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## HIGHLIGHTS

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**FIRST TARAWEEH (TENTATIVE)**

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

**FIRST OF RAMADAN (TENTATIVE)**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021**

**27<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT OF RAMADAN (TENTATIVE)**

**SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021**

**EID-UL-FITR (TENTATIVE)**

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021**

**EID-UL-ADHA (TENTATIVE)**

**TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021**

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Alhamdulillah, the world has experienced one year of the extremely deadly COVID-19 virus, but we are still not 'out of the woods'. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization pronounced the virus which most likely originated in Wuhan China as having met the characteristics of a pandemic. It was virulent, contagious, and affecting a large part of the globe which meet the criteria of a true pandemic, something not seen since 1918. As Muslims we are scared and worried as the rest of the population, but we are comforted by the hadith narrated by Usamah ibn Sharik (may Allah be pleased with him). He reported that the desert Arabs asked: "Apostle of Allah, should we make use of medical treatment?" He replied: "Make use of medical treatment, for Allah has not made a disease without appointing a remedy for it, with the exception of one disease, namely old age."

In the one year of living with COVID-19 Canada has reported 902,000 cases of which 22,399 people died. We have managed the pandemic as best we can by closing down shopping malls and restricting the number of people in shops deemed essential. The wearing of masks and social distancing of 2 metres have curtailed the spread of the disease. As we all know, however, some people in the community succumbed to the illness and passed away. "innaa lillaahi wa 'innaa 'ilayhi-raaji-'uun". May Allah make it easy on the family and loved ones of the deceased and give patience to those suffering these losses.

As a result of the restrictions placed on us by the health authorities, we have been adjusting our opening of the masjid to suit the guidelines. During all the stay-at-home orders, the Masjid was closed to the public however salaah was continued to fulfil the sanctity of the Masjid. When any percentage of attendees of the building capacity were allowed to attend, the Masjid was open to the public as per the rules but only for Fajr, Asr, Maghrib, and Jumu'ah. We expect a further relaxation of the rules at which time we shall reassess our situation and open accordingly, in sha Allah.

To allow proper tracing in case of an outbreak of infection we need to keep records of attendees and monitor body temperature of all entering the masjid. We also have to provide hand sanitizers and allow people to enter in an orderly manner spaced 2 metres apart. This process requires volunteers who are difficult to find. However, we have managed to keep the masjid alive and in use with people praying on

spots separated by 2 metres. To keep the possibility of infections at a minimum the washroom and wudu areas are closed so attendees must arrive in a state of wudu and with a prayer mat.

In the meantime, we find solace in the sayings of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Abu Dharda (may Allah be pleased with him) is reported to have said that he heard the Apostle of Allah (peace be upon him) say: "If any of you is suffering from anything or his brother is suffering, he should say: '*Our Lord is Allah Who is in the heaven, holy is Thy name, Thy command reigns supreme in the heaven and the earth, as Thy mercy in the heaven, make Thy mercy in the earth; forgive us our sins, and our errors; Thou art the Lord of good men; send down mercy from Thy mercy, and remedy from Thy remedy on this pain so that it is healed up*'. 'Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) narrated: Whenever Allah's Apostle paid a visit to a patient, or a patient was brought to him, he used to invoke Allah, saying, "*Take away the disease, O the Lord of the people! Cure him as You are the One Who cures. There is no cure but Yours, a cure that leaves no disease.*"

We pray that the end of the pandemic is near now that we have effective vaccines available for all. May Allah make it easy for us, in sha Allah.

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## RAMADAN DURING COVID- 19!

By:

Imam Shaykh Abu Musa Imran Ally

**{O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you many learn piety and righteousness.} surah 2: ayah 183**

Last year (2020), the world's 1.8 billion Muslims observed the sacred month of Ramadan (traditionally a time of dawn-to-sunset fasting, communal prayers and festivities) during an unprecedented global pandemic which changed the observance in unparalleled ways.

