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MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL OF EID

An extremely successful two-days "Festival of Eid" was held at the Mangere Centre Park Sports Complex on 1st and 2nd September 2012 hosted by Muslim Council of Auckland and organized by the New Zealand Muslim Sports Association and the South Auckland Muslim Association in conjunction with the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand and supported by Apna 990, Council of Christians and Muslims and the Counties Manukau Ethnic Council.

The conclusion of the country-wide week-long "Islam Awareness Week" programme was held on the 1st day. It was disappointing that the support from the various Islamic centers and officials was minimal.

The turnout on Sunday was fantastic even though the weather was chilly and windy. People of diverse faiths, cultures and ages mingled together in a friendly and refreshing manner enjoying the children's games, freebies, goods and foods dished out at various stalls. The Apna 990 people entertained one and all with music, recitations, and quiz.

New Muslim Sports Association did a wonderful job in taking the lead role in organizing the festival and introduced various sporting activities as well.

Sports people enjoyed variety of games including volley-ball, golf and soccer in various categories. Winner of the open grade men's soccer was Waikato Somalis who defeated Otahuhu Gunners by one goal to nil. Winner of the veteran's grade was Lautoka Masters who defeated Draketi and volley-ball we saw Peninsula Blues defeated Papatoetoe.

Golf - A grade winner was Daven Kumar and Runners up was Faitaz Khan; B grade Winner was Shakeel Ali and the Runners Up was Haji Abdul Sattar; Longest Drive was Daven Gopal; Nearest

to Pin- Haji Ali Sher Jnr.

A big thank you to the sports trophy donors Mohammed Halal Meats, Mohammed Ali Bobby of Ray White Manurewa, Star Builders Ltd and Akbar Busses Ltd.

The highlight of the day was the community afternoon Tea Party attended by community leaders and number of prominent politicians. Mr. Sua Willian Sio MP the Mangere Ward Labour incumbent gave a very inspiring address and alluded to the current Same-sex Marriage Bill and reminded people to make their views on the subject to their members of parliament.

One may ask why the silence from the Muslim organizations, their leaders and the Ulemas of New Zealand on this very important issue for the current society and, more importantly, on the coming generations.

Many people, including all ethnicity, expressed their appreciation at the inclusive nature of the event.

The organisers had a great foresight and goodwill, in getting all the communities together and let us resolve to continue on the path of building a unique community in New Zealand where people of all faiths, cultures and languages can live and flourish together as caring and loving human beings whilst practising and safeguarding our own individual faiths and cultures.

Br Sheikh Israr, president of New Zealand Muslim Sports Association and Br Sheikh Ibrar, president of South Auckland Muslim Association wish to thank everyone for the support given during the Festival of EID 2012.

They said next year they are planning a bigger event which will involve bigger community with more activities for the patrons 'InshaAllah' with more sporting games and ladies activities as well.

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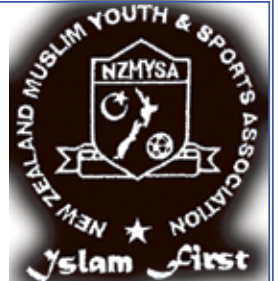
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2012 FANCA FIJI

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 marching 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 this month.

Details of 2012 FANCA Tournament programme and fixture with game times are on the next pages.



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2012 FANCA TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

MONDAY - 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

9.00 AM	Player ID Checkup and Approval of Team List All BOG Members to assemble at Nadi Mosque Compound
1.30 PM	Board of Governors Meeting Venue - Nadi Muslim Primary School Board Room
6.30 PM	Quran Tilawat Competition Venue - Nadi Jame Mosque Competition Coordinator – Haji Mohammed Ali - Head Teacher Nadi Muslim Primary School
8.30 PM	Dinner to Players & Officials Hosted by Fiji Muslim League Executives & Fiji Muslim League – Nadi Branch Executives at Nadi Mosque

