

BY THE ISM OF ALLAH, THE RAHMAN, THE RAHEEM

AS SALATU WAS SALAMU ALAIK, YA KHATIMUL MURSALEEN!  
YA ALLAH, DO SEND YOUR SALAM AND SALAWAT UPON OUR NOBLE  
MASTER AND KING, MUHAMMED, SALLALLAHO ALAIHI WA ALIHI WAS  
SAHABI WAS SALAM! WE LOVE HIM AND FOLLOW HIM WITH OUR  
HEARTS EXTENDED IN OUR HUMBLE HANDS, ANTICIPATING YOUR CALL  
TO THE CENTRAL PILLAR OF ISLAM AND HOPING ALL THE WHILE WE  
DO NOT LACK IN SINCERITY OR SUBMISSION. YA ALLAH! WE LOVE  
YOUR BELOVED AND WE BEG OF YOUR TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH  
NOORI MUHAMMADI, THAT WE BECOME PURIFIED INWARDLY AND  
OUTWARDLY, AND GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO RESIDE WITH HIM IN THE  
DARBAR-I-RISAALAT, AND THUS, ALLAH, WITH YOU. PLEASE  
FORGIVE US IN THIS MONTH OF PURIFICATION AND ALLOW US TO  
LIVE SOLELY FOR YOUR SAKE, AND DIE SOLELY FOR YOUR SAKE!

AS SALAMU ALAIKUM TALIBAS:

THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME BEFORE THIS LETTER DEPARTS FROM MY  
HANDS SO I MUST BE VERY QUICK. YOUR TALIBA SISTERS ARE  
DOING VERY WELL AND I CANNOT EXPRESS HOW PROUD WE ARE OF  
EACH OF THEM. INITIALLY THEY BEHAVED LIKE THE TYPICAL  
TOURISTS, SNAPPING PHOTOS EVERY FIVE MINUTES AND EXCLAIMING  
, "SUBHANALLAH!" AT EVERYTHING! AFTER NEARLY THREE WEEKS  
OF STUDIES AND HARD WORK, WITH A LITTLE TIME INCLUDED FOR  
TOURING, THEY CAN EASILY BE TAKEN FOR PAKISTANIS. YOU HAD  
BETTER BE CAUTIOUS, THEY MIGHT CHOOSE TO STAY ON HERE  
FOREVER!

EACH AND EVERY TALIB AND TALIBA WHO ASSISTED THIS PARTY OF  
IS ASSISTING THEM AT PRESENT IS INCLUDED IN THE BARKA WHICH  
ALLAH IS BESTOWING UPON THEM FOR ALL THEIR ENDEAVORS. THEY  
HAVE BEEN IN FIVE DIFFERENT NEWSPAPERS, HELD THEIR OWN  
PRESS CONFERENCE TO ACQUAINT PAKISTANI WOMEN WITH ALL THE  
WORK YOU ARE ALL DOING IN AMERICA, AND EVEN THEY HAVE HAD A  
PRIVATE MEETING WITH ONE OF THE LADY MEMBERS OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S CABINET, PRESENTING GIFTS AND A DETAILED  
PROGRAMME OF WORK IN AMERICA REGARDING EDUCATION, SOCIAL  
REFORM, HIJRA, OPPRESSION, Q.O.U. AND BAITUL QURAN---THE  
FULL PACKAGE! NEEDLESS TO SAY, PEOPLE HERE ARE VERY  
IMPRESSED AND WE HAVE TO KEEP TURNING DOWN THE INVITATIONS  
FOR THE TALIBAS TO SPEAK AT COLLEGES AND OTHER GATHERINGS  
OF LADIES' ORGANIZATIONS, OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T GET ANY  
WORK COMPLETED! YOU SHOULD ALL FEEL PROUD!

WORK IS GOING ON HERE DAY AND NIGHT AND SHAH SAHIB IS  
WORKING DELIGENTLY ON HOLY QURAN. THERE WAS A HAZOOREE IN  
THE HOLY COURT NARRATED BY HAFIZ GHULAM HAYDER QADRI  
MUHAMMEDI, THAT RASCOOLI SALAM EMBRACED THE SHEIKH AND HELD  
TWO BOOKS, ONE IN EACH HAND. ONE, THE RED ONE, WAS OUR  
WORK ON HOLY QURAN IN ENGLISH, ALREADY COMPLETED AND GIVEN  
THE GOOD SEAL OF APPROVAL BY ALLAH SUBHANAHU! SO NOW WE'RE  
WAITING VERY PATIENTLY FOR ALLAH TO MANIFEST HIS PLEASURE  
REGARDING THIS ENDEAVOR IN NASOOF! ALLAHU AKBAR!

YOU ALL MISSED VERY MUCH, AND BELIEVE ME IT WAS INDEED

A DIFFICULT TASK SELECTING A GROUP OF SIX TO COME HERE, BUT INSHA'ALLAH 'AZIZ, YOU WILL ALL BENEFIT AND THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BATCH OF LADIES IN THE FUTURE (I'M ALREADY WORKING ON THAT, SO DRY YOUR EYES!). INDEED I CANNOT EXPRESS HOW MUCH I AM LONGING TO SEE YOUR SHINING, NOOR-FILLED COUNTENANCES AGAIN, AND TO DO DHIKR OF ALLAH WITH YOU, TALK, SORT OUT PROBLEMS, STUDY...

YOU ARE MY BELOVED CHILDREN AND MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU AND BE PRAISED FOR ALL WHAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU, MOST OF WHICH YOU HAVE YET TO REALISE! MAY RAMADHAN BE REWARDING FOR EACH OF YOU, AND PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO THE SHEIKH'S DISCOURSES ON VCR FILM. IF ANYTHING IS NEEDED OR ANY OF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE AND SEND YOUR CORRESPONDENCE WITH SOMEONE WHO IS COMING HERE. IF POSSIBLE, FORWARD IT TO ATIQ A. SHAHID AT JAMIA MASJID IN N.Y. AND HE WILL FORWARD YOUR CORRESPONDENCE OR MESSAGES TO US HERE.

ALLAH BLESS YOU ALL! MAY HE REUNITE US SOON.

WA SALAM,

SYEDA TALIBA MUBARIK JILANI, EL HASHMI  
21ST SHAHBAN, 1404  
23RD MAY, 1984

P.S. PLEASE ASSIST THOSE LADIES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE NEWLY FOUNDED PUBLICATION, "JAZMINE: FOR THE SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS WOMAN OF THE 80'S" BY FORWARDING TO THEM REPORTS, RESEARCH, AND FEATURE ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING, AS WE ARE BOUND BY DUTY TO SPREAD ALLAH'S LIGHT AND INFORM NON-MUSLIMS THE TRUTH ABOUT ISLAM. THIS IS A DAWAT PUBLICATION FOR ALL WOMEN (ENGLISH SPEAKING) AND WE HOPE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL HELP "JAZMINE" TO GO VERY FAR. JIZAKALLAH KHAIR!