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## Ruto orders integration of Madrassa and Duksi into education system

**P**resident William Ruto has directed the Ministry of Education to begin consultations aimed at formally integrating Madrassa and Duksi into Kenya's basic education framework, in a move expected to expand access to education for thousands of children in marginalised communities.

The 2013 Basic Education Act recognizes the madrassas and Duksis as formal schools and it is from this back drop that in 2014, the process of developing the proposed Madrasa curriculum was started with Muslims Education Council(MEC), a body mandated by the 2013 Basic Education Act to represent Muslims on matters of education.

A task force headed by a former long serving secretary at Kenya National Examination

Council (KNEC) the late Dr Ahmed Yussuf spearheaded the process of developing a unified madrasah curriculum for primary and secondary schools.

In 2020, Kenya Primary Madrasa Curriculum the first of its kind in the history of the country and the Muslim community was approved by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).

Also evaluation and approval of learning materials for the Madrasa curriculum had been launched and ongoing process.

Speaking during the 63rd Madaraka Day celebrations held in Wajir County, the President said the government will establish a clear

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## Waa Mosque opens in Kwale, as JMC to oversee operations



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**BELOW:** Brother Mohamed Rahmetulla Jaferrali( RIGHT) presenting the land title for Waa Mosque to Secretary-General of Jamia Mosque Committee Nairobi, AbdulBari Hamid(LEFT).

The Masjid was formally handed over to Jamia Mosque Nairobi Committee (JMC), which will oversee its administration and operations.

The Handing over was witnessed by members of Jamia Mosque committee and local Muslim community members.

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## JMC visits Kongo Mosque in outreach tour

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At Kongo Mosque, the delegation was briefed on the history of the mosque and longstanding concerns over attempts to encroach on its land. Community representatives noted that the mosque has, over the years, faced pressure from land-related disputes, raising concerns over the protection of its property and continuity as a place of worship. JMC officials reaffirmed their commitment to supporting efforts aimed at safeguarding the mosque's land and strengthening its long-term protection in collaboration with local stakeholders. The delegation also visited the Al-Walidayn Rescue Centre located in Kinondo, Msambweni Sub-County, a renowned rehabilitation and welfare institution established as a family-run trust to support vulnerable children, particularly girls rescued from abuse, trafficking, early marriages, neglect, and exploitation.

Founded by Amir Ali Swaleh in 2014, the centre was developed as a long-term humanitarian initiative aimed at providing shelter, education, and rehabilitation for vulnerable children in the region. It is currently directed by Abdulhakim, who over-



sees its daily operations and programmes. The facility offers a wide range of services including formal education support, madrasa learning, healthcare assistance, counselling, and vocational skills training. It also provides safe shelter and structured rehabilitation programmes designed to help both young girls and boys rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society with dignity. Widely regarded in the region as a leading refuge centre, Al-Walidayn has become a key support hub for vulnerable children, combining education, spiritual guidance, and practical skills development. JMC officials commended the work being carried

out at the centre, noting that such institutions play a vital role in complementing community welfare systems. They expressed interest in exploring future collaboration to strengthen protection mechanisms for vulnerable groups.

The visit formed part of JMC's wider engagement programme in Kwale County, which also included the inauguration and handover of Waa Jamia Mosque earlier in the week. Local leaders welcomed the visit, describing it as a positive step toward strengthening both religious heritage protection and community welfare structures in the region.

## SOHA's Udhya reaches over 55,000 beneficiaries in Isiolo and Moyale

In a significant humanitarian efforts, the Star of Hope Association (SOHA) once again stood at the forefront of service to humanity through its impactful Udhya/Qurbani program successfully reaching 9,186 households translating to an estimated 55,116 beneficiaries. Vulnerable beneficiaries in Isiolo and Moyale shared in the joy of Eid al-Adha through a Qurbani program implemented by SOHA on behalf of Crescent of Hope South Africa (COHSA) and well-wishers from Ankara, Türkiye.

The initiative and large scale sacrifice brought smiles and hope to those most in need, particularly in arid and semi-arid areas where food insecurity remains a serious concern.

During the initiative that reflects a shared commitment to compassion, service, and uplifting communities in need, thousands of families across Kambi Odha, Kambi Bule, Kambi Garba, Maisha Bora, LMD, Masjid Taqwa area, Garbatulla and Kambi Juu in Isiolo were the beneficiaries of the program.

Other areas that the udhiyyah program was undertaken by SOHA include Moyale, Loiyanglani, Walda, Chalbi area and Nyeri.