It will surely pain all of us to welcome the glorious month of Ramadan in 2021 under circumstances that may continue to forbid many of us of special observances in the Masajid, however this is due to the protective measures necessary to continue saving lives in light of the global threat of COVID- 19 and especially with the threats of the new variants of concern.

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Not fasting during Ramadan because of COVID- 19 is obviously not permissible as fasting is a duty and a must for Muslims. Nothing can excuse a Muslim from not fasting, except as described in this ayah, **{...but if any of you is ill or on a journey, the same number (should be made up) from other days. And as for those who can fast with difficulty, they have (a choice either to fast or) to feed a poor person (for every day). But whoever does good of his own accord, it is better for him. And that you fast, it is better for you if only you know.}** surah 2: ayah 184.

The effects of COVID- 19 vary between and within provinces and territories in Canada; because of that, local public health authorities may change health measures at different times depending on where you live. As such, activities in the Masjid may vary and it's imperative to follow the public health measures and comply with its instructions, since it is the most relevant and trustworthy authority in this regard. Allaah says, **{O believers! Obey Allaah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you...}** surah 4: ayah 59

One's personal desire to do obligatory prayers at the Masjid or fulfill other religious duties comes second to ensuring the common health of the larger community. Devotional acts such as daily and weekly congregational prayers, funeral prayers, taraweeh prayers, eid prayers, and other communal activities (iftaar and classes) can be temporarily halted to avoid the real, life threatening, widespread dangers of this pandemic. Therefore, fear of viral, life threatening sickness such as COVID- 19 and the emerging variants of concern along with actual symptoms of such an alarming disease are sufficient enough reasons in our Fiqh to temporarily stop going to the masjid for daily prayers and perform the Jama'ah at home or in a more controlled, less congested environment. Therefore, all community members who are suffering from known symptoms such as dry coughing, sneezing, wheezing, upper respiratory problems or fever must stop going to the Masjid until fully recovered. The Prophet (peace be upon him) instructed us not to harm others and not to be harmed by others. It is an established Islamic axiom that "Prevention is more significant than treatment".

As TARIC has done since March 2020, we will continue to communicate through virtual technologies. This is important, as we continue to address the spiritual and emotional needs of the congregation, however we acknowledge that virtual would not substitute for that 'Masjid-congregation connection'.

TARIC will continue to virtually offer the Jumu'ah Khutbah alone however all congregational prayers in general would not be valid through such technologies. All other related programs including the complete details for Ramadan activities will be advertised through our electronic forums, in shaa Allaah.

May Allaah continue to protect us, forgive us, and accept all our ebadaat, in shaa Allaah.  
Ramadan Mubarak!

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## TARIC ISLAMIC CENTRE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

In continuing efforts to enhance the quality of virtual programs, April 9 will be the last date that the Friday Khutbah be streamed on Zoom.

In addition to the Friday Khutbah, the taraweeh salaah and all non-instructing teaching programs will no longer be streamed on Zoom after April 9. Please make alternate arrangements to continue to join these programs via YouTube and Facebook.

We sincerely apologize for this change however the programs when streamed simultaneous on Zoom and YouTube make the picture quality and the sound effects extremely poor. Thanks for understanding.

All instructional teaching programs will continue Zoom and some on both Zoom and Facebook.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEATHS:

We are sad to announce the death of:

**Br. MUSTAPHA KHAN** who passed away on August 7, 2020 in Trinidad. He was the son of the late Haji Yarsein Khan and Hajjin Khatooran Khan. He was the Husband of Halider Khan. He was the Father of Nadeem and Zeenat Khan. He was the Brother of Rakib Khan, Afzal Khan, Imtiaz Khan, Saffina Mohammed, Raffina Mohammed, Zoraida Stephensen, Raffina Damani and the late Razack Khan.

**Sis. H. SITI HALIMAH BINTI H. MUALIM**, she died on October 13, 2020 in Indonesian. She was the beloved mother of Sr. Eni who is married to Br. Saeed and their children are Mustafa and Jameel. In addition to other community involvement, Sis. Eni is a teacher at the TARIC Islamic Sunday School.

