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EDITORIAL

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Assalaam-O-Alaikam wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatahu

The holy month of Ramadhan is here again and may the blessings of Allah be with all of you all throughout the month, and may you celebrate the happy festival of Eid with your family and friends in peace and happiness - Amen

Peace has come at least to some areas of the world, after so much loss of lives and worldly possessions; but Allah has said in the Qur'an that the life of this world is but a trial, and He will test us with great difficulties to find out who stands firm in faith, and who loses it under the strain and stress. If we support each other in this time of stress and suffering both morally and financially then we can succeed in overcoming our trials - Insha Allah

The important thing is to recognise where to give this support - By the grace of Allah there are thousands of organisations requesting our help - please do not forget to support Madina House, a Children's Home established by the Muslim Women's Association. It is in great need of your help to raise a large amount of money so that new premises may be purchased for the children.

The time has also come to renew your annual subscription to the MWA.

May Allah bless you all.

Amen

Dr. Zubeda Osman

ASSALAAM-O-ALAIKAM

Who am I ? Why am I here? Where am I going? I have been created for the purpose of acknowledging and worshipping Almighty Allah. Human beings have the ability to solve complex problems, but struggle when it comes to these basic questions. What is the relationship between human-beings, life and the Universe? Do we exist in this temporary life only or is this an eternal life and what was before it? Is all this, the result of blind chance or randomness, or is it part of a purposeful scheme and plan? What is after life?

The answers to all these questions can be found in the Holy Qur'an - The Divine book and Allah's last Message to all human beings.

Who am I?

I am Almighty Allah's representative on earth. He has chosen me to be his Khalif (representative). Everything in the heavens and the earth has been placed at my disposal as a trust by Him. He breathed his Spirit into me in my mother's womb and therefore, I was born. Then I'll be clothed in my shroud, when He will call me back to Him again. forever? eternally. He has created me to be the grandest and the most noble of His creatures. He has given me the power of intellect, speech, emotion, choice and passion. He has endowed me with judgement so that I may recognise right and wrong. He gave me a physical body so that I may live on this earth. and, end as a soul which will continue on my journey back to Him.

Why am I here?

I have been created for the purpose of acknowledging, and worshipping Almighty Allah. My faith and action is constantly being tested. My life journey in this life is not a pleasure trip. Every minute of my life I am being tested. During this time, I either prepare myself for eternal bliss in Heaven or torment in the Hell fire. As Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

"And fear the day when you shall be brought back to Allah. Then every soul will be paid what it earned and none shall be dealt with unjustly"(2:281)

If I follow the example of the noble Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.),

and if I surrender to Allah's laws, I will achieve inner peace. I will achieve success in this world and the Hereafter. Allah says in the Holy Qur'an: "And we shall most certainly try you with something of fear and hunger and loss of property and lives and give good news to the patient people who when a misfortune befalls them, say: surely we are Allah's and to Him we shall surely return" (2:155-156)

Where am I going?

I have an eternal soul which will live on after the death of my physical body. After my life on earth? my soul, my true self will continue into the Hereafter. What will happen in the Hereafter~ Allah says in the Holy Qur'an that his obedient servants will be rewarded: "They shall have the abode of peace with their Lord, and He is their (Guardian because of what they did)"(6: 127) Allah says that the disobedient will be punished:

"Surely the guilty shall abide in the chastisement of Hell. It shall not be abated from them and they shall therein be despairing. And we are not unjust to them, but they themselves were unjust" (43:74-76)

The Holy Qur'an says I am most certainly going to meet my Creator: "...who know that they shall meet their Lord and that they shall return to Him:(2:46) If I buy a computer or a car? I am also being trained and tested how to use them. Likewise the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) act as a source of guidance. If we study this guidance and then implement Allah's laws, the guarantee is eternal Paradise.

Swadeka Ahsun

THE SCHEME OF LIFE

Iman, the starting point of our religion, consists in the acceptance of this relationship by man's intellect and will and Islam is actual submission, the way of surrender to the Will of God in all aspects of life and behaviour. Now, we are in a position to cast a glance over the scheme of life which Islam envisages. This scheme - the code of conduct - is known as the Shari'ah. Its sources are the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh).