Through the generous support of organizations, families, and individual well-wishers, SOHA slaughtered a total of 4 Camels, 143 Cows and 502 Goats / Sheep for the 2026 Udh'ihiya sacrifice programme to mark Eid ul Adh'ha festivities.

SOHA Organizing Secretary Qari Abdulrazzaq thanked and lauded Crescent of Hope South Africa (COHSA), and well-wishers and Ankara Benefactors



community for the collaboration with SOHA and for the generous donation and making those in need happy.

"May Allah (S.W.T) Bless all our Donors and Well-Wishers who made this Exercise a success, We thank you for your generosity and continued support in Service to Humanity. May Allah Accept your Qurbani in his way, Ameen," said Qari Abdulrazzaq.

Through strong coordination and continued humanitarian commitment, SOHA remains dedicated to uplifting communities, promoting dignity, and supporting those in need across the region.

## How to Keep the Lessons of Hajj?

By Shaikh Ahmad Kutty

Malcolm X went to Hajj in the year 1964. He went as an ardent believer in Black Nationalism and returned to America a changed man. He had a life-transforming experience. Prior to Hajj, he divided humanity into black and white and saw no possibility of uniting them. His experience of Hajj convinced him otherwise. Hajj made Malcolm X a wholly transformed person - as if he were reborn.

Afterwards he not only believed in the universal brotherhood of all of mankind; but became committed to work for the ideals he imbibed from Hajj.

The question is: How did this happen? How do we replicate this experience in order to attain the maximum benefits of Hajj and then continue to live by them?

First of all, Malcolm X was open and receptive to the experiences and lessons of Hajj: He explained himself thus: "You may be shocked by these words coming from me. However, on this pilgrimage, what I have seen, and experienced, has forced me to rearrange much of my thought patterns previously held, and to toss aside some of my previous conclusions."

And of his life-transformation he says: "Never have I witnessed such sincere hospitality and overwhelming spirit of true brotherhood as is practiced by people of all colors and races here in this ancient Holy Land, the home of Abraham, Muhammad and all the other Prophets of the Holy Scriptures."

...there were tens of thousands of pilgrims, from all over the world. They were of all colors, from blue-eyed blondes to black-skinned Africans. But we were all participating in the same ritual, displaying a spirit of unity and brotherhood that my experiences in America had led me to believe never could exist between the white and non-white."

He had this message to share with America: "America needs to understand Islam, because this is the one religion that erases from its society the race problem. Throughout my travels in the Muslim world, I have met, talked to, and even eaten with people who in America would have been considered white - but the white attitude was removed from their minds by the religion of Islam. I have never before seen sincere and true brotherhood practiced by all colors together, irrespective of their color."

Malcolm-X was able to attain this because he was willing to change his earlier beliefs and embrace the truth. The lessons of Hajj taught him vividly the message of peace, and universal brotherhood under the lordship of one God. It deepened his connection with God; it inspired in him a true spirit of trust and sacrifice; and above all, he experienced the deep meaning of

Islam (surrender) and Iman (faith in God).

Therefore, in order for us to replicate the same experience, we must be willing to internalize the lessons of Hajj. Here are some tips to maintain the fragrance of Hajj:

1. Hajj deepens our awareness of our connection with Allah, our Creator and Lord. The

Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) taught us that all the rites of Hajj and, indeed, all acts of worship are instituted to establish the remembrance of Allah. So, we ought to condition ourselves to make dhikr as second nature. This is possible only when we emulate the example of the beloved Prophet of Allah in his daily supplications and practice of dhikr.

2. Together with dhikr comes contemplation of death. Pilgrims are reminded of their final journey when they don the ihram garb - much like the shroud we are buried in.

There is no better way to cure them. The lessons of brotherhood that we learn from Hajj must be translated into daily practice: when we come to the mosque, we need to set aside our tribal mindset, and be willing to embrace all as brothers in faith and humanity. The Prophet said "By Allah, you will not enter Paradise until you believe and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I guide you to something to do to that will make you love one another? Spread the greetings of peace (salam) among yourselves." (Muslim).

So the next time you meet anyone in the mosque, share this spirit of love through salaam from your heart.

4. Salah in congregation is intended not only to bring us to the presence of Allah; rather, like Hajj itself, it brings believers of all shapes and colors to stand shoulder to shoulder like brothers. So being diligent in conscious performance of salah should be a priority for us all.

