

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

The Activities of Madrasa al-Hidaya from 1412 to 1443 A.H. / 1991 to 2021 and the achievements of those who participated in it

Introduction

All praise is for Allah ﷻ, Lord of the worlds, and may He continue to shower His blessings and peace on Sayyiduna wa Habibuna wa Nabiiyuna Muhammad ibn ‘Abdillah, Nurin-min-Nurillah ﷺ and on his Family ﷺ and Companions ﷺ.

These activities of Madrasa al-Hidaya are mentioned to remind us to maintain these traditions.

All our activities take place with one aim: to obtain maghfirah (forgiveness) from Allah ﷻ.

Madrasa al-Hidaya was established in Toronto in 1412 A.H. / 1991 as a Sunday class for children from 11 a.m to 1 p.m at a personal residence. No fees are charged. At most ten students are enrolled at any one time. Students are taught Qur’an recitation beginning with the Arabic alphabet, Qur’an memorization, Hadith memorization, basic Islamic knowledge and Arabic calligraphy. Now an additional class has been started for senior graduate students every Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The emphasis is on cultivating good moral character by doing good deeds and avoiding sins.

A Saturday class was held at the home of Tariq Ali sahib for a few years which was also very memorable.

Two parents, al-Marhum Irshaad Munawwar رضى الله عنه and Brother Azad Baksh used to attend the madrasa together with their children.

Decisions are made in consultation with parents and now in consultation with students who have graduated to the senior class.

Khatm u’l-Qur’an

Gatherings of khatm u’l-Qur’an were held for the esaale thawab of elders who have passed ahead, such as al-Marhum Irshaad Munawwar رضى الله عنه, al-Marhum Syed Khurshid Ali رضى الله عنه, and maaji Jannat Begum Ali رضى الله عنها.

There is a monthly khatm u’l-Qur’an and other adhkaar (plural of dhikr/zikr, remembrance of Allah ﷻ) online for esaale thawab of marhumin parents, and muslimin and muslimaat.

Hifz of Qur’an Kareem

Two students, Hafiz Usman Munawwar and Hafiz Hamid Syed became Hafiz u’l-Qur’an. A special program was held to honour them. And now Hafiz Abdul Mannan Ahmad, another graduate of the madrasa has become Hafiz u’l-Qur’an. Al-Hamdu Lillah! Each family is asked to make the niyyah that at least one person in the family should become Hafiz u’l-Qur’an, Insha’Allah!

We organized the As-hab u's-Suffa Qur'an Hifz Celebration program in which six madaris (madrasas) in Toronto which are in the sufi tradition participated. Those who became Hafiz u'l-Qur'an or partly Hafiz u'l-Qur'an and those aspiring to be Hafiz u'l-Qur'an recited from the Qur'an. All the participants were given gifts, and the huffaz received a guard of honour and each of them was gifted with an imamah.

Tafsir of Qur'an Kareem

Classes were held in which translations of books of Tafsir of Qur'an were recited in English and Urdu.

A tafsir class for seniors was also held at the home of Tariq Ali sahib in which al-Adib Syed Hamid Yazdani sahib and Qari Ataullah sahib, even though elders, also participated as observers to provide encouragement.

Ahadith (Sayings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ)

Classes for the recitation of Ahadith were held, for example, from Riyad u's-Salihin (The Gardens of the Righteous) compiled by Imam an-Nawawi رحمته الله عليه, and Shamail al-Muhammadiyah (the Noble Character and Characteristics of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) compiled by Imam at-Tirmidhi رحمته الله عليه.

Hafiz Usman Munawwar and Ahmad Syed memorized more than a hundred Ahadith, and eight other students memorized more than forty Ahadith with translation from Riyad u's-Salihin. A special program was held to honour them.

Dhikrullah / Zikrullah (Remembrance of Allah ﷻ) and Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ (the celebration of the birth of the Noble Prophet ﷺ)

Weekly Dhikrullah and Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ gatherings were held at a personal residence. These have now been stopped and replaced by monthly online programs which are hosted by Abid Syed, and increasingly conducted by students.

There is a niyyah for each program. For example, the niyyah for one of the programs was: "We shall memorize the 99 Asma' Allah u'l-Husna".

