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Two million to perform Hajj this year

JEDDAH -Saudi Hajj Minister, Dr. Fouad Al-Farsi said that about 1.75 million foreign pilgrims would perform Hajj this year, adding that they would be joined by some 250,000 faithful from within the Kingdom.

Speaking to reporters after opening a workshop on crowd management at Jamrat in Mina, last month, the minister said the government would carry out more projects for the welfare of pilgrims. He said the workshop was aimed at exchanging expertise and information to ensure smooth movement of pilgrims to the stoning area in Mina. About 400 Muslims from New Zealand are expected to perform the Hajj this year.



Proper Teachings, Moderation In Islam Fundamental In Curbing Extremism

KUALA LUMPUR -- Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak believes that proper teachings and being moderate are fundamental to Islam as part of how Malaysia is dealing with possible extremists in the society.

He said the government's ability to uplift the social economic status by reducing a high poverty rate of 50 per cent in the 1960's to 3.6 per cent now, apart from development and changes also contributed to the factor of success in curbing extremism.

"So you see the fruits of development actually lifting the state of social economic status of the people. First of all, if you look at the genesis of Islam in how it came to our part of the world, it was brought by Muslim traders from the Middle East and it was a peaceful conversion.

"So Islam has never really been associated with extremism and violence from day one," he said when interviewed by Fareed Zakaria in his GPS programme aired by CNN, here

Sunday night.

Najib said, however, once in a while extremists did exist whether they were in Malaysia or from a neighbouring country.

"We have to deal with it... and fortunately our security agencies, they are very, very good in taking



pre-emptive actions using the Internal Security Act which detained people without trial.

"But it is not a sort of the nearest kind of punishment. We detain you, we try to re-educate you and if you accept that Islam is moderate and you shouldn't resort to violence and

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extremism, then you will be released back to the society," he said in the five-minute interview.

On whether Malaysia supports the United States' military involvement in some parts of the world to curb extremism, Najib said 'initially it was a no' and he was quite frank about it.

"You cannot bomb extremism into submission. It is about the mixture of the hard and soft power of the United States which eventually won them more support in the Muslim world (rather) than using the military approach," he said.

On the proposal for the controversial 'Ground Zero Mosque' in New York, Najib said it somehow had weakened America's image in the Muslim world because it was a sense of the so-called phenomena of 'Islamophobia'.

Azilawati wins Thesis in Three competition at Waikato University

By Azilawati Banchit

My initial purpose in entering the competition was to abide my Supervisor's advice – as all Phd students know it is crucial to never defy their supervisors. Called Thesis in Three, the competition is for higher degree candidates to explain their theses. They must do so in no more than three minutes using only one slide, to a non-academic but intelligent audience. Sounds simple but for most of the sixty one participants who entered this year, it was not an easy task at all. This is especially true for us whose first language is not English and having only a single slide to camouflage our weaknesses is no help either.

Within six weeks to prepare before the first heat session, I had drafted tens of scripts and delivered countless practice sessions in front of the mirror, friends, my children and colleagues seeking constructive feedback.

Subdued, shy and quiet, would be the expected performance from a Muslim woman by some of the non-Muslim audience (or maybe some Muslims themselves) when I stepped onto that grand final stage at Hamilton Clarence Street Theatre on the night of 27 October 2010.

That same audience changed their entire perceptions with regard to Muslim women after that day. All because a simple Malaysian, hijab-covered woman was the first winner of University of Waikato prestigious Thesis in Three competition, beating nine other finalists. I was "passionate, expressive and witty", they claimed. Could these attributes be true? Are Muslim women allowed to be that way in public? Shouldn't Muslim women be powerless, restricted to non-public roles, and oppressed as painted by the media?

Little did I know after that historic night, that I would be able to question people's thinking about the demeanour of a Muslim woman. Here, I have to note special gratitude to all the judges in the heat and the finals who did not let any preconceived perceptions (if they

had any) cloud their evaluation. Far from being seen as a modern western feminist revolutionary, a Muslim woman must be chaste, dignified, self-respecting, and modest.

And yet she must also be eloquent in her speech and constantly seek knowledge as did the Mother of the Believers 'A'ishah (radhiyallahu anha), who was the primary source of

societal notion.

