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THE CUTCHI MEMON diaries

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A salamalaikum wa rahamathullah he wa baraka tuhu,
Respected elders, brothers, sisters and members of the Cutchi Memon Union.

I am humbled to have been elected president unopposed and overjoyed by the love and affection you have showered on me. I am fully aware that at the same time the expectations of me are very high. With the able team I have with me, I am sure we will not disappoint you though the weight you have placed on our shoulders is considerable.

There is a need to take the community on a path of development and prosperity. As our roots are deep in the Islamic way of life, we need to branch out in the fields of education, social welfare and community activities to strengthen them. The broad agenda we have drawn up is aimed at exactly this. In this agenda, we have set up a medley of priorities before us today. It ranges from education to a home for senior citizens. We have made these plans keeping in mind the long term welfare of our community. Today, the needs of our community members are changing. We need to meet and interact much more deeply, and exchange views on a host of issues ranging from business to social welfare measures for the members. While I and the rest of the executive committee will serve as a nodal body, we need your active support to power our agenda ahead. After all, this is as much your union as ours. It is therefore important for us to keep in touch and work together towards our goals.

Let me briefly outline some plans we have drawn up over the next two years. While all these may not be brought about, considerable headway will surely be made.

Among the many plans we have is a club house on the land we have at Hennur. This will serve as a place for all of us to meet for recreation and community functions. Another significant development will be

homes for the needy and senior citizens. This will make our dream of a home for everyone a reality. While this has been a political cliché for long, we will make it happen for our community members, Inshah Allah.

Education is a key factor today for the development of any community. In this global village, education provides the cutting edge needed to compete successfully. Through scholarships, medals and cash prizes we will encourage education at all levels. Along with formal education, we also plan to have Islamic studies imparted to the students.

We also need a channel of communication among members. We have set up a website and also launched this newsletter. We will use them to network and create a better bonded community. I am sure you all are sick of the boring stories in the media today. We can have our own versions that both educate and entertain you.

We also plan medical care, and loans for potential entrepreneurs. There is a need to increase the financial assistance amount and we propose to do that. The Union will also have to fund the construction of the Jamaath Khaana and has funded almost 6 crores upto now. Once that is completed, the housing and other projects will be taken up. CMU has obtained a premises on Mosque Road, of 4000 sqft., inclusive of a 2000 sqft. terrace for seminars, discourses, health club and for various other activities of the CMU. It will be ready by the first quarter of 2012. The womens wing has been formulated and I urge you to enrol & take part in its' activities. Kindly get in touch with Mr. Iyaz Adam or Mr. Masood Kareem.

Rest assured that we have more on the agenda and will keep you updated with a detailed plan for the next two years. Once again, I thank you for the love and affection you have showered on me and my team. I look forward to working closely with you. Please tell us about any of your achievements or that of fellow Cutchi Memons and we will share them in our Cutchi Memon Diaries. Reach me on farook.mahmood@gmail.com with your views, ideas and feedback.

Thank you and may Allah bless and guide us.

Farook Mahmood

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BRIEF REPORT GENERAL BODY MEETING

The general body meeting was held on Sunday 16th Jan. 2011 at Adams Hall at 3.30 p.m. for the Financial Years 2004 to 2010. (71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th and 75th years).

To begin with there was a recital of the Quran E Majeed with its translation in Urdu by Hafiz Mohammed Ahsan Abdul Rehman.

The meeting was called to order with a welcome speech by Mr. Riyaz Ahmed, Vice President of C.M.U, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr. Noor Mohammed Adam Sait, who could not attend the meeting due to ill health.

Mr. Abdul Rawoof Ayub, the Hon. Secretary read the report of activities for the last five years. After due deliberations and discussion the report was accepted. Proposed by Mr. Ismail Hashem Sait (Shameem) and seconded by Mr. Ashraf Oomer.

The Annual Accounts were also placed before the general body for acceptance. Mr. Humayun A. Hameed proposed and Mr. Masood Mahmood seconded the adoptions of accounts.

Various letters received from the members were read and suitable and appropriate replies were given by the Hon. Secretary Mr. Abdul Rawoof Ayub.

Later the election process began for the post of Vice

President, Treasurer, Auditor and 3 Committee members. The polling went on for 2 hours. The polling officers Mr. Sadiq Zackria and Mr. Ahmed Jan Mohammed announced the results of the election for the year 2011 & 2012 at 10.20 p.m.

The results announced were as under:

1. President	Mr. Farook Mahmood	Unopposed	
2. Vice President	Mr. Hashim Moosa	Polled	159 Votes
3. Treasurer	Mr. Mahmood Jaffer	Polled	183 Votes
4. Secretary	Mr. Shabbir Ahmed Hussain	Unopposed	
5. Asst. Secretary	Mr. Asim Oomer	Unopposed	
6. Auditor	Mr. Masood Kareem	Polled	205 Votes

Committee Members:

1. Mr. Iyaz Adam	Polled	231 Votes
2. Mr. Saleem Saleh Mohammed	Polled	180 Votes
3. Mr. Riyaz Ahmed	Polled	166 Votes

Votes polled by the remaining candidates were as follows:

1. Mr. Mohd Asim (Afroze)	Polled	149 Votes	post of V. President
2. Mr. Ather Noor	Polled	127 Votes	post of Treasurer
3. Mr. Ahmed Ismail	Polled	102 Votes	post of Auditor

For the post of Committee Members:

4. Mr. Abdul Wahid Muneer	Polled	106 Votes
5. Mr. Faizan Taher	Polled	106 Votes
6. Mr. Azam Azeez	Polled	79 Votes

Mr. Farook Mahmood, President, called the newly elected members to the dais and in his acceptance speech informed the audience of his ambitious plans and objectives for the forthcoming term. He also assured the members that the new committee would work as a united team during their tenure for the welfare of the community.

