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Maulana Sheikh Abbas Najafi laying Foundation Stone of the first ever Shia Mosque in the United Kingdom at Peterborough. On his right is Mr. Mohamed-husein Dhanji, the President of Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamat and on the extreme left is Dr. Brian Mawhinney, the prospective Conservative Parliamentary Candidate.

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In the name of Allah the most merciful, we open the page of this issue after a lapse of some 8 months.

Owing to reasons beyond our control, the SAMACHAR remained unpublished all this time and the community was deprived of news of many of the activities undertaken by our Federation. However, this was continued by way of bulletins and circulars from the Secretariat of the Supreme Council.

We realise the need and importance of the SAMACHAR which as an official organ of the Federation could be a useful instrument in furthering bonds and ties of fraternity between so many of the Constituents Jamats and their member brothers and sisters.

It was resolved in the meeting of the Council held in April this year at Dar es Salaam that publication of the SAMACHAR is of no less importance to us, and regular issues be placed in the hands of the community. It was deemed fit to reintroduce

Gujarati Section for readers in Malagasy, Mauritius, Somalia, Burundi, Zaire and even Pakistan and India.

By virtue of this resolution, the Secretariat hopes to regularise issues of the SAMACHAR and give it a befitting facelift. We had to hasten for the timely publication of this first issue but future issues will see news, views, photos and feature articles of various interest.

Begging support and sympathy from all quarters of the community, we look forward for the best.

— HON. SECRETARY,
Ithna-Asheria Supreme Council
Mombasa.



An extract from the Speech of the Chairman of the Federation, of the Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamats of Africa, Al-Haj Mulla Asgher M. M. Jaffer, delivered to the 13th Constitutional Conference held at Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) on 8th April, 1977.

EDUCATION: Let me review the services the Federation has rendered in the Educational field from 1946 to 1975.

- (1) Up to 1975, 138 students had completed studies under scholarships awarded by the Federation and 35 students were still studying.
- (2) These students had or were studying in 36 different subjects whose details are as follows:—

Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Optics, Bio-Chemistry, Engineering, Civil Engineering, Radio Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Chemical Engineering, Motor Engineering, Aero Engineering, Fitter, Architecture, Social Planning, Computer Science, Telecommunications, Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Science, Inter Science (Pre-medical), Chartered Accountancy, A.C.C.A., Accountancy, Master of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce, M.A., B.A., Arts, B.Sc., Teaching, H.S.C., Law, Tailoring and Secondary Education.

- (3) The Federation has spent a sum of Shs. 1,451,454.85 for the higher education upto 1975 against which the Students have repaid a sum of Shs. 797,697.25.

- (4) Upto 1975, 59 Students from Kenya, 105 from Tanzania and 9 from Uganda have taken Scholarships from the Federation.

There is now a need to stress technical education towards which the Education Board has been drawing attention of the applicants but there is now need to stress it even more.

The Secretariat of the Education Board should, I suggest, be established separately from the Secretariat of the Council and be made responsible for all matters pertaining to higher education. I hope the Council will discuss this suggestion and make recommendations for implementation of the same.

The cost of higher education has gone up and where, at one time, a sum of Shs. 3,000/- was deemed sufficient as an award, the Federation is now required to give at least Shs. 10,000/- towards the same education scholarship. The community will be required to make more sacrifices in contributing generously towards this fund to enable the Federation to meet the demand for scholarships.

TABLIGH: We need more Aalims in East Africa as there are quite a few Jamats who do not have an Aalim. I have, with this point in mind, sent Chief Missionary of Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya, Maulana Sheikh Zafar Abbas and Haji Ali Mohamed-jaffer Sheriff to Pakistan and India with a view to recruiting at least six suitably qualified for East Africa. Let us pray that their trip be successful. If we can obtain the services of six aalims, it will go a long way to relieve pressure on the Secretariat for Molvies.

It is high time that the community made efforts to train its own members to serve the community in the field of religion as Immigration and Exchange Control Laws will soon make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to call Aalims from Overseas. There are two ways of solving this problem. Either we send students to Iran, Iraq, India or Pakistan to study to become a qualified Aalim or else we establish a College here in Africa to cater for our requirements and train our youths in a syllabus set up to meet our needs and local requirements. The College in Africa, if established, can also train students being trained by Bilal Muslim Missions and thus it can serve both the Khoja Community and the Bilal Muslim Missions.

