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**Haji Hassenmahomed of the Netherlands  
(1915-2008)**

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## INTRODUCTION

### **A.S. Abdul Santoe, Representative, European Region**

On February 22, 2008 we received the sad news of the passing away, at the blessed age of 92 years, of one of the most revered stalwarts of Ahmadiyyat in the Surinam/Netherlands Ahmadiyya community. *Inna lillaahi wa inna elaihi raadjiun.*

Hadji Hassenmahomed, widely known as Paek Miadji, was born on 12th December 1915 in the Saramacca District in Surinam, where his father, Deedar Ali Hassenmahomed, better known as Sain Baba, had founded the Qamrul Islam *Jamaat* at Leysweg, in the rural district of Surinam. Following in the footsteps of his father, Hadji Sahib soon became President of this *Jamaat*, and for the next 15 years he took to spiritual guidance as *Imam* until 1974, when he migrated to Holland.

Here in The Hague the small number of Ahmadies would assemble in respective homes to perform *Jumu'ah* prayers. With considerable efforts and sacrifices Hadji Sahib, with Mr. N. Sardar and Mr. S. Ilahibaks (*marhoom*) and many others, acquired the building at the Paul Krugerlaan, to which later on an adjacent building was added, to become the *Jamaat* Center. In all these efforts Hadji Sahib, as the *Jamaat's Imam*, played a leading role in sacrificing the little means he would earn in those pioneering days of our immigrant families to Holland.

Due to advanced age and rather weak health Hadji Hassenmahomed Sahib resigned well in his eighties. He will be remembered as a very balanced, motivating and leading spiritual figure in our Muslim Ahmadiyya community, not only in Surinam and the Netherlands but also in the worldwide community where he attended several international conventions and meetings.

## JANAZA & INTERMENT

### **Burial announcement/ report**

The interment of Hadjie Hassenmahomed took place on Monday 25 February, 2008 in the Municipal graveyard Westduin at Ockenburg Straat 27 in the AAIL (N) *Jama'at's* lot in The Hague. It was attended by a very large section of the Ahmadiyya community of Holland, including family members, relatives and many friends of the dearly departed *Marhoom* who all came to pay their last respects to him.

15:00 hours: Funeral service in the Hall of Westduin.

16:00 hours: *Janaza* prayer.

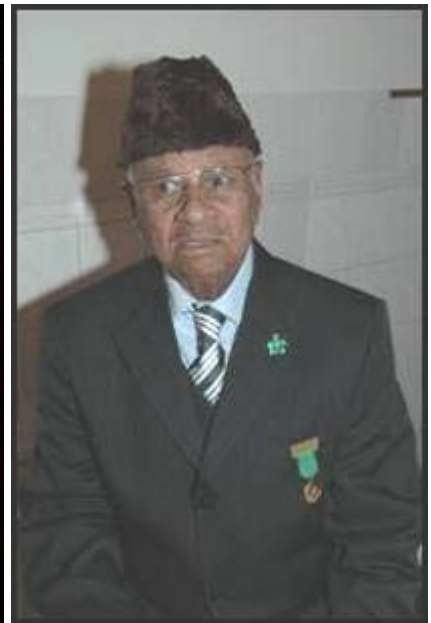
17:30 hours: Condolence assembly in the Jonker Frans Hall, Newtonplein 100 The Hague.

Memorial services were scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 19:00 hours till 21:00 hours in the Yonker Frans Hall, Newtonplein 100 in The Hague.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION



Hadji Hassanmahomed (in dark suit) flanked by other founding members:  
Mr Hoeseni, Mr Ilahibaks (marhoom) and Mr Sardar



**AAIILN International Conference in The Hague, October 2001**



Receiving the *Nur-e-Qiblah* from Mr M. Khan



With other decorated Ahmadies



With foreign delegates at conference

### 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



With Board Members



Hikmat Mahawat Khan offering congratulations

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