The outgoing Hon. Secretary Mr. Abdul Rawoof Ayub proposed a vote of thanks and Janab Mohamed Hashim Sattar Sait K J garlanded the newly elected members and wished them all the best.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you are a Cutchi Memon, resident of Bangalore and if you are 18 years or above, we encourage you to apply for Membership. Forms are enclosed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

15th January 2012 - prize distribution for high ranking students, at Hennur Road CMU Property. Send in your nominations to the office manager, Mr. Nayeem 9379445601. We have started **Tafseer-e-Quran** Every **WEDNESDAY 10 to 10.30 p.m. at HAJI SIR ISMAIL SAIT MOSQUE ANNEXE, Fraser Town** which is being conducted by **Moulana Abdul QADIR SHAH WAJID.**

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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HISTORY OF CUTCHI MEMON UNION

OUR ROOTS

The origin of Memons as a community dates back to a period in history listed as 824 AH, when about 700 Hindu families belonging to the old and famous Lohana community of Sindh accepted Islam under the auspicious hands of Pir Yusufuddin Saheb (may the Mercy of Allah be upon him) and followed the Hanafi path. Pir Saheb called the new adherents to Islam, Momins and appointed Adam (Sunderji) as their leader and guide.

The Cutchi Memons migrated to Bhuj, the capital of Cutch. Memons played an important role in the Indian freedom struggle against British rule.

Memons are a peace loving business community, who by nature are generous, kind-hearted and charitable people. Their support reaches out to the less fortunate jamat members - to schools, orphanages and hospitals, without distinction of caste, color or creed. Some of the mosques built by the Memons include Zakaria Masjid in Kolkata and Minara Masjid in Mumbai. The Haji Sir Ismail Sait Hospital is a famous land mark in Bangalore.

FOUNDER OF CUTCHI MEMON UNION

LATE HAJI ABDUS SHUKOOR AHMED SAIT

This world has never been without the inspiring presence of noble and good human beings. But for them the world would have ceased to exist a long time ago. As long as flowers bloom in a garden, the gardener learns to adjust and live with the thorns. Lakhs of people are born everyday but only a handful make a place for themselves, not only in the pages of history but also in the hearts and minds of other human beings for generations to come.

Haji Abdus Shukoor Ahmed Sait was one such personality whose love for the Memon community and whose farsightedness was instrumental in creating the Cutchi Memon Union.



Even good people can be classified into two types - the first type does good work but does so for recognition i.e. to earn a name for himself. The second type consists of those who work selflessly- who work for the upliftment and welfare of others. They keep away from the limelight. They do not hurt anyone with either their words or actions. They believe that the prosperity of any community depends on its unity and not in enmity. Unity bonds and brings every one together whereas enmity

destroys relationships. One should be ever grateful to "Allah Hu Tallah" and work unitedly against all odds with the sole object of uplifting the community.

It was indeed a lucky day and a lucky moment when Haji Abdus Shukoor Sait noticed the sad condition of the Memon Jamath. With his far sightedness he decided to establish The Cutchi Memon Union and handed over its reigns to the youth of the community. He was sure that the youth would not betray his trust and so in 1933 The Cutchi Memon Union came into existence in his property - in the Shukoor Building, as desired by its founder.

It is because of his untiring effort, sincerity and hard work that today we have the Cutchi Memon Union - an organization that is working to improve the lives of the downtrodden - offering free medical aid, interest free loans to the needy, scholarships to deserving students to help them achieve higher goals in their academic life, and more.

It is a matter of pride that today we remember the iron man who was responsible for the birth of the Cutchi Memon Union. Let us pray to Almighty Allah that He elevates the soul of Mr. Haji Abdus Shukoor Ahmed Sait, the founder of the Cutchi Memon Union and gives him the highest status in Jannatul Firdous.

– Ameen.

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Triumphant Trio

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
– Mark Twain

Sameer Siddique, Ratheesh Kumar and Aadil Bandukwala traveled to each and every state and union territory in India including that particular state's capital city in a Car covering a distance of more than 16470 kilometers in less than 17 Days 19 hours and 30 minutes. Covering the length and breadth of India by driving non stop for 18 days and nights covering 16000 Kilometers in the process. That is about 1300 litres of diesel, sleepless nights, exhaustion and battling various climates from the scorching desert heat of Rajasthan to the high altitude sickness, oxygen deprivation and freezing cold of Leh and Ladakh at the northernmost tip of India which has some of the world's highest motorable passes at altitudes reaching upto 18000 feet.

Covering such a long distance in such a short period of time was no mean feat. As the three musketeers would say "All For One , One For All"

And have made their place in the Limca Book of Records.



Their route map was:- Bangalore (Karnataka) – Vellore – Chennai (Tamil Nadu) – Puducherry. (Puducherry) – Madurai (Tamil Nadu) – Thiruvananthapuram – Kochi – Kozhikode (Kerala) – Mangalore – Karwar (Karnataka) – Panaji – Mapusa (Goa) – Belgaum (Karnataka) – Satara – Pune – Mumbai – Palghar (Maharashtra) – Silvasa (Dadra, Nagar Haveli) – Daman Daman (Daman & Diu) – Bharuch – Vadodara – Gandhinagar – Godhra (Gujarat) – Indore – Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) – Rajgarh – Kota – Jaipur – Bikaner – Ganganagar (Rajasthan) – Firozpur – Amritsar – Pathankote (Punjab) – Jammu – Udhampur – Srinagar – Kargil – Leh – Pang (Jammu & Kashmir) – Jispa – Manali – Bilaspur – Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) – Chandigarh (Punjab, Haryana & UT) – Nahan (Himachal Pradesh) – Dehradun (Uttarakhand) – Delhi (NCT) – Agra – Kanpur – Lucknow – Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) – Patna – Khagaria – Purnia – (Bihar) – Dalkola – Siliguri – Jalpaiguri – Cooch Behar (West Bengal) – Goalpara – Guwahati – Dispur (Assam) – Shillong (Meghalaya) – Karimganj (Assam) – Agartala (Tripura) – Silchar (Assam) – Aizawl (Mizoram) – Imphal (Manipur) – Kohima – Dimapur (Nagaland) – Jorhat – North Lakhimpur (Assam) – Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) – Tezpur – Nalbari – Kachugaon (Assam) – Alipurduar – Madarihat – Mal Bazar – (West Bengal) – Gangtok (Sikkim) – Darjeeling – Malda – Baharampur – Calcutta – Kharagpur (West Bengal) – Baharagora – Jamshedpur – Ranchi – Chaibasa (Jharkhand) – Kendujhar – Bhubaneswar – Sambalpur (Orissa) – Raipur (Chhattisgarh) – Nagpur / Chandrapur (Maharashtra) – Nizamabad – Hyderabad – Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh) – Anantapur – Bangalore (Karnataka).

