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I N T H I S I S S U E :

WAITING FOR THE AWAITED LEADER  
MIRACLES OF IMAM MAHDI (A)  
POSSIBLE REASONS FOR DELAY IN REAPPEARANCE

## WAITING FOR & CALLING THE AWAITED LEADER...

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### OVERVIEW - INTRODUCTION

1. Waiting is not a passive situation. It requires efforts & actions to bring about changes on both personal & social fronts.
2. The Reappearance is also dependant upon the conditions of supporters & the society. The leader also awaits the availability of followers who will instantly obey w/o hesitation & questioning.
3. Allah (SWT) operates through a normal cause & effect conditions & miracles are not put into motion in many situations. Allah does not change the condition of a people until they change their own condition; Quran Ch 13 V11
4. History repeats itself & Quran is a book of guidance, hence narrates those episodes where there are learning values for humanity
5. Many recent events point to the fact that the reappearance is very close. Many Hadith also point out that, at the end of time it will be easier to hold burning coal in bare hands than to keep ones faith in tact.
6. Reappearance will finally take place, with or without participation from us, the question each one of us has to answer is; what is our role & responsibility today in the scheme of things.

### TWO CONTRASTING TYPES OF 'CALLING' IN ISLAMIC HISTORY

- Calling Imam Hussain(as) by the people of Kufa. The people were aware who the 'Just' leader is & even their hearts were for the Imam, YET when the time for support arrived they were not prepared for consequences & take personal losses. They did not sufficiently change themselves to be prepared for sacrifices required to follow him. They expected the Imam to come & change situation/solve problems rather than attempting/preparing for it first. They even welcomed the wrong leader in disguise, assuming him to be the Imam, due to lack of marefat.
- Calling the Prophet (saws) by the people of Medina. The prophet received invitations from Medina, but accepted it only when there was sufficient evidence of the people having changed themselves sufficiently to bear the consequences of his arrival. History then proved how the people supported him in the mission.

### OVER CONFIDENCE - "ITS NOT US" THE DANGER OF LOSING FAITH

Our present status is no guarantee that we will continue to be on the right path & not deviate at times of crucial tests. Even the love, recognition of the Ahlul bayt, piety & worship, may not be sufficient to ensure that we become his followers. There are 3 events given below which are vivid examples:

- a) *Azazeel*: There was a cry in the skies that one of the pious worshippers would be one of the most cursed ones. All the creatures, at all stations were worried that it could be them & went to the creation, next higher in station, to seek his intercession by prayer. Only Azazeel was confident & prayed for all, except himself & as a result was the cursed Satan!
- b) *Servant of Mamoon*: She loved the Imam & Mamoon sent her to the Imams house for work. The conditions of Imams house were very different from Mamoon's luxuries & the servant maid could not get used to the perceived difficulty of getting up for prayer each morning etc, which ultimately led her to seek to go away from the Imams servitude.
- c) *Balam e baoor* He had a high status & his duas were accepted instantly .He was asked to pray for victory against Prophet Musa (as), which he finally attempted, due to the riches offered to him.

We easily condemn the people mentioned in Sura Juma, who left the Prophet in prayer for entertainment & business deals. We need to apply it to ourselves first & check if we too have similar habits of giving priority to these matters over Islam.

We are required to continually recite "Ahdinis siratal Mustaqim" i.e. keep us on the right path, at least 17 times in a day, because there is a danger of deviating & being misled.

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## KNOW YOUR IMAM...

1. What does raj'at mean? Who will be revived during raj'at upon the command of Allah?
2. What will be the natural signs before raj'at?
3. What are the two main signs immediately known before the reappearance of the Imam?
4. Are you ready for the Imam?

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## KIDZ ZONE...

### WORD SEARCH

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### WORD LIST

MOHAMMED  
 FATIMA  
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 SAQID  
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 MOSSA  
 RIDAH  
 JAWAD  
 HADI  
 ASKARI  
 MAHDI

## PEARLS OF WISDOM

### POVERTY AND POMP

Behlool liked to visit the graveyards. "People here are good friends", he used to say, "They do not backbite." Once, he sat in a corner of a graveyard and with a long heavy stick started probing some of the old skulls which lay scattered about. Harun Rashid, the king passed by, and saw him. The he said: "O Behlool, what are you doing?"

"Oh nothing very important," said Behlool. "I am just trying to find out whether the skulls belong to kings or paupers. They are all the same. "

"And what is the stick for," Harun asked.

