



NEWSLETTER

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As the October anniversary of the Genocide in Gaza approaches, our hearts weep for our brothers and sisters in Palestine who are undergoing the severest of tests imaginable.

The poignancy of commemorating the birth of the greatest leader of mankind (pbuh) intersecting with the upcoming milestone of the mass martyrdom of Muslims is food for deep thought all over the Muslim world. For the proper celebration of his life as a panacea of our ills lies in the true application of his seerah in our daily lives.

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Sunday 15th September 2024

PROGRAMME

- 18h40 **Magrib Salaah**
- 19h05 Welcome & Introduction
- 19h10 **Salawaat** (in tune) - led by Yusriy Doutie, Yazeed Emeran, Sulaiman Kannemeyer, Uthmaan Kannemeyer, Ishgaq Khan, Mog Riyaad Peters, Wafique Simons
- ▶ *Handing out of Rampies*
- 19h20 **Moulood Talk** by Sh Muhammad West
- 19h50 **Eshaa salaah**
- 20h15 **1st Riwayah** - Me-kaeel and Zakariyah Adams
Alfasaloo
- 2nd Riwayah** - Mog Saliegh Salie, Hanief Salie, As'aad Ryland, Yaqeen Jabaar
Yaa Mustafaa
- 3rd Riwayah** - Yaqeen Jabaar, M Raaeq Khan
Yaa Achamad
- Fourth Riwayah** - Group recital
Ashraqal
- 21h10 Closing Duah
Serving of Barakaat



DONATIONS

All donations towards the Moulood programme can be deposited directly into the Masjid account, viz. Masjid Boorhaanol Islam, FNB Long Street, a/c no. 5006 1252 942, Ref. Moulood



THE HUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

Ever had the feeling that you are the missing piece of a noble puzzle? The Boorhaanol Islam Movement is re-imagining the iconic 'ou skooltjie' Precinct in Bo-Kaap as a cultural terminus of the Cape Muslim community, and have made significant progress in upgrading, modernising and equipping the facility towards fulfilling that ambitious goal. Your Allah-given skill set is kindly required to ensure, not only that proper expression is given to the culture of over 300 years of Islam at the Cape, but that the Hub becomes a hive of multi-faceted dimensions.

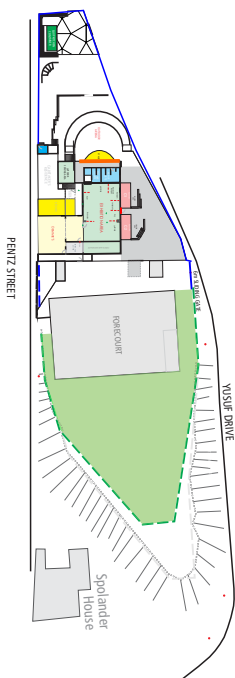
DIVERGENT FACILITIES

Situated in the heart of the Cradle of Islam, the Bo-Kaap Cultural Hub has both indoor and outdoor components. In front of the building are 1 500 square metres of security-fenced land stretching from Pentz St to Yusuf Drive and, apart from secure parking, is suitable for any number of activities or events, from markets to sports, to rallies and exhibitions. At the rear end of the building is the Arena, a 100-seater auditorium shielded by a stretch tent and with access both to the inside of the building and to its front section. The Arena can be dramatic, it can be private, it can accommodate over 150 people and it can be utilised in conjunction with indoor events.

OEMMIES & EXPO ROOMS

With a stoep overlooking the forecourt, the actual building houses a central kitchen, an adjacent Oemmies Room and the large Expo Room. The Oemmies Room is a multi-functional facility capable of seating 60 people and equipped with projection and multi-plug facilities. The Expo Room has been fitted out with cultural artefacts of Cape Muslim paraphernalia depicting the various traditions in the "From the Cradle to the Grave" Exhibition and tour.

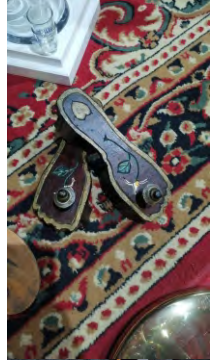
The Hub is also staffed by weekday and weekend Administrators, maintenance staff as well as volunteers that take visitors around the Expo room.



EXPERTISE NEEDED

What is now required to transform all these facilities into a top-rated destination are people with the requisite skills, passion and enthusiasm in various fields to put shoulder to the wheel at the Hub.

Firstly, we need expertise in curating the Expo and museum spaces so that it becomes the pre-eminent destination for Cape Muslim culture and tradition. It entails researching various facets of that culture and deciding which artifacts to source and display, along with an accompanying narrative that will acquaint both Muslims and non-Muslims with its origins and context.



Secondly, expertise is needed in organizing diverse events that will draw more people to the Hub, thus maximising the utilisation of Oemmies, the Arena and the Forecourt area. Marketing expertise would be welcome to draw on its favourable location and facilities, social media fundis to populate various platforms and IT specialists to optimise its website.



Thirdly, upgrading the building and surrounding land, both in form and in function, is an ongoing challenge to make the visitor experience, whether local or foreign, of the highest ratings. Whether you are an artisan or a fund-raiser, contributing to the rehabilitation, modernisation and expansion of the Precinct will enhance its appeal and approximate form to function in the future, Insha-Allah.

CONTACT

Kindly give serious thought to being those missing puzzle pieces by contacting our Chairman, Abdul Muhaimin Bassier at Tel.084 2221308 or email him at abassier1@gmail.com, or visit the Hub by contacting the Hub Administrator, Fatima Samsodien at Tel.021 423-6460 or 060 502 2104, or email her at admin@bokaapculturalhub.co.za.





NEW APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTANT TREASURER

At the Exco meeting held virtually on Wednesday 28th August 2024, the vacant post of Assistant Treasurer was filled, by a unanimous vote, by **Salmah Peters** from the Strand. Clause 12.6 of the Boorhaanol Islam Movement Constitution mandates the Exco to fill any vacancies arising on Exco, with the proviso that such appointments lapse at the next AGM & such appointments need to be re-elected.