- Sameer Siddique

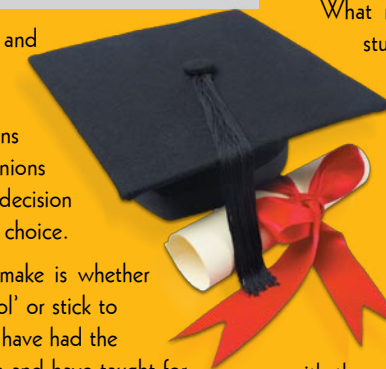


Pedagogy Makes The Difference ... Not The School!

Schools have just started a new academic year and many parents I talk to are worrying about the same thing ... have they made the right choice of school for their kid(s)? With the umpteen options available today, not to mention the umpteen opinions parents get about schools, it seems like whatever decision parents make they are not fully satisfied with their choice.

Most often the decision parents can't seem to make is whether they should opt for a new age 'International school' or stick to the conventional 'convent education'. Personally I have had the opportunity to study in both categories of schools and have taught for almost 4 years in an international school. However, how good or bad a school is does not depend on whether it is a "convent" or 'international' school, but rather it depends on the pedagogy used in the school, or what in layman's terms is called 'the approach to teaching and learning'.

Traditionally schooling in India has been unidirectional, that is from teacher to student and it presupposes that the teacher is the only source of knowledge. This automatically puts the students in an inferior position and incapable of thinking for themselves. In my opinion this method of teaching and learning is effective only to a certain degree; it produces superb 'do-ers' but unfortunately very poor 'thinkers'. It is the difference



between a country full of workers as opposed to 'entrepreneurs' or 'thinkers'. What many new age (read international) schools aim to do is make the student an equal in the classroom where the teacher is not the only one teaching, nor is the text book the only source of knowledge. We try to create an atmosphere where everyone has knowledge that can be shared and learnt, where experiences become knowledge and where questioning and arguing is not frowned upon. Most importantly it does not put the student in an inferior position, allowing for discussion based learning rather than instruction based learning.

At this point I must also add that it's not only the school's approach to teaching and learning that counts but in fact it is also the syllabus that demands a certain approach. Unfortunately with the ICSE and ISC syllabi there is very little scope for discussion and imagination. These boards require only rote memory and no school or teacher, however keenly intent on a proactive pedagogy can achieve this within the limited syllabus. Many 'traditional' schools today are making the effort to change their approach by bringing new tools of learning, encouraging discussion based lectures and following an alternative pattern on reviewing and testing.

It is for the parents to decide what approach to life they would like for their children and choose their children's schools based on this. Added to the school it is also important for parents to look at the syllabus they are choosing for their children.

– Nazia Masood



Distribution Of Gold Medals

The PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION for students who had obtained a FIRST CLASS in their respective Board Examinations was held on 16th, Sunday at the Adam's Hall. Gold medals for the years 2007 to 2010 were distributed to the meritorious students, in the presence of a large gathering of proud parents, followed by lunch. Our heartiest congratulations to all the winners!

CMU Gold Medalists For the academic year 2009 -10

Name of Student	Course
Falah Faisal S/o. Mr. Faisal Farook	PUC
Owais Shafiq S/o. Mr. Shafiq Ahmed	ICSE
Shazaib Imran Sait S/o. Mr. Imran Ismail Sait	ICSE
Mohamed Anas Merchant S/o. Mr. Mohamed Ahrif Merchant	ICSE
Asim Haroon Sait S/o. Mr. Haroon Sait	ICSE
Aamir Shahid S/o. Mr. H. Shahid Ebrahim	CBSE
Irfan Masood Sait S/o. Mr. Masood Hameed German	B. Com
Asim Sait S/o. Mr. Z. Abdul Azeez	B. Com
Abdulla Yousuff S/o. Mr. Mohammed Yousuff Haroon	P.U.C
Shoaib Hassan S/o. Mr. Md. Hassan Sait	P.U.C
Meman Abid Ali Mohammed Iqbal S/o. Mr. Mohammed Iqbal Abdul Razack	BSc. (I.T.)
Abdul Rehman S/o. Mr. Haroon Oosman Sattar	B. Com
Zakki Ishaq S/o. Mr. Ishaq Abdul Hameed Sait	B.B.M.
Hussain Ebrahim S/o. Mr. Ebrahim Hussain	B. E. (Bio Technology)
Tanveer Ahmed Sait (Master of Tourism Administration) S/o. Mr.J. Mohamed Oosman Sait (Alias)	M.T.A
Vaseem Sait Adeeb Anees S/o. Mr. Anees Hashem	P.U.C

