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# The Reminder

In the Name of Allah,  
The Beneficent, The Merciful

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Newsletter of the  
**Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore**, Charity, Essequibo Coast, Guyana.

## Hazrat Ameer's Ramadan Message

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*Say: My prayer and my sacrifice and my life and my death are surely for Allah, the Lord of the worlds- No associate has He. And this am I commanded, and I am the first of those who submit. (6:163-4)*

The Holy month of Ramadan is here and we are granted by Allah an opportunity to pray, fast and read the Quran at least one time and listen to it while its being recited in the *Tarawih* prayers.

In this month will also fall the *blessed night* of *Laila tul Qadr*; the night in which the revelation of the Holy Qur'an started. This changed the darkness that prevailed spiritually in the world at the time to a light which was to enlighten the

entire world. The Quran was the final message to mankind revealed to Allah's last messenger, the Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, whose advent had been foretold by all the prophets and was awaited by all peoples through the ages.

Allah blessed this night and gave the month of Ramadan a special eminence. It was stated in the Qur'an that:

*The Night of Majesty is better than a thousand months. 97:3*

Thousand months is just over 83 years; which is a good age for a person to live. Thus the verse states that the prayers that one seeks in this *blessed night* if answered will be more in worth than a life time of toil for the livelihood in this worldly life. It

thus draws our attention to the futility of this worldly life and to the main objective of our creation - nearness to the Creator. This is attained by purification of the soul through prayers and fasting. In both prayer and fasting one gets an opportunity to beseech the Creator in unison with the whole Muslim Umma. The oneness in devotional acts of Islam, be they, the Pilgrimage, the Fasting or the Prayers is the outward manifestation of the belief in the Oneness of Allah Himself.

As we endeavour to purify our souls and attain nearness to Allah we must keep in mind the guide map provided by the

**Some Recommendations from  
General Secretary,  
Central Anjuman  
Lahore.**

**April 2009**

1 Central Anjuman thanks President AAILL Guyana, board members, Mr. Mansoor Baksh and Mr. Farooq Amin for extending their cooperation during visit of General Secretary AAILL International.

2 Central Anjuman recognizes only AAILL Guyana as its branch in Guyana.

3 As per policy of Central Anjuman, it can not recognize more than one organization in a country, therefore, Central Anjuman can not recognize AAILL Essequibo a branch of Central Anjuman

4 Central Anjuman recommends that AAILL Essequibo may be considered a sister organization of AAILL Guyana just as we have many sister organizations in Suriname.

5 To avoid conflict, Central Anjuman requests President of AAILL Guyana Mr. Alim Shah and board members not to collect Zakat from Essequibo. It is recommended that those members of Essequibo who willingly want to donate their Zakat to AAILL Guyana, they will be allowed to do so according to their will and wish.

6. At the end of tenure of present AAILL Guyana board, new elections be held and all members be given a fair chance to elect board members and office bearers of their own choice....  
Mr. Amir Aziz. Lahore Pakistan

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- September 20: Eid ul Fitr
- September 27: Eid Social
- October 25: Jihad
- November 27: Eid Ul Azha
- Nov. 29: Mashabo Feeding.
- Dec. 18: Islamic New Year
- December 20: Jihad Meeting
- December 23-28, 2009: Jalsa in Lahore
- December 26: Ashura - Day of optional fasting.
- April 2, 2010: Jalsa in Essequibo Starts.
- April 9, 2010: Anwar Shaheed's Memorial
- April 22, 2011: Jalsa starts.

