

# Islamic Center Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

### MONTHLY GATHERING

Saturday, October 25, 2003  
5:30 pm

#### HOST FAMILIES

Tahir & Nabila Sharif  
Abdul Hafeez & Tahira Fauq

#### NOVEMBER 2003

#### HOST FAMILIES

Khadim & Nighat Hussain  
Dr. Jawaid & Mahrukh Hussain  
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### ICNEF BOARD MEETING

Sunday, October 26, 2003  
After Zuhr Prayer

### TARAWEEH PRAYERS

During Month of Ramadhan  
7:30PM Every Night

Articles News Announcements

#### FOR NEWSLETTER

Please submit by  
Friday, October 24, 2003

#### ICNEF WEBSITE

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## PREPARING FOR RAMADHAN

The sacred month of Ramadhan has come to visit us once again. The Qur'an reminds us that the purpose of Ramadhan is to increase our *taqwah* (consciousness of Allah) through increased acts of worship.

Our Beloved Prophet (PBUH) informed us that life is but a fleeting moment and therefore it should be rightfully spent in the obedience of Allah. This state of obedience should regulate all our affairs every single day of our lives.

The Creator of the Universe tells us in the Holy Qur'an that he who will stand in front of Him on Judgment Day with a pure heart will be successful. The attainment of this elevated status can only be achieved by instilling *taqwah* in our hearts.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said regarding the Day of Judgment, that a person's judgment begins the moment he/she enters the grave. As the body is the being to its grave, the *ruh* (soul) of the dead person is suspended above the body and it is at this point that the final destination will be known. The *ruh* that has led a life of obedience to Allah will request that those carrying it to the grave rush as it longs for the pleasure of the Hereafter. And the *ruh* that has led a life of disobedience will cry out and beg to return to the world.

We should use Ramadhan as a golden opportunity to fill our hearts with *taqwah* and carry it throughout every day of our lives, so that we may attain the satisfaction of our Holy Creator.

Fasting: It is recommended to fast some days in the months of Rajab and Sha'baan, as it is the time during which an individual's acts or deeds are presented before the Holy Creator. Fasting will also get the body accustomed to the physical and mental strain of fasting during the entire month of Ramadhan.

Praying *Nawafil* and *Tahajud*: will get one used to standing for long periods of time as is the cause with *Taraweeh* prayers. This extra worship draws a believer closer to Allah.

Reading Qur'an: is a good practice as it helps the believer come closer to Allah, through understanding and implementing His commandments.

Refraining from Gossip, Slander, and Backbiting: Controlling the tongue is very important, as backbiting is not encouraged in Ramadhan or in any other month. "O ye who believe! Avoid suspicion as much (as possible): for suspicion in some cases is a sin: And spy not on each other behind their backs. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Nay, ye would abhor it...But fear Allah. For Allah is Oft-Returning, Most Merciful." (49:12)

## 40TH ANNUAL ISNA CONVENTION

Homa Mojadidi

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual ISNA Convention was held at the McCormick Convention Center in Chicago during Labor Day weekend. The theme of this year's Convention, embodied in the following verse of the Quran, was "Islam: Enduring Values For Daily Life:" "Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, that you may receive admonition." [16:90]

This year's ISNA Convention, which coincided with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington and his "I Have A Dream Speech," emphasized the historic struggle for civil liberties that African Americans and other minority groups had to through in this country. "We owe our civil liberties to the civil leaders who stood against oppression and struggled against it," said Hamza Yusuf. He emphasized that Muslims need to "be willing to sacrifice and struggle to change this society the way people before us had to," if we are to maintain our civil liberties today.

This year's Convention was also very unique and refreshing in its variety of arts and entertainment programs which included the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ISNA Film Festival, an extremely humorous and culturally relevant play titled "My Big Fat Arab Indian Wedding," Spoken Word Poetry, an art show, a calligraphy workshop, and a Tai Kwan Do show performed at the Sisters' Event Night. The musical performances included amazingly talented groups such as Native Deen, 786, and Nasheed performances by Sami Yusuf. All of these young artists and performers dazzled the audience with their talent, creativity, and above all, their love and passion for this beautiful religion of ours and for our beloved Prophet (PBUH).