5. Since the Qur'an is the life-giving message, source of healing and mercy, we should begin and end each day with this enlivening message. Reading the Qur'an is much more than chanting it; rather, it is receptiveness to receiving the message in one's heart, for no spiritual awakening is possible without opening the heart. There is nothing like the Qur'an in achieving this goal - as long as we are open to it. The Qur'an refers to it as sharah as-sadr (broadening of the heart/mind).

6. Hajj is meant to make us universal citizens and train us to live in peace and harmony with everyone. Hence the lessons of interacting with others



and living the lessons of brotherhood, forgiveness, tolerance, compassion, and generosity should be practiced within the community. We have ample opportunities to do this in our mosques, schools, offices, hospitals, and neighborhood.

7. As the world is full of temptations, Hajj reminds us of the need to be vigilant about the snares and temptations of Satan; there is no way of overcoming them except through constancy in dhikr, contemplation of death and becoming occupied ourselves with God's work. Imam Shafi'i said, "If you don't occupy yourself with good works, your carnal soul will keep you occupied with sins (i.e. Satan's work)." Opportunities for good works are all around us.

8. Finally, constancy in istighfaar will keep us on track. One of the sages said, "The best people to appear before Allah on the Day of Resurrection are those whose register is filled with istighfaar."

Allah calls us to flee to Him. Through istighfaar we flee to Allah from our own failings, evil inclinations and sins.

I pray to Allah to forgive us all our sins: major and minor, first and last, secret and open, those which we know of and those which we have no knowledge of - Aameen.

### From the Holy Qur'an Ayah of the week

Theme: Faith

And whoever fears Allah -  
He will make for him a way  
out

And will provide for him  
from where he does not  
expect..."

Surah At-Talaq (65:2-3)



## Haajar the sacred feminine of Hajj

This is the story of a matriarch. Abandoned and alone with her child Ismail, both deserted in the desert. Stranded in the sterile sands, she searched for signs of life. But God is ever-present, watching, waiting and working.

This is the story of a woman who God has ensured will never be forgotten, no matter how much patriarchy we lapse into. It is the story of Haajar, of life and death itself and the Sacred Feminine within our Hajj.

We all know the Hajj pilgrimage is a pillar of the Islamic faith, and the rituals involved commemorate Prophet Ibrahim. However, there is a core part of the pilgrimage that is solely about the narrative of Haajar (his second wife) and their infant son Ismail.

In Ibrahim's absence, something extraordinary took place, something pivotal to the history of all believers.

Through Haajar we honour the unique feminine experience of a mother whose faith in God was resolute while being tested. We honour her story through the ritual and ceremony of Sa'ee.

As pilgrims hurry in her footsteps, they keep alive a religious expression that remembers her for eternity. Sa'ee is the part of Hajj where pilgrims hasten between the hills of Safa and Marwa, to emulate the narrative of Haajar.

According to the Quran (14:37) we learn that Prophet Ibrahim takes Haajar and their infant son Ismail into the desert as part of a resettlement plan.

Initially, Haajar was reluctant at being left alone in the desert, but after she learns it is divine instruction she accepts and puts her trust in Allah.

Once there her food and water supplies run out and Haajar desperately searches to find signs of life. It is said that she ran seven times back and forth between the two hills searching, only to return exhausted to her screaming son and miraculously find him with water trickling beside him. The water rapidly multiplied and became a spring – today known as the Zam Zam well in Makkah.

perseverance, faith and God's blessing Haajar and Ismail literally made the desert bloom. "Indeed, the first House [of worship] established for mankind was that at Makkah – blessed and a guidance for the worlds." (Quran 3:96) The importance of this city to Islam cannot be overstated.

It was through Haajar that the world has come to know of Makkah, and to reinstate it as a house of worship. Therefore, it is right some state Haajar is a "a role model for every pilgrim, for everyone".

Sa'ee symbolizes the ongoing struggle that we encounter throughout our lives, as Haajar had experienced. Through her unwavering Tawakkul (reliance on God), her supplications were answered and her needs were met.

### Hasten in her footsteps

One can't imagine how alone Haajar must have felt searching while she ran between those hills. Nevertheless, thousands of years later, millions of people now hasten in her footsteps in the exact same spot. Her moment of struggle has been immortalised, frozen in time forever through Hajj. She will never be forgotten.

Each Muslim is made to reflect on and experience Haajar's struggle in order to complete their Hajj pilgrimage. The re-enactment of her struggle every day, every single year, even outside of the Hajj season makes it an eternal remembrance of Haajar's courage and faith in God. Her story is an exemplary symbol of faith through testing times.

