

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Believers are but a single brotherhood so make peace and reconciliation between two contending brothers; and fear Allah that ye may receive mercy.

Oh ye who believe! Avoid suspicion as much as possible for suspicion in some cases is a sin; and spy not on each other, nor speak ill of each other behind their backs.

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Birmingham Jamaat buys a new property

We've finally done it ! With all the intention, goodwill and bright eyes of our beloved community, we have managed to bag a pretty special property to be proud of. The new building is five minutes from Birmingham's City Centre in the Highgate area, and is well... HUGE!

Just a bare empty shell from what was once a catering company , this industrial property measures 8115 square feet across two floors, so bye bye to squished bodies and compact namaaz! With many potential opportunities being explored as to how to use the space, we want to be sure that it becomes a widely unusable centre, not only for the Birmingham Jamaat but for the community at large.

We celebrated the opening on 29th April 2010 with Yaseen being recited aloud and

dua's from all who attended, followed with everybody young and old, gleefully taking a tour and indulging in 'Vah Vah's' and 'Wow' as their preferred means of communication!

As a branch we had a brainstorming session at our local AGM, to gain perspective as to what the community would like to do with the space, how we can use the different areas, and potential external avenues that could be explored. With enthusiasm running high and an ambition to use the hall for its intended purpose as soon as possible, the design and



■ Birmingham's new property had it's first initiation in making tea at it's branch AGM.

planning process has begun by appointing an architect's firm to get the ball rolling. With all the excitement brimming and anticipation of the future, all that's left to be said is watch this space!

Afroze Rajabali, Birmingham

AGM reports: Main society AGM

London was the venue for our 2010 AGM held on 6th June 2010 on what turned out to be a gloriously warm and sunny afternoon. Although it meant a very early start for those members travelling from rain soaked Midlands, we had a good turn out bearing in mind that this was not an election year. Perhaps many of you were inspired by the forecast of sunny weather in London, or was it the promise of the lovely masala tea awaiting on arrival.



■ Faisal Tayebjee and other committee members

The meeting formally commenced with the recital of Tilawat-e Quran by Moiz Rajabali followed by Fazleabbas Kinkabwalla to kick off the afternoon proceeding in his capacity as President of the Dawoodi Reformist UK. His message focused on the dedication, commitment, effort , enthusiasm and increased communications not just from the committee members but from everyone who goes out of their way to enable us to operate as a vibrant community. His theme also pressed on the need to develop a close inter-branch working relationship with a reminder that we are all reformist with one common purpose. His speech was proceeded by all the usual formalities of adopting last year's minutes, branch accounts and various other matters.

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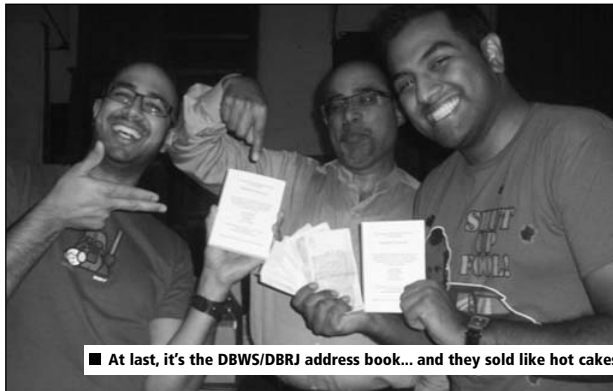
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One of the more encouraging aspects of this AGM was the time made available to members to vigorously air their concerns, discuss and debate on a whole range of issues from amendments to the constitution to clarification on different grades for current membership. Some very healthy participation from members made for a lively afternoon and an assurance from the committee to attempt to resolve all outstanding issues in the foreseeable future. As we say no stones were left unturned.

