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Editor's Note

This book is not an academic work. It is the story of an influential man who has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and provides spiritual guidance to an orthodox movement in Afghanistan and Pakistan that has changed the course of history, not in the region alone but across the globe. Maulana Samiul Haq feels proud when people refer to him as the father of Taliban, a status which many feel brings his credentials as a religious scholar into question. As the editor of the book, I have tried to retain the essence of Maulana's thoughts and made an effort to make it reader-friendly. The thoughts and views expressed in the book are those of Maulana Samiul Haq and as the editor I may not subscribe to them. I have also retained Maulana's understanding of certain events despite the fact that a large number of people view them through a different lens. This book is an important window into how one of the most influential religious scholars of the country looks at Taliban and considers them disgruntled sons of the soil.

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Review by Yvonne Ridley

I arrived in Pakistan in September 2001, a few days after the horrific events of 9/11. By the end of the week around 3,000 other journalists from the West descended on Afghanistan's neighbour as the war drums beat became ever louder. Bush administration was hell bent on revenge.

We were trying to make sense of what had happened and why the US had been attacked. For many this was our first introduction to a Muslim country and most of us had not heard of the Taliban except for some hysterical polemics by those who knew even less. With the exception of a few our understanding of Islam was largely distorted and skewed by Western propaganda.

Therefore a visit to Darul Uloom Haqqania seemed the obvious place to go as it was from where 90 percent of the Taliban leadership had graduated. The Chancellor of this madrassah was Maulana Samiul Haq. I visited the madrassah but was unable to meet the Maulana who was busy elsewhere in high level talks with Pakistan government officials to find a diplomatic solution for some of his former students.

After reading this book ahead of publication, I realize that I should have been more patient and remained at the madrassah in Akora Khattack until its chancellor return. Had I done that I would, no doubt, have gained a better understanding of Afghanistan, the Taliban and its elusive spiritual leader Mullah Omar as well as a unique perspective on Bin Laden.

Patience is not a virtue of mine and as a result I never met Maulana

Samiul Haq but now that I've had the benefit of his shared wisdom in this book, I believe that had we met I would have enjoyed a better all round knowledge of the political situation, instead I will be forever known as the one who was captured by the Taliban after sneaking in to Afghanistan without a passport or visa.

More than a decade later, and with the benefit of hindsight, our understanding of what unfolded in Afghanistan after 9/11 is much greater and, having read this book, I realize the war was not only futile but hundreds of thousands of innocent lives were needlessly lost. I'm more convinced than ever this was a conflict which should never have happened and it is one in which Britain's closest ally frittered away the goodwill many of its supporters around the world gave so freely after 9/11.

Sadly, some of the toxic narrative given at the time about the Taliban being uneducated, uncivilized and cruel continues today which is why Samiul Haq's book is vitally important for those who want to hear a different perspective than the usual ethnocentric, Islamophobic Western view.

The author says much of his book was written in response to the questions from Western journalists who beat a path to his door at Darul Uloom Haqqania. He says his book was inspired by the international media stemming from what he saw as their ignorance towards Islam and the geopolitical realities of the region.

I doubt many journalists or political and military analysts from the West, blinded by their own propaganda, will agree with its contents but this book is not written in defence of the Taliban, OBL or even the infamous madrassah run by Samiul Haq, it is written as his clarification, from a lens which is not focused on the West and for that reason alone it is important.

I can't agree with all the contents and was a little dismayed to read the tired old trope that Jews took the day off instead of going to work at the World Trade Centre on 9/11, a quick look at the names of the dead in New York will remedy that. Nevertheless the book gives a unique perspective that Western writers are unable to simply because Haq had access to crucial, historical figures from within the Taliban and personally knew OBL.

Aside from the intriguing insights into OBL and his family, the book also tackles the most asked questions Haq has faced from journalists about Islam and women's issues figure quite high on the list. While not exhaustive, anyone picking up this book will put it down with a great understanding of Islam, the Taliban and a different perspective of how the war in Afghanistan began. In some ways it is an antidote to the extreme Bush and Blair narratives which still persist in some quarters today.

Yvonne Ridley is a British journalist who was captured by Afghan Taliban for venturing into Afghanistan without legal documents. She was kept in custody and later released unharmed. Ridley converted to Islam and changed her name to Maryam Ridley. She is the author of book titled "In the hands of Taliban".

Preface

It gives me great pleasure to present this summarized book as an extension of my earlier book titled *Saleebi Dehshatgardi Aur Alame Islam* (The Crusade Terrorism and Islamic World). In many regards, this book narrates how the world looks at Afghan Taliban, how has the world changed for the students of religious institutions and the bias that exist in the West against the Taliban.

I am profoundly grateful to Almighty Allah for granting me courage and faith to be truthful, bold and straightforward while addressing topics that are important to us and the world as well in discussions with scholars and journalists from across the globe.

Historical Perspective

The USSR launched an all-out attack on Afghanistan in 1979, in what was believed by the world as an attempt to reach warm waters of Pakistan and thus extend control over Arabian Sea and the Gulf.

Historically Afghans have never been subjugated by any invading force and it never took them long to reclaim freedom from occupation. Thus we witnessed an organized resistance to the Russian occupation through mujahedeen groups, primarily relying on guerrilla warfare with minimal resources. The presence of the USSR in the neighbourhood was seen as an imminent threat by the Pakistani government which extended a helping hand to counter the advances of the communist forces. The United States of America also saw the expansion of the USSR as a threat to its interests in South Asia and decided to help the Afghans build up the resistance movement.

By the time the Afghan resistance started against the invading Soviet forces the support from the government of Pakistan and the USA was already in the pipeline. The organized resistance resulted in heavy casualties and the eventual withdrawal of Russian forces in 1986. The Geneva pact was signed to accord Russia an honourable retreat from Afghanistan – a superpower had been defeated and it would not have been possible without the support of the Almighty Allah.

The withdrawal of Russian forces in 1987 created a vacuum within the Afghan borders and several players, including the American CIA in collusion with some warlords and certain mujahedeen groups, engaged in a power struggle that brought the newly secured freedom to its knees.

The government of Pakistan and religious scholars having influence on the region tried to broker peace but failed. I blame it on the intervention by the US intelligence agency CIA, and the warlords who wanted more power than their due share. The CIA actively worked to co-opt a handful of mujahedeen leaders who played a crucial role in ensuring that the warring factions do not reach an agreement and prevented the formation of a united government.

On the side-lines, concrete efforts continued and we were successful in bringing all the factions on the table with the support of Saudi Arabia. On the appeal and proactive work of the Saudi rulers, a treaty was signed and ratified at Holy Kaaba in Saudi Arabia but even that could not hold ground for long. It was a heart wrenching situation for the Afghan people and the Pakistan government which had supported the *Jihad* for a long time. The unrest in Afghanistan had continued for nearly 10 years, a situation which was becoming unacceptable.

The turning point came in the summer of 1995 when a number of students of religious institutions decided to unite under the flag of Mullah Omar, who was a religious scholar and erstwhile mujahid of the Soviet-Afghan war. They all vowed allegiance to Mullah Omar and announced to neutralize the mujahedeen leaders engaged in the ongoing civil war. The actions of the madrassah students, who became known as the Taliban, were warmly welcomed by the public at large.

In a short span of time the Taliban fighters restored law and order in the state which was no less than a miracle. Once peace was restored, the Taliban fighters decided to install an Islamic government and enforce Sharia, which came as a surprise to the world.

The West, particularly, the US developed a sense of insecurity and made attempts to derail the Islamic government and establish a broad-based structure of governance and supported the return of the dethroned King Zahir Shah. All the efforts failed to have an impact on the Taliban leadership.

In my views, the Taliban government was a challenge to the US game plan of setting up military bases in Afghanistan to strengthen its presence in the region with an aim to exploit the natural resources of Central Asia while strategically positioning itself to the military disadvantage of China and Russia.

The Islamic government in Afghanistan was a manifestation of the creator of the world and it offered the world an alternative better than the concepts of Western capitalism and democracy. There was no other option available for the US, but to work for the destruction of Afghanistan.

The Americans developed a two-pronged strategy to destroy the

Taliban government in Afghanistan. On one front they launched a media war through subversive propaganda of Taliban being uneducated, uncivilized and cruel, will take Afghanistan back to the Stone Age, are cruel to women and children and are being trained for war at religious schools in Pakistan. And the school on the top of the list was the Darul Uloom Haqqania at Akora Khattak, led by me - Samiul Haq.

The propaganda comprised of various assertions such as Islam is a backward religion and the Muslims are terrorists, they (Taliban) want to spread Islam by force, and women are being exploited and mistreated, punishments administered in Islam are inhuman and that Taliban are hardliners and terrorists, have enforced their own version of Islam and want Afghanistan to return to the Islam of seventh century.

The common thread running through the propaganda was their association with Darul Uloom Haqqania, routinely held responsible for training the Taliban for war in Afghanistan. This did not stop with Haqqania and the propaganda branded all the religious schools as training camp for *Jihad*. The media trail of Darul Uloom Haqqania started in 1997 with a surge of journalists from across the globe focusing on the madrassah and particularly it's chancellor. This focus sustained its momentum up till 2004 by which time hundreds of journalists visited Darul Uloom and raised all sorts of questions on the institution and the management.

Most of my thoughts that form part of this book are product of these interactions with the international media, its ignorance towards Islam and the geopolitical realities of the region.

Need for This Book

It is a fact that the West has no understanding of Islam and

they look at the religion from a lens of their own choice. They have preconceived notions of the religion and various religious movements, Osama Bin Laden, Taliban and religious institutions, including Darul Uloom Haqqania. Thus a need existed to present to the West a picture they prefer to ignore, and bring to the light the aspects that the developed world would not be keen on discussing. This is not a book written in defence but as an attempt to correct the facts.

Structure of the book

An effort has been made to avoid unnecessary repetition of the facts and restrict the pages to a comfortable read. The chapters have been divided into topics that the world is keen on discussing and knowing my thoughts on the same. Some of these topics were discussed in various interviews with Western media over the years. I have included in the book a brief introduction to Islam which is aimed at helping the non-Muslim readers develop a basic understanding of the religion that is the fastest growing in the world and one which the West considers a looming threat. This work provides a fresh perspective on the events that happened between 1997 and 2004 and also touches upon the recent failed attempt of talks with the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan.

Why Western media has a special focus on me

It is fact that nearly 90 percent of Taliban leadership graduated from Darul Uloom Haqqania, which at the time was the only well-established religious institution in the region. The successful restoration of law and order in Afghanistan by Taliban under the leadership of Mullah Omar increased the focus on the movement and the people who formed part of it, therefore, the focus eventually came to rest on Darul Uloom and me as the chancellor of the institution.

Anti-Islam objectives of US

Islam and Muslims are perceived to be the main threat to the US exploitation of Islamic resources and way of life. Islam has the potential to prevail upon whole of the Western world and offer an ideal and efficient world order. Thus the only option left to them is to launch crusades against the Muslims, drag them as far away as possible from the true Islamic teachings that they remain Muslims only by name. For the same reason it has increased its focus on Pakistan and what better way to start this crusade then to denuclearise the only Muslim nuclear power. The Western approach has cultivated a culture of resistance and the more they try to suppress the Muslims, the tougher the resistance grows.

Objectives

Allah Almighty wanted these realities to be made public and this book would serve to remove misunderstandings, misconceptions and doubts created through Western propaganda against Islam and the Muslims. It will not only provide the reader with what they want to know about Osama Bin Laden, Mullah Omar, Taliban, *Jihad*, status of women, Darul Uloom Haqqania and Maulana Samiul Haq but would also provide food for thought for West to shift its faulty policies towards Islam and engage with the Muslims as believers and what better place to start this than venturing to learn from the true teachings of Islam.

Structure

This book has the following five chapters.

Chapter 1: This chapter is based on information about Darul Uloom Haqqania, the history of the institution, curriculum, resources and status of the institution in the eye of Islamic *Umma*. The information provided in this chapter is often sought by

national and international journalists who consider it a nursery for Taliban and radical form of Islam.

Chapter 2: The chapter provides in insight on Taliban, their rule in Afghanistan, the Afghan political landscape, Mullah Muhammad Omar and Sheikh Osama bin Laden, the factors leading to the rise of Taliban and their rule in Afghanistan.

Chapter 3: This chapter deals with my understanding of the objectives of the US and the West and the allegations against Taliban and Pakistan. This also provides an overview of my understanding of Pak-US and Afghan-US relations.

Chapter 4: This chapter provides an insight into my personal life, my role as a religious and political leader, the sacrifices of my family, the services rendered as an advocate of Islam.

Chapter 5: This chapter provides in brief the events leading up to the peace talks between the government of Pakistan and Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan and my role as the head of the committee nominated for talks by the Pakistani Taliban.

Chapter 6: This chapter deals with misconceptions about Islam, *Jihad*, rights of women and other topics that the West tends to twist for their vested interest.

Chapter 7: This chapter provides information on the theoretical aspects of Islam enabling a non-Muslim to understand the religion and encourages one to learn more about Islam.

Necessary Clarification

A necessary clarification is needed before you read the main body of the book. Wherever I have criticized America, United Kingdom or other Western countries, it only implies to the governments in power in those countries and not the public at large. I understand

that President George Bush narrowly won the elections indicating that a significant percentage of people in the US voted against him. For the ease of flow of writing, I have used the term US or UK or West and it purely implies the governments of these countries and not the general public.

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I am thankful to the most merciful and beneficent Allah Almighty who raised me to the status of the principal of Darul Uloom Haqqania where Taliban leadership received education and enabled me to give bold and true responses to the West on the misconceptions they keep so dear to their thoughts. I am also grateful to hundreds of Western journalists who travelled to this part of the world in search of truth and reported on it. For us they were a window to the Western thought process about Islam, Taliban and Deoband.

It would be unfair not to mention and acknowledge the support rendered by Azmat Abbas as the editor of the book to see this work completed. I remain indebted to him and my confidant, Muhammad Israr Madni, who provided support on every step of the way to bring the perspective of the Afghan Taliban to the wider public.

(Maulana) **Samiul Haq**

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Definition

Taliban

In Afghan, Persian and Pashto languages Taliban means, "Students". It does not mean any particular group or organization. It is a general term used for the students in Pashto language. When the jihadi leaders of Afghanistan failed to establish peace after the defeat of the Russians, the student leaders organized the Taliban force under the leadership of Mullah Omar and they succeeded in bringing order to the country and this act made them popular as Taliban.

Haqqani

The students who complete studies and get the degree of Dars-e-Nizami from the Darul Uloom Haqqania earn the title Haqqani which is considered a symbol of pride.

Dars-e-Nizami

This is the name of the degree of Islami madaris. The religious scholars have jointly devised a comprehensive syllabus which includes fourteen subjects and is termed as Dars-e-Nizami.

Darul Uloom and Madaris

This is an Arabic term used for the schools or the institutions established for imparting religious education in the Muslim countries.

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History of Darul Uloom Haqqania

My ancestors

My ancestors belonged to a part of Ghazni (Afghanistan) in Central Asia which was the centre of Islamic knowledge. They joined the mujahedeen forces of Sultan Mahmood of Ghazni for the cause of *Jihad-fi-Sabeelillah* in India and participated in many battles against Hindu rulers (Rajas) especially in the conquest of Somnath temple. My ancestors participated in *Jihad* against the British army during the war of liberation of 1857 and also resisted against their infiltration into Afghanistan. That is why our ancestors could not return to Ghazni and settled here at the village of Akora Khattak.

My grandfather Alhaaj Maulana Maroof Gul was son of Alhaaj Mir Aftab Ahmed Khan whose father Mir Abdul Hameed was a land owner and farmer and enjoyed a respectable status in the society and even back then, performed *Hajj* on two occasions. My grandfather Alhaaj Maulana Maroof Gul was held in high regard by the people of Akora Khattak because of his social and charitable work. By profession he was a farmer, cattle breeder and ran a fuel-timber yard in order to earn livelihood for the family. He was a scholar and possessed in-depth knowledge of religion and for the same reason was assigned the task to deliver Friday sermons and lead prayer congregations in the village mosque.

Maulana Maroof Gul was supporter and helper of jihadi leaders such as Haji Turangzai who would often visit and stay with him. Maulana Gul collected donations for *Jihad* against the British rulers which indicates that support for *Jihad* runs in our family. Maulana Gul dreamt of educating his son Abdul Haq (later known as Haqqani) to become a religious scholar. He devoted his son for Allah's cause and sent him to Darul Uloom Deoband in India, an institution that enjoyed a status like Howard University in the West. Abdul Haq graduated from Deoband and became the founder of Darul Uloom Haqqania at Akora Khattak.

Maulana Abdul Haq Haqqani

Maulana Abdul Haq was born in 1914 at Akora Khattak and became the founder of Darul Uloom Haqqania. He as per the wishes of his father graduated from Darul Uloom Deoband in India as Fazil Uloom Islami. Due to his excellent performance during studies, he was offered job as a teacher at the Darul Uloom Deoband, where he taught till Pakistan came into being in 1947. In the holy month of Ramadan in 1947, he was on leave at home in Akora Khattak and could not go back to Deoband due to the partition riots. There was a large number of students from Akora Khattak and the surrounding areas who could not return to Deoband for the same reason and thus Maulana Haq decided to set up a school for such students. Initially he would gather students at a mosque to help them complete religious lessons and with time the number grew and it took the shape of a madrassah which became the facility that you see today as *Jamia Darul Uloom Haqqania*.

Besides being a renowned religious scholar, Maulana Haq was a social as well as a political worker who commanded a respectable status in the society. That is why he was elected as a member to

the parliament in the 1970s elections and remained a member for about 18 years. He was the founding leader of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam and endeavoured to introduce Sharia laws in Pakistan till his death on September 7, 1988.

I (Samiul Haq) was born on December 18, 1937, at Akora Khattak and grew up in the spiritual surroundings of Darul Uloom. From an early age I assisted my mother and grandmother in preparing food for madrassah students. I completed my basic education from Darul Uloom Haqqania and got a degree of Dars-e-Nizami before shifting to Qasimul Uloom Lahore where I received a degree in the commentary of the Holy Quran from Maulana Ahmad Ali Lahori. I have the honour of being awarded a degree of honour from Medina University of Saudi Arabia and from Darul Uloom Deoband, India. After graduation I was appointed as a faculty member at Darul Uloom Haqqania. In 1970, when my father was elected as a member of the parliament and was unable to look after the university affairs, he assigned me the administrative responsibilities of Darul Uloom. I continued to assist my father till his death in 1988.

Following the demise of Maulana Abdul Haq, a meeting of the Shura (board of directors) was held which appointed me as the chancellor of Haqqania in 1988, a position in which I have been serving ever since. In addition to my above-mentioned duties, I am an active member and Ameer (Chairman) of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam of my own faction. I also served as a member of Majlis-e-Shura of General Ziaul Haq from 1983-1985. In 1985, I was elected as a member of Pakistan Senate where I served for two terms of five year each. My efforts to make Sharia the source of all legislation in Pakistan continued during my tenure as a Senator.

Haqqania and Syed Ahmed Shaheed

A myth is popular among the people of Akora Khattak that the imbibed sacred blood of martyred companions of Syed Ahmed Shaheed in the soil of Darul Uloom Haqqania has sprung in the form of a beacon of Islamic knowledge. According to the historical records, in the beginning of 18th century Syed Ahmed Shaheed and Syed Ismail Shaheed organized a huge force of mujahedeen. Both the leaders belonged to the family of Shah Waliullah Dehlvi.

They decided to subdue the power of the British engaged in Afghanistan and the Sikh forces dominating Punjab and to establish a true Islamic state in the area. They started a long march and reached Akora Khattak and stayed there, probably with the support and on the invitation of the people of Akora Khattak, in 1830-32.

According to the narration of the local people, the camping ground of Syed Ahmad's forces was the place where the huge building of Darul Uloom Haqqania now stands. One night, a surprise attack was launched by Budh Singh (brother of Raja Ranjeet Singh) on the camp of Syed Ahmad's mujahedeen. A fierce battle took place. More than seventy mujahedeen embraced martyrdom in and around the area where Darul Uloom is now situated. That is how the sacred blood of martyrs got imbibed into this soil making it sacred in 1830 and later gained florescence as a beacon in 1947 or we may say that the spring of Uloom-e-Islami took its present shape as Darul Uloom Haqqania.

The entire world has now witnessed that the red tides of socialism flowing down from Moscow to Afghanistan and Pakistan were repulsed and drowned into the powerful and eternal tides of the knowledge flowing from this Darul Uloom. Hence, we can say

that Darul Uloom Haqqania is one of the fruits and the blessings of the holy blood of martyrs imbibed in 1830.

The force and strength of this tide has proven the law of Allah and that the tides of the revealed knowledge, rise from the bottom upwards i.e. from the depth of Afghanistan to the heights of Moscow. As compared to the tide of water which flows downstream. That is why the West has become wary and is trying its utmost to stop it by all means. But, Allah will fail them in their endeavours.

Maulana Abdul Haq - a role model

I am a witness that our house was made of clay, the courtyard was not paved and there was a big clay-oven in a corner without any shelter over it. My mother and other women of the house used the thorny bushes and branches of trees as fuel. Due to financial constraints, the task of cooking food for about 200 students was assigned to our ladies by my father as it was not possible to employ a cook or servants for this task.

Once, my mother requested my father for assistance in doing this tiresome task, mentioning that the children of the house at times cry because of the pricking of thorns into their bare feet. My father, Maulana Abdul Haq, replied; "I understand your difficulties but if you bear these difficulties for the cause of Allah, you will please Allah, certainly Allah will bless and give us reward for this. And you know I have no means to assist you."

This indicates that the Darul Uloom was set up with dedication and self-sacrifice for the cause of Allah. Wherever you do your job like this, the fruits become real and eternal. Now, the effects of this sincere effort have reached up to Moscow.

Services of women of Haqqania

Like other Muslim ladies, women of our house have performed highly commendable tasks in promoting and uplifting the religious education at Darul Uloom.

In those days about two hundred students were staying at the hostel as boarders who were to be provided food free of cost. To cook food for such a large number of youth, no permanent staff was available and my father requested his mother and wife to do this job in order to please Allah and they accepted the task.

I remember my grandmother, who was more than eighty years of age at the time and had lost her eyesight, volunteered for kneading flour into dough in a big pot which requires considerable strength and normally is done by young people. She had to do about five rounds for each time of meal.

Darul Uloom - Historical Background

The education system of the Muslims of the Subcontinent was exemplary before British East India Company took control. The syllabi of Muslims included both scientific and religious subjects. The British imperialists wanted to prepare a docile race of slaves and hence enforced a new syllabus prepared by Lord Macaulay that totally ignored the religious education from schools and colleges. This situation compelled the Muslims to seek out new ways for religious education.

They organized small *deeni madaris* (religious schools) at various places on self-help basis. The expenses were met through charity and the students were provided food, books and education free of cost. This system has been working since eighteenth century. There is no control of any government and they work as non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Allah has promised in Quran that He will make Islam a successful religion (61:9 Quran). So we believe that the inception of *deeni madaris* have strong backing of Allah Almighty. If the madaris were not organized, the situation like Spain and USSR would have occurred. Darul Uloom Deoband is one of the examples of such institutions.

The beginning

Pakistan came into being in 1947 and due to Ramadan holidays my father was at Akora Khattak on leave from Deoband and couldn't go back to India. Similarly, a number of students from the town could not go back either and were worried about their studies, they requested my father to help them in this regard.

Thus, my father gathered them all in our village mosque named as "Masjid Maulana Sahib". Its real name was Masjid Kakkay Zai, and hence the education of Quran and *Hadith* started in 1947 - after one hundred years of Syed Ahmad Shaheed's battle in 1830. The initial intake included students from Afghanistan, Peshawar, Akora Khattak and surroundings.

The name

In the beginning the mosque was known as "Masjid Kakkay Zai" or "Masjid Maulana Sahib". One day it so happened that while class activity was going on, a student drew the attention of Maulana towards a wooden beam of the mosque ceiling where "Darul Uloom Haqqania" had been written, probably by some student. They all wondered over this situation and the students started calling it as Darul Uloom Haqqania. Deliberations were made about the suitability of the name and it was agreed that the name of its founder was quite relevant to be linked as Abdul Haq to Haqqania. Another strong logic in naming it as Haqqania was that because the knowledge being taught here were Quran, *Hadith*

and *Fiqh*, which is the revealed knowledge of Allah. Allah's name is also *Al-Haq* (The Absolute Truth). Hence, all the teachings are "HAQ" pertaining to Allah and so it was quite logical to call it Darul Uloom Haqqania.

The dream of Haji Maroof Gul

My grandfather devoted his son Abdul Haq for religious knowledge. My grandmother used to say that the father of Abdul Haq was happy in sending him for *Deen* (religion) and hoped that Allah will bless Abdul Haq with success. She, during her last days said that the dream of Alhaaj Maroof Gul realized when this Darul Uloom started progressing.

Dream of Maulana Abdul Haq

One day Maulana Abdul Haq was highly motivated and while giving spiritual remarks (in reaction to the happy news of mujahedeen in Afghanistan successfully shooting down Soviet fighter aircraft with the shoulder-fired stinger missiles) said that, "I saw a dream that my students will spread the knowledge of *Deen* along with Quran in their hands and hearts. But I am astonished they are keeping Quran in their hearts and stinger missiles on their shoulders and shooting down the war planes and they have repulsed the Russian forces to Moscow. I had never even dreamt that the Taliban will be able to disintegrate Russia. But I can say with belief that Allah Almighty has recognized my services to his *Deen* and has manifested in reality my dream of spreading Islamic knowledge."

Future of Darul Uloom

Our only aim is to promote the knowledge of *Al-Haq* (Allah's knowledge) and to please Allah and have no other aims (such as to disintegrate USSR or to subdue any country or any aim of expansion). We are not doing any profitable job nor do we need

any popularity. Our efforts are aimed at pleasing Allah and we are hundred percent sure of our success. Hence, the future of Darul Uloom is very bright. We have the aim of extending this knowledge of Allah to nine Central Asian states through the Darul Uloom Haqqania.

I foresee that any world power trying to stop it or disrupt it will surely fail. Allah says in Quran, "The people want to blow off the light (knowledge) of Allah. So, Allah will surely complete it even if the nonbelievers are unhappy (61: 8)." Hence Darul Uloom will progress Inshallah. And I would advise America to refrain from creating obstacles and become a friend to Islam.

Dream of Maulana Samiul Haq

My dream is the resending of knowledge to an area from where it had come down in the first place i.e. the land of Bukhara and Samarqand. The homeland of Imam Ismail Bukhari the compiler of the famous book of *Hadith* the Saheh Bukhari", the most authentic book on earth after Quran. Allah may extend more strength to this Darul Uloom to spread this knowledge of peace, the knowledge of Allah.

I as an advocate of Islam want to make it clear that we Muslims preach the knowledge of peace and tranquillity among the nonbelievers. We don't have aggressive agenda. United States of America and the West are misguided by the interests of Jews. They must consider Muslims as their brothers and must not transgress or discriminate against the Muslims. They are requested to extend full help in spreading the knowledge of peace all over the world to bring harmony. Do not waste your strength against Islam. Come join hands with the Muslims to bring harmony across the globe. We are not enemies of the West. It is the West treating Islam an enemy.

Taliban and Darul Uloom - a spiritual link

We have no special relation or secret links with the Taliban. Although we have a spiritual, a student-teacher relationship, which is a natural phenomenon and this relationship is similar to the one your students have with their teachers at Harvard and Oxford University. Whenever Taliban visit Pakistan for personal reasons they try to visit us at Darul Uloom, as a goodwill gesture.

There is a huge strength of students who graduated during the last sixty seven years since 1947 when the madrassah was established. There are no border-crossing complications between Pakistan and Afghanistan and hence a student can visit us any time.

Similarly, when the Darul Uloom is closed for two Islamic months starting from first of Ramadan and up till Shaabanul Moaazzam, all students go to their homes. Similarly Afghan Taliban go to their homeland and they resume studies after the vacations. Other than this we don't send them home or ask them to go to Afghanistan. Also we don't send or compel them or motivate them to join *Jihad*. There is only one case of calling the students by Mullah Omar in Afghanistan to help the government. During the period of emergency in their country when Taliban were not able to take Mazar Sharif, we received a request from Afghan government (Taliban) for granting leave for two weeks to all Afghan students and to allow them to come to the aid of their country. We called a meeting of our staff and considered their request. There were about four hundred Afghan students at the Darul Uloom at the time and they were granted leave.

There is no other example of sending the students back to their home country as we don't indulge in internal affairs of any country. We can't order or influence their students for any particular cause. And if they want to go to Afghanistan, we can't stop them.