Bilal Muslim Missions of Kenya and Tanzania are doing very good work and they have achieved much as can be seen from their reports. I would appeal them to concentrate more on publications during this year and take out as much literature as possible on Islamic subjects.

WORLD FEDERATION: This item is on the Agenda and I shall speak more then but at this stage I just wish to inform you that the World Federation has already started receiving applications for membership and has also started some of its social, economic and religious activities. It will need this Federation's and with it your full support and co-operation in order to succeed. I believe you all will come forward to make sacrifices so that our other brethren in other parts of the world enjoy the benefits of establishment of the World Federation as we are enjoying under our Federation.

It is a matter of great pleasure and pride to me to learn that our Shia brethren

in India and Pakistan are trying to establish Federation in their respective countries. We pray for their success in their efforts.

13TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN DAR ES SALAAM

This Session continued for two days with a strength of Delegates from Tanzania, Zanzibar, Kenya and Somalia numbering 93 in all. There were observers from Madagascar and India also.

We publish here some highlights out of discussions and decisions.

PUBLICATIONS IN GUJARATI:

Mulla Gulamhusein Ali Peera of Arusha stated that he very much appreciated the efforts of Bilal Muslim Missions in publishing much literature in English but his recent visit to Madagascar had made him realise that there was great need for publications in Gujarati for our brothers and sisters residing in Madagascar and Somalia and hoped that the Missions would pay attention to this matter.

CHARITABLE DISPENSARIES:

Mr. Mohamed G. Dhirani of Dar es Salaam stated that the Medical Bill has been presented in Tanzania Parliament and when it would come into effect, there would be an urgent need for the community to establish its own charitable dispensaries if it did not wish its members to face hardships in obtaining medical facilities.

HAJI MOHAMEDALI SHARIFF RECEIVES "HUSEINI MEDAL"

In recognition of his services to the Community, the Chairman of the Federation awarded "Huseini Medal" to Al Haj Mohamedali Shariff Jiwa of Moshi and

read the Citation. The Medal was presented to Haji Saheb, at the request of the Chairman, by Maulana Syed Amir Husein Naqvi.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR - 1976

The Select Committee appointed by the Chairman at the Conference elected unanimously Mr. Raza Kara of Dar es Salaam as 'Sports Man of the Year 1976' and the Chairman awarded him "Abul Fazel Cup".

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Conference passed the following amendments to the Constitution:—

1. Membership of Islamic Organisation:

"To accept on behalf of all the Constituent Jamats, and as their sole representative, an association, merger or membership of any Islamic Organisation with similar aims and objects, for the purpose of attaining co-ordination or full unification."

2. Chairman of the Federation - Term of Office

Clause 13(a) of the Constitution was amended by addition of the words "for the third consecutive term but may be re-elected thereafter" after the words "Provided that a person who has served two full consecutive terms shall not be qualified to be re-elected."

3. Emergency Conference called by the Retiring Chairman

The following Clause was added as Clause 13(b):

"In the event of failure to nominate a candidate for Chairmanship as stipulated in Article 13(a), the immediately ensuing triennial Conference shall be converted to an Emergency Conference, only to determine the future of the Federation and such Emergency Conference shall be convened by the Retiring Chairman."

4. Replacement of 'Secretary General' with 'Hon. Secretary'

The words "Secretary General" was deleted from the Constitution, wherever it appeared, and replaced with the word "Hon. Secretary".

5. Reference to non-existent Jamats

Reference to all the Jamats which are now non-existent be deleted from the Constitution.

6. Select Committee to revise the Constitution

The Conference empowered the Chairman of the Federation to appoint a Select Committee to revise the Constitution of the Federation who shall make its report to the Secretariat by 30th September, 1977.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

The following were unanimously elected as Office-bearers of the Federation for the period 1977/1979:—

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Abdulrasul
Ahmed Lakha.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Akberali Ahmed
Karim.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Mohamedjaffer
Gulamhusein Hasham.

ELECTION OF THE TRUSTEES

The following were unanimously elected as Trustees of the Federation:—

1. Mr. Mustafa R. N. Rattansi, Dar es Salaam.
2. Mr. Husein Nassir Walji, Dar es Salaam.
3. Mr. Rajabali G. Dato, Nairobi.
4. Mr. Mohamedjaffer Mulla Hassanali, Mombasa.