The final book of God and the final Messenger stand today as the repositories of this truth, and they invite the whole of humanity to accept the truth. God Almighty has endowed man with free-will in the moral domain and it is to this free-will that this acceptance bears reference. Consequently, it is always an act of volition and not of compulsion. Whosoever agrees that the concept of reality stated by the Holy Prophet and the Holy Book is true, it is for him to step forward and surrender his will to the will of God. It is this submission which is called Islam, the fructification of faith (Iman) in actual life, and those who do so, i.e., those who of their own free-will, accept God as their Sovereign, and surrender to His Divine Will and undertake to regulate their lives in accordance with His Commandments, are called Muslims.

All those persons who thus surrender themselves to the Will of God are welded into a community and that is how the 'Muslim Society' comes into being. Thus, this is an ideological society - a society radically different from those which are founded on the basis of race, colour or territory. This society is the result of a deliberate choice and effort; it is the outcome of a 'contract' which takes place between human beings and their Creator. Those who enter into this contract, undertake to recognize God as their Sovereign, His guidance as supreme, and His injunctions as absolute law. They also undertake to accept, without question or doubt, His classifications of good and evil, right and wrong, permissible and prohibited. In short, the Islamic society agrees to limit its volition to the extent prescribed by the All-Knowing God. In other words, it is God and not man whose will is the primary source of law in a Muslim society.

When such a society comes into existence, the books and the Messenger prescribe for it a code of life called the Shari'ah, and this society is bound to conform to it by virtue of the contract it has

entered into. It is, therefore, inconceivable that any Muslim society worth the name can deliberately adopt a system of life other than the Shari'ah. If it does so, its contract is ipso facto broken and the whole society becomes un-Islamic.

But we must clearly distinguish between the everyday sins or violations of the individuals and a deliberate revolt against the Shari'ah. The former may not imply breaking up of the contract, while the latter would mean nothing short of that. The point that should be clearly understood here is that if an Islamic society consciously resolves not to accept the Shari'ah, and decides to enact its own constitution and laws or borrows them from any other source in utter disregard of the Shari'ah, such a society breaks its contract with God and forfeits its right to be called "Islamic".

(From "Islamic Way of Life", by A.A.Maududi; Islamic Publications Ltd.Lahore)

OUR NEWS

We have received Ramadan Greetings from His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince of Qatar, H.H. Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, Dr. Charis Waddy, Miss Kathleen Tour-Sinneen (USA) and Dr. Begam (USA).

Our thanks are to Mrs Ghaniyat Hoodlers, Mrs. Kunza Shah and Mrs. Shafaqat Ghaffar for sponsoring three children in Rwanda from January 1996. We are glad the MWA members are now sponsoring 9 children (6 in Lebanon and 3 in Rwanda).

Congratulations to Mrs Qamar Bashir on the birth of her granddaughter. The baby is the first child of Dr. Khawar Bashir and Dr. J. Bashir. May Allah Almighty Bless her and her family.

Condolences to Souraya Youssef, our Religious Advisor, on the passing away of her mother. May Allah Almighty bless her soul.

POETRY

HELP ME

Elham Mourtada

God in my eyes and in my seeing,
God in my ears and in my hearing,
God in my heart and in my feeling,
God do not think I am not with you,
When I am not in formal prayer,
God I think of you everywhere.
God help me
My friend in need
Help me concentrate
Guide me, help me
Take me, by the hand,
Show me what you planned

For your tiny creature.
You created me
From nothing you created me
Thus you can recreate me
Fresh, clean in mind and spirit
Renew my body and soul
With you there is nothing impossible
I am grateful you What shall I do
To my bretheren to please you
Give me strength and will power
Unselfishness and love to do your will.

اے مسلمان

خاک و خون میں لتھڑے ہوئے یہ انسان
پائے بے بس اور بے سہارا یہ مسلمان
حکمرانی کے نشے میں چور حکمرانوں سے کوئی پوچھے
کب تک آپس میں جھگڑتے رہیں گے یہ مسلمان
یہ شرابی یہ کبابی یہ بگڑے ہوئے حکمران
کہاں تک انکے ناز اٹھائے گا مسلمان
ہم سے کوئی پوچھے کیسے تڑپتے ہیں اس وقت کیلئے
کب اور کس طرح کنارے یہ لگے گا مسلمان
غیروں کے آگے ہاتھ پھیلانے کی عادت چھوڑ
اپنے بازوؤں پہ تکیہ کرنا سیکھ اے مسلمان
آسمان بھی تیری بربادی پہ افسوس کرے
تجھے اپنے پہ کیوں ترس آتا نہیں اے مسلمان
میری دعا ہے کہ تو پھر اس دنیا میں سرخرو ہو جائے
تو بھی دعا کر اللہ سے تیرا کام کرے آسان (آمین)۔