It also evidences the importance placed on 'experience' in the Islamic faith. With the Sa'ee, pilgrims are not merely walking a route she took, they are living her experience. They're living a moment in time that she lived, to understand about getting closer to God.

The Quran states; "Indeed, as-Safa and al-Marwah are among the symbols of Allah" (2:158) Haajar's struggle between these mounds are literally a symbol of God. "And whoever honours the symbols of Allah – indeed, it is from the piety of hearts" (Quran 22:32) This narrative is not just about a mother's struggle who is alone in the desert without food or water. It is clear Haajar is fulfilling an important prophecy from God. What seemed like a close encounter with death in the desert actually became the beginning of life. It is the establishment not just of the holy city of Makkah, but of a new nation and of its matriarch.

It has been noted in a number of narrations that Haajar repeats to Ibrahim before he left "God will not abandon us". This removes her dependence on Ibrahim, and affirms her individual relationship with God. It is a statement that confirms Allah is the best of planners.

It re-centres the Creator to her own narrative. In the moment of emulating her struggle, we are all Haajar in the barren desert

searching for water, to sustain and keep alive that which we love.

This ritual of Sa'ee is keeping her story alive, and is articulating the relevance of this Sacred Feminine to every generation.

### Western narratives

The Islamic narrative of Haajar is unmistakably one of strong faith and liberation. Western narratives, however, have traditionally been quite unkind to Haajar. The belief has been that she was ordered to be 'cast out' with Ismail, both were 'driven to the desert', banished and expelled by Ibrahim. This was a result of Sarah's jealousy (Ibrahim's first wife). Genesis 21:10 The only mention of this entire narrative in the Quran is Ibrahim's prayer as he returns: "Lord, I have settled some of my descendants in an uncultivated valley near Your sacred House, our Lord, that they may establish prayer." (Quran 14:37) We know, therefore, that the Islamic narrative points to this being a resettlement of Haajar and Ismail for a greater purpose, rather than just a 'banishment' or the result of Sarah's sentiments. These women are not presented in the context of their emotions – rather it is a fulfilment of divine instruction for the common good of humanity. Allah was aspiring for more for all involved and is always working behind the scenes.

### Conclusions

The Islamic faith has many stories of independent, exemplary women and the story of Haajar is merely one of them. Their trials and triumphs are often laid bare, where their faith in God has been confirmed but also challenged and changed for the better. Yet most patriarchal societies and cultures don't tend to reflect on these narratives as much as they should.

And so we should ask ourselves: are women reflecting enough on these narratives? Are men reflecting on these women's narratives? How many of us know people that have more allegiance to religious looking men that churn out sexist and misogynistic tropes, rather than to God's own (clearly 'feminist') messages in the faith? Silencing the female narrative is actually undoing God's work; this is lapsing yet again into patriarchy and misogyny – which is a form of idolatry of men. But by remembering the power in women's narratives we can drive out inequality and injustice. There are life lessons to be learned here with the Sa'ee. The moral of the story is for all.

Some truths must eventually force their way to the fore no matter how much they've been pushed to the periphery.

So please, spread word of Haajar's story. May we too be blessed to be so firm in our faith. "What will explain to you what the steep path is [towards righteousness]? It is the freeing of a slave" (Quran 90:12-13)

## Light of Knowledge Quiz

Term for animal sacrifice performed ANYWHERE during Eid al-Adha?

A Aqeeqah

B Hady

C Udhiyah

Answer to be revealed in the next issue

Last week's answer was choice A: "Ihram"

This was enough to sustain Haajar and her breastfed infant till the area soon attracted inhabitants and became the thriving holy city of Makkah. Through

## 10 must have Best Islamic Mobile Apps for every Muslim

Almost all humans one way or the other use technology in some aspect of their lives so as to make things much easier and faster.

No matter one's feelings about the interaction of religion and technology, there's no doubt religion is being pushed and uplifted by the technological advances of our time – Especially with the introduction of social media and smartphones. Just like any other sector, religion has and is still witnessing its negative share of the cake technology serves all – from getting busy for nothing online to procrastination of prayers.

The positives I must say far outweigh the negatives – (at least for me). My religious journey has been a great and productive one with technology, especially with the use of Islamic apps... from giving me Qibla directions at unknown locations to keeping up with changes in prayer time. There is also the blessings aspect, you know.

Below I share with you, my list of Islamic apps I believe would be of great help in keeping up with your journey of being a productive Muslim. – In no particular order

### 1.FajrUp Muslim

Remember school times when you woke your fellow Muslims for prayer just for blessings you get from it. With fajr up, you can still get that blessing but now on an international level.