ELECTION OF THE AUDITOR

Mr. Shokat Mohamedhusein Gulamhusein of Messrs. S. M. G. Daya & Co., Mombasa was unanimously elected as the Auditor.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHIA MUSLIM ACADEMY

The Conference passed the following resolution with a view to establishing a Shia Muslim Academy in Africa:—

“that this Conference authorises the Executive Council to consider the feasibility of starting a Shia Muslim Academy with intention of training of Muballighs, Preachers and Religious Teachers for primary, secondary and higher education and to commence this Academy as soon as it becomes possible.”

GIFTS AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE

Following a discussion on Marriage Contract, the Conference resolved as follows:—

“that at the time of Nikah being

performed, the marrying partners may voluntarily sign an agreement stating that all the articles exchanged between them and their families be treated as gifts and that in the case of a divorce, no claim may be made in respect of such articles.”

SECRETARIAT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD

The Conference adopted the following recommendation of the Education Board:—
“This Board recommends that a Secretariat be established where the Chairman of the Board resides to look and attend to all matters pertaining to education.”

HADIYA OF AALIMS - INCREASE

The Conference decided to increase Hadiya of Aalims by a very reasonable percentage and entrusted the Secretariat to determine the percentage of such an increase.

RETIREMENT OF HAJI BASHIR H. PEERA AS SECRETARY GENERAL — APPRECIATION

The Conference unanimously adopted the following resolution submitted by Tanga Jamat:—

“The retirement of Haji Bashir H. Peera as Secretary General of Supreme Council is noted with regret. His devotion and services to the Community and efficiency in executing his duties have been exemplary. Sincere thanks expressed with prayers that, may Allah grant him a prosperous and happy long life.”

ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT — GUIDANCE

The following proposals, submitted by the Secretariat, were unanimously adopted:—

“This Conference directs the Supreme Council to set up a body or a Committee of experienced and well-qualified businessmen and professionals for the purpose of:—

- (a) Making it possible for clerks and small holders to enter into Commerce;
- (b) Advising and creating interest among our members to get into small industries.

REPORT OF THE WORLD FEDERATION

The World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Muslim Communities was established at a Conference held in London between 15th to 17th October, 1976 when many delegates from East Africa attended.

At the Conference, the following were elected:—

PRESIDENT:	Mulla Asgher M. M. Jaffer
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Mr. Hussein D. Nathoo
TREASURER:	Mr. Nazir P. Jessa.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

Mr. Satchu G. A. Satchu (East Africa)
Mr. Abdulrasul A. Lakha (East Africa)
Mr. Hassan A. M. Jaffer (East Africa)

Mr. Raza M. A. Ramji (United Kingdom)
Mr. Muhsin H. Dharamsi (United Kingdom)

The Chairman, in his speech, stated that the Federation of Africa together with the Jamats of London, Peterborough, Birmingham, Leicester, Manchester, New York, Pennsylvania, Toronto and Shia Association of North America were founder-members of the World Federation and applications for membership had been received from our Jamats in Dubai, Switzerland and Sweden.

He said that the World Federation was likely to face teething trouble as the Federation of Africa had faced but he was confident that given co-operation of the members and blessings of the Almighty Allah, the World Federation was likely to progress as the Federation of Africa had progressed in serving the Shia Ithna-Asheri Community throughout the World.

The Chairman pointed out that as the World Federation was out to serve our brothers throughout the world, it was likely that the members who did not receive direct aid or assistance would not be aware of what the World Federation was doing as no tangible result in their countries would be seen but they should bear in mind that it was not possible for the World Federation to serve all the members at the same time. They should, he stated, be ready to sacrifice so that their brothers in other parts of the world may get the benefit.

He further added that as it was the beginning, not much had been done by the World Federation but that there were plans afoot to serve the community in all spheres of life. He had called a meeting in London of interested persons and formed a Religious Sub-Committee to attend to Religious

Education of our children living in Western Countries.

He further stated that under the World Federation, he had arranged for Audio-Visual Films to be prepared on Salaat, Wudhu, Ghusle Mayyat and Kaffan and such a film was ready and being edited by professionals in London. He had filmed a similar one at Nairobi but it lacked the professional touch.

This Sub-Committee was also studying the efforts being made by other Muslim Communities in the United Kingdom to protect their religion and culture and join hands with them for a common cause. He was awaiting their detailed report. The World Federation, would, together with other Muslims, fight for the right to have protection for religious education and culture.

He further stated that the World Federation was attending to the problems being faced by the community residing in the United Kingdom in burials like Post Mortem, Undertakers, delay in burial etc., and Inshallah hoped to solve these problems soon.