Our programs begin with the recitation of Surah al-Fatiha and Surah Yaaseen, and end with the recitation of Salam ala'r-Rasul ﷺ. Ratib al-'Attas, Ratib al-Haddad and Wird u'l-Latif are also recited in monthly rotation, together with various other recitations.

A talk is given at each of these programs. Examples of such talks are: "Verses of the Qur'an that begin and end with Asma' Allah u'l-Husna", and "Seeing our beloved Prophet ﷺ in a dream and in waking vision".

Dhikrullah and Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ programs were held at homes of some of the students and well-wishers on invitations. These have now been stopped due to the Covid pandemic.

We also commemorate Laylatu'l Mi'raj on 27 Rajab; and as per tradition, on Laylatu'n-nisf Sha'ban, we pray Salat u'n-naafilah, recite Surah Yaaseen, and make du'a three times each.

Monthly Dhikrullah and Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ programs were held in masjid, especially Masjid Imdad. We are grateful to the management of Masjid Imdad for allowing us to use the masjid for this purpose. These programs consist of:

- i) The celebration of the Annual Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ in Rabi' al-Awwal;
- ii) The celebration of the anniversaries of the Khulafa' ar-Rashidin رضى الله عنهم, the members of the Ahl al-Bayt رضى الله عنهم, the Ummahat u'l-Mu'minin رضى الله عنهن, and the Shuhada' of Badr and Uhud رضى الله عنهم. These are held to celebrate their achievements in preserving and spreading Islam, and their achievements in promoting piety;
- iii) A Muharram majlis to mourn the martyrdom of Sayyidu'sh-shuhada' Imam Husayn ibn 'Ali رضى الله عنه and the Shuhada' of Kerbala رضى الله عنهم;
- iv) The celebration of the Anniversary of Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq رضى الله عنه;
- v) The annual "Zikr of the Zakirin and Zakiraat" program at the end of Sha'ban to greet the month of Ramadan. In the first program which we held in Masjid Imdad, we invited ten zikr groups in Toronto to participate. This program began from Salat u'z-Zuhr and ended at 11 p.m. Since then, some of the zikr groups have established masjid in various locations of Metropolitan Toronto and have gatherings of Zikrullah and Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ on a regular basis. Our wish is that taps of Zikrullah should be opened everywhere so that those who wish, can quench their thirst at any of these taps in Greater Toronto;
- vi) A program on Hajj, 'Umrah and Ziyarah in the month of Shawwal to encourage Muslims to make the niyyah (intention) to perform them and to prepare for them.

In one particular year, twelve Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ celebrations were held in the month of Rabi' al-Awwal. In another year, ten majalis were held in the month of Muharram to mourn the martyrdom of the Shuhada' of Kerbala رضى الله عنهم.

On major occasions, there is dhikr-i's-salam, that is, we enter and greet the masjid with a qasida.

We thank the mashayikh, the 'ulama' (scholars), the ustadhs (asatidha, teachers), the dhaakirin, the munshidin, and all the participants for enlivening our programs and increasing the barakaat (blessings).

Over all these years, we have benefited from the presence of Shaykh Omar Esse of Somalia who is continuously in the remembrance of Allah ﷻ. Allahu Akbar! (Allah ﷻ is Supremely Great)!

Anniversary Celebrations of the Awliya' Allah (Friends of Allah, sufi masters)

Anniversary celebrations of some of the Awliya' Allah are held regularly to celebrate their achievements in promoting piety. These are the anniversary celebrations of:

- (i) Ghawth al-A'zam ash-Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani قدس سره in Rabi' al-Thani. On this occasion, we have a whole night dhikr (zikr) ending with Salat u't-tasbih, Salat u't-tahajjud, Salat u'l-Fajr and breakfast;
- (ii) Khawaja Gharib Nawaz Mawlana Mu'eenuddin Chishti رحمته عليه;
- (iii) Qutb u'l-Irshaad al-Imam al-Habib 'Abdallah bin 'Alawi al-Haddad نفعنا الله;
- (iv) Al-Habib 'Ali bin Muhammad al-Habashi نفعنا الله;
- (v) A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan قدس سره;
- (vi) Mawlana Shah Muhammad 'Abdul 'Alim Siddiqui رحمته عليه; and
- (vii) Al-Habib Ahmad Mash-hur bin Taha al-Haddad نفعنا الله.

