



# The Bond

Keeping the Kingston Muslim Community Together

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*We have indeed revealed this (Message) in the night of Power: And what will explain to thee what the Night of Power is? The Night of Power is better than a thousand Months. Therein come down the angels and the Spirit by Allah's permission, on every errand: Peace!... This until the rise of Morn! (Qur'an 97:1-5)*

## President's Message

My fellow Muslim Kingstonians,

Allah (SWT) gave us many blessings, and one of the greatest blessings He has given us is the guidance to Islam. Allah perfected the laws of Islam and chose Islam to be our true religion, our complete way of life. Indeed, Islam did not leave it up to Muslims to decide their own celebrations. When the prophet Muhammad (SAW) migrated to Madina, he found that the people of Madina, had two days of celebration. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: 'Allah has replaced them with two better days; the day of the Al-Adha and the day of Al-Fitr'.

The celebration of Eid has great meanings and serves a great purpose. The Islamic celebration of Eid is really a way in which we thank Allah (SWT) for His uncountable blessings. Allah (SWT) says "And if you try to count Allah's blessings and favors you will not be able to." Eid also strengthens the relationship amongst our community. The gathering of the community members at the ICK to perform Eid prayer and the warm greetings we give each other strengthen the community bond. For that, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) urged Muslims to bring their wives and children to the Eid gathering.

We are indeed blessed to have this center, the ICK, to perform worship to Allah (SWT) and to celebrate Eid. The affairs of the ISK cannot be fulfilled effectively without group work where each person puts in his hand of help. When everyone puts in their part, they form one strong body, with each part of the body serving a specific important task. If each member does his/her job, then this community will be able to face all challenges and it will collectively fulfill its goals and mission.

Dear brothers and sisters, we need to practice collective collaboration to fulfill the goals of the ISK. We need participation from all through your supplications, volunteer work, donations and, most of all, commitment and pure intentions. I ask Allah (SWT) to bless you all in this day of Eid and to accept our fasting, Qiyam, prayers and charity.

**Eid Mubarak.**

Hossam Hassanein, President, ISK

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## Khutbah of the Month

### The Message of Eidul Fitr- 2009

#### Dear Believers,

I remind you and myself to be conscious of Allah and to obey Him always. Never disobey Him. I warn you and myself of the consequences of disobedience to Him. The strong and wise person is he/she who submits to Allah and works for the Hereafter. The weak and disabled person is he/she who follows his/her own desires and lives in dreams and wishful thinking.

**My Brothers and Sisters, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Eid Mubarak.** May Allah bless you on this Eid day and may He give you many happy days of Eid in your life. I thank Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala that He gave us another opportunity in our life to fast during the blessed month of Ramadan. We pray to Him to accept our fasting, our prayers, our charity and any other good deeds that He enabled us to do. May He bless us here in this life and in the life to come. Ameen.

**My Brothers and Sisters,** On the Eid day, all of us, who live in Kingston, gather at the Islamic Center of Kingston (ICK) to perform Eid prayer and celebrate Eid together under the umbrella of the Islamic Society of Kingston. We all gather at the ICK under one organization because we love Allah, we love His Prophet Muhammad, we love our faith - Islam, and we love our Muslim community in Kingston. What a nice view is this to see Muslims from so many different backgrounds gathered at the ICK, in the name of Allah, for the sake of Allah. Let us appreciate this gathering and be thankful to Allah. He has made us part of this community of faith. ***It is a universal community and it includes people of all races, colors and languages.***

**Brothers and Sisters,** the bond of Iman is the mightiest bond, the relationship of faith is the best relationship. Allah has told us in the Qur'an: "هُوَ سَمَّاكُمْ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا"....He has called you Muslims before this and in this scripture... (al-Hajj 22:78) "فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا" ..So you became brothers to each other by His grace... ('Al 'Imran 3:103). We have to promote this brotherhood and sisterhood here in Kingston and everywhere in the world. Our religion is the

religion of Unity, of Tawhid and Wahdah. We declare that there is only one God and we unite all people under the worship of God. Let us remain firm on our principles, values and in our actions. May the blessings of Allah be with us now and always.

**Brothers and Sisters,** Ramadan is a month of renewal. It renews us. It gives a fresh spirit, renewed strength and revived vision and enthusiasm. **Ramadan renews our commitment to Allah as our Lord and Master.** It renews our faith in Allah and in His Messenger. It renews our contact with the Final and most authentic message of Allah, the Qur'an. It renews our commitment to the total system of Islam and especially to its moral and spiritual values. It renews our identity and our relationship with the Ummah, our community of faith and righteousness. It gives us purity, piety, sincerity and generosity. I hope we have learnt all these things from Ramadan. I hope we have improved ourselves and have become better people morally and spiritually. I hope we have a new spirit now and have a greater enthusiasm to be Muslims and to act as Muslims. If our spirit is strong and our vision is clear and our motivation is charged, then we were successful in this month.

**Brothers and Sisters,** Ramadan, for us, was not an experience in daily hunger and starvation. It was not an experience in deprivation and inconvenience. It was a training period to become the people of Taqwa. **Let us guard our Taqwa.** The people of Taqwa are honest and sincere people. The people of Taqwa are good, organized and clean people. The people of Taqwa are the peaceful and loving people. The people of Taqwa are serious, hardworking people. They are good in their personal life. They are good in their families, in their relations with their spouses, with their parents, with their children and with their community members. They are good with their neighbors. They are conscious of Allah and they live by the rules of

Allah. We must be the people of Taqwa, because we fasted in this whole month of Ramadan. Let us now act according to Taqwa in our life. Let us protect ourselves from evil temptations. Let us live as Muslims, not only one month a year, but always. Let us be Muslims not only in Ramadan or in the mosques, but throughout the year, in every place. Let us do

good as much as we can always, to every one and every where.

