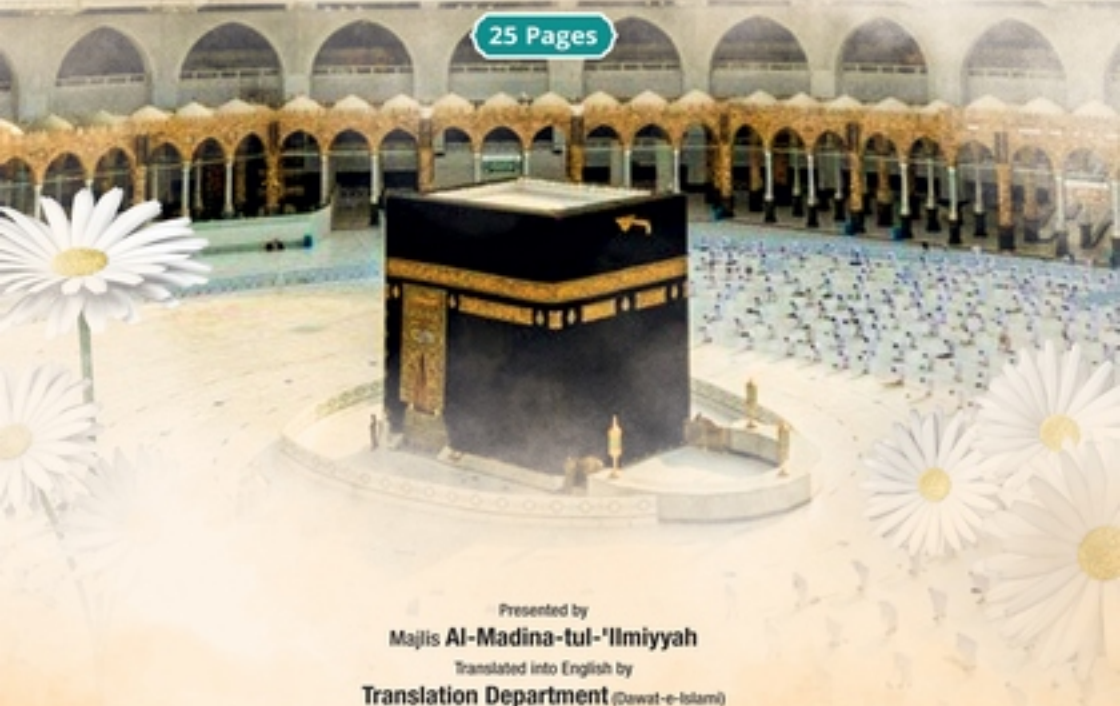




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## *Du‘ ā for reading this book*

**R**ead the following *du‘ ā* (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ  
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

## Translation

O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the most glorious and honourable! (*al-Mustatraf*, vol. 1, p. 40)

### **Note:**

Recite *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ once before and after the *du‘ ā*.

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## A request

Whether one embarks for ḥajj, 'umrah or simply visits Madinah and Makkah, journeying to the two sanctuaries (*Ḥaramayn*) is a remarkable experience. There is not a single devotee of Allah's Messenger who does not desire to behold these sanctified lands. In particular, visiting Madinah is the spiritual ascension of a believer. He who visits the city of Madinah is worthy of being envied many times over.

May Allah bless us with the opportunity to visit Makkah and Madinah again and again.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى رَسُوْلِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ اٰلِهِ On the 20<sup>th</sup> of Rabi' al-Ākhir 1444 AH (15<sup>th</sup> of November 2022), the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah Maulana Ilyas Attar Qadiri وَعَلَىٰ اٰلِهِ had the honour of initiating a journey to Madinah by means of 'umrah. This was but a brief trip lasting five days. When compiling this booklet, various videos of Dawat-e-Islami were utilised and guidance was also sought from the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's successor, Ubayd Raza Attari Madani مَدِيْنَةُ الْعَالِي.

This booklet contains mention of the decorum and reverence the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah displayed in relation to his 'umrah. It also describes the heartrending manner in which he visited Madinah and departed from thereupon. When devotees of Allah's Messenger read how the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah presented himself in the Prophetic court, it shall kindle their love and yearning ever stronger.

