



# The Bond

Keeping the Kingston Muslim Community Together

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*"If two parties among the Believers fall into a quarrel, make ye peace between them: but if one of them transgresses beyond bounds against the other, then fight ye (all) against the one that transgresses until it complies with the command of Allah; but if it complies, then make peace between them with justice, and be fair: for Allah loves those who are fair (and just). The Believers are but a single Brotherhood: So make peace and reconciliation between your two (contending) brothers: And fear Allah that ye may receive Mercy." (Qur'an 49:9-10)*

## President's Message

My fellow Muslim Kingstonians,

There is lots of talk nowadays about the rise of "Islamists". This is especially being said now in relation with the "Arab Spring" and the potential of formation of governments in the Arab region that are more pro Islamic (as opposed to secular). There are so many articles on the "rise of Islamists" in the Middle East and other countries where this is posed as a "bad" thing that the west helped create, and that we should be alert of the coming danger.

I am sure that you all heard of the ongoing trial in Kingston relating to the so-called "honor killing", and that many say that "Islamists" support such an act. In fact, I heard some "informed" (or for that matter uninformed) person on TV saying "these Islamists want to implement shari'a law that supports honor killing". I would like to refer you to an article by Imam Sikander in the Whig Standard

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Crime/2011/10/21/18861526.html> about the issue of honor killing and that Islam has nothing to do with such heinous act.

Oh, but we still do not know what an "Islamist" is. So I looked up "Islamist" on the Webster dictionary and found it to mean "a popular reform movement advocating the reordering of government and society in accordance with laws prescribed by Islam". Now checking the meaning of "Islamicist" usually used by some as synonym to "Islamist", I found it to mean "a member or supporter of an Islamic revivalist movement; an Islamist". Now, all what was left is to find what is meant by "revivalist movement", and I found it to mean "desire or inclination to revive what belongs

to an earlier time". Aha – so even if we take and use such definitions an Islamist (whatever he/she may be) is not a terrorist, an Islamist is not barbaric, an Islamist is not a danger to society.

The activities of "Islamic History Month Kingston" (IHMK) are coming to a close. I would like to express my appreciation to all those involved in the planning, organization, support and financing of this wonderful activity. Many unknown and/or subtle aspects of Islamic history and civilization that show that beauty of Islam and early Muslims are talked about and explained during IHMK activities. Such activities even make the "revivalist" "Islamists" look ok ....

We are about to celebrate Eid Al-adha very soon. While celebrating Eid, be proud to be a Muslim and of your "Islamism". Oh, yes – this is yet another term that has been abused to indicate "fundamentalism", but actually means "the belief that Islam should guide our life". And who among us does not believe so. May Allah (swt) help and guide us all. Happy Eid.

Hossam Hassanein, President ISK

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## Imam's Message

### Focusing on why Hajj really matters

Muslims around the world are once again flocking to the sacred lands of Makkah for the journey of a lifetime. For many, this trip will be the highlight of their worldly existence, the moment they have dreamed of and saved up for throughout their lives.

Living in the west in relative affluence, Hajj for most of us has become a matter of simply taking time off from work, finding the right package, getting visas and immunizations, packing our bags and flying off.

Of course, it wasn't that easy not too long ago, and still isn't for many others.

Even after arriving in Makkah, the difference between the haves and have-nots is quite clear: the five-star hotels within walking distance of Masjid al-Haram versus the run-down buildings a few kilometres away, the tall air conditioned coaches versus the pilgrims on foot and in old minivans, the glitzy mall across from the most sacred spot on earth to the small shops and sidewalk vendors. And there are more.

It's easy to lose focus with all the luxuries and amenities that are available for pilgrims, especially those coming from the west, to the point where Hajj becomes all about flights, hotels, buses, luxury tents in Mina, shopping and food. But there are still numerous examples abound that can inspire us to look beyond the superficialities and bring us back to why the Hajj trip really matters.

There's the 63 year-old Chechen man who biked all the way to Makkah in 2006 – almost 12,000 kilometres. Or the two young South Africans who biked almost 11,000 kilometres to do Hajj in 2010. Even then, they spent months saving up for the trip.

"I sold my car and my friend had to sell some of his possessions to raise money for the trip," Natheem Cairncross, 28, told the BBC. "We were determined to do it because we wanted to complete our Hajj this year, because we knew it would lead to a special relationship with our creator," he said.

Even if we go for Hajj just because it's an obligation, it's that very relationship that should make the Hajj trip so special for us and make everything else irrelevant. After all, those who make the pilgrimage (either for Hajj or `Umrah) are the guests of Allah.

The Prophet (peace and blessing be upon him) said:

**"The people performing Hajj or `Umrah are the guests of Allah. If they ask Him something He answers them and if they ask him forgiveness He forgives them."** [Reported by Nasaa'i, ibn Maajah and others]

Thus, every sacrifice made for this journey of spiritual reformation will be greatly rewarded, provided it's done with sincerity and the right intentions, in-sha'Allah.

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

**"Whoever performs Hajj to this house – Ka`bah – and does not commit any obscenity and wrongdoing, he, or she, will come out as the day he, or she, was born - pure and free from sins."** [Reported by Bukhari and Muslim]

Finally, the reward for an accepted Hajj is the highest reward possible - paradise.