**Br. AZIZ AHMAD** who passed away on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020 in Scarborough, On. He was the husband of Sr. B. Ahmad (daughter of the late AD Hack). He was the Father of Mansoor Aziz and the late Imran Aziz. He was the uncle of Sis. Bibi Uddin.

**Br. H. AGUS MUSTOPA**, who died on December 17, 2021. He was the brother of Sis. Eni.

**Br. ALLY POONAH**, who died on January 20, 2021. He was the husband of Mariam Poonah. The father of Fairoze and Faryal. Grandfather of 5. He was a dedicated member of the TARIC Islamic Centre and its accountant (his profession). He was also very active in many circles of Islamic work including at Coopers Masjid in Mississauga.

**Sis. NAZAREEN UDDIN** who died on January 21, 2021 in Berbice, Guyana. She was the eldest sibling of Br. Kamaluddin Uddin (an Executive member of the TARIC Islamic Centre) and others.

**Sr. NAZMOON ALI**, who died on March 8th, 2021, in Brampton, ON. She was the Wife of the late Mohammed Farouk Ali. The Mother of Zamaul, Ashna, Fazie, Camela, Khalid, Gibraan, Zahid and Zorina. She was the Sister of Shereen (d), Badrool (d), Nizam (d), Kayyam, Kalam and Ilham. She was the Grandmother of 17 and Great Grandmother of 21.

**Br. AT-TAHIR ABU BAKR EL-FUQHI**, who died on March 18, 2021 in Libya and was just over 100 years of age. He was the paternal grandfather of Qari Mohamed El-Fuqhi.

*'Innaa Lillaahi Wa 'Innaa  
'Ilayhi-Raaji-'Uun''*

*"Verily From Allah (St) We Came  
And To Him Is Our Eventual Return"*

## DONATIONS

You can continue to make your donations to TARIC by dropping off your donations in the secure drop box at the masjid, please ensure you include your name, address, and telephone number so we can send you a receipt. You can also send your donations via e-transfer through which there is no fee to transfer funds to TARIC and the funds are received within minutes of the transfer. The only information you would need is our e-mail associated with our account [deposits@taric.org](mailto:deposits@taric.org)

## GOOD DEEDS – DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON

When we do good deeds, we do these only for the rewards from Allaah (subhanna wa talla). When the deed is done, we do not “stick-around” to see who observed us doing this good deed, nor do we wait to see if there is some sort of material reward. Such is the case in the following letter, which we recently received:

*Hello,*

*I hope you are doing well and keeping safe.*

*I know this is a very random email but wondering if anyone there can help me. About 20 years ago I was living at a house on Weston Rd and 401 and my mom was stabbed. As she was being put in the ambulance to rush her to hospital, she kept yelling out that she didn't want to leave my sisters and I all by ourselves because we were very young, and she also didn't want children's aid to take us and split us up. As the officers and EMS were closing the ambulance doors, a random stranger happened to walk by with a friend. They had just left the mosque. She told my mom to go and get better and she will babysit us. At that point, she was rushed to hospital and she was very concerned because she didn't know this lady. My mom ended up staying in the hospital for about a month and this lady stayed in our home and cooked for us everyday and put us into bed. We learned so much about her and felt like she was an angel sent to us. Once my mom finally came out of hospital, she hugged us all and left and we have never seen her again. We were too young to remember her name, but I remember her appearance. Please help me find her, I know she comes to the mosque over there.*

*She is a white woman who converted and wore a hijab. She was thin, young, and beautiful, green or blue eyes and very soft spoken. My sisters and I have tried to search for her but cannot find her online anywhere and it's especially hard without remembering her name. If you have someone who matches that description, please ask them about this story and if it's her...*

*My sisters and I would love to see her again and thank her for everything she did for us.*

*I appreciate this with all my heart  
God bless.*

If you have any information on his person, please contact TARIC at [taric@ican.net](mailto:taric@ican.net)