“Tadhkiratu'l Awliya'” about them have been written and souvenir issues about them have been printed. Al-Hamdu Lillah!

Anniversary celebrations of some of the other Awliya' Allah are also held, for example of Imam al-Ghazali نفعنا الله, and al-Habib 'Umar bin 'Abd ar-Rahman al-'Attas نفعنا الله, even if not regularly. Such anniversary celebrations help to show where we come from and where we are going, Insha'Allah.

In some of our programs, booklets of “tawassul” (mediation) are recited as well. An example is Wasilat u'sh-Shafi (A Means for healing) of Imam Yusuf an-Nab-haani رحمته عليه. This is a du'a (supplication to Allah سبحانه) through the mediation (tawassul) of Asma' Allah u'l-Husna.

Our programs benefit from the recitation of religious poetry composed by Syed Hamid Yazdani Sahib in Urdu, and Ustadh Irshaad Rashid in English, two poets of Toronto who closely associate with us. They composed qasaaid/madih/naats (eulogies) and manqabats (elegies) appropriate for the occasion and recited them at our programs. We thank Allah سبحانه for blessing us with their presence.

Three non-Muslims whom Ustadh Irshaad Rashid brought to our Mawlid u'n-Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم programs recited the Kalima Shahada and became Muslim. Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah سبحانه)!

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم, and my shaykh al-Habib Ahmad Mash-hur bin Taha al-Haddad نفعنا الله were seen in waking vision by a lady in one of our Mawlid u'n-Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم programs in Masjid Imdad. SubhanAllah! (Glorified is Allah سبحانه)!

Additionally, the ladies also held a gathering of Dhikrullah in Tariqa al-Qaadiriyyah at a personal residence. This is called Gyarween Shareef in Urdu.

As we are in the tradition of the Ahl u's-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah, those who associate with us respect all the madh-habs (schools of shari'ah, sacred Muslim law), that is, Hanafi, Shafi'i, Maliki and Hanbali, as well as all the turuq (tariqas, spiritual paths leading to Allah ﷺ) such as the Qaadiriyyah, Rifa'iyyah, Chishtiyyah, Shadhiliyyah, Naqshbandiyyah, Suhrawardiyyah and 'Alawiyyah.

We carry two Muslim flags, one representing the Qaadiriyyah and the other the 'Alawiyyah. On each flag is painted

Bismillah-i'r-Rahman-i'r-Rahim (In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful), and

Laa ilaha Illallah Muhammad-u'r-Rasulullah

None is to be worshipped but Allah

Muhammad is the Prophetic Messenger of Allah

We supported the Qaadiriyyah dhikr group downtown by participating in its monthly gatherings of Dhikrullah to encourage it to continue. We also encouraged the Qaadiriyyah dhikr group in Toronto West to revive.

Special Programs

Some special programs were held,

- (i) to recite from the books of Syed Hamid Yazdani sahib, especially
 - a) from the Urdu translation he did of Risalat u'l-Mu'awanah (The Book of Assistance), a classic of Muslim spirituality of Imam al-Haddad نفعنا الله. This momentous responsibility has been fulfilled and the Women's Islamic Mission of Pakistan shall publish it, InshaAllah, in association with Madrasa al-Hidaya;
 - b) from the two books of religious poetry which he composed titled Ita'at (Obeying the Prophet ﷺ) and Gul-e-Tauseef (Roses of Praise);
 - c) to recite on two occasions the complete Salat-o-Salam of A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan قدس سره in Urdu and its tazmin (takhmis) composed by him. Most of the religious poetry of Syed sahib has been uploaded on our madrasahidaya.net website. Al-Hamdu Lillah!
- (ii) to recite the book of Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ in English composed by Ustadh Irshaad Rashid as well as his religious poetry. Al-Hamdu Lillah!

Our websites

We have three web-sites which are dedicated to Allah ﷻ, have been established for the love of our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and are in memory of al-Habib Ahmad Mash-hur bin Taha al-Haddad نفعنا الله. These are:

- i) Iqra.net which is maintained by Kassim Kasmani. Most of the web pages of iqra.net have been given links by other websites which are well-known. In one particular year, iqra.net had more than a million visits (let us avoid use of the word “hits”);
- ii) Madrasahidaya.net which is maintained by Abdulshakur Sidik. This website is in four languages: Arabic, Urdu, English, and Kiswahili; and
- iii) Zikrmawlid.net which is maintained by Ustadh Irshaad Rashid. This website has audio recordings of luminaries such as al-Habib Ahmad Mash-hur bin Taha al-Haddad رحمته الله.

