering these orphans. This programme is simultaneously being initiated by The World Federation in Karbala, Najaf, Kazmain and Nassiriyyah. USD 10,000 has so far been expended in this vote. Negotiations are in progress with contacts in other towns to start similar fostering schemes.

3. **Youth Rehabilitation Programme** - With the end of the war comes joblessness and restlessness, especially amongst the younger generation who have no work to do nor any income. The World Federation, with certain local leaders, has embarked on a programme to occupy the minds and hands of these youngsters. This programme is being launched in Karbala, Najaf, Kazmain and Nassiriyyah. USD 27,000 has so far been expended in this vote. Negotiations are in progress with contacts in Hilla, Thawra (Sadr City) and other towns to start similar schemes.
4. **General Welfare** - We have received two containerloads of new clothes from Mumineen in London and we will endeavour to send them to Iraq. The clothes will generally be placed with hospitals so patients have clean clothes to change into. Another USD 10,000 has been sent to help the jobless to buy basic necessities.
5. **Relocating Refugees** - The World Federation has identified this field as an important field of relief work amongst the Iraqis. We have already initiated conversation with the wakil of Ayatullah Seestani managing the Iraqi refugee camps in Iran to look into programmes for resettling Mumineen inside Iraq. For a start we have identified 100 teachers and their families who will be resettled in their own towns all over Iraq. The cost of resettling one professional and his family with enough funds to live for 6 months is USD 750. You may sponsor as many families as you like. One of the main resource of Iraq is its educated people. So the sooner these people get resettled in their home towns the greater the benefit to the country.

The needs and requirements of our brethren in Iraq is huge. The World Federation relies on the support from Mumineen worldwide. Please continue with the contributions as every penny will make a difference. Please remit to your local Jamaats who will, in turn, further remit the same to the World Federation.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Salamun alaikum

The World Federation needs a plan of what it wants to achieve. This will help everyone to focus on what needs to be done and to make sure that we have the right resources to do it. The plan for the next five years will help us make sure that all parts of the organisation are aligned and working towards the same goal. Without such planning, the World Federation will fail to capitalise on opportunities to improve our communities or deal adequately in situations where we have responsibilities.

What will be in this strategic document?

This research is the biggest study of this kind that the World Federation has ever undertaken.

The strategic plan will give an overview of the following:

1. **Where are we?**
2. **Where we are going?**
3. **How are we going to get there?**
4. **How will we know when we get there?**

What progress has been made so far?

Desk research audit

We had collected various historical documents including recent recommendations from conventions such as the Women Convention, Medical Convention, Convention on Senior Citizen, and various other reports on Zainabiya, Dhakirs and have completed the analysis of these documents. This has helped us identify common themes that will guide the strategic plan and the questions we should ask.

Qualitative and quantitative research

We have completed the first phase of the questionnaire. We have piloted these questionnaires and have modified them accordingly. We plan to ask 1000 randomly selected people. People will be randomly selected from Africa, Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, India, Pakistan, and the United States. Responses from these questions will form the basis of what the grassroots are telling us about the World Federation.

We have started working on what questions to ask leadership at all levels of the organisation: regional and jamaat. The answers to these questions will then form the underlying assumptions of how our community leaders view the World Federation.

Open Forum

We are now identifying people in the different regions who will help us in undertaking an exercise of seeking

views from the grassroots about the World Federation. The purpose for these forums is to identify for the World Federation where we are at now and where we need to go.

We are delighted by the support we have received thus far. We have received over 20 phone calls of support and over 50 emails of ideas that should be included in this plan.

The people who have agreed to help us are: Akhtar Jaffer and Mahmood Hooda from Europe, Dr Akber Mithani from Vancouver, Hussein Rashid from Nairobi, Mohsin Kanji from Dubai, Gulam Dinani from New York, Mohamed Moledina from Texas, Hussein Walji from Minnesota, Hassan Abulo from Pakistan. We are still looking for support from people in other parts.

Web based questionnaire

We are developing a web-based questionnaire that will be available for community members to respond to and this will give us further insight into what people want from the World Federation. This will be available on the World Federation web-page after June 8th 2003

Will this document be long on words and short on actions?

The intention is not to have a long document but rather a living document that serves as a guide to our community. The strategic plan is a vision for the future based on research and planning which will highlight what community members are saying where the World Federation needs to go as an organisation and what resources will need to be mobilised to meet these needs. There will also be targets and performance matrix to make sure the World Federation is meeting these needs. The planning is a consultative process and as such, this document will be available for all to view and comment upon by **Sunday 21st September 2003**.

The Conference, to be held in Dubai on 9th, 10th and 11th of October 2003, will then deliberate upon the final document that will take into account comments received.

