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EDITORIAL

Historic homestead hailed as Movement turns fifty

The remarkable restoration within 18 months of the historic homestead at 81 Dorp Street into the Boorhaanol House, holds many lessons for the Movement. As the Movement turned 50 in October, this restoration project augurs well for the future.

Absolute belief in Allah and that He can make anything happen, strengthened the team's intention for restoration, despite expert advice that demolition of the heritage building was the only option. The incredible teamwork that was displayed by the building team and their huge sacrifice, is a salutary lesson for any group of people tackling a project where the odds are seemingly against you.

The cost of the project was estimated at more than a million rand, with the bulk of the money coming from sponsors who preferred anonymity, in line with the Islamic precept of how best to part with your money. The wisdom of the building team to preserve as much of the original structure as possible, has given the building an authentic feel connecting us to our cultural roots and traditions.

However, long-term success can only be assured if structure and function dovetails, and the big challenge to the Movement now, is to boost the building with programmes and activities that will be culturally relevant, commercially viable and educationally excellent. For that the Movement must be brave enough to call on expertise outside its membership, just like the building project.

We appeal to our membership to step forward and offer expertise and skills in making the Boorhaanol House an icon for future generations, Insha-Allah. ■



In the Name of Allah Most Beneficent Most Merciful.

As the end of 2016 approaches us we take this moment to reflect on this past year and to serve as a reminder that this life is only a passing enjoyment.

We praise and thank Allah for gifting us with another year spent in His worship and seek His protection and forgiveness for our shortcomings.

We pray that the year ahead is better for all the Muslims than the one that passed.

From us at Boorhaanol Islam Masjid we hope you and your family has a wonderful and safe holiday break Ameen.

We ask Allah that He makes our beloved Nabee (s) more beloved to us than our wealth, families and even our own selves and that we are able to live according to his perfect sunnah, Aameen!

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى لَكَبِّي يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

"Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O you that believe! Send your blessings on him, and salute him with all respect"

(Surah Al Ahzab 56)

Allahuma salli a'laa Muhammad wa 'alaa aali hi wa sah bi hi wa sallam

Wassalaamu alaikum waragmatullahi wabarakaatuh

Sheikh Muhammad West

MOULOOD PROGRAMME

2016
Rampie - Sny
SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2016
2.00 - 6.30pm

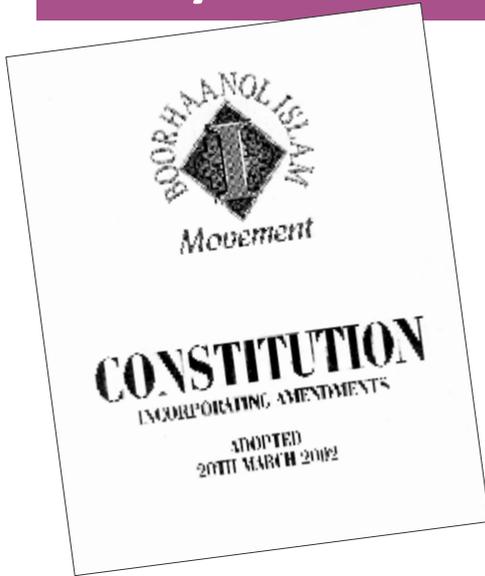


Salawaat, lecture,
Qasidas, Riwayahs
and Ashraaq

Sunday
11 December 2016
commencing after Magrib

(See detailed programme on page 7)

Delay of AGM and changes to Constitution



The Boorhaanol Islam Movement wishes to record its apologies to the membership for the delayed occurrence of the Annual General Meeting, but the main reason relates to the desire by Exco to table the substantial changes to the Constitution that are envisaged.

Unfortunately a document such as a Constitution is fraught with legal loopholes, especially when the Boorhaanol Movement has the Boorhaanol Mosque in Longmarket Street, as well as the Boorhaanol House and the Boorhaanol Centre registered in its name. In addition, the religious significance of the mosque is different to the other two properties, which means that legally they need to be handled separately. The result is that a Trust will have to be created for the welfare of the mosque, whereas the existing

Boorhaanol Trust will need considerable adaptation in the light of recent developments.

Legal professionals know that registering a Trust requires expertise, wisdom and patience. However, in the interests of securing the long-term interests of these 3 properties, this is the proper route to take and as trustees thereof, the Boorhaanol Movement has to do the right thing.

