

Every year, Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya organizes the Annual Quran competition for Madrasah learners towards the end of the Holy month of Ramadhan. With the advent of Covid-19 restrictions in 2020, the Mission has been conducting the Quran Competition online. This has required participants to meet in small groups to attend the contest through ZOOM video conferencing platform.

Judge

COMPETITION

This year the competition was divided into four categories - three of which consisted of different age groups for Madrasah students and the fourth being for Muballighs and teachers. The contest hosted over 30 Shia centers, 15 Bilal Centers and other independent centers from Kwale, Mombasa and Kilifi Counties. The competition was held between 9th May 2021 and 11th May 2021. A total of 300 participants took part from different regions, 80 being the finalists.

Competition Judges (external): Sheikh Aidarus Athman Fatuma Mwinyi Kai 64yrs old Reciting Qur'an Online Sheikh Athman Akbar and Sheikh Juma Shughuli.



Organizing Committee: Sheikh Musa Shali - Coordinator, Bilal Media and ICT team.

Participating Centres: 30+ No. of Participants: 300 Categories: Madrasah students & Muballighs

Facilitators mobilizing participants from the villages: Sheikh Yahya Mwangi, Sheikh Mahmoud Wathome, Sayyid Twahir Muhammad, Sheikh Ramadhan Mlala, Sheikh Msafir and Sheikh Zainul Abidiin

Categories of Quran Recitation:

Juz.30 for madrasa kids age 10-15yrs. Juz.29 for madrasa learners Age 16-18. Surah 1,111,112,113 & 114 for adults. Surah 62, 63, 87 & 91 for Mubaligheen

The support from the administration, judges, parents and Mubaligheen allowed for maximum coordination during the program to make it a success. Recitation was based on pronunciation guidelines according to *Tajwid, Makharij* and Memorization. The judges were impressed with the participants and advised them on ways to recite Quran precisely from its source of origin in order not to change the meaning of the verses of Quran. They also urged the Mission to continue with the noble exercise not only in the Holy Month of Ramadhan but throughout the year. Sheikh Aidarus complemented the Mission, mubaligheen, parents and the students for taking part in this competition of reciting the Holy Quran.

The winning participants from each category were presented with Gifts. In addition, to motivate and to appreciate efforts of judges, the organizing committee and other participants who didn't win, the Mission set aside Hadiya/Gifts for them as well.

HADIYA/GIFTS

The results were as follows:

CATEGORY	POSITIO N	NAME	MADRASAH & CENTRE	MARKS
RESULTS Group 1 Memorizing Juz. 30	1	Assadullah Hajji	Madrasatul Ahlul Kisaa, Kichaka	99%
	2	Abubakar Juma	Madrasatul Ahlul Kisaa, Kichaka	96%
	3	Mwanasha Maulid	Madrasatul Ahlul Bayt, Shimoni	94%
Group 2 <u>Memorizing Juz. 29</u> <u>(Tabaraak)</u>	1	Neema Athman	Madrassatul Ridha, Mtongwe	98%
	2	Mbeyu Nzole	Madrassatul Imam Al Mahdy, Burani.	97%
	3	Mwanasiti Hassan	Madrassatul Ridha, Mtongwe	96%
Group 3 Quran Recitation Surah 1, 111, 112, 113 & 114	1	Sada Keya	Madrassatul Ridha, Mtongwe	94%
	2	Time Rashid	Madrasatul Ahlul Kisaa, Kichaka	93%
	3	Mohammed Mwamrima	Madrassatul Ridha, Mtongwe	93%
Group 4	1	Nassoro Salim	Madrassatul Ridha, Mtongwe.	96%

Quran Recitation Surah 62, 63, 87 & 91 [Mubaligheen]	2	Said Noor	Madrassatul Imam Al Mahdy, Samburu	
		Ustadha Sauda Salim	Madrassatul Ridha, Mtongwe	
		Abdallah Mkusi	Madrassatul Ahlul Bayt, Moyeni	
		Salim Mvuko	Madrassatul Almahdy, Burani	
		Ustadha Mejumaa Mwandanda	Madrassatul Ahlul Bayt, Shimoni	95%
		Ustadha Fatuma Khamisi	Madrassatul Imam Jaffer, Mackinnon Rd	
	3	Mohammed Ware	Madrassatul Imam Jaffer, Masongaleni	
		Ustadha Fauzia Fundi	Madrassatul Imam Mujtaba, Miamba	94%

- o Parents were enlightened on the importance of reciting the Holy Qur'an in their homes.
- o Provided mubaligheen with a chance to assess the weakness of Madrasah students.
- o Enhanced spiritual nourishment among participants, especially adults.
- The contest also brought together different madaris, promoting unity among different jamaats from Bilal Centres and independent madaris.

IMPACTS OF THE COMPETITION

- o Lack of quality devices i.e., Smartphones, webcams and laptops.
- o Lack of skilled personnel in the field to assist in cases of technical problems with IT.
- o Poor network coverage in some centers.
- o Low levels of computer literacy.
- o Lack of electricity and network forced some participants to travel far to participate online.

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