

THE FRIDAY BULLETIN

The Weekly Muslim Update



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NCIC seeks Jamia Mosque input on hate speech case

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) has called on Jamia Mosque Nairobi to submit a formal statement after complaints arose over a viral video in which a church leader made inflammatory remarks against the Muslim community.

In a letter dated December 8 and addressed to Jamia Mosque Secretary General Abdulbari Hamid, the Commission recognized the offensive nature of the video and invited Jamia Mosque Nairobi to cooperate with authorities and lodge its complaint to allow for further investigation.

"In order to facilitate investigations into the issue raised in your complaint, you are kindly invited to record a formal statement with us at the National Cohesion and Integration Commission headquarters on Wednesday, 10th December, 2025," the letter, signed by NCIC CEO Dr. Daniel Mutegei Giti, stated.

The Commission, which is mandated to promote equality, foster good relations, and enhance peaceful coexistence among Kenya's diverse communities, also advises the government on related issues.

The video, widely shared on social media, features the founder of Christ Generation Chosen

Ministries, based in Kasarani, making unfounded claims that Muslims plan to take over the country and oppress Christians.

"If we don't pray, we are going to have a president from this religion, if he were to take over, Christians will be suppressed and freedom of worship will be suppressed," the church leader said.

He also made false assertions about the Holy Qur'an, alleging that it promotes violence and intolerance toward non-Muslims.

Responding to the video, Jamia Mosque Majlis member, Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome, strongly condemned the statements.

He described the remarks as "a reckless and dangerous attempt to incite hostility against Muslims" and urged the NCIC to take action.

"Our attention has been drawn to a viral clip that appears to target Muslims and create discord between religious groups in Kenya, which is deeply unfortunate. As the committee of Jamia Mosque, we strongly condemn such utterances that seek to sow division among Kenyans," he said.

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Jamia Mosque holds its first holiday camp for Boys



Jamia Mosque Nairobi Director of Da'awah Sheikh Muhammad addressing the youth during the Jamia Mosque Nairobi Inaugural Youth Camp. The Jamia Mosque Nairobi Inaugural Youth Camp, held from 6th to 7th December 2025 at Rowallan Scout Camp in Nairobi, successfully brought together 21 youth participants and four facilitators for a transformative two-day experience. The camp was designed under the broad theme of Tarbiyah, focusing on nurturing holistic personal growth grounded in Islamic values.

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Duale assures Kenyans no personal health data will be shared under U.S. cooperation deal

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale has moved to dispel fears over the recently signed health cooperation framework between Kenya and the United States, assuring the public that no personal medical records will be shared with foreign authorities.

Speaking on Sunday, Duale emphasized that the agreement, signed in Washington earlier this week, strictly adheres to Kenya's data protection laws and contains clear safeguards to prevent the release of identifiable patient information. He noted that only aggregated and anonymized health statistics—used for national planning, tracking disease trends, and guiding policy—may be shared under the partnership. "Kenya's health data remains fully under the custody of the Ministry of Health," Duale said.

"Personal identifiers such as names, ID numbers, contact details, and individual medical histories are not part of any data exchanges." He added that all information flows must comply with the Data Protection Act 2019, the Digital Health Act 2023, and constitutional protections.

The reassurance comes amid widespread public debate and concerns fueled by online claims suggesting that sensitive records, including HIV and tuberculosis data, would be accessible to U.S. agencies. Duale dismissed the allegations as misleading and inconsistent with the agreement's provisions. The U.S. Embassy in Nairobi also issued a clarification, stating that the cooperation framework focuses on strengthening health systems and does not involve access to individual patient files.

The multi-year partnership includes sub-

stantial U.S. investment aimed at boosting Kenya's disease surveillance capacity, modernizing digital health systems, and supporting key health programs targeting HIV, malaria, tuberculosis, and other major conditions.

Duale stressed that these goals can be achieved without compromising data security or Kenya's sovereignty over health information. He urged the public to rely on credible sources and avoid misinformation. The Health CS reaffirmed the government's commitment to safeguarding the confidentiality and dignity of all Kenyans, while leveraging global partnerships to enhance health outcomes, strengthen emergency preparedness, and promote data-driven decision-making that prioritizes citizens' welfare.

IUK marks milestone as 447 Students graduate at third convocation ceremony

The Islamic University of Kenya (IUK) on Saturday held its third graduation ceremony at the Kisumu main campus, marking a major milestone in its academic growth and celebrating the achievements of 447 graduates.

Students received degrees, diplomas, and certificates across a range of programmes including Sharia, Islamic Studies, Arabic Language, Business Management, Education, and Qur'anic Recitation (Qiraat). The diverse academic offerings underscored the university's mission to provide holistic education grounded in intellectual enrichment, ethics, and moral development.

