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KIGOMA GETS NEW IMAMBARA



The New Imambara pictured before being officially inaugurated.

The Chairman of the Federation, Alhaji Mohamed Dhirani officially inaugurated a new Imambara in Kigoma last May. The tape cutting at this memorable occasion was done by Mowlana Seyed Sajjad Hussein of Dar es Salaam Jamaat at the request of Alhaj Dhirani.

The Chairman who was on an official visit to Kigoma was accompanied on the trip by Vice Chairman, Haji Habib J. Mulji and Mowlana Seyed Sajjad Hussein of Dar es Salaam Jamaat. Two veteran Kigoma Businessmen who have been residing in Dar es Salaam, Haji Mubarak Ladhu Jaffer and Haji Amirali Mulla were also in the Chairman's delegation.

The delegation was received in Kigoma by the Acting President of the Jamaat, Haji Muslim Fazal Kassam and members of the Managing Committee there.

In a speech during the Imambara opening ceremony, Mr. Mohamed Dhirani thanked Almighty Allah for his mercy and countless blessings on all Mominins and also for having given his delegation an opportunity to visit Kigoma on the auspicious occasion. He said he was pleased and highly impressed on the way affairs of the Kigoma Jamaat were being managed. He also praised the vigour of the Jamaat Committee there, which consists almost 90% of youngsters.



Mowlana Sayed Sajjad Hussein of Dar es Salaam cuts the tape to mark the inception of the new Imambara.

Dhirani said that the opening of the new Imambara at a time when MUSLIM UMMAH were celebrating the 1400th Birth Anniversary of Imam Hussein (A.S.) was a most befitting tribute to our beloved Imam whose great sacrifice created an immense inspiration in the Shia World. He said that it was an open fact that Imambaras existing in any corner of the world today, from where the light of true Islam beams, are the result of that unique and unparalleled sacrifice made by Imam Hussein (A.S.) in Kerbala.

IMAMBARA SIGNIFICANCE:

The Chairman went on to say that Imambaras had always been of significance in moulding our lives and habits towards true Islamic ethics. He said the Imambaras had proved to be effective in propagating Islamic knowledge to community members in a manner no other institution could have imparted. He added that congregating at Imambaras had become a recognised precept of our lives to an extent that as soon as the number of community members grew in any part of the world-east or west — there would be a growing awareness on the need of Imambaras.

Dhirani then congratulated the youths for the splendid manner in which they had decorated and illuminated the Imambara and Mosque complex — to mark the historical event of the century in Kigoma.

Finally the Chairman reminded his audience that the Secretariat had established the

Husseini Foundation Fund, which would be used among the other things, to uplift the economic standard of our brethren. He also requested youths to participate in the Sports Festival which will be held in Dar es Salaam in December to mark the 1400th Anniversary of our Imam.

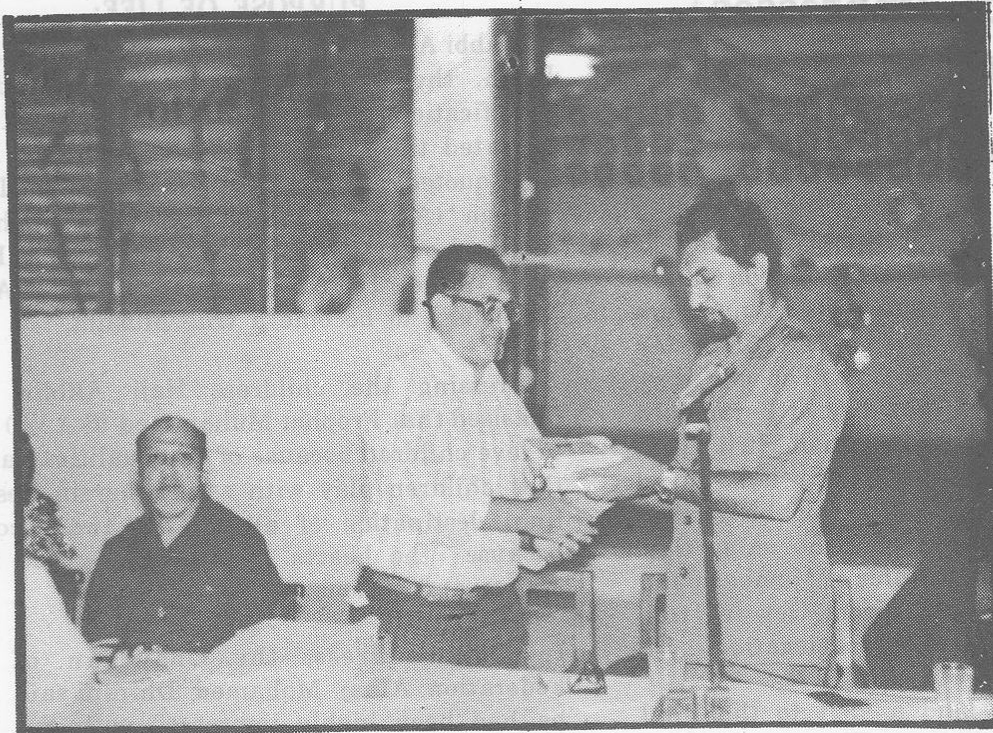
To mark the official visit of the Chairman, the Golden Crescent Group organised a get together function. The guest speaker at this function was the Vice Chairman of the Federation, Alhaj Habib J. Mulji, who spoke on the establishment of the Federation, its purpose, functions and achievements. In response to a request made by this new Crescents' District, Mulji, also explained the effective role the Golden Crescent Group was playing in the community and how it served humanity at large.

On the third day of their tour, the visiting delegation attended a grand function organised by the Kigoma Jamaat to mark the 1400th Anniversary of Imam Hussein (A.S.).

The chief guest of honour was Ndugu John Alphonse Nchimbi, Regional Party Secretary of Kigoma and among the speakers were the Chairman of the federation, Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani, Sheikh Khalfani Kiumbe a renown Sheikh of Kigoma, Sayd Sajjad Hussein of Dar es Salaam and Sheikh Harun Pingeli of Bilal Muslim Mission of Burundi.

The delegation later visited Ujiji and Kalele Centres of the Bilal Muslim Mission where the problems and needs of the Centres were discussed.

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The Federation Chairman, Mohamed Dhirani handing over Islamic Video Cassettes during the function, to the President of Kigoma Jamaat, Haji Muslim Fazal Kassam.



The Federation Chairman, Mohamed Dhirani addresses the big congregation before the opening ceremony.

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Burundi Impresses

Visiting Entourage

After performing the opening ceremony of the Kigoma Imambara the Federation Chairman Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani visited Bujumbura and was accompanied by the Vice Chairman Alhaj Habib Mulji on this tour. The two were warmly received by the President of Bujumbura Jamaat Mr. Ahmed Noormohamed Hirji along with Haji Abdulhussein Habib, Mowlana Sayed Sa'khi Ahmed and the Treasurer of the Jamaat Mr. Mustafa A. Chagani. On the same day, Alhaj Alibhai Mohamed Jaffer of Mombasa and Ramazan Mulla Nanji of Nairobi flew in from Kenya to join the Chairman's delegation.

The delegation first paid a visit to the Bilal Muslim Mission Centres at Kinama, Cibitoni and Buyenzi and were impressed to see the remarkable progress being made by the converts at these centres.

Kinama which was established in 1977 has a population of 300 Shias with a fully equipped Primary School and two Mosques, one of them Ijuma Mosque.

Cibitoni has a Mosque and Madressa in one building and all the 62 students are Shias.

Buyenzi is running two Madressas with 85 and 62 Shia students respectively.

The students demonstrated their talents by reciting Tilawate Quran, giving lectures on the life of Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W.) and on the life of the Masumeen and of Imam Hussein (A.S.). They also lectured on Islamic obligations and interpreted different suras in Arabic with Kiswahili translations. Three students also demonstrated Namaze Juma.

Alhaj Alibhai Mohamed Jaffer addressed the students, teachers and converts at each centre and said that Islam was a universal religion and did not belong to any particular community or race. He said Bilal was an African who sacrificed and suffered for Islam whilst he was in the company of our Prophet. Alibhai also said that it was chronic that whilst Arabs were fighting against Imam Hussein (A.S.), Africans had fought and sacrificed their lives in Kerballa to save Islam and human dignity.

PURPOSE OF LIFE:

Murabbi Alibhai explained the purpose of Life in Islam, the importance of TAKWA and the qualifications required to be a MUTTAKI. He narrated the sacrifice made by AHLUL BAIT and quoted some of the traditions of Imam Hassan (A.S.), our second Imam who taught us to guard ourselves from three evils i.e. TAKAB-BUR (pride), HIRSE (Temptation) and HASAD (Jealousy) to become a true Muslim.

