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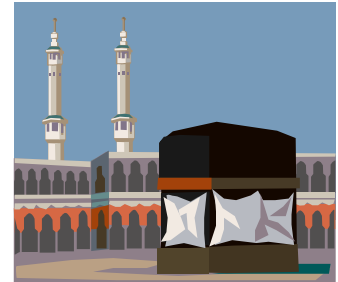
AMSA finishes another successful year

With the start of the 2005-2006 academic year, another year begins for the University of Toronto Ahmadiyya Muslim Students' Association.

Along with providing Ahmadi students at the St. George campus with a venue for Friday prayers and a way to keep in touch with fellow Ahmadis during their studies, AMSA has also planned a comprehensive slate of activities throughout the year.

There is, of course, an intensive focus on the holy month of Ramadan. There are also regular prayers on campus year-round, Qur'an studies as well as sports sessions.

Information on these and any other items is contained within this newsletter. For further details or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email AMSA at amsa@utoronto.ca or visit



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If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please submit your articles via email.

Schedule of regular events

Event	Time	Location
Juma (Friday Prayers)	Friday 1:20 pm	International Student Centre (ISC), Third Floor
Zuhr (Afternoon) Prayers	Daily, 1:30 pm	International Student Centre (ISC), Third Floor
Maghrib (Evening) Prayers	Daily, timings on website	International Student Centre (ISC), Third Floor
Qur'an Sessions Bi-weekly starting September 23	Friday, 12:40 pm to 1:20 pm	International Student Centre (ISC), North America Room
Viewing of Huzur's (a.a.) Friday Sermons	Friday, 3:10pm	TBA

Schedule for Ramadan

Activities during the month of Ramadhan (which starts Wednesday, **October 5, 2005**) will be held on campus for the benefit of students. Such activities will include weekly **Iftars**, regular **Dars**, more frequent **Qur'an sessions**, and other events. Please visit the website for up-to-date information regarding all Ramadhan activities.

Information on Daily Iftars is shown on the right. Bolded days are when full Iftars (Dars-ul-Qur'an and full meal) will be done.

Date	Iftar Time	Location
11	6:43 p.m.	ISC, Europe Room
12	6:41 p.m.	ISC, South America Room
13	6:39 p.m.	Hart House, South Sitting Room
14	6:37 p.m.	ISC, South America Room
17	6:33 p.m.	Hart House, North Dining Room
18	6:31 p.m.	ISC, Europe Room
19	6:29 p.m.	ISC, South America Room
20	6:28 p.m.	ISC, Europe Room
21	6:26 p.m.	ISC, Europe Room
24	6:21 p.m.	tba
25	6:20 p.m.	ISC, Europe Room
26	6:18 p.m.	ISC, South America Room
27	6:17 p.m.	ISC, South America Room
28	6:16 p.m.	tba
31	5:11 p.m.	tba
01	5:10 p.m.	ISC, Europe Room
02	5:09 p.m.	ISC, Europe Room
03	5:07 p.m.	tba

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Ahmadis persecuted in Indonesia

Ahmadi mosques were destroyed in the Indonesian city of Bogor, along with the homes of community members, by a group of extremists reportedly numbering in thousands.

The local government has passed laws preventing the Ahmadiyya Community from practicing its faith, despite charges from many that they are in direct conflict with the Indonesian constitution and its protection of religious freedom.

Ahmadi lawyers are mounting a legal challenge to the law, to be filed October 7. A further blow to the religious freedom of Ahmadis in

Indonesia has been the aversion of local police to arrest attackers. Many argue that the authorities have not only been unable and unwilling to protect the Ahmadi community from persecution, but have in fact played a role in encouraging it.

There are an estimated 230,000 Ahmadis in Indonesia, the most populous Muslim nation in the world.

Information taken from the Jakarta Post at <http://www.thejakartapost.com/detailheadlines.asp?fileid=20050930.A07&irc=6>



Above: A map of Indonesia, taken from www.oxfam.org.au

Sports sessions

Monthly sports sessions are being organized on campus and depending on interest level, the frequency of these sessions will be increased. Sports will include **indoor cricket, squash, table tennis, basketball, and soccer**. Please feel free to email any suggestions regarding these events.

For the duration of the month of Ramadan, sports sessions will not be held. They will, however, begin promptly after Eid-ul-Fitr.

Eid-ul-Fitr to be celebrated November 4



Eid-ul-Fitr, the feast marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, will be celebrated on Friday, November 4. Eid prayers will be offered at 10 am at the International Centre.

The International Centre is located in Mississauga at 6900 Airport Road near Highway 427 and Dixon Road.

Left: scenes from Eid-ul-Adha at the International Centre in March

Queen's Park: from insane asylum to, well...

When King's College became the University of Toronto in 1850 under an act of parliament, the government



simultaneously took over the King's College building in case a new federal parliament was to be built in Toronto.

This would prompt the university to temporarily re-locate to a building near what is now the Medical Sciences building, and ultimately start construction on University College in 1856.

In the event, Ottawa was chosen as the new capital, rendering the King's

College building useless. It would be converted into an insane asylum, though it too would be moved by the late 1860s.

Today, we know the site of King's College and the asylum by a different name: the Queen's Park legislature was built there in 1886.

Left: the King's College residence building, now Queen's Park. Picture from utoronto.ca