The event was graced by several international and religious dignitaries, among them H.E. Jibril Ibrahim, the Ambassador of Somalia to Kenya; H.E. Witjaksono Adji, the Ambassador of Indonesia to Kenya; Sheikh Sukyan Hassan, the Deputy Chief Kadhi of Kenya; and Sheikh Khalfan Khamis, Chairman of the Council of Majlis Ulamaa Kenya. Their attendance reflected the growing recognition of IUK as a centre of excellence committed to high academic and moral standards.

Presiding over the ceremony, IUK Chancellor Ambassador Mohamed Mahat congratulated the graduates and reminded them of the responsibility that accompanies knowledge. "Knowledge is a trust—carry it with integrity, apply it with humility, and use it to uplift the communities you serve. Today does not mark the end of learning; it marks the beginning of responsibility," he said, encouraging the graduates to pursue lifelong academic excellence.

He further expressed appreciation to all attendees for their steadfast support toward the university's growth.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sheikh Dr. Mohamed Osman, reaffirmed IUK's mission to produce ethical, knowledgeable, and socially responsible graduates.



TOP: A section of graduates following proceedings during the graduation ceremony.

INSET: (LEFT) IUK Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sheikh Dr. Mohamed Osman, Chief Guest, Garissa Governor Nathif Jama and IUK Chancellor Ambassador Mohamed Mahat during the ceremony.

He emphasized humility, discipline, and service as key guiding principles for the new alumni. Addressing issues of inclusivity, Dr. Osman stressed that despite its name, the university welcomes students from all faith backgrounds. "Non-Muslims are treated here equally, if not better than Muslims," he said, assuring the public of IUK's commitment to fairness and equal opportunity. Garissa Governor Nathif Jama, who served as the Chief Guest, praised the university for shaping graduates with both academic competence and strong moral grounding.

"These graduates are not just future professionals; they are custodians of values, and their contribution will shape the future of our nation," he noted, urging them to serve with purpose and uphold values that build

a principled society. The celebrations also featured the inauguration of the university's new Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Mohammed Abdinoor Dahir. In his inaugural address, Dr. Dahir expressed gratitude to the IUK community and pledged to steer the institution toward greater academic excellence and societal contribution.

The ceremony highlighted the university's steady institutional growth since its beginnings as an institute focused primarily on Islamic and Arabic studies. Now a fully chartered university offering programmes spanning business, education, language studies, and religious disciplines, IUK continues to position itself as a key contributor to Kenya's educational and moral landscape.

Meeting Allah: The greatest joy

The greatest joy a believer will enjoy in the hereafter will be the joy of seeing Allah and meeting Him. There are no words which can describe how phenomenal this experience will be.

When the people of Jannah will see Allah ('azza wa jall) with their very own eyes, they will forget all the previous blessings given to them in Paradise. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "When the people of Paradise enter it, Allah – Blessed and Exalted is He – will say, 'Would you like anything more?' They will say, 'Have You not brightened our faces? Have You not admitted us into Paradise and saved us from Hell-fire?' Then, He ('azza wa jall) will lift the Veil. Nothing they are given will be more beloved to them than looking at their Lord – Majestic and Exalted is He." Then, he (Peace be upon him) recited the verse, "Those who do good will have the finest reward and more!" (Surah Yunus 10:26). The 'more' refers to the gift of seeing Allah.

The believers will see Allah as clearly as the moon can be seen on a cloudless night. Allah ('azza wa jall) says,

"On that Day there will be radiant faces, looking towards their Lord" (Surah Al-Qiyamah 75:22-3).

Imagine Meeting Allah

Meeting Allah and seeing His Magnificent Face will be the ultimate meeting. No words can describe the bliss and joy a servant will feel when he finally gets to see Allah. Imagine finally meeting the One whom we loved and worshipped in the world! The One who we always talked to, the One who loved us more than we loved ourselves. Imagine how phenomenal it will be to see Allah as He receives us with forgiveness, immense grace and love.

In the world, we read about Allah, al-Jamil, The Most Beautiful. We may have gasped

at a beautiful sight or were left speechless by a stunning scene. Imagine finally seeing The Source of all that beauty!

In the world, we experienced the deep love of Allah, al-Wadud, The Most Loving. We enjoyed the endless gifts bestowed upon us by Allah, al-Wahhab, The Ever-Giving. Imagine being able to finally see The Source of all goodness!

In the world we always called out to Allah, al-Ṣamad, The Perfect Master. We craved perfection and pursued it relentlessly. But we never found it, as Allah is The Only One who is Completely Perfect. Imagine now finally seeing The Most Perfect – Exalted and Majestic is He!

Longing to Meet Allah

Eagerness to meet Allah, longing for Him (known as shawq in Arabic) and to be close to Him has always remained a hallmark of His special servants. When our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) was given a choice to either remain in the world or meet Allah, he chose the latter.