He said that Mr. G. R. Hassanali of Shia Association of North America had requested for a Zakir for Muharram Majalis in New York and the World Federation had requested Mr. Mahmood Abdulla of Aden, now residing in London, to oblige. Mr. Mahmood had, he stated, indeed not only proved a very popular Zakir in New York and had also prepared a report on our Community and general tabligh in U.S.A., during his visit and submitted it to the World Federation.

He also mentioned the activities of the World Federation in India through

Mr. Gulamali Bhanji. He stated that through the Idara e Tabligh e Ahle Bait a.s., much was being done in India.

He appealed to the members to maintain unity and sacrifice for the purpose of strengthening the Shia Ithna-Asheri Community through the World in all spheres so that we hope to satisfactorily fulfil our responsibilities to Almighty Allah and His representative on earth, Imame Zaman a.s.

SUPREME COUNCIL'S SESSION

After the 13th Constitutional Conference, the session of the Ithna-Asheri Supreme Council was held. We publish here some highlights out of discussions and decisions of the Supreme Council.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Council unanimously resolved as follows:—

(1) That the Religious Sub-Committee formed during last Council's Session be now dissolved;

(2) That the Dar es Salaam Jamat be directed to form a Religious Sub-Committee for reviewing matters pertaining to Examinations, Syllabus and Textbooks for Madressas, and to liaise with the Tanzanian and Kenya Jamats for this purpose;

(3) That Council's sincere thanks and appreciations be conveyed to Mr. Muhsin M R, Allidina for his efforts in this respect and the preliminary report he had submitted.

FEDERATION SAMACHAR

The Council passed the following resolutions, unanimously:—

(1) That the "Federation Samachar"

be handled by the Secretariat with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Akberali Ahmed Karim as the Editor;

(2) That Council's sincere thanks and appreciations be conveyed to Messrs. Abbas Alloo, Mohamed Dhirani and M. Raffiq Somji for acting as Editors of the "Federation Samachar" until now.

EDUCATION BOARD - ELECTION

The Council elected Mr. Mohamed G. Dhirani as Chairman of the Education Board and following as members of the Board:—

1. Mr. Mohamedjaffer Mulla Hassanali, Mombasa.
2. Mr. Sherali H. Meghji, Mombasa.
3. Mr. Bashir H. Peera, Mombasa.
4. Mr. Roshan A. Fazel, Dar es Salaam.
5. Mr. Murtaza Merali, Dar es Salaam.
6. Mr. Murtaza A. Allidina, Dar es Salaam.
7. Mr. Salim Dhanji, Nairobi.
8. Mr. Manzoor Kanani, Nairobi.
9. Mr. Ali H. Sheriff, Arusha.
10. Mr. Dostmohamed G. Moledina, Moshi.
11. Mr. Mustafa J. Shariff, Moshi.
12. Mr. Jaffer H. M. Raza, Zanzibar.
13. Mr. Mohamed H. Bandali, Mwanza.
14. Mr. Baqer J. Alloo, Mwanza.
15. Mr. Husseinali Kassamali, Songea.
16. Mr. Anverali Sherali, Bukoba.
17. Mr. Habib Mulla Hassanali, Tanga.
18. Mr. Gulamali Juma, Tanga.
19. Mr. M. B. Versi, Lindi.

HUSSEINI MEDAL FOR HAJI MOHAMEDALI SHERIFF JIWA

A dedicated worker and one of the pioneers of our Federation, Haji M. S. Jiwa of Moshi Jamat was honoured in Dar es Salaam Session of the Conference by an award of HUSSEINI MEDAL. The Citation is reproduced here.

Haji Mohamedalibhai Shariff Jiwa,
MOSHI.

On behalf of the Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamats of Africa, it gives me a great pleasure to accord recognition to your continuous and selfless services to our Community. As a pioneer member of Moshi Jamat, your long services are on record. You have served the Jamat in various capacities, and your wise counsel has enabled Moshi Jamat to make unique accomplishments.

In 1956, you came to the forefront as a faithful and steadfast colleague of Marhum Haji Ebrahim H. Shariff, and served the Federation on two consecutive terms in your capacity as a Vice-President. During your tenure of office the Federation was fully revived, and a new pattern of service introduced.

Your public services are also very well known. You have served on various public institutions, and these services have been amply recognized and appreciated.