When hopelessness and fear shroud me, I remember a verse a good friend told me. "That man can have nothing but what he strives for; That (the fruit of) his striving will soon come in sight: Then will he be rewarded with a reward complete." (An-Najm 53:39-41). Alhamdulillah, during the finals' while waiting



Azilawati Banchit with her children Fatin Jamli (5), Anas Jamli (7), and Ayuni Jamli (3) plus judges Professor Doug Sutton, Sarah Bettle and Hamish Keith OBE after winning The University of Waikato Thesis In 3 Final at Clarence Street Theatre.

hadith and knowledge of the sunnah . I am humbled by the fact that my standing there that night was not only about my thesis but also to represent a part of the Muslim community here in New Zealand and maybe the whole world. My next burden is to represent the University of Waikato in the Trans-Tasman Three Minutes Thesis in University of Western Australia in 2011, Insya Allah. This competition is similar but on bigger scale as I will be competing against other participants representing their universities across Australia and New Zealand. I wonder if the audience there will have similar stereotypical ideas in mind when I first step on stage and probably by the help of Allah SWT, more Muslim women will stand together to obliterate another ignorant prejudiced

nervously for the MC, Te Radar to call me out, with my heart pounding furiously I knew that Allah the Almighty would assist. "Seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient." (Al-Baqarah 2: 153). So, trust in Allah SWT by working hard, being patient and praying constantly for His Blessings, God willing, victory will be ours. But if not, then we know that He has other plans for us. "Indeed, we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return." (Al Baqarah 2: 156).

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OIC chief warns against politics in Haj

JEDDAH: Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), has said the Haj pilgrimage is a time for worship with “no place for politics”.

Speaking from the OIC’s headquarters in Jeddah, Ihsanoglu said the organization “rejects any attempt to politicize the Haj and divert it from its spiritual contents”.

“The Islamic Ummah is highly appreciative of the role of King Abdullah, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, in the service of pilgrims and to enable them to perform their rites with ease and tranquility,” he said. “He is constantly working to quell the differences that arise between the brothers from time to time, help the just causes of the Islamic Ummah both privately and publicly, and secure peace and stability in the Islamic and Arab worlds.”

Ihsanoglu said the Islamic World was going through one of its most testing times for centuries, which would require “all its forces to unite”.

“All the governments and leading men of the Islamic World need to unite their efforts, to meet the varying political, economic, cultural, social, scientific, and religious challenges,” he said.

The OIC, he said, was playing an important role in tackling those “exceedingly difficult circumstances”, and described the last six years as having seen reforms in the OIC, including the rewriting of its charter to “match the requirements of the modern age”. “It now has a wide and comprehensive vision taking it beyond the limited role it had at the time of its creation in 1970,” he said. “Through 10-year work plan approved in Makkah in 2005 numerous programs were put in place for reform from all aspects in the Islamic World, programs marked by their realism and daring in addressing

the backwardness that has been prevalent in recent decades. We are optimistic about their success.”

Citing the words of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Ihsanoglu said the OIC had become “an important strategic partner for the United Nations”. OIC collective voting

“It has been able to create a large voting bloc at the UN with 57 votes, and play, as an Islamic entity, an important part in protective diplomacy and dispute-settling,” he said. “This is a power enjoyed by no other group at the UN. We have succeeded in uniting members of the OIC to vote collectively,

what affects the lives of Muslims in non-OIC-member countries, and we have made great headway in resolving conflict between Muslims in the south Philippines and the Philippines government, and the same in Thailand. The department for minorities at the OIC is one of our most active, and we have recruited highly-qualified and professional staff for it.”

Ihsanoglu described the Mideast peace process as for decades hostage to Israeli internal interests played out between parties.

“It is used to hold processes and grab more Palestinian land by continuing to build settlements,”

he said. “How can progress be made with an Israeli government formed of the most extreme parties? I don’t think it’s possible to reach an understanding with the extremist and racist Likud government. The situation in the Middle East cannot be allowed to continue like this. There needs to be a change of direction and an attempt to return to the Security Council to take a decision to create the Palestinian state and have it recognized

internationally and supported by the international community to make it workable.