Similarly, we see the enthusiasm to meet Allah in the example of Musa ('alay-his-salam) who left his people and rushed to meet Allah. Allah ('azza wa jall) asked him,

"Why have you come with such haste ahead of your people, O Musa?" (Surah Taha 20:83)

He replied: "They are following in my footsteps. And I have hastened to You, my Lord, so You will be pleased" (Surah Taha 20:84). We see a similar expression of love and longing to meet Allah in the du'a' of Asiya ('alayhas-salam), the wife of Pharaoh. She asked Allah ('azza wa jall):

My Lord, build for me, near You, a house in Paradise (Surah At-Tahrim 66:11).

The scholars mentioned that by mention-

Just as believers are eager to meet and see Allah, Allah is also looking forward to meeting them. In the world, Allah (subḥānahu wa ta'āla) eagerly welcomes the believer who is regular in attending the masjid for ṣalah and dhikr, just as people welcome their loved ones happily upon their return from a journey" (Ibn Majah).

Imagine then how happy He will be to meet these same servants in Paradise! Our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Whoever loves to meet Allah, Allah loves to meet him. Whoever dislikes to meet with Allah, Allah also dislikes to meet Him" (Bukhari).

How Can We Increase Our Longing for Allah?

To increase our longing for Allah, we have to recognise who Allah is (ma'rifah). Once we realise who He is (the Magnificent Lord), and who we are (i.e. His weak servants), this should lead us to increase in worshipping Him. The more we worship Him, the more acquainted we will become with Him. Our love for Him will then increase, and subsequently, this will increase our longing for Him. The more you love someone, the more eager you are to meet them.

Reciting His words, talking to Him intimately in du'a', crying to Him with desperation in sajdah, remembering Him and praising Him with a heart full of love and gratitude — all of these should increase our longing for Him.

The Best Day

Once the People of Paradise settle into it and begin to enjoy its unlimited blessings, they will be summoned for a special meeting. A caller will announce, "O People of Paradise! Your Lord – Blessed and

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From the Holy Qur'an Ayah of the week

Theme: Righteousness

"Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is in one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book, and the Prophets, and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, and those who ask [for help], and establishes prayer and gives zakah: [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise: and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are righteous."

(Surah Al-Baqarah 2:177)



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Nairobi Muslim Academy is pleased to announce Admission Interviews for the learners who completed grade 9 for the January 2026 Senior School intake as follows:

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The role of Muslim Women in preserving Islamic morality

By Umm FatimaZahra

In a time where societal norms are rapidly evolving, the responsibility of preserving Islamic values falls heavily upon our shoulders as the Muslim ummah. Amongst the many roles we play, our crucial role in safeguarding Islamic morality often stands out. As Muslim women, whether as mothers, daughters, sisters, or wives, we have the ability to influence generations and the moral compass of society at large. Our contribution to preserving Islamic morality, both within the household and in broader society, cannot be overstated.

Custodians of the Next Generation

The most significant role we hold is that of nurturing the future generation.

Ibn 'Umar reported that the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "All of you are shepherds and each of you is responsible for his flock. A man is the shepherd of the people of his house and he is responsible. A woman is the shepherd of the house of her husband and she is responsible. Each of you is a shepherd and each is responsible for his flock."

(Al-Adab Al-Mufrad 212)

In this hadith, our role as moral guides within our households is made clear. As the first educators of children, we mothers instill the fundamental values of Islam, from prayer and modesty to respect and humility. The way we raise our children directly impacts their character and moral foundation. We play a pivotal role in teaching them Islamic ethics, how to navigate the pressures of modern society, and how to remain firm in their identity as Muslims. Children who are nurtured with a strong sense of Islamic morals are more likely to withstand the secular val-

ues and temptations they may encounter in the world.

Guardians of Modesty

One of the key ways we preserve Islamic morality is through our commitment to modesty. Modesty, or haya, is a cornerstone of Islamic values, and we embody this principle in our dress, behaviour, and interactions. The Quran commands both men and women to lower their gaze and maintain their modesty (Surah An-Nur 24:30-31), but we are often the most visible representation of Islamic modesty through our hijab and our conduct in public spaces. In an era where immodesty is normalised, and individualism is often celebrated at the cost of collective morality, our modest behaviour serves as a powerful reminder of the values Islam upholds. By maintaining a modest lifestyle, we not only preserve our dignity but also challenge the hyper-sexualisation and objectification prevalent in many societies today.

