



SANDTON
ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER RAMADAAN 2025

AMEER'S INTRODUCTION

Alhumdulillah, Allah has given us life to be on the doorsteps of Ramadaan with our fervent prayers being that Allah bless one and all the blessings of the holiest month of the year.

2024 has brought with it some extremely interesting and beneficial outcomes and at the same time we have challenges to overcome in 2025, with the help of Allah the Almighty. The Makhtab has seen growth and improvements from prior years, the generosity of our Jummuah donor base has seen significant progress and Alhumdulillah new faces have dawned at Musjid ud Duha in recent months.

The one single challenge that

we continue to be faced with relates to the process of lifting restrictions on the zoning of the masjid so that we can build a fully fledged masjid and makhtab. We therefore request that every person in the community remember Musjid ud Duha in their pious and virtuous duas during these auspicious days ahead.

In 2025, we endeavour to have a few more community initiatives in bringing us together. Moulana Suhail and team have made

strides with the youth in the many programs held, both for males and females at the masjid premises. We invite the community to join us on Fridays for iftaar during the month of Ramadaan. We also ask the broader community to encourage our youth and reverts to attend the various programs held at the masjid weekly.

We hope and pray the month of Ramadaan is filled with blessings, barakah and aafiyah for you and your family.

BENEFITS OF THE MONTH OF RAMADAAN

Abu Huraira (RA) reported :
The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

إِذَا دَخَلَ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ فَتُفْتَحُ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ
وَتُغْلَقُ أَبْوَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَتُسَلِّسُ الشَّيَاطِينُ

When the month of Ramadan begins,
the gates of heaven are opened, the
gates of Hellfire are closed, and the
devils are chained.

Source: Sahih al-Bukhari 1899



This is a month, the first of which brings Allah's mercy, the middle of which brings His forgiveness and the last of which brings emancipation from the fire of Jahannam. In this month our rewards for good deeds are increased. As is mentioned in the Hadith of Rasulullah ﷺ

“Whoever intends drawing near to Allah Ta'aala by performing any (optional) virtuous deeds, for such a person shall be the reward like the one who had performed a fardh (compulsory act) in any other time. And whoever performs a fardh, shall be blessed with the reward of seventy faraaidh in any other time.”

The time of breaking the fast, iftaar is a very important time for du'aa, as well as the time of sehri. This is a special time of the year when every Muslim is awake at the time of tahajjud salaah, continuously for a month. Let us make a firm intention to use that time for nafl salaah as well as du'aa.

Anas ibn Malik (RA) reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said when the month of Ramadan began:

إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ قَدْ حَصَرَكُمْ وَفِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ مَنْ حُرِمَهَا فَقَدْ حُرِمَ
الْخَيْرَ كُلَّهُ وَلَا يُحْرَمُ حَيْرَهَا إِلَّا مُحْرَمٌ

Verily, this month has presented itself to you. There is a night within it that is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of it has been deprived of all good. None is deprived of its good but that he is truly deprived.

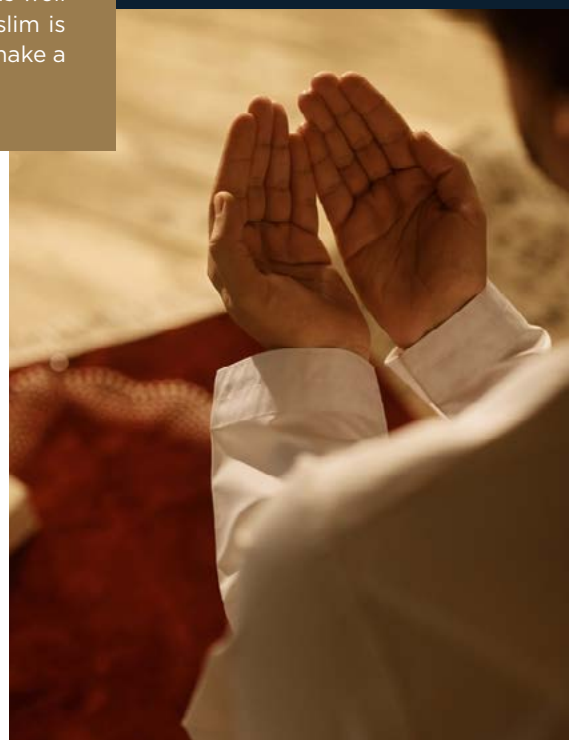
Source: Sunan Ibn Majah 1644.

May Allah Ta'aala bless us with the opportunity of making ibaadah on this special night so that we can receive the reward of worshipping Him for over a thousand months, which is more than 83 years.