Who dictates Taliban?

Mullah Omar's Taliban government was an independent, sovereign, brave and wise government. They did not follow our dictations. They established peace and tranquillity in war-torn Afghanistan after about 25 years, through their vision and ability to govern the country. I don't think they ever needed our consent or advice. However, whenever they contacted us or requested us for advice on some point of view, we advised according to our abilities.

Sending Taliban for *Jihad* in Afghanistan

No Taliban of Pakistani madaris were asked or ordered to go for *Jihad* to Afghanistan in support of Mullah Omar. According to my knowledge there is no example or proof of any non-Afghan Taliban who fought in support of Taliban. Afghan national were allowed to return home to participate in *Jihad* on the request of the Taliban government.

As far as military training of Taliban is concerned, we don't give such training. We do not have such teachers, weapons, facilities. Western media has verified and visited all the madaris and specially our Darul Uloom in detail and found no proof. Taliban got such trainings with US weapons during Afghan-Russia war. These Taliban are the wards of Afghan war leaders. Whenever they go to Afghanistan, they get war training from their elders. We feel only the US is responsible for this state of affairs.

Our links with Taliban Leadership

Maulavi Younis Khalis is one of the examples of a former graduate of Darul Uloom who received education from my father since 1947. The other senior leaders who fought against USSR include Shahabuddin Haqqani, Saeedur Rehman Haqqani and Abdul Kabir Haqqani, a majority of them lived in Peshawar and some

of them frequently travelled between Peshawar and Afghanistan. During their stay in Pakistan they also visited Darul Uloom more often for paying homage to their teachers. Other than this they never discuss their political problems. They all fought against the USSR of their own will and not because of our motivation.

A student - teacher relationship

In Islam the teacher-student relationship is a sacred one. The Muslim students consider a teacher as a spiritual father. The students of religious institutions love their teachers from the core of their heart and whenever they get a chance to visit Pakistan, they come to pay homage to their teachers.

Mullah Omar and Darul Uloom

Although Mullah Omar has studied from Darul Uloom Haqqania but he did not get any military training from here. We are proud of Mullah Omar as our student. His country's situation compelled him to rise in order to bring peace to Afghanistan. May Allah bestow success on him.

What we teach at Darul Uloom

A brief overview of major subjects of the Islamic syllabus taught at the religious institutions is given here. This syllabus is universal in nature as it is the same in all religious institutions throughout the Islamic world i.e. in the schools of Africa and in schools in Australia, except the variation of one or two subjects.

Al-Quran and Usool-e-Tafseer

(The knowledge of the rules for the interpretation of the Qur'anic verses): More stress is laid on understanding the knowledge of Qur'anic verses. Since, Quran is a primary source of knowledge of Islam. Maximum time is allocated for this subject.

The *Sunnah* and *Al-Hadith*

(The rules and laws of understanding and interpreting of *Hadith* and *Sunnah* according to Islamic teachings): The *Sunnah* means, the sayings, deeds and impressions of Holy Prophet (PBUH). *Hadith* means the saying of Holy Prophet (PBUH). This subject is the second most important source of Islamic conduct of life. Quran and Islam cannot be understood without the knowledge of *Hadith* and *Sunnah*. Islamic knowledge directly revealed to the Holy Prophet by Allah but not in the Holy Quran is called *Hadith* (Holy sayings of the Prophet). For instance how to offer the prayers, ablution etc.

Al-Fiqh

The knowledge and rules to comprehend the details and explanation of *Sharia* is called *Fiqh* which is an important subject and is third in priority. It draws maximum focus after the Quran and *Hadith*.

Other subjects

Other subjects being taught are history, geography, science, mathematics, Arabic language, Arabic literature, logics, economics, computer, philosophy, astronomy, etc.

The universality of Islamic syllabus

The word "*Islam*" means to bow one's head before Allah for obedience and become a peace-loving servant of Allah. As we know that Allah is the creator of human beings, He knows their educational needs for this worldly life. Allah revealed holy scriptures and among these, Holy Quran is the only authentic book in its original revealed form.

The explanation and simplification of Allah's commandments in the form of Holy verses of Quran were reveals in the words

of Holy Prophet (PBUH) in the shape of *Hadith* which is also a primary source of knowledge and it does not deviate from Qur'anic teachings. It only simplifies some points of Quran if needed.

The major part (first three subjects) of Islamic syllabus is devised by Allah himself and hence a direct revelation. The remaining subjects were devised in the light of first three with an aim to guide human beings for the betterment of the whole of mankind and not just for the Muslims. It is aimed at preparing peace-loving people and not terrorists or extremists.

In Quran there is no such commandment to wage war or *Jihad* against peace-loving nations or to show aggression towards anyone. No instructions for the expansion of Islamic state or spreading Islam through sword are there. It is aimed at bringing harmony and tranquillity in the society.

I would advise the West to study and understand this syllabus, clarify their doubts and join hands with the Muslims in introducing this syllabus at their educational setup if they are sincere in bringing peace among the nations. There is no other solution available except the enforcement of Qur'anic laws to make this world peaceful.

Preference for religious knowledge

According to some cultures, religion is a personal and private affair and the state has nothing to do with the religion. Only affairs other than the religion are managed by the state. But in Islam, *Deen* (religion) and *Dunya* (worldly affairs) are interdependent and are supervised equally by the Allah-fearing state. Hence worldly education and religious education are interdependent and are important hence the necessity of both is stressed in Islam. But due

to interference of vested interests or *Satan* these days, in colleges and universities, the religious education has been totally ignored or is only imparted at a negligible level and does not make a man spiritually strong.

If you stress only on worldly education, that will imbalance the society and as a result the mind of a nonreligious individual will care only for self-ease and not for others. It is only the religious education that will compel a man to become God-fearing and God-centeredness is an instinct that makes a man worried to take care of other fellow beings. In order to maintain balance, both aspects (religious and the worldly life) should be given equal importance. The madrassah syllabus includes subjects like science, math, geography, sociology, computer science which indicates that our syllabus is not biased in favour of religious education.

Nature of madrassah syllabus

No political or *Jihad* training/education is imparted at any *Deeni* (Islamic) school. These are learned by the students through their own vision and self-experience in the society. Still if there would be any difference among these madaris it will be that of the degree of hard work and sincerity of their teaching staff and administration.

If these Islamic teachings are learned once and understood by all non-muslim nations, definitely the environment of the world will become peaceful and prosperous. Differences of caste, creed and colour will come to an end. The entire humanity will become one, like a global village. Muslims and non-muslim will become brothers. This is the truth that we Muslims preach through these *Deeni* madaris. Our effort is towards the betterment of the whole of the humanity and not just the Muslims.

Why madaris impart religious education exclusively?

It is Allah's command in Holy Quran to learn and understand the teachings of Quran and also disseminate these to other fellow beings. As you know, the teachings of Quran are revealed by Allah, hence they are aimed at purifying and bringing harmony to human society, without any discrimination among Muslims and non-muslim. If these Islamic teachings are learned and understood by all the nations, the world will become peaceful and prosperous. Differences, hatred, caste, creed and colour will come to an end. All the countries will be at peace with each other.

The syllabus prepared by human experts and highly qualified educationists of today's world is far inferior, with many drawbacks. Only the syllabus given by the creator is complete. The biased West should open their eyes and admit the truth.

The criterion for admission for study

Darul Uloom is a free Islamic University. There are different classes, for which the criterion varies. Normally for *Hifz* classes, the children of 5 to 7 years age are enrolled. This is the age for other basic classes as well. But if one is desirous of studying here at any age we do not refuse admission. Normally a student takes eight years to complete the prescribed syllabus of *Dars-e-Nizami*. Then, if someone is willing to do specialization (*Takhassus*) he will have to continue for another two years.

According to the Islamic teachings, we cannot deny admission for knowledge to a willing and sincere student at any stage of his life. He must be appreciated and facilitated. Also basic knowledge or aptitude for the desired class is assessed before admission.

Similar rules for admissions are practiced in other schools with small variations. The aim of a student for seeking admission

here is to get Islamic knowledge, to satiate their spiritual desire only and to enable them to serve Islam and humanity. The total strength of the students of Darul Uloom between from 2500 to 3000 students over the year.

Aims / Objectives of Darul Uloom

- Impart Islamic education according to Quran and *Sunnah* to the students in order to make them potential scholars with peaceful moral behaviour and ideal citizens of Islam at national and international level.
- Prepare sincere and devoted teachers for all levels of religious education and develop their capabilities as scholars and reformers.
- Carry out research for the development and modification of the curriculum activities at par with the modern world demands.
- Strengthen cooperation in establishing the religious institutions all over the country.
- To prepare scholars (Imam Masjid) as sincere preachers of Quran and *Hadith*, to be appointed as mosque Imam.
- To carry out research and publish important material such as periodicals, books, magazines and syllabus etc.
- To issue *Fatawa* (Islamic rulings) in reply to questions received from the people.

Resources of Darul Uloom

No assets, no property

Darul Uloom does not possess any moveable or immovable assets or property. Hence there is no fixed or stable source of income to meet the educational expenses.

No aid from any government or political figure

It is our foremost principle, that we do not accept any kind of aid from any government or political figure, either Pakistani or foreigner. The logic behind not accepting aid is to avoid giving them any chance to have influence over us or our teachers.

The monetary aid which we accept

There are noble and God-fearing Muslims, working as traders and industrialists, rich Muslims who believe that aid they provide is a kind of worship, and to please Allah Almighty. They do not give us (money) for their personal or worldly aims. They intend to please Allah and hence they do not influence us for favour. This type of aid is real, and is full of Allah's blessings and hence it will never be exhausted. This monetary aid or fund is based upon trust in Allah. And when you trust in Allah, He will never leave you unprotected in any problem.

The miraculous aspect of aid

When our expenses increase or a new project is approved, like construction of rooms or halls etc. our aid also swells to suffice for the projects by the grace of Allah. I have been supervising the resources since long, but not a single financial breakdown or shortfall in routine expenses has occurred. Also we do not have bank balances. Allah keeps on providing and increasing the monetary aid. Such aid is called *Infaq-Fi-Sabeelillah*, or *Jihad bil Mal* (*Jihad* with money). This "*Jihad* with money" is one of the

five kinds of *Jihad*. It is a kind of worship, therefore it cannot stop. Allah will reward for it boundlessly.

Generally we plan according to our budget. Sometimes there is no amount for next day's spending. We are amazed however, that the next morning, we would receive sufficient amount (from donors) to meet our needs. Hence I believe that our syllabus and educational system is approved by Allah. That is why we have no fear of government of America or Pakistan. They all cannot put a stop to our resources.

Internal audit / accountability of the account

We have full trust in Allah, and our system is working for the last two hundred years successfully. The account record is properly maintained by an accountant. Each rupee is saved and entered as per the laid-down procedure. It is spent under vigilant supervision and a fool-proof system. I also oversee all income and expenditure strictly. Our audit / accountability system can be compared to that of any college or university. Without prior approval of administration, no one can purchase even a small packet of salt. I have been working here for about 40 years as senior member and chancellor, and no scandal or discrepancy has been recorded so far.

The allegations of foreign aid

We do not accept any aid from Saudi Arabia and Arab Emirates, therefore the question of accepting dollars from the US and Riyals from any Arab country doesn't arise. This question is a part of subversive propaganda of the West against us. When Allah is feeding us, then why should we beg from worldly powers? We do not have any personal interests, or any political aims like Christian missionaries. We are working for the cause of Allah, so he will feed us. There then is no question of accepting aid from other

countries. Also there is no increase in our aid as a consequence of 9/11 situation.

Student strength

Generally the total strength of our Darul Uloom varies from 2500 to 3000 students throughout a year. Ages vary with level or grade of the class i.e. from 5 years for Hifz and from 7 to 10 years for other classes. The majority of the students come from Afghanistan and Pakistan. There are a few students who belong to Central Asian States. They all are sent by their parents as per their desire.

Teaching staff

The strength of our teachers varies between 40 to 50 teachers. Majority of them are Pakistanis. Two out of these teachers are from Jamia Al-Azhar of Egypt. They all are sincere, hardworking, well-educated and devoted teachers.

Popularity of Darul Uloom Haqqania

It is an admitted fact that the parents love to send their children for religious education. Either they be from Afghanistan, Central Asia or Pakistan. According to a survey about 90% of Afghani students prefer to study at Darul Uloom. That is why the majority of Taliban senior leaders are the graduates of Darul Uloom for example, Maulvi Younis Khalis, Maulvi Jalaluddin Haqqani and many others. It is also an admitted fact that the Taliban who established peace and order in Afghanistan were all students of Darul Uloom Haqqania. Some other factors for the popularity of Haqqania are as follows:

The competence of teaching staff

The personality of Maulana Abdul Haq is well established in both the countries. His fame served one of the reasons of attraction. Moreover few teachers are from Egypt and all are hardworking

and dedicated to their cause of teaching sincerely. You know when the students love their teachers then the fame of teacher travels in the society.

The standard of education

Although the syllabus is the same as in other madaris (religious schools) but the standard can be amplified through strictness and devotion. The teaching staff is very strict and the principles are never compromised. The graduates of Darul Uloom are more confident in knowledge as compared to the students of other madaris. The standard of our Darul Uloom commensurate with Harvard University of the US and Oxford University of England.

Teaching environment

The environment of Darul Uloom is quite conducive and pleasant for learning. Discipline of the students is watched strictly. Student-teacher and student to student relationship is friendly. Necessary facilities for education are made available within the Darul Uloom. The environment of Darul Uloom is a spiritual one. Islamic ethical behaviour is expected of the student but first of all teachers here have to become a role model for the students and by the grace of Allah they are.

Central status of Darul Uloom

The Darul Uloom because of its high standard and historical status has become a major centre of religious learning and it a dream for the students to study here. There is no such Darul Uloom in Afghanistan.

Location of Darul Uloom

The location is ideal because it is not far from Afghanistan and is situated on Grand Trunk Road, and cheap transport facilities are available.

No legal compulsion

The students coming from Afghanistan and Central Asia face no problems for visa or immigration as the border is open.

The founding principles of Darul Uloom

The following are the founding principles of the Darul Uloom;

- The promotion of Allah's knowledge to please Allah
- To ensure quality education.
- Dedication to the cause.
- No compromise on principles.

The strength and percentage of Haqqani Taliban

Haqqania was the first Darul Uloom which came into being with Pakistan in 1947. There was no such Darul Uloom in Afghanistan. Therefore, the Afghan people send their children for Islamic education to the Darul Uloom. The education was free, location was good and the Darul Uloom also performed well. In the last fifty years about 20,000 students from Afghanistan graduated from here. Also during 20 to 25 years of Afghan-Russia war, the children of Afghan leaders have enrolled with us as students.

According to an estimate about 90% of Taliban (in the Afghan government) are graduates of Darul Uloom. They all are reliable and dependable for Mullah Omar. We can say that 90% of religiously educated persons who graduated from here are the wards of Haqqania graduates. It would not be wrong to say that the Haqqania is the nursery of Taliban.

Attraction for central Asian/ Foreign students

As you are aware that no religious education system exists in central Asia, which makes the prestigious Darul Uloom a suitable

choice for such students. Most of our foreign students are from Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. There is also a graveyard of Tajik student here, where those who died during education are buried.

The career of the graduates

The degree of Darul Uloom is aimed at preparing religious scholars. The degrees we issue are recognized as Masters of Islamic Studies and Master of Arabic.

Some of the students go on to universities for doctorate while some continue special degree of *Ifta (Mufti)*, but the majority of *Ulama* seek the job of mosque Imam, Khateeb or teaching in a madrassah. Some of our students join the government sector schools, colleges and universities. Some join Darul Uloom as teacher. You will find a majority of these *Ulama* as manager or mosque Imam.

Our graduates never wander around to find a job as compared to the graduates from colleges and universities. I have seen engineers worried for job. The future of our graduates is very bright and their profession is honourable. According to an estimate about 1,000 students graduate from Darul Uloom each year. Not a single one will remain jobless. They all will get job *inshallah*.

Darul Uloom as Harvard

Delegates of media from the US and West often ask that why has the Darul Uloom become so important? My reply is that, because of being the most central and prestigious school of religious education in Pakistan, it is famous because of high standards of education and those imparting education at this institution are not earning a livelihood but consider education a mission and have dedicated their lives for the cause of Allah, i.e. to impart the knowledge of Allah to His people. There are many madaris

in KPK, Balochistan and Afghanistan working in affiliation with Darul Uloom Haqqania.

Also, the fact that a vast majority of prominent people from Afghanistan, Balochistan and KPK graduated from here and now this is the first choice for education among their family members. Thus, the Darul Uloom's fame has travelled far and wide.

We also need to remember that there is a dearth of religious educational institutions of high calibre. There is no parallel to Haqqania across central Asian states and in Afghanistan. Moreover the degree of Darul Uloom Haqqania is recognized and honoured by Jamia Al-Azhar, Islamic University of Madinah and many other international universities.

Western propaganda against Darul Uloom

In order to gauge the gravity of this baseless propaganda, I would like to refer here only two examples of two renowned Western journalists. Sir Jeffery Goldberg, a famous news reporter who visited Darul Uloom and stayed here for three days, inspected each room of the hostel and classrooms, offices, searched during the night and had sufficient opportunities to interact and discuss with the students. He could not discover any war training or weapons or any material of such nature. He could not even find a knife in the vicinity of Darul Uloom. He admired the Darul Uloom as a good institution and disclosed that he was a Jew. I told him that even then I loved him and respected him.

On return to the US he wrote an eleven-page note against Darul Uloom and got it published in Washington Post declaring this as a warriors' school. It shows that the West has enmity against Islam. They do not want Islamic knowledge or Qur'anic knowledge being imparted at Darul Uloom. They must know Allah's

commandment or the challenge in Holy Quran is, "Allah has revealed the Quran and He Himself will guard it."

Another media person Robert Fisk, a British news reporter who painted an astonishing picture of Darul Uloom by declaring it as "War School" in the Independent.

They had no doubt that Darul Uloom only imparts Islamic knowledge and no war training is offered, but it is the height of their bigotry and enmity against Islam that doesn't allow them to admit the facts. If today we stop this Islamic education in Darul Uloom then they will welcome it or if we introduce this Islamic syllabus in colleges or universities, they will declare those also as war colleges and war universities. By this false propaganda they are also instigating China and giving a message that Pakistan through this Darul Uloom is interfering in internal affairs of China.

Allegation of training of *Jihad* and politics

The education system and the syllabus here is open for review by the public. Nothing is hidden and the Western media could find no such proof against us. The true answer of these allegations is that the US and West encouraged the Afghan warlords, gave them weapons and war training to fight against USSR and when it occupied Afghanistan, the local Afghans fought bravely and the US extended help only for its own purposes. Was the US happy with Afghans at the time?

Taliban got religious education from Darul Uloom but when they went back to Afghanistan, they learnt the skill of using weapons from their ancestors. The West has to admit that religious schools are not military training camps.

When Taliban restored peace in Afghanistan and established a

peaceful Islamic government it was not acceptable to the US which turned against them as they did not want an Islamic system of government and now they are finding faults in Islamic education system of Darul Uloom.

These were not only the students of Darul Uloom but also each and every Muslim is aware of and inspired by the concept of *martyrdom*. He, who lays down his life in order to end cruelty, in defending his country and to establish justice, stays alive forever. So a Muslim is never afraid of death.

No Islamic country has ever aggressively occupied an inch of any non-muslim country and I believe that all the Muslim countries are peace-loving. One cannot ignore that it's the US and the UK who have usurped the territory of Islamic countries and exploited their resources. The examples of Iraq, Palestine and East Timor are in front of us. Despite these actions the West promotes propaganda against Islam.

Allegations of fundamentalism

The terminology of fundamentalism is devised by the West to malign Islam. The literal meaning of *fundamentalist* is one who is not deviating from the basic principles. A man has to be a man of principles. A man who is not following the basic principles is not respected in the society. Hence each and every good citizen has to be fundamentalist. Then why the West is propagating against the Muslims for being fundamentalists?

Sectarian affiliation between Darul Uloom and Taliban

This is a baseless allegation. We never teach or preach about any sect but just the teachings of Islam, hence no link with Taliban leadership on the base of being from the same sect. We have relations only on the basis of Islam which discourages sectarianism.

Interference in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

These allegation are also based on a biased attitude of the West and is aimed at sending a message to these states to turn against Pakistan and Darul Uloom. You know the Muslims of these states were under socialism for nearly 70 years. When they were liberated, their students came to Haqqania for religious education as they had no such institute in their own countries. They are not being imparted any military training and we only teach them Allah's knowledge. The people working to please Allah do not have any special designs. The allegations are false and if the people of these states rise against the secular rulers, then they have the right to have the government of their own choice. Let me be very clear we have no aims and means for training or toppling the governments in central Asia.

Allegation of toppling the government in Pakistan

This is also a baseless allegation. We do not have such resources and means for carrying out such plans. Rather we desire, wish and pray that may Allah bring an Islamic government in Pakistan. If there is any proof of this allegation with the Western media, they should publish it in the press.

Allegation of sending Taliban to Kashmir and Chechnya

The West is afraid of the Taliban's bravery and their introduction of Islamic system of government. Taliban's aim is to establish peace in Afghanistan and have no aggressive designs. If there is any proof with the West they must give names and show proof of any Taliban fighting in Kashmir or Chechnya. There is not even a single student of Darul Uloom sent to Kashmir or Chechnya or to any other Islamic country. The West should ask India to arrest any Taliban from Kashmir. Their stance is beyond comprehension and I don't know why the West is shying away from reality.

Allegation of spreading hatred against the US

We have no syllabus or literature against the US in our Darul Uloom. Although this is because of America's discriminatory policies against the Muslim world that every Muslim hates them. Even the people of the US hate the policies of the government which indicates that the hatred is self-created.

Why Taliban wage *Jihad*

This allegation is a misconceived thought of the Western people who are unaware of the teachings of the Holy Quran and Islam. The concept of *Jihad* in Islam is badly misunderstood by the West. Briefly, the meaning of *Jihad* is to strive hard for the cause of Allah and to please Allah. You know Allah never likes cruelty or bad deeds. There are five kinds of *Jihad*. You will find that when a man is striving for the liberty, protection, safety and the benefit of his fellow being, he is doing *Jihad*.

When Russians came in Afghanistan, and it was important to expel them from the country. Hence to carry out efforts to liberate the Afghan people from the slavery of Russia, is called *Jihad*. You have to admit that such type of *Jihad* is a sacred duty.

To engage in *Jihad* is not due to sense of deprivation but it is due to their self-consciousness, self-confidence and self-reliance. *Mujahedeen* are Allah's soldiers with a higher vision and with a deep concern for the difficulties of their Muslim brothers.

I would ask the West, "Should the Muslims become slaves and servants of the West like coward Muslim rulers. And should they permit the West to use their resources"?

Comments of Western Scholars about Jamia Haqqania

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Taliban Government in Afghanistan

Emergence of Taliban in Afghanistan

There are various examples in the history that the students rise up for change when the internal environment of their country becomes instable, French revolution is one such example. Same is the case with Taliban. Soon after the expulsion of the USSR, a civil war broke out in Afghanistan. There was no law and order and chaos prevailed. This continued for more than seven years. Mujahedeen leaders were fighting amongst each other on petty issues. Taliban leaders tried their best to bring the warring factions on the table but to no avail.

As a last resort the Taliban leadership united under one flag of Mullah Omar and started making efforts to restore peace. As the endeavour succeeded, the people of war-ravaged Afghanistan welcomed them and took them as their saviour. The Taliban established peace in Afghanistan in an incredibly short span of time which astonished the US and other Western governments. Shortly afterwards the Taliban declared that they will enforce Sharia in Afghanistan which raised alarm bells in the US which started making efforts to fail the Taliban. A media war was launched which concocted all sorts of baseless allegations against the Taliban.

Allegations against Taliban

It was commonly alleged that the Taliban government comprised short-sighted, narrow-minded and backward Ulama; they enforced a stereotypical version of Islam; were cruel to women, girls and non-Muslims; imposed the Islam of seventh century and promoted a terrorist doctrine.

True picture of Taliban government

The allegations were highly unjustified and biased against Islam and Taliban and indicative of a scant study of the true Islamic teachings. Before the emergence of the Taliban government, there was turmoil and lawlessness and above all a civil war was raging in Afghanistan. There was no concept of government. Taliban introduced Sharia law, the world was amazed to see a miracle in the shape of peace and tranquillity and an ideal law and order situation in Afghanistan. Before Taliban, no woman was safe outside her house but under Taliban rule she could travel safely even with ornaments. A system of speedy justice was made available at the doorstep and poppy cultivation in Afghanistan was eliminated for the first time in history. The enforcement of Islamic laws by Taliban was really a blessing. Now we see poppy cultivation all over Afghanistan with a pro-US government in place.

Islam is a moderate and modern religion. Every teaching of Islam is up to date and is fully justifiable. Nothing is old or hackneyed. The people who propagate it as negative are either unaware or biased. The Taliban implemented good things and forbade evil things and although they were not educated from worldly standards, they fully understood the Quran and the *Sunnah*.

In Afghanistan 80% women help their families in their professions and commitments. But Islam does not put any burden on women's

shoulders. The Taliban government was a unique and ideal government and may be referred to as a role model for the West. It superseded the sham democracy of the West which examines the Taliban's Islam with a cynical eye. You can compare the situation of peace and security of Taliban government with that of the US and the UK. If you are unbiased you will have to admit that the Taliban's security situation was exemplary.

Policies and approach of Taliban

The policies of Taliban government were based on exemplary political wisdom because their policies were based on the Quran and the *Sunnah* of our Holy Prophet (PBUH). Hence we do not see any flaw in their policies. They were not bound to follow the Western style policies like other Muslim rulers. The Muslim rulers do not have the knowledge of Quran and *Sunnah* so they are impressed and influenced by the Westerns. The Taliban had the knowledge of Quran which is far superior to the Western thoughts. The Western media remains to date unjustifiably aggressive towards Taliban.

Another proof of my argument is the book written by Italian correspondent Yvonne Ridley, now Maryam (who spent about two weeks in Taliban custody). She was so impressed by Taliban's behaviour that she could not resist embracing Islam. She narrates that Taliban are extraordinary and exemplary human beings. She admired the policies of Taliban as unique.

Hindus and other non-Muslims of Afghanistan were happy and fully satisfied with the policies of Taliban government. If West has an example contrary to the fact they must quote. Taliban do not force non-Muslims to act according to the dictates of Islamic culture. They all (non-Muslims) had liberty to do all as per their religion.

Retaining Afghan cultural values

All are aware that Afghanistan has its own culture and style of living. They are culturally used to keeping beard, wearing turban, *shalwar kameez* and women in Afghanistan veil. Thus levelling allegations of being backward for these reasons is indicative of ignorance of their culture. The West should become realistic and not malign Afghan or Taliban by citing such allegations. The effort of imposing Western code of life upon Taliban is ridiculous. How can Taliban wear Western dress and join them in clubs for dancing and drinking while the Western women wear naked dresses and attend mixed gatherings?

The case of 'Shelter Nao' - Korean organization

How can the Taliban be blamed when they intercepted the US Christian missionary organization under the guise of Korean workers? No sovereign country can tolerate such practices. Taliban were right in intercepting and detaining them. These Korean workers were released without harm by the Taliban later on.

Destruction of statues of Buddha

Statues were destroyed due to two reasons. The US was busy in stopping the food supplies for children and innocent people, who were dying due to hunger. Thus being aggrieved some people who may or may not be Taliban destroyed these statues. This was not the order of the Taliban government. The Taliban government never favoured this act. In Islam making statues of a personality is prohibited. Moreover, these were not the property of any government or kept in a worship place. Actually idol-making is prohibited even in Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity. So the objections of the West were illogical.

Criticism on Islamic laws

A strict punishments for thief, dacoit, murderer and rapist are prescribed by Allah as mentioned in the holy Quran. These punishments are not suggested by a man. All the Islamic punishments were implemented by our Holy Prophet (PBUH). In other words these are like the fault-rectifying measures suggested or indicated by the inventor of this human body. These cannot be cruel and inhuman. These are criticized by biased people unaware of the teachings of Islam. I would say they should study the philosophy of these punishments, otherwise stop criticizing.

Those who criticise them should carry out a survey. The UK, US or any other highly civilized countries are not able to eliminate capital crimes and these crimes are extremely injurious to the society. Only Islamic punishments can stop such corruptions. When we do not need corrupt people in our society then you have to implement these punishments in letter and spirit. This was the thing that the Taliban government did. Instead of blaming Taliban they should be appreciated by the Western powers. They successfully purified their society from all kinds of crimes and corruptions. These punishments are Allah's blessings.