The notice for the AGM will, however, be sent to the membership soon. An appeal is made for all members to attend the AGM, not only to become acquainted with all developments at the Movement, but to offer their services at a time when the Movement sorely needs assistance. ■

New Boorhaanol Digital Media Team

On 11th October 2016, members of the Digital Media Team (DMT) met at Boorhaanol House to review the existing web presence with regard to design, functionality, effective communication, relevance and ease of interaction.

The DMT was tasked to condense the social media sites and structure its various departments and activities including Boeka Treats, pre-school, mosque, Living Islam, social welfare, events, under one umbrella Boorhaanol website.

It is hoped that the new website will be an important communication vehicle between Boorhaanol and its members as well as the broader community.

The DMT envisages to go live with the new website early in the new year, Insha-Allah.

An appeal is made to our computer-savvy members, especially the youth, to join this dynamic team. Contact Nuha at 021-424 1864.

Presently on the DM Team are : Sadiq Nacerodien, Nuha Dramat, Sadiq Matthews, Yazeed Emeran, Tharah Bassier, Nasser and Jameela Kahaar, Kiyaam Bassier, Yumnah Richards, Ubayd-ur-Rahman Bassier and Naasir Bassier.



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Sheikh West travels to Far and Middle East

Our resident Sheikh at Boorhaanol Islam Mosque, Sheikh Muhammad West, recently departed for Umrah, following a busy lecture period alongside his professional commitments.

INDONESIA

On Wed 26th October, Sheikh flew to Jakarta in Indonesia where he conducted a 16-hour course over two days on the **Life of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)**.

he course revolved around the study of 4 key aspects of the Seerah, namely the Prophet's person, his teachings, the struggle that he fought and his ultimate triumph.

POLITICS OF FAITH SERIES

Sheikh West had also just concluded an excellent 14-part series during jumuahs at the Boorhaanol Mosque on the Politics of Faith over a three-month period, wherein he explored various aspects of political



▲ On Umrah with the Imams of the Imam Development Programme

leadership in Islam, including the Caliphates of Abubakr and Umar (RA), the Abbasid dynasty, the interaction of the madhhab Imams with the political leadership of the day, as well as the differences between these mathhabs. Audio copies of these thought-provoking lectures as well as the powerpoint slides are available on the boorhaanol.org.za website.

GUEST AT AL QUDS

On Friday, 21st November, Sheikh delivered the Jumua lecture at Masjidul Quds on the Legacy of Imam Muslim and Imam Tirmithi.

UMRAH

On 30th November, he departed Cape Town for the holy lands and has informed us that all went well with the performance of his Umrah, that we are constantly in his supplications and request duas that Allah Almighty bring him home safely, Insha-Allah. ■





4th Annual Muharram March

On **Sunday 9th October 2016**, the 4th annual Muharram March took place through the streets of Bo-Kaap to commemorate the blessed and joyous occasion of the Islamic New Year, 1438, amidst a fanfare of melodious bagpipes, thikrullah and the handing out of goodies to over a thousand children.

The programme was organized under the auspices of the Boorhaanol Islam Movement in association with the Tana Baru Trust, with the occasion continuing the traditional 'Tiene Muharram' march historically performed by madaris in the Bo-Kaap.

The sacred month of Muharram is a month of great reward and virtue, with the 10th day of Muharram, called Ashurah, being the most sacred. Highly

recommended acts are fasting on any or all of the 9th, 10th and 11th days, and being more generous over those days. It is reported in Muslim that the Prophet said: " This fast is a compensation for the (minor) sins of the past year."

Led by the Habibia Pipe Brigade, the Procession marched from the Boorhaanol Centre down Pentz St and into Dorp St, passing the Auwal Mosque and then the Nurul Islam Mosque in Buitengracht St, pass the Bo-Kaap Museum in Wale St and the Shafie Mosque in Chiappini St, before proceeding to the Tana Baru.

TANA BARU

At this Heritage Site where the Pioneers of Islam lie buried, tour guides were stationed at the qabrs of Tuan Guru, Sayed Alawie, the Rhoda child, Abubakr Effendi and Paay Schaapie, as well as the water well and the ruin of the stone building, to explain its significance and to answer any questions.