During "Expressions of Faith," an Islamic arts panel discussion, Shukri George, a representative of the hip hop movement in New York City, spoke about how he uses hip hop as a *da-wa* vehicle to teach inner city kids about self-esteem and discipline. Filmmaker Zarqa Nawaz spoke about her short satire films such as "BBQ Muslims," "Real Terrorists Don't Belly-dance," and "Death Threat," in which she explores "negative Muslim cultural stereotypes." Daisy Khan, the Executive Director of Asma Society, a not-for-profit, religious cultural and educational organization in New York City, said the objective of Islamic art should be pursuit of spiritual growth. "God is beautiful and loves beauty," she said, "the purpose of Islamic art should be to evoke the beauty of God. Art simply for art's sake becomes ostentatious."

I was extremely touched and encouraged to see that not only is Islamic art (or the art produced by contemporary Muslim artists), alive and well but thriving, especially among the younger generation of Muslims. It was a sheer joy to see young Muslim artists and performers not only being as entertaining, creative, and as dazzling as the best non-Muslim artists and performers of today, but to know that they are using their talent to be a positive influence on the Muslim youth.

I would like to share some of my favorite quotes from the different and highly inspiring sessions of ISNA which I attended, with the community. I hope you will be as inspired as I was.

"It's not good enough to become a better person. All converted religious scholars now help other people believe and become better people after accepting Islam - we must do the same." Siraj Wahhaj

"We Muslims can transform and make this world better. You should pray as if everything depends on God but we must work as if everything depends on us (even though it doesn't)." Siraj Wahhaj

"The heart that is filled with the love of Allah is filled with the desire to serve the creatures of Allah." Zaid Shakir

"He (The Holy Prophet PBUH) was at the highest spiritual station which articulated itself in servitude to the *Ummah* and humanity." Zaid Shakir

"Seeds of peace and happiness are *adl* (justice) and *rahm* (mercy)." Mokhtar Maghraoui

"[I should know] that whatever befalls me is through God, even though it reached me through an other instrument...the one who gave the *Ne'ma* (blessing) is the one I should thank, not the messenger of that *Ne'ma*." If I use that blessing the way He intended it to be used, I am being *Shakir* (grateful), but if I use it the way He did not intend it to be used, then I am *Kaafir* (in denial) of that blessing of Allah. Mokhtar Maghraoui

"The *qalb* (heart) was created to connect with its Creator, to be in *zikr* (remembrance) of its Creator, to be connected with its Creator." Strengthen the *qalb* because when you strengthen the *nafs* (self) you weaken the *qalb*, and you stain the mirror inside which you see the world and the humanity we want to serve. Mokhtar Maghraoui

## HOSTING IFTAR

It has been a tradition for families to break their fasts together in Ramadhan. This year, as in the past, the Islamic Center will be available for those wanting to host an Iftar for the community. The hosting families will not only be responsible for providing food and drink, but also for cleaning the kitchen and dining areas. If you are interested in hosting a particular day, please either sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board or contact Br. Shakur Bolden at 642-7039. Assignments will be on a first come basis.

## THE PHILOSOPHY OF FASTING IN RAMADHAN

I mam Ghazali divides fast into three groups:

1. Fast of the layman: This is of a very inferior nature, for he refrains not, save from eating, drinking and sex relations.
2. Fast of a comparatively spiritually superior person: Such a person protects the eyes, tongue and ears as well, from unrighteous acts; as mentioned in the above tradition narrated by Hazrat Abu Hurairah (RA).
3. Fast of those who have attained the highest spiritual order: These are the *Auleyaa Allah* (i.e. the saints of Allah). They have the fullest control over their thoughts as well. They are absorbed, soul, mind, and body in the meditation of the Infinite Being and give not the slightest thought to their worldly affairs. They have entrusted themselves, soul, mind, and body into the hands of Allah. A mere thought of "*Ghairullaah*" (i.e. anything besides Allah), though permissible in *Shara*, is liable to break their fast. Thus, this type of fast is the most superior of all.