I believe much has been achieved by our society, namely an updated website, a rejuvenated address book and progress on funding opportunities for London facilities. One could sense that there was an air of determined resolute to continue to keep our society vibrant and to explore new ways and to develop new ideas. This of course without losing our tradition and values

There was unanimous support among the members to set up a working party to review the current constitution with a need to make some amendments. It was agreed that in order to move forward we must research this change and adapt those facets



of the constitution which should be appropriate and likely to benefit our community. My take is let us go for the simplest and most intelligently applied and effective constitution we can create - have the discipline and wisdom to choose to obey them - have the courage and wisdom to get rid of all the unnecessary and ridiculous ones - and then we can all be happy! Is that reasonable?

Well, we look forward to our AGM next year Inshallah but between now and then there is much to be achieved not just individually but collectively. A full report and the minutes of the 2010 AGM will be distributed and placed on our website. I highly recommend you visit our website for news and information on Reformist activities and much more.

Mukhtar Jivanjee, London

Local branch

London branch

A sunny afternoon on the 23rd of May, and a small church hall in Croxley green played host to the DBWS London AGM. It was attended by only 22 members.

The meeting commenced with the President Speech. Abbas Vanat thanked the serving committee members and the membership in general for their support. He mentioned that we were able to hold Ramzan and Moharram functions and thanked Qureshbhai (Canada) for delivering the sermons. He noted that we have been less able to use the Hornsey Vale Community centre, and that we are looking into new venues for use by our community. He then continued on state that more efforts would be required to maintain and grow the community, and taking a position on the committee in the next election would provide our young members with a new skill set and position of responsibility.

Hamid Luqmani, secretary, outlined the various events we were able to hold this year, including the fact that we able to hold Lailutul Qadr, an event which we haven't been able to hold for a number of years. He spoke further about the various challenges that face our community in the London area, and again urged for youth participation in the next election.

After the accounts were presented, discussed and ratified by Zarina Hirani, the subject of a London Property came up. The DBWS Main Society committee and the DBWS London Committee have listed the acquisition of a property for the London branch, as one of their top priorities. A suitable property has been found, in the Watford area, however the cost would be in excess of £1 million. Shakeel Hirani led the discussion as to the various challenges that the community would face namely support and funding. It was decided that he should draft a letter to gauge the interest of the community in London and effectively find out whether it would be a realistic and feasible project (this letter has already gone out the members in the London community, and awaiting responses).

The meeting quietly drew to a close at 15.45 with dokhra and jellabi (instead of the usual biryani and chai!)



AGM reports

Leicester branch

It was a warm and pleasant day to host the annual general meeting of the Leicester branch of the DBWS. There was, as usual, a good turnout.

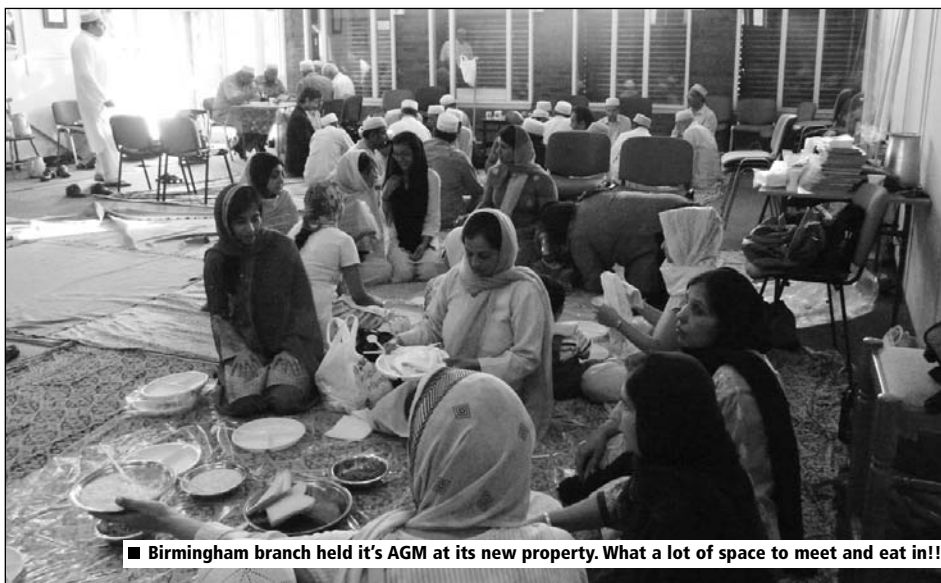
The meeting progressed at a fair pace and there was a mix of the accustomed items as well as those more contentious. However strong individual members felt, the meeting was conducted in good harmony and positively drew to a close around 5pm.