The App allows you to call your fellow Muslims (Fajr-upies) anywhere around the world for prayers – only if they also have Fajr up app installed on their phone. Don't worry, there is no disturbance because the call only lasts for 15 seconds. The app also comes with an Islamic calendar and a real-time prayer time.

### 2.Dua & dhikr (Hisnul Muslim)

I remember when I was becoming conscious about religion, one friend of mine called. told me "you know in Islam there is a Du'a(prayer) to be said before sleeping, when putting on a new cloth, when entering the mosque, upon sneezing, when doing almost everything (if not all) one does on a daily basis." so I asked if there are people who actually remember all that. Alhamdulillah Hisnul Muslim dua and dhikr app solves the difficulty of trying to recall all the prayers. The app which is based on the popular Hisnul Muslim book by Sheikh Sa'id Ibn Wahf Al-Qahtani, contains authentic Dua and dhikr for Muslims' daily supplication and special occasion. It covers every daily day to

day activities and occasions, from day to night. Available in Arabic, English, French, Deutsch etc. I believe it in a way brings us closer to the sunnah – In Sha Allah.

### 3.Salah Teacher

Salat is one of the five pillars of Islam and also an important part of a Muslim's life. Among the advantages of living in a Muslim neighbourhood as a kid is that you have lots of teachers who teach you how to perform ablution, the right postures of salat etc.

There are some petty mistakes we still make even as adults which we don't know. With that, I recommend Salat Teacher to new reverts, beginners and parents who want to teach their little ones how to perform ablution and salat. The app comes with pictures of salat postures.

### 3.Hadith Collection:

Hadith describes the words, actions, or habits of our Prophet Muhammad, Peace and Blessings of Allah be Upon Him.

The hadith collection app contains a collection of most accepted and authentic Hadith books including the ones most people use when they can't remember the source of a hadith, Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim. Knowledge of hadith goes a long way to shape our attitudes towards the good.

Being a Muslim is not all about being able to read the Qur'an and praying five times a day. It's a lot more – your way of life, reasoning and understanding the Qur'an.

### 4.100% Qibla Finder & prayer:

100% Qibla & Prayer app helps Muslims to find Qibla direction and see prayer times all around the World.

The direction of Kaaba in Makkah is pointed out with an arrow on the map, so that you can adjust your direction before you start your prayer.

Your direction is located accurately through the GPS feature in the app plus You can

re-detect your location with "Find my location" feature to be sure about directions. One thing I like about this app is the offline mode. It comes in handy on a long journey to a remote area and you realize you have to stop the car and say your prayers in the middle of nowhere with no internet connection.

You can still see where the Qibla is because 100% Qibla and Prayer app shows you where the Qibla is even in an offline mode with the help of its compass feature – It works if you have used the feature with internet access before going offline so I suggest you use at least once even if you are at home. You never know when you might travel outside your town.

### 5.Muslim Pro: Prayer Times Quran :

The most popular Muslim app. You probably have this app installed on your phone already so I won't make much noise over it.

This app is like the real deal for Muslims. Recognized by more than 30 million Muslims around the world as the most accurate prayer time and adhan application, Muslim Pro also features the full Quran with Arabic scripts, phonetics, translations and audio recitations as well as a Qibla locator, an Islamic Hijri calendar, a map of halal restaurants and Mosques, etc.

There are lots to write about this app from the daily Qur'an reminders to the Customized Islamic Quotes, to calculating your Zakat, etc. All in all- This app is just Awesome!!!

### 6.Read Qur'an offline

Read Quran Offline, as the name itself suggests, is an all in one app that allows you to have a whole Holy Quran on your Android phone without any requirement to download additional files from the In-

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

#### ACROSS

- 3. Al-Muqsit
- 5. Anam
- 6. Zalzalah

#### Down

- 1. Ismail
- 2. Jamal
- 4. Tashreeq

#### ACROSS

- 3.Tent city where pilgrims spend several days during Hajj.
- 5.The Arabic term for Cat.
- 6.First month of the Islamic calendar.

#### DOWN

- 1.The Surah whose name means "The Clear Proof"
- 2.The well discovered beside Prophet Ismail in infancy.
- 4.The Name of Allah meaning "The Most Kind"

## Waa Mosque opens in Kwale, as JMC to oversee operations

The newly constructed Waa Jamia Mosque in Matuga Constituency, Kwale County, was officially inaugurated on Monday, marking a major milestone for the local Muslim community and providing a modern center of worship for residents in the area.