CMU Gold Medalists For the academic year 2009 -10

Name of Student	Course
Sanober D/o. Mr. Chand Basha Ebrahim	P.U.C
Fouzia D/o. Mr. Ismail Latiff	P.U.C
Shifa Ismail D/o. Mr. Ismail Latiff	S.S.L.C
Shabista Imran Sait D/o. Mr. Imran Ismail	S.S.L.C
Daaneyya Rafiq D/o. Mr. Mohammed Rafiq G.M. Moosa	C.B.S.E.
Asfiya Faisal D/o. Mr. Faisal Farook	I.G.C.S.E.
Danya Mushtaq Ahmed D/o. Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed N.M.Adam	P.U.C
Mariam Ebrahim D/o. Mr. Ebrahim Hussain	P.U.C
Azmeen Abdullah D/o. Mr. Abdullah Shakoor	P.U.C
Gazala Kareem D/o. Mrs. Ayesha Kareem	I.C.S.E
Amreen A D/o. Mr. Atiq Jaffar Sait	I.C.S.E
Farheen Azeez D/o. Mr. Z.Abdul Azeez	I.C.S.E
Bushra Elias D/o. Mr. Elias Yunus	I.C.S.E
Abdah Oriff D/o. Mr. Oriff Hashim	I.C.S.E
Sadhya Raffique D/o. Mr. Mohammed Raffique Yousuff	B. Com
Sadia D/o. Mr. Sadiq Aboobakar	B.A.
Misbha D/o. Mr. Md.Hamid Oosman	BSc
Nabiha Oomer D/o. Mr. Mohammed Oomer Sait	B. Com
Misbha Asim D/o. Mr. Asim Mahmood	B.B.M
Ummehani Abdullah D/o. Mr. Mohammed Abdullah A.Rasheed	B. E.
Shifa Ishaq D/o. Mr. Ishaq Hussain	I.C.S.E
Saba Zahed D/o. Mr. Zahed Mahmood	I.C.S.E



Prize Distribution Function For 2010 - 11

Students who have obtained First Class in their respective Board Examinations are requested to send in their applications duly filled with their marks card on or before 30th October 2011. Application form is enclosed. The next prize distribution for the year 2010-11 function will be held on 15th Jan 2012 at the Hennur Road CMU Property.

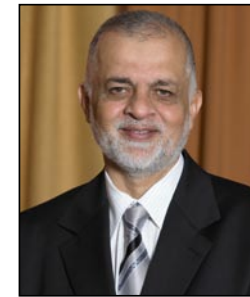


Artist's impression of the new Hajee Saleh Mohamed Ahmed Sait Cutchi Memon Jamath Khana



Work-in-progress

One Vision. One Mission. Betterment of the Community.



Zackria Hashim - President, Cutchi Memon Jamath

As-salam-ul-alaikum

Respected Elders, dear Sisters and Brothers

It gives me immense pleasure to address you all through the pages of The Cutchi Memon Diaries. It is indeed a laudable initiative which will help all of us keep in touch and stay up to date with all that is happening in our community.

In this first issue, I would like to pay a debt of gratitude that the community owes one man, without whose singular contributions, our Jamath would not have been what is today.

Rarely do we find people who put community welfare before their own lives. The late Fakhru-Ut-Tujjar, Khan Bahadur Hajee Sir Ismail Sait was truly a people's man. His works bear testimony to his philosophy of giving back to society more than he got from it. Apart from being an extraordinary businessman, he believed in creating wealth for the benefit of the poor and needy. His work extended from donating money and land to various hospitals, schools, public service organizations, and construction of mosques to using his brilliance in guiding and running various institutions.

I wish to put on record that all that the Cutchi Memon community has accomplished in Bangalore would not have been possible without Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's benevolence which he was able to shower on us Al Hamdulillah.

The Hajee Saleh Mohammed Ahmed Sait Cutchi Memon Jamath Khana on Kamraj Road is itself an example of his large heartedness. The redevelopment project that is now underway is thus a fitting way of acknowledging his seminal contribution to the community. The Cutchi Memon Union has donated approximately Rs.6 Crores towards this project. In addition to this, a sizable amount has been committed by philanthropists of our community. This modern, multi-storied building will house 2 floors for marriage functions, approximately 50,000 sq.ft. retail space, state-of-the-art offices for CMJ/CMT/CMU and a prayer room. The estimated expenditure for this is Rs.32 Crores. I request all members to generously contribute either by way of donations or Kharz-e-Hasana towards the successful completion, Inshallah, of this project which will benefit the community at large. Remember, every rupee counts, so please do not hesitate to add your mite, whatever may be its size. Please contact the President or any Executive Member of the Cutchi Memon Jamath for more

information.

As you know, Cutchi Memon Jamath, Bangalore, collects Zakath and extends help to needy and deserving members of the community, by way of rations (foodgrains), monthly financial assistance and medical aid. Please share your Zakath and help the needy brothers and sisters of our community.

You can also share your Zakath towards Scholarships/ Education and these contributions can be sent to the Cutchi Memon Education Trust. May Allah reward you for your kind gesture and contribution.

Just before the Holy month of Ramazan on Thursday 28th July, through the Grace of the Almighty, we were able to distribute foodgrains and cash to 81 families. This is apart from the medical aid that is being rendered throughout the year.

The achievements of our members in the public sphere is always a matter of pride. I am therefore immensely proud to inform you about the recent accomplishments of two of our members.

Mr. Farook Mahmood, has been appointed by the French Federation of Realtors as International Advisor on the board of FNAIM (France) representing India along with four others from USA, Canada, South America and Central Europe. This body has approximately 12000 members across France.

Mr. Farook Mahmood has also been appointed a Board Member of the Central Wakf Council (Constituted by the Government of India under the WAKF ACT 1995) which undertakes the development of WAKF properties across India, grants aid to its member states, provides interest free educational loans, looks after women's welfare, and guides boards across the country in planning their activities.

Mr. Mohamed Asim Sait (Afroze) has been elected as Member of the Muslim Personal Law Board.

On behalf of the community I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to both of them.

Finally, I wish to thank the editorial team of The Cutchi Memon Diaries, who have put in several days of selfless effort in conceiving the magazine and bringing it to fruition in the form of this first issue.

May the Almighty shower His Blessings and Grace on each of you.

– Zackria Hashim

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Ramadaan

THE BLESSED MONTH

Hazrat Abu Huraira (Radiyallahu Anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), as saying,

"When Ramadaan begins, the gates of heaven are opened."