Addressing the children, Haji Alibhai emphasised that Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W.) used to love children because of two qualities namely that children play with sand wherein lies the final destination of all humans and secondly because the hearts of infants are free from malice and jealousy.

In his address, the Chairman of the Federation, Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani said that he had been highly impressed with the high standard of teaching in all the Madressas. He called for brilliant students to be sent to Nairobi and Iran for further studies so that Burundi could become self sufficient in its teaching force.

Dhirani said he had taken a note of the Mission's needs and problems and would try to assist wherever it was possible to do so.

The Chairman then praised Haji Abdulhussein Habib for his great sacrifice of time and money to bring the Bilal Mission to its present stage. "You have worked single handed and it is only ALLAH who can assess your reward of propagating the true faith" the Chairman commented.

The delegation later made a familiarisation tour of Gitega where they met five families of our community residing there. They had lunch with Haji Fidahusseinbhai.

A dinner was also organised at the Imambara in honour of the Chairman and his delegation. At this dinner the President of the Jamaat Mr. Ahmed N. Hirjee thanked the Chairman and his delegation for making a visit to Bujumbura in spite of the small Jamaat there and said that the visit had proved further, the devotion and dedication of the Federation Office Bearers.

The Chairman, Mohamed Dhirani in reply said he was thankful to ALLAH for granting this opportunity to be in Burundi. He spoke on the establishment of the Federation, its purpose, aims and achievements.

NEED FOR A MOSQUE:

Dhirani added that he was very happy to see that all activities of the Jamaat including the Madressa, were managed in a commendable manner. He recognised the need for a Mosque in the community and advised the management to look into the possibility of constructing a Mosque to mark the 1400th Birthday of our beloved Imam Hussein (A.S.).

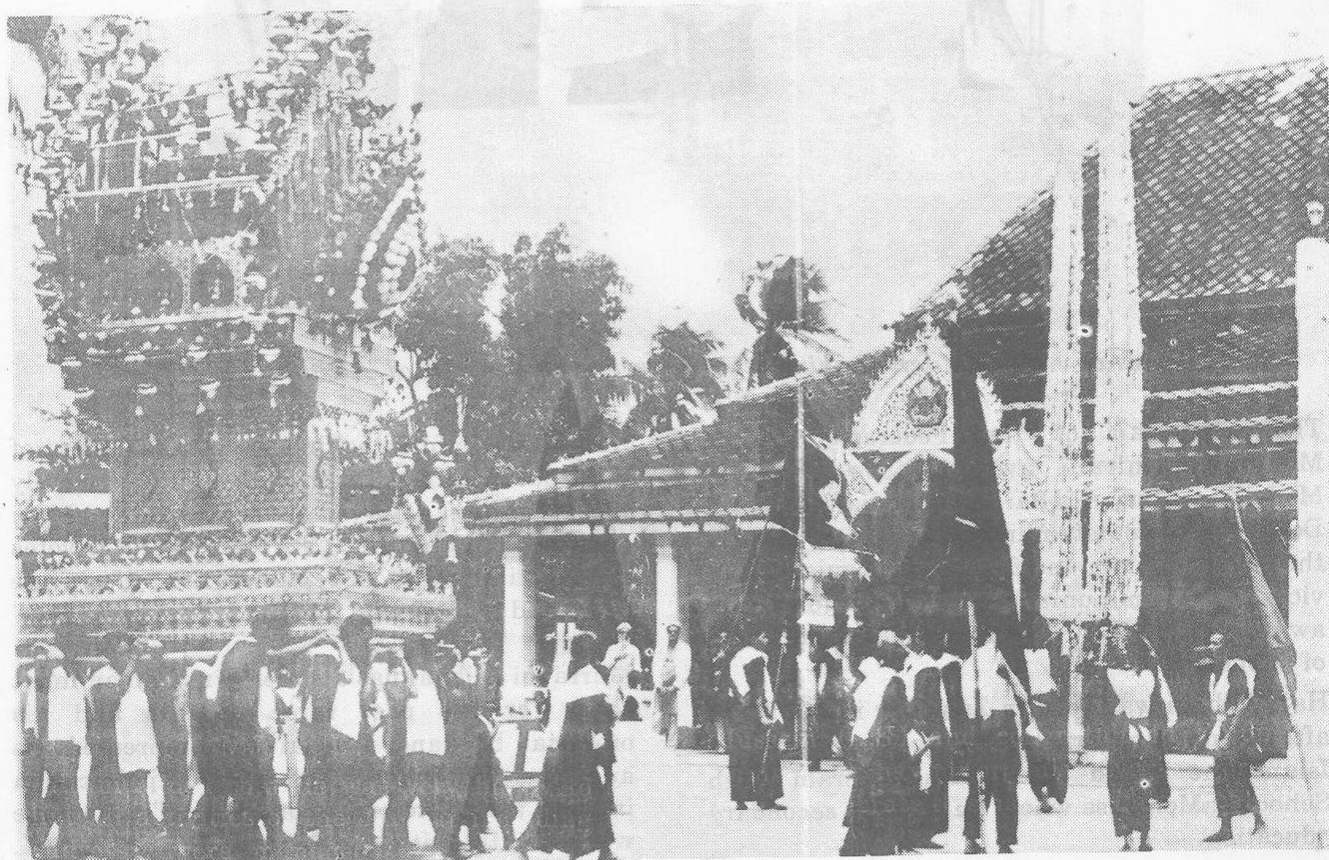
He also conveyed greetings on the occasion of the 14th centenary of the Birth of Imam

Hussein (A.S.) and congratulated Bujumbura Jamaat for having organised various programmes to celebrate this happy and historical event.

Alhaj Alibhai Mohamed Jaffer spoke on the activities of the Bilal Muslim Mission in Kenya and Tanzania and praised Bujumbura for their excellent performance in Tabligh Activities.

The delegation was hosted by Haji Abdulhussein Habib who provided excellent hospitality during the five days they stayed with him.

DOWN MEMORY LANE



Ashura Morning at the Royal Imambard of Thailand 1963)

SALUTATION BEFORE TALKING

السَّلَامُ قَبْلَ الْكَلَامِ عَافَاكَ اللَّهُ

"Salam (salutation) first before any talk, may Allah protect you."

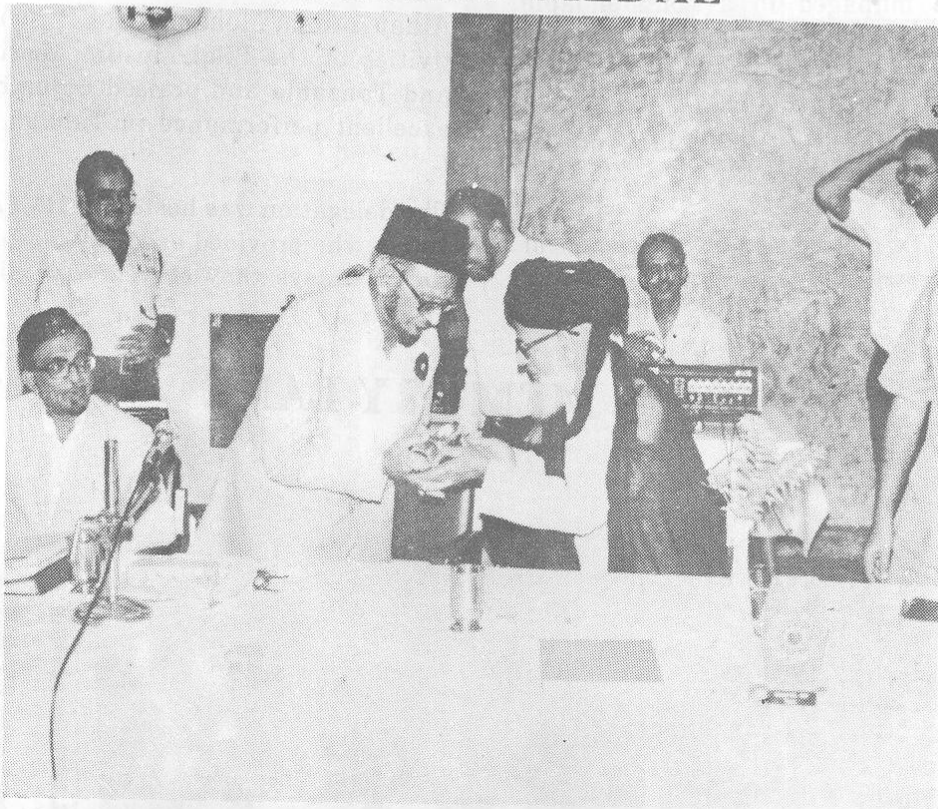
لَا نَأْذِنُوا لِأَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَسَلِّمَ

"Do not allow anyone to talk before he salutes"

IMAM HUSAIN (A.S.)