Faisal Tayebjee, Leicester

Birmingham branch

There was a lot of excitement in the air for Birmingham because it met in its new, large building. Birmingham had the usual mix of items for discussions, debates and agreements in a congenial atmosphere.

Of course one of the main topics was how we could utilise the space in the new property and possible sources of income. The AGM was followed by a mujlis, food and tea. A good meeting for all.



■ Birmingham branch held its AGM at its new property. What a lot of space to meet and eat in!!!

Some further thoughts on the Annual General Meetings

Yasin Tayebjee has been reflecting on the AGMs and AZAD has retrieved his thoughts.

Sitting in my community AGM – politics eluding me, I thought:

I depose empires, egotistic in their arrogant convictions and deliberately oblivious to the plight of their deposed; I support empires in their convictions, convictions that protect the liberty and free will of its people – that privilege reaching out to all in ever expanding borders.

I support capitalism and its reward of those that aspire for greatness,

rewarding the ambition of human disposition. I am a champion of socialism and its view that all men stand equal, equal in reward, earning and privilege.

With these dichotomous convictions I altercate pugnaciously until such time that all is lost. In the vicissitudes of circumstance a fist full of sand forever clenching yields naught but an ever speedier escape of grains until all that is left are vestiges of a forgotten time much reminisced, and a lament hoping for one more chance. I, you, we; we are but one.

Yasin Tayebjee, Leicester

Murashaya CD

Nurudin Kapasi has produced a CD with fifteen tracks of **Natts, Manqabat, Meressiyas and Nouhas**. The CD was recorded in a studio and is of a super quality both in terms of production and voice quality! The charge for the CD is £5.00 which will go to **FATEMI TRUST** whose fuction is to educate the poor children mainly in India.

To order the CD contact **Nurudin Kapasi** on his email nskapasi@hotmail.com and he wil send a copy to anybody who wants it.

We are all in safe hands with Sarah

Congratulations to Sarah Kapasi for winning and taking part in the National St Johns Ambulance First aid schools competition at the Natural History museum on 23rd June 2010. She was team member representing Lantern Lane Primary School from East Leake. The competition was very tough and Lantern Lane were defending their title from 2009. We are all very proud of Sarah and her achievement, she has worked hard during the year training for the competition, with support from their teacher and St John Ambulance.

From mum, dad ,brother and grand mother (Fidahusen L Kapasi & family)



■ Sarah with her team being presented with the award by actress Sarah Earnshaw



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Bohris' Rs 1,500-cr Bhendi Bazaar redevelopment plan nixed (Mumbai)

Times of India, 18th June 2010
by Clara Lewis

MUMBAI: The ambitious Rs 1,500 crore proposal to redevelop Bhendi Bazaar through the state's cluster redevelopment policy has been rejected by the BMC's (Bombay Municipal Corporation) high-power committee.

Of the 34 proposals submitted for approval, the committee rejected nine. Civic officials said these proposals had been rejected as the developers could not get the consent of 70% of either the landlords or tenants.

Last June, TOI was the first to report on the project initiated by Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, the spiritual leader of the one million-strong Dawoodi Bohra community, under the aegis of the Saifee Burhani Upliftment Trust. Bhendi Bazaar, which stretches from the JJ flyover junction at Byculla to Minara Masjid on the south side, was chosen as 80% of the Bohra community live and work out of this place.

The proposal was to redevelop 270 buildings spread over 18 acres and provide homes to 25,000 people free of cost. The cost of the project was to be recovered from four residential skyscrapers using 20% of the land.