Misconception about the Islamic revolution

We have witnessed that at the time of Iranian Islamic revolution the West considered it a threat for the Western society. The Iranians had the right to revolt against the cruel rule of Raza Shah under whose family's yoke they had been suffering. But we could not understand why the US and the West were terrified by it? Later we saw a similar response in the case with Taliban revolution of Afghanistan which neither the US wanted nor expected. When the Taliban government was seen as exemplary and was appreciated

throughout the world, the US became jealous and launched a media war against Taliban as it did against Iran.

There was no threat and danger for the West and the US from the peaceful revolution of Taliban. They had ended bloodshed and threatened no country. They absolved the leaders of their enemy Afghan groups and had no resources to become a threat. The US and allies feared if the march of this Islamic revolution was not stopped, it will be replicated elsewhere.

Objectives of Taliban government

Following were their main objectives:

- The establishment of peace and tranquillity in the country.
- Bring an end to the raging civil war.
- The people of the country should be united without any discrimination of religion, cast, creed, tribe and language.
- To ensure provision of basic necessities to all citizens.
- Peaceful environment to practice their respective religions.
- Provision of speedy, free and easy justice.
- Equal rights to education and security to be ensured both for men and women.
- To end all illegal practices and un-Islamic laws.

When we examine the short period of Taliban government in Afghanistan we see that they achieved all the objectives set forth except economic uplift or the provision of all basic necessities because of the attack of the US and the biased attitude of the Western countries. They succeeded in ending civil war, established peace and tranquillity in 90% of Afghanistan, provided free and speedy justice and ensured equal rights without any discrimination,

ended the illegal cultivation of poppy which no one could do and nor can do except Taliban.

In defence of forced veil for women

The order for wearing veil by women is laid down by Allah Almighty in the Quran and it was not the brainchild of Taliban. Also it is according to the customs of Afghanistan that women wear the veil, hence why should then the Taliban be blamed for it? During the Taliban rule women were given full rights in Afghanistan for the first time in its history. Now when there is no Taliban government, women are still wearing veil in Afghanistan.

Decision to stop women education

In Islam education for women is more important than men and there is no restriction on it. I have no knowledge of the Taliban government ever imposing restrictions over it. It was a part of the negative propaganda of the West. However, in the beginning when law and order situation was not good they might have laid temporary restrictions keeping their dignity in view but later when the law and order situation improved, they lifted these restrictions.

Music and television

In Islamic teachings, music is prohibited / discouraged. We should remember that the laws of Islam are given by Allah Himself and implemented by our Holy Prophet (PBUH). Therefore, Taliban cannot be accused for that. Watching TV for good intentions is never prohibited in Islam except showing shameless scenes which is not liked even in any decent society, however the positive use or for education is not prohibited.

Terrorist and immoderate Taliban

Taliban are blamed as terrorists, which is totally false. They are

highly sober and moderate people. The famous case of British journalist Madam Yvonne Ridley is an example here. She was so impressed by their good behaviour that she decided to embrace Islam which proves them as moderates and not terrorists.

Discriminatory behaviour towards Taliban

Following are the few examples of such attitude as displayed by the West:-

Afghan cricket team

Afghan government of Taliban sent its cricket team to Pakistan and applied for registration on the international level. But this application was rejected on the recommendation of some international organizations.

Northern Alliance

Western support to Northern Alliance is another example of discriminatory behaviour. That Alliance was commanded by Ahmad Shah Masood, a puppet in the hands of the West. When Taliban secured 90% of the country and restored peace, the West should have extended a hand of cooperation to the Taliban, but the West never desired peace in Afghanistan. Only France tried to play its role but failed due to the influence of the US.

Subversive propaganda

Due to severely biased attitude, the West is so misguided that they portray Taliban as backward, cruel and terrorist. One of the media teams which interviewed me, termed Taliban as "not normal people but a bunch of wild mullahs".

Taliban's rule a threat to Western culture

The Western thinktanks are fully aware that Islam is the most effective religion and is spreading fast at the global level. If not

checked the Western culture will be dealt with a deathly blow. Therefore they had no alternative but to adopt measures to derail the government of Taliban.

Taliban government

As far as the Taliban government is concerned I would highlight it in three points. Firstly Taliban government was a successful government and there was no chance for its failure. It was working on Qur'anic principles which can never be fruitless. Secondly no country on the globe was in favour or support of Taliban. Even the disgraceful Muslim rulers did not recognize them fearing the US displeasure, then how could have the Taliban survived. The third point is that the US was successful in destroying the Taliban government and would pay for it sooner or later.

Pakistan-Afghanistan relations

In the early days of the emergence of the Taliban government, the government of Pakistan extended full support. The people of Pakistan also welcomed and supported the policies of Taliban. They extended all types of help. But when the US threatened Musharraf and he bowed down before Bush, the Pakistan government not only took a U-turn in its policies but also extended full cooperation to the US against Taliban. Pakistan's fate is dependent on Afghanistan because it shares its longest border with that country and one fourth of its population is Pashtun or Afghani in ethnic origin. Also Afghanistan provides strategic depth for the defence of Pakistan.

Relations of US - Taliban government

The US as worldly superpower, does not want an Islamic government prevailing in the world. If the US allows the Islamic code of life to be implemented in the world, which being a perfect

and superior system, the whole world will get impressed by Islam and no one will follow the defective system of life of the West. That is the basic reason President Bush announced a crusade against Islam.

The propaganda against Osama Bin Laden and Al-Qaeda is also negative. Every sensible man can understand that 9/11 attacks cannot be an act of Osama or Al-Qaeda. The Pentagon used that as a pretext to attack Afghanistan which was already planned. The US committed all kinds of war crimes in the form of carpet bombing and daisy cutters on the people of Afghanistan.

There is no proof of any conspiracy or any plan of Taliban government against the US. That was the US who was at war against a small and innocent country which had no match for the US. It is also a fact that Afghanistan is a graveyard of foreign invaders. We are sure that it will prove another Vietnam for the US.

Issue of broad-based government in Afghanistan

After the expulsion of the USSR, the US planned to install their puppet government in Afghanistan. For this purpose they supported Jalal Shariq, the former king. Lots of money and all possible efforts were made to devise a broad-based government but after 10 years of turmoil, the Taliban's government was suddenly established and US was taken by surprise. The US government again got determined to establish a broad-based government but a lot of water had flown under the bridge. Thus, the US launched an all-out attack to undo the first Taliban state on the earth under the engineered cover of 9/11 attacks.

Profile of Mullah Muhammad Omar

General introduction

He got his early education at a small school and spent most of his life in *Jihad*. He could be in his late 40s. His faith and firmness about Allah is exemplary. He is soft-spoken and appears as a man busy in deep thinking. So simple and straight forward, he will sit on ground with his colleagues without any reservation. Generally he holds his meetings sitting on ground without any formalities and protocol requirements. He has lost one of his eyes during *Jihad*. The criterion which Mullah Omar uses for assigning any appointment is on the basis of services rendered in *Jihad*.

Family

He has two wives but the detail of his children is not known.

As head of states

He has been declared as *Ameerul Momineen* (The leader of Muslims) and there is no other person of this level. He acts as deputy to Allah Almighty in ruling the country. Only laws, orders as laid down in Holy Quran and as demonstrated by Holy Prophet (PBUH) were promulgated in his rule. His nomination was approved through a discussion of a thousand Ulama and collective *Bai'at* (vote of confidence) was taken. For one to be elected as *Ameerul Momineen* (Head of State) he must have the knowledge of Quran, must be truthful, honest, God-fearing, and self-conscious and should strive for Muslim unity

Uncompromising character

He is free of greed and corruption, is honest and bold. Is a God-fearing and pious person. He avoids appearance in the press because he is a bit shy. He measures the character of others on the standard of performance in *Jihad*. He has appointed a few

colleagues who endeavoured much in *Jihad* and even lost body parts. He assigns duties to them saying that they have proved their character before Allah and I should also respect them.

Relationship with Osama

This is just baseless propaganda that Mullah Omar married his daughter with Osama. There is no relationship except Islam. Osama never married any non-Arab.

Relationship with Darul Uloom Haqqania

I don't know about Mullah Omar in detail as thousands of students come and go for their studies here. We cannot remember all the details. He remained busy in Afghan *Jihad* throughout his life and couldn't study much. He studied here during the early days of this Darul Uloom therefore we couldn't trace his record. He also studied from our students like Maulana Younis Khalis and *Nabi* Muhammadi.

Award of the degree of honour

We have awarded a degree of honour to Mullah Omar, since we have no record of his study at Darul Uloom. However, it is confirmed that he is a student of former Haqqania students. The degree was awarded for his services done to his country. He succeeded in establishing peace and tranquillity in Afghanistan. There is precedence that other universities grant such degrees to the dignitaries for service to humanity. The United Nations should give him a noble prize for restoration of peace in Afghanistan and defeating the USSR.

Osama bin Laden

Family background

Sheikh Osama Bin Laden was born in 1956 in Saudi Arabia. His father Mohammed Bin Laden was a Yemeni born Saudi national. His father has more than one wives. Osama was 18th of the 22 sons. He was the only son of his mother. Osama's father was a minister during King Faisal's era and also the owner of a leading construction company named 'Sharika bin Laden'.

Osama got Islamic education and carried out a deep study of the Islamic knowledge and concept of *Jihad* in the way of Allah. He used to spend his maximum time in study and listening of Quran and was also seen weeping due to fear of Allah while reading Quran. He had a civil engineering degree from the UK and joined his construction company. He had means /resources to live like a prince but lived a simple life.

He was married at the age of 20 years and had 15 children. Although he was a billionaire being a share holder of Bin Laden Company, he chose to live so simple that he never used even air conditioning. Osama bin Laden's company did the extension and construction of Masjid-e-Nabvi (Medina) and Holy Kaaba.

How Osama became a hero

The honourable father of Osama, Muhammad Bin Laden, was rich both in wealth and in religious zeal, a very noble and pious man. Once during a discussion with his sons he expressed his wish that any one of his sons should become devoted to Islam and undertake *Jihad*. Listening to his father, Osama decided to go for *Jihad* at the age of 24 years.

When USSR attacked and occupied Afghanistan, all were taken by surprise. The US supported the launch of a *Jihad* movement with

the help of Pakistan and other mujahedeen. Osama Bin Laden also shifted to Afghanistan in 1982. He being highly motivated with the desire of death or Shahadah (martyrdom) left behind all his luxuries. He decided to live in a difficult terrain like Torah Boras Mountains. He had a C130 aeroplane of his own. He also shifted heavy construction machinery to Afghanistan by sea and air. He constructed hideouts, trenches and caves for mujahedeen. He also created bunkers and ammunition dumps so tactically and strong that Russia couldn't destroy those.

He kept himself busy in organizing and training of various mujahedeen organizations. He paid all expenses of their training against Moscow. His system was so strong that the efforts of USSR to destroy it were rendered ineffective. According to an estimate a force of about 90,000 mujahedeen were under his command and he was also supported by other rich Arabs.

In 1988 at the end of Russian war with Afghanistan he emerged as a hero of Islam. The US also treated him as their blue-eyed boy. In 1989, he went back to Saudi Arabia and started looking after his business but soon grew restless and went to Sudan where he constructed roads and farms. But in 1996 due to foreign and pressure from the US, he was expelled from Sudan and moved back to Afghanistan along with thousands of companions and established his headquarters. Now because of deceptive behaviour of the US, he started threatening the US.

Osama's ideology and differences with the US

In 1988 he organized "International Islamic Front" and launched an armed *Jihad* against Israel and the US blaming them for aggression in Palestine and their forced control over the oil resources of Arabs. Mr. Ayman al-Zawahiri also joined him. He further warned the US to vacate the Arab territories and

withdraw from their oil resources as the Muslims were dying of poverty caused by the West. On this the US tried to arrest him by levelling allegations of attacks on the US embassies, which he denied several times, but failed in its bid to do so. Osama Bin Laden made it clear that our *Jihad* against the US will continue till the time it moves out of the territory of Saudi Arabia and other Muslim countries. The real target of the US is the derailment of the Islamic government (system) in Afghanistan and elsewhere, Osama is just a smoke screen.

Sacrifices and sufferings

He came to Afghanistan at the age of 24 years by sacrificing and leaving behind his wives, children, luxuries, wealth and entertainment and lived in mountains and forests. His wealth was frozen and his family got divided. The entire Western world became an enemy. Even the Muslim rulers followed suits against him. No one supported and encouraged him due to the fear of the US. He spent about 20 years in this war-like situation. He couldn't serve his mother. He stood firm in all sufferings.

Personality, etiquette and character

He was highly submissive, social, respectful and simple. Once I visited his residence at Peshawar, before he served meal, he brought water and helped us wash our hands. (He didn't ask his servants to do so because he said that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) used to wash the hands of his guests himself). Instead of asking his servants to do something for the guests, he would ask his sons to serve the guests. His sons also have the same submissive qualities as Osama. He had groomed his sons as per Islamic teachings. All his sons are gentle, noble and obedient. He had no personal desires. He had full control over his personal desires. He desired only which Allah desired. He would sit on floor, hold

meetings and never cared for protocols. He preferred a hard life in a difficult terrain and gave up the possible life of a prince.

In my opinion, Osama was not only an example but an ideal man. He was an Allah-centred man. He cannot be called a terrorist or cruel person, but the people who call him terrorist are terrorists themselves. He was not a cruel person. If you sincerely and objectively carry out the psychological analysis of his photograph, he appears as an extraordinary, noble, gentle, God-fearing and peace-loving personality. He is self-possessed, self-contained and self-determined. In coming days he would be known as reformer in the history of Islam. Such great people are not acceptable to the satanic forces of the West.

Education

He graduated in economics from the University of *Hijaz* and then earned his degree in civil engineering from UK. He also carried out the in-depth study of Quran, *Hadith* and the Islamic law.

Popularity

It was the US which introduced him as a hero. No one in Pakistan knew him when the US called him a hero because of his services in *Jihad* against the USSR. Resultantly people of Pakistan took him as a mujahid hero. His posters were displayed everywhere. People started naming their children after his name. He is now popular in the entire Muslim world.

Osama if proved guilty

According to my vision which Allah has bestowed me, Osama was a real friend of Allah. His qualities, ethics, etiquette and life style tells us that he was not a terrorist by any definition. It is the West on the way of crushing Islamic forces under the pretext of Osama. If the allegations are true then why were they not willing

to try and prosecute him in Afghanistan? The investigations and trials could have proceeded in camera. Why the demand to hand him over to any other country? The US had no proof against him.

What is Al-Qaeda

We do not have any information about so called organization of Osama as propagated by the West. I think it is a cover-name and in my sincere opinion there is no such organization. The only truth is that Osama had a long list of his mujahedeen which the US had also encouraged and favoured in the enmity of USSR. After the Afghan defeated the Russians, the US turned against them and named mujahedeen as Al-Qaeda.

Osama and allegations of 9/11

Osama rejected all the allegations many times but no one listened to his argument. He clearly explained that he had no concern or knowledge that who attacked World Trade Centre. The US blamed him without any investigation. This allegation was all a drama and a conspiracy against Islam. They also wanted to pressurize the Taliban government. Had Osama launched attack on World Trade Centre, why would all the Jews of that Centre be absent on that date? If the US had any proof against Osama, it would have categorically told the media.

Osama's Fatwa about Jihad

Osama's Fatwa against Israel and the US is right because Israel has occupied Arab's territory by force with the help of the US, an act which Israel alone was unable to do. The US extended full support hence the people of both countries are openly at war with Arabs. They are also sure in their hearts that they are performing a crusade. However, if any citizen of Israel or the US turns against their country and withdraws his support openly then Muslims will not do anything against such citizens.

Osama's ideology of *Jihad*

When Russia invaded Afghanistan and occupied the resources by force, we launched the *Jihad* with weapons against the USSR. The US also came to support this *Jihad*. When we compare the Russian aggression with that of the US against Iraq, the US appears more cruel and dangerous as compared to Russia. Under the guise of defending Gulf countries from Iraq, the US deceptively deployed its forces and their oil wealth is now under the de facto control of the US. Therefore, why not wage *Jihad* with weapons against the US, who is plundering the wealth of Arab countries by force.

Jews and the 9/11 attacks

The Jews through their long-term planning have obtained full control over the Western countries. Look at the example of election-rigging in the state of Philadelphia. What happened in the presidential election? The president of Israel Nitin Yahu said, "I can burn Washington when I desire". If US would do anything which results in unacceptable consequences for Israel, they will punish the US either through conspiracies or by force. The Jews dominate the key administrative and defence posts. They can wreak havoc any time. Just reflect how the aeroplane was allowed into the no-fly zone of Pentagon and all the Jewish workers of World Trade Centre were on leave on that day.

Logic behind fear of Osama

There is logic in Islamic teachings that if a man is sincere to Allah and is God-fearing, Allah becomes his power. Therefore, Allah will strike terror in the heart of satanic forces. All the satanic forces feared Osama. Surely the US government is the biggest and powerful satanic force. It will always fear Osama otherwise he had no match in worldly powers with the US and was one man with few sincere companions.

What US and the West Want

To get rid of Islamic government system

The US portrayed Osama as a threat to their society and showed the world media the necessity of expelling Osama Bin Laden from Afghanistan by force. But this was a smoke screen. The truth is that the US takes Islamic system as a serious threat to their Western system of life and a dangerous challenge to the doctrine of new world order if it stays mum on the enforcement of Islamic system of life which has perfect solution to the problems of the world. Afghanistan aimed to appear as an example and a serious threat to new world order. Instead of explicitly naming Islamic government they took Osama Bin Laden as a ruse. Otherwise had Osama been the only threat then there would have been no need of attack.

US aims against Pakistan Army

The US is working on its plans to de-Islamize and de-link Pakistan army from the people, so that the people may lose confidence in the army. I think President Musharraf completed the US mission while in Afghanistan the US was unable to achieve these aims. Now the time has come that the people of Pakistan would start thinking negatively about army.

I fear that if the US succeeds in disgracing the Pakistan army their fighting ability will be weakened and the unity of armed forces

will be lost. Ethnic division may occur and the US will press on the Pakistan government to fight against religious groups in Tribal belt between Pakistan and Afghanistan. If Pakistan army indulged in fight against the FATA tribes, it will suffer heavy losses and whole of the people of KPK, Balochistan and Afghanistan will turn against the Pakistan army.

Pakistan army will be forced to deploy maximum of its standing force on Western frontiers. There will be less force on eastern border and India may attack Pakistan in conspiracy with the US. By cooperating with the US we are heading towards an unimaginably dangerous situation. It also seems that the US has the aim to occupy Pakistan.

Aim of attack on Afghanistan

One example of the US cruelty is the attacks on innocent Afghan women, children and unarmed citizens through carpet and cluster bombing. There is no example of such large-scale destruction in the history of the world. The fault of this poor and weak country was the introduction of Allah's Islamic system of life in their country, a system which was welcomed by the citizens of Afghanistan.

Another aim of the US is to make Afghanistan their cantonment for policing China, Russia, Central Asian States, Iran and Pakistan and to keep this area under threat, exploit their natural resources such as gas and oil and to gain monopolistic access to their markets. Also dangerous aspect of the US invasion of Afghanistan is the loss of strategic depth for Pakistan in the form of Afghanistan. These are all steps of the US for which Muslims take US as an enemy.

Pakistan government took a U-turn against Afghanistan and joined the US as an ally which amounted to putting Pakistan's

integrity at stake. This alliance with US will never be beneficial. It will turn Pakistan into a mercenary for the US. I can foresee that the next target for the US will be nuclear Pakistan.

Long term plan

As far as Taliban and their government are concerned they are very wise and diplomatic. They have experienced 20 years of war in their country. They can foresee the US objectives. They know that Osama or his organization are not a problem for the US but instead its aims are a long term plan of occupying Afghanistan by exterminating Taliban and installing a puppet government to exploit the markets of the surrounding countries.

Strong opposition in Afghanistan

According to the history of Afghanistan, Great Britain failed after paying a heavy price in Afghanistan. They tried again and again and it took 100 years to realize the futility of their struggle. Once a 30,000 strong English contingent upon an expedition were all killed leaving a sole survivor who was sent back to narrate the story. The exemplary defeat of former superpower USSR is also before you. I can forecast that world's last great power will be splintered into pieces and lose its supremacy because of its nonsensical attack on Afghanistan.

During the war with Russia, Afghans were not dependent upon the US weapons. They designed their own bombs made of bottles of petrol, acid and kerosene oil and used these against the Russian tanks. The West should learn the fact that wars are not fought just on the basis of weapons. Faith and belief in Allah's help is the strongest and insurmountable weapon of a Muslim. Muslim belief in the eternality of a Shaheed (martyr) makes him fight without weapons and he never fears the enemy.

A message for the US

My sincere advice to the US is that they should go back from Afghanistan as early as possible. Afghan people will never rest unless they kicked out the last US soldier. If they do not leave they will have to suffer heavy losses just like the USSR which was also a superpower and technologically superior but could not stay here in spite of having adjoining boarder. You cannot imagine the damage which the US will have to suffer.

How the West creates scenarios against Islam

The Western think tanks devised certain clichés to be propagated against Islam;

- Islam is 1500 years old religion and is obsolete.
- Muslims are backward, wild and just like animals.
- Islam denies women their rights and suppresses them.
- Muslims are fundamentalists and narrow-minded.

The effects of the division of Afghanistan formula

The US does not want any Islamic government in Afghanistan and have plans against the integrity of Afghanistan and want to install a weak and unstable government that is conducive to the fulfilment of their long term plan. This division plan is a conspiracy and will leave serious and dangerous effects on Pakistan. This will uncork the bottle of the jinni of nationalism. Persians, Tajiks and Pashtuns will be at each other's throats and in Pakistan the provinces of Balochistan and KPK might be tempted to take the side of the Afghani Pashtuns leading to the division of Pakistan. Only the province of Punjab will be left as Pakistan. Then the US will ask India to attack Punjab. In my opinion the fate of Pakistan is linked to the fate of Afghanistan.

West wants to finish the bases of Muslims survival

Muslims' survival is based on two things, one is the religious institutions and second the ideology of self-defence. The presence of such institutions leads to the survival of an ideology and this in turn ensures a separate Muslim identity. The practical source for ideology of self-defence that a Muslim should be able to fight his enemy, are madaris, mosques, and religious organizations. And their identity and culture is alive due to these institutions. If these are destroyed or controlled then the Muslim ideology can be controlled.

Keeping the above in view the West has planned its course of action to deprive Islam of these two sources of survival. On one side they are working to destroy the Islamic ideological institutions which motivate, refresh and enlighten the Muslims, on the other they are on their way to ensure that Muslim *Umma* is deprived of their power to defend. That is why they attacked Iraq and Afghanistan and now they are heading to neutralize and destroy nuclear Pakistan.

"Pakistan first" slogan

This slogan of Pakistani government is logically wrong because the reason for the creation of Pakistan was its ideology. The famous slogan "what is the meaning of Pakistan" *La elaha ilallah* "there is no God but Allah", and Pakistan came into being on the basis of this slogan. Thus the ideology of Pakistan is first and then Pakistan. If there is no ideology, there will be no Pakistan.

Conspiracy for changing geography of Pakistan

It is the plan of the US to make Karachi as an independent state and to join Balochistan and KPK with Afghanistan and the province of Punjab be joined with India. The whole nation is under-trial. The

Sindhis, Baluchis, Pathans and Punjabis, all are sitting in one boat of Pakistan. Now West is trying to make a hole in its body and some people are cooperating to dismantle this boat. Why do they not see that they will drown in water with the boat?

Role of Afghanistan defence council

The real aim of this council is to face and counter the international crusade terrorism against the Muslims. This council will have nothing to do with internal affairs of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Another we will oppose the US use of Pakistani territory for any kind of attack on Afghanistan.

Civil war in Afghanistan

We were not in need of any help from the US in war against the Russians. But the US cunningly asked some Islamic countries to come for help in Afghanistan like UAE, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia and helped Taliban. But when USSR withdrew, the US pulled away its support suddenly and caused the breakout of a civil war.

Geneva Accord

At the time of Geneva Accord I asked General Ziaul Haq to convene a meeting of the parliament and fully opposed Prime Minister Muhammad Khan Junejo for favouring this pact. I made clear that unless all mujahedeen groups join in Afghan government, the civil war will continue. Junejo did not agree and signed the pact. General Ziaul Haq appreciated and supported my stance.

Pakistan – the ultimate target of the US

According to the US the next perceived threat is Pakistan. They will say all terrorism is being generated from Pakistan. The US foreign minister once said that roots of terrorism in Washington and terrorism in Kashmir are alike. In other words they are saying

that Pakistan is responsible for all terrorism and they will punish Pakistan for it.

Now it has been proved with facts that the US hegemony is worse than that of British and they want the world of Islam to be confined to the cage of slavery for which the US wants to go against Pakistan after neutralizing Afghanistan.

How to remove doubts of the West

The best way to come closer to each other is to adopt the ways and means to remove doubts about Islam which the West holds close to its heart. I suggest that the West should thoroughly study the revealed Holy Quran with commentary, which is the most effective book. They should withdraw their forces from oil resources of the Muslim countries and occupied territories and stop the policies of discrimination. Thirdly the West should cease the propaganda against Islam and study Islamic culture and way of life.

The ongoing war of economy

Russia committed aggression against Afghanistan which ultimately led to its destruction. Its consequences are that the US ranks itself as the owner of the whole world and wants to keep under control all of the Asian countries including Japan and China. For those hegemonic designs they will not allow peace to perpetuate. If peace in Asian and Islamic countries is restored, the US interests will be under threat. Same is the case of Afghanistan, that Taliban restored peace and tranquillity in Afghanistan and a stable government of Taliban came into being which was not acceptable to the US.

The troika of Jews, Russia and the US has united against Islam as well as Asian countries as they want economic hegemony over these nine newly liberated Muslim states. These states are rich in

natural resources and the US wants to keep these 13 states weak and instable. For this economical aim, the US has extended a hand of friendship towards Iran.

Why nuclear Pakistan is not acceptable to West, as it accepts nuclear India: It was India who illegally occupied the Muslim majority states of Kashmir and Junagarh and carried out the first nuclear explosion in 1974 and later five nuclear explosions in May 1998. No Western country could stop India. It was all against Pakistan. When Pakistan replied in kind the whole Western world turned against us and unlike Pakistan when Israel exploded the same bomb, it was appreciated by the US. Now the US has accepted India as a nuclear power; signed a nuclear exchange treaty with India but rejected Pakistan's request. They say that Pakistani nuclear weapons are not safe and there is a fear of capture of nuclear weapons by the fundamentalists of Pakistan.

They know that in India, Hindus, especially the Rashtaria Sevak Singh and BJP are fundamentalists and proven terrorists. Why the West is feeling no threat from the Indian side? Why the West is not worried about Russian nuclear weapons or China's nuclear weapons? Above all Israeli state is totally illegal and its nuclear capability is a serious threat to Arab countries but no one is objecting to Israeli nuclear capability.

This proves that they want to make all Muslim states their slaves and want to exploit Muslim-resources. That is only possible when Muslims are kept disarmed, de-weaponized, demilitarized and with derailed economically.

Moreover the US is the only power which has used the nuclear bomb against Japan. No Muslim country has done this and Pakistan will not resort to this at any cost. For Pakistan this is a deterrent against India.

What the Western countries want?

We have no doubt that the US and the West wants that the Islamic countries particularly and also other poor third world countries should be kept economically and militarily weak to an extent that they are at the mercy of the West. Their natural resources and trade be under the control of West and to exploit them as they please. If they feel threatened by any country they attack and occupy it as they did in Iraq, Afghanistan and Sudan.

They also don't want the religious educational institutions in Islamic countries to flourish because these fountain heads of knowledge make the students aware of their freedom. They call Islamic education in religious institutions as terrorist training and want to take their countries back to the 7th century and similarly blame the Taliban's Islam as backward and narrow minded.

Same is the case of Osama Bin Laden whose only demand to the US was to pull out forces from oil reserves and vacate the Arab territory. For that innocent demand, the West propagated him as a terrorist.

Fear of the US in the West and East

It is obvious that the governments of all the countries be those in the West or East fear the US. They fear that any noncooperation will lead to revenge from the US. For the same reason they agreed to send forces to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Reality of the US

The US is a top class coward and cunning country with chicken-hearted people who fear individuals like Osama Laden, Fidel Castro and the Iranian president. They feared Osama to the extent that if they felt any movement of rat in the room, they blamed Osama for it. My sincere advice to all the countries is that they should not fear the US.

The US fears Pakistan because of its nuclear weapons and is afraid that Islamists might get their hands on nuclear weapons. President Musharraf was a coward who succumbed to all the demands of the US. If in Musharraf's place there was a bold president like the Iranian one, the US would have ran from Afghanistan.