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إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ By reading this booklet, devotees will find their love for the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to have manifoldly increased and their restless desire to visit Madinah reaching new heights. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ! There is also mention of other unique events that took place. So, the reader is requested to read from beginning to end. A video link of this trip to Madinah has also been included in this booklet. This link can be scanned in order to view the full video of this journey.

(Muhammad Tahir Attari Madani مَدَنِيَّةُ الْعَالِي)

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### Du 'ā of the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's successor

O Allah! Whosoever reads or listens to the 24-page booklet *The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's 'umrah and visit to Madinah (2022)*, allow them to visit the *Haramayn*! Allow them to see the Ka'bah and city of Madinah time and time again, and forgive them without accountability!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

### The excellence of reciting *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ

The leading hadith scholar, Shaykh 'Abd al-Ḥaqq Dihlawi رحمه الله عليه said:

Whenever my murshid, Shaykh 'Abd al-Wahhāb Muttaqi رحمه الله عليه, would depart from Madinah, he would say, 'During the ḥajj journey, there is no greater du'ā after the obligatory than *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet

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صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. Spend all your time in this, and dye yourself  
in the colour of ṣalāt.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### The virtue of 'umrah

O devotees of the Messenger! 'Umrah is a distinguished act of worship and a sunnah of Allah's Messenger صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, who in his blessed observable lifetime, performed it four times alongside one ḥajj.<sup>2</sup> The literal meaning of 'umrah is visiting/beholding. Its definition according to shari'ah is "visiting the House of Allah whilst adhering to specified conditions."<sup>3</sup>

What can be said regarding the virtues of this auspicious deed! A hadith in *Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī* explains, "One 'umrah to another is expiation for the sins between them."<sup>4</sup>

Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ writes in commentary of this hadith, "The scholars mention the minor sins committed between two 'umrahs are forgiven."<sup>5</sup>

Let us now move onto discussing the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's 'umrah journey.

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<sup>1</sup> *Mirāt al-Manāẓij*, vol. 2, p. 104

<sup>2</sup> *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*: 1,778

<sup>3</sup> *Tafheem al-Bukhārī*, vol. 3, p. 88

<sup>4</sup> *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī*: 1,773

<sup>5</sup> *Mirāt al-Manāẓij*, vol. 4, p. 88

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## The leader of Ahl al-Sunnah's journey from Dubai to Jeddah

The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah set off on his journey to Madinah from his place of stay in the U.A.E. He initially headed to Jeddah with the Central Executive Committee Head Haji Muhammad Imran Attari, Haji Ali Raza<sup>1</sup> and the latter's son Hasan Raza. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's son, al-Haj Ubayd Raza Attari Madani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ، had already arrived in Arabia with his honourable mother and family. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of Rabi' al-Ākhir 1444 AH (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2022), the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah then began his journey to Makkah to perform 'umrah.

## Performing 'umrah in advanced age

The leader of Ahl al-Sunnah دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Ramaḍān 1369 AH (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1950). In accordance with the *hijri* calendar, he is around 74 years of age. The weakness and frailty generally found in people of this age is commonly understood; even a seemingly easy task like wuḍū can become difficult, and for a person of this age to get by without the support of a walking stick is a great bounty.

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<sup>1</sup> Haji Ali Raza hails from Punjab (Pakistan) and is someone who remains in the service of the leader of Ahl al-Sunnah دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ.

A poet beautifully said:

*Dast o pā gosh o zabān hosh mein hain*

*Karnā hai jo kar le āj hi*

**Meaning:** One's hands and body begin to tremble with weakness in old age, along with the tongue beginning to stumble in speech and hearing faculties diminishing. Whilst one has their hands, ears and entire body in their control during their youth, they should utilise this in performing good deeds.