**My Brothers and Sisters**, It is reported that a man came to the Prophet -peace be upon him. He wanted to ask him one word that would be sufficient for him as a summary of all Islam. He wanted to know Islam in nutshell. He said, "O Messenger of Allah, tell me about Islam something that I would not ask anyone except you." The Prophet -peace be upon him- answered, "Say I believe in Allah and then remain firm on the straight path." (Musnad Ahmad ). Istiqamah is an important concept of the Qur'an. We ask Allah to guide us on the straight path. Islam is the straight path of goodness, values and virtues. I remind you and myself to remain firm on the straight path. **We must remain steadfast ourselves**, must promote this principle in our families, in our community and must remind the humanity to come to the straight path.

**My Brothers and Sisters**, Let us learn more about Islam. Let us read the Qur'an regularly, and study the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. Let us take care of our families. Let us pay attention to the Islamic education of our children and youth. Let us protect them from the bad influences. **Let us participate more in Islamic Society of Kingston**, the Islamic Center of Kingston, and other community work. **Let us work for the unity of Muslims in this community** and everywhere in the world. Let us help the poor and needy, and do more social work. Let us give the da'wah of Islam to others and remove the misunderstanding of Islam from the minds of our neighbors and coworkers by our good words and good actions.

### Eid Mubarak!

Tarek, Abu Noman Mohammad, Imam, ISK

## ICK News and Activities

### LIBRARY CORNER

**1-** The Library Committee started the Children and Youth Summer Writing Contest on July 12<sup>th</sup>, and only a few participants have registered. It's time to remind you all that the deadline for submitting the written work will be Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, Insha Allah.

The presentation of the prizes will take place at ICK Library on September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm.

The prizes for winners will be as follows:

**First prize:** Level-1 \$25.00 Level-2 \$35.00  
Level-3 \$50.00.

**Second prize:** Level-1 \$15.00  
Level-2 \$20.00 Level-3 \$30.00.

**Third prize:** Level-1 \$10.00  
Level-2 \$15.00 Level-3 \$20.00.

The winning participants will have their essays published in the ISK Newsletter "The Bond", and there will be some form of recognition for all participants. **Many thanks to Kiran Saleem** for designing the poster.

**2-** The Islamic History Month is approaching very soon, and the Library Committee is planning to put Islamic Books on display during the month of October at the Centre. If you happen to have books at home that belong to the Library, please return them ASAP to be displayed during this month.

Raafia Monem, Library Committee

### Qur'anic Arabic Halaqa

The Qur'anic Arabic *Halaqa* will resume, *In-Shaa-Allah*, on **Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** The approach used is to learn the Arabic language through studying the meaning of certain *Surahs* of the Qur'an. The *Halaqa* will be once a week in the evening and open for both brothers and sisters. The exact day and time for the following weeks will be decided on to suit as much as possible the participants.

If interested, please send no later than **Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>** an e-mail to Br. Moustafa Fahmy ([fahmym@queensu.ca](mailto:fahmym@queensu.ca)) giving your name, telephone #, and your preferred e-mail address. Also, please indicate your available evenings of the week.

For more information, please call Br. Moustafa Fahmy at 613-546-5018

## Prayer Times at ICK

Dates	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sep 7-13	5:45	1:25	5:45	Sunset +5	9:15
Sep 14-18	5:50	1:25	5:35		9:00
Sep 19*	5:50	1:25	5:35		8:50
Sept 20	6:20	1:25	5:35		8:50
Sep 21-27	6:25	1:25	5:25		8:35
Sep 28- Oct 4	6:35	1:25	5:15		8:25
Oct 5-11	6:40	1:25	5:00		8:10
Oct 12-18	6:45	1:25	4:50		7:55
Oct 19-25	6:45	1:25	4:40		7:45

\*Last day of Ramadhan

### Notes:

- **Jum'a khutba starts at 1:25 p.m.**
- Dates shown are Monday- Sunday for that week.
- Times shown are for **Iqamah**, *Adhan will be called 10 minutes earlier.*
- During community events, Asr may be prayed earlier according to the time published on the Monthly calendar.

### Important Dates

The Bond's next submission deadline:

**Friday, October 9, 2009**

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

**Friday, October 16, 2009**

Please send any submissions to:  
**[thebond@kingstonmuslims.net](mailto:thebond@kingstonmuslims.net)**

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# **Eid Ul-Fitr Arrangements**

## ***Eid Mubark to All***

**Zakat-ul-Fitr**: Minimum \$7/person payable before Eid Payer. ISK Recommends \$10/person.

**Eid Day**: Sunday September 20, 2009

**Eid Prayer Time**: 9:00 a.m **sharp.** Takbeerat will start at 8:30 a.m. Please try to be at the ICK 30 minutes earlier. Bring a prayer mat or a sheet.

**Kids Activities**: There will be arrangements for jumping castles etc. for kids on Eid Day at the ICK.

**Refreshments**: Will be served after the Eid Prayer

**Eid Party and Student Welcome Dinner**:

**Eid Party will be a pot luck dinner. Please bring extra food and drinks to share with others**

**Date**: Saturday, September 26, 2009

**Time**: 6:00 p.m

**Location**: *Islamic Centre of Kingston*