Each of these websites has an Invitation Page which welcomes people to Islam with these words:

Accept Islam for your salvation.

Live according to Islam for your spiritual progress.

We supplicate to Allah ﷻ to open the hearts of non-Muslims to Islam so that they too obtain the joys of practicing Islam. Amin! May Allah ﷻ bestow spiritual progress upon all of us. Amin!

All the three websites were established in the month of Ramadan; iqra.net in 1419 A.H, madrasahidaya.net in 1427 A.H, and zikrmawlid.net in 1430 A.H.

When the iqra.net website was established, Iqra Islamic Publications was registered as a not-for-profit organization with the following directors:

- i) As-Sayyid Ali Ahmad Qullatain (President),
- ii) Ashraf sahib Magre,
- iii) Haji Hussein Kasmani,
- iv) Khalid bhai Ghulamnabi (Treasurer),
- v) Siddiq Noormuhammad (Editor),

and with Sidi Omar Magre as Secretary.

After a few years, As-Sayyid Ali Ahmad Qullatain returned to Zanzibar.

Quiz and essay competitions for Junior and Senior students were uploaded first on iqra.net and now they are being uploaded on madrasahidaya.net. Best essays in each category were uploaded on the website. Top three winners in each category were awarded prizes.

Books

Some of the books which we printed are my compilations of the great works of the Awliya' Allah and the 'ulama' (scholars) رحمته الله. These are:

- (i) five most well-known treatises of aqida (creed) in the Ahlu's-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah tradition;
- (ii) ten manzumaat (instructive poems) composed by various shuyukh, with the 99 Asma' Allah u'l-Husna in the order in which they appear in Hadith; and
- (iii) A Selection from the Adhkar, Awrad, Ahzab and Qasaid in Tariqa Ash-Shadhiliyyah.

Some books and articles were written which the students as well as some of their mothers helped to type, after which they were uploaded on our web-sites.

Books written by students through teamwork were uploaded as well. Examples are:

- (i) 100 Significant words in Surah Yaaseen,
- (ii) Significant words and phrases in Surah al-Fath, Surah al-Hujurat and Surah Qaaf,
- (iii) Significant words in 40 Hadith (that is, the Hadith compilation of Imam an-Nawawi رحمته الله), and
- (iv) A Dictionary of 401 Asma' and Sifat u'n-Nabi ﷺ from Dalail u'l-Khayraat of Imam al-Jazuli رحمته الله. The students identified and typed these in Arabic.

Students also wrote books through teamwork in the class held at the home of Tariq Ali sahib. Examples are:

- (i) Teachings of the Holy Qur'an: Precious Pearls from Surah Aal-'Imran, and
- (ii) The Key to Islam.

More details about books and articles are given in related web pages at the end.

Dozens of books were printed and recited at Dhikrullah gatherings after which most of the copies of the books were distributed free to those who treasure such recitals. About a hundred copies of a book are printed at any one time.

Abid bhai Paiker Chishti, one of our foremost well-wishers, typed the Arabic and Urdu in some of the books, designed their cover pages, and formatted them to make them ready for printing. Now, Dr. Ali Ahmad designs the cover pages while Hafiz Usman Munawwar does most of the typing in Arabic.

Some copies of the books that had been printed were mailed free by Kassim Kasmani to those who requested for them. Now Shahbaz Ahmad mails them.

Some copies of the books that had been printed were taken for free distribution to Kenya. Examples are Qasaaid-i'z-zikr li Ahli'l Qaadiriyah (Religious Poems Recited in Gatherings of Zikr of the Qaadiriyah), and Qasaaid Mukhtarah (Selected Religious Poems) of Imam al-Haddad رحمته الله.