Salmah was born and bred in the Strand, where she lives with her parents, is unmarried and has two older sisters and a younger brother.

She is currently employed as a finance process owner at Woolworths and with her strong financial background, describes her strengths as being analytical and organised.

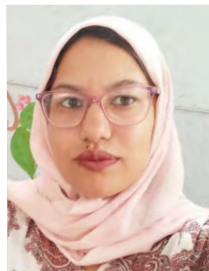


We warmly welcome Salmah to the Boorhaanol family and pray that Allah (swt) places barakah in all her endeavours both for the Movement and elsewhere in her life, Insha-Allah.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For the past few years Boorhaanol has been using the services of ZHR Accountants to do their monthly and annual financial reports at a greatly discounted rate. Unfortunately since August 2024 ZHR are no longer able to do this and recommended Boorhaanol gets an in-house staff member to do this bookkeeping service. Alhamdulillah, both the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are qualified and experienced CA's, who will in future compile the monthly and Annual Financial reports with the support of an in-house bookkeeper.

Exco has approved the creation of a new full-time position of Administrative Assistant who will perform the duties of the bookkeeper as well as that of Admin support for the school and the Hub, Insha-Allah. **Aaiesha Samodien** who was previously employed by the Nursery School has accordingly been appointed to this position commencing 1 September 2024. She possesses a robust background in Business Administration and Early Childhood Development.



Her association with Boorhaanol stretches over 10 years, first as an educator for 6 years, followed by 4 years as an Administrator which has equipped her with strong organizational and managerial skills, as well as a good appreciation of the Boorhaanol ethos. We wish Aaiesha all the best in her new position. ■



INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED

At a special meeting of the newly elected EXCO of the Boorhaanol Islam Movement held at the Hub on Sunday 18th August 2024, the vital role of the various sub-committees (SC) within Exco in tackling the work and taking the organization forward was emphasised. While each SC is headed by a member of Exco, more than one Exco member may serve on a particular SC and one Exco member may serve on multiple SC's. In total there are 10 SC's, namely Nursery School, Finance, Publications & Marketing, Social Welfare, Masjid, Hub, Property Management, and the newly created Digital Marketing and Membership portfolios.

CALL TO ASSIST

An earnest appeal is thus directed at all Boorhaanol members as well as all readers to avail themselves in tackling the workload. Whether you possess a particular skill or not, Almighty Allah urges the believer *"...whoever comes with a good deed will be rewarded tenfold"* Surah An Aam v 160. Better still, if you involve your family and friends, whatever good deeds they perform will be credited to your account as well, Insha-Allah.

Each SC has been given a short list of key OBJECTIVES (derived from the Constitution), from which a list of DELIVERABLES with TIME FRAMES have been drawn up.

Hereunder follows these noble aims that can only be realised if ALL OF US put shoulder to the wheel. From simply giving of your time to supervise an activity to creating a website for the Movement or co-ordinating fund-raising efforts, we would dearly like to hear from you. Please contact the relevant SC Head or our Secretary-General Sau-iem White, to volunteer your services.





Nursery School SC



Objectives

1. Create a holistic developmental programme in Early Childhood incorporating basic early learning skills, appreciation for all of life, spiritual growth through the beautiful deen of Islam.
2. Create a child friendly safe space with tools that will enhance every learning experience.
3. Educate and support parents in raising their children and taking care of their own well-being based on holistic methods.
4. Incorporate natural and technological tools to enhance the learners learning experience.
5. Introduce learners and their parents to new experiences in and outside of school operating times.
6. Create an environment that allows each child to develop at their own maturity level, where the child's natural curiosity and spontaneity is given centre stage.

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Complete Play Garden project (December 2024)
2. Start with Upgrades on security (June 2025)
3. Upgrade Furniture /toys/equipment (December 2025)
4. Staff Development Programme (April 2025)
5. Parenting workshops Launch (April 2025)
6. Offline and online Resource Centre (June 2026)
7. Install Audio Visual Equipment and tools for learning (December 2026)

Current Head : Akbar Allie - Tel.082 962 8553



Additional skills required on the team

- Marketing
- Facilitation of workshops etc.
- Building and electronics
- Fundraising experts

Finance SC

Objectives

1. To ensure and maintain accurate financial records.
2. To support the organization with financial data required for decision making.
3. To mitigate financial risk.
4. To ensure enough revenue is generated to meet the organizations expenses.
5. To ensure compliance with financial regulations and accounting standards.



EXCO Sub-Committees

6. Implement and maintain a sound control environment.

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. To prepare the monthly Finance report.
2. Prepare the Annual Financial statements.
3. To prepare budget and forecasts.
4. To achieve the PBO status for the movement.
5. To ensure that the donations for which the section 18A certificates are issued are accounted for separately and used exclusively for the designated public benefit activities.
6. To ensure that the Movement is tax compliant - to file all PAYE submissions.

Current Head - Naseerah Mc Callum

Tel.072 607 4990



Additional skills required on team

- Bookkeeping

Publishing SC



Objectives

1. To present Islam and Muslims in a positive light that will incline hearts towards the Deen of Islam.
2. To utilise all available platforms in pursuance of our objectives, be it print, digital, social media or AI.
3. To publish a quarterly Newsletter that will inform, guide and educate our readership about Islam as well as what has been happening in the Boorhaanol Movement.
4. To research & record the cultural traditions of the Cape Muslim community.
5. To explore avenues by which the copyright of its publications can be protected.
6. To research and record the history of the Boorhaanol Islam Movement, from its establishment and evolution, to its office-bearers, its assets, activities and affiliations.
7. To catalogue all publications, lectures, tributes and messages produced by the Movement in order to serve as an archival source to all.
8. To liaise closely with other Boorhaanol sub-committees, especially digital media and Hub management in promoting and marketing the publications of the Movement.
9. To strive at all times for integrity and excellence in our publications so that, by His permission, Boorhaanol publications and lectures are deemed as the truth by the community.