TUESDAY – 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

8.45 AM	Morning Tea Venue - Nadi Town Council Mayor's Chamber Chief Guest Welcome Address by Nadi Town Council Administrator - Mr Aisea Tuidraki
9.00 AM	Federal Council Meeting
11.00 AM	Biennial General Meeting
7.00 PM	Dinner & Presentation Night - Chief Guest – Hon. Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum - Attorney General & Minister of Justice Venue – FUN WORLD Plaza Hotel – NADI BACK ROAD

WEDNESDAY – 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

1.15 PM	All teams to assemble at Nadi Mosque with their countries Flag / Banners and Floats			
1.30 PM	March from Nadi Mosque to Prince Charles Park Led by Fiji Military Force Band			
2.15 PM	Official opening – By Chief Guest ; President of The Republic of Fiji – His Excellency Hon. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau			
Game 1	3.30 PM	Canada	VS	USA (Masters 35)
Game 2	4.45 PM	Fiji (2) Drasa	VS	New Zealand (U21)
	6.15 PM	MAGRIB NAMAZ		
Game 3	6.45 PM	Canada	VS	New Zealand (M)
Game 4	8.00 PM	Fiji	VS	USA (M)

THURSDAY – 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

Game 5	8.00 AM	FIJI (1)	VS	FIJI (2) Drasa (U21)
Game 6	9.15 AM	New Zealand	VS	Australia (U21)
Game 7	10.30 AM	Canada	VS	Australia (Masters 35)
Game 8	11.45 AM	New Zealand	VS	USA (Masters 35)
Game 9	1.00 PM	Canada	VS	Australia (Vet 42)
Game 10	2.15 PM	Fiji	VS	New Zealand (Vet 42)
Game 11	3.30 PM	Fiji (1)	VS	Australia (U21)
Game 12	4.45 PM	Fiji	VS	Australia (Masters 35)
	6.15 PM	MAGRIB NAMAZ		
Game 13	6.45 PM	Australia	VS	America (M)
Game 14	8.00 PM	Fiji	VS	Canada (M)

FRIDAY – 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

Game 15	8.00 AM	USA	VS	Australia (Masters 35)
Game 16	9.15 AM	Fiji	VS	New Zealand (Masters 35)
Game 17	10.30 AM	New Zealand	VS	Australia (Vet 42)
	12.00 PM – 1.00 PM	JUMMA NAMAZ		
Game 18	2.15 PM	Canada	VS	Fiji (Vet 42)
Game 19	3.30 PM	Australia	VS	New Zealand (Masters 35)

Game 20	4.45 PM	Fiji	VS	Canada (Masters 35)
	6.15 PM	MAGRIB NAMAZ		
Game 21	6.45 PM	Australia	VS	Canada (M)
Game 22	8.00 PM	Fiji	VS	New Zealand (M)

SATURDAY – 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

Game 23	8.00 AM	Fiji (2) Drasa	VS	Australia (U21)
Game 24	9.15 AM	Australia	VS	New Zealand (M)
Game 25	10.30 AM	USA	VS	Canada (M)
Game 26	11.45 AM	New Zealand	VS	Canada (Vet 42)
Game 27	1.00 PM	Fiji	VS	Australia (Vet 42)
Game 28	2.15 PM	Canada	VS	New Zealand (Masters 35)
Game 29	3.30 PM	Fiji (1)	VS	New Zealand (U21)
Game 30	4.45 PM	USA	VS	Fiji (Masters 35)
	6.15 PM	MAGRIB NAMAZ		
Game 31	6.45 PM	America	VS	New Zealand (M)
Game 32	8.00 PM	Fiji	VS	Australia (M)

