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★ 2013 Festival of EID & Carnival

The Eid Festival organised at Centre Park Mangere, was organised by South Auckland Muslim Association, New Zealand Muslim Association and New Zealand Muslim Sports Association. This event highlighted the achievements of inspiring Muslim organisations that have shaped our societies in the past and those who are currently playing a pivotal role in transforming the lives of Muslims in our community.

The festival was dedicated to the empowerment of Muslims brothers and sisters through knowledge and practice of Islam. Our mission was to advance the spiritual and intellectual development of Muslims to empower them as dynamic participants in civil society and as advocates for human rights and social justice.

The day was full of activities that was enjoyed by all age groups, the activities included soccer, volleyball, cricket, veterans soccer, kids quiz and other fun games.

Amongst those who attended were Dr Asraf Chaoudhary, Me Eric Hall, Mr Rajend Prasad (Labour MP) Mr William Sio (Labour MP), Alims from most Islamic centres, religious leaders and ethnic community leaders.

The Eid Festival provided a forum for Muslim men and women to take action to improve the quality of life for Muslim women and we work to build understanding across cultural boundaries in the interest of global social justice. Our mission and vision, was to increase knowledge in our community by elimination of social, cultural and religious stereotypes and building bridges of understanding across cultural boundaries.



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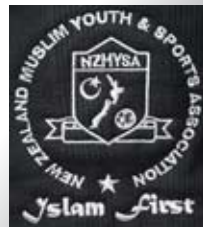
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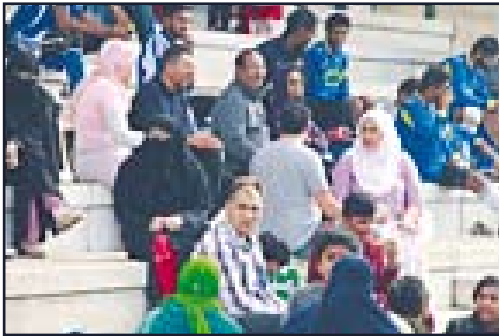
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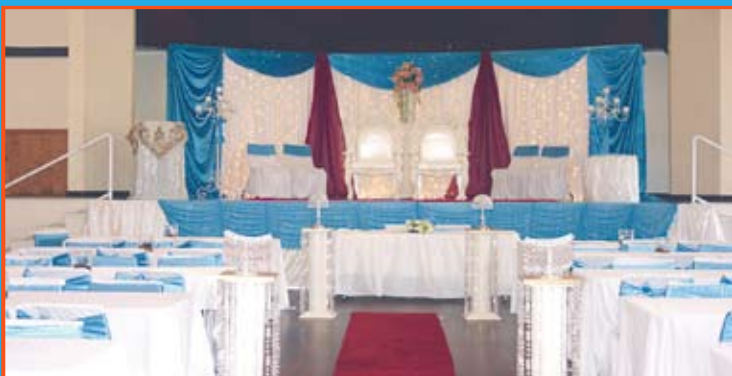
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Hajj

Pilgrimage To Mecca

The fifth pillar of Islam is to make a pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca, in Saudi Arabia, at least once in one's lifetime. This pillar is obligatory for every Muslim, male or female, provided that he/she is physically and financially able to do so.

Prerequisites for performing the Hajj are to be a Muslim, to be free, to be an adult or mature enough, to be of sound mind, and to have the ability to afford the journey and maintain one's dependents back home for the duration. The reward for the Hajj is nothing less than Paradise.

The Hajj is the ultimate form of worship, as it involves the spirit of all the other rituals and demands of the believer great sacrifice. On this unique occasion, nearly two million Muslims from all over the globe meet one another in a given year. Regardless of the season, pilgrims wear special clothes (Ihram) - two, very simple, unsown white garments - which strips away all distinctions of wealth, status, class and culture; all stand together and equal before Allah (God).

The rites of Hajj, which go back to the time of Prophet Abraham who built the Ka'bah, are observed over five or six days, beginning on the eighth day of the last month of the year, named Dhul-Hijjah (pilgrimage). These rites include circumambulating the Ka'bah (Tawaf), and going between the mountains of Safa and Marwah, as Hajar (Abraham's wife) did during her search for water for her

son Isma'il. Then the pilgrims stand together on the wide plain of Arafah and join in prayers for God's forgiveness, in what is often thought of as a preview of the Last Judgment. The pilgrims also cast stones at a stone pillar which represents Satan. The pilgrimage ends with a festival, called Eid Al-Adha, which is celebrated with prayers, the sacrifice of an animal, and the exchange of greetings and gifts in Muslim communities everywhere.



Hajj

*For Allah, my heart went there
Where I turn my face in Prayer
It's a duty, this I know
So to Makkah I did go
For Allaah I packed my gear
Then to His House I came near
For my journey I was ready
Allaah made me strong and steady
I walked around the Ka'bah wall
And teardrops from my eyes did fall
Yearning was I for this day
In Allaah's House to pray!
Truly my heart, Allaah brought
I thank Him for His support!
With His Mercy I arrived
Then home I went, purified!*

The Month of Hajj is soon to come

To Mecca the people will begin to run

Around the Kaaba they will make Tawaaf

Then, to Arafat they will be off

On Arafat the people will stand

Then the next day Eid Aludha will begin

In the Eid morning together we will pray

Then the rest of the day it is eat, run, and play

Now it is off to Moozdelifah where the pilgrims will stay

Their stop in this place is until the next day

The next place is Mina where the pilgrims will go

At this stop is the Jammrah and pebbles they'll throw.

The tenth day of Hajj for the pilgrims is busy indeed

But for the rest of the Muslims it is the Eid.

The pilgrims are busy to Mecca they return

They have the hopes that all of these good deeds they will soon earn

One of these acts is sacrificing a sheep

Then they will trim their hair with still the hope of good deeds to reap

Again the pilgrims will make Tawaaf

Then running between Saffa and Marwa they will be off

On the 11th day of Hajj back to Mina they will go

For the next three days at the Jammrah they will throw.

The Hajj for the pilgrims is coming to an end

They are hoping that Allah accepted it all from where they began

There is one more thing that the pilgrims must make

It is seven more times around the Kaaba for Allah's sake

Back to their lives the pilgrims return

Hoping Allah accepted all that they earned

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