### **Worship in your youth**

Take advantage of the bounty of youth by spending your time worshipping and obeying Allah. Intending to worship only in old age is wishful thinking and a futile thought process. Even if one reaches old age, their hands, feet, ears, eyes and other body parts will not function as they did due to death being closer than ever. It becomes difficult to even offer salah whilst standing, never mind other acts of worship. The Reviver of Islam and Imam of Ahl al-Sunnah, Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

*Utarte chānd dhaltī chāndni jo ho sake kar le*

*Andherā pākh āta hai ye dō din kī ujālī hai<sup>1</sup>*

**Explanation of this couplet:** O young person! Value your youth and worship as much as possible, for death wishes to come and

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<sup>1</sup> Hadaiq-i-Bakhshish, p. 182

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you shall soon find yourself in the dark night of the grave. The light of life lasts for but a few days; it comes to an end swiftly.

## The desire of Attar

Dear Islamic brothers! Think this over carefully: on one hand is 'umrah and fulfilling all the actions that comprise it, and on the other is a 74-year-old elder of advanced age and delicate frame. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah had never used a wheelchair to perform *ṭawāf* (circumambulation) of the Ka'bah, and his heart did not desire for this. Instead, he yearned for the joy of making *ṭawāf* of the Ka'bah on his own two feet.

He drank Zamzam water and made du'ā a handful of times for the fulfilment of this heartfelt wish; once when departing from Jeddah to Makkah, and a second time in Masjid al-Ḥarām before *ṭawāf* itself.

Allah showered such mercy upon His righteous servant, that the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah did not require a wheelchair to complete both his *ṭawāf* and *sa'ī*. In fact, he was blessed to the extent he was able to perform these rites with the same wuḍū. In gratitude for this bounty, his heart and body fell into prostration thereafter.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A du'ā made after drinking Zamzam is very close to acceptance. Imam Abū Zakariyā Yahyā b. Sharaf Nawawī Shāfi'i رحمه الله عليه said:

It is recommended for he who intends to drink Zamzam whilst seeking forgiveness or cure from illness, etc., to face the *qiblah*, recite

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Visiting Masjid al-Ḥarām and the Ka‘bah

'Umrah was to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Rabi‘ al-Ākhir 1444 AH (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2022). Having worn *iḥrām* and made intention, the group departed for Makkah whilst reciting *talbiyah*, i.e. “لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ ط إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْبُكْرَةَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ ط”.

After arriving at their hotel in Makkah and resting for a short time, they left for Masjid al-Ḥarām. When the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah stepped into the masjid with his right foot, he recited *نُؤَيْتُ سِنَّةَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ* aloud, perhaps to remind those around him to do the same.

The group advanced towards the Ka‘bah, and as they reached the area in which *ṭawāf* is conducted, they found an awe-inspiring sight before them. The Ka‘bah was now directly in front of them, and its beauty clearly visible without any

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ<sup>ط</sup> and supplicate, “O Allah! A hadith has been conveyed to me in which Your Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘Zamzam is for the purpose it is drunk.’ (Sunan Ibn Mājah: 3,062) (He should then make du‘ā like this, for example:) O Allah! I am drinking this so that You forgive me”, or “O Allah! I am drinking this so I may attain cure from my illness, so grant me cure!”, and the likes of this (he should make du‘ā in this manner as per his needs). (Al-Idah Fi Manasik al-Hajj li al-Nawawi, p. 401)

obstruction. Eyes brimful with tears, they raised their hands and began a series of du'ās and pleas in the court of Allah.

### ***Ṭawāf of the Ka'bah and istilām of the Black Stone***

After remaining in this state of elation for some time, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah proceeded towards making *ṭawāf* of the Ka'bah. Before beginning this, he first drank Zamzam water in three breaths, performed *iḍṭibā'*<sup>1</sup>, recited *بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الْأَكْبَرِ*, and also conducted *istilām*<sup>2</sup> of the Black Stone three times. He also undertook *ramal*<sup>3</sup> in the first three rounds of *ṭawāf*. During this time, he made many du'ās and recited *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet

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<sup>1</sup> This is to take the cloth, pass it under the armpit of the right arm and place both of its ends on the left shoulder in such a manner that leaves the right shoulder exposed. (*Rafīq al-Mu'tamirīn*, p. 42)

<sup>2</sup> In *Rafīq al-Mu'tamirīn*:

If possible, place both palms on the Black Stone and kiss it by placing your mouth between your palms, doing so without producing a sound. If it is not possible to do this due to a crowd, then do not cause harm to others nor force yourself into the crowd. Rather you should point towards it with your hands and then kiss your hands. It is still a great privilege for you to be able to gaze upon a place upon which the final Prophet ﷺ placed his blessed mouth. Kissing the Black Stone, or kissing a stick or the hands after having touched the Black Stone with them, or kissing the hands after having indicated towards it is known as *istilām*. (*Rafīq al-Mu'tamirīn*, p. 43)

<sup>3</sup> Meaning to move quickly by taking short steps and whilst moving the shoulders, just as strong and courageous people walk. (*Rafīq al-Mu'tamirīn*, p. 45)

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صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with tearful eyes, particularly asking to leave this world with his faith intact.