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ALIBHAI AWARDED HAIDERY MEDAL



Mowlana Aqa Haider making the presentation to Alhaj Alibhai M. Jaffer

The Chairman of the Federation, Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani awarded the "Haidery Medal" to Alhaj Alibhai Mohamedjaffer Sheriff Dewji for his outstanding contribution towards the cause of Islam and for his distinguished services to the community. The presentation of this award was made by Mowlana Sayed Aqa Haider of Mombasa.

Haji Alibhai was born in Zanzibar in 1912 and after completing Primary School studies on the Island, he joined the Alidina Visram High School at Mombasa where he pursued secondary education.

Alibhai began his honorary service work at the Union and club levels in Mombasa and became Chairman of the Jaffery Sports Club in 1943 and of the Ithnaasheri Young Men's Union in 1945. He then became Chairman of the Shia Ithnaasheri BOSTANI JAMAAT and was elected Vice Chairman of the Federation of the Khoja Shia Ithnaasheri Jamaats of Africa in 1971.

Haji Saheb did not restrict his services to the Community. He was the Hon. Secretary of the Mombasa Muslim Association and also served as a member of the Asian Educational Advisory Council during the colonial rule.

Alibhai was a force behind the establishment of the Bilal Muslim Mission and worked tirelessly with Mowlana Sayyed Saeed Akhtar Rizvi during its initial stage. To this day he devotes his full time, with no remuneration, to provide dedicated services to the Bilal Mission.

Murrabbi Alibhai has also remained an eminent Zakir for the past three decades and his oratorical brilliance has always impressed his audience. His contribution towards publication include the "Selection from Quran" which he wrote jointly with the Late Mulla Hussein A. Rahim and "UONGOZI WA TABIA NJEMA" which was again a joint contribution with Dr. Abdulkader of Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya. Alibhai performed his first Haj at the age of 8 years, having travelled by ship and then by a caravan driven by Camels. He is a widely travelled man having visited Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, Ethiopia, India and Pakistan.

Haji Saheb can speak eight languages fluently, namely English, Gujarati, Kiswahili, Urdu, Farsi, Arabic, Punjabi and Cutchi.

May Allah grant Haji Alibhai a long and healthy life.

IDD MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF KHOJA SHIAITHNA ASHERI

JAMAATS OF AFRICA

AL HAJ MOHAMED G.M. DHIRANI

Assolamun alaykum

I am grateful to the Almighty Allah for the yet another opportunity He has bestowed on me on this occasion of Idd el Fitr to extend this message.

The Holy month of Ramadhan, with all its benedictions, has elapsed speedily. This year the holy month had special significance in that it fell during the 14th centenary of the birth of Imam Husein (A.S.). A number of programmes were organised in various Jamats to celebrate this happy occasion and from the reports received, it is manifest that we all have, to the best of our ability, paid homage to this great Imam. In manifestation of our joy on the 14th Centenary of his birth, our various Jamats from Kigoma to Mogadiscio and Madagascar to Kinshasa decorated our premises and organised congregations. Moreover necessary programmes were arranged for Muslims in general as well. An atmosphere of joy and happiness had pervaded the community and each celebrated the occasion according to his means. The youth of the community played an important role during the celebrations and it gives me a great pleasure on this occasion to congratulate them for their efforts.

I wish to take this opportunity once again to remind all the Jamats that the Council has launched a Hussein Foundation Fund and the initial collection for it was commenced with the

Kigoma Jamat. I am heartened by the co-operation extended by the Kigoma Jamat and if all the Jamats follow their example then, Allah willing, this fund will attain full success.

I thank Allah for the brotherhood and sincerity prevailing in the community. We have observed in all the places the anxiety of our brothers to help each other in whatever form necessary, whether by assisting a traveller or caring for the sick. Others are seen extending financial assistance to the needy. The community has fully recognised this religious duty. However, it is now necessary that we take one step further and so help the needy that they should not be in need ever again. The generosity of Hatimtai, is very well known; the needy used to receive charity from him at forty different doors. But the Commander of the Charitable Amir ul Mu'mineen Hazrat Ali (A.S.) has practically demonstrated that the needy should be given so much at once that no need be left for him to seek help another time. We should follow in the footsteps of this Imam and cultivate this characteristic so that the community advances even further than it so far has.

On this happy occasion of Idd el Fitr it is my very deep pleasure to extend my sincere greetings to you all. On this occasion I pray to Almighty Allah in the name of the Fourteen Masumin (A.S.) that there should be greater unity within the community, we should get closer to each other and that He should shower His unbounded benediction on us.

BILAL MUSLIM MISSION OF BURUNDI NEW OFFICE BEARERS

The Chairman of the Federation, Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani appointed the following members to manage the affairs of the Bilal Muslim Mission of Burundi:-

Haji Abdulhussein Habib
Mr. Amir Bhaloo
Mr. Taki Fazel
Mr. Mustafa A. Chagani

SPORTS FESTIVAL NOW IN DECEMBER

The Sports Festival which was to be held at Mombasa (Kenya) during Easter Holidays was postponed due to the sudden and tragic demise of the Prime Minister of Tanzania, Ndugu Edward Moringe Sokoine.

At the meeting of the East African Sports Club held at Mombasa it was agreed to hold the Sports Festival in Dar es Salaam during December. The Union Sports Club has kindly agreed to play host to the entire event. The games expected to be contested for will be Cricket, Squash, Tennis, Volleyball and Golf.

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CYCLONE DEVASTATES MADAGASCAR TOWN

A cyclone hit Majunga in Madagascar in April this year and scores of buildings were badly damaged. Hundreds of people were made homeless and about 30% of our community members suffered a considerable loss.

A delegation of the Madagascar Territorial Council, led by its Vice President Alhaj Raza Ali Hiridjee, flew from Tananarive to Majunga to make an 'on the spot' investigation and to assess the damage done. A relief fund was immediately launched and generous contributions started pouring into the Council's Office from the Moameens of Madagascar Jamaats.

After completing this assignment, Alhaj Raza Ali, accompanied by the Secretary of the Territorial Council, Mr. Asgher Djaffer and the Immediate Past President of the Territorial Council, Mr. Housseny Hiridjee flew to Mombasa to attend the meeting of the Khoja Shia Ithnaasheri Supreme Council and gave a comprehensive report of the devastation caused by the cyclone. The Council Session took a note of the event with great sorrow and expressed sympathy to all those who were affected.

The Secretariat sent a telegram of sympathy to the Majunga Jamaat and the Chairman of the

Federation, Mr. Dhirani, requested Alhaj Manzoorali Kanani, Chairman of the Nairobi Jamaat to visit Majunga on his behalf.

Manzoorali Kanani flew first to Tananarive and then to Majunga. From Tananarive, he was joined by the Vice President and Secretary of the Territorial Council, Raza Ali Hiridjee and Asgher Djaffer and also by Mr. Gulamabbas Habib Sunderjee and Mr. Raza Ali Mohamedali Djaffer.

MILLION FRANCS DONATED:

Manzoorali visited the affected places, met the families who were victims of the cyclone and discussed the situation with the Managing Committee of the Jamaat. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting was called following Manzoorali Kanani's visit during which a message from the Chairman of the Federation, Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani was read conveying the Federation's deep sympathy.

Kanani also announced a donation of Francs. One Million on behalf of the Federation.

During this meeting the Vice President and Secretary of the Territorial Council also assured the Majunga Jamaat of the Council's full support. In response, the Majunga Jamaat's Secretary said he was deeply moved and encouraged by the material and moral support of the Federation of Africa and the Territorial Council of Madagascar.