*Dr Ahmed Hassam
Vice President
World Federation of KSIMC*

How can I send my views so that it is considered by the Strategic Planning Group?

There are four questions we would like you to answer that will be useful to us in the compilation of this plan. These are set out overleaf.



1. What is the World Federation doing well?

2. What does the World Federation need to do better?

3. Your ideas on how the World Federation could do better?

4. What is it that the World Federation is not doing that if it did, would improve people's lives in your area?

Name (Optional):

Email (Optional):

Jamaat (Optional):

You can send your responses to these questions by:

Email: spfeedback@world-federation.org

Fax: 00-44-208-954-9034 or

Post: The World Federation, Islamic Centre, Wood Lane,
Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 4LQ, UK.



CETAB News In Brief

CETAB in collaboration with the Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ) have organised an inaugural European-wide event called 'Excellence Within' which will inshallah take place at the Hilton Hotel, Watford, on the 1st of June 2003.

CETAB has attempted to get in touch with all students who have graduated from a European university in 2001 and 2002 to invite them to participate.

Highlights of the event will include:

- ♦ **Interactive group discussions**
- ♦ **Q&A sessions with leaders of our Jamaats**
- ♦ **Presentation ceremony**
- ♦ **Dinner**
- ♦ **& Lots of Networking**

We intend to have a full report prepared for the next issue of Insight.

STUDENT SUPPORT NETWORK

The Student Support Network (SSN) was formed in 2002. Its aim is to help our students world-wide to foster links with one another and help provide them with role models from within the community. Since its inception, the SSN has been growing and now has almost 170 students on its database - some from as far away as Australia and Malaysia.

Amongst the services provided by the SSN are:

- ♦ **Student career advice**
- ♦ **Airport pick-up for the newly arrived students**
- ♦ **Accommodation and part time jobs information for students**

- ♦ **CV tips and enhancements**
- ♦ **Introduction of new students to local jamaats**
- ♦ **Membership of a vibrant and interactive discussion group: cetab_ssn@yahoogroups.com**
- ♦ **Regular bulletins, news of events, seminars taking place in various cities globally**
- ♦ **Exchange of information and news amongst students**
- ♦ **'Host family' experience**

Since the launch of the SSN, we found the need to offer students, especially those living away from home, the chance to inter-act with other members of the community as well as experiencing the "home cooked meal". Our request for host families has been met with quite a good response, but there is a need for more families to join in the scheme.

Students can be invited for a meal and it is up to 'host family' as to how frequently they would like to invite students home. The host family could put the student up for the night and/or take them to the local mosque. The level of commitment is therefore completely down to the host family.

SSN is still relatively young, but it is the students who have registered, and we hope, the many more to come on board, who help to make this network a huge success. The discussions that take place over the Internet are encouraging and we are delighted to see, first hand, how well the students are coping with life away from home.

For further information on SSN or about registering yourself as a host family, please contact Mahmood Dhala at: Cetab@worldfederation.org.

Zainabia team launches a book as a tribute to Bibi Zainab for being 'The Light Behind The Veil' by upholding the principles of Islam during her lifetime.

It is 21 years since the first child was sponsored by the Zainabia Child Sponsorship Scheme, and in this time up to 50,000 students have benefited from the scheme by having their education fully or partially subsidised by the Zainabia Scheme. There is a belief in the Zainabia team that any project that carries the name of Bibi Zainab (as) never fails. Such is the barakah of this great lady.

As a tribute to Bibi Zainab (as) on this 21st year of the Zainabia Child Sponsorship Scheme, the team members of the ZCSS decided to produce a book marking the great contributions that Bibi Zainab (as) has made in upholding and indeed safe guarding the principles of Islam, as was taught by the Holy Prophet Muhammed (pbuh).

The task of compiling the book was taken up by Ali Bachoo and Nisar Visram, and for the past year these two 20 year old volunteers of the ZCSS team have been busy gathering data as well as hadith and traditions related to Bibi Zainab (as).

It is with humility and gratitude to Allah (SWT), I have

the pleasure of presenting to the community at large '**The Light Behind the Veil**'. As I have read page after page of this book, I have on many occasions paused to thank Allah (SWT) for having given this wonderful opportunity to the members of my team.

The book is concise but informative, and it gives a glimpse into the life of Bibi Zainab (as) and how this great lady strived to uphold the principles of Islam even in the most extreme, harsh and ruthless times.

Her khutbas that she delivered in Kufa and Sham are awe inspiring. She was and indeed still is an example to the entire world in how not to waver from the faith in Allah (SWT), no matter what transpires.

The '*Light Behind the Veil*' is available from Zainabia agents around the world, as well as from the ZCSS office in the World Federation and also from the WF website.