Thereafter the marchers gathered at the grounds of the Schotchkloof Primary School for refreshments and a short talk,



then they were led back to the Boorhaanol Centre along Astana and Pentz Streets by the Habibia Brigade. Along the route volunteers at refreshment stations handed out goodies to the children which they stored in the branded bag given out earlier. The programme concluded at the Boorhaanol Centre where everyone was treated to a lunch of akhni.

The Boorhaanol Islam Movement would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who assisted in making this event a success. May Almighty Allah bestow His richest blessings on all of you and grant you the health and strength to continue to support this event for many more years, Insha-Allah. ■



Boorhaanol House official opening

On **Sunday 9th November 2016** at noon, **Hadji Omar Shaboodien** had the honour of unveiling the nameplate of Boorhaanol House in the presence of over 100 invited guests seated inside a marquee in front of the beautifully restored building. This symbolic act by the 75-year-old stalwart of the Movement was the climax of a memorable day in which the re-opening of the historic homestead was celebrated in true Bo-Kaap fashion.



world.
At the conclusion of the



the determination and dedication of his dream team, they stabilised the structure and transformed the ruin into a symbol of ilm.

He then expressed the Movement's profound thanks to the team and acknowledged their outstanding contribution individually. The architect Mr Shamiel Gamildien, the builder Mr Sulaiman Emamdien, the builder Mr Sedick Williams, and the steelworker Mr Wagner, were each handed a small gift as well as an A3 collage consisting of the various states of the building's disrepair and restoration.



▲ H Omar Shaboodien (right) saying a few words after unveiling the nameplate

On a glorious wind-free Spring morning, proceedings got under way at 9am with the rendition of the Holy Qur'an by members of Sheikh Agherdien's haafith school.



▲ The Guffaath reciting the Holy Quran

Soon the sad news of the janaazah of Fuad Adams reached the gathering, and with the salatul janaazah set for 11am that morning, it meant that many Boorhaanol members, including Gameem Khan who was supposed to lead the athkaar after the Ghatamal Quran, were unable to be at Boorhaanol House.

The late Fuad Adams's family had been the resident occupants of Boorhaanol House in 2007 when the building was first handed over to the Movement, and his demise on the very day of its re-opening, was pause for thought about our purpose in this

arwaag, the gathering was seated under the marquee and addressed by **Abdul Muhaimin Bassier**, who detailed the history of the 226 year old homestead. After a succession of settler White owners for the first 150 years, Abdul Muhaimin hailed Dr Abrahams and the Muslim Progressive Society (MPS) as the 'original decolonisers' when they acquired registration of the property in 1973. It was in 2007 when the 2 remaining trustees of the MPS approached the Boorhaanol Islam Movement (BIM) to accept ownership of the property via a Deed of Donation.

Thereafter while the BIM was involved in a protracted struggle with the City Council over the issue of outstanding rates, the building deteriorated when the tenant vacated the premises and vagrants twice set fire to the building. By March 2015 when the BIM finally took transfer of the property, the building was in a total state of collapse and had been brought to the attention of the Problem Buildings Unit of the Council.

Boeta Saied Solomons, vice-chairman of the Masjid Committee and leader of the building restoration project, then addressed the gathering and outlined the calamitous state of the building, such that most experts called for its demolition. However, through the Qudrah of Allah and



▲ Some of the guests enjoying the lunch under marquee erected in the forecourt of Boorhaanol House

The Coordinator of the Movement, **Hadji Taliiep Salie**, thanked everyone who had supported the project, including all the sponsors and the neighbours.

Sheikh Muhammad West, the Imam Ratib of the Boorhaanol Mosque, concluded the formal proceedings of the event with a closing duah and some words of inspiration

and encouragement to all those who have contributed to the project as well as to potential contributors. He pointed out that by contributing to this project the sadaqatul jaariyah benefits are threefold, viz. **(1)** the building serving present and future generations; **(2)** the sharing of knowledge and **(3)** the benefit of children making duah for their deceased parents. ■



▲ H Masturah Adams (MC) presenting the H Sedick Williams with the framed collage with H Saied Solomons (right) looking on



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nursery & pre-primary school

Report by Principal Manager **Nuha Dramat**



Assalamu alaykum warahmatullaahi wabarakatu

Boorhaanol House's Happy beginnings

As portrayed in "Magical Musical Fairy tales", 2016 has been magical, mystical and full of positive energy, *Algamdulillaah*.

We have now settled in at Dorp Street and we are completely comfortable with running the school in two buildings.

