

# MUHARRAM

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The sacrifices given by Imam Husain, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, ensured the preservation of the religion of Allah (swt) – the pristine message of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saww). The Imam is revered for his unwavering commitment to Truth, Justice and the principles of Islam. His legacy is a timeless one with a lasting impact and both his life and his death continue to be a source of inspiration for those advocating for peace, equality and social justice across different religions and cultures worldwide. It is indeed by the will of Allah swt that his sacrifice will never be forgotten and is commemorated annually over the months of Muharram and Safar on a global scale.

Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya held Majaalis relayed in Swahili over the first ten days of Muharram at Bilal Hall and Ar-ridha centre in Mombasa County and at all 14 rural centres located in Kwale, Makueni and Taita Taveta counties. Majaalis were also held at 38 independent centres to whom we extend support.

### **Majaalis and processions at rural centres**

Imam Husain's legacy continues to inspire an increasing number of communities in rural Kenya. Majaalis were held daily from the beginning of Muharram until Ashura. There were separate sessions for youth and ladies as well as larger gatherings for the whole community. After every majlis, niyaz was served. Some centres also organized larger gatherings and processions on the weekend after Ashura Day and these attracted an impressive number of devotees.











### Gents majaalis at Bilal Hall in Mombasa

Majaalis for gents were held at the Bilal Hall every evening at 5pm during the first 9 days of Muharram. The central theme for these majaalis was **'Kerbala- Paragon of struggle and resistance'** and they attracted an average attendance of 185 individuals.

Four different lecturers worked with the mission and this provided mu'mineen access to different presentation styles and varying content. Sheikh Muhammad Dumila focused on proper upbringing of children according to the teachings of Ahlulbayt. Sheikh Ali Bahero's discourse revolved around Imam Hussein – the pinnacle of patience and Sheikh Athman Akbar drew inspiration from Kerbala as an ideal example of resistance by a few for the greater good of the masses. Sheikh Juma Shughuli recited from the Maqatal daily, recounting the calamities that befell the party of Allah on Ashura Day.



Sheikh Muhamed Dumila



Sheikh Athman Akbar



Sheikh Juma Shughuli



Sheikh Ali Bahero

## Ladies Majaalis at the Bilal Hall in Mombasa

These majaalis centred around the theme **‘Woman and Liberation’**, with a focus on elevation and self-purification and numerous references to the verses of the Holy Qur’an, important stories from the lives of several prophets and the incidents that occurred in Kerbala.

The women of the Ahlulbayt exhibited profound faith and unwavering submission to Allah (swt) which was powerfully demonstrated through their actions, patience, and resilience during the events of Kerbala. The lecturers encouraged listeners to draw lessons from the lives of these exemplary women, highlighting how emulating their virtues can lead to greater spiritual heights, contentment, and tranquillity in our own lives.

Attendance comprised around 100 women and children daily.







Sister Nuru Sudi



Sister Asiya Salim

### **Ashura Day supplications and combined majlis at the Bilal Hall in Mombasa**

Prayers and other supplications specific to the Day of Ashura began at 10 am on the 17th of July at the Bilal Hall in Mombasa. Thereafter, the majlis began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. Sheikh Juma Shughuli recited extensively from the Maqal, ending with a heart wrenching tribute and salam to the Imam. After the ziyarah, a take-away niyaz was served. Close to 280 people were in attendance.

### **Livestreaming, poetry and matam and general impact of the majaalis in Mombasa**

All Majaalis held at the Bilal Hall were livestreamed and reached varied listeners from different sects, including some sheikhs from the Ahl al- Sunnah. Physical attendance of both the ladies and gents majaalis also included people from diverse backgrounds.

Madrassa Zainul Abeidin is a Shia institution based in Kisauni. Last year, they played an important role in the gents majaalis via the recitation of poetry and matam. Alhamdulillah we were able to facilitate their participation once again this year. The sincere and humble way in which they paid tribute resonated with all in attendance. Additionally, they were able to attend other majaalis at the Bahman and Husayni mosques in Mombasa. Similar recitation in the ladies majaalis was presented primarily by Zahra Madrassa.

Some of our lecturers were quite open to receiving questions from the azaadaars. Furthermore, Sheikh Athman Akbar responded to misconceptions that were being propagated in certain non-shia circles regarding the institution of majlis and the tragic events of the Day of Ashura.

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### **Ladies zoom sessions**

Sister Ruiya Salim of our Tabligh Department held daily zoom sessions for women at the rural centres. An average of 350 ladies benefitted from these. The central theme was the responsibility of women in uplifting themselves and their families, especially focusing on child upbringing and making our children 'Husaini'.



## **Appreciation**

The sacrifice of Imam Husain (as) transcends time and space and this is consistently exhibited by majaaalis held in his name in Muharram and Safar and throughout the year. Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya sincerely thanks our donors whose generous financial assistance allowed us to carry out the sacred obligation of spreading the message of the Holy Prophet (s) and his purified progeny.

Simultaneously, we acknowledge the invaluable contribution of all those who participated and/or volunteered in various ways to ensure the successful conduction of the various programs.

May Allah (swt) accept our ibadah and grant us the tawfiq to continue in the commemoration of our beloved Imam and the teaching and learning of the invaluable lessons that may be derived from the events that unfolded at Kerbala and beyond as we organize and conduct the Ashra Sajjadiyyah and Ashra Zainabiyyah Majaalis in the upcoming weeks.

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