**Our heartfelt thanks to our beloved Brothers and Sisters of Bartica whose hospitality was exceptional during our Youth Camp. May Allah Bless them and their families. Ameen**



Sis. Waheeda at one session



Lunch time



Youths at physical workout



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**2009 Summary of Accounts**

	Income	Expense
BBF	\$676,267	
Membership	\$1,500	
Donation	\$199,000	
Travelling		\$5,300
The Truth TV		\$446,500
Jalsa		\$197,406
Jehad		\$24,667
NL		\$40,055
Ycamp		\$110,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$876,767</b>	<b>\$824,228</b>
Bank =	Cash in Hand	<b>Balance</b>
	\$38,112	\$14,427
		<b>\$52,539</b>
Payment to NCN of \$130,500.00 for the Truth by a Brother & his Family		

to the path of abdee'at, a full devotion to our Creator. Allah has promised to award such a person with nafs ul mutmahinnah, the soul that is at rest, which will be returning to the Creator, well-pleased, well-pleasing.

I end this message with a prayer that may Allah grant us the opportunity to make the best of the month ahead, to ask forgiveness of our sins and strive for nearness to Allah through patience (fasting) and prayer.

While we pray, let us not limit ourselves to our immediate families but include all humanity and our fellow beings in this global village. Let us not forget that God has created all the beings and He loves them all. Let us include in our supplications prayers for a better world for all of us and our future generations. Let us pray that our children grow up to be inhabitants of a world of peace, love and harmony amongst its peoples. Let us pray that Allah will accept of us our ibadat, the acts of devotion in the Holy Ramadan.

In the end I request you all to pray for me that Allah may give me the strength to fulfill my duties to the Jama'at and lead it in the right direction.

Ameen.

**Professor Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed**

Ameer and President Worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya Jama'at

Holy Qur'an. This guide map is summarised by the verses I have quoted above.

My advice to all who get this message is to keep the spirit of this verse in mind while they pray and fast in Ramadan. This spirit is full submission to Allah in all prayers and sacrifices (devotional acts or ibadaat); and ones very life and death. Keeping in mind that He is the Lord of the worlds and that He is above all and nothing and no one can be associated with Him. One should completely submit to Him, by following the Qur'anic injunctions and avoiding all sins of commission and omission.

Let us all make a determined effort to do every act for the pleasure of Allah during Ramadan; and resolve to continue in the same spirit after the month ends. Thus we would be fulfilling the conditions that lead us



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## Importance of attending the Jalsa

"... All friends should try their utmost to come on this date to listen to divine discourses and to participate in supplications. This Jalsa will focus on disseminating truths and knowledge that are essential for the advancement of faith, conviction and wisdom.

In addition, special supplications will be made for these friends and particular attention paid to them in prayers. And the utmost effort will be made in the revered presence of the Beneficent and Merciful that God, the Most High, may draw them in His direction, accept them for Himself and bring about a pious change in their life.

A short-term benefit of these gatherings will be that by coming on the

appointed dates, all the new brothers who have joined the Jama'at in the preceding year will meet and recognise their older brothers and in this way the feelings of kinship and familiarity will continue to develop. Prayer will be offered in this gathering for the salvation of any brother who has departed this temporary abode during the year.

Efforts will be made before the Most Honourable, all Glory is His, to unify all the brothers spiritually and to remove their aloofness, alienation and differences. There will also be many other spiritual benefits and profits of these gatherings that shall, God willing, become manifest from time to time.

It will be prudent for friends with limited means

## Visit of Headquarter

General Secretary of Central Anjuman of Lahore, Pakistan - Bro Amir Aziz - visited the EAOL for a few hours in Essequibo Coast to discuss our problems with the GAAIL(L). Members identified the negative propaganda against them and the control of funds among the issues to be addressed. They also expressed their regret at the shortness of the information of his visit to Essequibo because this did not allow them to plan a small programme in his honour. A function would have given many other members the opportunity to meet him.

to plan ahead for participating in this gathering. With foresight and careful control of expenditures, they should put aside small sums every day or every month to bear the expenses of the journey and when the time comes, the capital for the sojourn will be available to them and it will be as if the journey was free ...."  
*Mirza Sahib.*