We can only conclude that all traditional peaceful initiatives for an understanding with the leadership of Israel have proven a failure. The time for a change in that traditional model has come and to open a new page to handle the issues with a new logic.” The Israeli embargo on Gaza is one of the most important articles on the OIC agenda, the secretary general said, with numerous executive committee meetings held on the issue deciding to break the embargo and send in aid to the population, he said. Numerous aid caravans have since entered the area. een Line,” he said.



making it a force to be reckoned with by others, including the Western powers. Agreement from the Islamic group has become essential for any important decision, particularly if it has any connection to Islam and Muslims. Without that agreement it is difficult for any decision to be passed.”

Ihsanoglu cited among successes decisions addressing the distorting of religions, “with Islam at the forefront despite all the opposing forces against us”, as well as investigations into Israeli war crimes in Gaza and the Freedom Flotilla. The OIC gives “special attention” to Muslim communities in non-Muslim countries, he said.

“We follow very closely

TRUTH AND HONESTY -- TRAITS TO TREASURE

Excerpt from a Friday khutbah at Hamilton Masjid

By Dr Anis Rahman

Allah swt has advised us in the holy Quran "O you who believe! Fear Allah and side with those who are truthful" (9:119)

Priceless but Also essential Truth is a priceless trait/attribute for human beings. For us Muslim, it is a sign of Iman. Our beloved prophet SAW said "Truthfulness guides us towards good and leads us to Jannah. Lying or concealing truth on the other hand leads us towards evil and evil takes us to Jahannam".

Being truthful and honest is the only characteristic, which allows us to depend on each other, to confide in each other and to trust each other. It is the only positive aspect that brings the peace of mind and true happiness to the society. But despite being aware of it, our society is losing its importance. To change statements, to cover the truth and to even tell blatant lies has become so common. The art of twisting the facts and hiding the truth is becoming fashionable and most members of the society find it hard to turn the tide and worse even give up and join the same path.

Today's Practice

Today in business matters it is an accepted trick of the trade all around us that truth is seldom promoted. Well may be where millions of dollars are involved, one can see the obvious gain from hiding the facts, but in today's world as a matter of course, the policy adopted by most is to conceal the truth. People with ability to manipulate through such devious means are considered brainy and wise. Such people think nothing of providing a false witness, preparing

of false documents, filing of false insurance claims, making dodgy tax claims, making false promises and so on. And if some one dares to question them or stand up to them, there are many ways to silence him. Allah SWT advises us in the holy Quran "Make sure you fulfil your promises because you will have to account for each and every promise" (17:34).

The Consequences

Brothers, the negative outcome of not being truthful and honest, and

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What Allah swt teaches us is to be honest, truthful, open and trustworthy. On the day of qiyaamat the truthful, the sadiqueen will get great rewards. Allah SWT will say: "this is the day on which the truthful will profit from their truth. Theirs are gardens with rivers flowing beneath their eternal home. That is the great salvation". (5:119).

not fulfilling our promises, is that we have lost trust in each other within the society. Some times it gets so bad that we do not want to tell things to each other and even end up avoiding each other. How sad??

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Brothers and sisters concealing the truth or

telling a lie takes the peace of mind away. A person who fabricates and tells a lie is worried about others discovering it. Our prophet SAW has advised us thus, "Lying is a source of problems and worries", -something to ponder over!

The Golden Advice

Allah SWT has strongly advised us in the holy Quran to keep away from telling lies and concealing truth "So shun the abomination of idols and shun the word that is false" (22:30)..

In another place, Allah SWT says (the faithful servants of Allah are those) "who witness no falsehood, and if they pass by futility, they pass by it with honour, or they avoid it" (25:72).

Brothers and sisters we all know it and Allah SWT and His Prophet SWT have strongly emphasized the value of truth and honesty. These are the most valuable aspects of our personal life as well as our communal life. These are the proof of our Iman. These attributes are the proof of the purity of our soul. They take us closer to Allah SWT and help us reach greater heights.

May Allah swt Give us the understanding of our responsibilities and guide us all to the straight path. Ameen

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The Quran and Hadiths on the poor and needy

The Quran

Attitude of the giver of charity

Those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah and do not follow up their spending by stressing their benevolence and causing hurt, will find their reward secure with their Lord. They have no cause for fear and grief.