بشرہ صمد

THE MEANING ZAKAT

Zakat is the Fourth Pillar of Islam. It is an obligation prescribed by God (*fard*) on those Muslims men and women who possess enough means, to distribute a certain percentage of their annual savings or capital in goods or money among the poor and the needy Zakat is assessed at the end of the year on both capital and savings from income. The details of percentages and the method of distribution and collection are based on the practices of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) and his Companions. The literal meaning of the word Zakat is "purification". The Prophet (peace be on him) has said: "God has made Zakat obligatory simply to purify your remaining property". There is no equivalent practice in other religions. Hence, while terms such as 'charity', 'poor-tax', 'alms-tax' and 'poor-due' have been used by various translators, none of these terms actually conveys the true sense of the word Zakat. Zakat is not a tax levied by a government nor is it a voluntary contribution. It is first and foremost a duty enjoined by God and hence a form of worship. In the Qur'an the payment of Zakat is frequently mentioned in the same sentence or verse as the establishment of *salat* (prayers).

"Those who believe, and do deeds of righteousness, and establish regular prayers and pay Zakat, will have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve." (The Qur'an 2:277)

"These are verses of the Wise Book, a Guide and a Mercy to the doers of good, those who establish regular Prayer, and give regular Zakat, and have (in their hearts) the assurance of the Hereafter. These are on (true) guidance from their Lord; and these are the ones who will prosper." (The Qur'an 31:2-5)

Thus, while *Salat* is an act of worship through words and bodily action, *Zakat* is a devotional act through one's wealth. Without the spirit of submission to God and love of Him, both acts are without spiritual and moral significance. From a practical point of view, it is the duty of every Muslim government to collect the *Zakat*. The first Caliph, Abu Bakr as-Siddiq, declared war on those tribes which refused to pay *Zakat* while still professing Islam and observing daily prayers. He reasoned that the Divine law (*Shari'a*) cannot be divided and that one cannot follow part of the Holy Book and cast aside other parts. However, in a non-Islamic state it is up to the individual Muslim to be conscientious enough to voluntarily fulfil this duty to God and to the community. □



”لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ“

“You shall not attain righteousness unless you spend on others of that which
you love, and whatever you spend, verily God has knowledge of it.”
(The Qur'an 3:92)

MADINA HOUSE

دار المدينة



From

Name

Address

Telephone

I would like to make a donation/Zakat and enclose a cheque for
the amount of £..... payable to Muslim Women's
Association 'Account Madina House'.

To be send either to:

THE PRESIDENT,
MWA, P. O. Box 6119, LONDON SW20 0XG

or direct to:

The National Westminster Bank, Royal Garden Branch,
Kensington High Street, London W8 5EQ (Acc no 25941364;
Sort Number 50-30-10).

MADINA HOUSE

**A Muslim Home for Children
in Need of Care in London**

AN APPEAL

MADINA HOUSE is a Muslim home for children in need of care,
established in 1981 under the auspices of the Muslim Women's
Association (a registered charity which has been functioning since
1962).

From its inception the organisers worked closely with the Department
of Health and Social Security and all other Social Services Agencies
in order to comply with the current guidelines on the running of
Children's Homes. Subsequently Madina House was registered by the
Department of Health & Social Security under the Child Care Act.

Aim - The main aim of Madina House is to provide an alternative
home for children who for whatever reason, are temporarily unable to
live with their parent/s. At Madina House we provide a stable, caring
background, founded on Islamic principles and practices. Since its
founding we have cared for over 300 children.

The present home does no longer comply with today's regulations and
we have been asked to find more suitable accommodation. Thus, we
are in desperate need of finance to buy an appropriate building.
Failing to do so, the future of Madina House is in question.

Please help us by giving generously to continue to care for our
children in need.

Donations, whether by Cheques or Banker's Orders would be greatly
appreciated.

