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August 2012

## Ramadan Mubarak from NZMSA

### Proposed Projects of NZ Muslim Sports Association

**September 1st and 2nd** – Eid Festival & Carnival 2012 jointly with South Auckland Muslim Association in conjunction with Muslim Council of Auckland and Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand at Mangere Sports Stadium, Robertson Road Mangere with Apna 990 Road show. Soccer Tournament trophies sponsored by Star Builders Ltd and Akbar Buses Ltd.

**September 26th to 30th 2012**– FANCA games at Prince Charles Park, Nadi Fiji, competing with 4 other nations which are Fiji, Australia, Canada, and America.

**November 2012**– Eid Cup Soccer Tournament / Cricket and Volleyball tournaments.

**January 2013** – Trans Tasman Muslim Soccer Tournament.

**March 2013** – Unity Cup Soccer Tournament & Grand Muslim Sports Carnival.

New Zealand Muslim Sports Association has accepted the invitation to take part in the mini Muslim world cup soccer and sports tournament (FANCA) representing the Muslims of New Zealand, in Fiji from September 26th to 30th this year. It is a bi-annual sports tournament organized by Fiji Muslim FANCA Sports Federation and Team New Zealand brought home the open aged soccer, masters over 35's soccer and the tug-of-war trophies from USA in 2010. 'Insha Allah' this year we will be participating in marching parade, golf, men's volleyball, tug-of-war, youth U21 soccer, open aged soccer, masters over 35's soccer, veterans over 42's soccer and Quran Tilawat competitions. I request for your prayers and dua for our successful participation



in FANCA games in FIJI. This FANCA is the 15th anniversary celebration and will be celebrated at a gigantic level with Fiji Royal Police force band matching and the President of Fiji and the Anthony General as chief guests. FANCA games were played in all the 5 affiliated members during the last fifteen years and New Zealand hosted it in 2006. New Zealand Muslim Sports Association will be bidding to host for the next FANCA Games in the annual general meeting in Nadi during the games in September. Ramadhan Mubarak.....

### New Zealand Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving in New Zealand commences on the last Sunday in September, when 2.00am becomes 3.00am, and ends on the first Sunday in April the following year, when 3.00am becomes 2.00am.

What time do I put the clock forward or back? The best way is just before going to bed. Keep user guides and

instruction manuals for microwaves, ovens, alarm clocks, car stereos, home stereos, alarm systems etc as all these clocks have to be manually changed

Start Date (forward 1 hour)

2011 - 2012 Sunday 25 Sept 2011  
 2012 - 2013 Sunday 30 Sept 2012  
 2013 - 2014 Sunday 29 Sept 2013  
 2014 - 2015 Sunday 28 Sept 2014

Finish Date (back 1 hour)

Sunday 1 April 2012  
 Sunday 7 April 2013  
 Sunday 6 April 2014  
 Sunday 5 April 2015



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# Zakatul-Fitr is due before Eid Prayer

## Zakatul Fitr

Anas (ra), a companion of prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) reported that when the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) migrated from Makkah to Madinah, the people of Madinah used to have two festivals. On those two days they had carnivals and festivity. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) asked the Ansaar (the Muslims of Madinah) about it. They replied that before Islam they used to have carnivals on those two joyous days. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) told them: 'Instead of those two days, Allah has appointed two other days which are better, the days of Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Adha.' (Hadith)

EID-UL-FITR is celebrated on the first day of Shaw'waal, at the completion of Ramadan. Shaw'waal is the 10th month of the Islamic calendar. The Eid-al-Fitr is a very joyous day; it is a true Thanksgiving Day for the believing men and women. On this day Muslims show their real joy for the health, strength and the opportunities of life, which Allah has given to them to fulfill their obligation of fasting and other good deeds during the blessed month of Ramadan.

## Sunnah of Eid

- \* Wake up early.
- \* Prepare for personal cleanliness, take care of details of clothing, etc.
- \* Take a Ghusl (bath) after Fajr.
- \* Brush your teeth.
- \* Dress up, putting on best clothes available, whether new or cleaned old ones.

- \* Use perfume (men only).
- \* Have breakfast on Eid-al-Fitr before leaving for prayer ground. On Eid-al-Adha, eat breakfast after Salaat or after sacrifice if you are doing a sacrifice.
- \* Pay Zakaat-al-Fitr before Salaat-al-Eid (on Eid-al-Fitr).
- \* Go to prayer place early.
- \* Offer Salaat-al-Eid in congregation in an open place except when whether is not permitting like rain, snow, etc.
- \* Use two separate route to and from the prayer ground.
- \* Recite the following Takbir on the way to Salaat and until the beginning of Salaat-al-Eid:  
*Allaho-Akber, Allaho-Akber. La ila-ha ill-lal-lah. Allaho-Akber, Allaho-Akber. Wa-lilahill hamd.*  
(Allah is great, Allah is great. There is no god but Allah. Allah is great, Allah is great. And all praises are for Allah).