"Boorhaanol House" is the new home of the Boorhaanol Nursery and Pre-primary. The New Year 2017 bodes well for all, with 30 new families joining our school, *Insha-Allah, Ameen*.

We are in the process of getting the building certified by the Department of Social Welfare to ensure we are fully compliant with the health and safety requirements to run a pre-school facility. The plans to extend the building to accommodate the "Tiny Tots" at Boorhaanol House are also in progress.

Magical Musical Fairy Tales

The final term was highlighted by a stunning production performed by our wonderful learners at the Joseph Stone Auditorium called "Magical Musical Fairy Tales". The school visited *Willie Earthworm* to teach



them all about this wonderful creature and to keep them grounded (smile).



Our junior and senior classes hosted inter classroom cake sales to raise funds and this was hugely supported by all the parents and learners. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of all those involved with the school.

Graduation



The learners received their final assessment reports at our parents' meeting on Tuesday, 29th November. On Saturday, 3rd December we said a fond farewell to a group of 27 learners who have now graduated to primary school (see pics of graduates below). The event was well supported and enjoyed by all families present.

Spreading goodness

We left a positive message with the parents of being aware and conscious. We need to acknowledge, that at any particular time, we are in a specific "state of consciousness". We should respect each individual's "state of

consciousness".

Your state of consciousness affects everything you do at any time - what you think, what you believe, what you know, what you feel. It is about "feeling good" - if we "feel good", we give off positive vibrations which open our hearts.

An open heart is "conscious" of our Creator Allah (SWT). This allows us to freely want to follow the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah which causes us to contribute to the greater good of the Ummah of Nabi Muhammad (SAW). It ultimately leads us to see the Beautiful Light of Allah.

Blessed Mouloud month

With Mouloud month here and lots of salutations and praises being bestowed on Nabi Muhammad (SAW) we know the solar calendar year is starting with a vibration of love, *Algamdulillaah*. We wish each and every one a joyous, positive and safe year ahead, filled with growth, barakat and ghair, *Insha-Allah Ameen! Fee Amaanillaah!* ■

GRADE R CLASS OF 2016



Niyaz Abrahams, Azrah Abrahams, Aatiqah Abrahams, Nuha Campbell, Shantelle Chavingira, Imaad Daniels, Imaad Davids, Abdulhadi Fatouh, Amaar Gamiet, Ibraaheem Hanslo, Amaarah Isaacs, Amr Rajje, Qaniah Richards, Tanisha Salie, Mustafa Simons, Ra'eesah Taliep, Rabiah Toefy, Eyaad Yagoub



BOORHAANOL

SEISHINKIA MOTOBU HA KARATE

This year has been one amazing one with many of our students receiving their Western Province colours and Western Cape colours.

We hosted our first **Seishinkia Motobu Ha Karate Championships** at St. Paul's Primary which has held on the 26 November 2016. It was a great success and was well supported.

Our students once again displayed their mettle and earned gold, making us proud in various division.

We will be hosting our annual prize-giving on the 10 December 2016, Inshaa-Allah.

We would like to wish all our students, parents, grandparents and guardians a safe and enjoyable holiday.

We will be commencing classes from the 16 January 2017, Insha-Allah.

If you have any questions you can contact **Shihan Cassiem** on Tel.073 1504363 and **Sensei Samira Davids** on Tel.071 9722457. ■



FOR THE BOORHAANOL RECORD ...

JANAZAHS

Our Imamat Team and Committee wish to convey their sincerest condolences to the families on the demise of their loved ones, and apologize for unintentionally omitting anyone :

- **Boeta Don Brown** of Woodstock - 30th July 2016
- **Qari Ihsaan Taliep** of Athlone - 9th August 2016
- **Salie Samie** of 51 Pepper Street, Bo-Kaap - 9th October 2016
- **Hoosain Kriel** of 1st Avenue, Athlone - 7th November 2016
- **Goesain Abrahams** of 33 Hind Road, Kensington - 7th November 2016
- **Fuad Adams** of Chiapinni Street, Bo-Kaap - 19th November 2016
- **Suleiman Abrahams** of 59 Bantam Street, Bo-Kaap - 20th November 2016
- **Aunty Beida Kalam** of 89 Dorp Street, Bo-Kaap - 3rd December 2016
- **Boeta Toyer Joseph** of Church Street, Bo-Kaap - 4th December 2016



H Goesain Abrahams was closely connected to the Movement having assisted with compiling the financials of the Movement many years ago



Br Toyer Joseph at the time he was involved in recording the Thikr CD "Athkaar of the Voorwerk" produced by Boorhaanol in 2014

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NOTE: For any urgent or emergency matter, contact Hadji Taliep Salie at the above numbers and he will direct you further.