To speak a kind word and to forgive people's faults is better than charity followed by hurt. Allah is All-Sufficient, All-Forbearing

Believers! Do not nullify your acts of charity by stressing your benevolence and causing hurt as does he who spends his wealth only to be seen by men and does not believe in Allah and the Last Day. The example of his spending is that of a rock with a thin coating of earth upon it: when a heavy rain smites it, the earth is washed away, leaving the rock bare; such people derive no gain from their acts of charity. Allah does not set the deniers of the Truth on the right way. (2:262 - 264)

The needy who do not do beg

Those needy ones who are wholly wrapped up in the cause of Allah, and who are hindered from moving about the earth in search of their livelihood especially deserve help. He who is unaware of their circumstances supposes them to be wealthy because of their dignified bearing, but you will know them by their countenance, although they do not go about begging of people with importunity. And whatever wealth you will spend on helping them, Allah will know of it. (2:273)

Economic exploitation

And do not become like the woman who, after having painstakingly spun her yarn, caused it to disintegrate into pieces. You resort to oaths as instruments of mutual deceit so that one people might take greater advantage than another although Allah puts you to the test through this. Surely on the Day of Resurrection He will make clear the truth concerning the matters over which you differed. (16:92)

Food and the needy

Have you seen him who belies the rewards and punishments of the Hereafter? He it is who drives away the orphan and does not urge giving away the food of the poor. (107:1 - 3)

Give to the near of kin his due, and also to the needy and the wayfarers. Do not squander your wealth wastefully; for those who squander wastefully are Satan's brothers, and Satan is ever ungrateful to his Lord. (17:26 - 27)

The Hadiths

Begging

Narrated Hakim bin Hizam that the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) said: The upper hand is better than the lower hand (i.e. he who gives in charity is better than him who takes it). One should start giving first to his dependents. And the best object of charity is that which is given by a wealthy person (from the money which is left after his expenses). And whoever abstains from asking others for some financial help, Allah will give him and save him from asking others, Allah will make him self-sufficient. (Bukhari)

Abu Huraira related that the Prophet said: He who makes a habit of asking from others reaches out for a brand of Fire, so let him refrain or continue, as he desires. (Muslim)

Clothing

Ibn Abbas related that the Prophet said: Any Muslim who gives a Muslim a garment to wear will be in Allah's safekeeping as long as a shred of it remains on him. (Ahmad, Tirmidhi)

Debt: Relieving the person in debt

Abu Qatadah related that the Prophet said: If anyone would like Allah to save him from the hardships of the Day of Resurrection, he should give more time to his debtor who is short of money, or remit his debt altogether. (Muslim)

Food and the needy

Safwan ibn Salim related that the Prophet said: Anyone who looks after and works for a widow and a poor person is like a warrior fighting for Allah's cause, or like a person who fasts during the day and prays all night. (Bukhari)

Anas related that the Prophet said: If any Muslim plants something or sows seed from which a man, a bird or an animal eats, it counts as a charity for him. (Bukhari, Muslim)

Stinginess

Jabir reported that the Prophet said: Avoid doing injustice to others, for on the Day of Judgment, it will turn into manifold darkness, and safeguard yourself against miserliness, for it ruined those who were before you. It incited them to murder and treating the unlawful as lawful. (Muslim)

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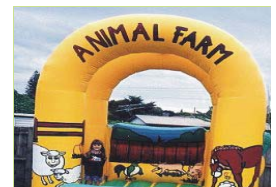
Nov 27 – 28, 2010 at Papatoetoe High School

- Opening Ceremony – Guest Speakers - 9:00am Nov 27
- Forum 7 – 9:00pm Sat, Nov 27 – Dinner will be served
- MSD – Working for Families, SKIP
- JP Services
- ACC – Safety at Home 11:30 – 12:00, Nov 27
- Ladies Fashion Show – Ladies Only – Modesty is Beautiful
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Free Health Check, First Aid
- Statistics NZ
- Cricket
- Jumping Castle
- Children Rides
- Ladies Netball – U15 and Adult
- Sporting Exhibitions
- Soccer U12, U19, Adult
- Volleyball for men
- Tug of War
- Information Stall
- National Bank
- Food Stalls
- Drink Stall – Coke Caravan
- Ice Cream Stall
- Children Games
- Price Giving Ceremony 4:00pm Nov 28

Free

HEALTH

Check



Forum – Panel Discussion
Sat Nov 27 from 7:00pm
Dinner will be served

All Welcome
Free admission



Papatoetoe High School
 Entrance from Nicholson Ave and Carlie St

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“Building Better Families”