US crusade against Islam

Soon after 9/11 and before launching attack on Afghanistan George W. Bush while requesting the Western countries to extend all help declared it a crusade and then he apologized for calling it a crusade realizing his mistake. All the operations of the US forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan are the proof of a crusade war. Therefore, each and every Muslim should wake up and be firm and steadfast against their crusade.

US policy for the Jews

The US levelled allegations which Osama repeatedly rejected, but US still failed to explain why the Jewish workers were absent on 9/11? One can make out that 9/11 attacks were a Jewish conspiracy in order to launch the US against Islam. The US is helpless to inquire about the realities. How could have such a huge attack been launched by Osama and why the entire US intelligence network failed to check such an attack is unbelievable. It is clearly an engineered plan either by Jews or the US intelligence to blame Osama. This is also a fact that Jews are so strong in the US administration that the government and people are helpless to question them. Thus the people of America are forced to compromise with the Jewish lobby.

Jews are enemy of the US

I visited the US and met with various famous congressmen and senators and discussed with them that the US is dealing unfairly by leaving Afghanistan in the lurch. I also asked these members

to re-construct the destroyed infra-structure. They admitted that this Jewish lobby in the US is strong enough and Americans are helpless to consider my requests. The Christians must open their eyes and understand that the Jews are their real enemies. Why are you playing in the hands of the Jews? They crucified Jesus Christ. Jews think they are the most superior and most favourite nation of Allah on earth. According to Jews only they have the right to rule the world and to control the wealth of the world. For this they have decided to use the American power by first gaining control of the US through their long term planning. They have forced the US to do each and everything they wanted to do against the Muslim countries. Now they are so powerful that the power of the US is in their control and the new world order of the US is the world order of Jews. They blame Osama for 9/11 attacks but have no proof.

American people are against the government

After the end of Russian war, the US initiated and supported a civil war in Afghanistan. During that period I visited the US and held mutual discussions with Bell Malcolm, Gordon Humphrey and others. I asked why they have pulled their hands from Taliban support who were their favourites. They could not reply me except admitting the fact and said we Americans are unreliable.

USA - the real terrorist

The US forces attacked Afghanistan like a mad dog, attacked mosques, hospitals, schools, cities and villages ruthlessly. They carried out carpet bombing and even attacked the Red Cross. The US banned Al Rashid Trust, a famous welfare service NGO that was providing food and clothing to homeless refugees as a terrorist organization.

The US carried out all sorts of inhuman deeds in Afghanistan

which the history has no example of before. Then there is the story of Guantanamo Bay lockup and the rape cases in Iraq and Afghanistan and the case of Dr Afia Siddiqui. There are many other examples which prove that Bush acted like a mad person.

Russia and the US have common objectives

Both superpowers have common objectives as they want to have control over the Muslim countries, use and exploit their resources. First Russia attacked Afghanistan with the aim to reach water resources through Pakistan. The US came to support Taliban and helped them in pushing back Russia and later attacked Afghanistan for its vested interests. If *Jihad* was fine against the USSR then why this *Jihad* is terrorism against the US?

West is an open enemy of Islam

The US is proving itself to be the biggest enemy of Islam. Following the defeat of the Russians, Taliban established peace in Afghanistan and enforced an Islamic system which was not acceptable to the US and it attacked the poor and weak Afghanistan without any reason or fault except implementing the Islamic system.

Wherever in the world Muslims are in crisis that is due to some Western power, which is playing against Islam. e.g. in Kashmir, the US is supporting India, in Palestine the West is with Israel, in Chechnya the West is with Russia, in Afghanistan the West is cooperating with Iran, Russia, India and Northern Alliance.

New World Order

The US says that they are the only superpower and have the right to rule the world. They will install colonial system once again and all Muslim and poor countries will be enslaved. Their resources and economy will be controlled through their (US) banks and policies.

Shameful role of the Western Media

The Western media is extraordinarily prejudiced against Islam and propagates a wrong picture. They never care about the sentiments of the Muslims. Every human being who is a man of principle is aware that the US is terrorist and Muslims are the prey of their terrorism but the Western media is propagating that Muslims are backward and terrorists.

US and Muslims

Muslims are educationally and technically backward and militarily weak but rich in natural resources. Their natural resources have proved to be a yolk for the Muslims. The rulers of Muslim countries do not have the knowledge of Quran and *Sunnah* and instead of being God-fearing they are West and US fearing. They are engaged in pleasing the West. Moreover, the Muslim countries are not united.

This bad time on Muslims is because of their ignorance of Allah's revealed book, the Holy Quran. They don't study it and do not try to understand it. Therefore they fail to implement it. The weakness of the US is that its people have also ignored the teachings of Jesus. They have grown proud and are now a prey of Jews. They have knowledge and thinktanks which always plan wrong. Instead of snatching the Muslim resources by force they must use these through friendship. By using force they have made the whole Muslim *Umma* their enemy. Now the West has reached a point of no return and every Muslim is becoming Osama. You might have read in newspapers that the number of Christians, who are converting to Islam, has increased many times. My advice to the US is to hire noble people throughout the world as members of their think tanks and those making the current policies should be sent on retirement.

US heading towards failure

The areas of Herat, Ghazni and Balkh were called *Khurasan*. History tells us that this is the area where all great powers were defeated and could not sustain. The example of Great Britain, recent example of the defeat of Russia and now presently the US is also at the verge of a heavy defeat, since the US has crossed the limits of human crimes and cruelty and the nations doing such things are dead nations. The US has proved to be a dead nation.

Our Holy Prophet has indicated the strength of *Khurasan* where a great war will start. The name of that war is *Maarikah-tul-maarik* which means "the war of the wars".

Maarikah-tul-maarik (War of the wars)

The situation is that this war may have started because all of the non-Muslim countries have united as one against Islam. They have announced a crusade against Islam. Their focus is the *Khurasan* (Afghanistan) area. They all were united in Iraq war and now they are the allies in Afghanistan. But the Muslims are still sleeping. Only a small number of mujahedeen are trying to stop them with the claim that they are making an effort to please Allah. These few sincere Muslims are called by the West as the terrorists. The truth is that the crusaders are the real terrorists. US, Britain, France, Russia, Israel, Japan, India, Australia and Europe are all united against Islam and sent their forces to Afghanistan. So we can say that the war of the wars has started. In other words a limited *Third World War* has started

When Allah will see that sufficient number of Muslims have united under one flag then Allah's help surely will be with them. And at that time the US will be alone and weaker and consequently disintegrate.

Iran - US against Taliban

Common objectives against Taliban

The real objective of the US attack on Afghanistan is to crush Taliban's Islamic revolution. When Mazaar Sharif fell to Taliban, Iran took it as a security threat. Hence it seems that the US and Iran have a common objective and they joined hands to restrict the advancements made by the Taliban.

Islamic revolution as a threat to the West and Iran

According to Professor Philip Smucker, there was no bigotry or prejudice against Islam but the Iranian revolution came in such a way that it created severe prejudice against Islam. Then, after the demise of communism, the Western thinktank and media took Islamic system as a serious threat to the Western way of life. The Taliban revolution struck another blow. President Bush appealed to the West to come to the aid of the US in a crusade against Islam on the frontiers of Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan.

Islam is a peaceful religion and there is no allowance for aggression against any non-Muslim country. The true reason for Western aggression against the Islamic world is that they want to exploit the resources of Islamic world and that is only possible when Muslims are kept weak and constantly under threat.

Why Iran opposes Taliban

As far as I know, Taliban have done nothing against Iran. Being a Muslim neighbour to Afghanistan, Iran should support it. One of the reasons for this opposition might be that Iran supported Ahmad Shah Masood and another could be that being a Shia state, they might be worried about Taliban government which was a Hanafi state. Third reason might be the concern about Shia faction in and around the Mazaar Sharif.

But reality is that Taliban have never committed any offence against Iran. Therefore Iran shouldn't go against Afghanistan. There is no Shia-Sunni problem.

Killing of Iranian diplomats in Mazaar Sharif

As we have read in newspapers, there were some Iranians wearing uniforms in a building and there were no signs declaring them to be a foreign mission or envoys or diplomats etc. Some Afghans who could be Taliban came to check them during which the Iranians misbehaved and there was a scuffle. Taliban took them away and killed them. But it was not done on any explicit governmental order. It was due to the fault of the commander of the area.

Before the incident of Mazaar Sharif, Iranian forces had already killed 30 Taliban in Bamian. There is another case that Iran had killed 3000 Afghans. There were only nine Iranian people who were killed in Mazaar Sharif. No one speaks for those 3000 or 30 men in Bamian killings.

Propaganda of "Hanafi State"

A totally baseless propaganda of setting up a Hanafi state against Taliban that such a state might be a threat to Iran. The reality is that Taliban government came into being as a blessing of *Jihad* and not on the basis of Hanafi or Deobandi movement. Taliban do not conform to any particular sect and have in no way created Shia-Sunni enmity in Afghanistan.

Reforms in religious institutions

Why oppose government reforms

You know in government-administered schools, colleges and universities there is no proper syllabus for Quran, *Hadith* and *Fiqh* of Islam. This education system of schools and colleges was introduced by British Government in India to make the citizens secular. In order to make up for the deficiency of religious knowledge among the Muslims our religious scholars started Madrassah system as non-governmental organizations and this parallel system is working independently since 1857.

That is why the administration of religious institutions strongly oppose the government reforms at this stage because according to them the government is doing this on the dictates of the West, which is openly demanding cessation of the teaching of Quran and *Hadith* to make the Muslims secular. Religious scholars think that the West is unaware of the benefits of Quran and *Hadith*. They are not aware that this system brings revealed knowledge to the Muslims and turns them into peaceful and useful citizens of the society.

Suggestions to the West

If the West is desirous of curtailing the independent religious institutions (Madaris) then they should ask the Muslim governments to introduce the syllabus of these Madaris in government schools, colleges and the universities. Then there will be no need of Deeni Madaris.

Reaction of Deeni Madaris against reforms

A serious and strong agitation will be launched as we will not tolerate any such action of the government which will be considered interference into the domain of Ulama. We will protect

our independence. The Ulama of all sects are united as one for the cause. The government will be helpless in regulating these religious institutions which have been working uninterrupted in Pakistan since 1947. It is clear that they will not accept any interference from the government.

Government funding of madaris

It is the policy of the Ulama of the religious institutions that they will never accept any aid from the government or any political or official person of any country. They do not want to be obliged by anyone other than Allah. We only get aid in the name of Allah through the noble Muslim businessmen or as *Zakat* paid by rich Muslims. Accepting aid from any government means accepting their influence in our policies. There is no question of accepting aid from Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, US or Pakistan.

Strength of madrassah students and their future

The strength of religious students is not more than 10% as compared to 90% students at other schools and colleges. The students who choose Islamic institutions have to walk a track littered with sacrifices because they are not given the preference which a doctor or an engineer enjoys in this world. Religious graduates are more concerned about Allah and want to please Allah and surely Allah will please them. In Islam, the real and never-ending life is the life of hereafter. So the pleasure and success in the hereafter is the real pleasure.

Also the Ulama enjoy respect among the masses. They get job as soon as they leave the Madaris, although not highly paid like doctors and engineers, but they are more respected. Had there been uniformity amongst religious syllabi in the colleges and universities as in Madaris then there would have been no class differences.

Performance of religious institutions

The religious institutions have a great role in the reconstruction of the nation. They are doing a lot for the progress, advancement, uplift and harmony of the nation. They are preparing useful and peaceful citizens for Pakistan as good citizens of any country are in the interest of all human beings. Such people are a prerequisite for global peace. It is the West who is making them enemies, by stealing their resources.

The Western media, who visited Pakistani Darul Ulooms, have categorically admitted the good performance of these institutions. Some biased Western people, however, are busy in promoting negative propaganda against us. There is not a single example of display of bad character from any religious student, whereas there are a lot of examples of bad character, from the students of colleges and the universities.

My Life and Struggle

I delivered my famous 19-point lecture in a press briefing to international media in Islamabad on 19th September 2001. In these points I categorically indicated future heinous designs of the US and their consequences. These proved my precision of forethought, which is especially validated when we examine the present scenario prevailing in South Asia i.e. Afghanistan, Pakistan and the buffer area between them i.e. FATA.

The text of address:

All parties and organizations, either political or Jihad-oriented, from the common platform of "The Defence of Afghanistan and Pakistan Council" have shown grave concerns over the imminent threat posed by the US towards the two countries and use of Pakistani territory for attacking Afghanistan.

This council agrees upon launching a resistance movement. In this connection all religious parties along with the whole nation will carry out agitation on Friday 21st September 2001. There will be a complete shutter down strike and this action will grow gradually in intensity. The logic behind this agitation is that these steps of the US with the approval of Pakistani government will generate a vicious process of national, political, economic and security problems. Following are the points to be considered in this connection.

- *There are no supportable legal or ethical grounds for the US to attack Afghanistan which is a country traumatized by 20 years of war and imposing more destruction over its people is totally a barbarous and inhumane act and is a severe violation of the charter of UNO. Moreover it is a blatant act of terrorism by Americans.*
- *The whole area will be de-stabilized and a never-ending chain of war and destruction will ensue.*
- *After capturing Afghanistan or by installing a puppet government there, US intends to establish airfields to project its air power into central Iran, Tajikistan, Tibet and Ladakh etc.*
- *Pakistan which is already a prey to terrorism will further fall into international turmoil and resultantly a civil war may start in Pakistan.*
- *As a result of the expected American aggression, a process of emigration of millions of Afghan refugees to Pakistan has already started and might amplify in magnitude as the time passes. And Pakistan by extending all-out cooperation and resources will be fully responsible and the unbearable economic burden of all the refugees will fall on the shoulders of Pakistan military junta.*
- *Pakistan Army which is responsible for the defence of every inch of its territory and frontiers will get disgraced in the eyes of its people. They might take Pakistan army as their enemy and this lack of rapport among people of Pakistan and its army will jeopardize the solidarity of Pakistan.*
- *The status of the only strong Islamic army will become questionable and God forbid Algiers-like situation might result from that.*
- *The arrival of American army in Pakistan will cause a serious threat to Pakistan's nuclear capability which Americans dream to neutralize. Another big threat is that the Kashmiri people will be*

left to survive on the mercy of India, US and Israel and resultantly Kashmir will fall to India forever.

- *The experience of gulf countries and Saudi Arabia should not be forgotten. Having once allowed the US forces on their soil they are unable to expel them even after ten years of the completion of the task they were called for. These forces are draining those countries dry.*
- *Pakistan will lose its strategic depth afforded by a friendly Afghanistan. By supporting the US we will put to waste our exemplary and historic sacrifices made towards the expulsion of the USSR from Afghanistan in support of the Afghan people, whose trust will be permanently lost. The hatred of Afghan people will make our Western borders insecure as well.*
- *The US is targeting Afghanistan for a single person Osama without carrying out any valid investigation and research. Tell me why thousands of Jew workers at the World Trade Centre were absent at the time of incident of 9/11. European agencies are blaming "Osama" therefore, we are sure that there is a planned conspiracy against Muslims. The real enemy behind this is are the Jews.*
- *Present scenario when a meeting of the Shura of Ulama is in process, Pakistan and the US should not resort to any rash steps. If the Ulama of Afghanistan declare a Fatwa of Jihad against the US due to their aggression then Pakistani Ulama and the world of Islam will have to follow suit and support it.*
- *My sincere advice to the US is that they should not take any step which will render all Americans vulnerable to the hatred of the whole world. This will also result in the destruction of the American economy and the loss of US prestige as the sole superpower.*
- *Our defence council strongly condemns the cold war of Western and Indian media.*

- *On this occasion we request Pakistani government to withdraw from extending cooperation to the US by ignoring their threats. Pakistani nation believes that the only superpower is Allah Almighty therefore Pakistan government should not even consider any incentives being offered by the US. The hope of American succour is a false one and ultimately may just result in betrayal like our previous experiences with the US in 1965, 1971 and the Kargil.*
- *We have realized that actual target of the US is not Osama Bin Laden but "The Taliban's Islamic Government". They will not rest until uninstalling it and dividing Afghanistan into parts. There is a statement of the American foreign minister that the war will continue even after the arrest of Osama.*
- *In this connection we strongly appreciate the cooperative policy of Taliban. They are continuously offering help in the interrogation of Osama Bin Laden and the related investigation. They are in discussions with Pakistani officials and Afghan Ulama and are suggesting various options and are distancing themselves from terrorism. US should also show truthfulness, tolerance and statesmanship.*
- *At this sensitive stage the nation should show national unity and should not endanger the law and order situation. The solidarity, sovereignty and the interest of the country should be given preference over the status of parties and organizations. And from the common platform of "Defence of Pakistan and Afghanistan council", we should organize peaceful programs so that our enemy may receive the message of our national unity and this can be shown on 21st September 2001 strike.*
- *We also expect from Pakistan government to not be offended by this peaceful agitation by its people. Such agitations should be taken as a morale-boosting measure for the nation. If government will consider*

the sentiments of its people before reaching any decision, then it will get good will message and will receive no resistance.

Now in the absence of politicians, who failed to perceive their responsibilities at this critical juncture, the whole onus rests on the shoulders of Pakistan army. Therefore, Pakistan army should put their whole trust in Allah and beg Him to enable them to be successful before Him and their nation.

Maulana Samiul Haq

Chairman Defence Pakistan and

Afghanistan council

19 September 2001

Speech 2:

The speech on the topic of "The robbery on our nuclear capability"

I moved a bill in Pakistan Senate on nuclear issue and the debriefing of scientists which was approved. I made a speech in the Pakistan Senate, on 16th February 2004 in favour of this bill which is reproduced here from the official record of the Senate. Following are the salient points:

The Text: In the name of Allah! The most Beneficent, the most Merciful. Honourable Chairman, I would briefly explain. My honourable colleagues of the Senate have discussed in details the shameful treatment of government with our kind and honourable scientists is a black chapter of our history. This stigma will not be brushed off from the face of our nation in the remaining world.

The history is a witness to the treatment of So-crates and other scientists from the West were put into lockups for their knowledge and services rendered to their nations and lastly were forced to drink poison.

This is not a timely issue as pointed out by our honourable members. It

is a never-ending chain of crisis. It would be a noble deed for our nation if we succeed in stopping this practice.

US was in search of an opportunity: I am sure that non-muslim powers do not tolerate the nuclear capability of any Muslim country. Therefore, they could not digest the nuclear capability of Pakistan. There was a favourable situation for Pakistan when all were busy in Afghan-Russia war and the US ignored the information about Pakistani nuclear business due to the much needed services of Pakistan against Russia.

The US started building pressure on Pakistan soon after the destruction of the USSR. The issue of signing the CTBT by Pakistan was raised and its approval by the parliament was quite possible but the whole nation rejected its approval with one voice. Thanks God, we were saved from signing this discriminatory pact.

When the time of explosion came near, President Clinton used various means to pressurize Pakistan to refrain from it. I would appreciate the firmness of the then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who stood firm bravely and ordered the scientists to explode Al Hamdu Lillah that the Muslim Umma was blessed with a bomb.

Islamic bomb: Soon after the explosion, the world of non-muslim countries gave it the name of "Islamic Bomb", whereas previously held bombs by the US and Britain were not named as "Christian Bomb" which destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. When India detonated nuclear bomb it was not called a "Hindu Bomb". Israel was fully supported and facilitated by the West to become nuclear power. It was not named a "Jew Bomb". When Pakistan exploded then there was certain uproar of "Islamic Bomb" whereas the West had this information for 15 years but kept quiet for its vested interests.

Real and insurmountable weapons: Why the US is working on her plan to weaken the Pakistan army by pitching it to fight with its own people as is the case in KPK/FATA and Balochistan and creating hatred

to fuel the civil war against Pakistan army? Because they know that the only Islamic and powerful army within Muslim world is of Pakistan which is highly motivated for Jihad. This army is strong because of the power of strong faith in Allah. And the power of faith cannot be captured or destroyed. Now in their power of faith the nuclear power is another blessed addition. Therefore, the US is working on the following two fronts:

- To denuclearise Pakistan army by entangling her in civil war against her own people.
- To de-motivate and secularize the army through long term and short term plans.

Shahadat (The concept of martyrdom in Islam): Firm faith in Allah motivates the Muslims to strive in the way of Allah even if he embraces death or Shahadat (martyrdom). Islamic teachings of Quran and Hadith make the Muslims firm in faith and that is an insurmountable weapon. This was the reason that more than four thousands of our Ulama and students of Darul Uloom embraced martyrdom.

Everything we had is lost: It was bad luck after 11 September that we suffered a situation like Iraq and Afghanistan. The whole world protested the destruction and cruelty of the West in these countries.

The world should see that it is worst in Pakistan than Afghanistan and Iraq but they do not see our destruction. The world looks at our beautiful buildings and roads and our government is happy on the false perception that they have saved Pakistan by extending all out cooperation to the US.

The real situation is that the Iraqis have saved their courage, their will of liberty and Jihad but we have lost all these things because of Musharraf and we became undeclared and unconditional slaves of the US.

The FBI is freely operating across Pakistan more than above mentioned two countries. Our intelligence agencies are in their control. Our

airports are in their control. Our houses, mosques and educational institutions have become unsafe. Our scientists are unsafe and disgraced. The environment of Pakistan is like the spring season for the US and a country conquered without war. That is why they are making the noise about nuclear weapons by accusing Pakistan of being the root cause of terrorism. Our government has handed over 600 innocent Pakistanis to the US and received dollars.

First phase of capturing nuclear weapons: Action against Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan is the beginning of the first phase to capture the nuclear capability of Pakistan and the prevailing situation is ideal for them as we made the mistake of not prosecuting those responsible, nor discussed at the National Assembly. Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan's case should have been supported and he should have been given a chance to clarify his position.

Blame everything on Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan: Various options were tried and it became obvious that there may be some army generals involved and Pakistan army might be disgraced. Keeping these facts in view Dr AQ Khan was made the scapegoat. It was a sad incident and a stigma on the face of our government which cannot be washed away.

We asked the government if they were in a fix or crisis and extended an offer to help and that it should call all the political leaders and discuss and consult the solution of this issue of national importance. This announcement and forced admission of guilt by Dr AQ Khan supported the doubts of the West that our nuclear capability is unsafe. In other words it was immature performance of the then Pakistani President to compel our national hero, to admit, as his fault, in the national interest, whereas, this forced admission is against the national interest.

Faith and Defence both are at the stake: Mr. Chairman there are two things for the source of our survival. One of them is our ideology and faith which is the bases of the creation of Pakistan and this is under attack from our enemies. They want to finish our religious identity and

are trying to make Pakistan a secular and liberal state. They want to finish our religious institutions and Jihadi organizations. The second thing is our defence capability. That's why the West is worried about how to deprive Pakistan of Islamic bomb (nuclear bomb).

Recently the US carried out an explosion of a bomb named, "Qinabeal" "Mother of Bombs". No one on earth is able to stop the US of this practice. As the UN official Mr. Muhammad Albrade has said that the US is also involved in spreading the nuclear weapons and should investigate proliferation starting from her home. We hope that the US will destroy its nuclear weapons then the other countries will do the same and the world will take a sigh of relief.

Dear Chairman: I think that we should not take this so light (admission by Dr AQ Khan). General Musharraf should have said that all is not done in my (Musharraf) tenure and I can't give reply. We should ask the US why they were quite when people were smuggling this technology. Now Musharraf has committed a blunder.

In my opinion we should appoint an inquiry commission but Pakistan has a bad record of commissions in history like Justice Hamoodur Rehman Commission and we could not bring the culprits of nation even on TV nor could we punish them. We never punished the violators of constitution and those who dissolved the national assembly. We did nothing with plunderers of Pakistani wealth who took this wealth to Swiss banks and purchased Surrey Palace. We are thankful to Allah and Dr AQ Khan who is our Messiah.

Dear Chairman! There is India on one side that is making boundary wall on our border. On the other side Hindu army has come into Afghanistan. The US wants to repeat in Pakistan all that it has done in Afghanistan. They want to deprive us of nuclear weapons. I appeal to the nation that we should think and take measures how to protect and safeguard our weapons and capability.

Pakistan paid heavy price as first line ally to US: The question of paying heavy price for cooperation with the US requires detailed discussion. But here I would like to be very brief and give a list of facts as under:

- *American military/air force entered into Pakistan and sat on strategically important installations of Pakistan hence this is a serious threat for future.*
- *Pakistan made our friends (Afghans and Taliban) as enemies and lost strategic defensive depth by extending all out help to the US for the attacks on Afghanistan from Pakistani territory.*
- *The people of Muslim world have started cursing Pakistan and strong hatred feelings are observed.*
- *The tribal belt of FATA area has also turned against Pakistan army due to its operation against them for the cause of the US. By this we lost our defence allies and made them as our enemies.*
- *We have lost the trust of Pakistan army from the hearts of people and developed hatred. The suicide attacks on Pakistan army are a proof of the fact.*
- *We have facilitated American and NATO forces to encircle our nuclear installations.*
- *We have facilitated the nationalist organizations (awakening for separation) in Balochistan and KPK.*
- *Deployment of large number of army shifting from Eastern to Western fronts is a serious threat for any attack from Indian side.*
- *President Musharraf allowed CIA and FBI to operate freely in Pakistan. Exchange of intelligence information is also a security threat to Pakistan.*

- *We have handed our scientists and other religious and sincere Pakistani citizens for shameful money in dollars as a prize. These pious people were sent to Guantanamo Bay jail.*
- *We were compelled by the US for friendship with India and soften the stance over Kashmir issue. So we lost our old stance. In doing this we have discouraged the people of Kashmir.*
- *A civil war like situation in KPK and Balochistan.*
- *Threat to our internal security. Bombs and suicide attacks are few examples.*
- *Loss of government writ.*
- *In other words we have lost each and every thing because of cooperation with the US.*

US as a preacher and violator of three principles

The US speaks a lot when there is a violation of basic human rights. Also will make noise in the name of protection of human rights. But in Muslim countries like Iraq and Afghanistan, they are found as the biggest violators of human rights by killing innocent women, children and old people and destroying their houses by indiscriminate bombing.

The second principle Americans preach is of democracy. They preach to safeguard this system of government in all countries and on the other side the US is the biggest violator of democracy by attempting to dethrone leaders whom the US does not want in power. There is example of Algeria where democratically elected government of pro-Islamic people was not allowed to form government. In Pakistan the US favoured and worked with military governments and so on.

The third thing which the US is preaching to the world is to follow the United Nations Organizations charter. So what the US wants on the other side of a same coin? The US is the violator of UN charter by influencing and pressurizing the Security Council. In other words the UN has become a stooge of the US and what the US wants in the world, UN is forced to do that. Therefore, the US is the violator of UN charter.

The American allegations against Osama and Al-Qaeda look like an engineered drama to blackmail the governments and people of the world. This drama will help them to harass the other governments and to mould them to be ready for military aid against Islam.

In my opinion there is no Al-Qaeda. In case if there is any such organization that may be not more than a NGO. You know that NGOs cannot do anything to harm or endanger the nuclear powers of the US. And the US made this Osama issue as a tool to enter into Afghanistan for making their bases to threaten China and Russia. But now the West has become aware of the plan of the US of blackmailing them.

Kashmir issue and the US

Former President Musharraf and his advisers were of the view that the US will help them in resolving the Kashmir issue according to the wishes of Kashmiri people. In my opinion either Pakistan government has lost her foresight ability or our leaders have been purchased.

The reality is that the US wants that India should be favoured. Pakistan's real stance is that Kashmir issue should be resolved according to United Nations resolutions. The real stance of Musharraf was pro- Indian.

Amending the blasphemy law

Defaming of any Holy Prophet is prohibited in every religion. We respect and have equal belief in Moses, Jesus, Abraham and all other prophets. This law was promulgated to ensure the dignity of Holy Prophet and to promote law and order situation. This law was appreciated by Pakistani people as well as other Muslim countries. No Muslim can tolerate any derogatory attribution to the Holy Prophet and will not hesitate in murdering the person uttering any word taken as disgrace to the status of Holy Prophet. There happened such incidents of immature murder cases. And to streamline this law and order situation, this law was passed.

Now on the intervention of some Western countries, former President Musharraf and his government passed a bill for the amendment in this law to make the punishment difficult and in some cases impossible. Now according to the amendment one has to register the FIR with deputy commission or district coordination officer. And you know that not everyone can go to the DC or DCO. Normal procedure was to register FIR in nearest police station.

Due to President Musharraf, there will be no FIR and people will try to punish (murder) such person committing blasphemy themselves which is not according to law. So this amendment is one of the black deeds of Musharraf government in order to please the West.