MOLVIS HADIYA REVISED

At the Supreme Council Session held at Mombasa in April this year it was resolved to increase the Hadiyas of Molvis and the new rates with effect from January, 1984 are as under:-

TANZANIA:

Commencing:	BASIC Shs. 3,000/-
Increment:	Shs. 200/-
Maximum:	Shs. 5,000/-

KENYA:

Commencing:	BASIC Shs. 2,500/-
Increment:	Shs. 150/-
Maximum:	Shs. 4,000/-

INDUCEMENT ALLOWANCE

Shs. 1,500/- per month
Shs. 4,500/- per month
Shs. 100/-
Shs. 2,500/-

Shs. 7,500/- per month

INDUCEMENT ALLOWANCE

Shs. 1,500/-
Shs. 4,000/- per month
Shs. 50/-
Shs. 2,000/-
Shs. 6,000/-

Warm reception for Councillors in Mombasa

Members of the Mombasa Jamaat along with the Ithnaasheri Young Men's Union and the Jaffery Sports Club worked tirelessly to make the 42nd Council Session one of the most successful in the history of the Federation.

Haji Akberali Peermohamed, the Chairman of the Mombasa Jamaat, officials and other dignitaries were at the Moi International Airport to welcome officials and Councillors from Tanzania.

Just before the commencement of the opening Session of the Supreme Council, the Chairman, Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani was garlanded and given a befitting guard of honour. He was then introduced to the Managing Committee, Trustees, Heads of all affiliated bodies and reception Committee.

On the second day, the Councillors attended a grand reception organised by the Ithnaasheri Young Men's Union at the Jaffery Sports Club.

The chairman of the Union, Mr. Asaf Gulamhussein after explaining the activities of the Union thanked the Chairman of the Federation for involving the Union in preparation of the stickers and Logo to celebrate the 1400th Birth Anniversary of Hazrat Imam Hussein (A.S.). He then announced the name of the winners of the Logo competition, who were awarded attractive prizes. The winners were:-

first Prize: Mrs. Shenaz Arif Hussein Abdullah of Mombasa

Second Prize: Mr. Arif Hussein Abdullah of Mombasa

Third Prize: Mr. Fidahussein Khaki of Dar es Salaam

Both the Chairman of the Federation Mr. Dhirani and the Chairman of the Mombasa Jamaat Haji Akberali Peermohamed praised the Union for its excellent services and said the community would keep on expecting much from its youths who are the backbone of society.

On day three Mohamed Dhirani performed the opening ceremony at the new premises of RYCE MOTORS LIMITED which was followed by Majlis and breakfast. The Managing Director of Ryce Motors, Mr. Naushad Merali thanked the Chairman and said he felt deeply honoured to see that top officials of the community had graced the function. He pledged his full co-operation to the Council. On the same evening, a sumptuous dinner was hosted by the Jaffery Sports Club. The Chairman of the Club, Mr. Masumali Meghji said that during the Council Session, delegates had stayed and clustered together thereby strengthening bonds of brotherhood through deliberations and discussions on common problems. He said, "I am sure we must have spelled out our aims and objects and demarcated the lines we should pursue to march forward for the betterment of our community at large and for the propagation of our faith"

The President of the World Federation Alhaj Haider Haji addressing Mombasa Union at a reception for the visiting Councillors.





The Federation Chairman Mohamed Dhirani addressing the gathering at a grand dinner organised for the visiting Councillors



The Chairman of Mombasa Jamaat Haji Akberali Peermohamed praising Union activities at the reception hosted for Councillors.

Masumali said his club had played a crucial role in unifying the two Jamaats in Mombasa and that adequate guard has been taken against those elements wishing to cause divisions.

Masum announced that to mark the 1400th Anniversary of the Birth of Imam Hussein (A.S.), Jaffery Sports Club has amended its con-

stitution whereby all the facilities provided by the Club will now be open, without any cover charges to all visiting members from the Jamaats affiliated to the Supreme Council. He also said that to mark the 14th Centenary, the Club had decided to put up projects for swimming, squash, and badminton to the tune of Shs. One Million.

The Chairman of the Mombasa Jamaat, Haji Akberali Peermohamed praised Council Officials for organising the Sports Festival and for diverting attention to the development of youth activities.

In response, the Federation Chairman, Mr. Mohamed Dhirani said that he was deeply moved by the honour accorded to him and his colleagues in Mombasa. He stressed that no nation or society could ignore its youths and the Council would do all it could to promote the welfare of its youth organisations. "Consider me as your humble worker and with your co-operation, Inshaallah, we will march towards prosperity," declared the Chairman.

Earlier at the opening of the Council Session the Chairman of Mombasa Jamaat Haji Akberali said that with the co-operation of one and all, the Federation had remained united and had made tremendous progress. He told the congregation that time was fast progressing

and that the Federation would have to keep pace if objectives were to be achieved. He added that to raise the economic standard of our Community, the more fortunate should be prepared to make sacrifices for less fortunate members.

The Chairman of the Federation, Mr. Dhirani delivered an hour's address to the opening session wherein he touched on various activities of the Council. He spoke on the 14th centenary of the Birth of Imam Hussein (A.S.), the successful molvi's seminar, the sports festival, recruitment of molvis, tabligh activities, higher Islamic education, shia academy, Islamic Video cassettes, Haj Assistance Committee, Bilal Muslim Mission, World Federation, Madagascar Territorial Council, religious awakening in Mozambique, Higher Education Board, Assistance given to Secretariat by various councillors and the budget. Dhirani also said that he had noticed an immense improvement in public relations by visiting various Jamaats and through the Federation Samachar.



The Union Chairman Asaf Gulamhussein welcomes the Chairman and Councillors at the function hosted by the Union

لا يكمل العقل إلا بالتباعد الحق

"No man can reach the peak of intelligence except by following Haq i.e. righteousness"

IMAM HUSAIN (A.S.)

CONCISE REPORT OF COUNCIL SESSION

The 42nd Session of the Supreme Council held in Mombasa (Kenya) from 20 to 23 April, 1984 was a First in many respects.

It was the first meeting of the Council to be held in Kenya after more than a decade. The Session was being held in Mombasa after fifteen years!

For the first time, representatives from Kinshasa (Zaire) and Bujumbura (Burundi) attended the meeting and following last year's Council request, the Bilal Muslim Missions of Madagascar and Burundi submitted their Reports at the Session, for the first time.

The Session was well attended and truly represented. Councillors and Invitees from the following places took part:-

Kenya: Mombasa, Nairobi and Nakuru
Tanzania: Arusha, Bukoba, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kigoma, Lindi, Mwanza, Moshi, Songea, Tanga Singida and Zanzibar.

Burundi: Bujumbura

Zaire: Kinshasa

Madagascar: The Vice President, Hon. Secretary and Executive Member of the Madagascar Territorial Council.

U.K.: President of the World Federation

Europe: Sweden

Canada: Toronto

Middle East: H.E. the Charge de Affairs of Iran in Kenya, Two representatives of Madressa Qayem a.s. of Tehran and One representative of Madrasatul Rasulul Akram s.a.w.

Pakistan: Karachi

Most of the Jamaats were represented by their youthful Councillors and their energetic and aggressive approach made the session very lively and lengthy (!) Never in the past has such a session lasted four days!

For the information of our esteemed readers, the salient points brought up during the session follow:-

(1) Chairman's Speech:

During his hour long speech, the Federation Chairman, Mr. Dhirani gave a detailed review of the Council's activities over the past year.

The speech, in Gujarati, was circulated to all the Councillors and Invitees present. Its English version will soon be circulated to all Jamaats.

(2) Honours;

On behalf of the Federation of Khoja Shia Ithnaasheri Jamaats of Africa the Chairman, Haji Mohamed Dhirani, awarded Medals as follows for outstanding social religious services:-

Haidery Medal:

Haji Ali Mohamedjaffer Sheriff of Mombasa

Husseini Medal:

Haji Abdulrasul Hassanali Khaki of Mombasa

(3) Education Board:

Report of the newly established Education Board with its Headquarter at Moshi (Tanzania) was presented for discussion.

Draft by laws of the Higher Education Board were approved after lengthy discussions.

With the establishment of this Board, it was hoped that Educational matters would be well attended to thereby giving satisfactory services to the community.

(4) Tabligh Reports:

Apart from Reports from Jamaats, the Secretariat for the first time presented its Report on Tabligh.

A new Format for the Tabligh Report was introduced and many Jamaats submitted their reports in line with this format.

(5) Bilal Muslim Missions:

Reports of Bilal Muslim Missions of Burundi Kenya, Madagascar and Tanzania were presented.

Haji Abdulhussein Habib Khaki of Bilal Muslim Mission of Burundi presented a very interesting report of tabligh activities in Burundi and Zaire. The Mission in Burundi is also doing tabligh work in neighbouring Zaire. His speech created great interest and led to a visit to Burundi by representatives of Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya.

(6) The World Federation:

For the first time a report of the World Federation was circulated to all the Councillors.