## Next Activities

- April 5: Ahmadiyya Youth Organisation Meeting
- **Jalsa: April 9-13, 2009**
  - ⇒April 9: 4 pm Queenstown.
  - ⇒April 10: 9.30 Jumu'ah
  - ⇒April 11: Hot & Cold
  - ⇒April 12: 05 pm Leguan
  - ⇒April 13: 10 am Berbice
- April 19: AYO Activity
- May 3: AYO meeting.
- May 10: Jihad - Lima Sands
- May 17: AYO Activity
- June 7: AYO meeting.
- July 10-12: International Convention in London
- July 17-19: Convention in Ohio, USA.
- July 20: Mi'raj
- July 30 - Aug 2: Youth Camp in Bartica
- August 16: Jihad in Columbia
- August 22: Ramadhan begins
- September 20: Eid ul Fitr
- September 27: Eid Social
- October 25: Jihad
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- April 23, 2011: 100th Anniversary of Maria's Delight Masjid.

## Programme for the Annual Jalsa includes:

**April 9, 2009:** Special Session in Memory of Muhammad Anwar Shaheed at Queenstown, E/bo Coast  
4:30 pm - Asr Prayer & Tafseer  
6:05 pm - Magrib & Esha Presentations  
Closing prayer and dinner  
Bus leaves Charity at 4.00 pm and Queenstown at 7.30 pm

**April 10, 2009: Maria's Delight**  
9:45am Prayer and presentation  
Lunch and Jumu'ah Prayer.

**Saturday, April 11, 2009**  
Hot & Cold Lake.  
Bus leaves Charity at 8:00 am  
**Sunday, April 12, 2009** at Amsterdam, Leguan.  
Bus Leaves Charity at 7.30 am  
**Monday, April 13, 2009**  
10:00 Opening Duah  
10:05 Recitation and Presentations on Islam and duah.  
12:00 Lunch.  
Bus leaves Parika at 6:30 am and returns at 5:00 pm.

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## Annual Jalsa

The EAOL cordially invites you and your family to its Annual Jalsa at 4.30 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Queenstown Mosque, Essequibo Coast, at 9.45 am on Friday, April 10, 2009 at Maria's Delight Mosque, E/bo Coast, at 12:00 noon on Sunday, April 12, 2009 at Amsterdam mosque, Leguan, and at 10:00 am on Monday, April 13, 2009 at the Les Beholden Mosque, Black Bush Polder, Berbice.  
*Your presence will be highly appreciated.*

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## “Our Chains have been broken” Lahore is alive and throbbing

The Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at Islam Lahore marked the centenary Death Anniversary of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad at its international Headquarters in Lahore Pakistan from May 23 to May 26, 2008.

The occasion reflected devotion, inspiring speeches, quality attendances, youths, innovative techniques (drama) and use of multimedia presentations. It reflected a forward movement that breaks us

free from the past and shows a positive future.

The Jalsa may appear to the uncanny eye as a normal meeting but it was charged with the electricity of deep emotion, firm conviction and it was

crowned with showers of divine blessings. The challenges in the world are no doubt ever increasing and so also are our abilities to deal with those challenges.

### Hazrat Ameer's Ramadan ul Mubarak Message

**In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful**

“O you who believe fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil.” (Al-Baqarah 2:183)

“And when My servants ask thee concerning Me, surely I am nigh. I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he calls on Me, so they should hear My call and believe in Me that they may walk in the right way” (Al-Baqarah 2:186)

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**  
Assalaam-o-Alaikum Wa Rakhmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hoo.

This year I have selected two verses from Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow) for my Ramadan message. As we all look forward to this Blessed Month we should reflect on these verses as the first one gives us the reason for fasting and the second the path to nearness to Allah.

