



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

JAMAAT UL SAHJH AL ISLAM,

An Initiative of the South Kerala branch for an

EID-UL-ADHA RETREAT 2014

Noor'ul Islam Masjid, Mathra

October 04-06, 2014



Day One (04.10.2014)

All brothers and sisters assembled before dawn at the Noorul Islam Masjid and observed the *Tahajjud* prayers. Later, *Namaz-e-Fajr* was conducted at 5.30am. This was followed at 5.45am, by *Darz-ul-Qur'an* – led by the Amir Jamaat, Mukarram R. Jamaluddeen Sahib.

At 12.50pm, *Namaz-e-Dhuhr* was observed by the congregation. It was followed by a study session of a recent Friday Sermon delivered by the Khalifatullah Hadhrat Munir Ahmad Azim Sahib (atba) of Mauritius. The Amir Sahib, in his explanatory note on the Friday Sermon, exhorted all participants to keep in mind the grave responsibilities of faith and spiritual life in all our every day deeds and dimensions, as underscored by the Imam (atba) in the original sermon.

At 4.30pm, *Salat-ul-Asr* was performed and it was followed by a study session on sacred *Ahadith* on *Namaz* – Mukarram Fazil Jamal Sahib based his explanations on the subject on the basis of Hadhrat Imam Nawawi's classic text, *Riyadh-ul-Swaaliheen*.



At 7.00 pm, *Maghrib - Isha'* Namaz were performed in combination with one another. The prayer session was followed by a special speech of the Mukarram Amir Sahib. In his speech, the Amir Sahib called attention to the significance of the month of *Dhul-Hajj* in the Islamic tradition, especially the first 10 days of the month of *Hajj*. Basing himself upon the observations of the Khalifatullah (atba) on earlier occasions on the significance of the first ten days of *Dhul-Hajj*, the Amir Sahib observed that we have chosen the same period for a spiritual retreat at the Masjid, with the sole purpose of spending more time in devotion, special prayers and spiritual discussions. As Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) has approved and encouraged such a spiritual gathering of devout members at this point of time, the Amir Sahib maintained that all those who said "*Labbaik*" to His Messenger, were essentially saying "*Labbaik*" to the Almighty Allah (swa).

Day Two (05.10.2014)

Before dawn, *Tahajjud* prayers were observed by all worshippers at the Masjid. *Namaz-e-Fajr* was performed at 5. 30am. This was followed by *Dharz-ul-Qur'an* session, led by the Mukarram Amir Sahib.

At 7.30 am, brothers and sisters reassembled for *Eid-ul-Adha* prayers at the Masjid. The Amir Sahib explained at length a special *Eid-ul-Adha* sermon of Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) that was delivered on a similar occasion in 2009. Later, the ritual *Qurbani* was performed and the meat was distributed among families and peoples in the neighbourhood. *Namaz-e-Dhuhr* was conducted at 1.00pm and it was followed by a study session on sacred *Ahadith*, led by Mukarram Fazil Jamal Sahib.

Subsequently, special Eid-feasting was offered at the home of the Amir Sahib for all those who have assembled on the occasion.

At 4.30pm, *Salat-ul-Asr* was performed and later, visiting Ahmadi relatives and other guests were warmly received at the home of the Amir Sahib. At 7.45pm, *Maghrib - Isha'* Namaz were performed in combination with one another. The prayer session was followed by a speech of the Mukarram Amir Sahib, exposing on *Surah Yaseen*.

Day Three (06.10.2014)

Before dawn, *Tahajjud* prayers were observed by all worshippers at the Masjid. *Namaz-e-Fajr* was performed at 5.30am. This was followed by *Dharz-ul-Qur'an* session, led by Mukarram Fazil Jamal Sahib, explaining the qualities of true and devout servants of Allah (swa), as emerging from a reading of the final verses of *Surah Al Furqan*.

At 9.00am, members assembled again at the Masjid and the Amir Sahib took special session on "*Nadaafat*" (Cleanliness, Hygiene and Purity). This was followed by a cleaning session in and around the Masjid premises, cleaning/washing of the prayer mats and the building surroundings in general. At 1.00pm, combined prayers of *Dhuhr* and *Asr* were offered at the Masjid.

This was followed by the final session of the Retreat, in which the participating, outstation members expressed happiness and pride at the commitment of the Amir Sahib in particular, to the incremental improvement in infrastructural facilities in and around the Masjid premises, as is apparent from the construction of an additional floor in the Masjid for the benefit of the Kerala Jamaat and the construction of a washroom/toilet complex for the visiting members. All participating members agreed to the idea of conducting the annual Jalsa at the Noorul Islam Masjid in December 2014, with the permission and subject to the approval of our beloved Khalifatullah (atba), *Insha Allah*.

On a special note, on the final day of the Retreat, a truth seeker who recently accepted Ahmadiyyat, joined us over telephone from Kochi and had a long conversation with our representative about the doctrinal differences with the *Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya Qadian* and the material evidences involved in the formation of *Jamaat-ul-Sahih-al-Islam*. After an hour long spiritual discussion, the truth seeker is convinced about the need for re-examining the premises of his spiritual understandings and has expressed a wish to examine the matter in even more detail with the help of the texts and materials suggested by our brother who attended the phone and to continue the conversation in future, *Insha Allah*. The Amir Sahib feels that we may pray for the *Hidayat* of those who are willing to approach the truth for the sake of truth.