سُبْحَنَ اللّٰهُ! سُبْحَنَ اللّٰهُ! What a sight and moment it would have been to behold a righteous servant of Allah performing *ṭawāf* of His sanctified house.

### Maqām Ibrāhīm

After performing seven rounds of *ṭawāf*, it is *wājib* for the one performing 'umrah to offer two units of salah near Maqām Ibrāhīm if there is space; otherwise, he may offer it anywhere he finds space within Masjid al-Ḥarām provided it is not a *makrūh* time.<sup>1</sup> Having offered the salah of *ṭawāf*, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah read a particular du'ā near Maqām Ibrāhīm. (This du'ā is mentioned on page 63 of *Rafīq al-Mu'tamirīn*.)

### At Multazam

It is sunnah to go to the *Multazam*<sup>2</sup> after offering the salah of *ṭawāf*. Explaining the method of presenting oneself thereupon, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah said to those performing 'umrah in his company:

We must present ourselves in direct line with the *Multazam*. As the door and cover of the Ka'bah are

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<sup>1</sup> *Bahār-i-Sharī'at*, vol. 1, p. 1,102

<sup>2</sup> This is the area between the Ka'bah door and Black Stone.

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profusely perfumed and someone in the state of *iḥrām* must avoid perfume, refrain from coming into contact with it.

The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah remained here for as long as Allah willed and made du‘ā in his heart with utmost humility. He made du‘ā again after drinking Zamzam and then set off for Şafā and Marwah to perform *sa‘ī*.

### *Sa‘ī and ḥalq*

It is liked (*mustaḥab*) to offer two units of salah after performing the seven circuits of *sa‘ī*.<sup>1</sup> After offering this salah, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah exited Masjid al-Ḥarām. As he headed back to his hotel, he passed by the sanctified place in which the final Prophet of Allah ﷺ was born. Burgeoning with love and devotion, he raised his hands in its direction and kissed them. Arriving back at his hotel, an Islamic brother was already waiting to carry out *ḥalq* for him. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah then mentioned some Madani pearls of wisdom regarding this and had *ḥalq* performed, thus completing his 'umrah *اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ*.

### *Expiation for every wuḍū*

Dear Islamic brothers! It is incumbent upon someone in the state of *iḥrām* to learn necessary rulings pertaining to it. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah gives *ṣadaqah al-fiṭr* in the way of Allah as a precautionary measure whenever performing wuḍū in the

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<sup>1</sup> *Al-Durr al-Mukhtār*, vol. 3, p. 589

state of *iḥrām* during ḥajj or 'umrah. This serves as an expiation for any hairs that fall from the head or beard whilst performing wuḍū.

During this 'umrah, he performed wuḍū a total of three times, and gave three lots of *ṣadaqah al-fiṭr* for them. (To learn necessary rulings regarding ḥajj or 'umrah, read the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's books *Rafīq al-Ḥaramayn* and *Rafīq al-Mu'tamirīn*. These can be downloaded free of charge from the website of Dawat-e-Islami.