All welcome

**27 - 28
November
2010**

Events:

**Stalls, Family Fun, Children Rides,
Netball, Ladies Activities, Fashion
Show, Soccer, Volleyball, Cricket,
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Forum

Where: Papatoetoe High School
Entrances from Nicholson Avenue & Carlie Street, Papatoetoe

Starts at 9:00am Sat 27, finishes at 5:00pm Sun 28 Nov 2010
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Building Better Families

Where
Papatoetoe High School, Carlie St, Papatoetoe
when
Nov 27 - 28, 2010

Opening Ceremony
Nov 27 at 9:00am
in the Hall



Ladies Fashion Show
10:00 to 11:00am
Nov 27 in the Hall
Ladies only

SAFETY
begins at
HOME

Safety at Home
Presented by ACC
in the Hall

11:30 - 12:00 Nov 27

Everybody is welcome to participate



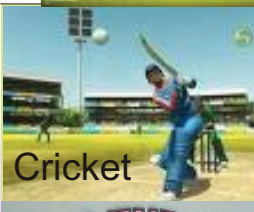
Soccer

U12, U19, Veteran

Netball for Ladies

Under15 and Adult

HEALTH
Free Health Check
Blood Pressure
Diabetes



Cricket



All Welcome
Free Admission



Forum
7 - 9:00pm
Nov 27
In the Hall

All Welcome
Dinner will be served

Stalls
Food Statistics NZ
Clothing Heena SKIP
Information Ministry of Social Development
Police

Prize Giving and closing ceremony

4:00pm Nov 28

Everybody is welcome to participate

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2011 Census

Yes, it is census time again! ... Tuesday, 8 March 2011

Statistics New Zealand's collectors will deliver forms and Internet Access Codes to your home between February 2011 and March 2011.

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Malaysia To Cooperate With OIC Members To Increase Food Supply

KUALA LUMPUR -- Malaysia says it is ready to cooperate with agricultural research institutes, especially in Organisation of Islamic Conference member states, to increase food supply and raise the income of farmers.

Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar said that farmers in Muslim countries can benefit from experts sharing their experiences and best practices.

"Initiatives must be taken to establish a platform that can help our experts share and contribute data and expertise on food production," he said at the opening of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in Khartoum, Sudan. The text of his speech was released here Friday.

Noh said the initiatives can include food supply and demand data, technical know-how, disaster preparedness, climate change mitigation and adoption of technology and disease control.

He said that Malaysia had established a "Crop of the Future" centre, a joint effort with Crop of the Future Global and University of Nottingham's branch in Malaysia to undertake research to meet the demand for food.

Noh said that greater investment from OIC members was needed to adopt new technologies that could increase food production and farm income.

"Financial institutions within OIC must commit a higher amount of funds to finance investment in agriculture," he said.

LAST CCM SEMINAR FOR THE YEAR 2010

For approximately last twelve years the Council of Christians and Muslims (NZ) Inc. has organized seminars and lectures on various subjects of mutual interest in the Auckland region. These events have not only helped in understanding the "others' perspectives" but also offered opportunities for inter-faith harmony through dialogue and mutual respect.

The last session for the year 2010 is on Monday 22nd November from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at the Ponsonby Mosque Hall, 17 Vermont, Ponsonby, Auckland.

The theme of the seminar is:

"Responsibilities of Parents from a Faith Perspective"

The Muslim speaker is Sister Waseema Ahmed, a prominent teacher and scholar originally from India and now based in Auckland.

Entry is free and everyone is cordially invited to participate. There will be Q&A session also, Inshah Allah. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Please contact Gul Zaman (2713347), Haider Lone (8453333), or Mohammed Umar Chand (2767825) for further information.

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To : Secretary, Local Associations and Trusts
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Subject : **EID-UL ADHA 1431H**
Date : 08 November 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam,

Assalaamu Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.

I pray this letter finds all of you in the very best of health and the highest of Islamic spirits.

On behalf of the Hilal Committee of FIANZ, I am pleased to inform you that the month of Dhul Hijjah 1431H started today, 08 November 2010. Therefore, **Eid-ul Adha** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 17 November 2010**, Insha Allah.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy and Blessed Eid!

May Almighty Allah Ta-aa-laa accept your Qurbani and good deeds. A'meen.

Jazakallahu Khairan Was-salaamu Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh

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