A version has, "The gates of Paradise are opened, the gates of Hell are locked, and the devils are chained." Another has, "The gates of mercy are opened." (Bukhari Sharif, Muslim Sh arif)

Hazrat Sahl Bin Sa'd (Radiyallahu Anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), as saying, "In Paradise there are eight gates among which is a gate called Ar-Rayyaan through which only those who fast will enter." (Bukhari Sharif, Muslim Sharif)

Hazrat Abu Huraira (Radiyallahu Anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), as saying, "He who fasts during Ramadaan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven; he who prays during the night in Ramadaan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven ; **and he who passes Lailat-ul-Qadr in prayer with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven**" (Bukhari Sharif, Muslim Sharif)

Hazrat Abu Huraira (Radiyallahu Anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), as saying, "Every (good) deed a son of Adam does will be multiplied, a good deed receiving a tenfold to seven hundredfold reward. Allah has said, 'With the exception of fasting, for it is done for My sake and I give a reward for it. One abandons his passion and his food for My sake. The one who fasts has two occasion of joy, one when he breaks his fast and one when he meets his Lord. The bad breath of one who fasts is sweeter to Allah than the fragrance of musk. Fasting is a protection (i.e., from acts of disobedience in this world and from Hell in the next), and when the day of the fast comes you must not use vile language or raise your voice and if anyone reviles you or tries to fight with you, you should tell him you are fasting." (Bukhari Sharif, Muslim Sharif)

Hazrat Abu Huraira (Radiyallahu Anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), as saying,

"When the first night of Ramadaan comes the devils and the rebellious jinn are chained, the gates of Hell are locked and not one of them is opened; the gates of Paradise are opened and not one of them is locked; and a crier calls, 'You who desire what is good, come forward and you who desire evil refrain. Some are freed from Hell by Allah, and that happens every night.'" (Tirmizi Sharif, Ibn Maajaa, Ahmad)

Hazrat Abu Huraira (Radiyallahu Anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), as saying,

"Ramadaan, a blessed month, has come to you during which Allah

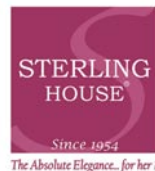
has made it obligatory for you to fast. In it the gates of Paradise are opened, the gates of Hell are locked, and the rebellious devils are chained. In it Allah has a night which is better than a thousand months. He who is deprived of its good has indeed suffered deprivation." (Ahmad, Nisai)

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Amr (Radiyallahu Anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), as saying, "**Fasting and the Qur'aan intercede for a man.** Fasting says, 'O my Lord, I have kept him away from his food and his passions by day, so accept my intercession for him. The Qur'aan says, 'I have kept him away from sleep by night, so accept my intercession for him'. Then their intercession is accepted." (Baihaqi)

Hazrat Anas Bin Maalik (Radiyallahu Anhu) told of Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying when Ramadaan began, "This month has come to you, and it contains a night which is better than a thousand months. He who is deprived of it is deprived of all good, but only those who are denied prosperity are deprived of it." (Ibn Maajaa)

Hazrat Salmaan Faarsi (Radiyallahu Anhu) told of Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying in a sermon which he delivered to them on the last day of Sha'baan", **A great month, a blessed month, a month containing a night which is better than a thousand months** has approached you people. Allah has appointed the observance of fasting during it as an obligatory duty, and the passing of its night in prayer as a voluntary practice. If someone draws near to Allah during it with some good act he will be like one who fulfils an obligatory duty in another month, and **he who fulfils an obligatory duty in it will be like one who fulfils seventy obligatory duties in another month. It is the month of endurance and the reward of endurance is Paradise.** It is the month of sharing with others, and a month in which the believer's provision is increased. If someone gives one who has been fasting something with which to break his fast it will provide forgiveness of his sins and save him from Hell, and he will have a reward equal to that of the receiver without his reward being diminished in any respect." Some of them remarked to Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) that they did not all have the means to give one who had been fasting something with which to break his fast, and he replied, "Allah gives this reward to him who gives one who has been fasting some milk mixed with water, or a date, or a drink of water with which to break his fast, and anyone who gives a full meal to one who has been fasting will be given a drink from any tank by Allah and will not feel thirsty till he enters Paradise. **It is a month whose beginning is mercy, whose middle is forgiveness, and whose end is freedom from Hell.** If anyone makes things easy for his slave during it, Allah will forgive him and free him from Hell." (Baihaqi)

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THE NIGHT OF POWER

Mahmood Ekhlas

In the Holy Qur'aan, the Almighty Allah says, "We have indeed revealed This (Message) in the Night of Power and what will explain to thee what the Night of Power is? The Night of Power is better than a thousand months. Therein come down the angels and the Spirit by Allah's permission on every errand. Peace ! This until the rise of Morn".

(Sura Al Qadr)

In this night, the Holy Qur'aan was sent down from Lawhe Mahfuz (the Preserved Tablet) to the sky of the earth. The place where the Qur'an was sent down is known as Baitul Izzat.

According to traditions, we are asked to search for this night among the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th and 29th, night.

Angel Hazrat Jibreel (Alaihissalam) comes down to the earth at sunest and remains here till the first rays of the sun hit the earth the next morning, and showers mercy and peace on those who are busy worshipping.

According to one tradition, more angels come to earth than there are tiny stones and pebbles on the earth, and pray for the ummat's peace.

The significance of this night is that it is neither too cold nor too hot. In this night the worshippers have a feeling of immense satisfaction. And in case anyone feels shivery and tears roll down his eyes, then that means that angel Hazrat Jibreel (Alaihissalam) has shaken hands with him.

Saints and pious persons have studied the Holy Qur'aan and have raised curtain from many mysteries. One such mystery which is explained to us is about Lailatul Qadr. In Sura Qadr, the word Lailatul Qadr comes thrice. The first aayat, **In-na-an-zal-naa-hu-fi lai-la-til qad-ri**; the second aayat **wa-waa-ad-raa-ka-maa lai-la-tul qadr**; and the third aayat, **lai-la-tul-qad-ri khai-rum-min al-fi shahr.** In Arabic language Lailatul Qadr or Lailatul Qadri is composed of nine letters. These nine letters come thrice, its total comes to twenty seven. Some saints have said that in Sura Qadr, the word 'hiya'(this) is the 27th word. All these facts lead us to the conclusion that Lailatul Qadr is the 27th night.