(www.world-federation.org / zcscs@world-federation.org)

Mohamed Visram
Chairman ZCSS



ZCSS and MAB team up together to establish primary health care centres in two schools in Karnataka

Following the visit by the ZCSS team to India in October, and also the visit by Dr Mohamedtaki Walji, the chairman of Medical Advisory Board and his team in December, a joint decision has been taken by these two boards, to work together in future to establish primary health care centres in the Zainabia Schools. This pilot project is to be started in the already thriving Zainabia school in Alipur and also in the Kareempur Zainabia school, which is under construction at the moment and is due to be completed by August 2003.

The function of the primary health centres would be:

- ◆ To provide preventative healthcare to all the students as well as members of the students families. The students would be vaccinated against all the major illnesses like polio, cholera, measles hepatitis etc. The students would also be screened for Malaria and other potentially fatal diseases that are preventable.
- ◆ To check that the students are receiving a balanced diet and all their nutritional needs are met. The students will be assessed periodically to make sure that they are not suffering from malnutrition and if they are then vitamin pills as well as other dietary supplements would be made available to those students requiring it, free of charge.

- ◆ These clinics would be able to provide basic health screening to the families of the students as well. The members of the students families would be welcome to attend the various health screening days that would be organised at the clinic, where the family members would be screened for ailments like diabetes, blood pressure etc.
- ◆ The clinic would also tap into the local medical skills available. Doctors, midwives, as well as gynaecologists would be employed to make periodical visits to the clinic and not only assess the health of the students and their families but also to provide education in the form of lectures in the local dialect to the families of the students.

This is indeed one of the most exciting and beneficial development that has taken place between ZCSS and MAB, and inshallah this pioneering project will lead to many more such liaisons that will benefit the poor members of the Shia community at large. Although the construction cost as well as the running cost of the first two primary healthcare centres have been paid by a private donor, both ZCSS and MAB are looking for more sponsors/donors to finance more of these kinds of projects. Momineen who are interested to find out more about these projects are requested to approach either of the board chairman of ZCSS and MAB.

Mohamed, Visram, Chairman ZCSS

ZCSS team meets ZCSS students...



... Jaffari and Fatema School Mahuva



... in Pothanali



... Avalkoonda School



...in Karimpur



YND

Making Progress in Europe

The first quarter of 2003 has been an extremely active period for YND in Europe. The advent of Muharram and Safar saw numerous well-attended youth conferences and seminars being organised. Murtaza Alidina's visit to England from Qum and Sheikh Jihad from Australia was very well utilised by the various different youth bodies.

Around Muharram, COEJ YND published its second Europe wide journal - 'The Spirit' - addressing community wide issues. The magazine was very well received and circulation exceeded 1500 copies.

For Arbaeen, COEJ YND had organised a youth Ziyarat trip to Iraq, which was very well subscribed. However, due to the situation in Iraq this could not take place and a smaller group of youth proceeded to Sham instead. The idea of organising a youth Ziyarat trip to Iraq is still very much on the cards and we hope to be able to organise this in the future, InshaAllah, possibly on an international scale.

Alhamdulillah, YND has been able to mobilise youth across Europe to raise money for Iraq. Over 300 youth participated in various well-organised fund raising campaigns, which involved street collections from general public in London, Birmingham and Peterborough. Collections in universities, schools and from underground stations have also been undertaken, raising thousands of pounds.

Collecting funds at Bayswater in London City.



(Left) Arif Nathoo, (Centre) Faisal Hasham, (Right) Mohammed Abbas Virani



Abbas Merali ready to go out to London City.



Planning collection strategy- Birmingham City Centre



Shoppers parting with money-Birmingham City Centre

Launch of Mullah Asgher Memorial Academic Scheme in Dar-Es-Salaam

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction, and gratitude to Allah SWT, that the Zainabiya Child Sponsorship Scheme (ZCSS) and Dar-Es-Salaam Jamaat are announcing the launch of Mulla Asgher Memorial Academic Scheme. ZCSS will run this scheme in conjunction with Dar-Es-Salaam jamaat, with the aim to alleviate the hardship of financing education, faced by some members of our community in Tanzania.

Br Aunalibhai Khalfan is heading a team of hardworking and able members of Dar-Es-Salaam jamaat in administrating the above scheme. This team together with ZCSS, will approach the Khoja community world wide to sponsor the deserving children in Tanzania

Details will follow on the World Federation website and other WF media.

Mohammed Visram



WFYND meets youths of Madagascar

A.J.K.S.I.A.T youth association is the youth body of Antananarivo Jamaat in Madagascar. The youth body was established 2 years ago and are today active in various projects within and outside the community. The WFYND had the opportunity to meet with the youth body and youths of the community during the ExCo meeting in Madagascar in February this year.



