

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – SHABAAN 1433 A.H.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي وَنُؤَدِّعُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ الْكَرِيمِ

We can never thank Allah Ta'ala for his numerous blessings and bounties; only through his Fadhl (grace) and Karam (mercy) another academic year has passed.

As time goes further away from Rasūlullah ﷺ, and Qiyaamah draws nearer we are faced with new challenges, especially the harms which came upon the Ummah in the form of Modern technology. But as Hadhrat Sheikhul Hadith MI Muhammad Zakariyya رَحِمَهُ اللهُ has stated in الإعتدال " I am surprised at this question as to what should we do?"

Our deen is Millat-e-Haneefah and the Seeratal Mustaqeem (path of guidance) is distinct and our Akabireen (pious predecessors) have spelled out the way very clearly by which we can follow the beautiful Sunnah of our beloved Nabi ﷺ.

Imam Mālik رَحِمَهُ اللهُ has stated:

لَنْ يَصْلِحَ آخِرُ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ إِلَّا مَا أَصْلَحَ أَوَّلُهَا

Once Hadhrat MI Abdul Qadir Raipūri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ stated: " Some ignorant people complain that: "why do you always speak of the Akabireen?" He replied: "what can I do? I found the lives of our Akabireen, every single one of them to be in conformity with the Sunnah and teachings of our beloved Nabi ﷺ.

When we mention our Akabireen of recent times, we are referring to the likes of Hadhrat Maulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat Maulana Qāsim Nānotwi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat MI Khalil Ahmad Saharanpuri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat ml Ashraf Ali Thanwi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat ml Raipūri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat ml Ilyas رَحِمَهُ اللهُ and Hadhrat Sheikhul Hadīth ml Muhammad Zakariyya رَحِمَهُ اللهُ. In more recent times, Hadhrat ml Yusuf Binnori رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat mufti Mahmūd Shb رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat MI Maseehullah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Hadhrat MI Siddeeq Bandhwi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ and their likes.

Verily, when one saw them, they reminded us of Allah Ta'ala.

Once a detailed Fatwa – compiled in Egypt regarding the general permissibility of photography was read to Hadhrat Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. Hadhrat Shah Shb رحمۃ اللہ علیہ answered that this was not the way of our Akabireen. Hadhrat Shah Shb was a walking library and could have given a detailed academic reply but instead he pointed to the way of our Akabireen.

Today, unfortunately our link with our pious predecessors has weakened. We are not aware of their great contribution to the deen and how they lived their lives.

This was the practice of the Sahabah-e-Kirām رضی اللہ عنہم. On one occasion, pertaining to a very important matter Hadhrat Umar رضی اللہ عنہ replied if this is the opinion of Hadhrat Abu Bakr رضی اللہ عنہ, then **IT IS CORRECT**. For this very reason it is incumbent that we link ourselves with our Akabireen. I encourage all the graduating students to take Bay'ah and each one of us must make sincere efforts in regards to our Islah.

OVERVIEW OF MADRASSAH ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

1. This year 56 students will be graduating, bringing the number of graduates to a total of 740.
2. 32 have completed their Hifzul Qur'an, bringing the number of Huffāz to a total of 989.
3. Alhamdulillah six students memorized the entire Riyaadus Saaliheen and 2 students Bulughul Maraam.
4. 26 students have completed the Riwayate Hafs this year, bringing the total to 360.
5. 15 students have completed the Qiraate Saba'ah, bringing the total to 171.
6. Alhamdulillah, Tableeghi activities carried on throughout the year and approximately 35 graduating-students will be going out in Jamaat, from there 31 will be leaving for one year. May Allah Ta'ala accept their sacrifices and make it possible for others as well.
7. Insha-Allah during the month of Ramadaan, various Asaatidha-e-Kiraam and students will be performing Taraweeh locally and overseas as well.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. Alhamdulillah, this year we have launched our Madrassa Magazine, the **ISLAMIC HORIZON**. Our intent is to publish five editions on a yearly basis. Our first and second editions are out already. The magazine is in the English language and is

aimed at all our brothers and sisters. The aim of this publication is solely to propagate the pristine Deen of Allah Ta'ala.

SUBJECTS: The magazine covers various topics such as Seerah, current affairs, health issues, Taşawwuf, masaa'il from the Iftā department. To subscribe please send a request letter to publications@duzak.org. I earnestly recommend everyone to subscribe and benefit from this publication.

2. In addition, many other publication such as Badeehat –e-Qur'an, the revised edition of the translation of Deewane Shafi'i in English, Tarikhe Dastawez, Duaa ul Masnoon and many other books have been published through the Nadi-ul Arabi department. Currently, Seerajum Muneerah (the biography of our beloved Nabi in English is being published)
3. Also, the fourth volume of Fatawah Darul uloom Zakariyya, I'laamul Fi-aam (a thesis on Christianity), Fatwaawa Seerajiyah have been published and compiled under the tutorship of Hadhrat Mufti Radha ul Haqq shb.

In conclusion, we thank our honourable guests who have sacrifice their valuable time and accepted our humble invitation, particularly Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Muhammad Awwamah and his son Dr. Muhyuddeen and their respective families and also Hadhrat Maulana Salman shb, Maulana Azizur Rahman shb and Bhai Talha Shb. May Allah Ta'ala also reward all our donors, sponsors, those who placed the sound system, those who made arrangements for tonight's supper, our Teachers and students, parents and all those who've attended the Jalsah.

May Allah forgive the Marhoomeen and bless them with Jannatul Firdaus specially the late wife of Hadhrat Madani and Ahmad Chacha Patel and all the other Marhoomeen.