The Moral Compass in a Time of Fitna

We also play a crucial role in maintaining morality within our communities. Today, social media, entertainment, and modern ideologies challenge traditional Islamic values, especially regarding gender roles, relationships, and family life. In many cases, we are at the forefront of this battle, often upholding the traditional family structure and advocating for Islamic values in the face of a world that seeks to undermine them. The spread of fitna (temptation) and moral corruption in society is something that we can counteract by being active participants in our communities, spreading beneficial knowledge, and adhering to Islamic principles. Whether it's advising fellow sisters on issues of modesty, community engage-

ment, or social media etiquette, our influence is profound. Our participation in creating Islamic environments, whether at home or in community spaces, helps prevent the erosion of Islamic values. Our involvement in Islamic education, both as students and teachers, ensures that the next generation is raised with a deep understanding of Islam's moral framework.

Maintaining Morality in the Digital Age

In today's world, social media and the internet present unique challenges. We must be mindful of our conduct online as well. Platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter can be beneficial tools for spreading Islamic knowledge, but they can also be breeding grounds for vanity, gossip, and materialism. Just as modesty in real life is important, so is modesty in the digital world.

Our online presence should reflect the same principles we uphold in our daily lives. This means avoiding content that contradicts Islamic values, being cautious about the images and thoughts shared, and ensuring that interactions online are conducted with dignity and respect. Upholding Islamic morality on these platforms is a responsibility that we must take seriously, as the digital age has the potential to influence our minds and hearts in unprecedented ways.

The role of Muslim women in preserving Islamic morality is vast and multi-faceted. From raising righteous children to upholding modesty and maintaining traditional Islamic values in an increasingly secular world, our contribution is invaluable. We are not only the nurturers of future generations but also the guardians of the moral principles that define Islam.

JAMIA MOSQUE BURSARY 2026 GRADE-10 INTAKE

The JMC Education Committee invites applications from suitable qualified and eligible student for the grade 10 scholarship 2026 award. The applicants for this limited number of scholarships must meet the following criteria: -

- Must have sat for the 2025 Kenya Junior School Education Assessment (KJSEA) and obtained at least a **MEETING EXPECTATION I (ME-I)** grade and above.
- Be an orphan or from a family with **extreme** financial needs.
- Must have been admitted to Grade 10 in a Public School.

Application Procedure

Fill in the JMC Bursary Forms which are available at Jamia Library or can be downloaded at Jamia website: www.jamiamosque.co.ke/bursary

The following documents must be attached to the form: -

1. Copy of (KJSEA) Results Slip.
2. Copy of the grade 10 Admission Letter.
3. Parents ID/Death Certificate (Copy).
4. Hand Written Application Letter by the applicant/student.

This sponsorship will benefit the successful applicants through **Grades 10,11,12** on the basis of the student's academic performance and disciplinary record. Furthermore, successful **grade 12 graduates** from this group will also be eligible to receive upon application, partial University funding from Jamia Mosque's Education Committee. Please deliver your application to the Jamia Mosque Library or send it to:

The Secretary General: P.O Box 100786-00101, Nairobi

OR email it as a one document (Pdf) to info@jamiamosque.co.ke

NOTE: All Applications must be received within two weeks after the first selection process starts.

Light of Knowledge Quiz

The following are authentic
names of Surah
Al-Fatiha except?

A Umm al-Kitab
(Mother of the Book)

B As-Sab' al-Mathani
(The Seven Repeated Verses)

C An-Nur al-'Adhim
(The Great Light)

Answer to be revealed in the next
issue

Last week's answer was choice A :
"Intention (Niyyah)"

How I came to love the Prayer as a Convert

By Sariya Contractor

I am a convert to Islam and have been a Muslim for a very long time. Sometimes I think back to before I embraced Islam and realize that though certain aspects remain the same, Islam has brought tremendous change to my life. I guess I was always a good human being — charitable, kind to people around me and cared about their worries. Islam however brought a direction to my life.

Through Islam, I knew why I had to be good. There was now a purpose for my creation that I could comprehend and fall back on. I and all of creation are created for a simple reason which is to worship our Creator. Everything else is secondary, a worldly test that we have to pass. And so now I together with the rest of Creation — the angels, the oceans, the animals, the flowers and the universe — unite in our worship of Allah.

We sing His praises with our voices rising together in a magnificent crescendo or sometimes we praise Allah by ourselves in the silence of our hearts, deep inside our souls. Also we pray as well and if you concentrate hard enough, these prayers and praises can be heard in the roar of the ocean, in the twitter of the birds and in the beating of hearts. As Muslims we lead our life to a pre-determined routine, ordained by Allah and that revolves around our Salah (ritual Prayer).

We awake with the birds, before dawn to offer our Fajr prayers (Dawn Prayer); and we sleep only after offering our Isha prayer (Night Prayer). Then we take breaks from work or study to offer Zuhr prayer (Noon Prayer) and Asr prayer (Afternoon Prayer). And at sunset we hasten so that we do not delay our Maghrib prayers (Sunset Prayer) we must pray before twilight fades away!