The mosque, which has the capacity to accommodate more than 300 worshippers, was fully funded by donor Brother Mohammed Rahmetulla Jaferrali and formally handed over to the Jamia Mosque Nairobi Committee (JMC), which will oversee its administration and long-term management.

Speaking during the inauguration ceremony, Jaferrali reflected on the inspiration behind the project, revealing that the mosque was built to fulfill the vision of his late sister, Hajjan Sakker Khanu. "This mosque is the realization of a dream cherished by my late sister, Hajjan Sakker Khanu. She envisioned a place that would serve the spiritual needs of this community. Alhamdulillah, today we are witnessing the fulfillment of that dream," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Jamia Mosque, Nairobi Committee, Deputy Chairman Brother Abdullatif Essajee thanked the donor for entrusting the institution with the management of the facility and assured worshippers that the committee would ensure its smooth operation.

"We are honored by the confidence placed in us and remain committed to safeguarding this trust. The committee will oversee the mosque's welfare, including staff salaries, maintenance, and other operational needs to ensure it continues serving the community effectively," said Essajee. Essajee noted that JMC intends to expand the facility's impact beyond worship, revealing plans to establish a women's centre aimed at supporting families, promoting religious education, and strengthening community development initiatives in the area. The ceremony was also attended by JMC Secretary General Abdulbari Hamid, Da'wah Convener Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome, Treasurer Billow Kerrow, other committee members, local leaders, and prominent figures from the region.

Speaking on behalf of residents, village chairperson Harry Bakari welcomed the project, describing it as a transformative development for the community.

"This is more than just a building; it is a symbol of hope and progress for our com-



**Jamia Mosque Committee Nairobi, Deputy Chairman Abdullatif Essajee addresses congregation during the official inauguration, of the newly constructed Waa Mosque in Kwale County on Monday.**

munity. For many years, residents have looked forward to having a facility that can adequately serve their spiritual and communal needs. Today, that vision has become a reality, and future generations will benefit from this investment," said Bakari.

The handover of Waa Jamia Mosque reflecting growing confidence in the institution's capacity to manage and sustain religious facilities and community infrastructure.

## Families in Mt Kenya benefit from 2026 Daarul-Majlis Udh'hiya

Over 5000 families from different parts of the country benefited from 2026 Udh'hiya sacrifice programme to mark Eid ul Adh'ha festivities.

Through its social welfare programme, Daarul Majlis Al- Islami Kenya distributed meat to less fortunate members of the society to put a smile on their faces during the festivities period that was marked on Wednesday last week.

The Chairman of Daarul Majlis Al- Islami Kenya Sheikh Ruwais Ahmad emphasized that it is the policy of the organization to serve humanity and less fortunate in the society to bring joy for them to feel part of the society.

Sheikh Ruwais noted that the programme benefited 5600 families in Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Embu, Murang'a and Nairobi counties respectively.

"We wish to thank every one of our Muslim brethren who generously supported us throughout the programme and we also extend our sincere appreciation to the volunteers for their support that enabled us to successfully implement the Udh'hiya programme with ease," he said. During Eid Ul-Adha celebrations the Deputy State House Comptroller Simon Gikuru paid courtesy visit at Daarul Majlis

Al- Islami Kenya offices in Kirinyaga where he conveyed greetings from President William Ruto.

Gikuru lauded Daarul Majlis Al- Islami Kenya under the leadership of Sheikh Ruwais Ahmad for the good work of serving humanity and uplifting the lives of Kenyans. Daarul Majlis Al- Islami Kenya engages in the delivery of humanitarian aid and socio-economic solutions such as food, health care, water and education among others.

He praised and commended the various projects being undertaken by Daarul Majlis Al- Islami Kenya and pledged his commitment to collaborate with the organization in advancing its activities.

"I wish to express my gratitude and commend you and your organization for the good work in the community. We need to come together to realize development and progress in the community, I therefore pledge to work closely with you and your organization to support and cater for the welfare and needs of our people," he said.

On his part, Commissioner of Police (HQS) Ibrahim Kosi appreciated the good work being done by Daarul Majlis Al- Islami Kenya and prayed to Almighty Allah to abundantly reward them for the efforts.



"May Allah (S.W.T) Bless Daarul Majlis Al- Islami Kenya for your generosity and continued support in Service to Humanity. May Allah Accept your good deeds in His way, Ameen," said Ibrahim Kosi.