Abu Sa'eed Khudri (RA) reported:
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

ان لله تبارك و تعالى عتقاء في كل يوم و ليلة
يعني في رمضان و ان لكل مسلم في كل يوم و
ليلة دعوة مستجابة

“Every day and night of Ramadaan, Allah Ta'aala sets free a great number of souls from Jahannam. And for every Muslim during every day and night, there is a time when his du'aa is certainly accepted”



ZAKATUL FITR

Ibne Abbaas (RA) reported:

فَرَضَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صلى الله عليه وسلم - زَكَاةَ الْفِطْرِ؛
طُهْرَةً لِلصَّائِمِ مِنَ اللَّغْوِ وَالرَّفَثِ، وَطُعْمَةً لِلْمَسَاكِينِ، فَمَنْ
أَدَّاهَا قَبْلَ الصَّلَاةِ فَهِيَ زَكَاةٌ مَقْبُولَةٌ، وَمَنْ أَدَّاهَا بَعْدَ
الصَّلَاةِ فَهِيَ صَدَقَةٌ مِنَ الصَّدَقَاتِ. { رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ، وَابْنُ
مَاجَةَ، وَصَحَّحَهُ الْحَاكِمُ }

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ enjoined Zakat-ul-fitr on the one who fasts (i.e. fasted during the month of Ramadaan) to purify him from any indecent act or speech and for the purpose of providing food for the needy. It is accepted as zakaat for the person who pays it before the Eid salaah and it is Sadaqah (i.e. voluntary charity) for the person who pays it after the salaah.

The amount for zakat-ul-fitr will be circulated during the month of Ramadaan and must be deposited into the bank account of SIA (clearly referenced FITRA) or handed to one of our Imaams or Committee Members by **no later than the 23rd March 2025**

Please remember us, the community and the whole ummah of Rasulullah ﷺ in your du'aas.

اللَّهُمَّ سَلِّمْنا لِرَمَضَانَ، وَسَلِّمْ رَمَضَانَ
لَنَا، وَسَلِّمْهُ لَنَا مُتَقَبَّلًا

“Oh Allah! Safeguard us for the month of Ramadhaan (by making us see the month of Ramadhaan fit and healthy), and safeguard the month of Ramadhaan for me (by making the conditions in it such that we take maximum benefit from it) and accept it from us.

آمين يارب العالمين

During the month of Ramadaan various programs will be held at Musjid ud Duha, some of these include:

- Daily tafseer of the taraweeh for ten to fifteen minutes
- Zikr, Nasheed recitals, Tafseer and naseeha during the odd nights of the last ten nights
- Itikaaf for the last ten days of Ramadaan - please contact Moulana Suhail at the masjid for any enquiries.

MAKHTAB

At the end of the 2024 academic year we bade farewell to Moulana Abdur Rahman Saloojee as the Principal of the SIA Makhtab. He requested to be allowed to fulfil other obligations he felt were pressing and necessary.

Moulana Suhail Sirkhot was appointed as the interim principal from the third term of 2024 to allow for a seamless transition. Alhumdulillah, we have noted the successful transition, with Moulana Suhail appointed as the principal, we now prepare for the next phase of the SIA Makhtab to create a centre of learning for the youth of our community.

The SIA Makhtab caters for daily classes for all learners based on a hybrid term structure that facilitates for both the government and private school learners; which maximises the time in an academic year.

We have also identified the first week in August which is considered as “**INTENSIVE LEARNING WEEK**”. These weeks are intended for learners to have an entire week focused on strengthening on a particular subject, primarily focused on improving Quran recitation and tajweed. Parents are urged to send their children to benefit from this intensive program, and could themselves join and broaden the outcomes for the SIA Community.

The SIA management has also formulated a training program for the development of the teachers at the makhtab.

Alhamdulillah the 2025 year has started off well and we have noted an increase in the number of learners with

- 42 new students have joined the Maktab and Hifz class.
- A grade 8 class has been added
- 10 Maktab teachers and 2 Hifz teachers
- Planned games days for the learners as well as special Ramadaan programs such as the girls iftaar and boys itikaaf

We humbly request all parents to kindly ensure Makhtab Fees is only paid into the bank account of the SIA as provided below.

The current class roster for 2025 is tabulated below.

| Class | Students | Teacher Name |
|------------------|------------|--|
| R | 16 | Apa R. Rajah |
| 1 | 12 | Apa H. Mahomed |
| 2 | 20 | Apa H. Abed |
| 3 | 14 | Apa H. Mia |
| 4 | 16 | Moulana Muaaz |
| 5 | 11 | Apa H. Parak |
| 6 Girls | 4 | Apa A. Paruk |
| High School Boys | 6 | Shaikh Aman |
| 7 | 3 | Apa A. Pandor |
| 8 | 6 | Apa H. Sirkhoth |
| Hifz | 24 | Qari Ahmed Saeed Jogiyat & Moulana Afzal |
| Total | 132 | |

PROGRAMS AT MASJID UD DUHA



EVERY WEDNESDAY

Program for Males between 18 and 25

Moulana Suhail holds regular programs, nearly every week on a Wednesday evening, focused on the youth (Males) aged between 18 to 25. The key objectives include

- **Providing the youth with advice, guidance and the tools to navigate their contemporary challenges**
- **Strengthening Quran recitation and tajweed - these continue daily after fajr as well**
- **Deliver an understanding of the necessary fiqh direction required for them in the university and work situations**

We encourage the youth from the Sandton area to exploit this opportunity and benefit from the knowledge sharing and networking opportunities.