"Well, I am measuring the earth," Behlool replied.

"Measuring the earth? What are your findings?" Harun joked!

"It is equal and the same, O King!" Behlool retorted. "Three arm lengths for me, inspite of my poverty and three arm lengths for you, in spite your pomp and wealth."

### THE FLY

It was an Abbasid court, with the entire splendor. Mansoor was the King. Just as Mansoor was attending the business to state, a small fly sat on his nose. With a wave of his hand, he whisked it off. But the fly sat on his nose again. This continued till at last Mansoor felt greatly disturbed.

Turning to Imam Jafer as Sadiq, (A.S.), who was present that day, he said: "O Son of the Prophet, peace be upon him, can you tell me why Allah created these lousy flies?"

"Yes", the Imam, said: "So that the mighty and the proud are rendered humble and helpless."



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### PREPARATIONS

1. Our Homes should show preparedness to welcome the Imam. They should be Islamic homes devoid of all things/situations, which lead to sins.

If we are not prepared to give up sins; shaving beards, listening to haram music, not wearing hijab etc for Islam, we may not be able to follow the Imam on his reappearance.

Attention to Islamic education of our children is very important. In our pursuit of wealth and/or over emphasis on academics, the children's upbringing (tarbiyat) suffers causing our children to deviate.

Hujr ibn hadi's insistence of his son to be killed before himself & Khizr's killing of a son, in Sura Khaf, explain to us very vividly that it is better for our children to die in Iman rather than to lose faith & suffer the punishments of the Hereafter

2. Imam Hussain (as) in his last address on 10<sup>th</sup> Muharrum addressed his opponents by saying that they were unable to recognize the right path due to the Haram rizq in their stomach.

We are very careful of eating food, which does not harm our body & read / know all ingredients. Similar care is required to check if the food we eat is purchased by halal earnings and Khums is paid. This has a great effect on the ability to recognize & follow the leader in his just cause. We need to ensure this to be ready to participate with the Imam

3. Zulqarnain required the affected community to participate in efforts, which he directed. He used modern technology of mixing metals, to create a barrier between Gog & Magog & the troubled community. Time & energy is/ will be required to be spent for the cause of Islam by the community & only providing money will not be sufficient as the verses of Sura kahf narrating this event explain. Acquisition of the latest Technology is also required for salvation, even when the leader reappears to help. But technology without the control of the conscience is disastrous to humanity.

4. Implementation of the complete Shariat in society will be the main objective on reappearance & people who have complete knowledge of Islamic rules will be required. We need to learn & know more of the Islamic Rules. You can download some of these from [www.najafi.org/book](http://www.najafi.org/book). Ziarat Arbaeen describes the purpose of Imam Hussain (as) jihad as taking people out of Ignorance. Acquisition of Knowledge is therefore very important. We do our best, but each one of us has different capacities, yet must remain connected to the

source i.e. Marjas rather than remain isolated containers of the limited knowledge we can gather.

We are warned, through a dream of Jabir, of a piece of cloth being torn in parts. The Prophet explained this dream that at the end of time, people will take only parts of Islam to suit themselves, which will benefit no one. This will also give a bad image to Islam like a torn cloth. We need to accept the whole of Islam with all its rules & not only the parts that suit us/ our method of thinking, irrespective of our ability to understand the complete reasons/logic for the rules.

5. Representatives for different regions who have the perfect morals will be required & we need to ensure we acquire those qualities & get rid of the various diseases of the soul like Backbiting, Envy etc
6. We need to go behind events taking place & analyse the depths, rather than take them at face value. This skill requires to be developed for correct analysis & recognition of the plans of the enemy. Similarly we need to possess the skills to distinguish between the false/self seeking & the true religious leaders. There will be intellectuals who will present a face of Islam devoid of Islam, in the name of modernity, with the use of Media. The real Ulemas/Maraje & Howzas will never alter Islam to suit the people's wishes. They have a known background of years of study, tutors/students etc
7. We need to be aware of the attacks on us & protect the 3 corner stones institutions of Shia Islam i.e. Azadari, Marjaiyyat & the Belief in our Imam.

Our enemy knows this & makes efforts to cause doubts. Our lack of knowledge & emotions are used for these matters in the following ways:

- a) Azadari: The attacks are from 2 sources
  - Certain practices, which contradict Shari at i.e. Aspects, like women without hijab; Letting Salaat become qaza etc, is used by adversaries to mention that azadari itself is not ok as it results in these things.
  - Use of so called 'intellectual' arguments to say, what is the need for Alam a wooden stick & Tazia & why beat chest etc. This is done to deviate us from practicing & keeping Azadari alive. Azadari is a source of spiritual strength.