Future of Jihadi organizations

The basic force of our defence council for Afghanistan and Pakistan are religious organizations as well as political parties like Jamaat-e-Islami, Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam, Jamiat-e-Ulama Pakistan and Jamiat Ahle *Hadith*. These are a part of the present Pakistani parliament and have come through electoral process. We all

(religious and political parties) support and favour all the *Jihad* organizations active in Kashmir. Had these *Jihad* organizations not posed a threat there to the seven hundred thousand military force of India, they would have crossed the border of Kashmir into Pakistan. These organizations are our arms (defence force) and hence a part of this Defence Council. These will remain active and will not stop on government's pressure. The allegation of funding is not true and is just an allegation. If there is any proof with someone, it should be made public. Now these organizations are working in the way of Allah (to liberate the enslaved people of Kashmir). Therefore, there is no chance of stopping in future. Allah's help is with these organizations.

My political services

For the recognition of the services as an advocate and servant of Islam, Pakistan and Afghanistan, following activities and efforts carried out by me are hereby highlighted for the information of the kind readers.

Forum of 'Defence of Afghanistan and Pakistan council'

When in the beginning of 2001, the UN Security Council imposed sanctions on the poor people of Afghanistan due to pressure of the US, people from all walks of life in both the countries became uneasy and raised their voices but not as one. As usual people expected some forceful action from me.

I called a meeting under the banner of "United Islamic Conference" including all political, religious and *Jihad* organizations of both the countries on Jan 10, 2001, at Akora Khattak. To raise one strong voice against the Western hegemonic powers. I had already organized groups such as United Sharia Front, United Religious Front, United Ulama Council and Milli Yakjehti Council and the Ulama of all schools of thought carried a united course of action.

This time the gathering at Darul Uloom was attended by all the heads of the invited organizations which proved an historical event. Two major political parties, Pakistan Peoples Party and Pakistan Muslim League failed to attend due to the US pressure, but later on they became members of this council.

The text of invitation letter.

TO,

Honourable Sir,

Assalamo Alaikum

Hope this letter finds you in the best of health. As you are aware that the international terrorist, George W. Bush has enforced sanctions on Afghanistan through Security Council. Russia, Israel and India were the supporters of Bush and are equal in this respect. On other side, the world of Islam is watching this drama quietly. Europe is also the ally of the US. All non-muslim powers are united for crusade against Islam. They all are ready for attack on Afghanistan not because of Osama but because of Islamic Government and introduction of Sharia Law which they cannot tolerate, they all are at full war to undo Islamic government.

On the other side the US has manipulated the oil resources of Arab countries and attack on Iraq is just to pressurize the oil rich countries.

Keeping the above referred scenario in view, is it not our duty to come to the aid of Taliban and other Arab Muslims? If we failed to extend full support to the Taliban's Islamic government, it would mean that we aided (helped) the satanic forces in the destruction of Islamic government, and Allah will not forgive us at all.

Therefore, now is the demand of present situation that all Islam loving leaders of the parties and organizations to sit together and unanimously decide a collective course of action to save the Islamic government. In this respect we all should be above any party and sect divide.

It is also obvious that if we did nothing to save the Islamic government then we would be helping the satanic forces to attack nuclear Pakistan after their success in Afghanistan. God forbid in this case our Deeni Madaris (Darul Uloom) and religious people will become the main target. Keeping the above call of the time and Allah's pleasure in view, I have decided to convene the meeting of important personalities on the morning of 10th Jan 2001 at 10:00 hours at Jamia Darul Uloom Haqqania Akora Khattak. You are cordially invited to attend. Allah will bless you with a high reward. I hope you kindly would inform us of your decision for attendance.

Thanks Wasalam

Maulana Samiul Haq

Secretary General

J.U.I, Pakistan &

Chancellor Darul Uloom Haqqania

AKORA Khattak

Agenda for joint Islamic conference:

Following points will be discussed in the conference;

- Present sanctions on Afghanistan by US and UN*
- Course of measures / steps to be adopted by the Muslims against the US*
- Our responsibilities in case of further attacks by the US on Afghanistan*
- Alliance of US, Israel, Russia, India and Europe against Afghanistan.*
- The case of protection and safety of Osama bin Laden.*
- Continuous aggression of Israel against Palestine*
- UN's present extension of period of sanctions against Libya*

- *Present situation of Kashmir issue and suggestion.*
- *Finding solution of the Western plans against the Muslim economy and defence capability*
- *To keep intact our religious institutions and our Islamic identity*
- *How to make this gathering more useful for the cause of Islam*
- *How to organize an Islamic defence council to answer the Western terrorism/crusade against Islam*

Opening address by Maulana

Honourable Ulama, Mashaikhe Izam

And National leaders!

Assalamo alaikum Wa Rahmatul Allah-wa-barakatohu.

First of all I thank your kind honour, for giving up all commitments and coming to join the meeting in spite of severe cold weather. It's really your great vision and love for the cause of Islam.

I would apologize for short comings in our administrative and protocol arrangements and hope your full cooperation in achieving the objectives of this great gathering, and I pray to Allah almighty for his blessings for our success and better future of the Umma.

If we analyse the present dark scenario of Islamic world, one thing is commonly obvious that the US and her allies are one on all-out war against Islam in depriving them of their resources and capabilities and keeping them under a threat according to their predetermined plans.

There be crisis in Indonesia, manipulation of the Arab's oil resources by the US issue of depriving Pakistan of nuclear weapons, the issue of destroying the Islamic government in Afghanistan, you will find the US behind each in satanic guise. All other Western countries are like an obedient servant of the US, they are the allies in war against Islam. They all take it as crusade against Islam.

I want to draw your kind attention towards the sacrifices of Taliban in connection of Jihad against Russia and in which actually they have fought for the defence of Pakistan by defeating Russia and stopping her advance toward Pakistan.

As a result of Russian defeat, the most benefited country was the US who stood as the sole world's super power at the cost of the blood of millions of Afghans, Europe got united, Baltic States got liberation, central Asian states got liberated because of the blood of millions of Afghans. Pakistan was saved from the Russians red flood and Pakistan also got a strategic depth. This all happened due to the sacrifices of the Afghans.

What a bad incident in the history of mankind, the countries who got benefited due to Afghan mujahedeen blood, they all turned against those mujahedeen and Afghans. There is a food for thought that if these countries are unable to be thankful or helpful to mujahedeen and Afghan Taliban then they should not go against and cooperate with the West against Taliban government.

You may have realized the case of economic sanctions against Afghan Islamic government by the UN Security Council on the encouragement of the US.

The only fault of Taliban government is that they have sincerely implemented the Islamic system. They have denied to hand over their guest Osama to the US who is a great mujahid of Islam and whose fault is that he condemned the US for her forced use of Arab oil resources. Taliban are facing the sanctions like Banu Hashim who faced for our Holy Prophet (PBUH). The Latest Position is as following:-

- West is working fully on their plan to cease Pakistan's military power, to deprive us of nuclear capability and to create a political turmoil and make Pakistan a slave to IMF and the World Bank.*
- To make Afghan Islamic government, helpless and force her to accept the Western agenda.*

- *They are on their plan to force the Arabs to accept the Israeli supremacy and to make Israeli writ strong one.*
- *They are united and even Russia is with them to fail the Taliban Islamic government and abandon the chance of a new Islamic government in central Asia.*
- *To deprive Kashmiri people of their liberation movement openly.*
- *Western supported NGOs are being established along with their agenda in Pakistan and targeting the status of religious and Jihad organizations.*
- *The open status of Haramain Sharifain has been endangered and oil resources have been encircled/ surrounded by keeping military forces in Arab territory.*
- *Subversive propaganda campaign is in full swing against the grand Jihad leader sheikh Osama.*
- *Sanctions against Libya have been revised and the tyranny against Iraqi people is going on.*
- *UN is silent on Russian cruelty and interference in Chechnya.*
- *To make Pakistan a secular state and to prevent Pakistan to play her role in Islamic world.*

Keeping the above world scenario in view this meeting of high level scholars of Pakistan becomes very important and has drawn the attention of Pakistani people and the world media and is inviting us for doing something practical.

We are sitting in meeting to find a joint course of action with reference to the UN Security Council's resolution regarding sanctions against Taliban's Islamic government to force them to bow their head before the US and the condition of Islamic government is that they are doing with closed eyes and saying "Yes Sir" to the US not caring for her clear

Islamic enmity. Therefore, our responsibility has increased many folds to awaken the Muslim rulers and to organize awareness and to choose/carry out collective effort. Following few steps are suggested which we can do easily:

- 1) We should prepare the Umma to face and consider the Security Council's sanctions and the US character in Palestine as a declaration of war and take care of these.
- 2) To make aware the Muslim governments and rulers about the US aims against Islam and Taliban government. A meeting of top religious leaders of Pakistan should be arranged with all Muslim ambassadors.
- 3) In order to organize public opinion and to advance and increase the public agitation we should organize a joint forum and should start public coordination campaign.
- 4) We should carry out the campaign to boycott the US products.
- 5) We should carry out the campaign for the collection of fund for Taliban's Islamic government.
- 6) Businessmen should be invited for the investment and reconstruction of destroyed infrastructure of Afghanistan.
- 7) Government of Pakistan should be informed that if she tried to ensure implementation of the US sanctions on Afghanistan then she will have to face strict opposition. The case of the protection of diplomats and envoys of other countries. They should not do anything which is against the sentiments of people.

Therefore, I request you to feel your responsibility and guide us towards collective course of action. Especially extension in UN Security Council's sanctions against Afghanistan and Libya demands a collective course of action to support them. I pray Allah almighty to enable our gathering to come up to the expectations of Umma

Islamic conference

On my invitation a joint meeting of all Pakistan top Ulama of all schools of thought, analysts and representatives of all religious parties was held on 10th, June, 2001, at Darul Uloom Akora Khattak. A list of the participants is attached, who gave the approval of the following declaration.

The Declaration

The joint meeting unanimously condemns the current resolution of the sanctions against Afghanistan which are not only against Pakistan and are more than against Islam. It is dangerous for international peace. Western imperialism has come into the field for this action. Therefore, this conference demand for the following steps:

Demands from Pakistan Government

This gathering demands from Pakistan government that they should declare that these sanctions against Afghanistan are not humanitarian and are an aggression against Pakistan economy and a crime against an independent state and are hereby rejected.

Pakistan government is requested to convene emergency conference of OIC countries and request them to accept or certify the Taliban Islamic government and declare that no country is allowed to destroy the Afghan nation. The UN and the US will have to change their behaviour towards Jerusalem, Chechnya, Kashmir and the Islamic world.

Pakistani government should take China government into confidence that these sanctions on Afghanistan will prove detrimental to regional peace, therefore China should play its role. Pakistan government should stop the payment of foreign loans, until these sanctions are uplifted.

The resolution passed by "Defence of Afghanistan and Pakistan Council"

This meeting announces the creation of a "Council for Afghanistan Affairs", which will perform the following tasks:

- Devise mechanism to deal with the sanctions.
- Establish a department to monitor the task of re-construction of infrastructure of Afghanistan and other aid.
- Make the nation aware of the coming dangers, to encourage them to face the consequences and to carry out the agitation process.
- Organize delegations for diplomatic visit of China and other Muslim countries to inform them of the Afghan situation.
- Send an honourable delegation of Ulama and visionary people to Afghanistan and convince the people to favour Taliban. This conference appeals to the leaders of Northern Alliance to cooperate with Taliban and accept their government, so that the Afghan nation could be united and be able to defend her sovereignty and independence. This conference also appeals to Taliban to pay respect and honour the veteran mujahedeen leaders.

Boycott American products

This conference attended by the leaders of: Jamaat-e-Islami, Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (F and S), Jamiat Ulama-e-Pakistan, Sipah-e-Sahaba, Central Jamiat Ahle Hadees, Tehrik Nifaz-e-Shariyat, Malakand, Tehrik Ittihad Pakistan, Jaish-e-Muhammad, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, Pakistan Shariat Council, Tehrik-e-taliban Afghanistan, Jamiat-e-Moshaikh, International Khatm-e-Nabuwat, Pakistan, Majlis-e-Ulama Council, Jamiat-e- Ulama-e-Islam Kashmir, Hizbul Mujahedeen, Ishaat-ut-Tawheed and

Sunnah and Ulama of Afghanistan duly warns the US, European Union and India that they should change their behaviour against Islamic world, Afghanistan and Pakistan otherwise Muslim world will launch a campaign to boycott their products.. This conference asks Pakistan stationed NGOs that they should do their best to stop the US, Russia and India and their allies not to violate the basic human rights in Afghanistan, otherwise it will be taken that these NGOs are involved in this and they have to leave Pakistan.

- This conference thinks that the sacred effort for liberation of the Jerusalem by the Arab mujahedeen is as our own, and invites all Muslims to join.
- This conference declares Osama bin Laden as a great mujahid of Islam and a hero of Islam and his *Jihad* movement is a sacred movement and not terrorism. His protection is the responsibility of *Umma*. The US and other satanic forces have made him a great personality of *Umma*.
- This conference certifies the Kashmir liberation movement and declares it as Islamic *Jihad*.
- This conference honourably requests the tribes of Pakistan North West border to be vigilant and do their part in ending the present sanctions against Afghanistan.
- This congruence nominates and suggests the name of Maulana Samiul Haq as the Chairman of this council for Afghan Affairs, and asks him that he should discuss framework with the responsible people and establish its body and start practical work.

Memorandum

As was decided in the meeting, that this council will appoint a delegation, to meet the ambassadors and envoys to inform them

of the stand of the Pakistani people. Following is the text of the memorandum of demands:

Your highness, honourable ambassadors / high commissioner,

We the members of the 'Defence of Afghanistan and Pakistan Council' having the membership of Pakistan's religious, political and social parties, have come here to explain our concern against UN sanctions on Afghanistan. We are thankful to you for giving us your precious time. Following are our submissions:

UN Security Council's sanctions on Afghanistan are inhumane and unjust. Afghanistan is an independent country and has special historic background. Taliban government is the favourite and representative government on 90 percent area of country and is being ignored and maligned, whereas a small group having control only on 10 percent area is being favoured and supported against charter of UN and spirit of independence. This act by UN has posed grave danger to democratic institutions and political stability. Therefore according to our vision, it is necessary that your country should play its role to lift the sanctions against Afghanistan.

Following few points are very important with reference to the sanctions against Afghanistan,

- Afghan people will be directly affected by the UN Security Council's sanctions. During severe cold weather, people in millions were forced to leave their houses. Due to this step, basic human rights are being violated.*
- According to the report of UN, one billion Afghans may die due to these sanctions and this is of worry for the organizations committed to work for the protection of human rights.*
- Taliban government has restored peace and tranquillity and have*

taken effective steps to end drug trafficking and have promised to cooperate with the international organizations.

- *Taliban government has lifted restriction for the solution of female population problems (education and social work). Also they have withdrawn the ammunition from warring factions.*
- *Afghan government is ready to discuss all the problems with international organization, therefore, its sanctions on Afghanistan are unethical and they will bring negative effect on the countries of the region. We have the following appeals:*
- *Sanctions on Afghanistan should be lifted and your country should play role on humanitarian bases.*
- *NGOs should be allowed to work on humanitarian basis.*
- *OIC representatives should discuss the situation with Afghan government under supervision of UN*
- *On disputed issues the method of international law and courts should be adopted.*

Activities during the meeting

On 12 February 2001, the meeting of the 'Defence of Afghanistan and Pakistan Council' was held in Holiday Inn hotel under my Chairmanship. Maulana Shah Ahmed Noorani was the special guest. Following decisions were reached:

- *The delegates and heads of the parties of the council will visit Afghanistan, Iran, China, Britain, France, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. Shah Ahmed Noorani for Iran, Qazi Hussain Ahmed for China, Maulana Samiul Haq for Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Dr Israr Ahmed for Britain and France. The contact secretary will be Mr. Liaquat Baloch and will coordinate among heads of contingent.*

- The members of the council will carry out meetings to the embassies of the US, Russia and China and other countries.
- To visit the high courts and district bars, General Hameed Gul, Liaquat Baloch and Dr Bashirud Din Mahmood will give lectures, on defence of Afghanistan.
- There will be a conference held in Liaquat Bagh, Rawalpindi on 22 March 2001.
- All the parties of defence of Afghanistan council will hold collective meetings and will organize a structure.
- An Afghan committee for the relief for Afghan refugees has been established under the Chairmanship of General Hamid Gul and Dr Sultan Basheerud Din Mahmood.
- An "Afghan Relief Committee" for Afghan refugees, led by Maulana Samiul Haq, will meet the president and chief executive.
- The secretariat of Defence of Afghanistan Council will be established in Islamabad. To run its system the member parties will donate funds.
- On 23 February, Friday will be observed as the day of solidarity with Afghan nation. On the same day joint parties from the mosques will go to markets and houses and collect items of relief.

Unanimous resolutions

- Enforcement of Sharia system is the surety of strong defence of Pakistan. Protection of the honour of Holy Prophet is one of the fundamental doctrine of Islam. Any change in blasphemy law will not be tolerated. Editors of the newspapers should censor publication of any subversive material.

- UN and its departments to lift sanctions on Afghanistan, as these are one-sided and against basic human rights. This resolution is passed under influence of the US and is against the UN charter.
- All mosques and Darul Uloom will be taken as the centres and headquarters for collection of relief fund, goods as aid to Afghan people. The relief will include clothing, medicines and eatables.
- Americans to vacate the Arabian Peninsula as soon as possible to stop conspiracies against Islam. Islamabad, Peshawar and Quetta should not be made a centre for anti-Afghanistan conspiracies. This council has setup an intelligence cell to monitor such activities.
- After the decision of Lockerbie case, the threat for new sanctions against Libya is a condemnable act. Sanctions on Libya should be lifted as well.
- Kashmir is the lifeline of Pakistan. The liberation movement in Kashmir should be supported. UN should implement its resolutions for plebiscite.
- American companies and other multinational companies are very dangerous to Pakistani trade and industry. We should ban and boycott the American and Jewish products.
- A movement for the awareness of people should be carried out. KFC and McDonald should be segregated and boycotted.

Summary

In the light of above resolutions and decisions, I coordinated and pursued the plans, up to my utmost ability.

My services as advocate of Taliban

When on international level the Western powers and their disciples started campaign against Islam, Pakistan and Taliban, I proved as an extraordinary wise and vigilant personality to counter the Western aims. I informed the world about the true facts and took measures to counter the anti-Islam plans of the West. For that purpose I selected two paths as following:-

- I successfully used the forum of the Senate of Pakistan and the print and electronic media, to make the voice of Islam strong in favour of Taliban's Islamic government system. I really did an exemplary favour to Taliban.
- I visited Afghanistan and met the top Taliban leadership before and after the US attack and discussed with them their needs and problems in order to find out the solution to the Western propaganda against Taliban. This was very hectic tour of Afghanistan for the cause of Afghanistan and Taliban.

True picture of Taliban government which I presented: The allegations of being extremists and narrow-minded version of Taliban Islam are highly unjustified and biased against Islam and Taliban and are indicative of a scant study of the true Islamic teachings.

Before the emergence of Taliban government in Afghanistan there was turmoil and lawlessness and above all a civil war was raging in Afghanistan. There was no concept of government. However, with the blessings of Sharia law or Islamic system, the world was amazed to see a miracle in the shape of peace and tranquillity and an ideal law and order situation in Afghanistan.

Before Taliban, no woman was safe outside her house but then she could travel safe even with ornaments. Quick and cheap justice

was made available at the door step. The cultivation of poppy was eradicated in Afghanistan for the first time in history. Islamic laws enforced by Taliban were really a blessing.

Now let us look at the US-led Hamid Karzai government with lawlessness, chaos and turmoil everywhere and opium cultivation at its peak. The people who propagate negatively about Islam are either unaware or are highly biased.

The Taliban implemented all good things and forbade all evil things. Taliban although not highly educated from worldly standards, had full understanding of the Quran and the *Sunnah*. In Afghanistan 80% women help their families in their professions and commitments. But Islam does not put any burden on ladies' shoulders.

Taliban was a unique and ideal government and may be referred to as a role model for the West. It superseded the sham democracy of the West which examined the Taliban Islam in a biased manner.

You can compare the situation of peace and security of Taliban Government with that of the US and UK. If you are unbiased you will have to admit that the Taliban security situation was exemplary. You must also compare the Taliban government with the current Afghan government.

Policies and attitudes of Taliban

The policies of Taliban government were based on an exemplary political wisdom because they derived them from Quran and *Sunnah* of our Holy Prophet (PBUH). Hence we do not see any major flaw in their policies. They are not bound to follow the Western style policies like other Muslim rulers. Muslim rulers do not have the knowledge of Quran and *Sunnah* so they are impressed and influenced by the Westerners.

Women status before and after Taliban

In Islamic and eastern society, women are not encouraged to work or go into mixed gatherings. They have to wear honourable clothes and not to show any part of their body. They cannot do away with their modesty as is the norm in Western society.

So Taliban government was performing ideally as per their culture and religion. Their women enjoyed dignified status and high respect. They were happy and had no complaints. There was no security for women before Taliban government. If a beautiful girl was seen even accompanied by her father and brothers, people will kidnap her by force and rape her. Once it so happened that a girl going on her way along with her father was caught by people with bad intentions, father of the girl requested them to marry her legally but they turned a deaf ear. No female was safe outside the four walls of the house. In the Taliban government, by the blessings of Allah no such incidents occurred. The rights which our females got during Taliban government were really Islamic. Taliban basically created a welfare state and especially the women were ideally protected.

Me as Taliban maker

As you know that Darul Uloom Haqqania was the first Darul Uloom which came into being with Pakistan in 1947. There was no such Darul Uloom in Afghanistan. So the Afghan people started sending their children for Islamic education here. The education was free, location was good and the Darul Uloom worked well. In the last fifty years more than 30,000 students from Afghanistan got a degree from here. Also during 20 to 25 years of Afghan-Russia war, the children of Afghan leaders have been studying here.

According to an estimate about 90% of Taliban are the graduates of Darul Uloom. It would not be wrong to say that the Haqqania is the nursery of Taliban.

I encouraged and favoured the religious education, training and organization of Taliban. The movement of *Jihad-e-Afghanistan* are considered golden deeds by me and the sacrifices I have made for flying high the flag of dignity of Islam are now part of the history.

I also made the facilities of Jamia Darul Uloom Haqqania available for Taliban and Afghanistan. So all the analysts are of the view that the Darul Uloom Haqqania is the creator of Taliban. I as the founder principal am the man behind the Taliban movement.

The majority of the senior leadership of Taliban graduated from Darul Uloom Haqqania and those who were not the graduates of this institution, were deeply influenced by Darul Uloom and my ideology. The majority of the *Jihad* commanders of Afghanistan war prior to Taliban also recognised my services.

As a bold and courageous Muslim

There were numerous occasions which can be referred to as a proof of my boldness and courage, but here only a few examples are quoted as under:

- Many politicians and national leaders favoured the policies of president Musharraf in a conference convened by him on 16 September 2001. I addressed him as followings "Mr. President 20 year's sacrifices of Pakistan and Muslim *Umma* (for Afghanistan) are being destroyed by you."
- Central leaders of joint Majlise Amal met the president and showed him the charter of demand. During that meeting, I said to president: "Mr. President, our soul is wounded due to your aggressive policies, therefore, I don't want to see your

face again", in return President replied "I too do not want to see your face" (Maulana Noorani, Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Qazi Hussain Ahmed are the witness to the incident).

- On another occasion I said to the President, "No general of the country has the right to be a president by force as the nation spends a heavy amount on making of a general so that he could protect the country and he (Musharraf) is not supposed to present his country to the enemy in a golden platter".
- On March 1988 in a conference I criticized Prime Minister Junejo for favouring the signing of the Geneva Accord and remarked that it would be a joke to sacred blood of the martyrs of Afghanistan and the mujahedeen.
- In an interview a Japanese correspondent said, "We fear the US", I said that you embrace Islam then you will not fear. I invite you to believe in Allah and you will not fear anyone except Allah. Look at me and the Taliban, we do not fear the US at all. Because we believe that Allah is with us, when one fears Allah, he will not be afraid of any worldly power.
- I never let go any opportunity to say the truth and spread Allah's words, I never hesitated in advocating Islam and the world of Islam be it a matter of *Jihad*, Islamic education, religious institutions or Islamic government of Taliban and Osama Bin Laden.

Personal attributes and qualities

I have stood firm during times of chaos and never compromised in challenging and objecting the Americans and always witnessed the truth. I and Darul Uloom became the focus of world media because of being the mother institution of Taliban.

During past few years there would be hardly a radio, TV or print media network team left which did not visit and interview me. There would hardly be a correspondent who has not interviewed or discussed with me and I never hesitated due to likely consequences and the affects of boldly and courageously advocating the case of Islam. I have a unique status in religious educational and political circles. Being a member of the parliament I moved the Sharia Bill and still advocates for it.

I am good instructor, good human being, good friend, good orator, good politician and a good writer. I am a literary personality and produced a literary master piece, *Islam aur Asre Hazir*, (Islam and present time)" which has been appreciated by the writers' society. I am renowned as a religious scholar, appreciated professor in *Hadith* and Chancellor of Jamia Darul Uloom Haqqania.

Government - Taliban Peace Talk

Strategy for dialogue with Taliban

In the elections of 2013, the Pakistan Muslim League of Mian Nawaz Sharif came out in the lead at the national level while Tehrik-e-Insaf of Imran Khan secured maximum seats in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Soon after forming the government, Chief Minister of KPK Pervez Khattak visit Darul Uloom Haqqania along with his ministers to meet me and requested for cooperation in addressing terrorism across the country, especially in KPK.

I assured them of full cooperation as I found it a noble cause and it had been our declared stance that ending this violence is the national duty of all and also that it is not our war. I believe that dialogue is the only peaceful way out of all the conflicts. Mian Nawaz Sharif, even before taking oath as the prime minister, sent a message through Saleem Saifullah stating that he would be needing my help as he and other political parties had realize that only I have influence over Pakistani Taliban and tribal elders. A majority of religious leaders from tribal area are former graduates of Darul Uloom Haqqania and my students.

I sent a note of support to Mian Nawaz Sharif and assured him full support, but soon after forming the government, the federal and provincial governments put the issue of restoration of peace

on the back burner and got engaged in other political matters. Our understanding was that both Mian Nawaz Sharif and Imran Khan would keep the matter of terrorism as top priority since both the parties had promised peace to the public during their election campaigns. A few months into power, the federal government staged a drama in the name of peace dialogue and befooled the people of Pakistan for over a month. Later it was revealed that it was all a drama and during that period Tehrik-e-Taliban Amir Hakimullah Mahsud was killed in a drone attack and the so-called process of peace talks came to an end.

Meeting with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif

I was travelling from Lahore to Akora Khattak, when I received a call from the Prime Minister House on December 29, 2013, requesting for a meeting with the Prime Minister the very next day. Since I had earlier agreed to visit another place on the same day, the meeting was scheduled for December 31, 2013, at the Punjab House in Islamabad.

The one on one meeting was held as scheduled and continued for two hours during which a detailed discussion was held on government's interior and foreign policy and the performance of the current government. During the meeting Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif asked me to identify ways to initiate peace talks with the Taliban who had ended all contacts with the government after the killing of Hakimullah Mahsud and had declared an all-out war. During those days leaders of various religious organizations were keen on reaching out to the Taliban to initiate peace talks, but all such offers were rejected by the Taliban. I assured support to the Prime Minister with some fears and reservations, which I hinted upon in a letter to the Prime Minister.

On January 1, 2014, I assigned my trusted confidant Maulana Yusuf

Shah and Maulana Mufti Mukhtarullah to visit Miran Shah and convey my message to the Taliban personally. Both the colleagues reached Miran Shah the same day and conveyed my message which was difficult for the Taliban to accept immediately but they convened an urgent session of the Majlis-e-Shura and announced they believe in result-oriented, concrete and meaningful talks.

As soon as the Taliban announcement was published in the newspapers, several leaders of religious and political parties became active to take credit for the initiative but had no idea that it was progressing because of my influence alone. The delegation I sent to Miran Shah briefed me on the success on January 2, 2014, but further communication to the government did not received any response. The efforts to contact Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif continued till January 21, 2014, and on January 22, I announced separation from the dialogue process.

Letter to the Prime Minister

Some importance aspects of the letter written to the prime minister are as follows:-

January 15, 2014

Honourable and Respected

Mr Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan

Assalamo alaikum

You invited me to a meeting at the PM House in Islamabad on December 31, 2013. Considering the meeting important for the people and the country I attended it feeling it an honour to be consulted on the serious challenges faced by the country as an issue of concern for all. It had been the struggle and demand of my organization, Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam, and more than 30 other organizations working under the banner of Defence Council for Pakistan that the country should break free from foreign

shackles and independent foreign policy be developed and we should not participate in the war for other nations. Pakistan parliament also passed resolutions to this effect on several occasions. Similar had been the decision reached and resolutions passed at all parties conferences called by the government and other stakeholders. Also, during the election campaign and after winning the elections, this had been your declared stance and promise to the people.