Despite your advanced age, your services have continued, and the Federation still looks upon you for guidance and advice. In recognition to your services which cannot be all enumerated here, I award you "Husseini Medal" as a symbol of profound appreciation.

May Allah grant you long and healthy life and bless you with Tawfiqat.

Asgherali M. M. Jaffer
CHAIRMAN.

8th April, 1977
DAR ES SALAAM.



The 13th Constitutional Conference held in Dar es Salaam last April, elected Mr. A. A. Lakha (pictured) to the post of Vice Chairman. He is also one of the executive members of our World Federation.

Mr. Abdulrasul Ahmed Lakha was born in Zanzibar in 1934. He completed his Primary and Secondary education there, passing London Matriculation in 1951. In 1954, he proceeded to London for studies in Law at Lincoln's Inn, and was called to the Bar in February 1957.

His father Janab Mulla Ahmed Lakha is one of the founder members of the Federation. During the first 20 years, he incessantly served as a Councillor from Zanzibar Jamat, making a substantial contribution towards strengthening the forthold of our central organization. Haji Saheb's record of services to the local Jamats in Zanzibar is long and memorable.

Mr. Abdulrasul A. Lakha has been un-animously elected to the post of Vice Chairman of the Federation for the current term. A man of profound erudition and versatility, Mr. Lakha is essentially placid and of likeable nature. His manners are dignified and captivating; and has an un-failing knack of surmounting difficulties, with grace and ease. He is a fine orator, and expresses himself with facility.

The Federation is indeed fortunate to have him at the helm. With his insight and wisdom, the Community justifiably hopes to take strides on the path of progress.

Mr. Lakha has his own legal practice under the name of Lakha & Co., in Nairobi, and is married with two sons and one daughter, all at school.



THE FIRST SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI MOSQUE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Foundation Stone of the first ever Shia Ithna-Asheri Mosque in the United Kingdom was laid by the resident Priest, Maulana Sheikh Abbas Najafi on 17th Rabiul Awwal, 1397 — 8th March, 1977 — at Peterborough, U.K.

The Chairman of the Peterborough Jamat, Haji Mohamedhusein A. Dhanji, delivered a speech on behalf of the Jamat.

He stated that it was a great occasion for the Shia Ithna-Asheri Community of U.K. as when completed the Mosque would be the first one to be built by Shia Ithna-Asherics in England.

He then briefly related the history of the first Mosque built by the Holy Prophet himself at Quba - Madina and then related the history of the Mosque built by the Prophet and his companions.

The occasion was attended by members of the Shia Ithna-Asheri Community of Peterborough and the M.P. of the Area.

અલ્લાહના ફઝલથી અને માઅસુમીને અતહાર અ. ની બરકતથી ફેડરેશન સમાચાર નો આ અંક લગભગ આઠ મહિના પછી ફરી કોમ સમક્ષ રજુ કરતાં અમોને ખુશી ઉપજે છે.

ગયા એપ્રિલ મહિનામાં દારેસલામ ખાતે મળેલી આપણી ૧૩મી બંધારણીય પરિષદના ઠરાવ અનુસાર આ કોમી પત્રને સુધારી વિકસાવી અને નિયમિત રીતે પ્રગટ કરવાના દરેક પ્રયાસો કચેરી કરતી રહેશે. વાંચક વર્ગ તેમજ કોમ તરફથી અમોને સહાનુભુતિ અને ઉત્તેજન મળતું રહેશે એવી શુભાશા રાખીએ છીએ.

સમયના વહેણ સાથે આપણા આસપાસ ના સંજોગો ચાલુ બદલાતા રહે છે એ આજે કોઈથી અજાણ્યું રહ્યું નથી. જે કોમી બિરાદરી એકમેકની નીકટતાનો આનંદ લઈ રહી હતી તે આજે દૂર દેશાવરમાં વિખરાએલી અને પથરાએલી જુદાઈનો વિષોગ અનુભવી રહી છે. પણ એ બિરાદરી પાછળ રહેલ ઈમાની એકતા આપણને જુદા કરી શકે તેમ નથી. આફ્રિકાની શીયા બિરાદરીની સુવાસ ફેલાઈને હવે અન્ય ખંડો સુધી પહોંચી છે.

ગયા વર્ષે લંડન ખાતે આપણી “વર્લ્ડ કોનફરન્સ” ની પહેલી બેઠક મળી હતી જેનો ટુકે અહવાલ આ અંકમાં અન્યત્ર પ્રગટ થયો છે.