... *Preparations continued...*

b) Marjaiyat:

- Doubts on the need for Taqleed in the name of "we only follow masoom" & Marjas are fallible humans in one corner of the world who are not aware of many matters on which rulings are required etc
  - Creation of Conflict between followers of different Maraje.
  - False Mahdi's introduced. We must watch & evaluate any claims rather than rush to accept any claim of being Mahdi even if he can demonstrate some miracle like acts (using technology probably).
8. Imam Ali's has informed us of an allegiance (bayyatnama) that the twelfth imam will ask of his followers. This was written & saved by him in a casket for posterity, lists 25 matters, which are to be accepted/followed to be eligible to be amongst the followers of the Imam. Besides the usual things of Avoiding sins, they include; leading simple life protecting property/travelers, Amr bil maroof etc
9. Unity amongst Muslims & Shias .We must try to eliminate differences & not give them prominence. Divisions & subdivisions are increasing by the day, which is a policy of our enemy. We should help in playing down conflicts & encourage reconciliation. This does not mean that we give up our Faith about wilayat & forget the atrocities. Mothers need to inform the children of history & public forums need not be used to accentuate differences

### **SUFYANI (SWORD- FEAR) & DAJJAL (MATERIAL BENEFITS- ATTRACTIONS)**

Historically tyrants have used 2 methods to silence/mislead people; the sword to make them fearful & money to buy peoples loyalties. Sufyani & Dajjal are symbolic for these at the time of Imams return.

The sword has not been effective in eliminating the true believers, but apparent attractions & enticements have resulted in many deviations of true believers. Keeping wants & desires in check will help in not getting carried away by material pleasures offered & the apparent "heaven" which will actually be Hell as shown by Dajjal.

Dajjal could be a symbolic of a system of government based only on material progress & NGO's apparent beneficent aims having hidden agendas. Or it could be governments, individuals & even an entertainment system like Cable TV, which takes us away from HIS rules. One eyed in the sense

that it will only consider material aspects, completely ignoring spirituality.

Recitation of Sura Kahf (Ch 18) especially on Fridays is a recommended way to protect oneself form Dajjal. Imam Hussein (as) recited this sura on the spear in Kufa & drew our attention to it. This sura is in exactly in the middle of the Quran & has several relevant messages in the 3 events narrated in it as a reply to the questioners. These are of Ashab e Kahf (Ikhlas), Musa / Khizr (Importance of knowledge & unconditional acceptance of the leader with knowledge without objections) & Zulqarnain (Technology use, but 'after' knowledge/fear of Allah)

### **SOME SIGNS OF REAPPEARANCE**

At the time, which is close to, Reappearance there will be 4 sins by 'Momin's' first by wrongly making them 'halal':

- 1) Interest, in the name of profit
- 2) Alcohol, in the name of medicine
- 3) Music, in the name of entertainment
- 4) Bribe, in the name of gift

There are other Hadith, which continue after the famous "Antenna" Hadith, related to Salman E Farsi. It mentions about using a mirror like gadget for security (possibly CCTV) & a gadget for visually communicating with people close & far (possibly the mobile GSM) at the time of Reappearance.

### **CONCLUSION**

The reappearance will also be a continuation of the fight between evil & good. A continuation of the Kerbala episode;

*It will require participation from all young old, men & women & children, just as Kerbala required all participants. It will not be sufficient to be observers as in the case of say Khandaq or other wars at the time of the prophet.*

*Our Imam is in waiting for 1400 years & has been perfectly worshipping the Almighty for these years. There are countless events of his meetings/assistance & presentation of our deeds to him. Each of us is required to act in our own way to hasten the reappearance.*

*May Allah SWT keep us guided, hasten his reappearance & make us amongst his followers.*

*“And certainly we wrote in the book after the reminder that (as for) the land, My righteous servants shall inherit the earth”. (Chap 21:105)*

*Everyone sees the Imam in his/her lifetime, but it is only a few that actually recognize him... below is an example of one fortunate person...*