SUNDAY – 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

Game 33	9.00 AM	Final (U21)	Pool Leaders VS Runners UP
Game 34	10.15 AM	Final Vet 42	Pool Leaders VS Runners Up
	11.30 AM	TUG OF WAR	
Game 35	1.30 PM	Final Masters 35	Pool Leaders VS Runners Up
Game 36	2.45 PM	Grand FANCA Final (90 Minutes)	Pool Leaders VS Runners Up
	4.45 PM	PRESENTATION – CLOSING CEREMONY	

'And pilgrimage to the House is incumbent upon men for the sake of Allah, upon everyone who is able to undertake the journey to it' – 3:96 Quran

Hajj is one of the pillars in Islam and was commanded in 9A.H. It is the perfection of faith and true surrender to the Almighty. It is a stage in which man can develop himself spiritually. It is a time when the pilgrim forgets his own hearth and home, his comforts and amenities of life, his dear wives and children, his hard-earned wealth, his friends, relatives and everything he possesses, therefore leading to the conclusion that Hajj is the best training ground for absolute and complete surrender to the divine command.

Hajj teaches us complete submission to divine will, because one without sufficiently understanding the inner meaning of going round the ka'bah, kissing the black stone, running between Safa and Marwa and the throwing of stones at jamrat does these things in blind submission to divine order. Therefore, God becomes pleased with his servant saying:

'Without seeking any reason or order, he obeyed me.'

Hajj is obligatory upon every understanding, mature Muslim who can afford to undertake the journey. (i.e. one who possesses wealth, which is excessive than one's need, and enough to travel to Makkah Mukarramah and back. He must also leave behind enough source for his family to live on.)

It is related by Ali R.T.A that the Apostle of God said: 'Any one who God has given enough to perform the Haj, and he also has a conveyance which can take him to the House of God. If he still fails to do so then it does not matter whether he dies a Jew or Christian, and it is so because God has said: Pilgrimage to the House (of Allah) is a duty men owe to God – those who can afford the journey.' Tirmizi

It has been stated in one hadith that one should perform Hajj as quickly as possible. One does not know if he is to become ill, or if any necessities will arise. Therefore, when one has the intention and the means are also available it should not be delayed. If a person completes his pilgrimage in the right manner and completes it only for the sake of Allah then the Hajj can compensate for his every sin. This is shown in the following hadith related by Hazrat Abu Hurairah R.T.A. that the Apostle of Allah said:

'Whoever performs the Hajj and commits no lustful act during it nor disobeys God (in any other way) shall return from it as pure and sinless as he was at the time of his birth.' Bukhari & Muslim

We can understand from the hadith that if anyone performs the Hajj and during it, abstains from all lustful things and every other act of defiance to God which falls

within the spheres of lewdness, his sins will be forgiven and he will return from it as spotless as he was when he had been born. This type of Hajj is called Hajj-e-Mabroor and if this is granted to him then he has obtained a great gift and favour in this world as well as the hereafter. Regarding Haj-e-Mabroor (accepted Hajj), it has been reported as one the best of actions in Hadeeth.

The reward for Hajj-e-Mabroor is more clear in the following hadith which is related by Hazrat Abu Hurairah, that the Apostle of God said:

'From one Umra to another (i.e. the two Umras) become an atonement for the sins committed during the period intervening between them and the reward on Hajj-e-Mabroor (i.e. pure and untainted Hajj) is paradise itself and nothing less.' Bukhari & Muslim

Pilgrimage is performed in the sacred months of Shawwal, - and first 9 days of =. In these months, every one stops his hands from foul things of every description. *The Qur'an says:*

'Whoever determines the performance of pilgrimage therein, there shall be no amorous speech, no abusing and no disputing in Hajj.' – 2:197 Q

There are numerous Ahaadith in which the Prophet S.A.W.S has stated the virtues of a person who performs Hajj. In the following two Ahaadith, our beloved Prophet S.A.W.S explains to us, that the supplication of a pilgrim will surely be accepted. It is related on the authority of Hazrat Abu Hurairah that the Apostle of God said:

'Those who make the pilgrimage for the Hajj or Umra are the guests of God. The petitions they make will be granted and if they seek deliverance from sins, their sins will be forgiven.' Ibn-Maja

It is related by Abdullah ibn Umar R.T.A that the Apostle of God said:

'When you meet anyone who has performed Hajj, greet him, shake hands with him, and beseech him to pray for the forgiveness of your sins before he reaches his home, for he is in the state that decision of forgiveness has been taken for him (and it is confidently expected that his supplication will be accepted).' Musnad Ahmed

My brothers and sisters in Islam: If Allah has already opened your breast and you have decided to perform the Haj for His sake and the reward of the Hereafter, I remind you of the following matters:

1. Ask Allah For Guidance And Advice (Al-Istikhaarah and Al-Istishaara)
 2. Purify Your Intention To Perform The Haj For Allah Alone
 3. Learn The Rites of Haj And 'Umrah And Related Issues
- Books on Haj are plentiful and easy to obtain. Your local mosque may have preparatory classes as well.

4. Leave Plenty Of Provisions For Your Family And Advise Them To Have Fear Of Allah (Taqwa)

5. Sincere Repentance To Allah For All Sins And Disobedience: Allah, Who is free of all imperfections, states

6. Use Only Lawful (halaal) Funds: Funds that were lawfully earned so that nothing sinful may touch your Haj. It may be that you Haj is accepted but tainted with some sin from some other way. It is stated in a hadith of the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam) where he said: As soon as a pilgrim sets out for Haj with a provision which is lawful, and puts his foot in the stirrup (rides his mount) and calls out: 'O, Allah! Here I am in response to Your call,' an announcer answers him from the heavens above, saying: 'Your call has been heard; you are a happy one; your provisions are lawful; your mount is lawful and your pilgrimage is free of sin and acceptable.' But, if his provisions are unlawfully gained, and he puts his foot in the stirrup and calls out: 'O Allah! Here I am in response to Your call,' an announcer from the heavens above answers him back, saying: 'Your call is not accepted; nor are you welcome; your food is unlawful; your provisions are unlawful; and your pilgrimage is not free of sin and is unacceptable.'"

When you make Haj with wealth whose origin is unlawful.

You have not made a Haj but a Haj of no consequence Allah accepts not except all that is virtuous. Not all who make the Haj to the House of Allah are successful

7. Choose Righteous Companions

8. Adhere To The Etiquette Of Travel

9. Mentally Prepare For The Haj: Just as important as preparing physically you should prepare to make psychological adjustments to deal with the hardships, toils and inconvenience of travelling and Haj and consider all of it as good to be added to your scale of deeds. There are those who just complain and mumble about the heat, the food, the long trip... Haj is not a vacation or recreational activity! Know that the highest type of patience, and the type that is most greatly rewarded, is patience in the obedience of Allah. Even with all the transportation and road facilities, some hardship and toil will remain. Don't nullify your deeds dear pilgrim by mentioning all you have done or irritations and petty annoyances and driving away other Muslims by your hand or your tongue. You must apply kindness and compassion.

10. Lower The Gaze From What Allah Has Made Haraam To Look At

May Allah accept our obedience and adherence and excuse us of our shortcomings and make for us and our Muslim parents those through whom forgiveness is granted from among the pilgrims answering the call this year and in the years to come.

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

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10 Oct	Arrive Jeddah, Travel to Medina	Air conditioned coach
11 Oct - 20 Oct	Stay in Medina (9 days) Tours to Holy landmarks included	Zowar International Hotel
21 Oct	Travel to Mecca, Perform Umrah	Air conditioned coach
22 Oct - 23 Oct	Stay in Mecca	Shishaa Apartments
24 Oct - 29 Oct	Hajj Days	
30 Oct	Return to Mecca	
30 Oct - 5 Nov	Stay in Mecca Tours to Holy landmarks included	Rotana Hotel
4 Nov	Tawaf Al-Wada' Return to NZ	



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