To be added to our electronic mailing list to receive newsletters and other notices, simply email us the following contact details :

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- b) Area of residence
- c) Telephone/mobile number
- d) Email address

FORWARD CONTACT DETAILS TO **boorhaanol@gmail.com**

OR CALL THE OFFICE AT **021 424-1864**



MASJIED BOORHAANOL ISLAM

2016

Rampie - Iny

SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2016

2.00 - 6.30pm



Moulood-un-Nabi

Sunday 11 December 2016 - 12 Rabi-al-Awwal 1438

Programme

1. Magrib Salaah
2. Welcome & Introduction
3. Salawaat (in tune) - led by bilal team
 - ▶ *Handing out of Rampies*
4. **Talk : The Prophet(S)'s way in dealing with others** – Sh Muhammad West
5. Eshaa salaah
6. **1st Riwayah** - Deen Barden & Yakeen Barden
7. **Second Riwayah** - Deen & Yakeen Barden, Shervaan Cummings & Thaaqib Ryland
8. **Third Riwayah** - Uthmaan Kannemeyer
9. **Fourth Riwayah** - Bilal Team
10. Ashraqaal
11. Duah
12. Serving of "Barakaat"

BO-KAAP DOEKMAL

RECLAIMING OUR HOME



17 DECEMBER 2016

8h00-9h30 Boundary Walk (starting in Wale St)

9h30-12h30 Entertainment and speeches
Boorhaanol Centre Forecourt

AN INITIATIVE OF THE
**BO-KAAP CIVIC AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**
PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



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BO-KAAP DOEKMAL

RECLAIMING OUR HOME



17 DECEMBER 2016

A PROUD INITIATIVE OF
THE BO-KAAP CIVIC AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

You and your family are cordially invited to attend and participate in the historic event marking the official naming of Bo-Kaap.

A number of pre-events will be highlighted during the week 10-16 December 2016.

The programme for the main event on **Saturday 17 December 2016**, is as follows :

- ▶ **Doekmal Walk** - A symbolic walk along the new 4km boundary of Bo-Kaap, commencing at 8h00 from Wale St and ending at 9h30 at the Boorhaanol Centre
- ▶ **Unveiling of the new name** - Minister to unveil signboard in Wale Street at 10h30
- ▶ **Entertainment and speeches** on stage at the Boorhaanol Centre

Featuring the Signals Singkoo, Cape Malay Choir Board and 7 Steps Minstrels. Speeches by Minister of Arts and Culture, Minister of Tourism, and other dignitaries.

Medals and barakatte to first 1000 people finishing the walk

Invitation to Contribute BO-KAAP DOEKMAL

RECLAIMING OUR HOME



17 DECEMBER 2016

A PROUD INITIATIVE OF
THE BO-KAAP CIVIC AND RATEPAYERS
ASSOCIATION

In addition to participating in or attending the event, you are kindly invited to contribute to cost of hosting this historically significant event. Your contribution can be in any of the following ways :

- 1 **Barakatte** - In keeping with Cape Muslim and Bo-Kaap tradition, the intention is to give all those who attend or participate in the event a small cake barakat. The aim is to make at least 1000 barakatte comprising of 5-6 cakes. You are therefore kindly invited to contribute any number of the following cakes : Butter biscuit, romany cream, saboeras, koewyntjies/ snowballs, hertzoggies, pink ice, jam rolls, fruit/date cake. Alternatively you can donate cash and we can order the required cakes.



Donations of cakes can be dropped off with **Aun Souda** at **95 Dorp Street** on or before Thursday 15 December 2016.

- 2 **Cash donations** - Key items requiring funding include the following : flags, posters, stage, sound, medals, food for dignitaries, brigade and registration of walkers. Donations can either be given in cash or paid into the following bank account :

Bank: ABSA (Heerengracht branch)
A/c name: Bo-Kaap Civic Association
A/c no. 405 881 1461 (cheq a/c)
Ref : Doekmal

Cash donations can be paid to Jacky Poking who can be

the
**BO-KAAP
DOEKMAL**
Walk