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CALIFORNIA JAMA'AT PROJECT: APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL ANJUMAN, LAHORE

INTRODUCTION

In view of pressing news and in order to provide you with up to date information we have issued a number of Special International Editions of *The HOPE Bulletin* during the last two months. By doing so, we have given evidence that this *Bulletin* not only covers a regular monthly issue but has the making of “weekly” and the promise of “daily” bulletins. All of our efforts are based virtually with no budget except for the dedicated sacrifices of members of our Team, who unselfishly devote their precious time for the cause of the *Jama'at*, bringing communication amongst the worldwide *Jama'ats* and above all to maintaining the integrity of the Centre and Ameer-i-Qaum.

Brother Abid Raza, President of AAIIL, New Zealand, had so rightly said that we, through the medium of *The HOPE Bulletin*, placed New Zealand on the worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya map. *Jazak Allah!* It was a pleasure for us to do so, but we could not have done it without the support of Brother Abid Raza, who provided us with scores of timely e-mail messages. *Alhamdolillah!*

Brother Abid Raza is amongst the many worldwide contributors whom we value dearly. We not only thank them all for their unstinting support but also count our own blessings. May Allah (swt) bless you all and keep you all under His protection and care at all times. *Aameen.*

Fundraising is not an easy task, but it was amazing to see during the Sydney, Australia convention how effectively Hazrat Ameer motivated each and every one present to generously and wholeheartedly contribute for the Australian mission, which he thought is a gateway and holds a promising future for our Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement in the Pacific region. *Jazak Allah!* When we drew an “Ahmadiyya Ship” in the December, 2006 issue of *The HOPE Bulletin* we placed the Australia *Jama'at* right in the front of the ship cutting waves towards new frontiers.

Australia – Related News

Taryabetti Course

During the “educational course” in Sydney, Hazrat Ameer Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed was able to deliver four lectures in one day on the subject of “Christianity in the Light of Bible.” This was well received for those who attended the last day of the course. For a while three members of the nearby church joined the class on the invitation

of Brother Zahoor ur Rahman. They left most impressed with the lecture in progress and for the first time realised that the Bible supported the unity of God and mentioned the advent of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Safia Saeed’s health

Hazrat Ameer writes:

“Safia Apa’s health is good and Allah has listened to the prayers of the members of the *Jamaats*. I thank all members of the

Jamaat who prayed for her and wished her well by writing to her and me; and to all those who have phoned to enquire about her health. Thank you all. I pray for all of you.”

Visit to Fiji and New Zealand

Hazrat Ameer also said:

“I was not able to visit Fiji and New Zealand as planned when I departed from Lahore. Retrospectively, it appears as a great blessing that the plans were

changed as the activities arranged for me were exhaustive and my not adding the other countries in my visit as planned has left me with a new vigor to attend to my duties and commitments in Holland, Germany and England.”

Erratum

In a report on the departure of some of the Pakistan delegates from Sydney we inadvertently quoted the name “Abid Sayal” when actually it

should have been “Abrar Sayal”. We regret this error.

APPEAL

Australia *Jama’at*'s project

This appeal is being circulated to our worldwide *Jama’ats* with Hazrat Ameer’s instructing. As you are aware from our Special International Editions of *The HOPE Bulletin*, approximately \$0.25 million was collected through the great efforts of Hazrat Ameer and the generous donations from the highly charged and spirited members present at the convention. *Jazak Allah*

Khaira! However, despite the generous sums collected, it still requires additional funds to meet 100 percent goal of the Australia *Jama’at* to establish a Mosque, office and school complex in Sydney. Hazrat Ameer is urging our worldwide members who could not attend the convention to kindly subscribe to this noble cause with their generous contributions. Allah

will reward them manifold for this *sadaqa jaariyya*. Aameen. We can learn a lesson from the Ishmaelis that whenever a marriage takes place in their community, each member of their group present one brick to the newly-weds so they can build a house of their own; similarly our

Australia *Jama'at* is in dire need of your "brick" so they can build a house of worship. Please don't let them down. You may send your donations direct to Australia or through the Central Anjuman, Lahore.