The President of the World Federation, Haji Haider Haji, graced the occasion with his presence and gave a long speech explaining the activities of the World Federation. It aroused great interest.

Haji Mohamedjaffer, Kassmali Gulamhussein of Karachi presented Reports of Bilal Trust of Pakistan, Islamic Seminary and Darul Hikmah — all of Karachi — both in writing and orally.

(7) Madagascar Territorial Council:

Following a request at the last Conference, the Vice President and Hon. Secretary of Madagascar Territorial Council, Haji Razaali Hirjee and Asgherali Jaffer attended the session and submitted a detailed report of their activities. They were accompanied to the Session by Murabbi Husseinali Hirjee, ex-President of the Territorial Council.

The Madagascar delegation was delayed because of a visit they had to make to Majunga where a Cyclone devastated many houses thereby affecting about thirty per cent of our community there. The delegation gave a concise report of the damage sustained by our community at Majunga and on efforts being made to assist them.

FAITH AND ACTION

Faith without action is a dead letter. Islam teaches us that faith by itself is not enough until it is transformed into action. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "Faith does not depend on raising hopes, but it is something which is firmly established in the heart and testified to by action. Verily there are people who have been deceived by their hopes, so that they finally leave this world without merit. They used to say, "We have good expectations from Allah." Yet they only deceived themselves. For, had they truly placed good expectations in Allah, they would have excelled in good deeds."

Each Muslim is taught that he is personally responsible for his own action, both in this world and in the next. Islam teaches that every individual must carry the responsibility of his own actions, and that no one can carry that burden for him.

(8) Federation Samachar Report:

The Editors of "Federation Samachar" submitted a written report outlining some of the problems being encountered in taking out regular issues of the magazine. Councillors made some useful suggestions on improving the image of the Samachar.

(9) Audited Accounts and Budget;

Audited Accounts for January to September 1983 were presented and approved.

Budget for 1983/1984 and 1984/1985 were circulated and approved by the Council. For the first time Income and Expenditure for Kenya and Tanzania were presented separately.

(10) Resolutions:

The following resolutions were approved by the Council:-

- (a) It was agreed that all applications for Marriage Assistance be considered on merits and awarded accordingly.
- (b) Hadiya of Molvis was revised and a full report appears elsewhere in this issue.
- (c) It was resolved that the Council should set aside adequate funds to enable its officials to take care of travelling and other incidental expenses, if required.

- (11) Reports of Madrasalul Rasulul Akram (S.A.W.) and Haji Assistance Committee were circulated in writing and members were given opportunity to express their views.

ELECTIONS IN JAMAATS

Elections were held at Zanzibar, Mogadiscio, Nairobi, Kigoma and Reunion Jamaats and the following members took over the new management.

KUWWATUL ISLAM JAMAAT, ZANZIBAR

Chairman: Haji M. E. Dharamsi (Re-Elected)
Hon. Secretary: Haji Hussein Bachoo Mohamed
Hon. Treasurer: Haji Ahmed Mohamedali Siwji
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"Bismillahi Rrahmani Rrahim"

"If one seeks the pleasure of Allah despite the wrath and displeasure of people, Allah is sufficient for him in his affairs with them. And if one seeks the pleasure of people despite the wrath and displeasure of Allah, he will be forsaken by Him leaving him to (the mercy of) people" Wassalam.

IMAM HUSAIN (A.S.)

MULLA ABDULRASUL HONoured FOR ZEALOUS SERVICES



President of the World Federation Alhaj Haider Haji pins the Hussein Medal onto Mulla Abdulrasul

Alhaj Mulla Abdulrasul Hassanali Khaki of Mombasa was awarded the "Husseini Medal" by the Chairman of the Federation, Mohamed Dhirani at the Supreme Council Session held at Mombasa in April this year. Mr. Dhirani said that Mulla Abdulrasul's services for the religious upliftment of our men, women and children were unique in the history of Khojas in East Africa.

The visiting president of the World Federation, Alhaj Haider Haji made the actual presentation to Mulla Abdulrasul. Mulla Saheb was born in Mombasa and after his Secondary Education at Alidina Visram High School, he took keen interest in Islamic Fiqh and Islamic History. His series of lectures on the History of Prophets and Imams had proved so popular that cassettes of these talks were widely circulated even outside East Africa.

Mulla Saheb is a good Zakir and his flawless oratory in Urdu and Gujarati coupled with his modern approach to Islam have made his majlises very interesting. He is also a devoted Islamic teacher and social worker, having been an active member of the Matrimonial and Kafan Dafan Committees. Moreover he is one of the first Khojas to have led Namaze Jamaat in

Mulla Abdulrasul initiated classes in Fiqh, Diniyat and History for youths and ladies and has been able to train a number of boys and girls who now successfully run such classes in Mombasa and in the United Kingdom.

It would not be extravagant to say that the awareness in Islam among boys and girls of Mombasa is comparatively higher than that of other East African towns and a good part of this present day status can be attributed to Mulla Saheb, who always has encouraged youths to know more about Islam.

Mulla Abdulrasul's Library of religious books in Urdu is one of the best in East Africa and a number of Molvis, Zakirs and Teachers in Mombasa take full advantage of this well equipped Library.

Mulla Saheb is a businessman but to him that profession is second to Islam. He is always prepared to sacrifice his earnings whenever called upon to serve Islam.

We pray to Allah to grant Mulla Abdulrasul

GOLD MEDALS FOR TWO

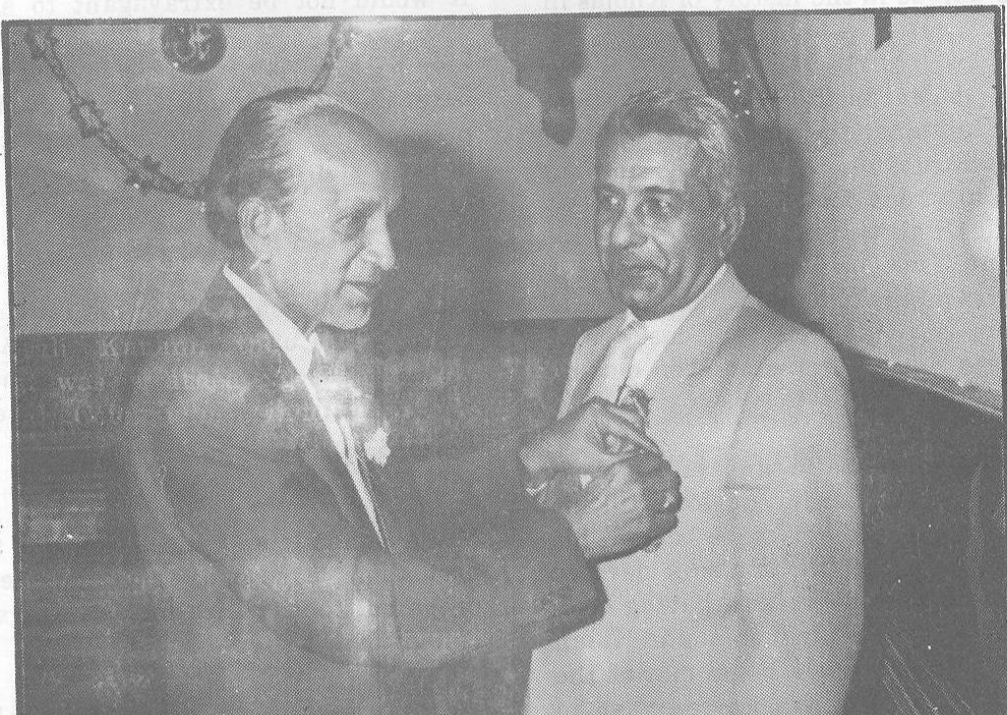
Alhaj Manzooralı Kanani, the Chairman of Nairobi Jamaat was awarded a gold medal by the Territorial Council of Madagascar in recognition of his selfless services to the community in general and for his assistance to Hujjajs and Zawwars from Madagascar when passing through Nairobi. The award was made at a colourful ceremony held at Tananarive

Imambara on 16 May, 1984 to celebrate 1400th Anniversary of the Birth of Imam Hussein (A.S.).

At the same ceremony the Immediate Past President of the Territorial Council of Madagascar, Mr. Housseny Hiridjee was also awarded a gold medal for his distinguished services to the community.



The President of the Madagascar Territorial Council, Haji Akberali A. Sunderji presenting the Gold Medals to Mr Kanani (above) and Mr Hiridjee (Below).