### THE PLACE OF ABODE OF THE CURRENT IMAM (A.S) IN HILLA

Aqa Hujjatul Islam Seyyid Ali Akber Khui, a leading scholar in Mashad states, “When I went to Iraq to visit the Mausoleums of our Imam (A.S) I proceeded to Hilla where I saw a building with a dome. On its main door was written ‘MAKAME SAHEBUZ ZAMAN’ and a number of people were visiting the place. I inquired from the people about the building and was informed that it belong to a scholar Aqa Sheikh Ali Hallawi who was extremely pious and always remembered the current Imam (A.S). He used to ask why the Imam did not reappear when the traditions mention only 313 companions of the Imam (A.S) and there were so many faithful people in the world with Hilla alone having over a thousand pious scholars. Such was his constant query. Once he was taking a stroll in a garden outside the city and again was lost in the same thoughts when he suddenly noticed an Arab approaching him and after salutation asked him what he was saying to himself in anger. He replied that he was confused that sins and injustice had become so common in the world and yet the Imam (A.S) did not reappear. He needed only 313 sincere companions while Hilla alone could offer more than a thousand pious scholars. He was replied, ‘O Sheikh I am your Imam. It is not as you think. In the entire Hilla only you and a butcher in the city are worthy of being my true companions. I will prove this to you. You pick 40 out of the most pious scholars in Hilla and tell them that on Thursday night the Imam (A.S) will visit your house. Invite them there after Isha prayers. You should also get two goats and tie them on the upper terrace of your house and ask the butcher to bring along with him his knife. Arrange for the guests to be seated in the courtyard of your home and I will arrive there myself. Sheikh Ali was highly excited on hearing all this but suddenly found no one before him.

He immediately contacted the butcher and narrated to him the entire episode. Then as directed he invited 40 virtuous and pious scholars who were all exceedingly delighted to hear of the promised appearance of the Imam (A.S). He also purchased two goats for the occasion. On Thursday evening all the invitees duly assembled and occupied themselves in remembrance of Allah asking Him to send His Mercy on the Prophet (S.A.W) and his Progeny. In a short while an unknown fragrance filled the place and a bright light entered the house. Steadily it passed through those present in the courtyard and proceeded up the steps leading to the terrace. All acclaimed in ecstasy! The presence of the Imam (A.S.) was greeted by reciting *TAKBIR* and *SALAWAT*. Yet they had only seen the light. They had not noticed the shape of any

person. After a short while they heard a voice from the terrace, asking Sheikh Ali, to send the butcher to the terrace. The butcher went up. The Imam (A.S.) ordered him to slaughter one goat. By a miracle of the Imam (A.S.) the goat did not emit any sound at all. The blood of the slaughtered goat flowed through the eaves of the roof down into the courtyard. When the guests saw the blood they were terrified. They all became convinced that the Imam (A.S.) had killed the butcher. Then they heard a voice asking Sheikh Ali to go to the terrace. When he had reached the terrace, the Imam (A.S.) ordered the butcher to slaughter the second goat. The blood of the second goat streamed down the eaves of the roof into the courtyard. All the guests trembled in their conviction that even Sheikh Ali had been killed. They feared that theirs would be the next turn and all would be killed. To save their lives they all escaped; not one remained behind.

Then the Imam (A.S.) asked Sheikh Ali to go down and bring the guests to him to the terrace informing him, however, that he would find none below. When Sheikh Ali came down he found the courtyard empty. He returned to the terrace stunned. The Imam (A.S.) asked him, Are you now convinced how much faith these people have in their Imam? To save their lives they have all run away; they would not even wait to obtain an audience with me. Henceforth stop querying about my reappearance. Of the forty pious persons you picked in Hilla, except for the two of you all have run away. Such is also the position in other countries. Having said so, the Imam (A.S.) disappeared from sight”.

In honor of the visit of the Imam (A.S.) to his house Sheikh Ali renovated the house and dedicated it as a *wakf* and named it “*MAKAME SAHEBUZZAMAN*”. To this day, the building stands in Hilla and is visited by many pilgrims. Many have asked for their wishes there and have been granted.

Apart from Hilla there are many other places attributed to the Imam (A.S.).

*From the book “IMAME ZAMAN HAZRAT MEHDI (A.S.)”  
by Mulla Haji Mohammadjaffer Sheriff Dewji*

# POSSIBLE REASONS FOR DELAY IN REAPPEARANCE

*This has also been taken from the lectures of Moulana Sadiq Hassan*

## DUAS NOT ACCEPTED FOR OUR SALVATION

Imam is in waiting (Ghaibat) & the Imam's dua is usually accepted by Allah SWT

The state of momins is that they are not prepared, i.e. involved in sins, not following Sharia. However their Iman / Faith are in tact. Sins can get forgiven & momins can achieve salvation despite all the problems they face in the material world.