Central Anjuman's Official Website

Dear Family/Friends/*Jamaat*, AA,

There is an interesting new feature at aaail.org. Visitors can now 'donate' towards the Central Anjuman's Website. This means each and every one of us can contribute towards the important work being done at aaail.org. Since 1999 we have been busy archiving our Past, Present and Future. This has involved many man hours, but also a lot of resources. We hope that you will be

able to donate, and also keep this link handy for future donations:

<http://aaail.org/text/donations/donations.shtml>. The donation can be made with safety online. It is done via PayPal, a secure and trusted service. Your donations will help us go a long way in the propagation of Islam.

Hazrat Ameer's Review

HOPE coverage of Sydney Convention

I am very impressed with your reports of the Sydney Convention; your promptness was so impressive that it even gave me an insight into how I was managing all the heavy commitments I had during the convention. I have had many

people phoning me and telling me that they were pleased to get the news of my activities in Australia through the *HOPE* media. Well done and *shabash* to the *HOPE* team and you.

Comments on our "Book Review"

I am impressed with your review of the book by Karen Armstrong. It gave me a quick insight into what she has so boldly written about the Prophet

and Islam; your summary has raised enthusiasm in me to acquire this book and read the whole lot of it.

Tribute paper on the late Mian Fazl-i-Ahmad Sahib

I hope you can bring out the 'Tribute Issue' for Mian Fazal Ahmad at the earliest. He would really deserve it. I am told that even on the night of his demise he was discussing how to make the Convention 2008 in Pakistan a success. That shows how he was fully devoted to the activities of the *Jamaat*. I will ask Muddasar to scan some photos of Mian Saheb and will also include some

of the *Jalsa* photos with him in it so that the supplement has some good photos.

[Members are reminded to send in their text messages (and memorable photographs) on how the late Mian Fazl-i-Ahmad touched their lives. – *Editor.*]

Health update on Prof. Aziz Ahmad, General Secretary

Professor Aziz Ahmad has made very satisfactory recovery from his cardiac surgery and will, *Inshallah*, be joining his duties from the 6th May when he will launch his duties with the

scheduled Muntazimah meeting. We all pray for his health and hope he will be able to serve the *Jamaat* in good health. *Aameen*.

Prayer and condolence

I pray that Begum Naeem Nasrullah Sahiba gets well soon and has a long, happy life ahead of her. I hope Khalid, your brother, is continuing to improve and is responding well to treatment.

I was very grieved to hear about the sad demise of Imam Usman Ahmadali Saheb; I pray that he is blessed with high abode in the life hereafter and his near ones are blessed with patience by Almighty Allah. *Aameen*.

Suriname *Jama'at*

I wish all the new members of the SIV board the best and hope they will be able to continue the great work they are doing for the *Jamaat* under the able leadership of Haji Abdul Saheb.

I was glad to read the news of Khaliel Ghafoerkhan's nephew's marriage. I pray for its success and for the happiness of the newly wed couple.

Lahore *Jalsa* photo supplement

The photo-filled report on the *Jalsa* was very good, and special thanks to Santoe Saheb who provided all the good photos. It added the 'extra'

to your coverage of the events; obviously 'a picture is better than a thousand words'.

JAMA 'AT NEWS

The following article was taken from the *Fiji Times* (<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=62891>)

New magistrate relishes the challenge



Nazeem ud-Dean Sahu Khan, middle, with wife, Ainul, and brother Sadr ud-Dean Sahu Khan at their family home in Howell Road last night

Newly-appointed magistrate Muhammad Nazeem ud-Dean Sahu Khan is ready to take up the challenges ahead of him. Mr Sahu Khan, who worked as a private lawyer in Fiji and abroad for 16 years, said he applied for the job last November. He was happy he got the job. Mr Sahu Khan said he was ready to serve the country after working as a lawyer for so many years. He was sworn-in before acting Chief Justice Anthony Gates yesterday.

