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In the name of Allah, the Most Kind, the Most Merciful

News and Events

Tribute to Marhum Shabbirbhai Haji Jaffer

Marhum Shabbirbhai, one of the early helpers and supporters of the WF during its early stages of formation, passed away in Toronto, Canada, at the age of 78. Marhum Shabbirbhai offered his services by assisting and supporting the Hajj Medical Mission, a program initiated by Marhum Mulla Asgher Jaffer in 1977. The success of the Hajj Mission is due to the dedicated and diligent services of volunteers such as Shabbirbhai. A sura-e-fateha is requested for the Marhum.

Sheikh Abdillahi Nassir Honoured Freedom of the Nairobi City Award

On December 22, 2007, 17 Kenyans were bestowed with the Freedom of the Nairobi City Award, an honor presented only for the second time in Kenya history. Sheikh Abdillahi Nassir, a renowned Shia scholar and a veteran who participated in the Independence for Kenya constitutional talks, was among the honorees. The WF extends its congratulations to the Sheikh and prays for his continued success and service.

Shia Youth Development Project – Graduation 2006 Report

The Shia Youth Development Project, SYDP, a novel project to empower the African Shia Youth both spiritually and economically held its first graduation ceremony. Started by the Bilal Muslim Mission of Moshi in 2004, the programme aims to empower the African Shia Youth by housing them under one roof full time, sending them to a technical college for vocational skills, and providing theoretical and practical training in religious education from a qualified Shia Aalim for a period of two years. Read the complete report on the WF website.

Bilal Muslim Mission Organizes Another Health Action Day

The Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya organised a Health Action Day: Mother & Child Medical Camp on 17 December 2006 at three centres in rural areas of Kwale District, Kenya. Over 70% of people living in these areas are below the poverty line. 898 outpatients, women and children, were examined and treated. Interventions included immunization, preventive medicine, growth monitoring, etc. Special eye camps will also be held at one centre where pre-screening, medication, reading glasses and surgery will be provided. The cost of the project will amount to KSh 300,000 (£2,300). Donors are requested to contribute towards this noble project. For more information, email admin@kenbilal.org

Community member Aasif Karim interviewed for unique career in sports

Br. Aasif Karim, a community member living in Nairobi, Kenya, was recently interviewed by Preston Merchant for the website *Sepia Mutiny*, for his unique career in Sports. Br. Aasif took the Kenyan cricket team to the World Cup in 1996 and 1999, leading the team as captain in 1999. Furthermore, in 2003 when the team qualified again for the World Cup, he was named "man of the match" for his performance against Australia (the world champions). To view the complete article, visit <http://www.sepiamutiny.com/sepia/archives/004079.html>

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1st Muharram 1428 – January, 2007

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