In such situation I agreed to make efforts realizing the inability of your government to deal with real issues, towards which you also hinted, such as bringing an end to the drone attacks, cession of military operation in restive Tribal areas and distancing from the undue international pressures on our policies. Still we found moving a step forward as a blessing and to see how we can restore the talk? However, I shared my apprehension that in treading on such slippery slope and on highly sensitive matters, the communication often breaks down with the government and shared previous unpleasant experiences in this regard but you assured that this would not happen and assigned a senior member of your staff to inform you if I contact any hour of the day. Our actions were not appreciated by some government officials and political figures and I sent a message to you through your ADC on January 3, 2014, of staying steadfast and not to get influence, which I learnt reached you.

I contacted the concerned members of Tehrik-e-Taliban immediately after our meeting and they appreciated announcements made by me and you regarding the talks and supported sincere, long-lasting and meaningful dialogue. They said that they never declined any talks offer but were wrongly blamed for that and no efforts were made to identify those who sabotaged the talks. They asked for time for mutual consultation.

As you are aware that the positive response to peace talks drew a lot of appreciate for the both of us from across the country and I promoted your sincerity and commitment towards peace talks through the media and that our Prime Minister prefers talks over use of force.

Now when time came for further guidance and developing a strategy, I contacted you on January 3 and 4, through your staff officer on several occasions and later on January 10, to learn if your opinion has changed and that I should also step aside and that I should be advised accordingly, but as of today, January 15, 2014, I have not received any response.

The leadership of Defence Council of Pakistan was aware of this sensitive work and in the light of the new situation an in-camera session of the leadership was called on January 12, 2014, to brief them, and all expressed grave concern asking that the final opinion from the government should come in the form of a message or a letter. I request you to kindly reply to my letter in a straight forward manner.

If the silence continues any further, I would go public and announce my separation from the talks as God forbid if this insincere speak of talks might lead to a military operation and the blame for this might fall on other than those responsible.

In the end, my sincere request is that whatever the channels, please do not abandon the option of talks as use of military option would have devastating results for the country. This is not a time for point scoring by any party, leader or institution and not to use it as a tool for political mileage. This is a matter of peace for the country and the security of 180 million people. Allah says: "Effort to save the life of one person is an effort to save the entire humanity."

In the end, I pray for you and success of all the institutions to take the country out of this crises.

Maulana Samiul Haq

Chairman Pakistan Defence Council

Ameer Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam, Pakistan

Press release announcing separation from talks

On January 22, a press release was issued on my behalf making public the lack of seriousness on part of the government with regards to the peace talks. I informed the people of Pakistan through the media about the dangers of military operation to resolve the conflict and how my efforts for talks between the two factions initiated on the request from the Prime Minister failed to move forward when the government suspended all forms of contact. I appealed for ceasefire from both sides and sadly bombing started in the North Waziristan's Terah Valley overnight. The death of soldiers is a tragedy but this is a war like situation, soldiers and innocent civilians are being killed for which military operation is not the solution.

Prime Minister sets up committee for talks with Taliban

On January 29, 2014, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif addressed the National Assembly and announced the names of Muhammad Irfan Siddiqui, Major (retired) Muhammad Amir, Rahimullah Yusufzai and Rustam Shah Mohmand as members of government committee for talks with the Taliban.

In the capacity of Chairperson of Defence Council of Pakistan and Ameer Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam, I welcomed the government's move and appreciated the decision of the government of opting the path of peace talks instead of use of force.

On February 1, 2014, someone knocked at the door of the house of Maulana Yusuf Shah asking him to switch on his phone as head of political Shura of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan Qari Shakeel wants to talk to him. A few minutes after he switched on his phones, he received a call from Qari Shakeel asking Maulana Yusuf Shah to speak to me informing that TTP is in the process of announcing a committee for talks with the government committee and want

me to lead the committee. Qari Shakeel also informed that TTP chief Mullah Fazalullah has also insisted that I must be part of the committee.

I received the call from Yusuf Shah in Islamabad informing me of the request from Taliban to lead their committee in the peace talks. In the interest of the people and the country, I accepted the responsibility. Yousuf Shah informed Qari Shakeel about my acceptance of the responsibility and in turn was also asked to contact Imran Khan, Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, Mufti Kafiattullah and Maulana Abdul Aziz of Lal Masjid to join the committee.

Yousuf Shah contact all the proposed members of the committee whereas I contact Imran Khan, who asked how could he represent the Taliban? When I insisted that he must join the committee, Imran Khan said he would come back after consultation with his team. The response came back in the form of refusal the very next day.

Meeting of Taliban Committee

The first meeting of the Taliban Committee was held at the office of Jamaat-e-Islami in Islamabad on February 3, 2014. Besides me, Prof. Ibrahim and Maulana Abdul Aziz reached on time while Mufti Kafiattullah was in contact on the phone and assured that he would reach the meeting, but it never happened. Imran Khan had already delayed the response saying that he would decide after consultation with his team. The committee assigned me the task to lead them in the talks. In the press conference on the occasion, I appointed Yusuf Shah as the coordinator for the committee.

During the same meeting I contacted coordinator for the government committee Irfan Siddiqui and it was agreed that both

the committees would hold a meeting on February 4, 2014, at the office of Jamaat-e-Islami. The same day it was learnt the Mufti Kafiullah had been stopped from being part of the committee by Maulana Fazlur Rehman and that group distanced itself from the talks and since then started issuing statements against the talks.

Deadlock

On February 4, the Taliban Committee reached the office of Jamaat-e-Islami in time but received a call from the government committee that since the Taliban Committee was not complete as two members have opted out, therefore, the proposed meeting cannot be held. I protested strongly on this decision and afterwards announced our displeasure on the decision of the government committee in the press conference. Later, in the evening media reported that TTP Spokesperson Shahidullah Shahid had announced that the committee would be three member and reposed full trust in us. Following the media reports, the government committee contacted us but we had left the location by that time. It was agreed that the next meeting of committees would be held at the KPK House in Islamabad on February 6.

Key elements of Taliban-Government Committees meeting

The meeting was held as scheduled on February 6, at the KPK House in Islamabad. The government committee presented the following agenda points:-

1. The talks will be held within the limits of the constitution of the country.
2. The talks will be limited to the restive areas, people living in those areas and not to the entire of Pakistan.
3. It is important for the success of the talks that all the acts that are in conflict with peace be stopped immediately.

4. TTP has also established a nine-member committee, there must be clarity on the mandate of these two committees. Would the government committee be required to speak to that other committee as well?
5. The talks should not be lengthy. The people of Pakistan are waiting for a good news.

The Taliban committee put forward the following reservations:-

1. What is the jurisdiction and mandate of the government committee?
2. What is the capacity of the committee to get the Taliban demands accepted?
3. The Taliban Committee requested meeting with the Prime Minister, Chief of Army Staff and Director General of Inter-Services Intelligence, following which the committee would become fully focused on the task.

There was a strong realization among the members of both the committees that no such action should be conducted which would harm the process of talks for establishing sustained peace.

Taliban Committee's meeting with Taliban Shura

It was decided that Professor Muhammad Ibrahim Khan and Maulana Yusuf Shah of the Taliban Committee will proceed to Miran Shah on February 8, 2014, to meet with the political Shura of the Taliban for which the government facilitated a helicopter to travel from Peshawar to Miran Shah Cantonment. The political agent received the committee members, who were also accompanied by Maulana Habibullah Haqqani, Peshawar Secretary General of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (Samiul Haq Group). The political agent facilitated the travel of the committee

members to the limits of his jurisdiction where a Taliban vehicle was waiting for the guests. The Taliban changed the vehicle for the committee members a number of times and after travelling for four or five hours, they reached a village by 7pm. There was no familiar face among the people who received the committee. However, following the Isha prayers members of the political Shura of Taliban, including Qari Shakeel Ahmed Haqqani, Muhammad Azam Tariq, Maulana Bashir Afghani, Maulana Zakir Swati and other familiar students arrived and after dinner agreed to hold talks in the morning. The residential arrangements for the Committee members had been made independent and at distant from each other for the fear of drone attack.

Key elements of Taliban meeting

The talks started in the morning of February 9, 2013, and we presented the Taliban with the five points shared by the government committee and also updated them on the meeting. The Taliban Shura members had an internal discussion and made some recommendations and responses to the points raised by the government committee, which are as follows:-

1. We want to be part of the discussion in an open manner and we expect that the opponents will not create unwanted hurdles for our sincerity. The conduct of meaningful dialogue in the light of Quran and *Sunnah* should be the common agreement.
2. The jurisdiction of dialogue and talks will be restricted to conflict affected areas and people and would not be spread to the whole of Pakistan.
3. It is an established facts that a peaceful environment is required for the success of peace talks. Both the factions should sincerely work to create such an environment.

4. There is no existence of a nine-member committee of the Taliban. The Taliban have a political Shura which deals with internal and external organisational issues and it has been assigned the task of dialogue.
5. We support the early conduct of the talks and want the public to hear a good news. However, it is wise to move forward intelligently for a sustained peace even if this takes more time.

The Shura also made the following recommendations:-

- a. A conducive environment is required for the smooth conduct of peace process. Therefore, to strengthen the process and build trust, we should clear an area from the military where the teams could visit with ease and the peace process could move forward. For this reason the military should be withdrawn from North Waziristan.
- b. Since ceasefire and ending of hostilities is extremely important for the peace process and to create an environment of trust, we demand from the government to release all noncombatants from custody, such as women, children and elderly people. Moreover, the killing of Taliban in prison and body dumping should be stopped.

Drone threats

The meeting with Taliban ended by 3pm and it started the journey back to Miran Shah. Since, the drone flights were continuous in the area, we were extremely worried about the safety of the team and breathed a sigh of relief on receiving the news that the committee members had reached the residence of the political agent. The members of the committee returned to Akora Khattak the next morning and briefed the leadership on the talks. The next day we had a meeting with the government committee at the residence

of Maj (retired) Muhammad Amir where the government sought more time to respond to the suggestions and points raised by the Taliban. On February 13, we received a fax with the following points which were decided in the meeting of the government committee.

1. The on-going peace talks are being affected by the suicide bombings and acts of violence which need to be stopped effectively. The Taliban Shura should make a public announcement distancing itself from violence and issue a statement that such acts have been stopped for the success of the talks.
2. Following such announcement and practical steps by the Taliban, the government will be asked to ensure that no such act occurs on its part that would provoke hostility.
3. Taliban Shura spokesperson Shahidullah Shahid's interview in an international magazine has affected the peace process. This has resulted in response from the media, civil society and parliament which is making the peace process difficult. It was agreed in the first joint meeting that such statements would not be issued. We request for clarification and that such statements should not be issued in the future.
4. The government committee would be in a position to discuss with the Taliban Committee or directly with the Taliban Shura on the issues they have brought on the table once acts of violence against peace have stopped.

Joint Session of Peace Committees in Islamabad

A joint session of the peace committee was held on February 14, 2014, at the KPK House in Islamabad. The Taliban committee comprise of me (Maulana Samiul Haq), Professor Muhammad

Ibrahim and Maulana Yousuf Shah, while the government committee was represented by Irfan Siddiqui, Major, retired Muhammad Amir, Rahimullah Yusufzai and Rustam Shah Mohmand. The members of both the committee expressed deep concern on the acts against peace efforts and felt it would have a negative impact on the peace process.

The government committee was critical of the acts of violence in Karachi, where a polio vehicle had been targeted, and said that peace talks cannot move forward without ending such acts of violence and that the Taliban should be asked for a public announcement to this effect and should also ensure that no such act occurs. The Taliban Committee agreed to the government suggestion and asked the government to also end such acts and announce the same.

Peace Conference Lahore

On February 15, 2014, a peace conference was held in Lahore for wider acceptance of the peace talks and endorsement by the religious community. The conference was chaired by me and attended by Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Professor Syed Munawar Hasan, Liaquat Baloch and Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim, Shahibzada Muhammad Awais Noorani, Muhammad Khan Leghari and Qari Muhammad Zawwar Bahadar of Jamiat Ulama-e-Pakistan-Noorani group, Hafiz Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi and Sahibzada Zahid Mahmood Qasmi of Pakistan Ulama Council, Muhammad Hafiz Fazalur Rahim of Jamia Ashrafia, Maulana Abdul Rauf Farooqi, Muhammad Bashir Ahmad Shad, Maulana Shah Abdul Aziz, Maulana Hamidul Haq Haqqani, Muhammad Abdul Khaliq, Zahirud Din Babar of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam and others. Also present on the occasion were senior member of Jamiat Maulana Abdul Rahim Naqashbandi, Maulana Mufti Hameedullah Jan

and Maulana Abdul Qayyum Haqqani of Jamiatul Hameed, tribal leaders Maulana Hafta Khan and Maulana Abdul Haq while four-member delegation from Jamatud Dawa and Maulana Abdul Ghaffar Ropari of Jamat Ahle-*Hadith*. The meeting voiced support for the peace process.

Beheading of 23 Frontier Constabulary Jawans: The claim of responsibility for the beheading of 23 Frontier Constabulary men by Mohmand Agency Taliban brought the peace process to a halt. The government committee refused to attend the meeting on February 18, 2014, terming it impossible for them to continue with the process in such circumstances. I approached the Taliban leadership and learnt that the killings were carried out in retaliation of the killing of 16 Taliban in government custody.

I tried to convince the government committee that in such a situation it was more important than ever to sit together and ensure sustained peace. However, nothing moved the committee and a deadlock was created.

The situation improved on February 23, 2014, when a joint meeting was called by Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan at the Punjab House in Islamabad. It was agreed that the Taliban Committee would ask the Taliban to announce an un-conditional ceasefire following which the Interior Minister will make a similar announcement on behalf of the government.

The government wanted the Taliban to take the lead. I shared the situation with the Taliban leadership which requested for five days' time to come back with a decision.

Ceasefire by Taliban

On February 27, 2014, I was informed by the Taliban leadership that they would announce ceasefire in a few days. On March 1,

2014, the announcement for one month ceasefire came from the Taliban – we had succeeded in delivering the promise. The very next day, a similar announcement came from the government. The news of ceasefire came to me while I was in Saudi Arabia for two days for an international conference and the interior minister also spoke to me about the government announcement.

I spoke to the media on my return from Saudi Arabia on March 3, 2013, and congratulated both the government and the Taliban leadership for realising the importance of resolving the conflict through dialogue. I appreciated the political acumen of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who resisted the option of military operation and decided to give dialogue preference for a lasting peace. I also appreciated the Taliban leadership for taking the first step towards peace and taking the lead in the noble cause by announcing ceasefire. I told the media that we are all Pakistanis and term Taliban Committee only refers to the fact that we have been nominated by the Taliban to represent them in the talks, otherwise, we are on the same side and all citizens of Pakistan who want peace and security. I advised both the parties to take advantage of this one month and build trust for continued dialogue and talks for sustained peace.

Taliban demands

I asked the government to accept the fair demands of the Taliban leadership, such as the release noncombatant women, children and elderly men, and if there were any such people in the custody of the government, they should be released immediately as even the interior minister had also announced such acts as unlawful, unconstitutional and unethical. I supported the Taliban demand to stop extra-judicial killings of prisoners, if this was happening, the protection of law should extend to all. I also asked the

government to consider the demand for designating peace zones in conflict areas of the tribal region from where military should be withdrawn as it would provide a location for both the parties to conduct talks in an environment of peace and confidence. This is also important in the light that the peace process has many enemies and both the parties need to be extra vigilant, especially the Taliban need to distance themselves publically for any act of violence that is attributed to them.

Meeting with Prime Minister

On March 5, 2013, the members of the government committee visited Akora Khattak and spent five hours discussing various aspects of the peace talks. They stressed on the need for a joint meeting with the prime minister at the earliest and the task to share the details were assigned to Irfan Siddique, who called on the prime minister on March 6, 2013, with details of the process and the final result.

The Prime Minister appreciated the hard work of the committee in the first stage of reaching out to the Taliban and securing an understanding for the need to resolve the conflict through a process of dialogue. For the second stage of the talks, the Prime Minister set up a revised committee authorized to decide on behalf of the government which comprised of Habibullah Khan as the head and Fawad Hasan Fawad, Arbab Muhammad Arif and Rustam Shah Mohmand as the members.

Meeting with Taliban leadership

A meeting was held between the new committee set up by the government and the Taliban Committee led by me on March 13, at the Punjab House in Islamabad, and it was agreed to send another delegation to South Waziristan for talks with the Taliban. It was agreed that Yusuf Shah and Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim

Khan would immediately leave for the task to decide on location for meeting with the Taliban leadership.

Professor Ibrahim, Yusuf Shah and Maulana Abdul Hai immediately left for Miran Shah and were received by the political agent who drove them to the limits of his jurisdiction where they were received by the Taliban representatives. The Taliban leadership was requested to arrange for a location close to Miran Shah as it would make it easy for the Taliban Committee to commute, however, despite sincere efforts by the Taliban leadership, commander Hafiz Gul Bahadur, declined to allow the conduct of talks in North Waziristan, and we had to travel for several hours towards Shawal for a secure location for talks.

The Taliban leadership insisted that there should be some action on their demands of release of noncombatants and end to extra-judicial killing of Taliban in government custody as it would enable them to proceed further with the peace process. During our overnight stay, several drone flights could be heard which was a major source of concern for our hosts but then the weather became cloudy and we were able to continue the talks till midnight.

The dialogue continued on March 14, 2014, with the Taliban insisting on some progress on the two demands for moving the talks forward. The committee returned to Akora Khattak the same day and reported all the facts to me.

The situation was conveyed to the interior minister on March 15, 2014, who expressed his desire for direct talks with the Taliban, a fact which was immediately conveyed to the Taliban for their decision.

Meeting with Taliban leadership

On March 26, 2014, the members of both the committees reached

area of Tull where Frontier Constabulary commanders welcomed us and drove us for 10 kilometres out of the town and handed us over to the Taliban. The Taliban had made security arrangements in the area of Buland Khail, where five members of the Taliban Shura had already reached, and talks started as soon as we arrived.

Maulana Yusuf Shah introduced the participants and the process of talks started, which I was assigned to chair. In my inaugural speech, I stressed on the need for peace and that we are part of the process only to please Allah and to end the fire started by America and others to destroy our house. I informed the Taliban leadership that I have been working for the implementation of Sharia in Pakistan through the platform of the parliament for more than 15 years and strongly believe that only Sharia can set us free. I stressed on the Taliban leadership to join the mainstream of national politics to fail the conspiracies against Islam and Pakistan and join the peaceful struggle for the enforcement of Sharia in Pakistan.

Major Amir in his speech said that the son of Sheikhul *Hadith* Maulana Abdul Haq (my father) and son of Sheikhul Quran Maulana Muhammad Tahir (major Amir's father) have brought a Jirga to the Taliban and they should honour us by extending the ceasefire deadline.

Habibullah Khan informed that Taliban of the sincerity of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to the peace talks and his desire for success of the same, whereas Fawad Hasan Fawad made detailed deliberations on the government's efforts for the success of the peace process.

The head of Taliban's political Shura Qari Shakeel Ahmad Haqqani thanked both the government and Taliban Committee members for their efforts and demanded that the government

should release the noncombatant in custody as a goodwill gesture as it would enable him to strengthen trust and support for talks within the Taliban ranks.

Taliban commander Muhammad Azam Tariq thanked me personally and gave me the title of beacon of peace. He said the killing of Taliban prisoners in government custody is continuing which is harming the peace process. He said that there has been no sincere effort on part of the government for strengthening the peace process.

The Taliban leadership provided the government committee a list of 865 noncombatant people in custody of the government authorities with a demand for immediate release.

The talks ended cordially and we were driven back to the area of Tull and flew to Peshawar the same day and presented the details of the meeting with the Taliban leadership before the nation through media at the Peshawar office of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Events leading to end of peace process

A joint session of both the committee was held on March 29, 2014, at the Punjab House where the interior minister was informed of the developing situation and demanded practical steps from the government. We received a call from the Taliban during the session that two of their supporters had been killed in Lakki Marwat, a fact which was immediately verified and confirmed by the interior secretary. Both the committees expressed concern over the incident and the interior secretary assured that he would inform the Prime Minister of the incident as it had happened at a time when Taliban had extended the ceasefire for 15 days.

On April 4, 2014, Qari Shakeel Haqqani informed us that one of their supporter had been killed in Sohrab Goth and three others

in different parts of Karachi which was immediately conveyed to Fawad Hasan Fawad, who to our knowledge, immediately sought a report on the killings from Intelligence Bureau.

On April 5, 2014, the concerns on killings in Lakki Marwat and mistreatment of Taliban prisoners and recovery of bodies in gunny bags were conveyed to the government committee for necessary action. During the same session the government committee presented a list of 12 noncombatant prisoners which they were willing to release and asked us to contact the Taliban leadership for continuing the talks and ask them to submit demands in writing so that the process of implementation could start. The government also informed that Hafiz Gul Bahadar had agreed to provide safe venue for talks in Miran Shah.

Death of talks

The end of talks came as soon as the prime minister left for an official visit of United Kingdom. We were not able to reach the prime minister or Fawad Hasan Fawad from April 8, 2014, onwards and I met with interior minister during the oath taking ceremony of KPK Governor on April 13 and later on April 17, informing him of the concerns of the Taliban leadership for the ongoing actions against them. Meanwhile, on April 15, 2014, the Taliban had also not extended the ceasefire deadline.

The last meeting of the Taliban and government committee was held on April 23, 2014, at the Punjab House in Islamabad and it was agreed that we should immediately visit North Waziristan and identify a location for talks to continue. Meanwhile, on April 24, Taliban commander Azam Tariq called to inform that the military was moving towards their headquarter. We tried to contact the interior minister and the military representative in the talks but to no avail. Later, we met the military official assigned

with the process on April 29, 2014, in Bannu and informed him of the complaint from the Taliban, to which he said it was not true and the military movement was part of the routine exercise.

We tried several times but were not able to reach any of the government officials since they had internally decided to launch the operations but were not ready to announce it publicly.

On June 15, 2014, the government launched the military operation and all hopes for a peaceful solution to the conflict ended with the end of the talks.

Misconceptions about Islam

Women Rights

Women education is more important

Islamic society depends on women education. Every child's first school is his mother's cradle. If you want to educate the child then first educate his mother. According to the teachings of Quran and *Sunnah* the education of a single woman is of more use to the society than that of thousands of men.

Rights of women in Islam

Islam absolves women of all responsibilities of earning for the family and hence saves them from all the hard work outside the security of the house. Her primary duty in Allah's eyes is to raise the children and to be a source of comfort and solace for her husband. All duties outside the house are assigned to man, unless he is sick or disabled. Woman can seek job if the situation demands.

Women have more rights in Islam than men. She is not even supposed to perform her daily household chores unless she is herself willing to do so. She cannot be asked to go out of the house for any job. Husband cannot order his wife to clean the house or cook food for him. She can, if she desires demand compensation for breast feeding the child because in Islam the child is the

responsibility of the husband and not the wife. Islam protects women and accords them more dignity and honour. It demands that she must be given no responsibility except of looking after the children, otherwise the child will suffer and will not grow in ideal condition.

West does not analyse the logic in Islamic injunctions and propagates nonsense due to which they have destroyed their family unit and want the same for Islamic society. Islamic way of life, having been ordained by Allah, is the best way, but West blindly calls it faulty.

Exploitation of women by West

Islam says that if there is a need women can work, they can become lady doctors and teachers and such other jobs which pose no threat to their modesty. They should not be assigned duties which are to be performed in front of men. Women are made more sacred than men. Allah forbade women from showing their makeup and body ornaments to anyone except those relatives whom she can not be married according to the Islamic law. They are advised by Allah to wear veil and not by the Taliban or any mullah. It is a disgrace for a woman's femininity to use herself as a decoration piece for the pleasure of men and make her join mixed gatherings, do modelling and work in male-dominated offices where she is continuously exposed to harassment.

There are examples from England, France, Turkey and many other countries that women or female students were not allowed to wear scarf or veil. These females wanted to safeguard their grace and modesty, but the Western society which claims to be the protector of women rights, practically proved to be an exploiter of women by not allowing females to wear scarf.

Difference of Western and Eastern civilizations

In the West female is at liberty to make friends openly and can go into hideouts for enjoying and making love. Even hideouts are not necessary they can do everything openly and can dress seductively. They can go to strip clubs. They can bring along their boyfriends to their houses. In Islam modesty and decency is a must. Women in Western societies are valueless and exploited. Nowadays majority of those who are converting to Islam are women, realizing their exploited status in that society.

Polygamy

In West if someone is not content with one wife he will not marry another but will keep many girlfriends which is a shameful act and detrimental to the society as a whole. Islam is of the view that sexual necessities be met through legal and decent means and that can be done only through a proper marriage with more than one wife but that to only when you can treat both of them justly and equally.

Another fact is that females are more in population than men. In all Western countries females are more than males. One can keep balance by having more than one wife. Often during and after war females are more in number than men and polygamy is the only solution for it. The logic behind that is, if you allow a sex-free environment no one will desire to have the burden of children and this will destroy the family system and there are many other bad effects on the society.

Explaining Islam

Islamic brotherhood

Muslims across the world are one *Umma*. According to the teachings of Islam every Muslim is a brother to other Muslim. They are like one body. When a Muslim area anywhere in the world is in crisis, other Muslims are bound to extend all kinds of help. If any Muslim calls the other Muslims for help they are duty-bound to help them in all respects.

Brief explanation of Islam

The meaning of Islam is to bow one's head in obedience to Allah from the depth of ones heart by never ascribing partners to Allah in terms of worship, orders and authority. All human beings bear equal status except those advanced in *Taqwa* (Allah's fear). And man is Allah's Khalifa (vicegerent) or deputy on earth. All sovereignty rests with Allah. As the meaning of the word Islam is peace, to live in peace and preach peace so no Muslim can become a terrorist. The West has misunderstood Islam and is biased against it due to the subversive propaganda against Islam.

Why West fears Islam

There is no power in the hands of any Islamic country. They have no nuclear bombs except Pakistan. They have no strong army. Therefore, there is no danger of Islamic attack or aggression on any non-muslim country. The West might have been feeling an ideological threat but that need not be afraid .

In my opinion, as Osama Bin Laden had also opined that, whole of the West is seeking oil reserves and other resources of the Muslim world and wants to keep the Muslim countries weak and entangled in crises. They fear Islam to the extent that if Muslims just give the semblance of unity, West will have to

free the resources of Islam. They have fully launched subversive propaganda through electronic media on the one hand and spawn conspiracies against Islamic countries on the other to keep them under the yoke of slavery.

Status of individual in Islam

Allah has created man as a beautiful and honourable creature and appointed him as his vicegerent amongst all creations. He has been assigned the duty to run the affairs of this world according to the instructions laid down in Quran and demonstrated by the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

Being the deputy of Allah, a man is not sovereign though seemingly so over his own actions or desires. Quran uses the word of vicegerent of Allah on earth for man. This is a very brief explanation of the concept of man's status. The Quran and various other books should be consulted for detailed study.

Benefits of Islamic system of governance

To be brief, a list of merits of Islamic government is given as under:

- To run the government or administer the country according to divine law as laid down in Holy Quran and demonstrated by Holy Prophet (PBUH).
- Islamic state is a complete welfare state which ensures equal rights for women and non-muslim. Some Western countries have adopted the welfare state system of Islam implemented by Hazrat Omar.
- Strict punishments are a guarantee for ensuring a corruption-free society.
- Peace and security are the prime responsibilities of the state.
- To lead simple life, eat simple, sit on earth and work hard

sincerely, no concept of luxuries, travel by public transport and live in a small house.

- Islamic economic system is a guarantee for development.
- Appointments and responsibilities are given as per ability.

Unity of Islamic leadership

The unity of leadership is ensured in Islam. Allah Almighty says categorically in Quran "Obey Allah and obey the Holy Prophet and obey those who are made responsible upon you" (4:59). Another example of unity of command is the five prayer daily. Only a prayer offered as a group or in congregation is acceptable to Allah which is led by a leader "Imam". The prayers offered under an Imam are increased twenty seven folds in reward by Allah. Islam enjoins that one has to obey the leader in any case, except, if he orders something against the wishes of Allah.

Use of electronic media

Islam does not prohibit the positive use of radio, television or internet as this plays an effective role in spreading useful knowledge. Why some Ulama oppose the use of these devices, is because of their negative use. You may be aware that these days electronic media is being used for subversive designs i.e. to misguide the human being. There is need to enforce some ethical laws to ensure their positive use.