COMMUNITY LOSES FOUR PROMINENT MEMBERS



Haji Abdulrasul
Rajabali Alidina

The death of Haji Abdulrasul Rajabali Alidina, an old resident of Dar es Salaam is noted with much sorrow. Haji Abdulrasul was involved in a car accident in February this year when he was knocked down by a motorist whilst crossing a road. He died on Friday 30th March, 1984 after spending about forty days in Muhimbili Hospital, Dar es Salaam.

He was born in 1906 in Lamu, Kenya from where he moved to Zanzibar. He then came to Dar es Salaam in 1938. While in Dar es Salaam he used to take part in various community affairs including looking after Seyyids and Alims. He was also in charge of the Kafan Dafan Section of the community for a very long time until he moved to Songea. He spent eight years in Songea where he used to recite Majlis, Duas etc. He also served Dar es Salaam Jamaat as a Committee Member and was Trustee for several years.

Haji Abdulrasul is survived by a large family comprising of sons, daughters, grand children, great grand children, sisters, a brother, nephews and nieces.

May Allah repose the departed soul in eternal peace and grant him a place with Maasumin (A.S.).



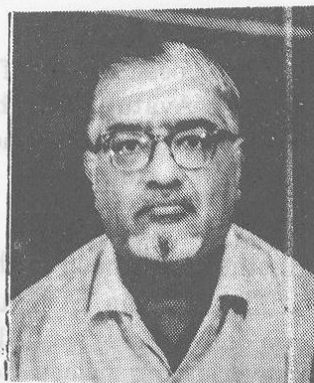
Haji Gulamabbas Jusab

The sudden and untimely death of Haji Gulamabbas Jusab in May this year very much shocked Moshi Jamaat.

Late Gulamabbas Jusab was a dedicated worker of the community. For many years he served Lindi and Moshi Jamaats and under his Chairmanship, the Lindi Jamaat made great progress. Late Gulamabbasbhai was a staunch supporter of the Council and as Councillor made a point to attend its sessions. He was also well known for his clear and frank views on all subjects he deliberated upon during these sessions.

By his death, the community in general and Moshi Jamaat in particular have lost a sincere and devoted worker.

May Allah give him a place in Heaven with the Fourteen Masumin A.S.



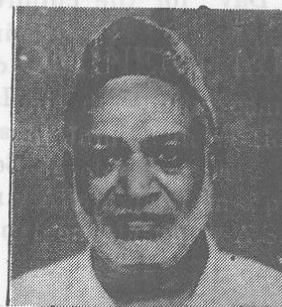
Haji Sherali A. Ladha

In May this year Haji Sherali Ahmed Ladha died in Dar es Salaam after a long illness. He was 64 years old.

Marhum Sherali served Pemba and Zanzibar Kuwwat Jamaats as Secretary and then President and was also Hon. Secretary of the Dar es Salaam Jamaat during 1975 - 1977. He was an elected Councillor from Zanzibar and a nominated Councillor from Dar es Salaam and he attended several Council Sessions during which he made remarkable and constructive contributions.

The Late Sherali developed his Journalistic aptitude by writing various religious articles and subsequently became the editor of "Zanzibar Times" and a communal Revolutionary Paper "AWAZ". He was a Sales Agent of many religious books published in Gujarati, Arabic and English.

May Allah grant him a place in JANNAT with Masumin (A.S.).



Sherali Jeraj

In the death of Mr. Sherali K. Jeraj, Songea Jamaat lost one of its dedicated members. The late Mr. Sherali was born in 1921 in India and arrived in Songea in 1937. He served the Songea Jamaat in various capacities e.g. Secretary, Treasurer and Mukhi, for several years.

He died on 22nd June, 1984 after a short illness.

May Allah grant him a place with Masumin (A.S.).

SAD DEMISE OF ALLAMA SYED JAMAL EL KHUI

The Council regrets to announce the sad demise of Hujjatul Islam wal Muslimeen Allama Syed Jamal El Khui, eldest son of Ayatullahil Uzma Syed Abul Qassim El Khui dama zillahul ali.

Late Syed Jamal had been Head of the Madressa established by Ayatullahil Khui at Damascus (Syria). He died after an illness in Tehran (Iran), on Thursday, 28th June, 1984.

The Council joins all other Mumineen in sharing the grief with Ayatullahil Uzma El Khui and sympathises with him on this loss. May Allah in His Mercy grant everlasting peace to the departed soul and a place in heaven with the Fourteen Masumin A.S. May He also give sabr to Ayatullahil Uzma and other members of his family to bear this loss.

Muslim Ummah celebrate 1400th Birthday of Imam Hussein (A.S.)

Members of the Shia Ithnaasheri Jamats all over Africa ranging from Burundi to Mogadiscio and from Madagascar to Kinshasa were in festive mood during the month of Shabaan as they jovially celebrated and paid tribute to our beloved Imam Hussein (A.S.) on the occasion of his 1400th Birthday.

In addition to Mauluds, Feasts, Melavdos, Merry Making and competitions (with generous gifts) for children, some useful

The Secretariat sent a Telegram of Condolence on behalf of the Mumineen of Africa to Ayatullahil El Khui and organised a Majlis for Ithale Thawab of Marhum in Dar es Salaam Imambara on 5th July, 1984.

All Mumineen are requested to recite Sura E FATiha for Marhum Syed Jamal.

The Secretariat sent the following telegram:-

"AYATULLAHIL UZMA SYED ABUL QASSIM EL KHUI NAJAF (IRAQ) SORRY TO LEARN SAD DEMISE ALLAMA SYED JAMAL [MUMINEEN OF AFRICA JOIN YOU IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF ACCEPT CONDOLENCES PRAYING ALLAH GRANT MARHUM PLACE IN HEAVEN WITH FOURTEEN MASUMIN A.S. AND SABR TO YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY"]

projects were also either accomplished or were inaugurated in memory of the great sacrifice made by Imam Hussein (A.S.). The projects include the construction or extension of Mosques, Imambaras, Madressas, Musfarkhanas, Libraries, Dispensaries and Drinking Water facilities. The full report of the celebration and projects undertaken by each Jamaat will, Inshaallah, appear in a SOUVENIR issue of the Federation Samachar which will be out soon.

JAFFERY HOSTS SPORTS DAY

Nairobi Jaffery Sports Club successfully organised a "Sports Day" for the children to commemorate the 14th Centenary of the birth of the grandson of the Holy Prophet, the leader of the Martyrs and above all the savior of Islam, Imam Hussein (A.S.). The Sports Day was held on 6th May, 1984 at the Jamhuri High School. About 150 children between the age of 4 and 18 participated in the events and many community members witnessed the different races.

This event which was fully sponsored by the Managing Director of the Ryce Motors Ltd., Mr. Naushad Merali also had hilarious items for adults of over 45 like the TUG OF WAR contest between the club and the Jamaat.

The programme started with a recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Mst. Mohamed Khalfan. Thereafter the events began with different races for different age groups. There was also a walking race for gents over 45 years and a 100 metre flat race open to all.

The sports item completed just before Zohra'in Prayers and Jamaat Prayers were then recited under the resident Aalim, Maulana Sheikh Durrol Hassan. The prize giving function was held after prayers. The Guest of Honour, Mr. Naushad Merali congratulated the club for successfully organising the SPORTS DAY and also stressed to the Managing Committee of the club to get its own ground. The Chairman of the Jamaat also praised the club and declared that another SPORTS DAY will be held after Ramadhan to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Jamaat.

Book Vouchers were presented to the first three winners in each race and all children were presented with special gifts.

Lunch was then served thereby marking an end to the whole programme and members of the community were unanimous in their opinion that more such programmes should be organised in future.

POINT TO PONDER

PORK IN GELATIN CHEESE

We thank Bwana Ali Sheriff of Arusha for making this article available to us. The article was first published in the March, 1984 issue of the Hong Kong Muslim Herald.

Editors.

Gelatin, which is liberally used for preparing various delicacies and as a stabiliser in ice creams, jellies, couffle, jams and cheese contains pork fat, according to findings recently released.

The President of the Consumers Association of Penang, Malaysia, brother S.M. Muhammad Idres, in an open letter, has cautioned the Muslim World that pork is liberally used in the production of Gelatin.

Brother Idris says: "It has come as a shock to us that many Muslim consumers have been unwittingly consuming gelatin that is derived from pork. Our investigation has brought forth ample evidence to show beyond doubt that unwanted pork parts are predominantly used in the manufacture of gelatin. This is marketed and sold to consumers including Muslims throughout the world without warning or informing the consumer of the type of animal from which it is derived.