આ અંક પ્રગટ કરવામાં અમોને ઉતાવળ કરવી પડી હોવાથી વાંચક વર્ગ સમક્ષ વધુ સામગ્રી રજુ થઈ શકી નથી પરંતુ હવે પછીના અંકોમાં વિવિધ વિષયોને આવરી લઈ વધુ રસીક વાંચન રજુ કરવાના પુરતા પ્રયાસો કરવામાં આવશે.

જુન ૧૯૭૭
મોખાસા

માનદ મંત્રી
ઈસ્નાઅશરી સુપ્રીમ કાઉન્સીલ

હાજી ગુલામઅલી ભાણુજી આફ્રિકાની મુલાકાતે

ભારતમાં સ્થાપિત દએલ “ઈદારાએ તબલીગે અહેલે બયત” ના મુખ્ય કારકર્તા મુરબ્બી હાજી ગુલામઅલી ભાઈ ભાણુજી ગયા એપ્રિલ મહિનામાં આફ્રિકા પધાર્યા હતા અને દારેસલામની કોનફરન્સમાં ખાસ આમંત્રણ થી હાજરી આપી હતી.

સૌરાષ્ટ્ર અને ગુજરાત ખાતે આપણી વસાહતમાં લગભગ ૪૪ મદરેસાઓનું સંચાલન કરતી આ તાજેતરની સંસ્થા ફેડરેશનના પ્રમુખ સાહેબ હસ્તક તેમની ભારતની મુલાકાત સમયે સ્થાપિત થઈ હતી. આ દોરા દરમિયાન પ્રમુખ સાહેબની સહાય અને દોરવણીથી હાજી ગુલામઅલી ભાઈએ હયદરાબાદ-દક્કન ખાતે ૬૦ સાદાત જોડાઓને લગ્નગ્રંથીથી જોડ્યા હતા, અને હવે તેમની આર્થિક હાલત સુધારવાની યોજના હાથ ધરી છે.

ચાલુ થએલા મદરેસાઓની દોખલાલ ઉપરાંત હાજી ગુલામઅલી ભાઈ હવે કરંઈની જમાતોની મુલાકાત લેશે અને ત્યાં પણ આ પ્રવૃત્તિને વ્યવસ્થીત વેગ આપવાના પ્રયાસો ચાલુ રાખશે.

હાજી સાહેબ કોનફ. ની બેઠક પછી મોખાસા પધાર્યા હતા ત્યારે તેમના માનમાં એક મેલાવડો યોજવામા આવ્યો હતો જેમાં પ્રમુખ મુલ્લા અસગર સાહેબે તેમની ઓળખાણ કરાવી “ઈદારાએ તબલીગે અહેલેબયત” ની ઉપયોગીતા અને જરૂરીઆત સમજાવી પોતાના પ્રવાસના અનુભવો રજુ કર્યા હતા.

હાજી ગુલામઅલીભાઈએ પણ ત્યાંની આપણી વસાહતનો ધાર્મિક અને સામાજિક ચીતાર રજુ કરી વ્યવસ્થા અને સેવાના કેન્દ્રો ની કેટલી જરૂરીઆત છે તેનો ખ્યાલ આપ્યો હતો. આફ્રિકાની ફેડરેશન માટે તેમણે ઉંચો અભિપ્રાય રજુ કરી અહીંની વહિવટ વ્યવસ્થા તબલીગ તેમજ સેવાભાવ માટે સંતોષની લાગણી વ્યક્ત કરી હતી.

“કોમ્પી એકતા અને શીયા બિરાદરી આફ્રિકા ઉપરાંત દુર દુરના સુલકોમાં પણ સુનઝગમ હોવી જરૂરી છે”

ફેડરેશનના પ્રમુખ સાહેબ અલહાબ સુલ્લા અસગરે દારેમલામની કોન્ફરન્સ સમક્ષ કહેલો પઠકાર.

ગયા વેપિલ મહિનામાં દારેસલામ ખાને ફેડરેશન ની પ્રવર્ષી કોનફરન્સમાં કરીથી સુંટાવેલા પ્રમુખ અલહાબ સુલ્લા અસગર જેમ, જેમ, જાકરે પોતાના પ્રવચનમાં કોમનીલગની ઘણી વાખો ઉપર પોતાના વિચારો રજુ કરવાની સાથે ફેડરેશને કરેલ પ્રવૃત્તિ અને પ્રગતિનો વિખતવાર ચીતાર આપ્યો હતો. આ લેખિત પ્રવચન દરેક ડેલીગેટ તથા કાઉન્સિલરો પાસે હોવા ઉપરાંત સર્વે જમાતોને આપવામાં આવ્યો છે. અને તેનો ટુક સારાંસ આપીને છીએ.