Quiet donors of MED's largest-ever gift step forward

\$10.5M for the Dahod Breast Cancer Research Center

BY ANDREA BAIRD (COM'05)

In August 2008, a Boston University School of Medicine alumna pledged \$10.5 million to her school — the largest gift in its history. But she chose to remain anonymous.

Now, more than a year and a half later, University Overseer Shamim Dahod (CGS'76, CAS'78, MED'87) and her husband, Ashraf, are putting a face - or more accurately, two faces - on their contribution, which will establish the Shamim and Ashraf Dahod Breast Cancer Research Center at the School of Medicine. The gift will also endow assistant professor and international scholar positions at the center and support MED's new residence hall.

When they made the pledge, announcing their names "didn't seem appropriate," Shamim says. The global economy was in a tailspin, and Ashraf's mobile wireless infrastructure company, Starent Networks, had been publicly held only for about a year. It was later acquired by Cisco Systems for \$2.9 billion, in December 2009. But this spring, with encouragement from the School of Medicine, the Dahods decided the time was right.

"The Dahods are modest and generous individuals who haven't sought the spotlight," says Karen Antman, dean of MED and provost of the Medical Campus. "But having their names tied to this important work lends both prestige and momentum to our breast cancer initiative. We at the School of Medicine are grateful that they have agreed to step forward and be associated with the Dahod Breast Cancer Research Center."

High school sweethearts and practicing Muslims from Mumbai, India, the Dahods moved to the United States in the early 1970s to pursue married life and their educations. They are closely connected with Boston University: Shamim, now a primary care physician in Chelmsford, Mass., earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the College of Arts & Sciences in 1978, worked as researcher in a MED lab for five years, and graduated with a BU medical degree in 1987. Ashraf, a computer engineer turned entrepreneur, whose initial start-up, Applitek, developed the first cable modem, holds degrees from the University of Mumbai, the University of Michigan,

Stanford University, Northeastern, and Harvard Business School, and he has several relatives who attended BU.

So, although Shamim, a two-time cancer survivor, had been treated for breast and thyroid cancers at another local institution, when they decided to support breast cancer research, she says, BU was "the logical place."

"Our connection with BU was factor number one," Ashraf confirms. "And number two is the patients that are served at Boston Medical Center. If you look at Boston, you find that care and treatment can be very different depending on your social status. We could have made this gift elsewhere, but no other place in this city serves the same population that BMC does." "I got the best of treatment. But everybody's not that fortunate," Shamim says. As a medical trainee at Boston City Hospital, now Boston Medical Center, New England's largest safety-net hospital, she saw the plight of underserved patients firsthand — lack of knowledge, lack of facilities, lack of insurance. "There was no prevention for them, just emergency or catastrophic care. They were really sick, and they came, and they got sicker, and that was it. So when I went through breast cancer, I said, 'I would like to do something to take care of that population.'"

The \$10.5 million pledge is not the first contribution the Dahods have made to help overcome health disparities. As members of the Dawoodi Bohra, an international Muslim community based in Mumbai, they are charged to "uplift" the needy — in their case, by improving health and education in Yemen, parts of India, and Myanmar. They were involved, for example, in the construction of Saifee Hospital, a 280-bed general hospital in Mumbai that offers paid care — in rooms like posh hotel suites, for luxury-minded patients — as well as discounted and free care subsidized by a philanthropic trust. They also helped open a medical clinic in Yemen, where U.S. physicians provide pro bono specialty services on a two-week rotating basis. The whole Dahod family is involved in their philanthropy: their older daughter, Tasneem, went to Myanmar in 2006 to explore potential new projects there, and their younger daughter, Nisreen, made a volunteer trip to Yemen alone at age 14. "As you can imagine, I was biting my nails off," Shamim says. "But I wanted her to be exposed to what other people don't have, so she could better appreciate what she has. It put a lot of things in perspective for her." Although serving the underserved was the

original inspiration behind the Dahod Breast Cancer Research Center, Shamim says her fight against the disease is more personal today. "My brother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer," she explains. "He's in the midst of getting his treatment. I also have a niece who was treated for breast cancer. Now I feel compelled to do something about breast cancer, because it's going to affect my children."