Planning for Hajj can be tricky. There can be many considerations – time off, babysitting for children, finances and so on. If you've already done Hajj once, you may not be motivated to do it again. But if there's one thing that you can be sure of, it's that Hajj (and `Umrah) will not lead to poverty.

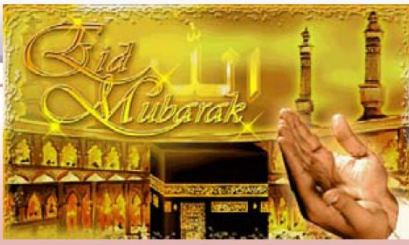
The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

**"Keep on doing Hajj and `Umrah, for they eliminate poverty and sin just as the bellows eliminate impurities from iron and gold and silver."** [Reported by Tirmidhi and Nasaa'i]

There's nothing like the spiritual boost one gets from standing and praying in front of the Ka`bah, one that we should try to get as many times as possible. After all, one prayer in Masjid al-Haram is equal to a hundred thousand prayers elsewhere.

Perhaps we should organize an `Umrah group from Kingston. There's no better way for a community to bond than to visit the sacred lands and worship there together. Would you be interested? Let me know!

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## Education Outlook

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Taha: 114

# To all Muslims Worldwide: HAJ and EID Mubarak



**NEW** at ISK-Young Leaders Club

“Plant today what you want to harvest tomorrow”

**Between 7-12 years?**

**Committed & hard worker?**

**Have and/or like to improve your leadership skills?**

**Care to improve the Muslim community?**

**Want to make a difference?**

The education committee invites you to apply for the

**“Young Leaders Club”**

You will build up and coordinate one of 6 small groups (Finance, Sports, Social, Islamic manners, Education) and team up with 5 other peers to represent your age group, your thoughts, your feelings and your vision to make things better. An adult advisor will facilitate and oversee the club's work and progress

**The club's main mission is to create, plan and work for a better and stronger Muslim Young Leaders**

**Apply online. Deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

You will be notified by email if you are selected. The committee's decision will be based on the quality of your application.

**First meeting: Sat December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 4:30 pm at ICK**

## Health Education Series at ICK

ISK- Education committee  
Invites you to  
**A Series of Health Issues**

Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 pm at ICK  
40 minutes – followed by Q & A  
&  
Potluck dinner



**Peer Pressure: Who to go to & How  
to say “NO”**  
**Dr. Sarosh Khalid-Khan**  
**Sat Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Cancer: Can we get protected?**  
**Dr. Aamer Mahmud**  
**Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Dental Care: the Good, the Bad,  
the Ugly**  
**Dr. Tariq Hussain**  
**Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

## Our Youth-Academic Excellence

**From Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2011- KCVI Academic  
Award Ceremony Night**

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ



**Badr Elhefnawi:** Grade 11 Healthy Active Living  
(French) Award and Honor Roll.

**Hassaan Mahmud:** Careers Award and Honor Roll.

**Progga Mir:** Grade 10 Career Subjects Award and  
Honor Roll.

**Malak Elbatarny:** Grade 11 IB Business Award, 11 IB  
Biology Award, Beatrice Cummings Business proficiency  
Award and Honor Roll.

## ~\* EID Mubarak \*~

***The Islamic Society of Kingston is Celebrating Eid ul-Adha on  
Sunday, November 06, 2011***

***Eid prayers will be held at the Islamic Centre of Kingston  
1477 Sydenham Road***

***(We kindly request you to consider car-pooling)***

**1st Prayer: Takbeeraat at 7:30 a.m. / Prayer at 8 a.m.  
2nd Prayer: Takbeeraat at 9:30 a.m. / Prayer at 10 a.m.**

***All brothers & sisters welcome!  
Refreshments will be served  
Games and activities for children ☺***

## ~\* Eid Dinner at Zorba's \*~

***Friday, November 11, 2011***

**6:00 p.m.**

***(Includes spicy and non-spicy options)***

**Tickets: Adults \$12 & Children \$8**

**Registration required at**

**<http://www.kingstonmuslims.net/>**

***Let us all celebrate together on this joyous occasion by  
joining together as a community for Eid Dinner!!***

Zorba's Banquet Facility  
1474 Bath Road  
Kingston, On K7M 4X6

## Prayer Times at ICK

Dates	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Oct 24-30	6:40	1:25	4:35	Sunset+5	7:40
Oct 31- Nov 5	6:40	1:25	4:20		7:40
Nov 6-13	6:05	12:30	3:15		7:40
Nov 14-20	6:15	12:30	3:10		7:40
Nov 21-27	6:25	12:30	3:00		7:40
Nov 28- Dec 4	6:35	12:30	2:55		7:40
Dec 5-11	6:40	12:30	2:55		7:40

### Notes:

- Jum'a khutba starts at 1:25 (changes to 12:40 during standard time).
- Times shown are for **Iqamah**, *Adhan* will be called 10 minutes earlier.
- During community events, Asr may be prayed earlier according to the time pub-

### Important Dates

The Bond's next submission deadline:

**Friday, 25 November, 2011**

The Bond's next publication date (Insha Allah):

**Friday, 2 December, 2011**

Please send your submission(s) to:  
**[thebond@kingstonmuslims.net](mailto:thebond@kingstonmuslims.net)**

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