May Allah grant us all this spiritual stage, by the dint of His infinite mercy and absorb us in His Infinite Being, soul, mind, and body. Ameen

## SAWM

Originally, in Arabic the word '*as-Sawm*' meant '*al-Imsak*', that is, to abstain totally from any act including eating, drinking, walking, speaking, etc. Thus, the Arabs used to refer to a horse refusing to run or to be fed, as '*Sa'im*', that is, fasting. As is clear, the word '*Sawm*' is ancient and was used in a different context by the Arabs before Islam. Then, however, it did not have the specific meaning given to it by Islam as a term denoting a certain religious obligation. As an Islamic term, it means to refrain intentionally from what breaks fasting.



## ETIQUETTE OF SUPPLICATION

Dua cannot be done in a distracted manner, as the Prophet (PBUH) said: "Make dua and be assured of being answered, and know that God Almighty does not answer a dua from a careless heart which is not concentrating." (Tirmidhi).

Please do not say that God Almighty knows what you need. It is true that He does, but He also loves to hear from you. Consider this Hadith: Abu Huraira related that the Prophet (PBUH) said: "God Almighty is angry with those who do not ask Him for anything." (Tirmidhi).

## ADVANTAGES TO SUPPLICATION

Realization of worship of God Almighty, humbleness towards Him and trust in Him.

Answering of one's request either through the granting of good or by the prevention of harm.

Save the reward with God Almighty if the request is not granted in this world.

Supplication expresses sincere monotheism through the crushing of dependency on people and yearning for their favor.

## SUPPLICATIONS FOR RAMADHAN

Intention to keep fast:

وَبِصَوْمِ غَدٍ نَّوَيْتُ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ  
I intent to keep fast today for the month of Ramadaan

Intention to break fast:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي لَكَ صُمْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ  
O Allah. I fasted for You and I believe in You and I break my fast with Your sustenance

Muslims are warned against overeating and overdrinking: "And eat and drink but waste not by extravagance, certainly He (Allah) likes not the extravagance." (7:31)

Furthermore, the Messenger of Allah said: "The son of Adam never fills any pot worse for him than his stomach. The son of Adam only needs that which will support his body. If he has to (eat or drink more than what is barely enough for his sustenance), then let him reserve a third (of his stomach) for his food, another third for his drink, and the (last) third for his breathing." [Tirmidhi].

## STARTING HIJAB

Sumaira Rajpoot

**M**y name is Sumaira Rajpoot. I am 14 years old and I attend Orange Park High School. This summer I had a lot of fun, but the best part was me becoming a full time hijabi! Wearing hijab is not only fun; I've seen that it makes you feel much better. I decided to become a permanent hijabi because I felt ready to go out and let the world know that I am Muslim, not just some other girl in high school. I'm someone different. I encourage any girl who is scared or uncomfortable, who feels she is not strong enough to do this yet, to forget about that and just do it! My great friends, Henna Shah, Faridah Abdullah, & Sahar Quraeshi have been asking me to start since 6th grade. When I finally did start, I thought to myself, "Hey why didn't I just do this a long time ago?" It's so easy and so much fun. Wearing hijab is seen as something difficult and intimidating because girls are afraid that someone will make fun of them or be hostile towards them. Yet this isn't what really happens—actually everyone asks you questions and you don't have to be nervous to say, "Yeah, I'm from Afghanistan," or "Yes, I am from Pakistan". It makes you stand out in the crowd and everyone respects you much more. Even your teachers give you more respect in the classroom. Sure, at first it was a little weird to have people stare at me, but the thing to do is just stare right back and ask them "Is there a problem?" If they say something rude such as "Go home!" or "You stupid Muslim!", all that needs to be said is, "Please do not disrespect me or my religion—I'm not calling you names." Nothing of this nature has happened to me yet, but if it were to, all my friends would stick up for me. This all goes to show that wearing hijab is rewarding—if you don't wear hijab, you should definitely start now.