She hopes that the assistant professorship included in their pledge will help up-and-coming breast cancer researchers keep that from happening. "Professors with tenure already have ample opportunities," she says. "This is an opportunity for the young ones — those who are on the bottom rung and trying to climb. This gives them a chance to show their capacity, and bring out an idea that nobody has thought of about how to take care of this disease."

The Dahods have also helped fund the construction of two mosques — one in Billerica, Mass., and another in New Jersey. They have encountered no hostility as active Muslim philanthropists in post-9/11 America. In fact, Ashraf says, the opposite is true: "When we built our mosque here in Billerica, our first hearing in the town was September 12, 2001, the day after the terrorist attacks. From that first hearing forward, the Town of Billerica has been fabulous. The truth is, it was easier for us to build a mosque in the United States than it would have been in many Muslim countries."

Asked what an entrepreneur and a primary care physician discuss over the dinner table, they respond after a moment's thought. "My work," says Shamim. "I have no business experience, so we discuss the business aspects of my work. He's very analytical, and I go by my intuition. So the two of us meet in the middle."

"I don't make a single key business decision without getting her opinion," Ashraf says. "I seldom hire an executive reporting to me whom she has not met, and given me her opinion about the person. And obviously, we talk about our grandkids."

With grandchildren already on the scene, do they think about retirement? "No," says Ashraf. "Actually, the spiritual leader of the Dawoodi Bohras doesn't let anybody retire. He's 99, and he's still working."

"We're still a way from 99," adds Shamim, "so we have some years ahead of us!"

Heights of disbelief

The elevation of our Dai seems to have got out of hand. Read on to find out how some people think the Dai can compensate for Rasullaha (pbuh).

In Mississauga during the salgirah night majlis, the amil shaiikh Ali Akbar Attar, went completely beserk and insane in his praise. Here is what he said:

- Mohammed rasulallah is not in front of us, we have not seen his face, but why worry? Sydena Mohammed Burhanuddin is his face, the face of Mohammed Burhanuddin is the face of Mohammad Mustafa..!!!!

- Syedna Mohd Burhanuddin is the qamar (moon) in the skies of Islam. in fact, he is better than the actual qamar, because that has stains and marks, whereas Syedna is the perfect chaand, glowing and spotless. his light shines and illuminates the firmament of Islam and deene Islam...!!!!

- Syedna prays for us day and night, he keeps giving, his ehsaanat are beshumar on us. When we give him our najwas, we are giving him but a pittance, a tiny fraction compare? To the immeasurable gifts he has given us. so give, give as much as you can, give gold, give fakhir rakams, arey jaan ane maal thi ena par fida thai jaao, whatever you give is nothing compared to what he gives us..!!!!

- When Syedna had gone to Jordan, the present King took one look at Syedna's face

and immediately gave his personal, very expensive tasbeeh which he had chadhafied at Nabi's ziyarat to Syedna as a gift, saying that the noor of Syedna was such that he saw the prophet himself in his face and who can be more deserving than Syedna of it? So the tasbeeh has gone from one Mohammed to another..!!!!!!

- Islam ni taareekh ma pehli vaar evu thayu che ke koi ek dai ya imam ye 99 bol ma ya Hussain na marsiya likha hoi. aa ek mojizo chhe, jeno insaan ke jinn ni tareekh ma koi misaal nathi.....!!!!!!