Mr Sahu Khan comes from a family of lawyers. He is the younger brother of lawyer and Fiji Football Association president Dr Muhammad Shams ud-Dean Sahu Khan. He is expected to

undergo a week's training in the Suva Court before taking up his posting in Labasa.

Mr Sahu Khan has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Tasmania and is a postgraduate holder in Legal Practice from Canberra. Before becoming a magistrate, he worked at the Lautoka law firm of Haroon Ali Shah. After his graduation, he worked as a private lawyer in his family firm Sahu Khan and Sahu Khan. He has also worked at law firms in Australia. Mr Sahu Khan will be helping to clear cases in the Labasa Court with two other magistrates.

FEATURE ARTICLE

This month's feature article was submitted by Captain Abdus Salam Khan of Los Angeles, California.

Hospitality

One of the great hallmarks of a truly Islamic society is its tradition of extending hospitality to all who come to our door. We find this tradition of unconditional and spontaneous hospitality illustrated in the Holy Qur'an, the life of the Holy Prophet, and the life of the Promised Messiah. Let me illustrate this aspect by quoting one example from each.

The Holy Qur'an provides us with an example of unconditional and spontaneous hospitality when it narrates the incident of the coming of the Lord's messengers to Abraham's tent in the words, "And certainly Our messengers came to Abraham with good news. They said: 'Salaam!' 'Salaam,' said he. And he made no delay in bringing a roasted calf" (11:69).

Notice the reaction of Hazrat Ibraheem (Abraham) when these total strangers appeared at his residence. After the initial greetings he immediately went inside and came back with a roasted calf and offered it to them, without

asking them first who they were and whether they needed food.

This spirit of unconditional and spontaneous hospitality can also be seen in the life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). It is narrated in the *Hadith* that once a Jewish guest, who had spent a night at the Holy Prophet's residence, having soiled the bedding due to uncontrollable diarrhea, departed the house in the darkness of dawn out of shame and embarrassment. When he was forced to return to ask for his body armor that he had forgotten, he found the Holy Prophet washing the soiled bedding. On seeing his guest, the Holy Prophet smiled and told him that he had been concerned about his sudden disappearance. Not a word of reproof about the soiled bedding. The Jew was so impressed by this sublime behavior of the Holy Prophet that he converted to Islam.

The same spirit can be seen in the life of the Promised Messiah. Let me quote from his biography, *Mujaddid-e-'Azam*:

“His sublime spirit of hospitality was such that his face would blossom like a flower with delight whenever a friend came to visit him. Often he would stand up to show respect to the new arrival and would seat him in a place of honour. He would then engage in inquiring after his and his family’s welfare, and would listen with rapt attention to what the guest had to say. He would then inquire about the arrangements for his stay and his preferences about food.

He had especially posted his old family servant, Hamid Ali, as a special assistant at the Guest House so that no shortcoming should happen in the hospitality shown to guests. He would time and again remind him to ensure that no inconvenience was caused to the guests. If someone stayed for a longer period, he would find out what food he was used to at his home, so that the same could be prepared for him. Although there was regular staff posted to ensure the welfare of the guests, yet he would himself extend personal care to the guests and would personally see that all steps were taken to meet their needs. Once, in the summer of 1906, having taken long leave from my job I, along with my family, went to Qadian to spend some time in the company of the Promised Messiah. It was the rainy season and very hot and humid. I was accompanied by a large family. We set off from Batala for Qadian in ox-drawn chariots at 5 pm but due to the slow pace of the oxen we reached Qadian at eleven in the night. We were lodged in Darul Barka’at. I was accompanied by small infants who were dependent on milk. I forthwith rushed to the shop of an Ahmadi milk-seller, the only such shop in the village, to buy milk, but was disappointed to see that a person before me had bought and taken all the milk. I rushed back to my lodgings

only to be pleasantly surprised that all that milk had already reached our family and had been purchased by the Promised Messiah solely for us. I surmised that when the Promised Messiah heard of our arrival and that we were accompanied by small infants, he forthwith rushed his man to the milk-seller to get all the milk he could. To anticipate the guest’s needs require a lot of insight and is a sure sign of very high-class hospitality.