ZAKAT-UL-FITR

It is the religious duty of all Muslims to see that the poor and needy in the community are not left uncared during the month of Ramadan and to help them rejoice in the festivity of Eid-ul-Fitr, Islam requires that all persons who can afford it should give a contribution to the poor any time before Eid day or on Eid day before the Eid prayer begins. This charity is known as Zakat-ul-Fitr or Sadaqat-ul-Fitr. The Prophet (peace be upon him) is reported to have said: "Fasting in Ramadan is not acceptable to God without Sadaqat-ul-Fitr" and "Sadaqat-ul-Fitr is a means of purification of one who is fasting".

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr should be equivalent to at least one meal (about £2.50 in the UK) per person in the family.

Eid Mubarak

عيد مبارك

THE MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND SEND ITS BEST WISHES ON THIS BLESSED MONTH AND THE FESTIVAL OF EID-UL-FITR TO ALL MUSLIMS.

ALSO WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE MWA WELCOMES YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDINAH HOUSE, A HOME FOR MUSLIM CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE. WE HOPE YOU WILL RESPOND TO OUR APPEAL.

PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATIONS USING THE FORM ON PAGE 10

Jazakum Allahu Khayran

Children's Corner

PROPHET YOUSUF ﷺ

Zubeda Osman

Dear Children, Assalaam-O-Alaikam

You have read the story of the prophet Yousuf (Joseph in the Bible) Alaihis - Salaam, and how he was sent to prison because he refused to give in to the temptation offered by the wife of the Aziz (Prime Minister) of Egypt. Her name was Zuleikha. Two young men went to prison with him. They had heard of Yousuf (A.S.) and how good he was. They also knew that he could tell the meaning of dreams, like his father (Yakoub (A.S.) could. You know that Allah had given both of them the knowledge of the meaning of dreams. So the first young man said: "Oh Yousuf, I dreamt that I was pressing wine" - what is the meaning of my dreams?"

The second young man said: "Oh Yousuf, I dreamt that I was carrying a basket of bread upon my head, and the birds were eating from it. What is the meaning of my dream?"

Yousuf (A.S.) answered: "Give me time and I will tell you." So when the evening came he said to the first young man. "You will pour out wine for your master to drink" - which meant that he would go free to return to his master again.

To the second young man he said: "I am sorry to tell you this, but you will be crucified, and the birds will eat from your head."

Then Yousuf (A.S.) said to them that Allah had given him this knowledge, and that Allah alone should be worshipped. He has no partners, no sons or daughters, and this was the religion of Abraham, and Ishaq (Isaac) and Yakoub (Jacob), which he followed, and which he was asking them to follow. Soon after this the first young man was released from prison, and went back to serve the King. When he was going Yousuf said to him: "Do not forget to ask the King to release me too." But he was careless and forgot and Yousuf stayed in prison for many years. The second young man, as Yousuf (A.S.) had said was crucified, and the birds ate from his head.

Many years later the King of Egypt (Pharaoh) had a dream. He saw seven very thin cows eating seven fat ones, and the next night he saw seven green ears of corn and seven dry ones. He was very puzzled and

rather frightened - he called all his wise men together and said "I have had these two very strange dreams - could you tell me their meaning?" But try hard as they would they could not bring up any answers.

At this point the young man who had been in prison with Yousuf (A.S.) and who was serving the King remembered Yousuf (A.S.) and said 'Oh, King, I know a man, who will tell you the meaning of your dream,' and he went straight to Yousuf (A.S.) in prison and told him about the King's dream. Yousuf (A.S.) answered: This means that you will have plenty of wheat and crops for the next seven years, but the following seven years there will be no crops. So that what you save in the first seven years will be all used up. Then again after that will come a year when the people will have plenty of crops and they will press wine and oil."

When the King heard this he was very anxious to meet Yousuf (A.S.) and immediately sent for him, but Yousuf wanted to know what the women had to say who had sent him to prison in the first place. So the King called them and Zuleikha with them, and asked "what happened when you asked Yousuf (A.S.) to do an evil thing?" They answered: "Allah, blameless, we know that Yousuf is innocent," and Zuleikha the wife of the Aziz (Prime Minister) said: "Now the truth is out. Yousuf is truthful - it was I who asked him to do evil." Then Yousuf (A.S.) said, "I only did this so that everyone may know that I did not betray my master in secret (meaning Zuleikha's husband) who might have been suspicious.

