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(Shaykh Abu Musa)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### DHUL HIJAH

**THE HILAL COMMITTEE OF THE GREATER TORONTO AREA HAS CONFIRMED THE SIGHTING OF THE NEW MOON, ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY JUNE 29, 2022, FOR THE START OF DHUL HIJAH.**

**DAY OF ARAFAH (9<sup>TH</sup> OF DHUL HIJAH) – FRIDAY JULY 8, 2022  
EID UL ADHA (10<sup>TH</sup> OF DHUL HIJAH) – SATURDAY JULY 9, 2022  
EID SALAAH TIMES: 7 A.M., 8:30 A.M., AND 9:30 A.M.**

### EID UL ADHA DINNER

**SATURDAY JULY 16, 2022; 6 PM**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR FROM EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.  
PLEASE SEE OUR FLYER WITH PURCHASING LINK ONLINE AT:**

[taricislamiccenter@facebook.com](mailto:taricislamiccenter@facebook.com)

[www.taric.org](http://www.taric.org)

**TICKETS: ADULTS \$25  
CHILD (UNDER 13) \$15**

### TARIC SUMMER DAY CAMP 2022

**JULY 4-AUGUST 12 (6 WEEKS)**

**CURRENTLY AT CAPACITY**

**THE TORONTO AND REGION ISLAMIC CONGREGATION**  
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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Alhamdulillah, after more than two years of restrictions worldwide due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are able by the grace of Allah, to once again return to our masjids and offer our salaah, as we did before the pandemic. It was a great relief to offer our Taraweeh salaah once again in congregation and listen to the beautiful recitations of our qaris, Shaykh Samir Elbelazi, Shaykh Mouwafeq Sherlala, and Qari Mohamed Elfuhi. As we come out of this pandemic, we note the presence of another potential sickness on the rise. This is the monkeypox. We should all be cautious and understand from the experts what is required to minimize the risk of being infected.

We pray for those who have lost their lives and are suffering, from the devastation of the recent earthquake. TARIC will be making a contribution to one of the relief organizations.

As we move through life, one thing that we are sure to experience is change. Following our last Annual General Meeting elections, there have been some changes to our executive council that we would like to announce.

I, Fareed Mohammed J. Ali, P.Eng., will now serve as Chairman, formerly held by Br. Haroon Salamat, P.Eng. Br. Kassim Mohammed will now serve as the Assistant Chairman, formerly held by Br. Rakib Khan. Sr. Ayesha Mondal will now serve as Secretary, formerly held by Sr. Aasha Abdool. Returning as Treasurer is Br. Ahmed Abdallah. Returning executive members include Br. Dawood Auckbarulle, Sr. Celene Chotai, and Br. Kamaludeen Uddin. An outgoing executive member is Sr. Raffina Ali. Incoming executive members include, Br. Reead Rahamut, Br. Arif Assim, and Br. Zahir Hosein.

On behalf of the new executive council, Imam Shaykh Imran Ally, and TARIC members, I would like to sincerely thank Br. Haroon, Br. Rakib, Sr. Aasha, and Sr. Raffina for their outstanding work, dedication, and commitment over the past years.

Br. Haroon Salamat is a founding member of TARIC and has been the chairman of this organization since its inception in 1977. Over the years, he has led a team of dedicated members to achieve a dream of having our own masjid where our community can pray, play sports, and have social gatherings without having to resort to renting private spaces. Our masjid was opened in 1991 and has been very vibrant ever since.

Br. Rakib Khan joined TARIC shortly after it was formed. He served as an executive member from 1989 and then as Assistant Chairman since 1993. He has done an immaculate job and has been a strength of support for Br. Haroon.

Sr. Aasha Abdool and her parents were also there at the inception of this organization. Her father, the late Br. Afzal Abdool, was a founding member and served as Secretary from 1977 to 2012. Sr. Aasha served as Secretary from 2012 and truly maintained the excellent job done by her father.

Sr. Raffina Ali has been with the organization since shortly after it was formed. She has served on the executive council since 2005 and has always been hard working and dedicated.

May Allah s.w.t bless them all for the great work they have done and grant them good health, happiness, peace, and contentment. May He grant them and their families good in this world and the Hereafter.

We would also like to thank Sr. Gemma Salamat, Sr. Soraya Khan, and other family members of Br. Haroon, Br. Rakib, Sr. Aasha, and Sr. Raffina for the great support they provided in allowing them to serve this community.

Further, we would like to thank all past executives and members who have worked tirelessly to make this organization a success. May Allah s.w.t. bless them tremendously.

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We are now in the blessed and holy month of Dhul Hijjah. This year the Hajj will be performed as was done before the pandemic restrictions, but with new challenges and uncertainties. May Allah s.w.t make it easy for all the Hujjaj and accept their Hajj unconditionally.

We will be having three salaah for Eid ul Adha and we ask that you check our website, Facebook or Instagram pages for updates of times and khateebahs.

May Allah s.w.t. grant us success and the wisdom to make good decisions. Aameen.