([www.dawateislami.net](http://www.dawateislami.net).)<sup>1</sup>

### Du'a of 'Attar in Makkah for the associates of Dawat-e-Islami

Dear Islamic brothers! The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah is a personality loved by all. During this blessed journey, he made du'ā countless times for the *ummah* of the beloved Prophet ﷺ, as well as his murīds, students and those who love him. Here is one such du'ā he made after completing 'umrah:

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ وَالصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلٰى خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّيْنَ

O Lord of Muṣṭafā, accept my 'umrah! O God of the universe! I am in the sacred precincts of Makkah and the cool breeze of the

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<sup>1</sup> Ruling: If two or three hairs fall during wudu, whilst itching or when combing the hair, then a handful of grains, a piece of bread or a dry date must be given as charity in exchange for each hair. If more than three hairs fall, one must give sadaqah. If the hairs fall without being touched, even if all of the hairs fall out due to illness, there is no expiation. (*Bahār-i-Sharī'at*, vol. 1, p. 117)

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Haram is blowing. O *Mawlā*! Forgive the *ummah*! O Allah! In particular, forgive everyone associated with Dawat-e-Islami without accountability! O Allah! Be eternally pleased with all members of Dawat-e-Islami, everyone who loves Dawat-e-Islami and with every devotee of Your Messenger!

امِين بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## A night in Makkah

O devotees of the Messenger! Makkah is an ancient city of great distinction. Allah has also mentioned it in the Quran. The observable blessed lifetime of the final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was 63 years long, 53 of which he spent in this renowned city.

After his 'umrah, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah spent that day and the forthcoming night in Makkah. He was set to depart for Madinah at 8am the next day via train.

Having dinner late at night, he then went into the streets of Makkah, walking for a short while in order to take in its blessings. Even during this time, he maintained his well-wishing and sympathy for others. In order to bring happiness to other Islamic brothers, he sent them video and audio messages conveying Madani pearls of knowledge and making du'ā for them. An Islamic brother from Karachi (Pakistan) was due to

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undergo an operation, and the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah expressed his support for him in the following way:

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ It is around 4:30am and I am walking through the streets of Makkah. I have had the honour of performing 'umrah.

May Allah grant you cure through the blessings of Makkah, and may your operation be successful without any side effects. Stay hopeful. Things will improve. إِنِ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

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### We will soon arrive in Madinah

The head of Dawat-e-Islami's Central Executive Committee, Haji Muhammad Imran Attari عَدِطَلَّهٗ الْعَالِي mentions the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's jubilation after performing 'umrah in the following words:

My hotel room in Makkah was next to his. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah exited his room two or three times, and instead of returning to his own room he entered mine. As we were due to undertake a blessed journey to Madinah the next morning, there was a joyful atmosphere in the air. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah, the great devotee of Madinah, was reciting various couplets of poetry whilst engrossed in thoughts of the holy city.

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### If one has not seen Madinah, then he has seen nothing

By the boundless grace of Allah, the days of bliss had begun. The joyous moments of visiting the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had arrived. If you wish to see the euphoric state of the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah and a display of his love for Madinah two hours prior to departing for the blessed city, click on the link below. One shall see what true happiness for travelling to Madinah looks like.

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### Decorum for Madinah

O devotees of the Messenger! The etiquette of visiting the sanctified resting place of Allah's Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been mentioned in the Quran. The Reviver of Islam and Imam of Ahl al-Sunnah, Imam Ahmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ writes:

*Amir al-Mu'minīn* 'Umar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ once came across a person raising their voice before the resting place of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He said, "Do you raise your voice above the Prophet's voice?" He then recited this verse:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ

*Translation from Kanz al-Īmān: O believers! Do not raise your voices higher than the voice of this Conveyor of the unseen (i.e. the Beloved Prophet Muhammad)<sup>1</sup>*

*Adab gāhe sat zeir-i-āsmān az 'Arsh nāzūk tar  
Nafas gam kardah mī āyad Junayd o Bāyazīd ēn jā*

**Meaning:** There is an august and grand court beneath the heavens whose protocol is more sensitive than the 'Arsh, where great saints like Junayd Baghdādi and Bāyazīd Bistāmi رَحِمَهُمُ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِمَا dare not even breathe loudly.

Dear Islamic brothers! If we were to mention accounts detailing the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's respect and etiquette for Madinah, it would become an entire book. There were also some children<sup>2</sup> present in his group. Before the journey began, he advised them regarding the etiquette of visiting Madinah, which has been presented below with minor amendments.