I think the time has now come to clearly declare that the Prophet (PBUH), Ali, Hussain, Hassan, Fatima, all the Imams, and all the prophets of the past are now resurrected in the body of Syedna Mohd Burhanuddin. He embodies all the purity, the lofty deeds and words and thoughts of each and every great Islamic figure in himself. This will simplify the lives of Bohras, as then all that they need to do is give up the Quran (which they don't understand anyways) and don't need to read or comprehend it as their bolta Quran is in front of them, they don't need to go for haj and umrah as their haqiqi kaaba is also present and mobile and can come to them, they can pray in whichever direction he is present and they can remove the word ALLAH from their pathetic Arabic vocabulary and substitute it with aqa maula Syedna Mohd Burhanuddin TUS zindabad etc.

by **Al Zulfiqar** on 5th April, 2010

Troubles expressed in the mainstream jumaat

This email was sent by **Asghar Vasanwala to AZAD.**

Dear friend Asghar,
I am forwarding these messages to you as you are a liberal Bohra. Here in Bahrain one lady has filed a Case against the Jamat and she is told to write an apology or go to the 'Amil' and seek his forgiveness. Her fault is that she cannot pay sabeel or zakat as her husband is a Dialysis patient and it is expensive for her to maintain house and look after her husband too. Even after her mother's death when she wanted to do a Fateha Dinner at her house she was refused and her relatives were told not to associate with her. She has uncles and aunts and their family.

Several years back I had gone to the amil for some help regarding my son who wanted answers as to why we should believe in religion and the dai etc. The amil could not satisfactorily answer him. The answer we got was to take him out and leave him at the doorstep of the church as he will spoil my two other kids too. My son was 24 and now is 27 years old. When my family received our Bahraini nationality and I went him and informed him [Amil]. Instead of congratulating me he says" Can the Govt. take Moayyed's [my Son] nationality back". Since then I am really disliking this stupid person.

Below is a message received from Kuwait.

It is worst here. You have to pay markaz hub and if you don't then you will not get pass to pray in that markaz. However the good part is that one markaz that is owned by jamat is open to all. You just need to register your name (no money). They say it will help them plan for jaman so as to avoid waste. I hope that markaz remains open this year too.

Asghar Vasanwala has left the authors of the above emails anonymous to protect their identities.

Eid function - We're coming to get you!

The Eid Function this year will be hosted by the Birmingham Branch on Sunday 19th September 2010, and well, we are in eed of your help!

We are going to be putting together a video sketch show celebrating all things Dawoodi Bohra and Gujju, and we would love to have as many of you as possible be apart of it!
Watch out for the running schedule

with dates, times and location of where we will be recording various scenes, on the website : www.dawoodi-bohras.org.uk.

So for all those aspiring actors, comedians and just enthusiastic folk among us ,keep your eyes and ears peeled because we'll be in a town near you very soon!!!

The Eid function team

Disgraceful treatment that led to death

Below is the painful account of Ahmed Jariwala whose brother died unnecessary due to neglect at Hasanpur Durgah.

Salaam.

My name is Ahmed Jariwala, and would like to bring to your attention the unjustified, undignified and painful death that my brother, Huzaifa (29 years) suffered at Hasanpir Dargah due to the lack of proper procedures in place. Below is a brief account of his last few hours.

On the night of 7th June, Huzaifa reached Hasanpir Dargah to spend the night and then was planning to leave the next day for Ahmedabad to attend the Urs majlis of Qutbuddin Shaheed. His reason for being there was that he became a father of a baby girl only 11 days ago, and wanted to go do shukar ziyarat at Galiakot, Hasanpir and Ahmedabad. He opted to stay in the hall which was next to the roza Mubarak.

- 1:30 am: He felt something slide past his body and saw a small snake just slide past him. He was not sure whether it had bit him but managed to throw it out with a broom. He immediately called us at home and told us what had happened.
- 2:30 am: He called us and said that he was feeling weak, we advised him to wake the people around him (2 people were sleeping in the room as well), but no one responded. He then went to the watchman who refused to 'disturb' the mulla sahib. After This, He decided to leave that hall and moved to the new one which is above the FAIZ. As we were in continuous conversation on phone, we knew on what he was going thru.
- Without knowing the fact, an antibiotic was provided with the hand of security guard and told " Ane kehjo Aa lai lo thik thai jase (Eat this and you will be alright)" – Clear point of negligence.
- 3:30 am: He called us, and was hardly able to speak. I had left Pune wanting to reach Hasanpir ASAP. My mama had also left from Gondal which was several hours away. My mother advised him to drink some water, or taste khake-shifa. His reply was "Everybody is sleeping there is no one who is awake."