"We have also been officially notified by the Islamic Research Centre of the Malaysian Government (under the Prime Minister's

Department) that Gelatin has been confirmed to be predominantly made out of pork. According to them, this is more so now since it has been found that "the manufacturing process for gelatin from pork (swine) skin is faster and the resultant Gelatin is of higher quality".

"We have also been informed by the Islamic Research Centre that while a great deal of Gelatin is made from pork, because of the non-halal method of slaughter, no matter what animal is used the Gelatin will still be haram. This includes Gelatin produced from cow or goat not slaughtered in the Islamic way"

As for CHEESE, THE British magazine 'Home Economics' of March, 1982, describing the manufacturing process says: "Cheshire and Lancashire cheeses are removed from the moulds after two days, then dried, bandaged with fresh cheese-cloth and finally waxed with hot lard (pig fat). Cheddar cheese in cylindrical moulds is removed after 24 hours, bathed in very hot water to melt the outside and form a seal, greased with hot lard and then returned to the moulds and pressed for a further 24 hours. It is only at this stage that the cheese in rectangular blocks (destined daily for the large national supermarket chains) differs from the cheese made in cylindrical mould. (AL-ISLAM).

WHAT FOR DID IMAM HUSAIN SEEK HELP?

On the plains of Kerbala on the Day of Ashura, the Imam was also repeatedly heard calling for help in these words:

حل من ناصر ينصرنا
حل من مفيت فيفينا

"Is there any helper to come and help us?
Is there any one to come to our aid?"

The philosophers on the martyrdom of Kerbala tell us that it was meant to sound a final warning to the followers of Yazid to reappraise their position and consider abandoning the path of falsehood of Yazid and switch over to the path of righteousness, so as to redeem themselves from the hell-fire on the Day of Judgement.

Besides the seeking of aid by the Imam was a worldwide message and call for help to all present and future people to preserve the sanctity of Islam and its tenets against whatever odd that may be. The call for help by the Imam was for the preservation of Islam in its pristine purity, free of any adulteration and alteration.

What did these words imply and what sort of help

ABOUT PEOPLE ...

NASSER IS NOW MOMBASA TOWN CLERK

Mr. Abbas Husein Mohamedali Nasser was born in Zanzibar on 22nd August, 1938. He then accompanied his father to Mombasa in 1944 when the latter, who was then employed by Cable & Wireless Limited, Zanzibar, was transferred to Mombasa.

Nasser had his primary education at the Ithna-Asheri Primary School up to Std. IV. Thereafter he joined the Government Kikowani Primary School to complete his primary education. He had his secondary education at Technical High School, Mombasa, where he passed the London Chamber of Commerce School Certificate of Commercial Education Examination. He also passed the Cambridge School Certificate and the G.C.E. of the Associated Examining Board by private studies.

Mr. Nasser studied in his spare-time for the examinations of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. He was elected a Fellow of the Institute on 15th November, 1983. He is also a Fellow of the British Institute of Management, having been elected to the Fellowship on 11th October, 1983.

Mr Nasser's first employment was with the E.A. Customs & Excise Department. Later he joined the Alibhai Panju Primary School as a School Clerk. He was then appointed Junior Administrative Assistant with the Municipal Council on 1st November, 1962 under the Council's Localisation and Training Programme.

In July, 1958 Mr. Nasser was promoted to the post of Assistant Town Clerk and became the Town's Deputy Town Clerk on 26th March, 1976. He earned a further promotion in November, 1983 when he was appointed the Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the Municipal



Abbas Nasser

Council of Mombasa, the second largest local authority in Kenya.

Abbas has served the Community through the Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Education Board. He was its Hon. Secretary and Chairman for a number of years.

He was also a member of the Supreme Council's Higher Education Board representing Mombasa Jamaat.

Abbas was also the Hon. Secretary of the Ithna-Asheri Young Men's Union and Chairman of its Volunteer Group. He has also served as Hon. Secretary, Chairman and Trustee of the Jaffery Sports Club.

REASONS

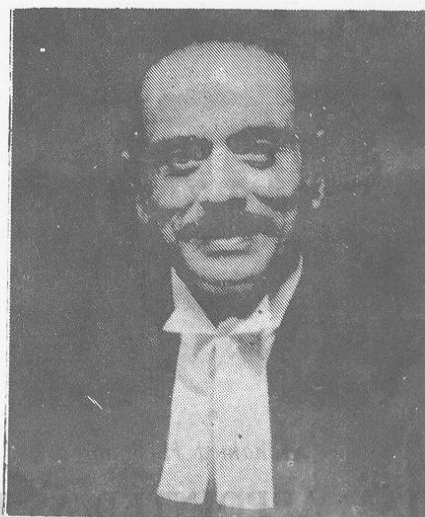
Muslims consider their religion to be very rational and consistent with the dictates of the believing and reasoning mind. Furthermore, the Qur'an teaches that the rational faculty is one of Allah's greatest gifts to man, and it encourages him to use this faculty and to develop it. Islam does not ask its followers to believe and then follow everything blindly and unquestioningly. The Qur'an says, for instance: "And if you are in doubt as to what We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a surah (chapter) like it, and call your witness besides Allah, if you are truthful." (II: 23)*

JAGANI PROMOTED TO FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE

Mr. Mohamedjaffer Ahmed Jagani (46), a member of the Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat, Mombasa has now been promoted to the rank of First Class Magistrate in the Judicial Department of the Kenya Government. He was sworn in before the Chief Justice of Kenya Mr. Jagani was first appointed District Magistrate Second Class in 1978.

He has served the Judicial Department for more than 26 years during which he has been in charge of the Probate & Administration, Divorce, Bankruptcy, Civil, Traffic and Criminal registries.

His late father Mr. Ahmed Jagani was a prominent member of Mombasa Jamat and one of the pioneer auctioneers in Mombasa.



Mohamed Jaffer A. Jagani

We congratulate Mr Jagani on his promotion and wish all success in his new assignment.

CRICKET GLORIES FOR MOHAMED

MOHAMED HUSSEIN ALIMOHAMED (A.P.) of Jaffery Sports Club Mombasa, has been selected as the Sportsman of the year for Africa for his outstanding performance in Cricket. He was awarded ABUL FAZL TROPHY by the Chairman of the Federation, Alhaj. Mohamed Dhirani during the last Council Session held at Mombasa in April, 1984.

Born in October, 1957 and a civil engineer by profession, Mohamed also represents the Jaffery Club in football and volleyball.

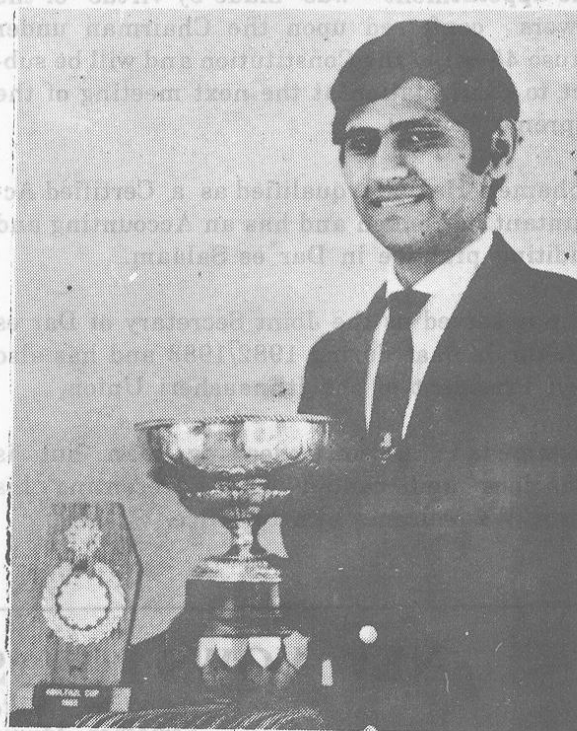
A prolific upper-order batsman and a fine fielder who at times even guards the wickets. Mohamed has been playing regularly for the club's first team since 1974.

In 1975 he captained the Coast combined schools side and in the same year he also led the Kenya combined schools against the Coast Cricket Association side.

In 1979, Mohamed captained the University of Nairobi's cricket team. During his stay in Nairobi he also turned out for Wanderers cricket club and in 1980 the same club nominated him as the most promising upcoming player.

In 1982, the Coast Cricket Association named Mohamed as the cricketer of the year while in 1983 he led the Coast Cricket Association in its annual fixture against the Kenya Cricket Association and was invited to be in the Kenya squad for matches against a visiting Bangladesh team.