આપણી કોન્ફરન્સની આ વર્ષી વેઠક અનેક નવા સંજોગો વચ્ચે મળી રહી છે, જેનો અભ્યાસ કરીને આપણા કોમની સવાલોનો તોડ કાઢવાનો છે. અલ્લાહ તરફથી તોફીકાત અને સુખ, ધિય મલે તેવી દુઆ મુબારક હું.

હેલા ત્રણ વર્ષમાં આપણી કોમનો મિલ્લને પણ હમદદ અને સક્રિય કાર્યકરો તેમજ મુખલ્લીજો ખોયા છે જેમની મજાફેરત અને જકામે જૈર માટે આપણે દુઆ તલબ કરીએ.

કોમની આ મધ્યસ્થ સંસ્થાને આજે ૩૨ વર્ષ થયાં છે. અલ્લાહ ના ફઝલથી અને અઈમ્મને અતહાર અં ના વસીલાથી અનેક પ્રતિકુલ સંજોગો છતાં આપણું આ નંજ હજી પ્રકરાર રહુ છે. અને સમજી કોમનો હુંકાલો સાથ અને સહકાર સુલાય તેમ નથી. જો એ આસુ રહેશે તો ઇ-સામલ્લાહ પણ મહત્ત્વા કાર્યો પુરા પાડી શકશુ: અહીં કોમને મોરી-વેક અપીલ છે કે કોમની સેવાના મયદાનમાં આવી જેનો જવાબદારીનો સ્વીકાર કરી શકે તેમ છે તેવા કાર્યકરોએ કોમની આ વધતી જતી ખોટ પુરી પાડવી જોઈએ. આ સવાલ ગંભીરતા માર્ગે છે તેમ મહત્વનો છે. કોમના બા વિ સુકાનીઓનો તેવારી આજ્થી થવી જોઈએ.

ઉચ્ચકેળવણી

દુ-યામરનાં સંજોગો બદલાતાં કેળવણીના અર્થમાં અને તેની ઉપયોગીતામાં નોંધપાત્ર ફેર પડી ગયો છે જેથી આપણા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને તેમની અરજીઓ ઉપર માર્ગદર્શન અને થોડકસ દિશાસુચન આપવાની જરૂરત ઊભી થય છે. આપણી નવી એન્જ્યુકેશન બોર્ડ આ પરિસ્થિતિ નો પુરો પ્રયાલ રાખી આપણ બાળકોને ઉપયોગી દોરવણી પુરી પાડશે તેવી મારી શુભાશા છે.

ફેડરેશને ૧૯૪૬ થી ૧૯૭૫ સુધી ૧૩૮ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને બનતી આ થિંક સહાય પુરી પાડી છે, જેઓ પોતાનો ઉચ્ચ અભ્યાસ પુરો કરી તેમને મળેલ લોન પછી ભરપાઈ કરી રહ્યા છે. હજુ લગભગ ૩૫ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ઉચ્ચ અભ્યાસ લઈ રહ્યા છે. કુલ લગભગ ૩૬ જુદા જુદા વિષયોને આતરી લેના ૧૯૭૫ સુધી-ફેડરેશને શિ: ૧૪,૫૧૪૫૪)૮૫ ની લોન પુરી પારી છે, જેની સામે શિ: ૭,૯૭૬૬૭૦૦ પાછા ભરપાઈ થયા છે.

આ ઉપરથી જણાશે કે ઉચ્ચ કેળવણીના ક્ષેત્ર મા આપણો કાળો નાનો સુનેદાનથી. છેલ્લા ૩ વર્ષ થી બોર્ડના સભ્યો ટેકનીકલ વિષયો, હુનરકળા અને હાથ કારીગરીના વિષયો ઉપર માર મુકી રહ્યા છે. આ દિશામાં પણ આપણ યુવાનો ધ્યાન પહોચાડે નો આવકારદાયક થશે. પરદેશ તેમ અહીંની યુનિવર્સિટીના ખર્ચામાં ત્રણ ગણો વધારો થયો હોવાથી કોમ પાસે મારી અરજ છે કે ઉદાર ગ્રહસ્થોએ સ્કોલરશીપ આપી કાઉન્સીના કામમાં સહાય કરવી, કે જેથી કોમમાં વધુ ને વધુ સુક્ષિત વર્ગ પેદા કરી શકાય.