Our purpose in life is to worship our Creator and to sing His praises and Salah is what He recommends. Today after so many years of praying it seems easy — almost second nature, but there were times when I found it tough. Learning the Arabic chapters that constituted my prayers; remembering their order; fitting the five prayers into my schedule. This seemed too much to accomplish, even the prayer positions were tough. But I had embraced my new way of life and Islam was my choice! I knew that my prayer was one of the five pillars of my new faith. And I had to make efforts, I had to strive and I had to learn.

Learning the Ropes

I got my Mom (who had reverted a while before me) to write the prayers, in English, in my school diary. I barely listened to what my teachers were saying and by the end of that day I knew my prayers. By the end of the week I knew them well. I could now pray — first hurdle tackled!

The prayer positions which I was so

worried about were not that difficult at all. When people four to five times my age could pray I was a nut to be complaining. So this meant a second hurdle was now out of the way!!!

I had begun to pray but the most important hurdle still remained — how was I going to fit so many prayers into my schedule? I was in my last two years at school, so I had to work hard which meant I had to do homework and study when I got back home. And I had to take an afternoon nap as well, talk to my friends on the telephone, eat, and watch my favorite TV programs, I was such a busy girl!

And in the middle of all of this I had to pray as well. Was this because it was too difficult for me to adjust to my new life style or were these simply evil thoughts from Satan? I guess we know the answer to this one.

And I admit that for a long time I was a naughty girl — though I began to pray, it was only once or twice a day. I slowly graduated to praying three times a day — missing Fajr and Isha regularly. This went on for a long time. I realize now that this was only a matter of making up my mind. I simply needed to decide that I would pray five times a day and Allah would have helped me. Unfortunately I didn't take this decision for a very long time.

The Turning Point

I went on with this flaw in my practice for sometime, till one day suddenly, in a very round-about way, I realized the error in my ways. And I had already started wearing a scarf over my everyday clothes, I was an avid reader and read a lot about Islam and generally knew quite a bit about it.

My friends most of whom were Muslim nor-

mally came to me when they had questions on Islam which I could normally answer. They considered me to be a pious and knowledgeable Muslimah. One day I heard a friend saying that I must surely be praying five times a day. This came as a bit of a shock to me! I realized then that I had knowledge and was therefore aware of what was required of me a Muslim. Also, strangely I had the image of an individual who prays five times a day — I was perceived as a practicing Muslimah. It was then that I made up my mind, no more excuses; no more lying to myself.

The Way Forward

Today, I realize the discipline that prayer brings to my life. It is not difficult to maintain the schedule; rather it comes naturally to a believer. Everything else you feel are evil thoughts that an individual can overcome by simply being determined.

I have had many beautiful moments since then. Moments that became memorable because I prayed and lost myself in the worship of my Creator. Offering Fajr in the midst of an evergreen forest, Zuhr in a car park with my husband as the Imam and at work in the table-tennis room. Islam is so wonderfully simple and unpretentious. A Muslim's simple prayer keeps her/him strong and away from a whole list of social evils. Prophet Muhammad was talking to his companions and said:

"If there was a river at the door of anyone of you and he took a bath in it five times a day would you notice any dirt on him?"

They said:

"Not a trace of dirt would be left."

The Prophet added:

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

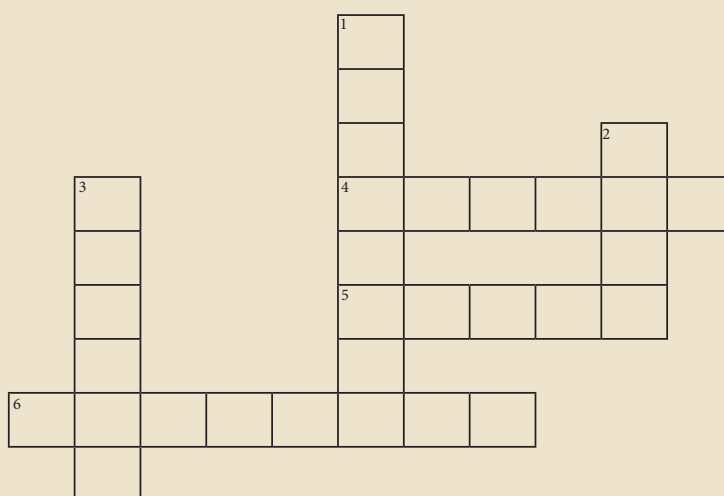
LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

ACROSS

3. Sulaiman
4. Maktab
5. Kaabah

DOWN

1. Six
2. Niyyah
6. Maidah



ACROSS

2. Term for fulfilling obligations and safeguarding what is entrusted to you.
5. Arabic term for airport.
6. Surah that mainly addresses the People of the Book in the 30th Juz

DOWN

1. Which prophet initiated the building of Majsid al-Aqsa in Jerusalem.
2. The night described in the Qur'an as better than a thousand months.
3. The study on the biography and life story of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh).

Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs holds five-day training Workshop for Imams



Imam of Masjid Aqsa Kibra, Mahmoud Hussein (CENTRE), receives his certificate of participation from training facilitator Sheikh Marzuq Abdallah (LEFT), as Dr. Issak Ibrahim (Abu Yasir) (RIGHT) looks on.

The five-day workshop, which brought together over 60 imams for intensive study of key aqeedah texts, was facilitated by Sheikh Marzuq and organized by the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah and Guidance through the Religious Cultural Attaché office in Kenya, under the supervision of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Nairobi, in collaboration with Jamia Mosque Nairobi.

The workshop started on Sunday and concluded yesterday at Jamia Mosque Nairobi Multi-purpose Hall.

Siraj Organization empowers Children's homes through annual Quran contest

The annual Quran competition for various children's homes within Nairobi was held on Saturday last week at the Jamia Multi-Purpose Hall, drawing excitement and inspiration as young participants showcased their mastery of Quran memorization.

The event, organized by the community-based You and Me Siraj Organization, sought to promote the reading and memorization of the Noble Quran among Muslim children. Participants were drawn from six children's homes: Zamzam Center and Madrasa in Huruma, Ummul Asia in Kahawa Wendani, Mang'u Center in Thika, Mama Dhahabu Children's Home, An Nisaa in Karen, and Good Hope in Kariobangi.

The young contestants competed in three categories—One Juzu, Two Juzu, and Three Juzu—demonstrating months of preparation and commitment. It was all smiles for the 54 participants of this competition as they were celebrated during the closing ceremony for their impressive performance.

In the Three Juzu category, Abdul Baatwin Hamim from Good Hope emerged the winner, followed by Maimuna Mustafa from Mama Dhahabu in second place, while Aisha Nur from Zamzam Center secured third position.

The Two Juzu category saw Ruman Osman from An Nisaa take the top spot, with Fadhil Hussein from Mang'u Center and Isra Kassim, also from An Nisaa, finishing second and third respectively.

In the One Juzu category, Feisal Nasrullah from Good Hope clinched the top position, followed by Imran Adan from Zamzam Center in second place, while Hafsa Siyat from An Nisaa took third. An Nisaa emerged the overall winner among the six participating homes. Speaking to The Friday Bulletin, You and Me Siraj Organization chairperson Samira Osman emphasized the important role children's institutions play in nurturing both character and faith. "Children's homes and orphanages play a very important role in society. They

help in bringing up not only disciplined but morally upright children who will become important people in society in the future. As an organization, we have committed to support spiritual affairs, including madrasahs and Islamic centres," she noted.

She added that events of this nature encourage children to strengthen their connection with the Holy Quran and apply its teachings in their daily lives. The winners were awarded plaques of appreciation and certificates of participation, marking a memorable conclusion to a day dedicated to faith, learning, and community.



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Saudi Arabia imposes Photography ban inside Holy Mosques for 2026 Hajj season

Saudi Arabian authorities have reportedly announced a new directive prohibiting photography inside Masjid al-Haram in Makkah and Masjid an-Nabawi in Madinah during the 2026 hajj season. The move is aimed at preserving the sanctity of the holy sites and fostering an atmosphere of reverence and tranquility for millions of worshippers expected to visit the two sacred mosques.

According to reports, the Ministry of Interior issued the instruction specifically to hajj lottery winners for the 2026 season, requiring them to refrain from taking photographs or recording videos using mobile phones, professional cameras, or any other recording devices within the two holy mosques.

"The ban on photography inside the two holy mosques by any means is mandatory, to preserve the sanctity of the place and respect the feelings of pilgrims," the ministry reportedly stated.

The decision follows growing concerns over behaviors that authorities say have increasingly disrupted the spiritual environment of the holy sites. The widespread practice of taking photos and videos, often resulting in congestion and interference with the smooth performance of religious rituals, has drawn criticism from pilgrims and officials alike.

Competent authorities emphasized that the restrictions are meant to enhance the spiritual experience of visitors. They stressed that complying with the guidelines of the two holy mosques is both a religious

and ethical duty, ensuring respect for the sanctity of the sacred locations and safeguarding the privacy of worshippers.

"The measures are intended to enable pilgrims to perform their worship in conditions that are more peaceful and spiritual," officials reportedly stated, reiterating that adherence to the regulations is essential in maintaining the dignity and sanctity of the holy sites.

To support implementation, new regulatory mechanisms are expected to be introduced to monitor compliance, including the deployment of dedicated field teams. These teams will focus on awareness and guidance, directing pilgrims and reminding them of the proper etiquette when visiting the two holy mosques.