Taking part in electoral politics

Islam is a democratic religion and has its own political system to follow. The system currently in practice is not Islamic and has many flaws. Therefore, it has totally failed. Taking part in the present electoral system is forced need. Islamists should take part so that they may get a chance to improve this present system.

Sayings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Gaining of knowledge is first in priority and most stressed duty of a Muslim. Following are a few verses of Quran and sayings of our Holy Prophet:

- "Read in the name of Allah who created man, created man from clot; Read and thy Lord is kind, who taught with pen. Taught man which he knew not.(Surah Al-Alaq) (96:1)
- "Are the men with knowledge equal to the men without knowledge".(Al Zumar:8) (39:8)
- "The ink of a scholar's pen is precious than the blood of a martyr".(Hadith)

"A man explained a *Hadith* to the people and they acted upon that; the reward for a person explaining the *Hadith* is equal to the person acting upon that". (Narrated by Omar).

Note. A person embracing martyrdom requires the motivation and knowledge of firm believe in Allah and the concept of the status of a martyr first who lays his life in the cause of Allah and that knowledge is infused by a scholar in him that is why his ink is more precious.

Jihad

Meanings of Islam (Is every Muslim a militant?)

The literal meaning of Islam is peace. Muslim means a person who lives in peace and extends peace to others. A Muslim is also called "Momin" meaning the one, who extends peace to others and lives in peace. Holy Prophet (PBUH) said," Momin is the one from whom whole of the human beings expect no harm, from whom one can expect one's blood, property and honour to be safe." In the light of the meaning of Islam a Muslim cannot be a militant but a peaceful member of the society.

Difference between *Jihad* and terrorism

Jihad is necessarily written as *Jihad-fi-sabeelillah* meaning to carry out efforts in the way of Allah. I again say that the word *Jihad* is necessarily to be suffixed with the word *Fi-sabeelillah* (in the way or path of Allah). Also one must know that there are five types of *Jihad* i.e. with desires, with wealth, with tongue, with knowledge and with sword (weapon). So the fifth kind of *Jihad* is with weapons. In Quran it is called as *Qitaal-fi-sabeelillah* which means to slay the enemies of ALLAH (Islam) in the way of Allah or in the cause of Allah and not for the worldly causes. So this kind of *Jihad* is one of the blessings of Allah e.g. *Jihad* against Russia. As now the US has attacked the homeland of Taliban so the Taliban are performing *Jihad* against the US. Here the US is the terrorist and Taliban are pious and innocent freedom fighters and they are fighting in the cause of Allah.

Isn't that terrorism when the US snatches the resources of Muslim countries by attacking and occupying them? Terrorism occurs when you organize a gang and loot and kill the people for personal gains. And *Jihad* happens when someone under attack resists and tries to repel the dacoits. So this is one of the kinds of *Jihad* with weapons. The West also understands the difference but they blame the Muslims as terrorists in order to misguide the people of the world. They are busy in showing themselves as innocent and Muslim retaliators as terrorists.

What are *Jihad* movement and Crusade movement?

The US planned to dethrone the first Islamic state of Afghanistan and to weaken the Islamic world as a whole to exploit their resources. They destroyed the World Trade Centre themselves on purpose and laid the whole blame on Osama and Islamists. In order to organize a crusade, Bush appealed to the heads of the

Christian countries to extend military aid as crusade. You know that Christian countries were accomplices of the US in attacking Iraq. In Afghanistan the US was not alone and at later stage NATO forces were also assigned. Now in order to save their hides from the crusaders, the Muslim rulers bowed before pressure from Bush. As a reaction some real, true and brave Muslims organized a small force of opposition in the shape of so called "Al-qaeda". Al-qaeda has no resources and is no match for the crusaders. Now it is the crusader who uses the term "international *Jihad* or *Jihad* movement", whereas in fact there is no *Jihad* movement properly organized on pan-Islamic level. These are a few brave Muslim retaliators. Why does the West fear this small number of Muslim retaliators? Because Allah's help is with these Muslims. We are sure that the day will come when the crusaders will fail.

When Bush clearly proclaimed crusades against the so-called Islamic terrorism, Muslim rulers should have extended full help to Al-qaeda but they could not do it due to the fear of the US. So there is no such thing as international *Jihad*. This is just a false allegation. There seems a clear international crusade movement initiated by the West against Islam.

Prerequisites of *Jihad* with weapons

Following are the conditions when *Jihad* becomes obligatory:

Temporary reasons

- When enemy attacks a Muslim country without any wrongdoing on their part
- To stop aggression, suppression and cruelty
- To help expel the enemy from the occupied territory of Muslims.
- When mujahedeen fall short of the desired strength

Permanent reasons

- To stop "Fitna" (an act which imbalance the peace of the society).
- If Muslims are forced or encouraged to disobey Allah and his Prophet, to perform polytheism or *Shirk* and to lead a sinful life.
- When encountered by an enemy
- When majority of the Muslim Ulama or the higher authorities or defence council declares *Jihad* as in force
- To enforce Allah's prescribed system of living among Muslims.

Qualifications for *Jihad*

A Muslim to join *Jihad* should be:

- A Muslim by faith.
- A sensible and mature person.
- A male, in good health, independent and liberal.
- Able to bear the expenses of *Jihad*.

Duties of a Muslim when *Jihad* becomes obligatory

Joining *Jihad* in the cause of Allah is the highest kind of worship. One must try his best to prepare himself and as soon as possible to join an organization devoted to *Jihad* with the sincere intention to please Allah. He should not worry about the future of his family. A father can advise his children, a teacher his disciples to join *Jihad* in case it has been declared by the government or the majority of Ulama.

Muslim citizens of non-muslim country

Duty to fight along with the Muslims in case of declared *Jihad* is not excused. One can go anywhere for *Jihad* if he thinks it as his

duty. However, while living in his country it is also his duty to be a faithful citizen.

Islamic rules of *Jihad* for noncombatants

There are clear Islamic teachings and instructions for *Jihad* laid down in Sharia as follows:

- Women unless fighting will be respected and not killed.
- Children or noncombatant are respected and not killed.
- Noncombatant old men of the enemy are excused.
- Trees are not to be damaged.
- Houses and property will not be looted.

Elders can advise for *Jihad*

The status of *Jihad* in Islam is a sacred duty and is always for a noble cause, any guidance or advice to our students, children or disciples will be taken as precious duty upon the elders. Had *Jihad* been as a war for worldly gains, it would be a sin to motivate for it. However in Islam no one can be forced to take part in *Jihad* even for the cause of Allah.

Darul Islam

The literal meaning of *Darul Islam* is "the house of Islam". A country where there is a government of Muslim rulers and one can live according to the teachings of Islam freely.

Darul Harb

The literal meaning of *Darul Harb* is "the home of war" where the Muslims are not free in living a life according to the Islamic teachings. It is a country where the Muslims are being suppressed.

Introduction to Theoretical Aspect of Islam

Distinctions of Islam

Islam is a religion of pure *Tawheed* (Oneness of Allah), it is the most important and extremely discussed topic. One third of the Holy Quran is replete with this doctrine. There is no such concept in any other religion.

1. Social (materialistic) and spiritual life, both aspects are equally important in Islam, for that, it is called a natural religion. It is a balanced and complete code of life. Islam educates us to avoid the extremes and follow the middle path, therefore, the follower of Islam cannot be the extremist.
2. Islam is a religion of social equilibrium and prohibits discrimination of the human being on the basis of colour, creed, language, religion, caste etc. The standard for the respect is the degree of fear (*Taqwa*) of Allah.
3. Islam is a universal religion, for whole of the humanity till for the day of judgement. Islam is not a Muhammadan doctrine but revealed by Allah and is in vogue since the time of Adam (3:19/85).
4. Muhammad (PBUH) is the last and final prophet of Allah for whole of the humanity and till the Day of Judgment. His name is mentioned in Torah and Injeel as the last prophet.

Muhammad is the only prophet whose sayings and the *Sunnah* is saved and preserved by Allah through the followers.

5. Islam does not have the concept of atonement (expiation for sin). Only Allah has the right to forgive the sins of a man who begs for repentance from Allah with sincerity.
6. The purpose of human life is the test of mankind in obeying and worshiping Allah only.
7. This is the only religion, in which Allah almighty has laid down the rights and the duties for each pair of human beings (equal for wife and husband), equal for all creatures.
8. There is no confusion or ambiguity in the teachings of Islam if studied thoroughly, which is a proof that it is a divine revealed religion.
9. Allah Almighty is the creator and nourishes all human beings. Allah is equally kind and beneficent for whole of the humanity and not only for the Muslims.
10. The primary source of Islamic knowledge is the holy Quran, which is the only perfect and complete guidance for whole of the mankind (not only for the Muslims) and is protected from any change.
11. Islam through Quran invites every individual to examine each and every thing around him and in the universe logically and ponder over it with vision that why Allah created it. Hence it is a scientific religion.
12. *Jihad-fi-sabeelillah* and five time prayer is the most important pillar of Islam.
13. Islam is the only religion which allows a man to always have direct link with Allah, no intermediary links are required to contact Allah.

Islamic Terminologies Used

Before we study about Islam, it would be wiser to define some important terms used here for our better understanding:

Allah

Allah is the name of the Almighty, the Creator, and The Regulator of the universe. History is evident that none could dare to be named by this word. According to the scholars of the Arabic language the word Allah is comprised of two words, i.e. AL and *Elah*. The word, AL, is used as prefix to make a common noun as proper noun, the word, *Elah*, is an attributive name of Allah among other ninety nine beautiful names of Allah. The prefix of AL, came into use for making the word, *Elah*. As the proper name of Allah and it means, the Only One. *Elah*, mean, the, *only deity*, only authority.

There are numerous meanings of the word Allah, for which we do not have space here. Few are, the creator of the universe, the most loving to His creation, all present, all knowing, all powerful. Allah Almighty says in holy Quran, "For Allah there are all beautiful names unto Him, call Him for help or for remembrance with these names," (Quran). According to religious scholars the word God, cannot be used for Allah, therefore, the tendency of denoting the sweet and personal name of Allah, with god, must be avoided.

Elah

This is attributive name of Allah as briefly discussed above. It means deity, god, the authority who can fulfil the needs of people, to be worshiped, to be beseeched for removing sadness, troubles etc. Before Islam the peoples of previous Ummas were using this name for the saints and for the people famous in worshiping Allah or for the personalities to whom they thought Allah had

assigned some powers and duties to help the needy people, which was the wrong concept. This theory has been totally negated by Allah Himself, in the sentence of the oneness of Allah, i.e. *Kalamae Tayyaba, La-elaha-il-lallah*, "there is no deity except Allah", or **Allah is the only Deity and there is none except Allah.**

Islam

The word "Islam" has originated from the Arabic word "salam" which means peace and submission and "Islam" means coming into peace by obedience to Allah. It is the obedience and submission not only in belief and mode of *ibadat* (worship) but also in ethics, morality, politics, culture, social behaviour, laws, economics, national and international affairs, individual and collective manners. Islam enables man to make peace with himself and his fellowmen on the one side and with the larger human community on the other. This submission doesn't take away his individual freedom. It frees the mind from superstitions and fills it with truth.

True religion with Allah

All the Prophets from Adam to Jesus preached Islam but after the lapse of some period after each Prophet, people started adding impurities to it, made alterations to please their desires and renamed it. Jews named it Judaism and the Christians, Christianity. Allah has mentioned in Quran as "Indeed, Islam is the true religion (*Deen*) unto Allah".

Islam is a *Deen*

In Quran Allah has named, Islam as *Deen*. In Qur'anic terminology, the word, *Deen*, means a complete code of conduct. A way of life and entry into the obedience of one Allah and standing by His divine injunctions throughout the life. It encompasses each and

every sphere of life. Islam not only develops a person's personality but also inculcates in him the sense of collective responsibility. It is not static but active and alive. It keeps pace with changing world keeping the basic teachings of Islam intact. It is a beautiful combination of worldly affairs and the concern of the hereafter in a balanced and natural way. One thing should be understood that Judaism and Christianity are not *Deen*, but religions. These don't have a complete code of conduct, but a set of rituals only.

Islamic Sharia

The word Sharia means the straight and clean path, but in Islamic terminology, it means the divine laws and instructions which present a code for obedience to one (God) Allah and one Prophet. It confines the lives of the believers within the principles of Islam. We can also define Sharia as the divine law which establishes common beliefs, corrects line of action, leads to good character, brings welfare to family life and strengthens state affairs as it is finally approved and practiced by our Prophet as per Allah's will.

Sunnah of Holy Prophet (PBUH)

It is the second source of Islamic law. In literal term *Sunnah* means the path or the way of life. But in the technical language of *Fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence) it means the sayings, deeds and impressions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). It may also be defined as rules of conduct of Holy Prophet. It is also a kind of revelation (unwritten revelation). These are also taken as the very words of Holy Prophet laid under the guidance of Allah through Gabriel. Quran says, "And take what the messenger assigns to you and deny yourselves that which he holds from you" (59:7). Quran also says "Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes for (meeting with) Allah and the Last Day, and remember Allah much" (Quran, 33:21). The way of the

life of our Holy Prophet is the latest (most modern) in the sight of Allah, therefore, for the believers that is the yard stick hence we are bound to follow Him.

***Hadith* (Traditions of Holy Prophet PBUH)**

Means words, sayings and utterances of Holy Prophet (PBUH). Technically it's the utterances of Holy Prophet other than the Quran or His personal acts and sayings and sayings or acts of others but tacitly approved of Holy Prophet. Tacit approval means, the things being done by the companions in front of Him on which he kept silent or even explicitly approved those acts. There are various kinds of *Hadith* defined in the books of *Hadith* and *Fiqh*.

There are some locally devised *Hadith* which are unauthentic. Therefore to trace out the authenticity of the *Hadith* a proper knowledge, of the rules of the knowledge of *Hadith* is laid down by the scholars of *Hadith*. The authentic *Hadith* is valid and have the status, next to the Holy Quran. To know the authenticity of *Hadith*, generally the scholars criticize and analyse the chain of narrators. There are also some other important rules to prove a *Hadith* authentic or unauthentic. Each and every kind of such *Hadith* is properly defined into the books on the subject of *Hadith*.

Books of *Hadith*

There are various books of *Hadith* but six out of them are prominent. These are:

- 1) *Saheh Bukhari*, Compiled by Imam Ismail Bukhari. The most authentic book of *Hadith*.
- 2) *Saheh Muslim*, Compiled by Imam Muslim s/o Hajjaj al Qushairi. It is next to Bukhari in authentic books of *Hadith*.

- 3) *Sunan-e-Abu Dawood*, Compiled by Imam Abu Dawood Sajistani. It is third in authentic books of *Hadith*.
- 4) *Sunan-e-Nisai*, Compiled by Imam Nisai and is fourth in authentic books of *Hadith*.
- 5) *Jamay Tirmizi*, Compiled by Imam Tirmizi, and is fifth in authentic books of *Hadith*..
- 6) *Sunane-e-Ibn-e-Maja*, Compiled by Imam Ibn-e-Maja and is sixth in authentic books of *Hadith*..

Nabi

A term used for Holy Prophet means one who conveys information or message from Allah. The function or the office of the *Nabi* is called *Nubuwwah*, meaning an elevated place. The word Messenger or *Rasool* is also used for *Nabi*. Its plural is *Anbiya*.

Rasool

Means the messenger, *Nabi* or the Prophet on whom a scripture is revealed. Every *Nabi* or messenger is not a *Rasool* but a *Rasool* is a *Nabi*, prophet or messenger. Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus and Muhammad are the *Rasool* and *Nabi*. The others all are *Nabi*.

Umma

This word is derived from *Amma*, *Yaummu*, meaning to intend. The people who intend to follow a leader, law (Sharia), a faith (*Deen*), or a path (Minhaj).

The components of Islam

In order to understand Islam as *Deen*, It can be divided into following three components:-

- The Doctrines of faith (the Articles)
- The Pillars of Islam
- The systems of life (includes affairs, duties, rights and ethical behaviours of human beings)

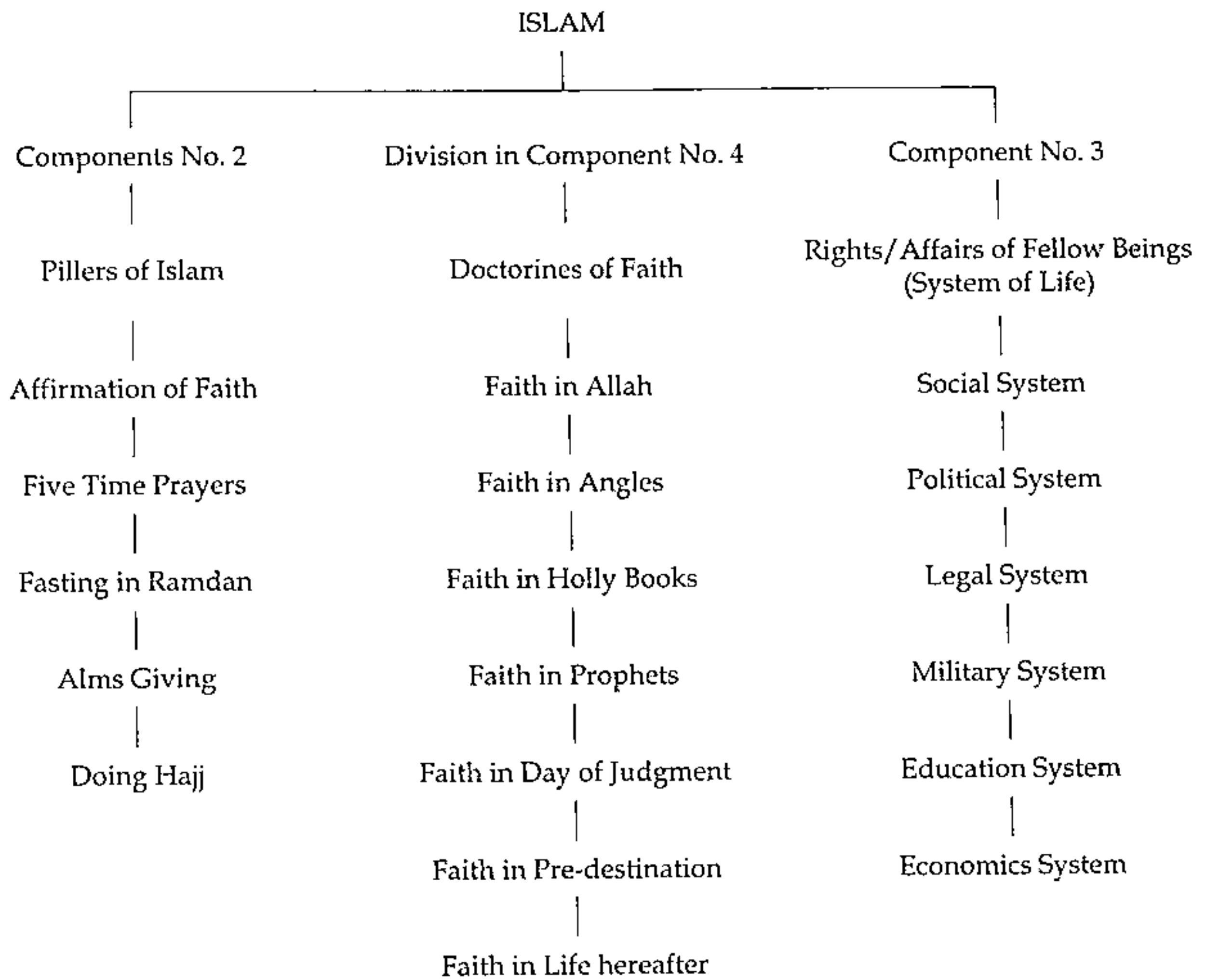


Figure 1- Diagrammatic representation - Components of Islam

Explanation of Components of Islam

The importance of the components of Islam can be understood with the help of the following diagram of a tree:-

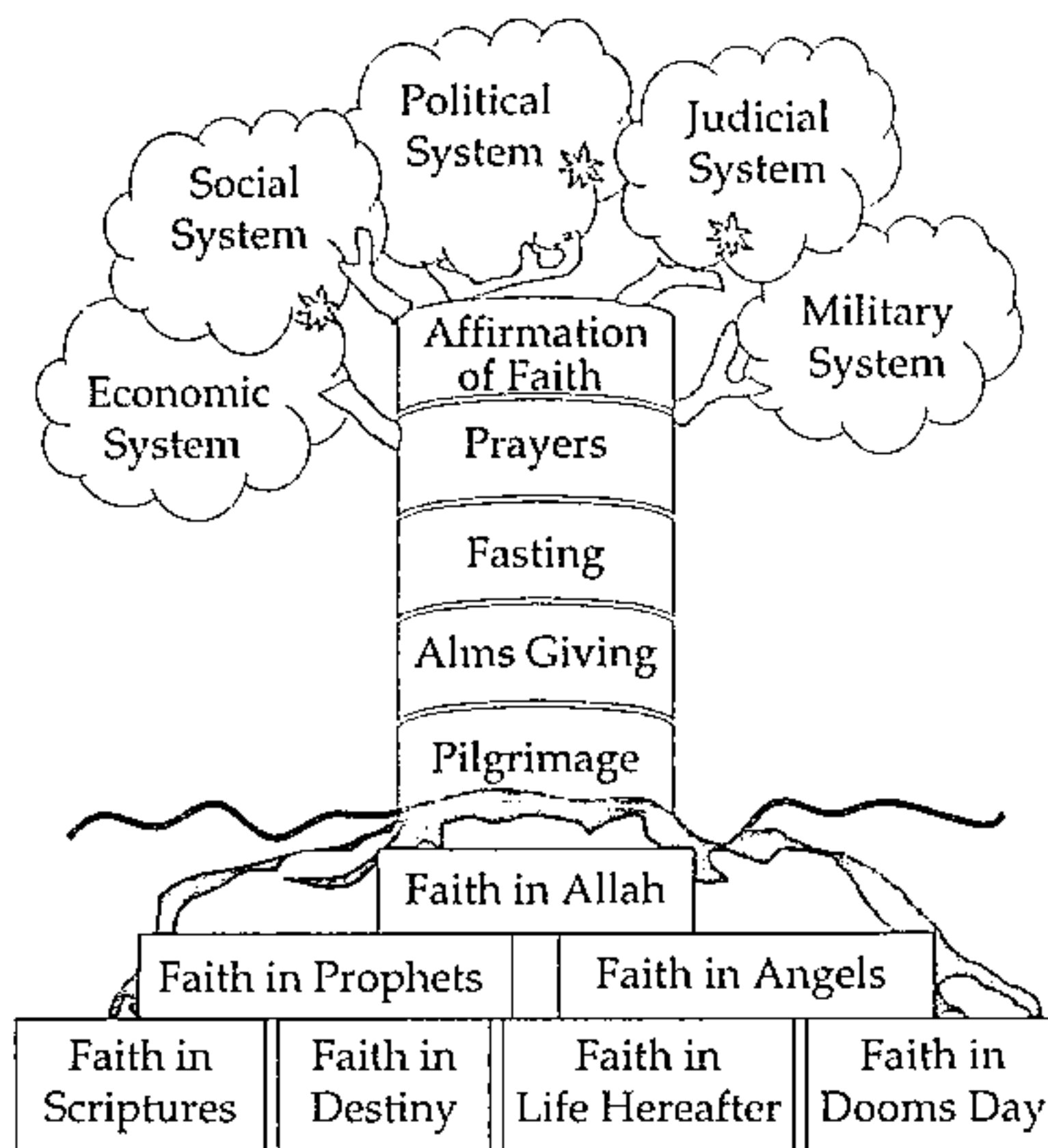


Figure 3: Importance of the components of Islam

The source of the components of Islam is, the *Hadith-e-jibrael*. In Islam, the most important teachings are the *Aqaid* or the, doctrines of Islam. These are as important to a man, as the roots are to a tree. If the roots .i.e. doctrines or beliefs of a Muslim, are deep into rich soil (i.e. into Allah's fear) then the stem of the tree, (i.e. a man) will be strong and firm, consequently the tree will flourish and definitely bear the fruits (i.e. the systems of Islam).

Similarly, if the seven doctrines are well understood, then the character of a Muslim will be strong and firm. In order to maintain the stem of the tree of Islam, which can only be firm if (the roots are firm) offering of five times prayers, fasting during Ramadan,

paying *Zakat* and performing *Hajj* is very necessary. These are prescribed by Allah to strengthen the character of a man. If the stem of the tree gets strong, it will produce branches along with leafs. Then these branches will bear the fruits. If the pillars are ignored then the (stem of the tree) will be weak and without branches and fruits. Muslims will be of poor character and the society will be un-Islamic.

Now the fruits of the tree (ultimate objectives) of Islam are its meticulous social system, political, legal, economic, military and education system etc. The implementation of these systems of life is the ultimate objective of Islam. Without these three components, which are interdependent, the concept or the picture of Islam will be grim. We can say that the society of the believers having strong faith in articles (roots) of Islam will perform the pillars (look after the stem) and consequently they will enforce the Islamic systems of life. If the roots are not deep enough then the stem will be weak and no question of bearing fruits.

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Articles of Faith (Fundamentals) Explained

The seven articles of faith are briefly explained as under: -

Faith in Allah

The gist of this belief is that we should be more than 100 percent sure that Allah is nearest to us. Allah is all powerful, all sovereign and all sufficient. Each and every thing happens to us and in the Universe as Allah wants and nothing can happen if Allah does not want. One should completely surrender before Allah and resign to his desires. A Muslim should do what Allah asks him and abstain from what He forbids. Allah is always all-seeing and all-knowing. We should remember Him all the time and always seek His mercy and blessings.

Allah is the only *Elah* (God) and it means that Allah is the only problem-solver and we only should beseech Allah in case of any sufferings beyond our powers. This sub belief is called the Islamic concept of, *Tawheed*, (oneness or the Unity of Allah). The concept of, **oneness (Tawheed, Unity) of Allah** is a sub belief of the main belief i.e. **Faith in Allah**.

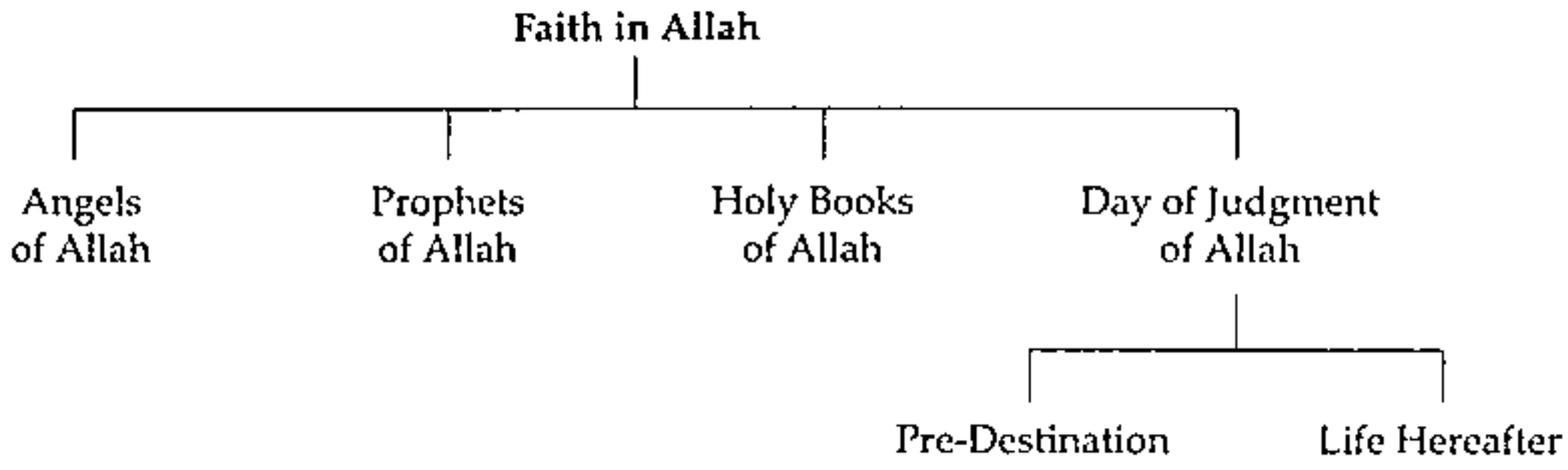


Figure 4: Component No. 1 Fundamental Doctrines of Faith

- Suggesting partner with Allah is a horrible crime and the worst cruelty. No one can harm or help us other than Allah.
- Allah is the designer, the creator of man and the universe and the creatures, and he is the only supplier of food and everything.
- Allah is always with us nearest to our jugular vein. He always listens to us and gives reply to us but we can't listen.
- Allah is very kind and loves us more than the love of seventy mothers either we are believer or nonbeliever. Allah desires us to follow His commandments, as laid down in Holy Quran.
- Allah is all-present, all powerful, and all-sustaining with no weakness.
- Whenever Allah wants to do something, he orders and it is done. (2: 117)

- Making law and declaring the things lawful or unlawful is the right of Allah only.
- To forgive any sin is the right of Allah only. Allah says in Quran that Allah surely will accept the repentance of the sincere repenter because Allah is kind and merciful. (Quran 4:110,5:39).