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Taraweeg Survey App - Initial Assessment (21 Sep 2024)
2. Reprint Hajj and Umrah Guide (Needs Analysis to be done by 14 September 2024)
3. History Project - Basic Framework & Summary on website by 30 September 2024
4. Tree Planting Project - Phase 1 (16 trees) by 16 December 2024
5. Digital Library Project - Phase 1 in consultation with DMSC by 30 September 2024
6. Database of Nikahs & Talaqs - Phase 1 (Assessment Phase) by 30 September 2024



Current Head : Kiyaam Bassier

Additional skills required on team

- Marketing

Bo-Kaap Cultural Hub SC

Objectives

1. To embrace the Hub Precinct as an amanah (trust) from Almighty Allah to be developed and utilised for the benefit of society.
2. To be aware of the historical significance of the Precinct, from its humble origins as an educational institution, to its role as a community facility, to its condemnation by the City Council, to its rehabilitation as a viable entity by Boorhaanol as a true community gathering place once more.
3. To grasp the importance of the Precinct's strategic location in the context of its tourist potential both in terms of its historical significance as the Cradle of Islam, as well as its central position in the tourist mecca of the Bo-Kaap.
4. To capitalise on the Precinct's reputation as a Cultural Expression of the community's traditions and artistic talents, in that way counterbalancing the gentrification influences that are impinging on the area.
5. To constantly strive to upgrade the facility in all its dimensions, be it indoors or outdoors, management or staff, regulatory or safety, assets or activities, organograms or affiliations, technology or tradition, such that it becomes the venue of choice for a wide range of individuals, families, communities, organizations as well as corporates.
6. To collaborate with interested parties, especially those in the Bo-Kaap area, in staging various types of shariah-compliant events that are deemed of interest to the community.
7. Under the guidance of relevant professionals, to draw up a budget that is well-planned, realistic & implementable, that is reviewed several times annually and that is cognisant of the ups and downs of a young business.
8. To stock the Precinct with relevant cultural artifacts of the Cape Muslim community that will form the basis of Exhibition tours for tourists, schools and locals alike.



EXCO Sub-Committees

9. To create a user-friendly system for visitors whereby the website, the booking, the welcome, the tour, the catering and the departure are seamlessly aligned and tailored to their needs.
10. To ensure that the full-time, part-time & volunteer staff of the Hub understand the ethos of the Hub and the Boorhaanol, & in turn their efforts are rewarded both implicitly and explicitly.

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Contact schools to promote group tours
2. Review hiring rates to make venue more accessible
3. Develop a market
4. Arrange cooking and baking sessions
5. Redo the paving of the forecourt area
6. Optimally utilise the 3 containers on site

Current Head (acting) - Abdul Muhaimin Bassier

Tel.084 222 1308



Skills required in recruiting new members

- Museum curating
- Marketing
- Events Design and Planning

Social Welfare SC



SOCIAL WELFARE

Objectives

1. A safe hygienic environment for the Bo-Kaap community and surrounds in need of food.
2. Serving of homeless people, the working poor, the unemployed and their families
3. Providing healthy well-balanced meals whilst ensuring the highest standard of food safety and quality
4. Functioning as a Non-Profit Organisation entity with a goal to help the less fortunate members of our community, elderly, unemployed, underemployed men women and children.
5. The Soup Kitchen provides meals at no cost to beneficiaries and it is sustained by committed compassionate volunteers and also by the generous contributions of donors.
6. We are committed to improving the quality of life and restoring the dignity of those we serve when providing a hot meal to those in need.

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Annual Ramadan Soup kitchen - throughout Ramadan.
2. Mahrajaan event- End of Ramadan
3. Grocery Vouchers issued to mostly residents (funds permitting)

4. Weekly cooking. Certain period of the year.
5. Prudent utilisation of funds received from donors, sponsors and self-generated

Current Head - Mohammad Groenewald
Tel.067 192 1626



Additional skills required on team

- Marketing
- Fundraising

Masjid Programmes SC



Objectives

1. Nurture a love for and connection to the masjid amongst the community.
2. Encourage regular attendance of the masjid by offering small to medium courses on a more regular basis.
3. Re-establish a regular madrassah for that age group where we seem to lose our youth. Those are the years between primary school and university / tertiary school.
4. Determine what is currently being offered in the Bo-Kaap in terms of Madrassahs, classes and programmes. Then try to fill in gaps we deem fitting to be filled.
5. Liven up the masjid with more activities.

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Annual Moulood Programme - 15 September 2024
2. Taraweeq Programme - To be workshopped and finalised closer to the month of Ramadaan 1446. All arrangements to be in place and confirmed at least a month prior to the start of the month of Ramadaan.
3. Hajj and Umrah courses - Dates and timelines are dependent upon Sheikh and or whoever else will be presenting are available. Seminar type courses.
4. Marriage courses - This item will also be done on a demand basis as we do not want to replicate the countless marriage courses already out there and established. A seminar type of course.
5. Madrassah courses - Currently under Investigation. Will have a clearer picture of the way forward once the homework has been done.
6. Masjid Open Days i.c.w Hub Tours - This can happen almost immediately dependent upon the skill and knowledge of the tour guide. Input from the Hub SC required.

Current Head : Fuad Peters - Tel.078 903 7694

Additional skills required on team

- Marketing
- DM&T on an ad hoc basis



Youth SC



Objectives

1. Serving the youth of Cape Town by providing events, projects and programmes which focus on holistic development, education and social cohesion.
2. Provide safe, fun, uplifting and educational events for the youth, focused primarily on Bo-Kaap but in general as well.
3. Encourage youth to take a deeper interest in Islam through interesting and engaging events.
4. Assist in career exploration/guidance for undecided/confused youth.

Key deliverables and timeframes

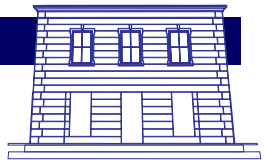
1. Dowrah programmes- Twice per year, June/Dec
2. Orphan programmes - Ramadan
3. Stationary drives - Once per year/Jan
4. Movie night - Undecided
5. Nightmare on Elm Street - 2+ times (Sheikh availability)
6. Career exploration and skill development workshops.