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## EID AL-ADHA – THE FESTIVAL OF SACRIFICE

By:  
Imam Shaykh Abu Musa Imran Ally

Eid al-Adha is observed on the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah (the 12th and last month of the Islamic lunar calendar). Dhul Hijjah is one of the four sacred months in the Islamic calendar in which Eid al-Adha – the Festival of Sacrifice takes place, as well as the Hajj (pilgrimage) – an obligation that is only required once in a lifetime. Allaah says, **{Call all people to the pilgrimage. They will come to you on foot and on every lean camel from every distant path.}** al-Qur’aan – surah 22: ayah 27

Abu Hurairah (may Allaah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) was asked, “Which deed is the best?” The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “Belief in Allaah and His Messenger.” He was asked again, “What is next?” The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “Jihad [striving] in the cause of Allaah.” He was further asked, “And what is next?” He said, “Hajj mabroor [i.e. an accepted Hajj]”. Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim

In today’s world, there’s a deadly disease harming humanity. That disease is racism and it’s our obligation to stop it. Here’s a powerful and

inspirational excerpt of a letter from El Hajj Malik El Shabazz (Malcom X) which he wrote regarding his Hajj experience. In it, he explains what it was during this blessed journey that made him so profoundly shift his perspective on race and racism: *“There were tens of thousands of pilgrims, from all over the world. They were of all colors, from blue-eyed blondes to black-skinned Africans. But we were all participating in the same ritual, displaying a spirit of unity and brotherhood that my experiences in America had led me to believe never could exist between the white and the non-white. You may be shocked by these words coming from me. But on this pilgrimage, what I have seen, and experienced, has forced me to rearrange much of my thought patterns previously held, and to toss aside some of my previous conclusions. This was not too difficult for me. Despite my firm convictions, I have been always a man who tries to face facts, and to accept the reality of life as new experience and new knowledge unfolds it. I have always kept an open mind, which is necessary to the flexibility that must go hand in hand with every form of intelligent search for truth. During the past eleven days here in the Muslim world, I have eaten from the same plate, drunk from the same glass and slept in the same bed (or on the same rug)-while praying to the same God with fellow Muslims, whose eyes were the bluest of the blue, whose hair was the blondest of blond, and whose skin was the whitest of white. And in the words and in the actions and in the deeds of the ‘white’ Muslims, I felt the same sincerity that I felt among the black African Muslims of Nigeria, Sudan and Ghana. We are truly all the same-brothers. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.”*

Malcom X believed that Islam is the solution to the problem of racism. It’s therefore, necessary that we do our part as Muslims by monitoring our individual biases towards those who are different from us. We must ask ourselves, “Do we believe in the Islamic teaching of equality?” It’s only within the perfection of character and excellence of our Deen that we can become righteous individuals in the eyes of Allaah and the eyes of society.

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As the Hajj experience did for Malcom X, may our Hajj experience (in shaa Allaah) transform us to perfect our character and become more obedient to Allaah, aameen.

Muslims observe Eid al-Adha with all the necessary etiquettes and rituals including an animal sacrifice for those who can afford. Some etiquettes on the day of Eid al-Adha are:

1. It is recommended not to eat until after the salaah, when one should eat from the meat of one's sacrifice (if possible).
2. Ghusl (taking a bath).
3. Wear one's best clothing.
4. Takbir on the day of Eid.
5. Pray the Eid al-Adha salaah.
6. Congratulate one another.
7. Change route on returning from salaah place.

Eid al-Adha reminds us of our history that after Prophet Ibrahim (on whom be peace) had proven his willingness to follow the command of Allaah to sacrifice his son, Allaah made available a ram for him to sacrifice instead. For Muslims, the animal (sheep, goat, cow or camel) sacrifice is to commemorate the legacy of the Prophet Ibrahim (on whom be peace) whose willingness to sacrifice his son is seen as a great test of faith and complete obedience to Allaah and His commands. Allaah says, **{Neither their meat nor blood reaches Allaah. Rather, it is your piety that reaches Him. This is how He has subjected them to you so that you may proclaim the greatness of Allaah for what He has guided you to, and give good news to the good-doers.}** surah 22: ayah 37

The meat of the sacrificed animal should be divided into three equal parts:

- One part for the person in whose name the sacrifice was done.
- One part to be shared among their family, friends or neighbours.
- One part to be given to those in need.

While offering a sacrifice at Eid-ul-Adha on behalf of the deceased can be permissible, all the meat from this sacrifice must be given to the poor and the needy.

Each one of us can derive numerous lessons from the obedience of Prophet Ibrahim's (on whom be peace) to Allaah's command by following such obedience in our lives to include the acceptance of Allaah's command in our lives. We may not understand the divine wisdom behind situations in our lives but putting our trust in Allaah as did Prophet Ibrahim (on whom be peace) will allow us to have patience and accept the divine outcome in our situations.

Taqabba lal-laahu minnaa wa minkum – may Allaah accept from us and from you. Eid Mubarak and may Allaah grant you and your family success in both worlds and reckon all of us to be from among the righteous, aameen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Br. Imtiyaz Khan** passed away peacefully on Sunday May 22, 2022. He was the husband of Sister Naseema Subratee-Khan, and father of Narissa, Karima and Maryam.

**Sr. Zulaikha Shah** passed away in Trinidad, on Thursday June 23, 2022. She was the sister of Br. Kamal Amjad Ali and Sr. Zaniiffa Khan.

May Allah s.w.t. forgive them and have mercy on them.

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

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