The King was very pleased with Yousuf (A.S.) and made him Governor of all the food stores in the land of Egypt, so that he had great power. You see children how Allah rewards those who trust in Him and do the right thing even though it makes them suffer.

May Allah bless you all 'Ameen.

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replaced again thanks to all the donors and friends like Nusrat and Tayb Katchi and Suraya. My thanks also go to Dr. Joseph Kamal and medical staff at Bedford Hospital for providing the physiotherapy equipment. Thanks also to the friendly team of lads who accompanied Asad from the United Kingdom. Especially Omar, Farooq, Keith and Niaz who worked non-stop. May Allah help everyone of them and bless them for their moral support and physical hard work. Wasaalam
Saida Sherif

A LETTER FROM BOSNIA

An open letter from Saida Sherif, an ex-committee member and religious advisor of the MWA. Saida Sherif is also member of a registered Charity - Convoy of Mercy. Since 1994 she has been active in setting up a school and medical centre in Ostrozac - central Bosnia. November 1995.

Dear sisters,

This is my third visit to Ostrozac. The journey was relatively good as this time I flew to Ljubljana, and from there to Split (Croatia). I telephoned my friend Bill before leaving London and though he was not there himself to receive me at the airport, I was met by someone who took me to his seaside flat and I spent the night there in order to take the connecting autobus the next morning at 8 am. This service runs regularly between Split and Bosnia and goes all the way to Zenica. It is a six hour drive by bus and luckily the driver was not too harassed by the Croat authorities as the peace initiative is coming into existence between the Croats and Bosnians. The bus stopped right outside the Convoy of Mercy Centre (COMC).

I came into the Centre to find out that our Convoy had arrived and Asad Khan was already there with the lads. It was a shock though to be told by Asad that the Centre had been vandalised and burgled while I had been away. The property had been left unattended for a week and the thieves broke open the door and took most of our electrical goods.

One feels bitter and hurt about the theft. The things that had been stolen were donated by loving and caring people from England and they were to be distributed to the poor and needy. In Ostrozac; a mountain village where the Centre is, there is also a band of thugs and drunkards who resort to stealing when they need money for alcohol. The Police are aware of this group, but are powerless to take any action against them. Many people from the village visited me and conveyed their shame and sorrow about the break-in. The locals brought home baked cakes and kept coming and I heard them say "saramota, saramota = shame, shame" as they left the Centre. The Imam of the neighbouring town in Jablanica had placed my fan in the mosque during my absence, thus it was saved as were the computers and the typewriters which luckily were overlooked by the thieves. All the other electrical gadgets and building tools i.e. woodcutting saws, and drills were removed. My personal radio and cassette player had also gone. However, in a short space of time all the things were

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KITCHEN TALK

MEAT BIRYANI

2 lbs meat washed & cut in pieces	1 1/2 teaspoons ginger/garlic (ail/gingebre)
1 lb lentils 1 1/2 lbs rice	1 bunch mint
2 pieces stick cinnamon (cannelle)	1/4 teaspoon saffron (zaffran)
4 elaichi	1/4 teaspoon turmeric (saffran)
2 cloves (girofle)	1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon jeer (p. anis)	1 teaspoon dhunia (grains cotomili)
4 green chillies	1 1/4 teaspoon red pounded chillies
1/2 litre sour milk curds (yoghurt)	6 small potatoes
2 tablespoons fresh tomato (crushed)	3 onions
1/4 litre ghee/oil	Salt to taste.

In a recipient place meat pieces and smear with ginger/garlic and leave for at least 2 hours. This will render the meat tender.

Meanwhile fry onions in half ghee/oil. When cool leave aside 1 tablespoon of fried onions and crush the rest coarsely. In the same ghee/oil, fry also the potatoes.

Afterwards add sour milk curd, 2 elaichi, tomatoes, spices, c-rushed onions, whole green chillies, cut mint in the bowl containing the meat. Allow to marinate for another 1 hour.

Boil lentils in salted water. Drain off. Boil rice slightly undone with 2 elaichis, 2 cloves and 1 piece cinnamon.

In a large flat dekchi put in ghee/oil that was used for frying plus half of that kept aside. Sprinkle a handful of rice and lentils over the bottom of dekchi. Then arrange the mixture of the recipient over rice and lentils. Spread lentils again, then potatoes and half of the rice tinted with saffron which has been boiled in a cup of water.