## HADITH

**T**he Messenger of God Almighty (PBUH), said: "When God Almighty created Paradise and Hell-fire, He sent Jibreel to Paradise, saying: 'Look at it and at what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants.' So he came to it and looked at it and at what God Almighty had prepared therein for its inhabitants. So he returned to Him and said: 'By your glory, no one hears of it without entering it'. So He ordered that it be encompassed by forms of hardship, and He said: 'Return to it and look at what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants.' So Jibreel returned to it and found that it was encompassed by forms of hardship. Then he returned to Him and said: 'By Your glory, I fear that no one will enter it.' He said: 'Go to Hell-fire and look at it and what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants;' and he found that it was in layers, one above the other. Then he returned to Him and said: 'By Your glory, no one who hears of it will enter it.' So He ordered that it be encompassed by lusts [or desires]. Then He said: 'Return to it.' And he returned to it and said: 'By Your glory, I am frightened that no one will escape from entering it.' [Tirmidhi].

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"It was Islam that made Martin Luther King, Jr's dream a reality (1400 years ago). It didn't happen in the valleys of Mississippi or Georgia but in the sands of Arabia where a freed Habashi slave Bilal, Salman Farsi, and Europeans sat together as equals." Zaid Shakir

"If you give with generosity to a noble person, you possess that person, but if you give to an ignoble person, you get resentment and contempt." Arab poet quoted by Hamza Yusuf

"There is no clash of civilizations because there isn't more than one civilization. Civilization means to cultivate civilized qualities and fully develop our humanity, to become people of the house (*ahlul bayt*), like the family of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)." Hamza Yusuf

"Why have so many Muslims learnt the worst of western civilization? We have to ask ourselves this question. We have not even learnt to stand in lines, the basic civilizing forces of *adab* (manners) and courtesy that were so common in the Muslim world." There's a Hadith of the H.P. (PBUH) "The Lord has made me courteous and what an excellent courtesy He has given me." Hamza Yusuf

"When ethics go, the civilization goes with it." Hamza Yusuf.  
"Even to feel guilty about your sins is a level of faith because a person who doesn't feel guilty about his/her sins is dead." Abdalla Idris Ali

"Wrongdoing starts with rebellion, first against parents, teachers, elders, and ultimately against God." Abdalla Idris Ali

"Choose the company that always reminds you of Allah and fear Allah...we destroy what Allah has inculcated in us by bad company because we do injustice to ourselves." Abdalla Idris Ali

"The outward is only an expression of the inward, a vessel can only give out what it contains." Hamza Yusuf

"Islamic art has to convey Islamic ideals of beauty, God's and nature's beauty, and devotion to the Creator." Daisy Khan

"If your prayers in public are better than your prayers in private you have *riya* (ostentation)." The Holy Prophet (PBUH) used to pray "Allah, make my private life better than my public life." Muzammil Siddiqi

"Love of Allah extinguishes anger." Muzammil Siddiqi

**"Allah will not accept any deeds until you seek the face of Allah (SWT)." Hadith**

**"Allah make all my actions good and make them all for your sake."  
Hazrat Umar Ibn Khattab (RA)**

## RAMADAN SCHEDULE 1424 H

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"O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you,  
that ye may (learn) self-restraint" (Qur'an 2:183)