Current Head : Ubayd-ur-Rahman Bassier
Tel.078 282 9641



Additional skills required on team

Property Management SC



Objectives

1. Maintain Boorhaanol's 3 properties to an agreed operational standard.

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Complete Play Garden project - December 2024
2. Finalise development plans for 81 Dorp Street CoTC dependant
3. Present a drainage upgrade proposal for the forecourt at the Hub - Dec 2024
4. Repair cracks on eastern wall of mosque - Nov 2024

Current Head : M Saied Solomons - Tel.083 628 0064

Additional skills required on team

- Marketing



Digital Media & Technology SC



Objectives

1. Digital Media Management (Websites, Social Media, Mobile Applications)
2. Specific Digital Media Projects (Taraweeq Survey, Digital Library)
3. Special Technology Projects (Membership Register)

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Website(s) analysis and future-?t plan 30 Sept
2. Taraweeq Survey App - In discussion aiming for before Ramadaan 2025
3. Membership Register - TBD 31 Dec
4. Digital Library - TBD phase 1 31 Dec
5. Social Media assessment and future-?t plan 31 Oct

Current Head : Sadiq Nacerodien - Tel.082 418 5005

Additional skills required on team

- Still assessing team is skilled in relevant activities.
- Application Developer consulted
- Marketing consultant approached



Membership Register SC

Objectives

1. Maintain a Membership Register containing the names, surnames and birthdate, residential or postal address, email, mobile numbers of all the Members.
2. Regularly update the Membership Database
3. Have regular campaigns that will grow the membership which meets the set criteria as per point 8,2 of the Constitution
4. Ensure that all exiting member s state their resignation in writing

Key deliverables and timeframes

1. Initiate processes to sanitise and update the existing Register Database of 182 Members - December 2024
2. Campaigns to grow the Movement's membership - Quarterly, Ongoing
3. Maintain an updated Membership list - Ongoing

Current Head : M Sauiem White - Tel.084 582 9778

Additional skills required on team

- Marketing



OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REFLECTIONS OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS

Mogamat Saied Solomons



My term started in 2018 with the adoption of the new Constitution which brought the various Boorhaanol structures under one executive with the rationale that this would assist in better co-ordination of activities as well as make better use of resources.



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Sunday the 15th of March 2020 heralded a new reality to South Africa - the declaration of a COVID-19 pandemic with the closure of places of worship and severe restrictions on the movement of people. It meant that communal events like Mi'raj, Ruwa, Taraweeq and Eid salaah would all be halted. The reopening of the Boorhaanol Masjid on Friday 27th August 2022 for Jumuaah brought joy to the whole jamaah.



The Qurbaan programme had to employ innovative solutions over the Covid period in order to comply with regulations.

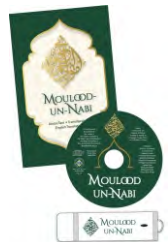


Boorhaanol's bilal team under the leadership of Ghamiem Khan and Fuad Peters, once again accepted an invitation by the Port Elizabeth community to participate in Masjid-Ut-Taqwa's 50th anniversary.



NEWSLETTERS

The Publishing sub-committee also had their challenges during Covid but nevertheless added various digital features in order to provide access to Boorhaanol's lectures and information. Along with the regular Newsletters, two other publications, namely the Ratibul Haddaad and a book on Moulood, were produced in both print and digital / audio format.



THE HUB

Boorhaanol's Pentz St property experienced a makeover to house a Cape Muslim cultural

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REFLECTIONS OVER PAST 6 YEARS

exhibition, “from the Cradle to the Grave”. This initiative saw the building being renamed as The Hub. The Social Welfare group, spearheaded by Masturah Adams, brought about the Bo-Kaap Covid Response Team which played a great support role in the community.



MAHRAJAAN

The Mahrajaan at the end of Ramadaan saw 47 pots of food being prepared for Eid. Cooking was decentralised to ensure regulatory compliance and distribution.



The annual 10th Muharram programme with its march through the Bo-Kaap is of significant importance in telling Islam’s history and during Covid, the tradition was kept alive with Boorhaanol and the Tana Baru teaming up to provide pots of akni which were distributed far & wide. As part of the Soup Kitchen and “Cup a Soup” programme, now in its 25th year, the bulk cooking of hot meals took place at least once a week.

SARS & RATES

The City of Cape Town’s change in rates policy led to organisations like Boorhaanol now being levied for rates on its properties, and an outstanding amount for rates and utilities had to be addressed and successful engagement with the City on these issues, resulted in a significant write off of the arrears and a reduced monthly rates bill.

In Conclusion, we trust that what’s been done, builds on the legacy of the late Imam Bassier and Achmat Davids. It is thus with the utmost gratitude that we thank those on the Exco and all who so unselfishly supported the organisation in its efforts of community service and make duah that Allah (SWT) bless them abundantly for their efforts. ■

SUCCESSFUL DOWRAH PROGRAMME EXCITES PARTICIPANTS

BOORHAANOL
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2024

The bi-annual Boorhaanol Dowrah proceeded smoothly over the weekend of 28th to 30th June 2024, Alhamdulillah. Since 2013, the Dowrah Programme has afforded high school learners from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to broaden their horizons for future possibilities of their careers and personal development. In addition to learning about various aspects of Cape Muslim heritage prevalent in the Bo-Kaap and surrounds, these learners are exposed to landmarks in the Mother City's CBD which they have never seen before.

FRIDAY

Proceedings for the mid-year Dowrah kicked off after Jumuah with a light lunch followed by an icebreaker session where the 20 participants got to know each other. This was followed by a mini Islamic quiz with token prizes, whereafter supper was served to be followed by a variety of board games before they all retired for bedtime.

SATURDAY

Saturday morning's session was spent at the Long St swimming baths, with the afternoon belonging to Abdus Samee Khan who taught the learners the techniques of Islamic wrestling, after which they held a fun wrestling tournament. The late afternoon walk up to the Hub Precinct for a relaxing braai brought a packed day to a close.