Some Islamic books were brought from Kenya to Canada for free distribution to those who treasure them. Examples are:

- (i) Tayyibu'l Asma' (An instructive poem with the 99 Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ);
- (ii) Mukhkhu'l 'Ibada (The Kernel of Worship);
- (iii) Qasaaid wa Madaaih, a book of Dhikrullah and Mawlid u'n-Nabi ﷺ compiled by Mawlana Osman Wali Abdul Karim رحمته الله of Mombasa, Kenya; and
- (iv) Burdatu'l Madih al-Mubarakah (the blessed Qasida al-Burda with other adhkaar) compiled by Aisha maa Khamisa رحمته الله of Nairobi.

We have established a small Islamic Library with books in many languages from which those who came for Dhikrullah could borrow.

I am grateful to all those who gifted me with books on Islam.

Students

Some of our graduate students have become Ustadhs and Khatibs. Some lead Salat u't-Tarawih. Some have made the intention to become 'ulama'. Al-Hamdu Lillah!

Madrassa programs are organized and conducted by students. At these programs, various madaris (madrassas) in Toronto are invited to participate and all the students receive gifts.

We organised the first Madrasa Day program in 1417 A.H. / 1996 in which seven madaris of Toronto participated. Boys up to the age of 16 and girls up to the age of 12 competed in Qur'an recitation, Hadith recitation and Qasida recitation. The students of each madrasa were also requested to come up with a project, either individually or as a team. It was all buzz and excitement.

A Prize-Giving Day was instituted so that every month of Shawwal, prizes are distributed to all the students in Toronto who fasted in the month of Ramadan and recited the whole Qur'an one or more times. The greatest number of times one student recited the Qur'an in the month of Ramadan is five. She was in the class held at the home of Tariq Ali sahib. Al-Hamdu Lillah!

Some graduates of the madrasa observe the six optional Sunnah fasts in Shawwal as well as the Sunnah fasts in the first nine days of Dhu'l Hijjah. Some have gone for Hajj, 'Umrah and Ziyarah in Madina al-Munawwarah. One student went to Turkey for a program of the recitation of the whole of Sahih al-Bukhari in which people from all over the world participated. Al-Hamdu Lillah! Some have gone for Ziyarah to Ajmer to visit the maqam (station) of Mawlana Mu'inuddin Chishti رحمته الله عليه. Some of them have gone to Tarim for ziyaraat of various Awliya' Allah رحمته الله عليهم there. Some have gone for visits of forty days or more to study.

Seven major books of Salawaat ala'r-Rasul ﷺ (the invocation of blessings on our beloved Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ, Jaddi'l Hasanayn) were recited in the Madrasa, and appreciations were written about them. When we do that, we come to the conclusion that Habibullah (the Beloved of Allah) is the most blessed personality in the whole of human history. We also come to the conclusion that the total teachings of Islam are contained in Salawaat ala'r-Rasul ﷺ as well.

Sallu 'ala'n-Nabi

Allahumma salli wa sallim 'alayh

Invoke Allah's blessings on the Prophet ﷺ
May Allah bless him and grant him peace!

All the students helped in keeping one masjid in the Sufi tradition in Toronto clean for three years till it became fully renovated.

A class for seniors was established to learn the Arabic language. We began learning Arabic grammar using texts in Arabic, and ended up using the Qur'an Karim to learn Arabic grammar. Al-Hamdu Lillah!

We soothed our hearts reciting and listening to some of the religious poetry of

- (i) the Companions رضي الله عنهم of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, especially of Hadrat Hassan bin Thabit رضي الله عنه, the Poet of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم;
- (ii) Imam al-Busiri رضي الله عنه, that is his Qasida al-Muhammadiyah, Qasida al-Burdah, Qasida al-Mudariyyah and parts of Qasida Hamziyyah;
- (iii) Imam al-Haddad نفعنا الله, from his Diwan (Collected religious poems alphabetically arranged) and of Imam 'Ali bin Muhammad al-Habashi نفعنا الله from his Diwan;
- (iv) some of the Somali mashayikh in Tariqa al-Qadiriyyah;
- (v) As-Sayyid Saleh 'Izzuddin al-Qadiri al-Makki رضي الله عنه who settled in Moshi, Tanzania;
- (vi) A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحمته الله from his Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish (Gardens of Gifts) in Urdu; and
- (vii) various other 'ulama' who composed manzumaat, qasaaid, naats, and manqabats in different languages, especially from Qutuf u'r-Rabi' fee qasaaidi madhi Taha ash-Shafi' (The Harvest of Spring in the Eulogies on the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, Taha, the Intercessor), compiled by al-'Allamah Ustadh Muhammad Shareef Saeed al-Beidh رحمته الله.