Similarly, during the same stay, once when we woke up in the morning, we found that it was raining heavily. In those days water used to accumulate in Qadian during heavy rains and the streets became so full of mud that it became difficult to step out of the house. Qadian in those days was only a small hamlet, and in heavy rain all shops would be closed and all the people would be confined to their homes. No edibles could be purchased in such conditions. Food used to come from the Common Kitchen (*Langar Khana*), and no cooking could be done due to the rain. Nobody would dare to venture out of the house. In these conditions what do I see but *Daadi* (Hazoor’s maidservant) coming towards us, all drenched, holding a pot with milk in one hand and holding bread and lump sugar in the other!

When Hazoor had come to know, she said, that nothing had been cooked in the Common Kitchen, he himself got up and got together this parcel of food comprising milk and bread so that the children would have something till the food could be prepared.”

I could go and on quoting from his biography, but the time is short, so in the end I would just like to add that we have been blessed by a wonderful legacy of a long and glorious history of showing hospitality, even to strangers, and we must try our best to keep up this rich tradition.

Lesson of the Day: Don't leave your best friend behind

Submitted by Brother Zainal A. Sahu Khan, Milpitas, California

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come on in and I'll have some ice water brought right up."

The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveller asked.

"I'm sorry; sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came

to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in."

"How about my friend here?" the traveller gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump."

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, and then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveller asked.

"This is Heaven," he answered.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveller said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

***HOPE* Member Service**

Recipe of the Month

Melongene-Eggs

Ingredients

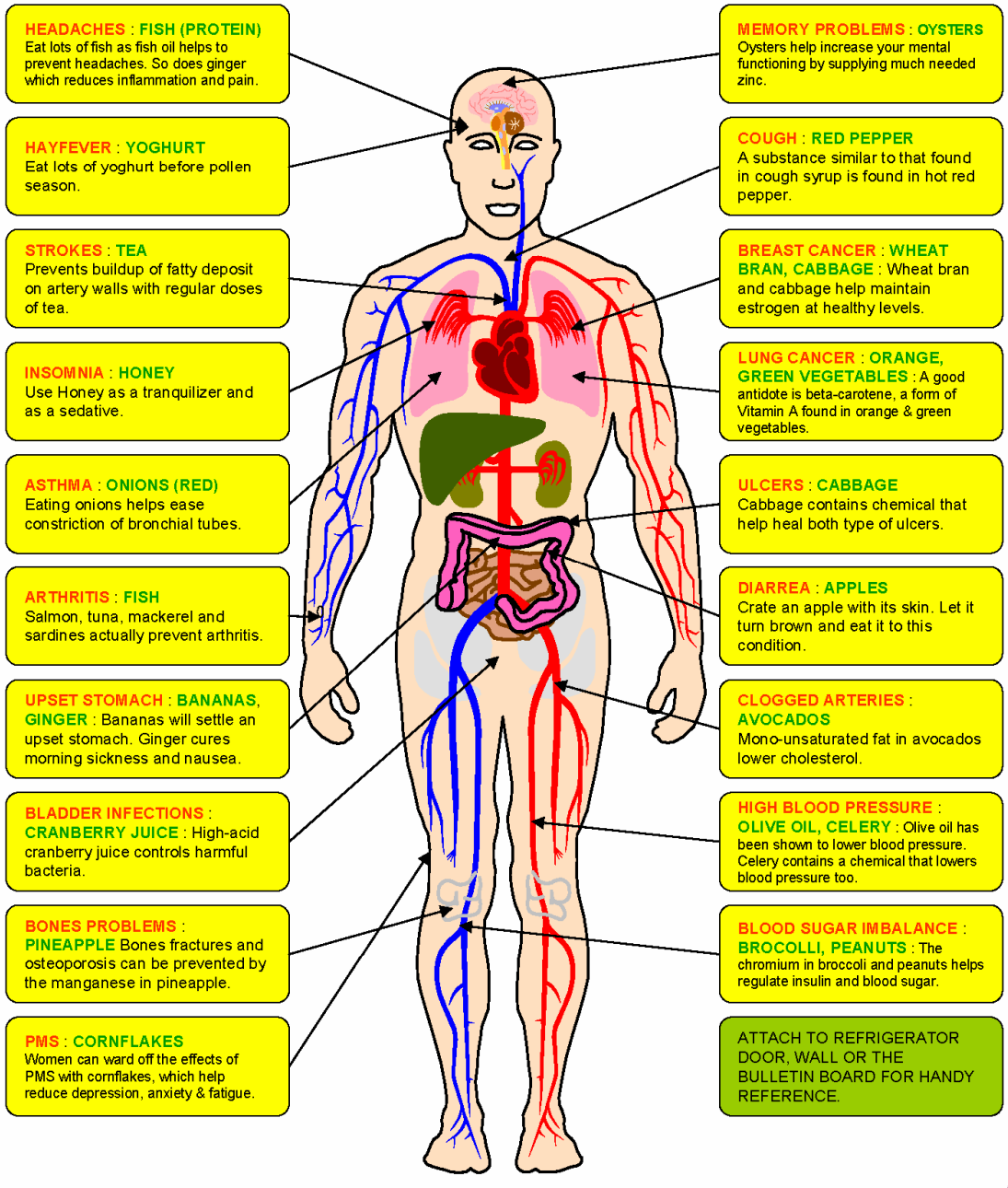
- 4 melon genes
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 eggs
- 4 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- ½ cup margarine
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method of Preparation