The major reason given for fasting in the Holy Qur'an is that 'you may guard against evil' i.e. to attain Taqwah. Taqwah may be understood to represent the spirit (baatin) of an outwardly act (zaahir). As stated in the Holy Qur'an this is the main aim of all devotional acts in Islam and other major religions. This is what the Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, meant when he said that it is not your thirst and hunger that pleases Allah but the Taqwah; this is also what is mentioned in the Bible where Mathew 6: 16-18 states:

“Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in

secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

The main advantage of Taqwah which is stated in verse 186 is that one is able to attain nearness to Allah. This verse also gives us guidance on how this nearness is attained. What we have to do is to believe in Him and hear His call by being obedient and submitting completely to Him (i.e. becoming His abd).

Allah desires that human beings seek closeness to Him; He assures that He is close to those who are His abd. Though translated as 'servants' abd in the real sense means people who mould their lives in such a way that they live as Allah wishes them to; spend their lives as exemplified by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I pray that Allah grants us the opportunity to attain nearness to Him by following the guidance in the Holy Qur'an, the revelation of which commenced in this Blessed Month. I pray that we fast with the aim of elevating our 'baatin' so we attain the state where we feel His presence in our hearts. I pray that He accepts our prayers and devotional acts ('ibaadat) during this sacred month.

As you pray for members of your families and dear ones, don't forget that you are members of a bigger family, our Jama'at. Pay particular attention to your brothers and sisters of the Jama'at in your prayers. You have also to pray for the Muslims of the world and Islam which is passing through time of great trials and tribulations; you have

#### Next Activities

- October 1, 2008: Eidul Fitr
- October 12, 2008: Eid Social
- October 12, 2008: Elections
- Nov 2 & 23 Jihad Meeting.
- Dec 14: Mashabo Feeding

to pray for peace amongst all occupants of our global village. You have to pray for the acceptance of prayers of all those who benefit from the opportunity this month will provide.

I pray for acceptance of my prayers for you and the Jama'at. May Allah Ta'ala grant us protection and nearness to Him.

Aameen.

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### Elections

Election of Office Bearers of the Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore will take place at 10.15 am on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Bro. Abdul Nezam's residence, 18 Henrietta Housing Scheme, Essequibo Coast. This would be followed by our Annual Eid Social. All members are invited to attend. Membership of the organisation includes every Muslim who has contributed yearly to the organisation. Financial members are re-

quired to pay \$20 monthly. Exemptions can be granted by the Executive Committee for those persons who cannot afford membership fees. Fees will be collected from 9.00 am up to the time of Elections and only financial members will be allowed to vote. Only pledged members can hold position on the Executive Committee. Anyone wishing to observe this or any of our other meetings is encouraged to do so. Please inform us a few days before because lunch is normally prepared for the participants.





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## Zakaat Collection

This year our Executive members will be visiting your homes again for your Zakaat or Donations. In spending your contributions, we focus on areas that others do not: Seeking the truth and spreading it. We do not focus on poor peoples' home and other good causes.

Our work is directed towards spreading the word. We therefore request you to allocate some of your Zakaat for this noble task. If our members have not visited you as yet, please call us.

A few persons have claimed in the past that they are collect-

ing Zakaat for us while they are collecting for a different organisation. They have also attempted to discredit our respected and hard working members. Your Zakaat if given to such persons will earn you the same blessings because your niyyat (intention) is good. However the sin will be heaped on those persons who attempt to mislead.

The friends, favours or money they earn in such a way will not benefit them on the Day of Judgement.

Our collection team includes Sis. Fazeela Azim, Sis. Shevon, Sis. Salima Ali, Bro. Mansoor Baksh, Sis. Bismillah Azim, Sis. Shiroonisa Edun, Sis. Wahieda Gaffar, Bro. Shaheed Mohammad, Sis. Sajeela Rayman and Bro Mohammad Ha-beeb.

Official receipts from the Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore will be issued for all moneys collected.

May Allah reward you bountifully for doing your duty and for supporting the work of all the prophets - that is - teaching the word of God.

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## The Essence of Du'a.

By Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib

Du'a is not just the mumbling of a few words, for this amounts to nothing whatsoever.