The YND meeting was unique as it was the first time it was held in Gujarati (mixed with English and French). The meeting started with words of wisdom and encouragement from the leaders from the community. Thereafter the WFYND mission and concept together with aims and objectives were presented. This was followed by an interactive session with the youths of Antananarivo. The president of the Africa Federation, Zulfikarbhai Khimji, also took the opportunity to give an invitation to the Africa Youth Network meeting in Mombasa during the Easter weekend.



WFYND also attended a presentation organised by the local UNESCO department in conjunction with A.J.K.S.I.A.T. The A.J.K.S.I.A.T had raised funds in order to donate computer equipment to orphans under UNESCO shelter. This event was held as a mark of appreciation and to give them the opportunity to hand over the IT equipment. Amongst the dignitaries present was the Madagascar General Secretary of the Ministry of Culture.



Tabligh in different languages

The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his holy progeny) said:

The most excellent from amongst my ummah is one, who invites (the people) towards God, the Exalted and makes them (such so as) to be loved by Him.

Tabligh work knows no boundaries. Whichever corner of the world it is, as long as there are human beings there, tabligh is necessary. For tabligh to be effective in 'foreign' countries, it is best to employ local people and to use the local language. The Bilal Muslim Mission of Africa has been doing it successfully for many years. Otherwise, sending an Urdu-speaking Alim to preach in the remote parts of Rwanda would be like the blind leading the blind. One of the ways in which The Islamic Education Board of WF has been addressing the issue is by arranging Islamic books to be translated in different languages.

Some of the publications financed wholly or partly by IEB-WF, which have either been or are in the process of being translated in various languages (other than English) are as follows:

Kiswahili

- The Holy Qur'an – What Shias say
- Hadith Karatasi
- Sur Al-Ahzaab; Tafsiri na Maelezo
- Mut'a – Ndoa ya Halali
- Shia na Taqiya
- Wasia wa Mtume Muhammad s.a.w.w.
- Tafseer Al Kashif (Shaikh Jawad Mughniyyah)
- Mahe Ramadhan Duas

Bosnian

- Zivot magazine (46 editions to date)
- Islam u praksi (Islam in practice)
- A Restatement of the History of Islam (under consideration)

Thailand

- Halal and Haram according to the Jafari School of Thought
- History of Mankind in the Perspective of Islam
- The life and struggle of Imam Husein a.s. and H. Zainam a.s.

Urdu

- Abaqatul Anwar (Hamid Hussain Hindi)

Italian

- Amali of Sheikh Mufid

IEB-WF is always looking for Muslim translators in foreign languages, especially Portuguese, French and Hindi. Any assistance from mu'mineen will be greatly appreciated.



Triennial Conference - Agenda

Ref: Conf/4/03

Conference Dates: 6 October 2003 to 12 October 2003

Please find below a draft agenda of the Triennial Conference.

1. Recitation from the Holy Qur'an
2. Welcome speech by the Chairman of the Reception Committee
3. Introduction of delegates
4. Key note speeches by regional Leaders
5. Speech by the President
6. Observations from the floor
7. Report for the term by the Secretary General
8. Report from the Boards and Desks
9. Minutes of Triennial Conference 2000 and Constitutional Conference 2002
10. Presentation and adoption of accounts for the term
11. Budget 2003-2006
12. Constitutional Amendments
13. Strategic Plan
14. Election of Office Bearers and Councillors
15. Appointment of Chairmen of the Boards
16. Appointment of Auditors
17. Any other Business

Regarding item 12, Constitutional Amendments, with the report presented by the CRC, their final work is now completed. We acknowledge with thanks the efforts of the CRC members in producing the report and handing over to the secretariat before the due date. We urge the entire membership to study the CRC report with a view to proposing amendments to the constitution. An item on the agenda is Constitutional Amendments. According to the clause 17.2.4b of the constitution, a member is entitled to propose amendments in the constitution which have to be informed to members 60 days before the Conference.

Triennial Conference 2003 - Diary of Events

Conference Dates: 6 October 2003 to 12 October 2003

90 days before the Conference - 7th July 2003

Formal notice of Conference with the proposed agenda to be issued by the Secretary General (as per clause 12.1)

Invitation to be sent to all members to submit nominations for the post of President (as per clause 20.1.1)

60 days before the Conference - 6th August 2003

Last date by which members are to be notified of any proposed amendments to the constitution. (As per clause 17.2.4b)

Closing date for Presidential nominations from members. (As per clause 20.1.1)

53 days before the Conference - 13th August 2003

Secretary General to declare nominations received and issue instructions for voting. (As per clause 20.2)

45 days before the Conference - 21st August 2003

Last date for members to have items added to the Agenda. (As per clause 13)

30 days before the Conference - 5th September 2003

Members to submit their votes for the post of President to the returning Officers. (As per clause 20.2)

