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Al Hadiya—THE GIFT

The name of the newsletter of JTQ carries a symbolic meaning.

Education is a gift. JTQ was founded to provide education, religious and secular. The basis of JTQ's vision has been to enrich society by promoting and providing education. This has been manifested by establishment of various Schools that impart Quranic (religious) education i.e.

Madrasahs and Secular Education (Nursery, Secondary and Technical) .

Give your gift to a needy child, sponsor one today. For KShs 2,500/= per month you will be able to assist one needy child attend Hifdhul Quran classes for one year (classes are free, this cost is towards the hostel fees) or for KShs 3,500/= per month support one child to obtain technical education. You can also sponsor particular disciplines and institution of your choice. For more details please Contact any of the following :-

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The Gift of education is priceless...

Bank Details

We encourage you to effect direct bank transfers for your kind donations/sponsorships.

Please contact us and we will avail the details. We maintain separate accounts for Zakat and other Sadaqah. Jazakallah.

CONTACT PERSONS FOR IDAHI, MASJID RENOVATION, ZAKAAT & MAALIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Please pledge your contributions for the above programs which are indeed a form of ongoing charity (Saddaqaah-e-jaariyah) by calling any of the above as soon as possible:- **Your donations can be in Cash or Kind.**

Or call the office to find out more:-

JTQ Office Contact: Bro. Ali Kassim on Tel: (041) 2227833/2221686
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Jazakallah for your continued cooperation and contribution.

The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasalam) said: When a man dies, his good deeds come to an end except three: ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge and a righteous son who will pray for him."
Narrated by Muslim, 3084.

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Al-Hadiya : THE CADEAU

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Qurbani /Sacrifice/Udhiya

The season of Hajj (annual pilgrimage to Mecca) is Alhamdulillah upon us once again. Muslims throughout the world celebrate Eid al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) at the end of Hajj. This year Inshallah, Eid al-Adha will happen around October 5th.

During the celebration of Eid al-Adha, Muslims commemorate and remember Prophet Abraham's (Allaihimus Salaam) trials, by themselves slaughtering an animal such as a sheep, camel, or goat.

The Almighty has given us power over animals and allowed us to eat permitted meat but only, if we pronounce His name at the solemn act of taking its life. Muslims slaughter animals in the same way throughout the year. By saying the name of Allah (subhanahu wataala) at the time of slaughter, we are reminded that life is sacred.

The meat from the sacrifice of Eid al-Adha is mostly given away to others. This act symbolizes our willingness to give up things that are of benefit to us or close to our hearts, in order to follow Allah's commands. It also symbolizes our willingness to give up some of our own bounties, in order to strengthen ties of friendship and help those who are in need. We recognize

that all blessings come from Allah, and we should open our hearts and share with others.

It is very important to understand that the sacrifice itself, as practiced by Muslims, has nothing to do with atoning for our sins or using the blood to wash ourselves from sin. This is a misunderstanding by those of previous generations: "It is not their meat nor their blood that reaches Allah; it is your piety that reaches Him." (Qur'an 22:37)

The symbolism is in the attitude - a willingness to make sacrifices in our lives in order to stay on the Straight Path. Each of us makes small sacrifices, giving up things that are fun or important to us. A true Muslim, one who submits his or herself completely to the Lord, is willing to follow Allah's commands completely and obediently. It is this strength of heart, purity in faith, and willing obedience that our Lord desires from us.

This year, as we celebrate the Eid ul Adha, let us reflect upon the symbolism of our sacrificial gesture and make this a turning point in our attitude. May the Almighty bless us with humility and piety; and grant us taqwa. Ameen.

Hajj Mabruur and Eid Mubarak!

Umm Salamah (R.A.) said: The Messenger of Allah (P.B.U.H) said: When anyone of you intends to sacrifice the animal and enter in the month of Dhul-Hijjah, he should not get his hair cut or nails pared till he has offered his sacrifice."

[Sahih Muslim]

Let JTQ conduct Udhiya on your behalf

Alhamdulillah, as has been the case for many years now, JTQ has been conducting the idahi exercise whose aim is to slaughter the goats/bulls on your behalf in various areas especially in the hinterland.

This offers a unique opportunity to the people there to partake and share in the sacrifice.

During the previous Eid-ul-Adha, 150 shares made up of 13 bulls and 57 goats were distributed in our 21 centres.

This reached out into mostly the remote hinterland and offered the local communities a chance to celebrate in the Festival.

Most of the people in these rural areas do not have the opportunity to enjoy our everyday delicacies such as meat.

This year as well, for **KShs. 4,500/= per share**, we shall Inshallah reach the numerous villagers who cherish the opportunity to have some meat.

This will be used to purchase the animal on your behalf, take it to the location and ensure it is slaughtered in the correct manner and distributed to the people.

We very strictly ensure that the slaughter is carried

out after the Eid prayers including for our overseas brothers and sisters.

Please contact us from now so that we can plan ahead, Inshallah. The deadline for receiving your pledges and contributions is **Monday 29th September, 2014.**

Call now and book your share.....

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4,500/=
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Only...

Inna Lilahi Waina Ilaihi Rajiun ...



Editors

Note...

Asalamun Alaikum,

Dear Readers.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing away of our immediate past chairman, late Brother Mohamed Akram in July (the holy month of Ramadhan 1435).

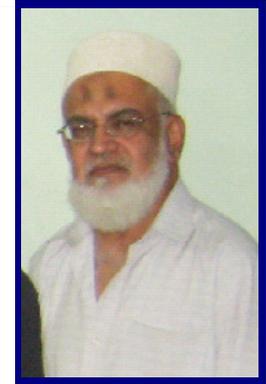
Inna Lilahi waina ilaihi Rajiun.

The Late Brother Akram served as a committed and dedicated member to the Jumiyah since its inception in 1975. He has served as the Honorary Treasurer, Hon. Vice Chairman and ultimately as the Hon. Chairman. He was also the Honorary Trustee to JTQ having given an almost full time attention to the running of the Jumiya on a purely Voluntary basis, Lillah.

The late Brother Akram was a father figure to many of us and gave the Jumiyah a lot of his time until he resigned from active involvement due to ill-health a few years ago.

Before he retired from active participation in JTQ, he served as the convener of the Tahfidh committee and the special projects committee that oversees Ramadhan events such as Iftar, Zakaat and Dates distribution.

When he handed over the



mantle to Brother Masoud Ali (the current Chairman) at the AGM in 2011, he urged us to continue serving the Society selflessly for the sake of the Almighty.

We pray that the Almighty bestow Magfirah on the departed Soul and grant him a place in Jannatul Firdau amongst the chosen ones, Ameen.

We will always miss his presence and encouragement; And he will always be remembered for his contribution and dedication to JTQ.

May the Almighty also give the family of the departed brother the patience to bear this great loss, Ameen.

We also pray to the Almighty to grant us all the Tawfiq to serve His Deen, Ameen.

Jazakum Allah Kheir.

"O Allah! Make me among those who, when they commit an act of virtue, feel good, and when they commit a mistake, they seek forgiveness."

[Ibn Majah]