The true meaning of du'a is to beseech Allah, Most High, sincerely for His assistance. This petition becomes perfect and efficacious only when man surrenders his all to Allah, Most High, with total anguish of heart, perturbation and heart-burning and makes supplication so fervently that his soul melts like water and flows at the threshold of Divine Unity.

For example, look at how a person who is embroiled in a misfortune importunes people for help in moving terms and see what a wonderful change and transformation his appeal undergoes – the tone of his voice becomes full of anguish which attracts the mercy of people.

Similarly, when a person makes du'a to Allah, Most High, the tone of his voice changes also and is filled with tenderness and pain that causes the fountain of Divinity to gush forth with mercy. When du'a is being made the modulation of one's voice should be such that every limb of the body is affected and meekness and humility issue from the tongue. The

heart must also be filled with softness and agony and the limbs must surrender with total submission to the Creator.

Over and above all this, one must have complete faith in Allah's mercy and generosity and entertain complete hope of acceptance of one's entreaty. If one should fall at the Divine threshold in such a state he will never be disappointed and in this condition he should beseech the Almighty over and over in the following manner:

**"Dear Master, I am nothing but a weak, helpless sinner. Without Your support and mercy I can never amount to anything. Please have pity on me and cleanse me of my sins for without Your kindness and grace there is no one else who can purify me."**

When a person makes this kind of petition repeatedly and continuously and seeks Allah's assistance with patience and perseverance then at some unforeseen time a light will descend from Allah, Most High, and peace will suffuse the heart of the supplicant

and thus the darkness which formerly covered his heart will be dispelled.

Allah, Most High, will then endow him with a power that creates a revulsion in his heart for sins from which he will be saved. At this point he will realise that his heart which had become seized and imprisoned in low passions and carnal desires as if hundreds of thousands of chains had fettered him and were drawing him helplessly towards a life of sinfulness – at this stage he will find that these chains have been miraculously cut in a flash and he has been liberated.

His former love for sin will be replaced by hatred for it and instead of fear and hatred for Allah, Most High, love for Him and a magnetic attraction in his heart for his Lord will be born as the Holy Qur'an delineates in 49:7-8:

**"...but Allah has endeared the faith to you and has made it seemly in your hearts, and He has made hateful to you disbelief and transgression and disobedience. Such are those who are rightly guided —A grace from Allah and a favour."**

(Translated by KM)

### Next Activities

- September 2, 2007  
Opening of Les Beholden Mosque
- September 3, 2007  
School opens
- September 9, 2007  
Jihad Meeting– Jacklow, Pomeroun River.
- September 13, 2007  
Ramadhan begins.
- October 13, 2007  
Eid ul Fitr
- October 14, 2007  
Eid Social
- November 18, Jihad
- Dec 14, School Closes
- Dec 20, Eid ul Adha
- December 23, 2007  
Mashabo feeding
- December 27-30, 2007  
Youth Camp - Berbice
- May 26, 2008  
International Observance  
Lahore, Pakistan

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## Zakaat Collection

The Zakaat collected last Ramadhan totaled \$633,800. This amount represents an increase from the previous year.

May Allah Bless all those who support the noble work of the EAOL in establishing Islam on the face of the earth. Ameen.

Please note that the propagational works of the EAOL are done voluntarily by members. Please pray for them and encourage them so that this difficult task may become a little lighter.

Persons authorized to collect Zakaat and Donations for this year Ramadhan are

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Salima Ali  
Wahieda Gaffar

May Allah help them in

### Blessings

Some persons have claimed to collect Zakaat for the Ahmadiyya Organisation last year but unfortunately we have not received those contributions nor have we seen any report from any organization that those moneys were received.

Allah will Bless you for your intention so you will get the full reward for your contributions/Zakaat even though moneys intended for EAOL did not reach us. May Allah bless us for our good works.

If Undelivered please return to:

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