It is necessary that one should spend the whole night, right from sunset to sunrise the next morning, in worshipping Allah. Eating and drinking are the necessities of human beings. So, if these necessities are begun with 'Bis-mil-lah' and as one finishes if one utters 'Al-ham-du-lil-laa-hi rab-bil aa-la-meen', then we hope that eating and drinking will be considered as worship. We are writing this so that even that much time is not lost of this most blessed night.

Dear readers, please take the benefit of this night from sunset till sunrise. Offer nawafil, recite Qur'aan, say istagfaar, repent and pray for pardon, recite many many Darood Sharif and say du'aas. A special du'aa of Lailatul Qadr is:

AL-LAA-HUM-MA-IN-NA-KA A-FUV-VUN TU-HIB-BUL AF-VA-FA A-FU-AN-NAA, Meaning :?' O Allah ! you are the Forgiver and you like forgiving so forgive me."

Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said that Shab-e-Qadra is to be searched in the last ten days of Ramadaan. Out of the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, and 29th, nights, one is Shab-e-Qadr.

We are presenting voluntary prayers to be offered in these nights.

21st Night

Offer four raka'at with two salaams (2 sets of 2 ra'akat each). In each raka'at after 'Al-hum-du' recite 'ttSura Qadr' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' (Qul-hu-wal-lah)once. After completion recite Daarood Sharif seventy (70) times.

Offer two raka'ats and in each raka'at after 'Al-hum-du' recite 'Sura Qadr' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' three times. After completion of namaaz, recite Istagfaar seventy times.

In this night (21st), recite 'Sura Qadr' twenty-one times.

23rd Night

Offer four raka'ats with two salaams (sets of 2 ra'akat each). In each raka'at, after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Qadr' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' three times.

Offer eight raka'ats with four salaams (2 sets of 2 ra'akat each). In each raka'at, after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Qadr' once and 'Sura Ikhlas'. After completion of namaaz, recite the third Kalima Tamjeed seventy times. After that plead to the Almighty Allah for forgiveness of sins committed. Allah Willing, he/she will be forgiven by Allah.

In the 23rd night recite 'Sura Yaaseen' once and 'Sura Rahman' once.

25th Night

In this night offer four raka'ats Nafl Namaaz with two salaams (sets of 2 ra'akat each). After 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Ikhlas' five times in each raka'at After completion of namaaz recite Kalima-e- Tayyab (the first Kalima) 100 times.

Offer four raka'ats with two salaams (2 sets of 2 ra'akat each). In each raka'at, after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Qadr' three times and 'Sura Ikhlas' three times and after completion of namaaz recite Istagfaar seventy times. This namaaz is good for the pardoning of sins.

Offer two raka'at namaaz. In each raka'at after 'Al-ham-du' recite a 'Sura Qadr' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' 'fifteen times. After namaaz, recite the second Kalima, Kalima-Shahaadat seventy times. The reward of this namaaz is freedom from the punishment of the grave.

Recite 'Sura Dukhan'. Allah Willing he/she will be granted freedom from the punishment of the grave.

27th Night

In the 27th night offer twelve raka'ats with three salaams (3 set of 4 ra'akat each). In each raka'at after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Qadr' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' fifteen times. After namaaz recite Istagfaar seventy times.

Offer two rak'at. In each raka'at after 'Sura Fatiha (Al-him-du)' recite 'Sura Qadr' three times and 'Sura Ikhlas' twenty-seven times, and plead to Allah for the forgiveness of one's sins. Allah Willing, the Almighty Allah will forgive all his/her previous sins.

Offer four raka'ats ats with two salaams (2 sets of 2 ra'akat each). In

each raka'at after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Takaasur' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' three times. The one who offers this namaaz, he will be saved from the hardship at the time of death. And Allah willing, he/she will be freed from the punishment of the grave.

Offer two raka'at. In each raka'at after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Ikhlas' seven times and after namaaz recite this seventy times:

AS-TAG-FI-RUL-LAA-HAL A-ZEE-MAL-LA-ZEE LAA I-LAA-HA IL-LAA HU-WL HAIY-YUL QAY-YOO-MU WA A-TOO-BU I-LAIH

Before the person gets up from the prayer-mat, the Almighty Allah will pardon him/her and his/her parents. And the Almighty Allah will command the angels to adorn Paradise for him/her and it is said that unless he/she sees the ne'mats of Paradise from his/her own eyes, he/she will not meet with death.

Offer two raka'at. In each raka'at after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura A-lam Nashrah' once, 'Sura Ikhlas' three times and after namaaz, recite 'Sura Qadr' 27 times.

Offer four raka'ats (1 set of 4 raka'at). In each raka'at offer 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Qadr' three times and 'Sura Ikhlas' fifty times and after completion of namaaz, recite this in prostration (sajda):

SUB-HAA-NAL-LAA-HI WAL HAM-DU LIL-LAA-HI WA-LAA I-LAA-HA IL-LAL-LAA-HU WAL-LAA-HU AK-BAR

After that whatever wish one may have, either worldly or religious, may be pleaded. Allah willing, his/her supplications will be fulfilled.

In this night, recite 'Sura Mulk' 7 times. It is good for freeing from punishment.

29th Night

Offer four raka'at with two salaams (2 sets of 2 raka'at each). In every raka'at after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Qadr' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' three

times. After namaaz, recite 'Sura A-lam Nash-rah' seventy times.

Offer four raka'ats with two salaams (2 sets of 2 raka'at each). In each rak'at times after 'Al-ham-du' recite 'Sura Ikhlas' five times. After namaaz, recite Darood Sharif one hundred times.