WINTER DOWRAH PROGRAMME 2024

SUNDAY

Sunday morning breakfast at Apache Spur in Strand St was a real highlight for all the learners, who thereafter were shown what a lungi was and taught how to properly wear these.

The learners also participated in a sewing class conducted by Haroon Jacobs.

Another highlight followed when they were given a talk by a descendant of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) brought in by Sheikh Moin Uddin, a group leader.

The talk was followed by lunch, their goodie bags were filled and a closing dua brought proceedings to a close.



APPRECIATION

The Boorhaanol Movement would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who assisted in whatever way in making the event such a success. May Allah (swt) reward you abundantly for your contributions and place ghayr and barakah in all your future endeavours, Insha-Allah. ■

Cutting it fine at the Boorhaanol Rampie-Sny

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Algamdulillaah, another colourful, vibrant and joyful Rampie-sny at Masjid Boorhaanol Islam on Sunday 8th September 2024. The preceding event to the Annual Koemies Mouloud, this is where the females take centre stage at the masjid, celebrating the birth of the Prophet of Islam, Nabi Muhammad (SAW), the most awe inspiring and at the same time, humblest creation of our beloved Allah (SWT).

This year's event commenced at 2pm and soon the full complement of 85 adults and 52 children had filled the mosque. In keeping with the rich tradition of wearing Melaya's at this event, we honoured Aunty Masturah Adams, with the 1st prize award. Aunty Masturah's love for tradition and leaving a legacy to our young ones was so deep and sincere, she searched where she could purchase a Melaya to wear, to dress-up for this occasion. Rampie-sny was smoking hot and beautiful. Everyone present must agree that it filled us with gratitude and humility to be of the Ummah of Nabi Muhammad (SAW).

The Boorhaanol Movement extend their profound gratitude to all those who contributed in whichever way to the success of the event, as well as to all the participants for making it such a wonderful occasion.



For the most traditional wear the first prize went to H Masturah Adams (in blue), 2nd prize to H Malikhah Salie- Railoen (far left) and third prize to H Shahieda Daniels (not on pic).

GAZA

The Struggle for Liberation Intensifies



The Genocide in Gaza is among the worst atrocities Man has committed on earth, and while the rest of the world stand by idly, South Africa has stood by our Palestinian brethren, both on a diplomatic and a humanitarian level. Equally the Bo-Kaap, the Cradle of Islam, has risen to the challenge admirably and has been an ongoing locus of struggle and has shone a light on the conscience of the world.

PICKETS & MURALS

Pride of place in the Bo-Kaap must go to the unsung heroines and heroes who have been picketing every Friday on the corner of Wale St and Buitengracht since the genocide started in October last year. Their stamina, commitment and sacrifice is indeed highly admirable, and we pray that their efforts are crowned with success, Insha-Allah.



Equally committed has been the mural artists and homeowners who have raised awareness of the Palestinian cause in a most spectacular way with their stunning artworks. This was very appropriately reflected within days of the assassination of the political leader of Hamas, Ismail Haniya, by the treacherous Zionists.



GAZA - THE STRUGGLE INTENSIFIES



Along with many others, the Boorhaanol Islam masjid congregation performed salatul ghayb on Friday 2nd August 2024, two days after the assassination took place in Iran. The congregation also continues to perform Qunoot Nazilah during Jumuah salaah each Friday, imploring Allah(swt) to bring relief to the people of Palestine.

AL-QUDS IFTAAR

On Thursday 22nd August 2024 the Boorhaanol Islam Movement hosted the Iftaar programme of the Al-Quds Foundation at the mosque in Longmarket St, where several prominent Islamic scholars, including Sheikh Ebrahim Gabriel's and Sheikh Ihsaan Taliep, addressed the gathering of over 100 people.

QIYAAM AL LAYL



On Sunday morning at 4.00am the Al Quds Foundation's Qiyaam Al Layl programme was hosted at Boorhaanol Masjied and was well attended, Alghamdulillah. The salaah was led by two hufaath who each led two raka-ahs respectively. One of the two hufaath was Imam Shafie Salie, the son of one of Boorhaanol Masjied's former mureeds and bilals, Faizel Salie. After the Qiyaam al Layl some light refreshments and coffee/tea were served to the attendees whereafter Imam Shafie also led the thikr that followed with his melodious voice. The thikr concluded with the onset of the waqt of Fajr.

BARBER DAY - The last leg of the weekend's programmes was the Breakfast / Barber Day For Palestine at the Cultural Hub. All the proceeds from the haircuts and food sales went to the Palestinian cause Alghamdulillah. ■



Gaza in Focus

Public Programme in Support of Families of Fallen Journalists in Gaza



The recent Gaza in Focus event, held at the Bo-Kaap Cultural Hub on Sunday 1 September, brought together voices of resilience, activism, and solidarity in support of the Palestinian people. The sunny, Spring morning featured stirring speeches by renowned Anti-Apartheid activist, Dr. Allan Boesak, and Al-Jazeera journalist and Palestinian genocide survivor, **Younna El-Sayed**.

Parallel Struggle

Dr. Boesak passionately highlighted the unwavering strength of the Palestinian people, drawing parallels between their struggle and the history of resistance in South Africa. He acknowledged the ongoing support from the people of Cape Town, emphasizing that their solidarity with Palestine continues to grow as the tyranny of occupation persists.

Life in Gaza

Younna El-Sayed, who survived the relentless bombings and blockades in Gaza, moved the audience with her deeply personal recollection of life under occupation. She described the daily struggle for survival and the constant fight to protect her family from the violence of an illegal occupation. Her words painted a poignant picture of life in Gaza, leaving the crowd deeply emotional yet inspired to take action.

Continue the Struggle

The event was covered live on air by Salaam Media and Radio Voice of the Cape, bringing the powerful messages of solidarity to listeners across the country. The gathering opened with a prayer by Sheikh Riad Fataar Al-Azhari, and the entire event was carefully organized by the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign.