## Muslim leaders call for probe, safety reforms after Utumishi fire

North Rift Muslim leaders have called for immediate and thorough investigations into the tragic fire incident at Utumishi Girls Academy in Gilgil, Nakuru County that reportedly claimed the lives of more than 16 students and left several others nursing injuries.

The leaders who also called for urgent safety reforms said the heartbreaking incident has raised serious concerns about the safety and preparedness of schools in handling emergencies.

Speaking on Wednesday during Eid-ul-Adha celebrations held in Maili Nne, the religious leaders led by North Rift Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK) chair Sheikh Abubakar Bini said the country deserves answers regarding the circumstances that led to the deadly inferno.

According to the leaders, parents across the country are now living in fear and uncertainty over the safety of their children in boarding schools and learning institutions.

The leaders noted that the tragedy has exposed major gaps in safety standards

within schools, particularly in emergency preparedness, fire response systems, and student protection measures.

Bini said the government has a constitutional responsibility to ensure that learners are safe while under the care of educational institutions.

“Our schools are supposed to be safe places where children learn and grow. The government must strengthen safety mechanisms, conduct regular inspections, and ensure all institutions comply with emergency preparedness regulations,” he said.

The Muslim leaders argued that many parents entrust schools with the lives of their children, and therefore authorities must ensure that institutions are equipped with proper fire exits, emergency response systems, and trained personnel capable of handling disasters.

The clerics also challenged school administrators across the country to prioritize student welfare and safety instead of waiting for tragedies to occur before action is taken.

They called for regular fire drills, installation of firefighting equipment, improved

dormitory inspections, and enhanced surveillance systems in schools to prevent similar incidents in the future.

“As religious leaders, we believe that every child’s life is precious. Such incidents should never be allowed to happen again. We are urging all responsible agencies to move with speed and seriousness in uncovering the truth behind this tragedy,” Bini stated.

Another Muslim leader, Jamal Diriwo, said the incident had shaken the entire nation and robbed many families of hope and happiness.

“It has been a very heavy and emotional moment for the country, especially for parents who have lost their children in such a devastating way. Some parents took their children to school hoping they would secure a better future, only to receive heartbreaking news of their deaths,” said Diriwo.

He insisted that student safety must remain a top priority in every learning institution, adding that schools must invest more in emergency preparedness and crisis response systems.

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legal and policy framework to recognise alternative learning pathways that have traditionally operated outside the formal education system.

“I direct the Cabinet Secretary for Education to engage all relevant stakeholders and take the necessary measures under the Basic Education Act to consult widely and recommend appropriate measures for the formal integration of the same,” the President said.

The President said integrating the Islamic education system alongside pastoral

learning programmes will expand access to education and ensure that learners from all backgrounds have a clear pathway into formal education.

Emphasising the transformative power of education, President Ruto said his administration’s affirmative action programme has led to the operationalisation of teacher training colleges in the North Eastern region, helping address the chronic shortage of teachers in northern Kenya.

“Today, through this affirmative action programme, a record 1,800 local teachers

from Wajir, Mandera County and Garissa County have been employed and will be deployed within the region,” he said.

The President further revealed that 4,616 students from the region are currently enrolled in teacher training colleges—the highest number ever recorded in the area’s history.

President Ruto acknowledged the historical marginalisation of northern Kenya, saying years of neglect and discrimination had slowed the region’s development.

## 10 must have Best Islamic Mobile Apps for every Muslim

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ternet. Because this app includes all the essentials files, which is the reason why this app is over 35MB in size.

But you should be rest assured that you have the complete Quran on your phone that doesn’t even require an Internet connection.

### 7. Al-Qur’an

Al-Quran a lightweight app that doesn’t have ads. The app occupies 5 to 7 megabytes storage memory. It features an index so that you can quickly go through your favorite chapters.

The app lets you bookmark verses. The app supports offline reading. Hence, it will work even when your phone is not connected to the internet.

Al-Quran enables you to remove its back-

ground wallpaper. The app allows users to set up alarms and it ships with 10+ color themes. ALQ is fast and easy to use.

### 8. MP3 Qur’an:

Did you ever want to have the Holy Quran in MP3 audio format so that you can listen to any surah without searching for it on the Internet? MP3 Quran app is your answer.

### 9. Memorize Quran

Memorize Quran is a free app for Android and iOS that helps you to memorize the whole Quran, with all kind of features as progress bars, short breaks after recitations, verse picking, HQ audio reciting and more.

### 10. QamarDeen:

There are so many apps that help you track how much you exercise, how much

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This very useful and encouraging app lets you track all your daily spiritual efforts to help you measure your status and continue to improve.