We appreciated their poetic content and poetic diction and the students learned much of this religious poetry.

When we recite various books of Muslim religious poetry in Arabic, Urdu and English, we come to the conclusion that the total teachings of Islam have been explained in prose, as well as separately in poetry.

The students have also learned to recite books of Mawlid u'n-Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم such as those written by Imam Ja'far al-Barzanji نفعنا الله (all its 18 chapters), Ash-Shaykh 'Abdar-Rahman ad-Dayba'i نفعنا الله, Imam 'Ali bin Muhammad al-Habashi نفعنا الله, and al-Habib 'Umar bin Hafiz رحمته الله.

Some of the students acquired skills in typing in Arabic.

As part of taking on new tasks, a graduate student, Dr. Yaseen Syed has started an Urdu language class for our graduates.

Power point presentations on the Khulafa' ar-Rashidun رضي الله عنهم and the Ahlu'l-Bayt رضي الله عنهم, as well as the four greatest women in Islam رضي الله عنهن were prepared by our graduate students and uploaded on madrasahidaya.net.

For the first time, various madaris were invited for their students to give power point presentations on Islamic topics. This program was held in Masjid Noor u'l-Haram of the World Islamic Mission in Toronto.

Some graduates of the madrasa have become doctors, engineers, teachers, lawyers, administrators, financial analysts or other professionals.

The students and their families continue to appreciate the work of my wife Roshan in Madrasa al-Hidaya. Al-Hamdu Lillah!

Contributions

All our work has been done through voluntary contributions in cash and kind by the students of the madrasa and their parents, as well as by the participants and well-wishers. Mothers of students and well-wishers prepare delicious food (tabarruk, nyaz) for our programs.

No cash balances are kept. So, when need arises to get a book printed, for example, with the help of Allah ﷻ enough funds are received, sufficient for its printing. Al-Hamdu Lillah! Students and well-wishers are encouraged to personally donate to masjid in the sufi tradition as well as worldwide for needy Muslims through organizations of their choice.

Occasionally, people give sadaqaat and zakat in the month of Ramadan to be distributed to the poor in Dandora, a suburb in Nairobi, Kenya.

Matters of both deen and dunya

I have written against the illegal invasions of Muslim countries by non-Muslim governments, the injustices of the state of Israel against Palestinians, the ill-treatment of Muslim minorities by governments in some non-Muslim countries, and civil wars among Muslims. May Allah ﷻ protect all the Muslims and all oppressed people everywhere. Amin!

The ‘Ulama’ and the Pious

We benefited from the du‘a and the presence in our gatherings of the Awliya’ Allah, the ‘ulama’ and the salihin (pious) such as:

- i) Mawlana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqui رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Pakistan;
- ii) Mawlana Ehsan Ilahi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Pakistan;
- iii) Ash-Shaykh Muhammad Abu Bakr Ba Shu‘ayb رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of U.K;
- iv) Ash-Shaykh ‘Umar al-Qadiri al-Barawi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Somalia;
- v) Ash-Shaykh Ahmad Duelle رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Somalia;
- vi) Mawlana Qazi Bashiruddin al-Faruqi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Hyderabad;
- vii) Syed Mumtaz Ali sahib رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Hyderabad;
- viii) Haji Shameer Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Guyana, the Imam of Masjid Imdad;
- ix) Ash-Shaykh Kabir Touray رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ of Senegal;
- x) Al-‘Alimah Dr.Farida Ahmad Siddiqui رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا of Pakistan;
- xi) Sayyida Amma Bibi Ahmadunnisa Baghdadi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا of Hyderabad; and

xii) Ustadha Amina Bahen Noorah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهَا of Mauritius.

All of them had (or have) basira (spiritual inner sight, the eye in the heart).

We have also benefited from the du‘a of our shaykh and our parents. May Allah ﷻ raise their darajaat (spiritual stations). Amin!

I am grateful to all those who have helped me in many different ways. I beg forgiveness of those whom I might have offended in any way.

May Allah ﷻ reward all those who work in His Cause.

Amin! Ya Rabbal ‘Alamin! (May it be so, O Lord of the worlds)!

Siddiq Osman Noormuhammad.

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