It was a day of reflection and commitment, further reinforced Cape Town's long-standing connection with the Palestinian cause, while reminding attendees of the importance of continuing the fight for justice and peace. ■



Bo-Kaap Cultural Hub Administrator, Fatima pictured here with Ms Youmna El-Sayed

INCLEMENT WEATHER FAILS TO DAMPEN MUHARRAM MARCH SPIRIT



One of the most dramatic episodes of the annual Muharram March took place on Sunday 14th July 2024 when the inclement weather threatened to derail months of planning involving various stakeholders. A special virtual meeting of the organizing committee had been held on the evening of Thursday 11th July 2024 to consider alternative plans should the predicted pelting rain make marching hazardous.

DRAMA

At 10-15 am on that fateful Sunday morning, with the Hub Precinct buzzing with excitement under cloudy skies, the signal was given to the 60-strong Habibia Siddique Muslim Brigade to commence by proceeding from the fenced-in section adjacent to the Hub building. As their melodious pipeband tunes filled the Bo-Kaap air and the troupe entered the gap between the 2 marquees on the Precinct forecourt, the rahmah came pouring down and the Brigade procession had to be redirected into the smaller marquee, while the 1 500 -



strong gathering crowded under the 2 marquees. This created an electric atmosphere of camaraderie, sound and spiritual serenity, such that a sense of true anticipation was permeable when the MC, Voice of the Cape presenter Shafiek Sedick, took the mike to welcome the crowd. By the time he had asked Sheikh Muhammad West to render an opening dua and address the gathering, the rain had abated and the march proceedings could commence.

SHORTENED MARCH

Unwilling to risk the health and safety of the participants, the

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organizers had decided upon a much shorter route that excluded the Tana Baru and Schotche Kloof Primary School legs of the march. Thus the parade, led by the Habibia Brigade followed by the flag bearers, the thikrullah group and the marchers, wound its way down Pentz St, into Dorp St, Buitengracht St, up Wale St and into Yusuf Drive before re-entering the Hub forecourt.

Waiting for the hungry participants were a well-orchestrated collection of goodies as well as 14 x 100-litre pots of akni which had been decanted into foam containers, accompanied by an assortment of drinks and sweets.

ENTERTAINMENT

The organizers had lined up a succession of acts to entertain the grateful crowd. The Al Azhar Primary Nasheed Group stole the show with their beautiful renditions of Palestinian songs, while several other groups, including the Hadji Armien Kannemeyer Thikrullah Jamaah, the Madrasatur Rahman from Delft and the Madrasarur



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Rahma from Voorbrug all performed commendably. Meanwhile the full complement of the Habibia Brigade were invited into Oemmies to enjoy lunch, whereafter they were addressed by Sheikh West who thanked them for their commitment and passion for the event. Down at the smaller marquee Shafiek Sedick was entertaining the kids, handing out prizes for quiz questions and getting them to sing Palestinian songs.



Despite the inclement weather, the turnout had been amazing and the fear of remaining glut of goodie bags and food did not materialise. The single remaining pot of akni plus about 200 goodie bags were donated to a highly appreciative Heideveld Madrassa Society, who had arranged their own Tiene Muharram programme.

LESSONS LEARNT

This was a watershed march (pun unintended) for the organizers, as many lessons were learnt, and as future marches move deeper into the rainy season, much planning will need to be done to maintain the profile of this wonderful tradition on the Cape Muslim calendar. ■

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF HAJJ & UMRAH GUIDE

Alhamdulillah, we thank the Almighty Allah for the successful completion of the Hajj & Umrah Guide produced by the Boorhaanol Islam Movement. The institution of Hajj has major religious, economic, spiritual & cultural significance for Cape Muslims, underpinning the fibre of their society since Carel Pilgrim first performed hajj in 1833.

The Movement is dedicated to preserving the cultural traditions of Cape Muslims and the booklet concept was built on the series of Hajj & Umrah courses presented by Sh Muhammad West over the past 8 years. We also wanted to preserve for posterity the beautiful traditions associated with Hajj that undoubtedly played key roles in the transformation of the characters of our hujjaaj upon their return. These include visiting the karamats, asking maaf, inpakkery and leading the pilgrim out of the house. We also wanted to widen the utility value of the Guide for non-hujjaaj by including entities like Qasr salaah for travellers, a pro-forma Will that every Muslim should have irrespective of age or travel, and the details of janaazah salaah, especially pertinent for women in the Haramayn.

As always, the challenge with such ambitious goals is to be able to incorporate these elements in a user-friendly booklet format that will not be burdensome to the traveller. In that regard, a new innovation of this publication is the inclusion of QR codes that will allow the user to listen to the audio version of all the duas beautifully rendered by Sheikh Ismail Londt, the history of the ziyaarah places in Mecca and Medina narrated by Sheikh Muhammad West, as well as various athkaar melodiously recited by the Esa Alexander and company.



Successful Launch

The launch of the Hajj & Umrah Guide took place on Sunday 5th May 2024 at the Hub in Pentz St in Bo-Kaap. Invited were all those who contributed to the production of the Guide, all the sponsors, Boorhaanol members, some media, as well as a few other guests. The programme started at 2.40pm with an opening Qiraa by MI Muntaha Kenny, who also represented SAHUC at the launch. The opening dua was



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rendered by the MJC President, Sheikh Riad Fataar, whereafter Abdul Muhaimin Bassier outlined the background, objectives and context of the publication.

On behalf of the Boorhaanol Movement Achmat Kiyaam Bassier then proceeded to acknowledge and thank everyone involved in the successful completion of the Guide, for in reality the project was a team effort to which so many stakeholders contributed.