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## Sharifa Masjid to strengthen spiritual and community activities

A new mosque has officially been opened at the National Youth Service (NYS) headquarters along Thika Road, opposite Utalii Hotel Nairobi in a development expected to strengthen Islamic worship and community activities at the institution.

Sharifa Masjid was officially inaugurated last week by Special Programmes Principal Secretary Ismail Maalim Madey to cater for the spiritual and educational needs of Muslim servicemen and women stationed at the institution.

The project which started in October, 2025 was fully funded by Nairobi-based businessman and philanthropist Dr. Mohammed Wasim Butt as Sadaqah Jariyah dedicated to his late Mother Sharifa Bashir Butt.

Speaking during the official opening of the modern Sharifa Masjid, which is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to accommodate a capacity of 750 worshippers, Dr Butt said he learned the value of education, commitment, resilience and honesty through his late mother and hope that Sharifa Masjid will become a beacon for the community as well as Sadaqa Jariyah (ongoing charity) in her name.

Dr Butt said that Sharifa masjid will not only serve as a place of worship but also as a centre for spiritual growth, learning and community engagement.

“A masjid no doubt is basically meant for Salah prayers which is an important pillar of Islam. However another essential purpose is to hold religious gatherings where imams and other scholars can speak and guide people spiritually,” he said.

He said a Masjid is a symbol of Muslim unity and expressed hope that the NYS fraternity would preserve it, take care of safety, security and its proper maintenance wholeheartedly and always keep it in a state of excellent shape.

Dr Butt paid tribute to all those who played a bigger role in the project among them Brother Hilal for his guidance.

He further appreciated support, encouragement and prayers (Duas) he received from his family members saying it was a great blessing. Addressing the gathering during the event, the Chief Guest, Ismail Maalim, Principal Secretary in the State Department for Special Programmes, lauded Dr. Butt for his generosity and commended the NYS leadership for facilitating the successful completion of the project through institutional collaboration.

“I highly commend the immense generosity of Dr. Wasim Butt and the strong institutional support provided by the NYS leadership in bringing this project to completion,” said Maalim.

“The government remains committed to support such initiatives that deliver meaningful infrastructural and social benefits to the community.”

NYS Council Chairperson Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Adan Mulata praised the mosque’s architectural design and quality of construction,



describing it as a reflection of the sponsor’s dedication and commitment to the welfare of Muslim servicemen and women.

“A mosque occupies a central place in the life of every Muslim, including our officers and servicemen here,” said Mulata. “Beyond being a place of worship, it nurtures discipline, reflection, and spiritual peace, values that complement the rigorous nature of paramilitary training.”

He further assured the sponsor and worshippers that the NYS administration would ensure the facility is properly maintained. “This is more than just a building.

It is a sanctuary where officers, servicemen,

women, and staff will seek guidance, reflection, and spiritual nourishment.

The NYS administration remains fully committed to its care and maintenance,” he added. Speaking on behalf of the Jamia Mosque Nairobi Committee, former Senator Billow Kerrow underscored the spiritual significance of

building a mosque, noting that in Islamic tradition, whoever builds a mosque for the sake of Allah is promised a house in Paradise.

“By dedicating this mosque in honor of his late mother, Dr. Wassim Butt has established a lasting act of charity (Sadaqah Jariyah) whose impact will continue benefiting generations to come,” he said.

The commissioning ceremony brought together senior NYS officers, Imams from various formations within the Disciplined Services, distinguished guests, and service members among others.

Form No. 5 Appendix A (O. 5, r. 17(4))

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE KADHI COURT AT NAIROBI COUNTY**  
**DIVORCE CAUSE E151 OF 2026**

MUSTAFA ZOEZ NAZARALI ATTARWALA..... PETITIONER  
-VERSUS-

RUKAIYA RAJAB NURBHAJ ..... RESPONDENT

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To:  
**Ms. Rukaiya Rajab Nurbhai**

**TAKE NOTICE** the instant divorce petition has been filed in the Kadhi’s Court at Nairobi — Divorce Cause No. E151 of 2026 —in which you are named as the Respondent.

Service of the summons on you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. A copy of the Summons and the Petition may be obtained from the Kadhi Court Registry at 324 Elgon Road, Upper Hill of P.O. Box 30420 – 00100 Nairobi.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that, unless you enter an appearance within **15 days** from the date of this advertisement, the Petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court this..... day of June.....2026

*[Signature]*  
**HON. S. H. OMAR**  
**AG. CHIEF KADHI**  
**NAIROBI**