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## RAMADHAN CAME & RAMADHAN WENT BUT...

It was Monday the 1st of August and an atmosphere of joy and happiness was prevalent in all Muslim houses and why not, it was the first day of Ramadhan. Lights were on in the houses into the early hours of the morning, the whole family, father, mother, sons, daughters and even the small children had suddenly started a totally different 24-hour routine. 5 times Salaah became an absolute necessity as well as Tahajjud & Ishraq and not to forget the Salatut-Tasbih. The Holy Quraan and the Musallahs (Prayer Mats), which had so nicely and neatly been put away in the cupboards were out and worshipping The Almighty became the routine of the day.



Not to forget the Mosques. Many of them which lie empty for 11 months of the year besides the Jumaah Salaah were now filled. Wherever one went, the topees and kurtahs dominated the menswear whilst headcoverings and jubbahs were adorned by the sisters. And last but not least even the T.V., video & DVD player were given a well deserved one month break! What a wonderful and blessed atmosphere.

Then came Tuesday the 30th of August, it was Eid-ul-Fitr day. Suddenly, a remarkable change took place, almost unbelievable. In the days that followed, back into the drawers went the musallahs and the Quraans, the Mosques became empty, the kurtahs, topees, headcoverings and jubbahs were nicely and neatly put away once again and out came the T.V., video & DVD player.

The above may sound amusing. However, one now needs to ponder upon this very carefully and figure out if this is the reality with us or not. There will be many brothers and sisters to whom the above will not apply, but that will be the minority. The rest of us now need to spend some time in isolation and think about the way we changed our lifestyle during the month of Ramadhan. Did we treat this month as an annual showing off of our religion? Is Islam our religion for only one month of the year?

Brothers & sisters, the reality is that this month has been given to us by The Almighty so that we can adopt His fear due to which we can become faithful and obedient servants to Him for the rest of the year. Therefore, let this year be the one to change our lives forever. Similar to the month of Ramadhan, make sure that you pray your 5 times daily Salaah. Brothers should try their utmost best to offer their Salaah with Jamaat and let`s continue with all the other good and pious deeds we started in Ramadhan. It is our firm belief that each and everything is in the Power of our Creator and if He blessed us with the ability of fulfilling His commands in the month of Ramadhan then surely He will help us to maintain that worship for the rest of the 11 months. May The Almighty give us all the correct guidance, Ameen.





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## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

We take this opportunity to say a very special thank you to all brothers & sisters who responded to our Ramadhan campaign. May The Almighty through His Infinite Grace & Mercy bless you all with the best of health and an abundance of wealth in this world and with Jannatul Firdaus in the Hereafter, Ameen.

A number of Masjids, organisations & schools also raised funds specifically for our projects, a very special thank you to them also for keeping the projects of the MWI in mind at the time of collecting donations, may The Almighty accept the sincere efforts of these establishments and reward them in abundance, Ameen.

## IFTAAR 2011 - £60,000



Our Iftaar campaign started from the 1st of July this year and within 4 weeks we had received £60,000. This amount enabled us to distribute 4,000 Iftaar Packs in Albania, Bangladesh & India.



We also received an amount of £20,000 for hot meals in Bangladesh, this amount enabled us to provide hot meals to 2,000 people on a daily basis at the time of Iftaar.



## EID-UL-FITR 2011 - £45,000

As Ramadhan progressed, donations started to come in for our Eid-ul-Fitr programme, we received £45,000 which provided 9,000 families in Albania, Bangladesh & India with Eid Gift Packs prior to Eid-ul-Fitr.



## QURBAANI 2011

“There is nothing dearer to The Almighty during the days of Qurbaani than the sacrificing of animals. The sacrificed animal shall come on the Day of judgement with its horns, hair and hooves (to be weighed). The sacrifice is accepted by The Almighty before the blood reaches the ground. Therefore sacrifice with an open and happy heart.” (Tirmizi).

Zayd Ibne Arqam (R.A.) relates that the Companions (R.A) asked, "O Prophet (S.A.W.)What is Qurbani?" He replied, "It is the sunnah of your father Ibraheem (A.S.)." They (R.A.) asked again, "What benefit do we get from it?" He (S.A.W.) answered, "A reward for every hair (of the sacrificed animal)." "And (what reward is there for animals with) wool, O Prophet (S.A.W.)?" they (R.A.) asked. "A reward", He (S.A.W.) said, "for every fibre of the wool." (Ibn Majah).

“When a person slaughters a Qurbaani animal, he is forgiven at the fall of the first drop of blood, and verily, the animal shall be brought forward on the Day of Judgment with its blood, meat etc, and shall be increased in weight seventy times more than its own weight, and thereafter it will be placed on the scale of deeds.” (Kanzul Ummal).

### ALBANIA £65

We performed 150 Qurbaanis in Albania last year which provided meat to 750 families



The price per small animal (1 share) is £65, by having you Qurbaani performed in Albania you will be helping to revive the Sunnah of Qurbaani in a country which was under Communism for half a century, you will also be providing meat to many needy families.

### BANGLADESH £50

Last year we provided 600 families with meat in Bangladesh



The price per small animal (1 share) is £50, Bangladesh is regarded as one of the poorest countries of the world and by having your Qurbaani performed there you will be providing meat to many such families who only get the opportunity to consume meat once a year.

### INDIA £15

875 Qurbaanis were performed in India last year



This year the price for one share in a large animal is only £15 (7 shares £105), our distribution in India takes place in many remote areas where people live in mud houses (joparpattis) where the living conditions are dire, your Qurbaani will reach some of the most poorest families in India.

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**Brothers & sisters have donated very generously towards our projects in Albania, Bangladesh & India, updates and progress of projects will be provided regularly via our website [www.mwinstitute.co.uk](http://www.mwinstitute.co.uk)**



## GIFT AID

There are still many brothers & sisters who have not yet completed a Gift aid declaration form, if you are a UK taxpayer then we can reclaim 25% of the tax paid by you on your donation, this means that a donation of £1,000 will bring an extra £250 to us, this reclaimed money assists greatly towards our admin. costs and enables us to continue with our 100% donations policy, each & every penny of your donation is utilised for the causes donated towards without a penny being deducted for admin. purposes.

Therefore a very humble request to all taxpayers to complete the Gift aid form overleaf and return to us so that we can reclaim your tax

## CAN YOU SPARE FEW HOURS 4/5 TIMES A YEAR?

The MWI is looking to recruit volunteers (brothers & sisters) to help distribute the UNITY magazine which will be published on a quarterly basis & the In-Focus magazine which will be published annually I.A. We need volunteers for all towns & cities of the UK, if you would like to join our team of volunteers please contact us, we look forward to hearing from you.

**PLEASE EMAIL US ON: [INFO@MWINSTITUTE.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@MWINSTITUTE.CO.UK)**

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