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## **News and Events**

### **Ramadhan Relief 1427 - Pakistan**

The WF Ramadhan Relief Distribution provided \$35,000 to sadaats and non-sadaats in the earthquake affected regions of Pakistan. 1,000 sadaats were given relief amounting to \$20,000, 400 non-sadaats were provided with cash and rations worth \$10,000 and the neediest non-sadaats were also provided with fitra funds amounting to \$5,000. Read the complete report by Mohsin Ali Najafi on the WF website.

### **Youths from East and South Africa Partake in Camp – Zanzibar, Tanzania**

On December 7, 2006, youths from nine jamaats in East and South Africa, including Dar-es-Salaam, Arusha, Moshi, Morogoro, Zanzibar, Tanga, Nairobi, Mombasa & Capetown, came together for the 2006 Nakuru Camp in Zanzibar. Organized by the Tabligh Sub Committee of Dar-es-Salaam Jamaat in conjunction with Africa Federation, the camp provided the youths with an opportunity to engage with religious leaders, build close ties among themselves in their pursuit of knowledge and faith, and gain valuable experiences in their travels and activities. Activity report is available on WF website.

### **Qunoot Foundation hosts engaging discussions through podcast series**

Each week, the Washington DC based Qunoot Foundation produces a 20 minute audio show featuring engaging discussions on religion, culture and politics by leading religious scholars, well-known authors, photographers, and community activists. You can listen by tuning in through the Qunoot website [www.qunoot.org](http://www.qunoot.org) or by subscribing to Qunoot under the podcast directory on iTunes. The Qunoot podcast series is produced by Mohamed Sabur and Zahir Janmohamed.

### **European Hajj Mission Acknowledged in the British Medical Journal**

The European Hajj Mission of the Council of European Jamaats, CoEJ, was acknowledged in a recent article published in the British Medical Journal of December 9, 2006. Entitled, "Influenza vaccine uptake among British Muslims attending Hajj, 2005 and 2006," the article reported findings that indicate an upsurge in the rate of immunization among British Muslims going for Hajj in 2006. View the full article at <http://www.coej.org/hib/news/europeanhajjmissionacknowledgedinthebritishmedicaljournalof9thdecember2006>. For details on the European Hajj Mission and general Hajj safety, visit [www.coej.org/external/hajj](http://www.coej.org/external/hajj)

### **CoEJ Participates in 'Health at Hajj and Umrah' Conference**

The Muslim Council of Britain and the Health Protection Agency, together with Queen Mary's, University of London organized a conference on 'Health at Hajj and Umrah' on November 16, 2006. The European Hajj Mission of the Council of European Jamaats, CoEJ, attended the event which brought together experts from Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Australia and the UK to share important health advice and effective support to pilgrims. Read more on the WF website.

### **Wessex Jamaat Holds Interfaith Gathering at Portsmouth Cathedral**

On December 6, 2006, an interfaith gathering was held at the Portsmouth Cathedral to promote unity and eradicate misconceptions. The event was organized by the Christian and Muslim communities in Portsmouth and Wessex. Members from both sides offered presentations. Read more on the WF website.

### **Muslim Youth Helpline - Chief Executive Officer Vacancy**

The Muslim Youth Helpline, MYH, is a national award winning charity providing faith and culturally sensitive support services to young Muslims in the UK in the form of free and confidential Helpline and an online peer support forum. The Board of Trustees is offering an exciting opportunity to a candidate willing to take the charity to new heights as the Chief Executive Officer. For details on the position or any other information, contact Shareefa Fulat at [shareefa.fulat@myh.org.uk](mailto:shareefa.fulat@myh.org.uk).

### **Your Calendar**

Shahadat of 9<sup>th</sup> Imam (AS), 29<sup>th</sup> Dhu al Qadah 1427 – December 2006

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