Recite 'Sura Waaqiaa' seven times. In any night of Ramadaan, after Taraaviah, recite 'Sura Qadr' seven times. Allah Willing, the one who does so, will be saved from all troubles.

NAWAFIL NAMAAZ OF LAST FRIDAY OF RAMADAAN

On the last Friday of Ramadaan, after Juma or Zuhr namaaz, offer two raka'at. In the first raka'at after 'Sura Fatiha' recite 'Sura Zilzal' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' ten times and in the second raka'at after 'Sura Fatiha' recite 'Sura Kaafron' three times and after completion of namaaz recite Darood Sharif ten times. Then offer two raka'at. In the first raka'at after 'Sura Fatiha' recite 'Sura Takaasur' once and 'Sura Ikhlas' ten times and in the second raka'at after 'Sura Fatiha' recite 'Aayatul Kursi' three times and 'Sura Ikhlas' twenty-five times and after completion of namaaz recite Darood Sharif ten times.

Almighty Allah will grant unlimited virtues till the Day of Judgement to the one who offers this namaaz.

SADAQA-E-FITR

In the month of Ramadaan, on behalf of each member of your family, right from infants to the aged, two kilos and fifty grams of wheat which you use for yourself or its equivalent cost in currency should be given to the poor and needy any time during the whole month and if you are not able to pay by the end of this month, then it should be given before the Eid Namaaz. One 'FITRAS' can be collectively given to one person. Payment of Sadaqa-e-Fitr is binding not only on those who fast, it is also binding on those who could not fast because of traveling, sickness, old age or Allah forbid, without any reason.

EID UL FITR

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Eid ul Fitr is one of the two great Islamic festivals, the other being Eid ul ad-haa.

The fact that Allah Himself has ordered the Muslim believers to celebrate them shows their importance. Eid ul Fitr is celebrated at the end of the month of Ramadaan, on 1st Shawwaal and has a special significance for the Muslim society.

The holy month of fasting was selected by Allah to help believers to prepare themselves in their practical life. In fasting the believers are trained to refrain from enjoying such things which are otherwise lawful to them. "So that you may learn restraint." (2:183)

The sacred festival of Eid ul Fitr is selected by Allah Himself to guide the believers to establish an egalitarian (democratic, classless) Islamic Society and to enjoy this occasion. The Holy Qur'aan says, "Say in the bounty of Allah and in His Mercy - in that let them rejoice." (10:58). The Eid celebration should be in the same spirit as during the life of Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam)

Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) had said to Hazrat

Abu Bakr (Radiyallahu Anhu), "For every people (nation) there is a feast and this is our feast Eid." (Bukhari Sharif, Muslim Sharif). Our feast has great value for Muslims as it is based on religious traditions and derived from Shariah. It is very important that we demonstrate our celebrations with great joy and observe them in a manner that distinguishes it from non-Muslims.

The day of Eid is to remember Allah. Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "Give beauty to your Eid by reciting Takbeer." Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) used to come out of his house on Eid day, reciting Takbeer and glorifying Allah. Celebrating Eid unites the Muslims as Eid prayers and other programmes allow Muslims to meet and enjoy the company of one another.

Eid ul Fitr comes after practicing yet another pillar of Islam - Fasting in the month of Ramadaan. Zakaat, another pillar of Islam, is also due in this month. Thus we have to demonstrate and show our feasts with these important pillars of Islam after submitting the Shahadah and Salaat.

The Muslims who are rich give a share of their wealth to the poor (Zakaat) in order to seek the Blessing and Pleasure of Allah. Those

who are sick or too old to fast, feed the poor in this month i.e. Fidyaa. It is obligatory on every Muslim to pay Fitra (money) to the poor before going for Eid Namaaz. Ramadaan and Eid festival will not benefit the Muslims unless the poor members of the community have food and some money. Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) laid great stress on the payment of Fitra and said that non-payment will render their fasting null and void. Islam wants that all Muslims whether rich or poor should enjoy Eid.

Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) celebrated Eid and encouraged all the Muslims to do so. Eid ul Fitr is the day of thanksgiving to Allah, for giving His servants the opportunity to fast and worship Him in the month of Ramadaan. Muslims wear clean good clothes, apply perfumes, go to mosque and offer special Eid prayer. Then they exchange Eid greetings, visit each other and pass the day joyfully.

Hazrat Ali (Radiyallahu Anhu) says, "Eid is for him whose fasts have been accepted by Allah, and whose worship has been appreciated by Allah. Everyday in which you do not disobey Allah is the day of Eid."

Eid ul Fitr is not a mere festival devoted entirely to greeting and enjoyment. It is an act of collective thanksgiving to Allah for the boon of Ramadaan. During Eid prayers all pray, bow and prostrate before Allah. All distinctions of class and status disappear.

Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) has said. "These 2 Eids are meant for fasting and celebration of joy in union with other people and to remember Allah." When you see the Eid moon you must realize the favour you have achieved by fasting, praying,

reciting Qur'aan, offering Taraviah prayers, doing charity, etc. You have been successful in carrying out the injunctions of Allah by His Grace. You should give some share of your wealth to the poor and needy. It is to make amends for any negligence in worship or any other duty to Allah, and also to enable the poor to participate in the festivities of Eid.

On Eid day one must have bath and wear the best clean clothes according to one's capacity and apply perfume. One must consume dates or some sweet before leaving for Eid Salha to show that one is not fasting. It is forbidden to fast on Eid. Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) always ate some dates before going for Eid Salah (Bukhari Sharif). While proceeding to the mosque or Eidgah for prayer and while returning the Takbeer should be recited,

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Laa ilaaha il-lal-laa-hu wal-laa-hu Akbar Allahu Akbar wa lil-laa-hil Hamd.

It is preferable to walk to the mosque unless it is far or one is disabled or old. It is traditional to go to pray by one route and return by another. Hazrat Jaabir (Radiyallahu Anhu) reports that Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) used to come back from the Eid Salah on a path other than the one he went on (Bukhari Sharif). When one prays 2 raka'ats of Salaat of Eid ul Fitr one acknowledges the favour of Allah and expresses joy.