Government to open new passport centres to ease congestion at Nyayo House

The government has announced plans to establish new passport application and processing centres in a bid to reduce long-standing congestion at Nyayo House.

The move comes amid a sharp rise in demand for passports, driven by Kenyans securing employment and education opportunities abroad, as well as increased travel for medical treatment. According to the Interior Ministry, several new passport offices will be opened within Nairobi, with

proposed locations including Westlands, Upper Hill, and Makadara. The expansion is expected to ease pressure on the central processing hub and improve efficiency for applicants across the city.

Beyond Nairobi, the government also plans to roll out additional passport centres in Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Kwale, Isiolo, Machakos, Turkana, Narok, and Siaya counties. These new facilities will decentralise services further and bring them closer to citizens who currently rely on distant regional offices.

The upcoming centres will supplement the existing network in Kisumu, Mombasa, Eldoret, Nakuru, Kisii, Kericho, and Bungoma, ultimately enhancing service delivery and reducing delays that have long frustrated applicants.

Officials say the initiative reflects the government's commitment to streamlining passport services and responding to the surging needs of Kenyans seeking opportunities beyond the country's borders.

Nairobi set to host 3rd annual Muslimah conference

Nairobi is gearing up for one of the year's most anticipated gatherings for Muslim women as the Golden Hope Al-Khairat organization announces its 3rd Annual Women Conference.

Scheduled from December 24 to 26 at Masjid Riyadhha in Pumwani, the three-day event promises to inspire, educate, and unite women from across the country. This year's conference, themed "Guardians of Values," comes at a time when communities are seeking spiritual grounding and collective resilience.

Organizers say the event aims to provide not just knowledge but also a nurturing space where Muslim women can reflect, reconnect, and reinforce the values that

shape their roles within their homes and communities. A distinguished lineup of scholars is set to headline the conference, including Acting Chief Kadhi Sheikh Sukyan, Sheikh Zakaria Abdallah, Sheikh Ramadhan Mwangi, Sheikh Hassan Mwinji, Sheikh Hassan Makokha, and Sheikh Ibrahim Njuguna. They will share the platform with an esteemed panel of ustadhaat, including Ukhty Imma, Ustadha Arafa, Ustadha Hafsa, Ustadha Aisha, Ustadha Mwamanukuu, and Dr. Riziki, highlighting the growing prominence of women-centered Islamic scholarship and community engagement.

Speaking ahead of the event, organizer Ustadha Aisha Hussein said: "This confer-

ence is more than an event; it is a forum for renewal and reflection. Especially at a time when our values are constantly tested, we want women to come together, learn together, and rise together. Each session has been crafted to nurture imaan, strengthen resilience, and empower women both spiritually and socially."

She added that the organizing team is fully prepared to host participants and called on the community to rally behind the initiative. Organizers have invited Muslim women from all regions to attend and encouraged supporters to contribute via **Paybill 4789868**. To maintain a focused learning environment, children under 13 will not be admitted.

How I came to love the Prayer as a convert

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That is the example of the five prayers with which Allah blots out (annuls) evil deeds. (Al Bukhari and Muslim).

A Muslim will avoid sinning because he knows that he will have to face his Creator very soon.

These thoughts keep popping up in mind: "No partying late into the night – I can't

miss the Fajr prayer."

"I got to be honest and fair at work, Zuhr prayer is just a few hours away."

"Lunch will have to be Halal or what will I answer to Allah at Asr prayer."

"Have I been good? Review my day's work at Maghrib prayer."

"Sorry mate, can't drink at the pub, I will be

praying Isha before sleeping."

Through the prayers they offer, Muslims develop a constant link with their Creator. A relationship that eases a Muslim's life, strengthens their faith; helps them maintain high levels of piety and righteousness and reject temptation. A relationship that is alive, ready to light up and bloom.

Wajir County launches sweeping crackdown on Miraa under new control law

Wajir County has unveiled one of Kenya's toughest crackdowns on miraa following the unanimous passage of the Wajir County Miraa and Other Substances Control Act, 2025, ushering in sweeping reforms aimed at regulating trade and mitigating substance misuse.

The new law introduces stringent licensing requirements for all miraa vendors, restricts the trade to designated zones, and bans both the sale and chewing of the stimulant near schools, mosques, churches, health facilities, and other sensitive public spaces.

County leaders say the measures are intended to shield children, restore order, and address mounting concerns over the social impact of substance abuse.

A new regulatory body — the Wajir County Authority for the Control of Miraa and Other Substances — has also been es-

established to enforce the law, spearhead public awareness campaigns, and coordinate rehabilitation services for individuals struggling with dependency.