New Zealand Muslim Sports Association this year got together with South Auckland Muslim Association and will bring you an exciting FESTIVAL of EID 2012 on Sunday 2nd September at Mangere Center Park Sports Stadium.

To build up to the Festival of EID the excitement will start from Saturday 1st of September, with full day open to all Soccer Tournament in all age division and masters over 35's division. Later in the day, ISLAM AWARENESS WEEK programs will be held in the stadium lounge. Full-On program will be held on Sunday 'Insha Allah' with soccer continuing, bouncy castle, kid's fun & games, ladies heena competition, mini train rides, Radio Apna road show with free samai and sweets. A lot of food stalls, service stalls, retail stalls with awards and giveaways will be organized for every ethnicity. Bring your friends and enjoy a family day-out, celebrating EID with the Community.



# Festival of Eid



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# Short History of Hajj

Hajj literally means 'to set out for a place'. Islamically however it refers to the annual pilgrimage that Muslims make to Makkah with the intention of performing certain religious rites in accordance with the method prescribed by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Hajj and its rites were first ordained by Allah in the time of the Prophet Ibrahim [Abraham] and he was the one who was entrusted by Allah to build the Kaba - the House of Allah - along with his son Ismail [Ishmael] at Makkah. Allah described the Kaba and its building as follows:

"And remember when We showed Ibrahim the site of the [Sacred] House [saying]: Associate not anything [in worship with Me and purify My House for those who circumambulate it [i.e. perform tawaaf] and those who stand up for prayer and those who bow down and make prostration [in prayer etc]."  
[Surah Al-Hajj 22:26]

After building the Kaba, Prophet Ibrahim would come to Makkah to perform Hajj every year, and after his death, this practice was continued by his son. However, gradually with the passage of time, both the form and the goal of the Hajj rites were changed. As idolatry spread throughout Arabia, the Kaba lost its purity and idols were placed inside it. Its walls became covered with poems and paintings, including one of Jesus and his mother Maryam and eventually over 360 idols came to be placed around the Kaba.

During the Hajj period itself, the atmosphere around the sacred precincts of the Kaba was like a circus. Men and women would go round the Kaba naked, arguing that they should present themselves before Allah in the same condition they were born. Their prayer became devoid of all sincere remembrance of Allah and was instead reduced to a series of hand clapping, whistling and the blowing of horns. Even the talbiah [1] was distorted by them with the following additions: 'No one is Your partner except one who is permitted by you. You are his Master and the Master of what he possesses'.

Sacrifices were also made in the name of God. However, the blood of the sacrificed animals was poured onto the walls of the Kaba and the flesh was hung from pillars around the Kaba, in the belief that Allah demanded the flesh and blood of these animals.

Singing, drinking, adultery and other acts of immorality was rife amongst the pilgrims and the poetry competitions, which were held, were a major part of the whole Hajj event. In these competitions, poets would praise the bravery and splendor of their own tribesmen and tell exaggerated tales of the cowardice and miserliness of other tribes. Competitions in generosity were also staged where the chief of each tribe would set up huge cauldrons and feed the pilgrims, only so that they

could become well-known for their extreme generosity.

Thus the people had totally abandoned the teachings of their forefather and leader Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH). The House that he had made pure for the worship of Allah alone had been totally desecrated by the pagans and the rites which he had established were completely distorted by them. This sad state of affairs continued for nearly two and a half thousand years. But then after this long period, the time came for the supplication of Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) to be answered:

"Our Lord! Send amongst them a Messenger of their own, who shall recite unto them your aayaat (verses) and instruct them in the book and the Wisdom and sanctify them. Verily you are the 'Azeezul-Hakeem [the All-Mighty, the All-Wise]."  
[Surah Al-Baqarah 2:129]

Sure enough, a man by the name of Muhammad ibn 'Abdullaah (PBUH) was born in the very city that Prophet Ibrahim had made these supplication centuries earlier. For twenty-three years, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) spread the message of Tawheed [true monotheism] - the same message that Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) and all the other Prophets came with - and established the law of Allah upon the land. He expended every effort into making the word of Allah supreme and his victory over falsehood culminated in the smashing of the idols inside the Kaba which once again became the universal center for the worshippers of the one True God.

Not only did the Prophet rid the Kaba of all its impurities, but he also reinstated all the rites of Hajj which were established by Allah's Permission, in the time of Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH). Specific injunctions in the Quran were revealed in order to eliminate all the false rites which had become rampant in the pre-Islamic period. All indecent and shameful acts were strictly banned in Allah's statement:

"There is to be neither lewdness nor wrangles during Hajj."  
[Surah al-Baqarah 2:197]

Competitions among poets in the exaltations of their forefathers and their tribesmen's achievements were all stopped. Instead, Allah told them:

"And when you have completed your rites [of Hajj] then remember Allah as you remember your forefathers; nay with a more vigorous remembrance."  
[Surah al-Baqarah 2:200]