After the Reappearance (zuhoor), not following the Imam unconditionally will mean a fault in beliefs (Iman) & hence it is possible many "momins" may lose their faith itself. & hence lose salvation.

Our Imam is concerned for Momins & prefers to wait & give additional opportunity to Momins to reform themselves & be prepared. This delay does cause additional hardship to Momins & their lives/ property / honor is more & more in danger with the passing of time.

## INSUFFICIENT FOLLOWERS WHO CAN UNCONDITIONALLY OBEY IMAM

There is a Story where 6<sup>th</sup> Imam was requested to rise. He demonstrated through one of his followers that there were very few true supporters. This was done through a command to him to step into a burning oven, which was not obeyed by the person. However, Haroon e Makki instantly obeyed & did not get burnt.

Also the story mentioned in the miracles page of this newsletter shows evidence of the above fact!

## TAKING TIME TO RECOGNIZE IMAM

It is expected that there will be many false Mahdi's who will appear before the true Mahdi (atfs). We

presently observe many people who claim that Imam meets them regularly. These are all fraudsters. Current technology also makes it possible to show the apparent 'miracles' if someone does not have sufficient knowledge of science.

There is a wrong notion that we have to immediately rush to our Imam upon hearing a call. This is only true for those who can & will recognize that it's the Imams call through own knowledge/deduction. Others need to wait & verify the claim especially through the Maraje who have the means to guide us.

Salman e Farsi who had waited for 200 years for the Prophet to appear, took 3 consecutive weeks of action & meetings before confirming the Prophet-hood with the signs he had.

One final method to recognize Imam will be through the reappearance of Hazrat Isa (as) who should not have an identifiable birth date.

## ACCEPTING ALL ACTIONS OF IMAM AS FULL OF WISDOM

It is possible that the awaiters/callers would go against the Imam when he reappears. This could be because of 2 reasons;

1. Being unable to adopt lifestyle as required.
2. Expecting a favorable status compared to others (esp. apparently non-believers/followers) & not receiving the same. A superiority complex.

This has happened before as Quran explains in Ch 2 V 89: SHAKIR: *And when there came to them a Book from Allah verifying that which they have, and aforesaid they used to pray for victory against those who disbelieve, but when there came to them (Prophet) that which they did not recognize, they disbelieved in him; so Allah's curse is on the unbelievers*

## DON'T DESPAIR, TAKE ACTIONS WITHIN YOUR CAPACITY, AND DON'T FORGET DUA'S

Duas have a very important role but have to be accompanied by actions. Prophet Abraham's wife Hagar undertook the 'action' of Saaee between Safa & Marwa & prayed to Allah SWT & hence the prayer was answered in a way, that she asked for a cupful of water & got in return Zam Zam for all times !

We have to take the required action & leave the rest to HIS will. Allama Hilli commenced copying a very big book at dusk, though it was an impossible task to do it by dawn & return the book to its owner as required. His job was to start the work & with the Imams help the work was accomplished!

The opponents /enemy may appear very strong, & impossible to defeat, but this should not lead to despair. It should lead us to redouble our efforts instead with the resources at our disposal. There are examples in History where the impossible became a reality in a very short period of time. Eg Bilal would have been very happy at being able to practice Islam himself without prosecution, in Mecca, but could never have imagined that he would be reciting the Azan from top of the Kaaba within a few years!

Our Imam has also advised us to recite in his absence the following:

- Ziarat Ashura  
[www.duas.org/zairat/ashura/ashura.htm](http://www.duas.org/zairat/ashura/ashura.htm)
- Ziarat Jamiah  
[www.ziaraat.com/jamea01.html](http://www.ziaraat.com/jamea01.html)
- Salat Lail  
[www.duas.org/tahajjud.htm](http://www.duas.org/tahajjud.htm)

There are other duas relating to Imam like Nudba, Ahad etc which you can find on [www.duas.org](http://www.duas.org)

Imam Mehdi (a.s) is still living and will appear before the end of the world.

There existed a good deal of harmony and uniformity between the aspect pertaining to the birth of Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w) and Hazrat Imam Mehdi., the last Apostolic Imam.