WEEKLY

For those new to Islam

A weekly program is held every Saturday between 11h30 to 12h30 at Masjid ud Duha for those that recently reverted to Islam, for both males and females. This program provides an opportunity for continuous improvement for reverts and most importantly getting their questions answered.

Recently, a special lunch that was focused on explaining to the new Muslims the objectives and benefits of Ramadaan was held. Alhumdulillah, we had a total of 33 reverts attending of which 23 were women in attendance.

Alhamdulillah, A lady who has been coming for ladies programs took her shahada on this day as well.

As a community we need to focus on including and integrating our new brothers and sisters, in particular for the month of Ramadaan. They should be assisted and supported through the month. We invite our brothers to join us for iftaar at the masjid daily.



TAKING TIME OFF FOR OUR GRANDPARENTS

The SIA invited our grandmothers for an afternoon of fun, entertainment and networking. Alhamdulillah 27 attendees aged between 50 and 78 made time to connect and enjoy time out of their routine.

EVERY SATURDAY

Adult Ladies Enrichment Program

Every Saturday 10:30am to 11:30am with **Apa H Sirkhoth**, with a focus on Tafseer, seerah, hadith and bringing the ladies of the community together.



ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

Guiding Stars

Alhamdulillah Moulana Suhail has already completed stories of the khulafa e Rashideen, with the intention of **Learning to love the Sahabah (RA)**

The program is run every alternate week on Tuesdays after maghrib at Musjid ud Duha

EVERY THURSDAY

Thursday Evening Spiritual upliftment

Every Thursday after magrib (summer) or esha (winter) a program that includes the Forty Durood, Zikr, Naseeha and Dua is performed by either **Moulana Suhail or Qari Ahmed Saeed**.



ZAAKIRAAT

Zaakiraat Youth Club

The focus of this initiative is for the daughters of our community aged between 12 and 18 years. Alhamdulillah we just had our 3rd Fun day, which was held on the 16th February 2025. All of the programs were well attended with more than one hundred young girls attending each of the programs held.

ZAAKIREEN

Zaakireen Youth Club

The second youth fun day was held on the 15th February 2025 which was attended by nearly seventy five boys aged between 7 and 18 year. The event holds as its primary objective to bring the youth closer to the masjid and enjoy the day out with games and activities.

HOUSEKEEPING

We appeal to the community to obtain prior approval when delivering unused items to the masjid, including kitaabs, wheelchairs, etc. We would like to direct you to the relevant organisations to avoid your generous donations from being left unattended and going to waste.

Parking at SIA - We humbly request all mussallees to follow the instructions issued regards to our parking habits and never inconvenience neighbours, road users and other musallees alike.

Should the community wish to provide any constructive feedback, please send your thoughts and suggestions to one of the email addresses provided at the end of this newsletter

THE 2025 YEAR AHEAD

DAD'S & LADS

On this day, the SIA brings fathers and sons together in a Paintball / Laser Tag match to bond and unite the Ummah. Alhamdulillah, later this year we will host the 3rd Annual event of this nature.

MOM'S & TOTS

The idea is to have the toddlers spend some quality time with their moms with soft and sensory play activities and story time.

BOYS ITIKAAF

Alhamdulillah this year we will be having our 3rd annual boys Itikaaf which allows the younger kids, under 15, to connect to the masjid and practice qiyaamul layl, zikr and listen to interesting stories of the Sahabah (RA)

Boys under 12 must be accompanied by their fathers at the masjid for the entire evening.

The dates of the various activities will be communicated in due course – please be on the lookout on the various communication databases of the SIA. If you have not yet registered on the SIA database, please complete the google form. <https://forms.gle/rLjGz9wahP6VHGup6>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Alhamdulillah, we are grateful for the donations and consistent payment of fees towards the SIA makhtab. Ahead of our AGM, the following high-level financial highlights for the last financial year (FY2024/5)

- **Income:** On a monthly basis, Alhamdulillah, the SIA receives on average R200,000 per month in contributions and makhtab fees.
- **Highlight:** We collected approximately R550,000 from the 2024 SIA Golf Day, with further amounts being pledged (not yet received)
- **Expenses:** SIA's largest monthly expense items are salaries & wages at R102,000 per month, followed by utilities for three properties at R42,000 and security at R14,800 per month.

- Upkeep maintenance and extensions: Additionally, over the past 12 months, we have spent in excess of R280,000 to

- **refurbish the masjid,**
- **construct new toilets and**
- **ensure that all facilities are maintained and well-functioning (this includes regular plumbing for leaks, broken taps, alongside gate-repairs and other miscellaneous maintenance items).**

Looking ahead to 2025, we encourage our community to continue to generously contribute to the house of Allah that has become the centre of our community.

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| Name of Account Holder | The Sandton Islamic Association |
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| Type | Cheque account |
| Account number | 021 532 214 |
| Reference | SIA LILLAH |

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