- 3:30 am to 4:30 am: We constantly called the Hasanpir dargah office, we called the mobile number of the mulla sahib, but no one picked up or responded.
- 4:30 am: He called my mama, his last phone call ever – "MAMA TAME KYA CHO TAME JALDI AVO MANE TAMAREE JAROORAT CHHE" (Mama, where are you, I desperately need you...) Meanwhile one mumena woke up on seeing Huzaifa she immediately went to her husband and told the situation.
- 5:00 am: I called Huzaifa and found that someone else picked the phone and were taking him to the nearby medical centers for help, in their own car. Over the next hour or so, they went to two places, which refused to admit him.
- 6:20 am: I got a call that my brother, had passed away.

The pathetic sequence of events had not stopped. After this, the aim was to give him a dignified burial, without hurting his body more. We were told by Hasanpir officials that Huzaifa cannot be buried there, and you have to take him 'elsewhere.' They said that the mulla sahib, who was there HAD to go to Ahmedabad in the afternoon for the Urs majlis and he CAN NOT wait to bury him. Apparently the majlis was more important. They suggested to take him some place few kms away.

My father did not want to bury my brother anywhere, and we went to the Pune Amilsaheb Abdeali Bhai Saheb. He called Shz. Huzefabhai Saheb who then called Hasanpir. After they received this call, they arranged everything for us. They arranged to bury him at Hasanpir itself, they also did arz in hazrat of Maula Burhanuddin (TUS) for dua, and gave a galef of Hasanpir maula to cover his fresh kabr.

We were not able to reach Hasanpir before his burial. My mama from gondal reached there, and then my kaka from Junagadh reached there by evening. Looking at the body, which was green, and swelling in the kafan, they decided that huzaifa could not be kept anymore and had to be buried. I reached Hasanpir by 12pm in the night (as I had travelled till Mumbai when I got the news) and my parents and his wife, 11 day

old daughter reached by 2:30 am the next morning. 25 hours after the snake had bit him.

My reason for writing this letter is not to complain. I have accepted that my brother is dead. I have accepted that his 11 month old marriage is over. I have accepted that his daughter of 11 days will never know her father. I have accepted that I have to struggle to provide the basic necessities to my family. I have accepted that I am the only person to support my parents, my bhabhi, my niece, my wife and my unborn child.

But, I cannot help in questioning the total lack of vigilance and activeness of people who run these dargahs? We are a community who boasts 100% literacy rates, and yet there were no emergency procedures at the dargah. Throughout the dargah, there was no emergency system, medical, fire or anything. Gujarat has an emergency medical ambulance system (call 108). But no one in the dargah was aware of it. If there was a proper procedure, my brother would be alive and playing with his daughter now. When I reached the hall where the fatal incident had taken place it smelled so badly, I could hardly stand there.

It is worth noting that many of our dargahs are at isolated places: Burhanpur, Hasanpir, Galiakot etc. What I ask is that can such an incident take place with any of us mumeens.

Also, why only after Shz Huzaifa Bhaisaheb intervened did the dargah officials agree to bury my brother there. If we would not have been able to apply his 'influence', there might be more paragraphs of grief in this letter.

I would again like to strongly mention that my aim is not to create any controversy or bitterness, I only pray and request that the concerned authorities take note of everything and make improvisations in every such remote place. This email has been written with just one objective - 'AWARENESS'

My aim is that what happened to my brother should not happen to any other mumeen in the future.

Ahmed Jariwala

Whispers...

by **Afroze Rajabali, Birmingham**

Another quarterly dose of the latest happenings in our community ...Ready steady...GO!

Doctor doctor I feel sick!