Competitions in generosity were also prohibited. Of course, the feeding of the poor pilgrims was still encouraged as this was done during the time of Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) but Allah commanded that the slaughtering of

the animals which was done for this purpose should be done seeking the pleasure of Allah rather than fame and the praise of the people. He said:

"So mention the name of Allah over these animals when they are drawn up in lines. Then, when they are drawn on their sides [after the slaughter], eat thereof and feed the beggar who does not ask, and the beggar who asks."  
[Surah al-Hajj 22:36]

As for the deplorable practice of spattering blood of the sacrificed animals on the walls of the Kaba and hanging their flesh on alters, then Allah clearly informed them that:

"It is neither their meat nor their blood that reaches Allah, but it is Taqwaa (piety) from you that reaches Him."  
[Surah al-Hajj 22:37]

The Prophet (PBUH) also put a stop to the practice of circling the Kaba in a state of nudity and the argument that the pagans put forward to justify this ritual was sharply rebutted in Allah's question:

"Say: Who has forbidden the adornment [i.e. clothes] given by Allah which He has produced for His Slaves?"  
[Surah al-A'raaf 7:32]

Another custom which was prohibited through the Quran was that of setting off for Hajj without taking any provisions for the journey. In the pre-Islamic period, some people who claimed to be mutawakkiloon (those having complete trust in Allah) would travel to perform Hajj begging for food through the whole journey. They considered this form of behavior a sign of piety and an indication of how much faith they had in Allah. However Allah told mankind that to have sufficient provisions for the journey was one of the preconditions for making Hajj. He said:

"And take a provision [with you] for the journey, but the best provision is at-Taqwaa (piety)."  
[Surah al-Baqarah 2:197]

In this way, all the pre-Islamic practices, which were based on ignorance, were abolished and Hajj was once more made a model of piety, fear of Allah, purity, simplicity and austerity. Now, when the pilgrims reach the Kaba, they no longer find the carnivals and the frolic and frivolity that had once occupied the minds of the pilgrims there before. Now, there is the remembrance of Allah at every step and every action and every sacrifice was devoted to Him alone. It was this kind of Hajj that was worthy of the reward of paradise, as the Prophet (PBUH) said: "The reward for an accepted Hajj is nothing less than paradise." May Allah grant us all the ability to visit His House and perform the Hajj in the manner of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).  
Aameen.

# Hajj 2012/1433



Perform the pilgrimage and the visit (to Makka) for Allah. [2:196] "وَأَتِمُّوا الْحَجَّ وَالْعُمْرَةَ لِلَّهِ"

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*Boast during the day; be humble at night.*

*The kumara never talks about how sweet it is.*

*Though my present may be small, my love goes with it.*

*There is more than one way to achieve an objective.*

*The more you ask how much longer it will take, the longer the journey will seem.*

*Persist as resolutely as you persist in eating.*

*A hand that is ready to hit may cause you great trouble.*

*Be quick to follow up an advantage.*

*Don't lean on your fellow men -- theirs is an ever moving support.*

*In peace be faithful; in war be valiant.*

*Let someone else sing your praise.*

*Never spend time with people who don't respect you.*

*Old canoes can be restored, but youth and beauty cannot.*

*Only the foolish visit the land of the cannibals.*

*The block of wood should not dictate to the carver.*

*The prudent embark when the sea is calm -- the rash when it's stormy.*

*Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.*

*Land is permanent, man disappears.*

*What is given by the land should return to the land.*

*The land is a mother that never dies.*

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# SHAMI KABAB RECIPE

## Ingredients:

- 500 gms minced Mutton
- 2 Eggs
- 1 medium sized chopped Onion (Pyaj)
- 5 Green Chilly (Hari Mirch) chopped
- 100 gms Bengal Gram (Chana) soaked overnight
- 10 pods Garlic (Lasan / Lahsun)
- 1 tsp Cumin Seed (Jeera)
- 4 Cardamoms
- 1 " long piece Cinnamon (Tuj/Dalchini)
- 1 " long piece Ginger (Adrak)
- 6 Pepper corns (Kalimirchi)
- 4 Red Chillies
- Clarified Butter (Ghee)



## How to make shami kabab:

- Boil minced meat in 3 cups of water and a teaspoonful of salt till water is absorbed and meat is tender.
- Grind meat into a fine paste.
- Take garlic, cumin seeds, cardamoms, cinnamon, ginger, peppercorns, red chillies and soaked gram dal and grind into a fine paste.
- Mix both the pastes well.
- Now mix well beaten eggs and prepare uniform dough.
- Add finely chopped green chillies and onion to dough and mix well.
- Shape the dough into small round flattened balls or kababs.
- Heat ghee and deep fry kababs till golden brown and serve hot with sauce or chutney.

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Prayers of the Prophet  
from the Qur'an 1  
By Harun Yahya

### 11 & 12 August

**QUR'AN:**  
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Ramadan Q&A  
By Bilal Dannoun

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Prayers of the Prophet  
from the Qur'an 2  
By Harun Yahya

### 18 & 19 August

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By Yusuf Estes

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39: 55-60

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