<b>D A T E</b>	<b>OCT &amp; NOV</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>FAJR &amp; DAWN (SUHUR ENDS)</b>	<b>SUNRISE SHURUQ</b>	<b>ZUHR &amp; JUMMAH</b>	<b>ASR</b>	<b>MAGHRIB (IFTAR)</b>	<b>ISHA &amp; TARAWEEH</b>
1	26	Sun	5:30	6:36	1:30	3:20	5:45	7:30
2	27	Mon	5:31	6:37	1:30	3:19	5:44	7:30
3	28	Tue	5:31	6:38	1:30	3:19	5:43	7:30
4	29	Wed	5:32	6:38	1:30	3:18	5:42	7:30
5	30	Thu	5:33	6:39	1:30	3:17	5:42	7:30
6	31	Fri	5:33	6:40	1:30	3:17	5:41	7:30
7	1	Sat	5:34	6:41	1:30	3:16	5:40	7:30
8	2	Sun	5:35	6:42	1:30	3:15	5:39	7:30
9	3	Mon	5:35	6:43	1:30	3:14	5:39	7:30
10	4	Tue	5:36	6:44	1:30	3:14	5:38	7:30
11	5	Wed	5:37	6:44	1:30	3:13	5:37	7:30
12	6	Thu	5:37	6:45	1:30	3:13	5:36	7:30
13	7	Fri	5:38	6:46	1:30	3:12	5:36	7:30
14	8	Sat	5:39	6:47	1:30	3:12	5:35	7:30
15	9	Sun	5:39	6:48	1:30	3:11	5:34	7:30
16	10	Mon	5:40	6:48	1:30	3:11	5:33	7:30
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27	21	Fri	5:48	6:57	1:30	3:07	5:28	7:30
28	22	Sat	5:49	6:58	1:30	3:07	5:27	7:30
29	23	Sun	5:50	6:59	1:30	3:07	5:27	7:30
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**“Jesus-Biblical and Qur’anic Perspectives”**

Dr. Jamal Badawi & Rev. Tom Borland

When: Friday, October 17, 2003 @ 7:15pm

Where: University of North Florida, University Center, Banquet Hall

Directions: Enter UNF from Kernan. Make the first LEFT into Parking Lot 16. The University Center is on the East end of the parking lot.

Sponsors: UNF MSA and CAIR

**“Town Hall Meeting: America  
Two Years After 9/11”**

A panel of politicians, educators, civil rights activists, and law enforcement officers will explore issues about our security and liberty.

When: Wednesday, October 22, 2003 @ 7:00pm

Where: University of North Florida, Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Center

Directions: Enter UNF from St. Johns Bluff. Pass the first traffic light. Park in Parking Lot 1&2.

Recital Hall (Bldg. 45) is inside the Fine Arts Center, next to the Lazzara Theater.

Sponsors: ACLU, UNF, CAIR, FCHR, FSU

**LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK**

Henna Shah

As most of you know, last Thursday (September 25th), was the Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma. About 20 AMYA members and parents participated. We raised about \$100. It was a pleasant evening for a walk, which was two miles long. The walk was only part of the event, there were also food, performances, and mascots from the various universities; like the UNF Osprey and the Miami Dolphin. Pizza Hut donated pizzas and Panera donated their tasty bagels. We had snow cones too. As a group we stood out and it was nice to be noticed. Overall it was a great experience and it felt great to know that we were doing something for the benefit of those stricken with such terrible diseases. In Islam we are obligated to do whatever we can to support the recovery of those who are ill. I feel we did our part that day.

**FIVE THINGS**

Take advantage of five things before five others happen:

your youth before you grow old  
your health before you fall sick  
your money before you become poor  
your leisure before you become busy  
your life before you die.

-Tirmidhi

**LIFE DECEIVES THOSE  
AROUND YOU**

Observe how the life of this world deceives those around you. It lures them into the traps of vanity, wealth, and fame, and exalts them above others. This splendor blinds them, and they are lost forever in illusion. But then in one instant, life deals the blow of death, and all is gone, and with the beguiler it stands laughing at their sad end. So overcome your egos that you may be saved from the snares that devoured kings and paupers alike.

-Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani

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The Night of Power is a very sacred one for Muslims. It is the night when the Qur'an, the final book, was sent down to mankind as a guide and signpost to the true path. The Qur'an is a holy book, not just for Muslims but for all mankind. Regardless of peoples' religion, race, nation or culture, they can find the true path by abiding by the Qur'an. Those holy books that were revealed to prophets before the Qur'an have been corrupted; societies degenerated, paganism spread and the disasters accompanying atheism increased considerably. On the Night of Power, God Almighty began to reveal the verses of the Qur'an, showing people how they could be saved from these disasters, how they could live in peace and plenty, and serving them as a guide. Thus, it was that people learned from the verses of the Qur'an how they could live in the very best manner throughout their lives. That is what makes the Night of Power so important, not just for Muslims but for all mankind.

Muslims spend the Night of Power in thanks and worship, since they know that it was on this night that God Almighty sent down the Qur'an as a great blessing and kindness, and that he has revealed this night to be more auspicious than a thousand months. Muslims naturally seek to earn His good pleasure every day of their lives, sincerely and openly call upon Him and scrupulously fulfill their religious obligations. However, given the importance of the Night of Power as revealed in the Qur'an, this is a holy day by means of which Muslims enhance their ardor and closeness to God Almighty and strengthen their spiritual qualities.

Furthermore, the fact that God Almighty has sent down a book which shows people the best way in all matters, in a manner that is clear and easy to understand and implement is one of the signs of His compassion and love for His servants. Since it was the night when the Qur'an began to be revealed to our Prophet, the Night of Power once again reminds Muslims of God Almighty's infinite compassion, mercy, friendship and love. It is for this reason that believers greet the Night of Power with such ardor, joy and gratitude.

For a Muslim, every day created by God Almighty is auspicious, of course, and an opportunity to seek to gain His good pleasure. However, the fact that the Night of Power has been created to be more auspicious than a thousand months increases the importance of this one day for Muslims. It is for that reason that Muslims constantly call one another to worship, remembrance of God Almighty and to turn to Him with all their hearts. In fact, in one account that has come down to us from the time of our Prophet, our Prophet gave Ayesha the following advice: 'Ayesha said: I asked, "Oh Prophet of God Almighty! How should I pray on the Night of Power?" The Prophet told me to pray in these words, "God Almighty, you are most forgiving, you love forgiveness, forgive me".' (Translation of Clear Abstraction, VI, 314)

Although it is not known for certain when the Night of Power fell, it is generally thought to be on the 27th day of the month of Ramadan. The spirituality in Muslims on the Night of Power, and their efforts to draw closer to God Almighty, is a state of mind that should prevail all through believers' lives. In fact, when our Prophet was asked on which day of Ramadhan the Night of Power fell, he replied: 'On all of Ramadan!' (Abu Davud, Prayer, 324, 1387)

In the above hadith our Prophet indicates that all of Ramadhan is holy like the Night of Power. For this reason, therefore, Muslims must have the same ardor, must make the same efforts to earn the good pleasure of God Almighty, and must behave with the same sincerity all through Ramadhan and at every moment of their lives as on the Night of Power.

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## RAMADHAN ISSUE

### RAMADHAN AL MUBARAK

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The first of Ramadhan will most likely be Sunday, October 26, 2003. The sunset and moonset timings are (source Naval Observatory):

DATE	SUNSET	MOONSET
10-24-03	5:47 P.M.	5:26 P.M.
10-25-03	5:46 P.M.	6:03 P.M.
10-26-03	5:45 P.M.	6:44 P.M.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the sighting of the moon to the naked eye is impossible as the moon will set before the sun. However, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, the moon will set 17 minutes after the sun, which is a fairly long time for the moon to be sighted. The Islamic Center will have a recording of the latest information after 8:00 P.M. on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call one of the following numbers between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on October 25<sup>th</sup> to check about the start of Ramadhan-Al-Mubarak:

1. Islamic Center (904) 646-3462
2. Shakur Bolden (904) 642-7039

Traweeh Prayer will start at 7:30 P.M. at the Islamic Center every night during Ramadhan-Al-Mubarak.  
Zakat ul Fitr per person: US \$8.00