Just as the coming of the Holy Prophet was prophesized well in advance by the proceeding Prophets, similarly the impending of the news of the gracious birth of Imam Mehdi was foretold by the Holy Prophet. The promised Mehdi who is usually mentioned by the title of Imam Asr (the Imam of the period) and Sahibu-'z aman, (the Lord of the age) is the son of eleventh Imam. His name is the same as that of the Prophet. He was born in Samarra in 255/869 and until 260/874 when his father was martyred, lived under his father's care and tutelage. He was hidden from public view and only a few of the elite among the Shi'ah were able to meet him.

After the martyrdom of his father he became Imam and by the Divine command went into occultation (ghybah). Therefore he appeared only to his deputies and even then in exceptional circumstances

The Imam chose as a special deputy for a time Uthman bin Said al-amri, one of the companions of his father and grandfather who was his confident and trusted friend. Through his deputy the Imam would answer the demands and questions of the Shi'ah. After the Uthman bin Said, his son Muhammad ibn Uthman al-amri was appointed the deputy of Imam. After the death of Muhammad Uthman, Abulqasim al-hussein ibn Ruh was the special deputy and after his death Ali ibn Muhammad as-Samuri was chosen for his task.

A few days before the death of as-Samuri in 329/939 an order was issued by the Imam stating that in six days time as-Samuri would die. Henceforth the special deputation of the Imam would come to an end. and the major occultation (ghayabtu, I kubra) would begin and would continue until the day God grants

the permission to the Imam to manifest himself.

The occultation of the Imam is therefore, divided into two parts: the first, minor occultation (ghaybatu'l sughra) which began in 260/872, the major occultation in 329/939, lasting about seventy years; the second, the major occultation will continue as long as God wills it. In the hadith, upon whose authenticity every one agrees, the Holy Prophet has said, "If there were to remain in the life of this world but one day, God would prolong that day until He sends in it a man from my community and my household. His name will be the same as my name. He will fill the earth with equity and justice as it was filled with oppression and tyranny

### ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 3

1. Raj'at means the return of the dead into the world. It is necessary to believe that after the reappearance of the Imam Mehdi (A.S.) upon the command of Allah, the prophets, their companions, a number of virtuous believers as well as oppressors will be revived.
2. The natural signs before raj'at will be, 40 days prior to the actual reappearance there will be torrential rains never witnessed before by which Allah will reunite the bones with the fles in the bodies of those who will be resurrected.
3. Sufiani will rise from Syria and a loud voice will be heard from the sky which people of all nations and languages will be able to hear and understand
4. The Answer to this question lies in the minds and hearts of every single individual... It is up to you to decide!!

### A SAYING BY THE 6<sup>TH</sup> IMAM

(Mundhir al-Jawzi) said: I heard Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq say: "Before the coming of the one who will rise (al-qa'im), peace be on him, the people will be chided for their acts of disobedience by a fire which will appear in the sky and a redness which will cover the sky. It will swallow up Baghdad, it will swallow up Kufa. There blood will be shed and houses destroyed. Death (fana) will occur amid their people and a fear will come over the people of Iraq from which they shall have no rest."

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SYD

Salaam Alaykum Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Month of Ramadhan is upon us so let us pray that Allah's blessings be bestowed upon this community and all our Muslim brothers across the world. I would like to commend on my effective committee members, the supportive youths and respected elders who have taken an active part in all the lectures, activities and events that SYD have organized and we hope for the same undying support in all our future endeavors. SYD have planned many activities for the coming months and we hope to see the youths and community take an active part in those events. Please visit our site at [www.sydubai.org](http://www.sydubai.org) to keep up to date on all the upcoming events.

Was-salam  
Chairman - Shia Youth Dubai

### EDITORIAL NOTE

Salaam Alaikum once again from the editorial desk of SYD. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all, on behalf of the SYD committee, a **Kushali Mubarak** on this most blessed night, and let us pray to Allah (SWT) to grant everyone's **hajaat** with the blessings of Imam Mahdi (AJTFS)

To celebrate the 1400th Birth Anniversary of Qamr-e-Bani Hashim Hazrat Abil Fadhlil Abbas A.S, a Blood Donation camp has been organized at "DOHMS - Al Wasl Hospital- BLOOD DONATION CENTER" on Friday 1st October 2004 from 8am to 11am. Snacks, Tea, Juice will be provided to all the Blood donors/volunteers at the above venue. For more information/queries please call Br. Rehan Ali Lotlikar on (050) 6566196

Lastly, let us pray to the Almighty Allah (SWT) to protect Muslims all over the world from the atrocities that are being directed towards us; above all, for those in Iraq and especially for the safety of our Marja'a, Ayatollah as-Sistani and our Holy Shrines.

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