This contains a lesson particularly for parents who take their young children with them that do not yet have an understanding of Masjid al-Ḥarām, Madinah al-Munawwarah, Masjid al-

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Quran, 49:2; Al-Fatāwā al-Razawīyyah, vol. 15, p. 169

<sup>2</sup> His grandson Haji Usayd Raza Attari, aged around 9; his foster grandson Hasan Raza Attari, aged around 7; his grandson Junayd Raza Attari, aged around 3 and a half; and his granddaughter Habibah Attariyah, aged around 7.

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Nabawi and other sacred sites. Before taking your children to these blessed places, be sure to inform them of the required etiquette so that the honour and esteem of these holy places become rooted within their hearts from a young age.

### **The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's advice to the children travelling with him**

Dear children! We are about to begin our journey to Madinah. Once we sit in the train, observe *qufl-e-Madinah*. This means we must not speak unnecessarily, joke around, laugh, etc. If you have something important to say, kindly speak with your father. We must not keep asking questions like, "Where are we now?" or "How long will it take?" This is because the journey to Madinah is only full of joy. Recite *n'at*, send *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ and make dhikr of Allah.

When in Madinah, we must not put things down with force. We should place them gently so that no sound is produced. If we can cry in love of the Prophet ﷺ, then by Allah! This is an immense bounty.

May Allah grant us true decorum for the city of Madinah. May He grant us martyrdom in the cool shade of the Green Dome, whilst beholding His beloved and reciting the *kalimah*. May He allow us to be buried in Jannat al-Baqī'.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## The journey to Madinah begins

The journey from Makkah to Madinah then commenced. This journey of around two and a half hours became enveloped in a passionate, emotional atmosphere of *n'at* poetry, and the train arrived in seemingly no time. Everyone stood out of love and began to present their salaam in the Prophetic court. An Arab man was observing this from a distance and recorded this beautiful scene on his phone. The train stopped at the railway station of Madinah, and the group then departed for their hotel, so they may present their devotion-filled salaam in the court of the Prophet ﷺ.

## First visitation to the Prophetic court

The night then arrived in which a true devotee of the Prophet ﷺ was to see his beloved master. Having worn new clothes and applied kohl from the dust of Madinah to his eyes, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah began reciting couplets expressing his sentiments and love for the Prophet ﷺ.

The group slowly made their way towards Masjid al-Nabawi. As they neared the masjid, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's successor Haji Ubayd Raza Attari رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الْعَالِي recited a couplet describing how the Prophet ﷺ means everything to them.

This caused tears to begin flowing. With their hands folded in respect, they drew closer to resting place of Allah's Messenger ﷺ whilst reciting:

يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ اِسْمَعْ قَالَنَا      يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ اُنْظُرْ حَالَنَا  
خُذِيْنِي سَهْلَ لَنَا اَشْكَالَنَا      اِنِّي فِي بَحْرٍ هَمِّ مُعْرِقٍ

The *mi'raj* of Madinah's devotee had arrived, and before him was the beautiful Green Dome atop the resting place of Allah's Messenger ﷺ. As soon as his eyes fell upon this, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah began to present salaam in the following words:

اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ      اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا شَفِيعَ الْمُدْنِيْنَ  
اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا سِرَاجَ السَّالِكِيْنَ      اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّيْنَ

As he wept, he would go between reciting *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ and humbly asking for intercession:

اَسْأَلُكَ الشَّفَاعَةَ يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“O Messenger of Allah ﷺ, I ask you for your intercession.”

He continued to stand and respectfully present his salaam like this from a distance for some time. Haji Ubayd Raza Attari continued reciting poetry, stoking the flame of love ever higher. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah then returned to his car whilst walking backwards, for if turning one's back to the Ka'bah is

against proper etiquette, how can one turn their back to the Ka'bah's Ka'bah?

### Visiting the shrine of Sayyidunā Ḥamza

After visiting the Prophetic court, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah visited the shrine of the leading martyr Sayyidunā Ḥamza and other martyrs of Uhud عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ. Their shrines are located in close proximity to Mount Uḥud. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah performed *fātiḥah* thereupon, and then met the devotees of the Messenger who were present.

### Visiting Masjid al-Nabawi

The next morning, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah presented himself in Masjid al-Nabawi. Taking care to walk gently, he recited couplets penned by Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, and others written by the latter's brother, Mawlānā Ḥasan Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ.