- Preheat oven to 190 degrees C (Gas 5). Carefully slit skins of the melongenes, place them on a baking sheet and bake in oven for 30-40 minutes until the skins begin to split.
 - Melt 4 tablespoons of the margarine in a large frying pan and fry the onion and garlic for 4-5 minutes until they become softened. Add the tomatoes and fry for an additional 2-3 minutes.
 - Peel the melongenes, finely chop the flesh and stir into the pan with the onion and tomatoes. Cook for about 4-5 minutes, stirring frequently.
 - Melt the remaining margarine in a small frying pan; add the beaten eggs and cook over a low heat until the eggs now start to set, stirring occasionally with a fork.
 - Blend the eggs into the melongene mixture, season to taste, and serve.
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Health Chart – Never Sick again

NEVER SICK AGAIN



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PHOTO GALLERY

Hazrat Ameer's visit to Holland



Welcome at Amsterdam International airport (16 May 2007)



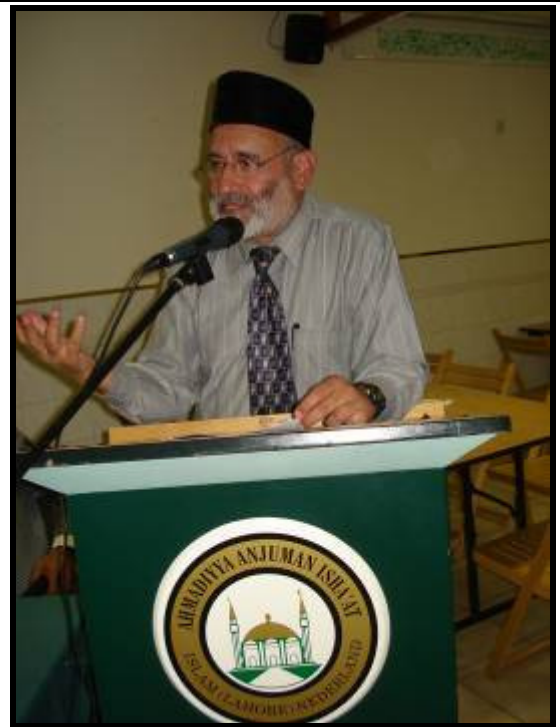
Interment of Mr. J.A. Baksoellah



With Mrs Santoe



Visit to exhibition of painting by world famous 19th century Dutch painter Mesdag, depicting canvas more than a hundred metres set up in a circular shape around visitors



Hazrat Ameer speaking at the AAJILN *Jalsa* in The Hague on 19 May 2007



Cross-section of the audience during the AAJILN *Jalsa* in The Hague

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