Sheikh Muhammad West thereafter briefly outlined the contents of the Guide and how to use it, especially the QR codes linking the book to the audios by himself and Sheikh Ismail Londt. The gathering was then treated to a beautiful poem on hajj rendered by Sheikh Riyaad Walsh, after which the closing duah was made by Qari



Muntaha Kenny. All guests were handed complimentary copies of the Guide as well as a branded bag and were encouraged to mingle as customary Boorhaanol refreshments were served. ■



PASSING OF HADJI ABDUL AZIZ ESAU MARKS END OF ERA



The packed and overflowing Longmarket St mosque bore ample testimony to the character of Hadji Abdul Aziz Esau, 76, who had passed on during Friday 30th August 2024.

After a long battle with illness, the ever-smiling neighbour of the mosque followed his wife Rukeya who had also departed for greener pastures in 2022. It represented the end of an era as the couple and their residence at 199 Longmarket St had been integral to whatever was happening at the Boorhaanol mosque opposite them. Their doors were always open for functions at the mosque, be it Moulood, cutting rampies, Ramadan or any other function.



Hadji Abdul Aziz is survived by his son Muhammad, daughters Shanaaz and Wareldia, as well as 7 grandchildren. We make dua that Allah (swt) grant both him and his wife a high place in Jannah and place sabr and contentment in the hearts of his family. ■





Ismail Emeran

A Life of Love, Legacy, and Community at Dover Street

The famed vibrancy of Kanaldorp (aka District Six) manifested itself strongly at number 1 Dover Street where the Emeran household welcomed all and sundry through their doors. It was the abode where Ismail (Boeta Mailie) Emeran was born, the 11th of 12 children to Zainab Dramat and Taib Emeran, who in their altruism also adopted others as their own, such as Rugaya Davids and Abdullah Emeran.

In chronological order Ismail's other siblings were Ebrahim (eldest and father of Abdullah), Gadija Dollie, Ragiema Davids, Rugaya Emeran, Omerah Abrahams, Hajjera Jonas and Sedick Emeran. These seven were all born at Bryant Street in Bo-Kaap before the family moved to Dover Street in District Six, where the remaining five were born: Aliwia (Oolly) Emeran, Faldelah Bassardien, Rashaad Emeran, Ismail, and the youngest, Yasmine Emeran.



FAMILY TREE

The Dover Street Emeran family tree has many branches, including the Sachs Street Emeran (H Zubeida & Gaamiedoen 'Swin') family of 14 siblings, their first cousins. The eldest sister, Gadija, was married to Abdul Fataa (Boo) Dollie and along with their nine children initially stayed in Rochester Road in Dry Docks of District 6 before moving to Lever Street in Walmer Estate. When Zainab's sister passed away,

Rugaya (Gayatjie) Davids was a toddler, and she was raised in Dover Street as one of their own. Gayatjie is the sister of Abdul Aziz (Boeta Jiesie) Davids, a stalwart gatiep of Imam Abdurahman Bassier for many years. Gayatjie also worked for Imam for a long time as a finisher in his tailoring shop in Pepper Street in Bo-Kaap. Many a janaazah forced Imam to work till late, with the result many a waqt can bear testimony to being fulfilled by him at Dover Street when dropping her in his Rover, or later his Peugeot 404.



Abdul Aziz Davids

Imam also had another big challenge in the seventies when Ragiema and her husband passed away shortly after each other, thus orphaning their five children. As executor of the estate, Imam insisted on finding someone who was willing to give a home to all 5 kids, thus keeping them together. It was left to Hajiera and her husband Abdurahmaan to step forward and assume that great responsibility, one they carried out by raising all 5 kids into adulthood. May Allah (swt) grant them Jannatul Firdous for their virtuous deed, Insha-Allah. Imam's sister, Hadji Mariam (Amatie) was married to Aboebaker (Boeya Kaa) Dramat, who was the brother of Zainab, who was also known as Lingie, as she was a twin.



Aboebaker Dramat

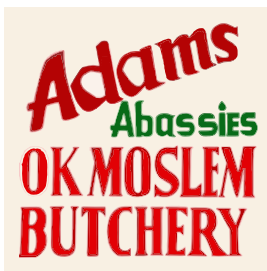
EDUCATION

Ismail was born on Sunday, 16th July 1944. He attended Rahmaniya Primary and later moved to Chapel Street, where he won the Ducks Medal for best student in Standard 6. Achmat Gabier, a contemporary of Mailie at Chapel St, clearly remembers the healthy competition between the two of them, as well as the role Sheikh Jamodien played at the school in teaching learners in the school courtyard the basics of performing salaah. Their paths diverged when Achmat attended Roggebaai High, while Ismail went to Trafalgar High.

After matriculating, Ismail enrolled at the University of Cape Town in 1963 to study Electrical Engineering. However, as his son Yazeed recounts, *"My dad said that due to the inequality of education back then, he felt out of his depth at UCT."*

EMPLOYMENT

Boeta Mailie was employed at WJM, which later became Mills Construction, specializing in road construction. He served as Fleet Manager for 35 years, retiring in 1998. Prior to his full-time job, Mailie worked part-time at "OK Moslem Butchery," famous for their "Abasies



worsies" (penny colonies), which every District Six resident looked forward to on Wednesdays. The butchery, located in Hanover Street, was directly across from their Dover abode. Abassie Adams himself would keep an eye on their house as Zainab had a hearing impairment. Next to



the butchery in Hanover Street was The Crescent Restaurant owned by Mr Kathrada, who unfailingly on Sundays was Zainab's first customer for her delicious Koesisters. Namso's Stores owned by Mr Osman and Govender's Fruit & Veg were other landmark businesses in Hanover Street close to their home.

Home to the Westminster Malay Choir, 1 Dover Street was the 'klopskamer' where choral rehearsals took place. Around New Year's time, the vacant land adjacent to the house would be populated by benches for spectators to come and listen to the various Malay Choirs and minstrel troupes perform.



WHITE FIAT 124

Among the Emeran neighbours was Professor Gielmie Kariem, now retired Head of Maxillo-Facial Surgery, who grew up in Springfield Street and matriculated in 1969. Despite their age difference, Prof and Mailie became quite close during their bachelor years and Mailie's famous white Fiat 124 was the vehicle for



many memorable trips, including trips to Boorhaanol Mosque for Taraweeq (night prayers) during Ramadan, where they gave Boeta Sanna Bassier of Upper Ashley Street a lift home. He recalls the Taraweeq being led jointly by Sheikh Sa'dullah Khan and Imam Saleh Adams, with B Achmat 'Soete Olie' Isaacs and Ismail 'Mai' Khan as the Bilals.