Tariq Kapasi from Leicester has made it to the finish line and has been crowned with the DR title next to his name and shiny stethoscope around his neck !WOO HOO! His dedication and hard work whilst studying at Birmingham University, has obviously paid off and it's great to know that the community is in even safer hands with another doctor on board! On behalf of everyone that knows you, MUBARAK young man or should I say DR TARIQ KAPASI!

Take 'em to the cleaners!

CONGRATUALIONS to Abbas and Jumana Vanat, Watford who are the proud owners of their second Dry Cleaners in South Oxley called AL-PHEONIX (has a Hollywood feel to it thought!) May you be inundated with suits to clean and sari's to press! We wish you all the success in your newest endeavour !

Smile and show us those pearly whites!

Photographing Duo SALSHAN, Saleem and Shanilla Bagasrawalla have opened up their first Photography Studio in Birmingham! Being novices only a year ago, these talented two are cooking up a photography storm, which is most certainly enough to inspire anyone to follow their dreams and live by the 'practice makes perfect' ethos. From Birmingham to Dubai ,and everywhere in between, their work ethic is admirable and has most certainly paid off. We hope their success leaps from strength to strength and shows no limits! Good luck and Well done !

Congratulations on a baby boy!

Imtiaz and Tahera Sulemanji celebrated the birth of their baby boy on adding to the family. Congratulations to all the family.

He's been TANGA-ED!

Having left Canada and work behind, Wahed Fidaali, has whisked himself away to Tanga in Tanzania to help set up a Learning Centre for a school! With a plan to be away from home for 10 months, inshallah he'll achieve what he set out to do, have some serious fun along the way with lots of inspiring stories to share on his return! Goodluck Gulliver!

356 days = 52 weeks = 1 full year: HAPPY 1st ANNIVERSARY!

Yep they did it; trampled through wedding stress, revelled in the honeymoon period and delightfully devoured many shaadi jamaans! So one year on, and one year down , Mr Rajabali aka Aquil and Mrs Rajabali aka Zuleka gleefully saluted their 1st year of married life on 4th of July! Inshallah you both shall blissfully bathe in eternal happiness for all your years to come... Buckets of love and blessings from Mum, Dad and Afroze xxx

Happy 18th birthday

Goes to Ashiq Dungarwalla. With all the blessings and happiness in the future. Love from Azra (Mum), Anwar (Dad), Afroze and Arif

Spalding

Hujambo!

We would like to wish Tasneem all the best on her adventure. She is off to work as a HIV/AIDS doctor with VSO in Ndanda, Mtwara Region, Tanzania. VSO is voluntary services overseas. It is a developmental charity focusing on sharing skills and teaching communities and organisations to become more self-sufficient.

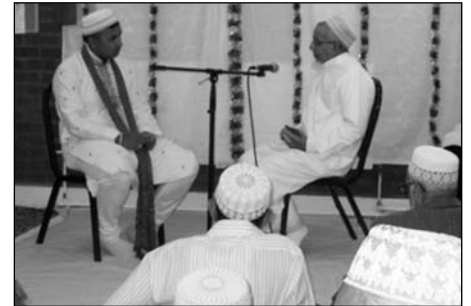
We are very proud of her and look forward to her return in a year.

Best wishes and love, from Ma and Tajbhai family, Nottingham.



Congratulations Asif

Asif Ali Yusufali celebrated his misaq on Sunday 18 August at Huseini Manzil. This wonderful occasion was made even more special by the birthday celebration of his younger brother Adam who gave a great speech, full of confidence about his older brother. Mubarak to both of you.



AZAD wishes all its readers Ramazan mubarak and a peaceful and blessed holy month. We pray that everyone experiences spiritual sustenance through what will be for some, very, very long fasts!

Oops! The missing number 47

AZAD readers may have thought they had missed out on an issue. Don't worry! There was a numbering error – instead of 47 we numbered the last issue 48. We apologise for any confusion this might have caused. Issue number 47 is floating in heaven...

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