The legislation follows extensive public consultations, during which elders, teachers, and religious leaders overwhelmingly endorsed tighter controls.

"This law sets clear rules that protect our schools, places of worship, and families," one elder said, reflecting the broad support for the reforms and the renewed focus on safeguarding young people.

However, not all reactions have been positive. Miraa traders have expressed concern over the restrictions' potential economic impact. County officials acknowledged the pushback but insisted that responsible licensing and transparent enforcement would balance public health priorities with

community livelihoods. Several leaders welcomed the move but urged authorities to confront deeper socioeconomic issues fuelling substance abuse. They warned that youth unemployment, widespread idleness, and limited opportunities remain powerful drivers of harmful behaviour.

"We can regulate and ban, but unless we create jobs, trainings, and constructive activities for our youth, the problem will continue in different forms," an elder noted, calling for broader interventions that address addiction at its roots.

By adopting the new law, Wajir joins a growing number of counties tightening controls on miraa and related substances, marking a more assertive phase in local efforts to promote public health and community safety.

Sayyidah Fatima Girls School set to open in January 2026 after major renovation

Sayyidah Fatima Girls School in Meru County is set to officially open its doors in January 2026, marking a major milestone in efforts to expand access to quality education for girls in the region.

The institution's transformation follows extensive renovations undertaken by the Islamic Foundation of Kenya (IFK) in partnership with the Isiolo-based NGO, Star of Hope Association (SOHA). The joint initiative focused on upgrading the school's infrastructure to modern, state-of-the-art standards, ensuring a conducive environment for learning and personal development.

The newly revamped educational complex, jointly managed by IFK and SOHA, becomes the latest addition to a growing list of learning institutions established by the two organisations in their mission to

uplift communities through education. The school aims to provide girls from Meru, Isiolo, and surrounding areas with the opportunity to pursue quality secondary education and become responsible, empowered members of society.

"We hope that the school will make a very significant contribution to the development of the girls within Isiolo, Meru, and its environs," said SOHA Organizing Secretary, Qari Abdulrazzaq.

He noted that both IFK and SOHA believe strongly in the transformative power of education, adding that their commitment to fostering a brighter future is reflected in the establishment of this state-of-the-art institution. "With dedicated educators, modern facilities, and a focus on holistic development, we aim to nurture the talents and aspirations of every student while addressing

the challenges children face in accessing education," he said. Qari Abdulrazzaq, who also serves as Regional Director at the Islamic Foundation of Kenya, urged parents in Isiolo and Meru counties to take advantage of the conducive environment the school offers and enroll their children. Admissions and intakes are currently ongoing.

He emphasized that the school is well suited to provide wholesome education, including strong Islamic studies and religious instruction to promote good moral values and spiritual growth among students. The opening of Sayyidah Fatima Girls School is expected to significantly boost educational opportunities for young girls in the region, reinforcing the role of IFK and SOHA in championing community development through education.

Meeting Allah: The greatest joy

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Exalted is He – requests you to visit Him, so come to visit Him!" So, they will reply, "We hear and we obey!"

They will eagerly rush to visit Him until they will reach a wide valley. They will all gather there and none of them will turn down the request of the caller. Allah will order His Kursi to be placed there. Then, pulpits of light, pearls, gemstones, gold, and silver will be brought for them. The lowest of them in rank (whose status will be glorious in his own right) will sit on heaps of musk; and they will not see what will be given to those who are superior to them in ranks i.e. they will not feel inferior to them.

When they settle into their seats and become comfortable, the caller will call out, "O People of Paradise! You have an ap-

pointment with Allah in which He wishes to reward you!" So they will say, "And what is that reward? Has He not already made our faces bright, made our scales heavy, entered us into Paradise, and saved us from the Fire?"

Suddenly, a light will shine which will encompass all of Paradise. So, they will raise their heads, and, behold: the Compeller – Exalted is He, and Pure are His Names – will appear from above them. He will proclaim, "O People of Paradise! Peace be upon you!" And they will respond to this greeting with the best response: "O Allah, You are The Source of Peace, and from You comes peace. Blessed are You, full of Majesty and Honour." So, the Lord – Blessed and Exalted is He – will manifest Himself, laugh, and say, "O People of Paradise!

Where are My servants who obeyed Me without having ever seen Me? This is the Day of Increase!"

So, they will all give the same response: "We are pleased, so be pleased with us!" So, He will say, "O People of Paradise! If I was not pleased with you, I would not have made you inhabitants of My Paradise! This is the Day of Increase, So, ask Me!" So, they will all give the same response: "Show us your Face so that we may look at it!" So, the Lord – Mighty and Majestic – will remove His Veil and will reveal Himself to them. He will cover them with His Light, which would have burned them, if Allah had not willed otherwise. Upon seeing Allah, they will forget every blessing they had previously seen.