When Rashida Emandien captured Ismail's heart, Gielmie shared the limelight as his best man at their wedding on Sunday, 17th July 1977.



Prof Gielmie capping his own son

BOORHAANOL SERVICE

Ismail became involved with Boorhaanol more officially during the mid-70s, serving on the Committee and later as Assistant Secretary to Achmat Gabier. During the Boorhaanol Masjid's Centenary celebrations in 1984, Ebrahim Alawie, who was Secretary of the Boorhaanol Movement at the time, recalls that Mailie served as the Assistant Director of the Seven-a-side Tournament. The event, held at Green Point Track and involving all the clubs of the WPRFU, saw Silvertree emerge as the eventual winners.

CRICKET ADMINISTRATOR

Mailie Emeran also served the United Cricket Club as an administrator with distinction for many years. After serving as the club's secretary, he learned from the legendary Sadick Emeran, who was the club's first President. Mailie's 10-year tenure as President of United (1986–1996) spanned a critical period of transition towards a new democratic dispensation in the country. Mailie had steered the ship United SS with aplomb into calmer waters by the time he relinquished his post in 1996.



His successor as United CC President, Ashraf Burns, who later also had a stint as President of WP Cricket Association from 2020 to 2023, paid tribute to Mailie as someone who led a well-balanced life, who always prioritised his family and who presided over the glory years of the club. Abdul Hardie Dollie, former Springbok flanker who had close family and sporting relations with Mailie, described him as *'an amazingly caring and concerned person, who was a wonderful family man and an efficient administrator'*.



Abdul Hardie Dollie

Ismail Emeran - Life and Legacy



Boeta Maily and his 3 children (l-r) Wisahl Gamiet, Yazeed and Michelle Haas

Ismail Emeran, who relocated to Welcome Estate in 1977 due to the Group Areas Act, passed away on Wednesday, 10th July 2024, just a week before his 80th birthday at the age of 79, after an intense battle with emphysema and pulmonary lung fibrosis.

He is survived by his daughters Michelle Haas and Wisahl Gamiet, only son Yazeed Emeran, and 9 grandchildren. We pray that Allah (swt) grant him and all our deceased Jannatul Firdouz, and place sabr in the hearts of their loved ones, Insha-Allah. ■



Boeta Maily with his 9 grandchildren

Our hearts are aching

Assalamu Alaykum Warahmatullaahi Wa Barakatuh

Muhammad Al Muqit in his Nasheed "Beauty of Existence" says: "The Beauty of existence is in remembering Allah. Then life becomes pure with His guidance of Light". Algamdulillaah, it is with this in heart that we take our task of guiding and showing beauty to the young and innocent, so awesomely serious. During the winter holidays of 2024, we made a point of going out and showing our little ones of all things bright and beautiful. We went on a special visit to Vredenheim Farm in Stellenbosch, where the alpacas joyfully interacted with our learners.



On a stormy winter's day, we visited the Scratch Patch at the Waterfront, where our invaluable little gems enjoyed delving for some gems from topaz to jade and more.

The year 1446 comes with showers of blessings and what a blissful event to prepare as the big, beautiful smiles of the Boorhaanol staff depict below, handing out the Goody Bags from the maquee at the Muharram March.



BOORHAANOL NURSERY SCHOOL



The little ones were then also taught how to value the beautiful creations of Allah, by taking care of our precious Earth. A special visit from DASH an organization creating awareness through play visited the school.



The wonderful season of blooming buds - spring - is with us as well as the month of reverence Moulodan Nabi. What a joyous time of the year, Algamdulillaah. This joyful feeling inspired us to prepare a Children's Moulod Day on Sunday the 27th of October at the Bo Kaap Cultural Hub. The theme is "Islam in our daily lives". The little ones will share how blessed we are to be followers of Nabi Muhammad (SAW) and how the pillars of Islam constantly remind us of Allah's guiding light in our daily lives.

The New Year 1446 started with showers of blessings here in Cape Town and every moment of every day, we say Shukr Yaa Allah, Shukr Yaa Rabbi, Taubah Yaa Allah, Taubah Yaa Rabbi....

As the melodious sounds of Salawaat flow through the skies of Cape Town, we make dua, that we live the guidance and peace that Nabi Muhammad (SAW) taught us. May the Salawaats, of love and light, bring ease on our beloved brothers and sisters in Palestine. Ameen, Insha-Allah.

Barakallaah Feek ■



Catalogue of Talks

The pre-Khutbah talks delivered by Sheikh Muhammad West each Friday are both wide-ranging and highly informative. Anyone interested in being on the electronic mailing list for these talks, or would like copies of talks already delivered, is urged to WhatsApp/SMS their name to **Tel.084 222 1308** to be included on that list. Herewith follows the topics discussed by Sheikh Muhammad West recently.

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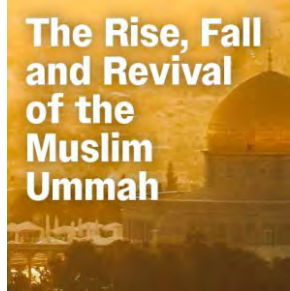
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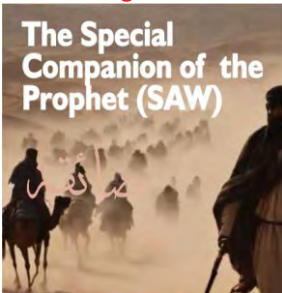
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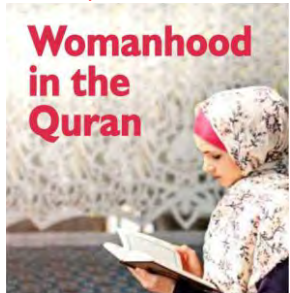
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