He is also an associate member of the Kenya Umpires Association having qualified in 1978 and this season he has scored over 1000

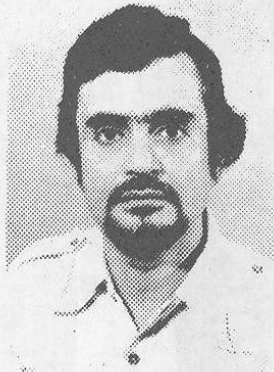


Mohamed Hussein Alimohamed (A.P.)

runs, a feat not achieved for some years.

He has also not been idle at the community level. He was an active member of the students union and in 1981 he was on the 'Fundi Committee' for a housing project in Mombasa. In 1983 he was appointed a judge by the Hussein Madressah to adjudicate at their annual General Exhibition.

Mohamed enjoys good popularity within his age group and young ones hero worship him.



Mohamed Hasham

HASHAM APPOINTED AS THE HON. TREASURER

Following the resignation of Haji Akberali F. Dhirani, who migrated to Pakistan, the Chairman of the Federation has appointed 38 year old Mr. Mohamed A. Hasham (FCCA) as the Hon. Treasurer of the Federation.

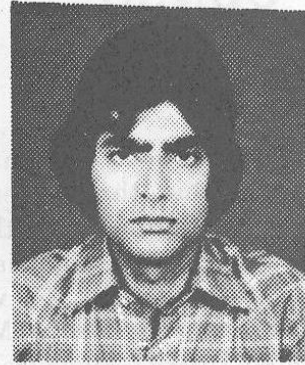
The appointment was made by virtue of the powers conferred upon the Chairman under clause 45 (a) of the Constitution and will be subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Supreme Council.

Mohamed Hasham qualified as a Certified Accountant in London and has an Accounting and Auditing practice in Dar es Salaam.

He has served as the Joint Secretary of Dar es Salaam Jamaat during 1982/1983 and has also been President of the Ithnaasheri Union.

Mohamed is a soft speaking man but is audacious and candid when presenting his views. We welcome him to office.

TICKING BRAIN!



Bashir Moloo

BASHIR AKBER MOLOO (33) obtained a PHD — Doctor of philosophy in Business Administration from the Pacific Western University in California, USA in January this year.

Moloo who is married with two daughters is also a member of the British Institute of Management and a Fellow of the Association of Cost and Executive Accountants of UK. Moreover he is a Certified Management Accountant having specialised in higher advanced accountancy.

He is presently employed with the Industrial Management Services as a business executive and is majoring in Management and Industrial consultation, accountancy and corporate matters to both local and overseas clients.

At the community level, Moloo is a member of the Tabligh subcommittee of Dar es Salaam jamaat.

His other interests are swimming and reading.

NEW VOWS FOR 'SAMACHAR' EDITOR

Associate Editor of the Federation Samachar, Munir Daya of Dar es Salaam, resolved to give up celibacy by getting officially engaged to Miss Saida Saleh-mohamed of Toronto on the 23rd night of Ramadhan.

Munir however confirms that this new contract-for-life will not disrupt his present contract of serving on the Federation Samachar editorial Board.

Our warmest congratulations to both Munir and Saida on their engagement.

TRUTH ABOUT OUR STUDENTS ABROAD

This article written by Geraldine Paget was first published in the 1961 issue of the Federation Samachar. The gist of the article still applies today and we are therefore republishing this (with minimal changes in language) in the interest of our esteemed readers

Editors

OCCASIONALLY alarming reports filter through to East Africa about the behaviour of our students abroad; reports of wild parties, gambling, secret marriages, unpayable debts, and the like. Are they true?

I have lived among these students for five years, and I know that they are. Some students go to England and return home covered in glory. Many set out with earnest intentions and fail on the way. Others start out with the avowed intention of "living it up" and their stories would fill their parents with horror and shame.

I know of parents who are awaiting the return of their sons with high expectations of good qualifications they have invested thousands of pounds towards obtaining the right education for their children. The dilemma however is just how many will live up to those expectations!

FAILURE

In many cases I know the boys too, and my knowledge would break their parents' hearts. I can't even meet the eyes of the proud mothers, when they talk of the return of the family genius, and I can't bring myself to tell them the truth, either.

It is very easy to see how a boy can lose the right track. He fails one examination, and keeps up the pretence to his parents that he has passed. At his second attempt he fails again, and is even more reluctant to admit his failure.

After a couple of years he is hopelessly out of his depth, and feeling that he now has nothing to lose, he devotes himself to good time. A 'good time' to a student is a hectic life, and an endless round of parties, love affairs, cards and drink. Friday-to-Monday parties, are by no means uncommon in London. I attended one such party where the gin was "100 per cent proof, guaranteed home made." I don't know if that description was entirely accurate, but it certainly tasted like no gin I have encountered before or since.

Gambling is rife. I have seen students mortgage their entire month's allowance in the cause of poker, or the same amount on a single game of snooker. None of the boys can afford to gamble on this scale, but none of them wants to lose face.

LIVING IN SIN

"Living in sin" is a common state of affairs in London, too common to cause any comment. Decency seems to be left behind when a student leaves home, and "respectability" is an old-fashioned word, to be laughed at the way one laughs at a maiden aunt. The general notion seems to be that you cannot be virtuous and enjoy life.

Some boys throw their standards completely overboard: others merely shelve them to keep the respect of their companions. I asked one such boy, who was a shy seventeen-year-old, fresh from school, when I first knew him, why he had changed so radically after a year in London.

He was in wild company, had a permanent hangover, and had allowed his books to gather dust. Ultimately he sold them to pay his rent. He was rather sheepish, and said: "Oh you know, one has to go along with the crowd." And what a crowd!

Many students marry abroad, and most of them tell their parents. Most of the marriages are with decent girls, and the couples manage to make a happy life for themselves. Other boys, generally the younger ones, get entangled with girls who dream of catching Maharajahs, and their lives, happy enough in London, become a nightmare of disillusion in East Africa.

CHILDREN BEYOND COUNT

I have known students to miss their mothers and marry their landladies. Many have married to give a child a name, although plenty of boys dodge the responsibility. It is considered the height of sophistication for a boy to joke that he doesn't know how many children he has.

It seems that the boys are old enough to incur responsibilities, but not adult enough to shoulder them.

Students who go to Europe for further studies are inclined to lose their heads when they have their first taste of freedom from family ties. The only solution seems to be to give a boy adequate freedom as soon as he is old enough, and to teach him how to use it.

When he goes abroad, he should go on the strict understanding that he will be supported by his family for three years, or five, or however long his chosen course is expected to take.

He should know that his parents intend to write to his Principal for regular reports on his progress, and he should understand that if he fails an examination due to any fault of his own, that will be the end of his financial backing from home.

This sounds harsh for a beloved son, but similar parental firmness would have saved many headstrong boys from ruin and shame.

If you contemplate sending your son abroad to study, for his own good make sure that he is fit to be let loose alone. Don't kid yourself that the standards you have imposed on him are binding. Unless he has an adequate sense of responsibility, they won't be. The mockery of his companions will hold far more terrors for him than distant parental wrath.

The majority of students live on bread and fresh air for the latter part of each month. It is troublesome, but well worth while to send a boy his allowance weekly, or at most fortnightly. If possible, his parents should make sure that he is accommodated in a hostel, or with a family.

It is a good idea to make payments for board and lodging direct to the landlady who is caring for the boy or to the Director of his hostel. That way a parent can be certain that his son cannot get into debt for necessities, or go without them.

After all, why should a boy spend his allowance on rent and food, when it is so much more fun to spend it on drink and girl friends?

Every parent should keep an adequate check on his son's progress. The principals of colleges are always glad to help in this respect, and the knowledge that an adverse report may cause his allowance to be stopped will help to keep a boy at his books.

DANGER IN HAVING WRONG FRIENDS.

Don't delude yourself in thinking that after a boy has survived a few months on his own, the danger of his straying is past. By that time he will have found his feet and joined a clique, and in his choice of friends lies the real danger.

Of course, no one objects to students enjoying life. Student days are halcyon days and responsibilities settle all too quickly on young shoulders.

To an interested observer, however, who has made a study of the species, students seem to revel in a form of pleasure which amounts (dare I wound their adolescent hearts by saying it?) to vice. From one's earliest childhood the path of virtue seems a bore. Illicit pleasures, like smoking in the school lavatories, hold far more charm than being a model child. But by the time a boy is old enough to enter a university he should have developed a sense of responsibility, and have the common sense to realise that he is sent abroad to fit himself for a useful life.

The truth is that a good 50 per cent of the boys who leave East Africa for the United Kingdom just aren't ready to leave the nursery.

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