તખલોગ

પુદાના ક્ષત્રી કોમમાં તેમજ બહારના ક્ષેત્રમાં તખલોગી પ્રવૃત્તિઓ જરી છે. આલીમેનો સંપ્ત્યા વધારીને જમાનેમાં દીની ખિદમતોને કાયમ રાખવાના પ્રયાસો ચાલુ છે. ચાલુ વર્ષની આખર સુધીમાં ઇનશાઅલ્લાહ આ કાર્યોને સફળ અંજામ આપી શકશે જમાનેમાં દીની ખિદમતો આપી રહેલા સર્વે માઈ બહેનોને હું જાકલ્લાહ કહીશ અને આ પુદાપસંદ કાર્યોને ચાલુ રાખવા અરજ ગુજારું છું.

બિલાલ મુસ્લીમ મીશન

આ વિભાગની પ્રવૃત્તિ પણો ઉત્સાહજનક છે જે માટે અને બ્રા-ચના મીશનરીઓ તથા કાયકરોનો આભાર માનું છું ઉપરાંત જે દાનવીર ગ્રહસ્થો આ નેક કાર્યોમાં સાથ આપી રહ્યા છે તેમના અજર અને તવકીકાત માટે દુઆ ગુજારું છું. આપણે જે ઇલ્મી પ્રકાશનો બહાર પાડ્યા છે તેનો દેશ-પરદેશમાં પણ કદરદાની થાય છે અને વધુ ઇલ્મી સાહિત્યની માંગ ચાલુ આવતી જાય છે.

ઇલ્મે દીન માટે આપણે વર્ષોથી ચર્ચા કરીએ છીએ, અને એમ ઇચ્છીએ છીએ કે આપણા અમુક યુવકો ઉચ્ચ દીની તાલીમ હાસીલ કરે જેથી આ વિમાં આલીમે બહારથી મંગાવવાની હાડમારી ઓછી થાય, પણ આ દિશામાં આપણે કશું જ થયું નથી. ઉચ્ચ તાલીમ મેળવવા માંગના તુલણા જે ઈરાન કે પાકિસ્તાનમાં ઓછામાં ઓછા ચાર વર્ષ પદ્ધતીસર ઇલ્મ મેળવે તે પાછા આવી અહીં ઇલ્મી ખિદમતો આપી શકે નહિને એક કોલેજ અહીં સ્થાપવાનો વિચાર કરવા જેવો છે, જેમાં ઇલ્મી પગલ ધરાવતા યુવકોને બહારથી બોલાવેલ નિષ્ણાંત ઉસ્તાદો ઉસ્તક કેળવી શકાય આમાં બિલાલ ઉસ્તકના મુખલ્લીગા અને મુદરરીસો પણ ભેળવી શકીએ તે આગળ જતાં કોમને પણો રાહત થઈ પડશે.

વર્લ્ડ ફેડરેશન

ગયા વર્ષે લંડનમાં વર્લ્ડ ફેડરેશનનો સ્થાપના બાદ આપણી ઠેકઠેકાણે ની વસાહતમાંથી પાંચમિક તથા સામાજિક સહાય મોટેની અરજીઓ મળતી રહી છે. હવે સેવાના વિસ્તારો વધશે અને કાર્યકરોને અલ્લાહની રાહમાં કુરબાનીના જઝબાથી કામ કરવું પડશે, જેમાં વિશ્વભરની શીયા બિરાદરીના સાથ સહકારની જરૂરત રહેશે. આ સંસ્થાનો સ્થાપનાથી ઠેક ઠેકણાના મુલકોમાં આપણા બાઈઓમાં સંગઠીત રીતે કામ કરવાની હિમત અને આવના જાગી છે. અલ્લાહના મદદથી વર્લ્ડ ફેડરેશન કામચાલ ધાય તેવી દુવો દુઆ કરીએ.

અંતમાં છેલ્લા ત્રણ વર્ષે દરમિયાન મને સમસ કોમ તરફથી જે હુકાળો સાથ મળ્યો છે તે માટે સર્વેનો દીકો આમાર માનુ છું અને મારા તરફથી કોઈ ક્વાશ રહી હોય કે કોઈનું મનદુખ થયું હોયતો દરગુજર ની આશા રાખુ છું.

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