He then offered *ṣalāt al-ḍuḥā* in a place from which the Green Dome was clearly visible. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ These are the priceless moments of life and times of joy, with the mercy of Allah showering down. With passion and devotion, he presented *ṣalāt* and salaam in the Prophetic court for some time, and whenever his gaze would fall upon the Green Dome, he would lower his head and fold his hands respectfully. One can only wonder of the pleas that this true devotee made in the Prophetic court within his heart. On the return journey, the Amir of Ahl al-

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Sunnah's successor recited couplets from a poem which asks the Messenger of Allah ﷺ for his mercy and grace.

Their hearts were already overwhelmed with love, and these couplets seeking aid from the Prophet ﷺ only intensified this. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah began to weep loudly and exclaimed:

O Messenger of Allah ﷺ! Do not allow me to return covered in sins. Ask your Lord to forgive me and allow me to be your neighbour in Paradise. The cup of life is almost full, old age is also at its height, and I am unable to perform good deeds. If you were to not take care of me, then...

## Departing from Madinah

Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān رحمه الله عليه said:

Do not ask regarding the state of those leaving Madinah, as parting from this city is most painful. I have observed people clinging to the threshold of Masjid al-Nabawi and sobbing.<sup>1</sup>

## Final night in Madinah

After a brief stay of 36 hours in Madinah, the time to part had arrived. The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah wrote the following words

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<sup>1</sup> Mirāt al-Manājil, vol. 2, p. 506

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to a member of the Central Executive Committee, al-Haj Sayyid  
Ibrahim Shah رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ:

Perhaps I will depart from Madinah around four and a  
half hours after writing this. (21<sup>st</sup> Rabī' al-Ākhir 1444  
AH - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### The farewell visit

The night of bidding farewell to Madinah arrived. After presenting salaam in the Prophetic court, the group was set to leave the city of the beloved. In this day and age, if one wishes to see the state of a true devotee when leaving the court of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, behold how the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah did so. Those who watch these emotional scenes will be moved to tears themselves. In tears, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah exited his room and entered the lift, kissing the walls and doors as he passed.

He clung to the walls of the lift and began to cry intensely. In this state, he exited the lift and sat in the car. He continued to weep on the main road facing Jannat al-Baqī' as he gazed upon the Green Dome. After sending *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet, the time of departure finally arrived. He cried so intensely that those in his company were also unable to control their emotions. Then an Islamic brother went forward, took hold of him and seated him in the car.

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As the car began moving away from Masjid al-Nabawi, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah gazed upon the dome and minarets of the masjid with tears in his eyes. He then suddenly exclaimed, "I can no longer see the dome!" Hearing this, those around him shed tears uncontrollably.

### Tear-inducing words

In lament, longing and sadness, he then said:

Farewell, O Messenger of Allah! Farewell, O Messenger of Allah! We are leaving Madinah my master, please call us again and again! Bless us and do not leave us deprived of your intercession! Be pleased with us forever and ask your Lord to forgive us. O Messenger of Allah! May there be good for the entire *ummah*! For the sake of your princes, and for the sake of your Ahl al-Bayt and Companions, I request your intercession in particular for every member of Dawat-e-Islami. O Messenger of Allah, have mercy on us and grant us the blessings of your intercession!

أَسْأَلُكَ الشَّفَاعَةَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

### From Madinah to Jeddah

The return journey from Madinah to Jeddah was via train. Listening to farewell poems for almost the entire time, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah was in a state of lament due to being separated

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from Madinah. Expressing his anguish to a Madani Islamic brother, he wrote, "Madinah has become hidden from our sight. The train is pulling us ever further away. We will then arrive in Jeddah, and then..."

During his final moments in the blessed lands of Arabia, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah recited his own poetry and ultimately bade farewell.

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Dear Islamic brothers! During various points throughout this blessed journey, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah wrote messages to Islamic brothers. Reading them envelops one in thoughts and memories of Madinah.

To watch videos of the written messages of the leader of Ahl al-Sunnah, click on this link:

<https://www.ilyasqadri.com/medialibrary/120543>

To watch videos of the complete journey to Madinah, click on this link:

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