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To; FANCA Patron, Vice Patron,
All FANCA Nation Heads,
All FANCA Board of Governors, Fiji Muslim League,
NZ Muslim Sports Association and Members,
Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, America and Canada
Soccer Community.
Re; FANCA 2014

*Assalaamu Alaikum Wa_Rahmatullahe
Wa-Barakatuh.*

*Patience, persistence and perspiration make unbeatable
combination for success.*

*Alhamdulillah, after numerous discussions with Fiji
and other nation heads, New Zealand Muslim Sports
Association has much pleasure in inviting all the
above and their members to the Fiji Muslim FANCA
Sports Federation's biennial sporting plus activities in
Auckland New Zealand from Tuesday 16th to Sunday
21st September 2014.*

*Inshah Allah, as in the previous years FANCA games
will be made-up of: all division soccer together with
other activities including Quran Competition, Tug
of War, Volleyball, Golf, Netball (Ladies) and few
athletics games.*

*We are keenly looking forward to hosting a great and
enjoyable FANCA NZ 2014 and moreover anticipate
full participation and co-operation from all our
member nations.*

*We look forward to your prompt approval and wish you
all will accept the invitation and attend the pleasant
programme.*

Jazakallahu khairan

Sheikh Israr - 0212 587 887

President - NZMSA

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Asaf takes on as General Secretary

Mohammed Asaf has been appointed the general secretary of the New Zealand Muslim Sports Association after a vacancy was open to the clubs to fill the vacant position.

Previously Mohammed Asaf has been the secretary of the association for some years when he was appointed as the assistant secretary of FANCA Federation in 2010.

The President of NZMSA Br Sheikh Israr welcomes Mohammed Asaf, Usman Ali, Ameer Ali and Afroz Kutti onboard co-opted as new executives of the association.

With less than a year left for us to host FANCA in New Zealand Muslim Sports we will have to work hard starting now to have a thriving tournament.

New Zealand winning the FANCA main division of soccer for the first time in 2006 when it was hosted in Auckland, NZ and then in Hayward, USA in 2010 when New Zealand also won the masters over 35's and the tug of war competitions. The Under 21's won their division in Sydney, Australia in 2008.

Veterans over 42's was introduced for the first time in Fiji last FANCA and New Zealand lost to Canada in the finals. "Insha Allah" New Zealand should be able to hold most of the cups back here in next FANCA with a very optimistic approach by the committee.



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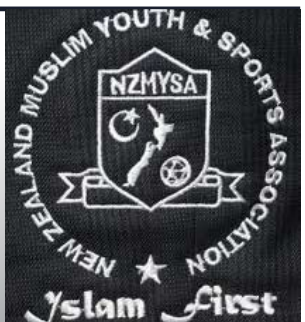
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What is Qurbani?

POEM ON QURBANI

Qurbani means sacrifice. Every year during the Islamic month of Dhul Hijjah, Muslims around the world slaughter an animal - a goat, sheep, cow or camel - to reflect the Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail, for the sake of God.

At least one third of the meat from the animal must go to poor or vulnerable people. Traditionally, a Muslim would keep one third of the meat for their family and give the final third to their neighbours.

The significance of Qurbani

The practice of Qurbani can be traced back to the Prophet Ibrahim who dreamt that God ordered him to sacrifice his only son, Ismail. In his devotion to God, Ibrahim agreed to follow his dream and perform the sacrifice. But God intervened and sent a ram to be sacrificed in Ismail's place.

Ismail was spared because Ibrahim proved he would sacrifice his son as an act of piety, despite the loss it would have caused him.

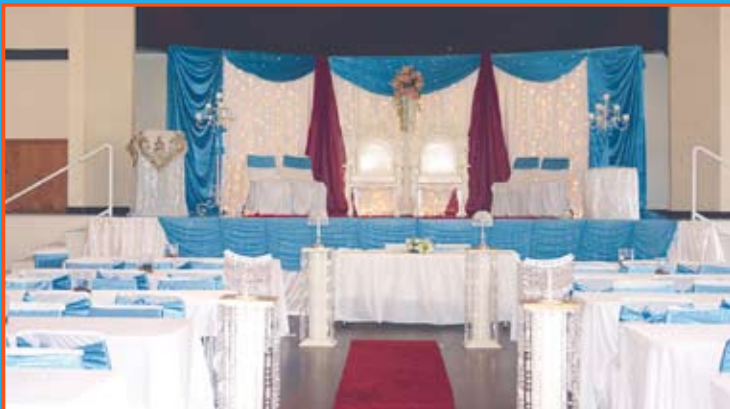
The continued practice of sacrifice acts as a reminder of Ibrahim's obedience to God.

Eid-al-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, is celebrated during the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar, known as Dhul Hijjah - which translates as 'Lord of the Pilgrimage'. It is during this month that pilgrims travel to Mecca in order to visit the Kaaba. Hajj is performed on the eighth, ninth and tenth days of the lunar month. Eid ul-Adha begins on the tenth and ends on the 13th. In 2013, Eid is taking place around 16th October.

*Once again qurbani is here
Just as it comes and goes every year
But most would say 'have no fear'
For it can be sent away at a very low cost
Not realising how it's tradition & importance is lost
Ibadah should be done practically
But this particular one is fading drastically
Children can't tell the difference between the 2 Eids
All they witness is the delicacies which they eat
Do you get call, knowing when your qurbani is completed
So that your hair & nails, after 10 days may be depleted
The animal slaughtered should be considered dear
But without seeing it, there's no fear
The fact that Nabi (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) did his
qurbani himself is clear
Ours infact are not even near
Which prevents us from even shedding a tear
Those who don't fancy the meat of sheep
At the time of qurbani take that leap
Eating qurbani meat would be a habit you'd want to keep
If it's the poor you intend to feed
Throughout the year they are in need
Sending away is merely an excuse to satisfy your greed
Giving them throughout the year would be a good deed
Nafl qurbani can be sent away indeed
Wajib qurbani is better done yourself
That's a strong opinion of myself
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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 .

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 talbiyah [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. 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 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 was born in the very city that Prophet Ibrahim had made this supplication century earlier. For twenty-three years, Prophet Muhammad spread the message of Tawheed [true monotheism] - the same message that Prophet Ibrahim 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. 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 no lewdness or 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 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 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 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 . Aameen.

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