Thus on Eid day one must eat well, put on the best clothes, celebrate joyfully in a lawful manner according to the Shariah and Sunnah. Invite one another to join in the celebrations and participate in the rejoicing of others.

NAWAAFIL NAMAAZ (VOLUNTARY PRAYERS) FOR THE MONTH OF SHAWWAL

SHAWWAL IS THE TENTH MONTH OF THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR. WE PRESENT THE VOLUNTARY PRAYERS TO BE OFFERED DURING THIS MONTH

On the first night of Shawwal, after Isha Namaaz, offer four raka'ats with two salaams (2 sets of 2 raka'at each). In each raka'at, after 'Surah Faatiha' recite 'Surah Ikhlas' twenty-one times. Allah willing the gates of Paradise will be opened and the gates of Hell will be closed for the one who offers this Namaaz.

On the first night of Shawwal offer four raka'ats with two salaams (2 sets of 2 raka'at each). In each raka'at, after 'Surah Faatiha' recite 'Surah Ikhlas' three times, 'Surah Falaq' three times and 'Surah Naas' three times. After completion of Namaaz recite the third Kalima seventy times and offer repentance for sins. Allah will accept his/her

FASTING AFTER RAMADAAN

Fasting for six days in the month of Shawwal, after Ramadaan Eid, carries great virtues. This fasting may be observed for six days continuously after Eid or preferably one may fast on the very next day of Eid and the remaining five days on any days in Shawwaal.

Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) says that one who observes fasts in the month of Ramadaan and fasts for six days in Shawwaal, it is as if he/she has observed fasts for the whole year.

Remember, fasting on the day of Eid is forbidden.

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On behalf of our President and the Managing Committee, it gives me great pleasure in presenting the first CUTCHI MEMON DIARIES newsletter. I do hope you enjoy this first issue. A special thanks to Nadeem Ahmed for helping us in this endeavour. I also wish to thank Begum Badar for permitting us to use a portion of her book 'Simtey Huey Sitare'. If you have any comments, suggestions or any information that you would like us to publish, please feel free to share them with us. A special request to the ladies and the youth to come forward and be part of this newsletter. We would like to make this newsletter self sufficient. In order to achieve this, we request sponsorship in the form of Strip Ads of size 8"x1" horizontal. Looking forward to hearing from you all.

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Shaadi Mubarak! We wish them all a very Happy Married Life and Bright Future

Cutchi Memon Union Marriages Held From January – 2011 To June – 2011

Date Of Marriage	Name Of Bridegroom	Name Of Bride
14.01.2011	Mr. Zaheer Rafiq S/O. Mr. Rafiq Esmail Haji Jacob	Ms. Sanobar D/O. Mr. Elias Yunus
06.02.2011	Mr. Ali Mohammed S/O. Mr. Abdul Karim Rahim Sait	Ms. Tayyaba Bakali D/O. Mr. Abdul Majeed Bakali (Nagpur)
06.02.2011	Mr. Mohamed Zaheer Sait S/O. Mr. A.K. Zackeriya Sait (Mettupalayam)	Ms. Iffath D/O. Mr. Abdul Khaliq Ibrahim Sait
10.02.2011	Mr. Mohammed Abdul Sattar S/O. Mr. Mohd. Abdul Majeed (Hyderabad)	Ms. Shawar D/O. Mr. Saleem Ahmed
20.02.2011	Mr. Mohamed Yousuff Sait S/O. Mr. Mohd. Rafi Gulzar Sait (Chennai)	Ms. Uzma D/O. Mr. Aslam Oomer
10.04.2011	Mr. Faraz Adil Fazal S/O. Mr. Adil Shacoor Fazal	Ms. Aaliya Ryaz D/O. Mr. Arshad Yusuf Wahedna
29.04.2011	Mr. Mohamed Faizan S/O. Mr. Oosman Sattar (Ooty)	Ms. Tanzeem D/O. Mr. Abdul Khader (Irfan)
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29.05.2011	Mr. Tauseef Ahmed S/O. Hajee Mohd. Ishaq Jaffer Sait	Ms. Shabista D/O. Mr. Imran Ismail Sait
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Obituaries

We lost some of our dear members from January-2011 to August-2011.

Date	Name	Date	Name
02.01.2011	Mr. Rashid Ismail Moledina	28.03.2011	Mr. Aslam Noor
03.02.2011	Mr. Sayeed Abdul Kareem	04.04.2011	Mr. Rasheed Ismail Ibrahim
06.02.2011	Mrs. Nadira Jameel Fazal	20.04.2011	Mr. Abdul Razack Saleh Mohammed
16.02.2011	Mr. Jaffer Wali Mohammed	09.05.2011	Mrs. Halima W/O Late. Oosman Abubacker
17.02.2011	Mrs. Abida W/O Late. Haji Zackria Haji Yousuff	12.05.2011	Mr. Ismail Ali Mohammed
14.03.2011	Mr. Azeez Sulaiman Merchant (Bombay)	22.05.2011	Mr. Yousuff Sattar Sait
20.03.2011	Mrs. Sofia W/O Late. Abubacker Hashim	30.05.2011	Mrs. Mariam W/O Late. Noor Mohammed
23.03.2011	Mrs. Sufia W/O Late. Jaffer Ismail	06.06.2011	Mr. Haji Esmail Haji Jacob

We regret to announce the sad demise of Janab Al Haj Noor Mohammed Adam Sait (Past President of Cutchi Memon Jamath, Cutchi Memon Union & Trustee Cutchi Memon Educational Trust) who expired on Tuesday 16th August 2011. 15 Day of Ramadhan 1432.
In-naa lil-laa-hi wa in-naa i-lai-hi raa-ji-oon

We pray to Allah to widen their graves and fill them with Divine Light and Grant them Maghfirat and a high place in Jannatul Firdaus, and we also pray to Allah the Almighty to give their family members the strength to bear this irreparable loss.

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