Decorate the top with left over fried onions and sprinkle rest of ghee and 1/2 cup of cold water over the top. Carefully close (seal is better) lid of dekchi. Place over high heat for 5 mins. When it starts sizzling, lower heat to low and let simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Moisture must evaporate to give a delicious Biryani.

THE MUSLIM DIRECTORY

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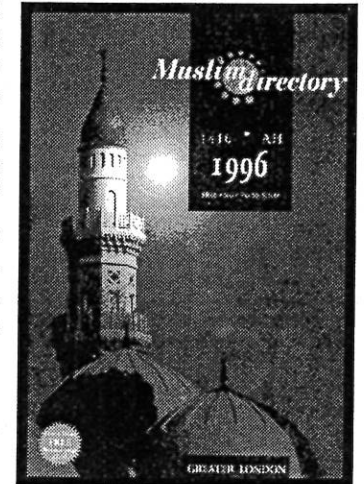
Welcome to the Yellow pages of Muslim Businesses in Greater London. This enterprising project has been compiled by a group of Muslim youth on a voluntary basis. The lay out and contents are both refreshing and well presented in this directory. The directory is a pilot project? and the intention of the publishers is to extend it to other cities of the United Kingdom. Projects such as these, which involve our youth? need all the support from the Community.

The actual pages devoted to Muslim businesses is about a third of the book. It would have been more helpful to have devoted more space to this much needed area. Perhaps some of the topics were not necessary there i.e. Health and Safety which discussed aspects of fire safety and self-defence. One can pray that in the future the list of Muslim businesses would grow and it would include name and addresses of builders? plumbers, hairdressers in every local area.

There is lot of talent and imagination in our youth and who knows in the coming months we may see more such enterprises. How about a Muslim Students guide book? An A-Z of Mosques? Calendars and diaries with Islamic themes and reasonably priced for the average family available from supermarkets?

I enjoyed reviewing the directory and found the section on "World at your fingertips" especially informative. Order your copy now by posting a self addressed envelope (+ 60p stamp for postage) c/o Muslim Directory? 65A Grosvenor Road? London W7 IHR. The Directory is free, though voluntary contributions of £2.50 per copy would be welcomed by the editorial board.

Jasmine Ansari





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RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dear

Your yearly MWA-Membership (which includes the subscription to "The Muslim Woman") will be/was due for renewal on

We trust you have enjoyed the past meetings/functions and reading "The Muslim Woman". We look forward to your renewal of membership and request you kindly to pay the annual fee of £10.00 within the next thirty days (Life Membership £80.00).

Please fill in the form below and send it together with your payment to our Membership Secretary. (Please ignore this form if you are a life member, or if you have already paid this year's subscription). Thank you for your continuous support.

----- Cut and Post -----

To:

Membership Secretary

Miss Shirin Hassan

In order to renew my Membership of the Muslim Women's Association (U.K.) and the subscription to "The Muslim Woman", I enclose a crossed cheque/postal order for £ payable to the "Muslim Women's Association (UK)".

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MWA BUSINESS - DECEMBER 1995

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE ON 14 DECEMBER 1995

The meeting was chaired by the President (Chairman).
The president requested Huda Hunno to open the meeting with the Qura'nic Recitation.

MWA BUSINESS.

A member brought to the President's notice rumours that Madina House was closing down because of lack of funds. Mrs. Hassan assured the members that though there are financial difficulties, these rumours are without any foundation.

It was agreed that if members hear such rumours should explain the true position clearly.

It was agreed that

- a) The MUSLIM WOMAN, MWA Magazine should reach members a week before the monthly meeting and that all articles and news for publication should be sent to the editor.
- b) The editor will then promptly post them to the assistant editor.
- c) The assistant editor (Jasmin Ansari) will type the articles and post them to the printer.
- d) The printer shall be asked to send the proofs to the president for corrections.
- e) The president shall proof read the Magazine and return to the printer the following day.

A discussion then followed on 'Religion and Culture' with particular regard to dress and behaviour.

It was agreed that Dr. Majid Khatime who is well known for his anti-abortion stand be invited to speak on Islamic views on the subject.

Dr. Z. Osman closed the meeting with prayers.

Refreshments were served.

The Meeting was well attended.