Emane Muffassal (Detailed definition of faith)

Detailed definition of faith according to *Hadith* Jibrael is, "I believe in Allah, His angels, His Scriptures, His Prophets, His Last day and the goodness and badness of *Taqdeer* (fate or predestination) and on the life hereafter." These are the seven articles of faith. Faith in Allah (*Eman-billah*) is the basic article. (*Hadith-e-jibrael*)

Emane Mujmal (Brief definition of faith)

The brief definition of faith is, "I believe in Allah as He is with His beautiful names and as He is with His attributes and I accept His all orders and commandments, for which I declare by my tongue and also I certify by my heart (by doing it practically)". This definition tells us to learn the names of Allah with meanings and to study Quran with full understanding and act upon the orders of Allah as per practical demonstration given by Holy prophet (PBUH).

- For more details Surah no 2 verses, 255-257, Complete Surah no 1(Al-Fatiha), Surah no 59, verse no 21-24.
- To learn ninety-nine beautiful names of Allah with meanings from holy Quran. The small booklets explaining these names are available in the market.

Faith in Angels

This doctrine educates us that angels have been created from light and are bodily superior to human being but are inferior in rank.

They act on the directions of Allah only. They have not been given any power to benefit, help or harm man in any way of their own will. We should not fear angels, like nations of the past. And if we don't have any fear of the angels then why to fear of jinn and other invisible creatures, like ghosts etc. Any creature is inferior to us if our belief in Allah is strong. If our belief in Allah is weak, we will fear every other creature.

You know that the people having poor beliefs are seen fearing and requesting the saints, peers, angels, ghosts, Jinns and nurturing other superstitions.

Faith in Holy Scriptures

This doctrine tells us that Quran is the final and comprehensive book revealed by Allah to His last messenger Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). It is the only book in the world that remains the same as it was revealed. This is because Allah Himself has taken the responsibility to safeguard it from alteration.

As Allah is the designer and maker of man, he better knew that what the best is for him so Quran is like technical manual or operating instructions for the body and mind of a man. It is specially sent for us as a straight path and complete code of life. It is a book of guidance. We ought to read, understand and act upon it and consult it as it has solutions to every problem of life whether national or international. Man made laws cannot bring harmony.

Faith in Holy Prophets

This doctrine educates us that all the prophets were sent to their nations and we believe that all were true and we respect them all equally. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is the last and final prophet of Allah for all nations till the time of *Qiyamah* (dooms

day). They are innocent and do not commit any sin. The purpose of prophet-hood is to give practical demonstrations of Qur'anic commandments as Allah desires. It should be made clear that if the prophet as a human being can perform a certain thing then each follower of prophet must perform that as well. Hence the Prophet never did anything according to His own will. He always followed the directions of Allah Almighty.

As followers we are bound to follow the footsteps of our Holy Prophet (PBUH). He is our role model and yardstick to follow and obey Allah.

One thing must be clearly believed that the *Sunnah* of Holy Prophet is relevant for all ages to come till *Qiyamah* and never becomes anachronistic. The life style (the *Sunnah*) is the most perfect way of life and the people who think of it as old way of life are themselves leading unreal way of life. The prophets are not the deity (God) but they are the men of Allah as referred in *Kalamae Tayyaba* and *Kalamae Shahadah* and in many verses of Holy Quran. Their duty is only to convey Allah's message to human beings

Faith in Day of Judgment

As death is certain, judgement day is also certain and on that day all the human beings living will perish and all the creatures will get up from their graves for a new and eternal life and will be brought before Allah in a huge ground. The process of accountability will commence in the presence of Allah and His Prophets and the status of life hereafter, which is eternal and will be determined accordingly, depending upon the deeds and faith of the person. Each and every action of human being in worldly life is being recorded as if videotaped. This video film will be shown in Allah's court, as documentary evidence against every man as the basic requirement for justice.

So this doctrine prevents us from doing evil deeds. There will be no help and no intercession of any kind available. This worldly life is a test. The status of real and permanent life is to be ascertained as per the result of this test. Worldly life is unreal like a time being spent in the examination hall or a waiting room. Two angels have been deputed to record our each and every action in this life. So we should do noble deeds in order to win the real life and shun away the worries of the worldly life. The details of dooms day are explained in Holy Quran, please study Surah Al-Naba, Al-Takveer, Al-Infitar, A-Inshiqaq and many other Surahs for more clarity.

Faith in Life hereafter

This doctrine tells us that the real and permanent life is in the hereafter. That life is heaven's life for believers only and hell for nonbelievers. Here on earth, man is given the life to test whether he spends it according to the dictates of Allah and in following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet. After death, his paper will be marked. Man will be sent to heaven or hell according to the merit, in the light of the record of his deeds. So in this worldly and temporal life, a man must do what is useful for the life hereafter. And to facilitate us to earn that life, Allah has revealed Quran as a written code and Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) as the demonstrator of Quran and we have to follow both.

Faith in Predestination

According to *Hadith-e-Israel*, "I believe in positive and negative aspect of the fate". Allah has laid down that what a man will do? What he will get? When he will die? When to lose and when to gain. This act of Allah is called predestination or predetermination. In other words predetermination means God's decree of fixing unalterably from all eternity whatever is to happen, especially the happiness or misery to a man.

This doctrine tells us to believe that whatever Allah has predetermined or predestined about our future fate, is the best for us and we must thank Allah in each situation. You know this doctrine strengthens our character and all worries are finished. So we must be content about our fate or luck. It is all from Allah and is in His knowledge. Please study Surah 2 verse 158, 210 of Holy Quran.

Effects of doctrines of faith on our lives

Faith in Allah will make us brave, content and courageous to face any calamity and worst situations. There will be no fear of death when man becomes Allah fearing, avoids doing wrong things even when no one is watching. Man becomes self-governed and knows that if he surrenders himself completely to Allah, he would become superior to all other creatures.

Faith in Holy Quran tells us that we can only succeed here and in the hereafter if we follow the dictates of Allah. There is no solution for any problem without Quran. This faith compels us to evolve our lives and seek guidance in each matter from Quran. The Quran compels a believer to think deeply with vision into the vision of Qur'anic verses. Man will become wiser and intelligent.

Faith in the last messenger convinces us of the practicability of what Allah wants us to do. His life style is most relevant for all ages, that we must follow the footsteps of our Prophet taking Him as our role model or yard stick for our actions. We must be confident that *Uswae Hasana* (the life style of Holy prophet) is the most modern way of life.

Faith in the destiny tells us that Allah has laid down each and every thing as meaningful for us and wants to try us here by making us to face the bad incidents and good incidents. We should remain patient even in case of the death of our near relative. Allah

will give us the real reward for it in life hereafter. So this belief will make us feel content and courageous. Everything good, or bad, profit or loss, victory or defeat, death or birth, which may happen to a man is decided by Allah and is in favour of a man. Hence we must accept it happily in both cases. This belief saves us from being gloomy or hopeless of Allah's kindness. It encourages us to face the difficulties and try again and again to progress in our life.

Let us analyse our character and eradicate our weaknesses in the light of each article of faith as these regulate our daily life and behaviour:-

Example 1. The explanation of this example, with the help of following diagram will increase our knowledge in understanding the effects and importance of the articles of faith.

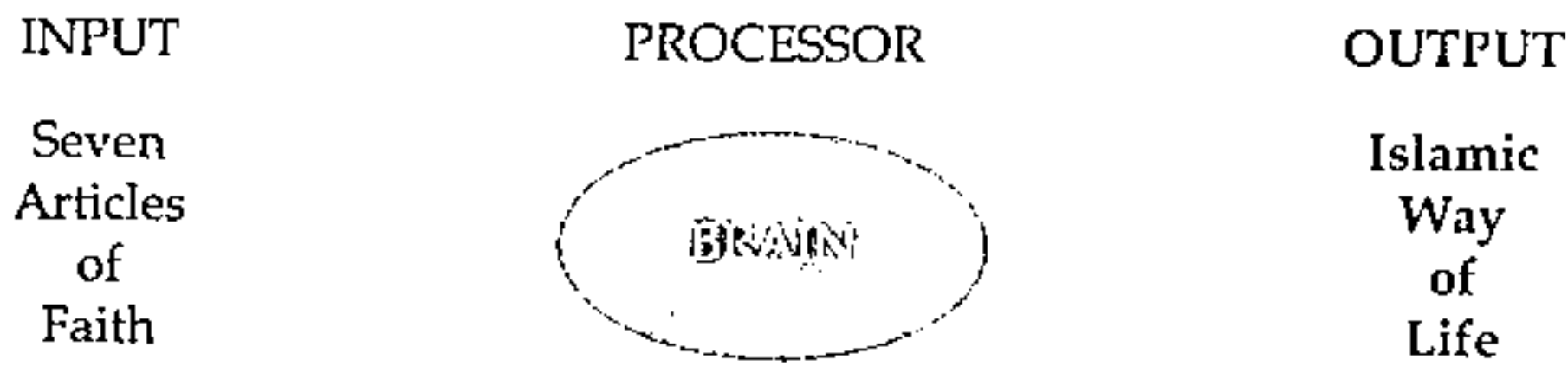


Figure 5: Example 1- Effects of Articles of Faith

Allah Almighty has created the human body and mind like an autonomous machine. He best knew how to operate it. What input should be given to it so that it works in a proper way and produce actions (output) which Allah desires? Allah has instructed us these articles in His manual i.e. *Quran-e-Hakim*. (The book of vision), we may say these are the seven commandments for our mind which is superior to a super computer of every age.

These doctrines first energize, ignite or give sparking to the state of mind of a human body to think and proceed accordingly. Holy

Prophet (PBUH) said, "Surely the man's actions are dependant of his thoughts" (Bukhari). These seven doctrines when kept in mind while doing anything will lead him to a straight path as Allah desires. The human mind is like a processor of a computer, if the processor is working properly then monitor will show the results as output (the fruits or systems of life

These Islamic doctrines of a man (seven *Aqaid*) or seven commands are as input to a human mind, which will definitely work according to the dictates of Allah and if these are other than these seven articles then his actions (output) may not be as Allah desires. It is certain that the results of the actions of a man performed under the influence of these seven thoughts will automatically be according to the will and desire of Allah and in the footsteps of Holy Prophet.

In addition to the references stated above, following few references of the sayings of Holy Prophet will add to our knowledge.

"Surely your actions are according to your intensions" (Bukhari)

"Surely the result of man's actions is consequent to his intensions" (Bukhari)

"Beware, surely there is a piece of meat in a body of a man, when that is right whole of the body is right, if it gets defected, whole of the body becomes defected, beware, that is your heart". (Bukhari)

Origin of Articles of faith in Holy Quran and *Hadith*

Fundamental beliefs explained above are so important that Allah Almighty ordains us in Holy Quran as followings

"O you who believe! Believe in Allah and his messengers and the scriptures which he hath sent to his messengers and the scripture which he sent to those before (him). Any who denieth Allah, his angles, his

books, his messengers and the Day of Judgment hath gone far, far astray". (4:136)

These Articles are specifically and explicitly mentioned in a portion of *Hadith-e-jibrael*, called *Imane Muffassal* as follows:

"I believe in Allah, in His angles, in His books, in His messengers, in the Last Day and in the fact that everything, good or bad, is decided by Allah, the Almighty, and in life after death". (Imane Muffassal)
(Bukhari, Mishkat)

The Concept of *Tawheed* (Oneness of Allah)

The most fundamental article of faith enjoined by Almighty Allah is the unity or oneness of Allah. This is expressed in the primary kalamae of Islam as, "There is no god but Allah". The expression of this belief differentiates a true Muslim from a *kafir* (nonbeliever). This is very important as it absolves the concept of *Tawheed* (unity of Allah) of all impurities and makes it pure, simple and free from every conceivable shadow of *Shirk* (polytheism).

***Shirk* (Polytheism)**

Shirk is the opposite of *Tawheed*, it means to ascribe partners unto Almighty Allah. This subject has been treated clearly in the Holy Quran. While teaching about the unity of Allah, the Holy Quran has dilated upon the nature, practices, signs and demerits of its opposite concept, which ascribes partners unto Almighty Allah and affirms the beliefs that *Shirk* is absolutely false and baseless. The expression "There is no god but Allah", which is the first half of *Kalamae Tayyaba* and occurs in the Holy Quran, (Surah Mohammed: 19) makes it quite clear that the concept of unity of Allah can only be affirmed by the complete negation of the notion of *Shirk*. *Shirk* in any of its forms, negates the concept of *Tawheed* and the person who professes faith in Islam no longer remains

within its fold, he ceases to be a Muslim and becomes an infidel.

Definitions & Kinds of *Shirk*

Shirk means ascribing partners unto Almighty Allah in three ways. There are three kinds or types of *Shirk* as following:-

- *Shirk* relating to His being.(as Christians believe about Jesus)
- *Shirk* relating to His Attributes. (If anyone other than Allah is taken as all listening, etc.)
- *Shirk* relating to the implications of His Attributes.(if anyone other than Allah is taken as worship able)

Forms of ascribing partners

The practical forms of ascribing partners unto Allah are:

- Someone is considered equal in status to Almighty Allah.
- Someone is ascribed as the father or child of Almighty Allah.
- Someone is integrated with Allah to increase His powers.
- Someone assumes the shape of some creature or any other animate or inanimate object that can be His descendent. For instance, the Arabs considered the angels as Allah's daughters and the Jinns as His family folk. Similarly, the Christians regarded Jesus as the only son and descendent of Allah. All this amounts to *Shirk*.

The second type of *Shirk* amounts to ascribing the attributes of Almighty Allah to some other person or creature. For instance to benefit and harm anybody is an attribute of Allah, no one else can provide joy or sorrow to a person unless he so desires. No angel, jinn or saint can redress the misfortune of a person or put him to trouble to harm him. Thus ascribing any kind of partner to Allah is *Shirk*.

In the third type of *Shirk*, some of the attributes of Almighty Allah are not considered exclusive to Allah and someone else is believed to share those attributes with Allah. For instance, those who say that they love a saint or relation or a prophet as much as they love Almighty Allah, they indulge in *Shirk*, because the real love and submission is for Allah alone. Similarly, if someone attributes the highest powers attributed to Allah only to someone else he commits *Shirk*.

A *Hadith* of Holy Prophet (PBUH) says about *Shirk* that it is the greatest of the sins. The tragedy is that no previous *Umma* or followers of a religion had been free from this fatal sin, and whenever a small beginning was made of any vice, it assumed the dimensions of an epidemic.

Keeping these points in view it is very important for us to understand what we mean by *Tawheed* and *Shirk*. We have just seen that *Tawheed* means "not to believe in any god but Allah," while *Shirk* means to believe in other gods besides Allah. Thus it is clear that if we understand the meaning of Allah and *Elah*, we can come to know the difference between *Tawheed* and *Shirk*. Quran says; "If there were, in the heavens and the earth, other gods besides Allah, there would have been confusion in both. But glory is to Allah, the Sovereign of the Throne; (high is He) above what they attribute to Him". (Surah Anbiya 22).

Almighty Allah and *Elah*

Elah is an Arabic word that means:

- The worshipped one
- One whose existence is beyond the comprehension of human mind.
- One who is worthy of unlimited love and reverence; and

- One who is not subject to any of the senses of a person, and is hidden from him.

Thus the word *Elah* carries as its translation “the worshipped one”, “khuda”, “deity” or “Almighty Allah”. In common, it is regarded as ‘worshipped one’. It is regarded as a being with unlimited powers and forces; far away from the visionary senses; capable of being contacted spiritually; worthy of bringing harm or benefit to the human beings by sensory and material means with whose pleasure or displeasure, the fortunes of a man, good or bad are associated. Allah says in Holy Quran; “*And your god is one Allah; there is no god but He, Most Gracious, Most Merciful*” (the Cow: 163).

The illustrious Quran and sayings of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) reveal that the essential implications of this Unity are as follows;

“Behold in the creation of the heavens and the earth; in the alternation of night and the Day; in the sailing of the ships through the oceans for the profit of mankind; in the rain which Allah sends down from skies. And the life, which He gives therewith to an earth that is dead; in the beasts of all kinds that He, scatters through the earth; in the change of winds. And the clouds which they trail like their slaves between the sky and earth: (Here) indeed are Signs for a people that are wise.” (Surah - the Cow: 164)

Explanation

This magnificent passage on nature stands out like a hill in a landscape, enhancing the beauty of our view, and preparing us for every day laws and ordinances, which follow. Note its literary architecture. Allah is one, and among his wondrous signs is the unity of design in the widest diversity of nature. We begin with the glory of heavens and earth, the alternation of day and

night, regular and yet changing durations of the seasons and the latitudes of our globe. The night is for rest, and the day for work, the stationary ships flowing across the seas for communications and merchandises. The sea thus serves us no less than land. The rain leads to the fertility of land, and here we are reminded of the contrast between the winter's death of nature and its revival in the spring. Here we are reminded of agriculture and the use we make of cattle and all kinds of living creatures, the beasts (crawling creatures, insects etc.) all contributing to the round of nature's operation. This leads us on in the wonderful winds the region of the air which man is just beginning to explore and navigate. The personified winds drive the clouds in the sky like slaves. Here is another aspect of clouds besides that of giving rain. The flaky clouds are things of beauty of sunset, at mid-day they temper the glare of the sun, at all times they affect radiation and other process going on in the sky. So we come back to the sky, rounding off the argument and correlating our human life with the will and the power of Allah, if we had the wisdom to see.

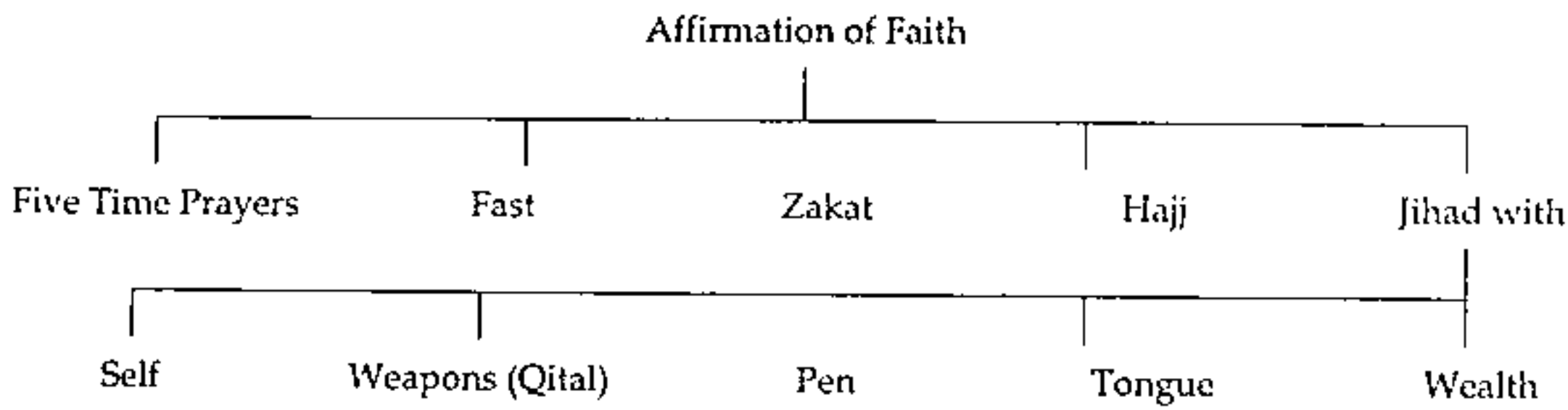
Implications of *Tawheed*

- There is no other being except Allah, who has come to exist by his own virtue. Everything else is created by Allah. Things of universe do not have any quality of their own, whatever quality is found in anything is bestowed upon it by Almighty Allah and can remain in it only as long as He desires.
- Almighty Allah is different from all other beings and there is no one even similar to Him. Neither has he integrated Himself with any one, nor anyone ingress in Him.
- It is to please Almighty Allah alone one should be concern about. This and this alone should be the motive and ultimate goal of all one's actions.

- All actions and movements which, either in appearance or reality, have any semblance of worship should be reserved for Almighty Allah. Only unto Him we can bow down in worship. Vows can be taken in His name only. Unseen protection can be sought from Him only. He alone can be called for invisible help.
- All sentiments and feelings as are in the spirit of worship should be specified for Almighty Allah, hopes should be linked with Him only. He alone should be feared. The real love should be for Him only.
- Allah is the supreme leader of this universe, of which this world of ours is also a small part. He alone has the right to command, to forbid and to subjugate. He is the real law-giver and law maker. He alone holds the entire powers to designate a man's role in life, to adjudicate his affairs and to forgive or punish him.
- No one but Allah Almighty possesses the glory of being the One and only creator to be worshiped. He alone deserves adoration. His pleasure alone is worth seeking. There is no one else unto whom bowing down in prayer is justified and whose beneficences deserve grateful acknowledgment. There is no one except Allah who should be considered a friend, a redeemer of difficulties, a provider of needs and a rescuer from troubles. There is no one except Almighty Allah in whom trust can be reposed and whose fear admitted in our heart. It is He alone with whom hopes can be associated and for whom real love may be entertained. No other being holds even an iota of the real power. There is no one except Allah who has the power to do well or harm even on a most infinitesimal scale. There is no one except Allah, who has a legitimate right of laying

down law and enforcing his will on any one and submission to whom without any force or compulsion is justified.

These basic implications of the unity of Allah are so important that the denial of even one of them renders to claim the faith in Almighty Allah meaningless. It means that all these things are included in the very concept of faith and in the unity of Allah. No one can be a true Muslim until and unless his faith, with all its implications, is deeply enshrined in his heart.



Component 2

The Pillars of Faith (Rights of Allah and their Philosophy)

This second component of Islam is called, "Pillars of Islam", "Rights of Allah", "and the kinds of worship. As you know that the ultimate objective of Islam is to pay the rights of fellow beings, hence to train then for that objective one has to pay the rights of Allah. The one who is not obedient to Allah, cannot be obedient to his men. The habit of obedience to Allah will definitely compel them to pay the rights of fellow beings due to fear of Allah. You refer the example of the tree of Islam on the earlier pages, this second component is like the stem of the tree. We may say that the rights of Allah are the means of the ultimate goal i.e. the rights of men. Following is a brief explanation of the (pillars), the rights of Allah.

Affirmation of *Tawheed-o-Risalat* (First right of Allah)

The first pillar is *Kalamae Tayyaba* of Islam i.e. "There is no God

(Deity) except Allah and Muhammad (PBUH) is the prophet of Allah”, means that the aim or the purpose of our life is only to obey and please Allah and in that obeying, our role model must be our Holy Prophet Muhammad, (PBUH). When the purpose of our life is to obey Allah as per given role model, then our life will be all peace. The Muslims having such character cannot be terrorists narrow-minded. His character will become Allah oriented which mean purified in all respect.

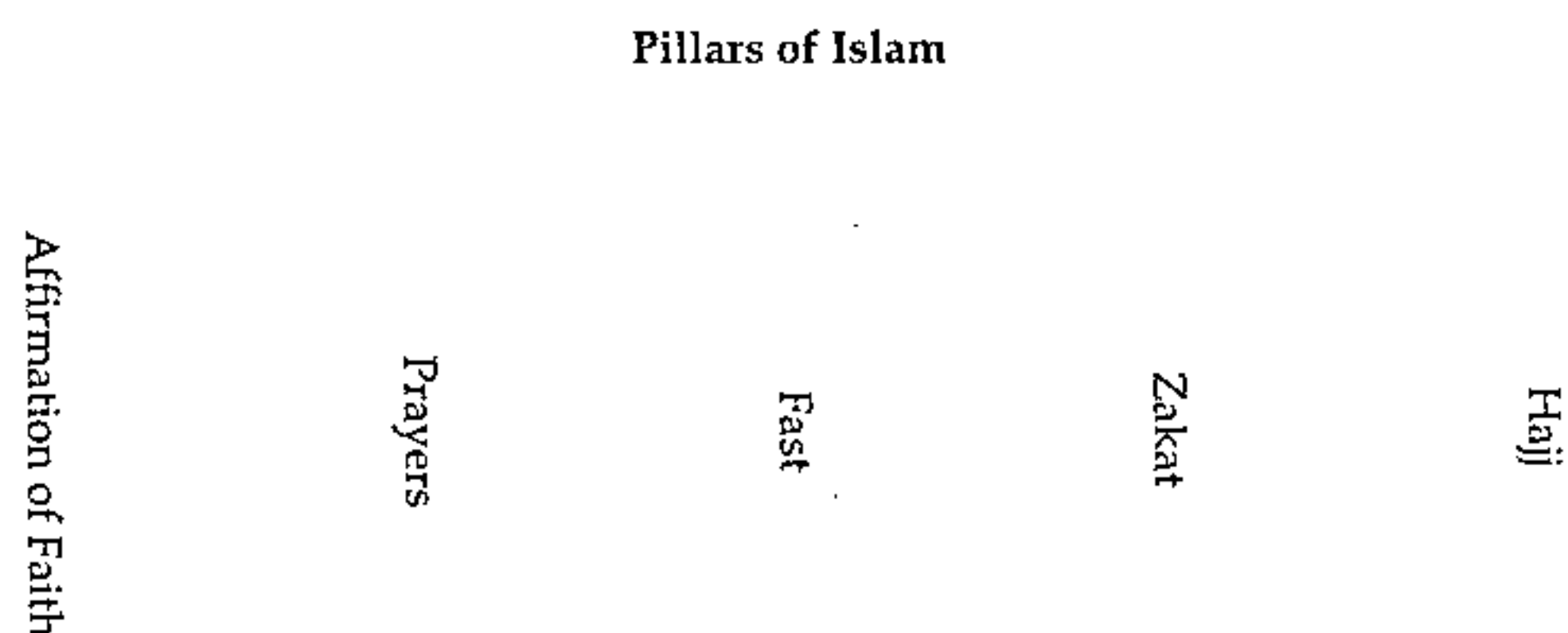


Figure 7: Component No. 3- The systems of life in Islam

As we know that *Kalamae Tayyaba* (a purified sentence of Islam) means “There is no God but Allah”. Means that everything belongs to Allah and He is the only authority to be besought for problem solving. No other authority can extend help to us except Allah.

The first part of *Kalamae* means that we have to follow the dictates of Allah as per Quran and *Sunnah* and this is the purpose of man’s life and the second part of the *Kalamae* means to follow the dictates of Allah. We must not deviate from the footsteps of Holy Prophet (PBUH). Therefore, our life must be according to the *Sunnah* of our Holy Prophet (PBUH), which is the most modern.

Offering five time prayers (Second right of Allah)

This second pillar or right of Allah when performed, renders a man near to Allah by strengthening his faith, makes him social and loving. It brings health, happiness, mobility and continuity in our practical life. Allah's worship is also vital nutrition for our souls. There is too much to know about the philosophy and the merits of the prayer, here it is discussed just as an idea. The honourable reader is requested to study the recommended books for in-depth study. Prayers being a mean to talk and meet Allah face to face. The man is required to be clean and purified in body and mind.

To offer prayers five times a day, is prescribed on every Muslim. Five time remembrance of Allah is the diet of the soul of a Muslim. As our soul is spiritual thing and our body is made of materials. The diet of body is worldly things (materialistic) and the diet of our soul is spiritual one i.e. worship, remembrance of Allah. Prayers also prepare us for five kinds of *Jihad*. It is medically, socially, politically, economically useful. It is the highest place (like elevation to Allah), and a direct link for meeting Allah. It protects us from sin, the first thing to be accounted for on the Day of Judgment. We can define it as a mean (internship training) for the ultimate ends (goals) of Islam (rights and duties towards men) which are political system, social system, economic system, judicial system, education system and military systems (*Jihad*) of life. A man offering prayers five times a day cannot be a terrorist or narrow minded. A Muslim who is ignorant of the prayers (a right of Allah) will definitely be ignorant of the rights of his fellow beings.

Paying Zakat

The third pillar of Islam is *Zakat* (Alms giving). This worship is

levied on rich Muslims and not on the poor. It also purifies the wealth, strengthens faith, prepares for five types of *Jihad*, alleviates poverty and brings harmony, prosperity and mutual respect and love among the rich and the poor of in the society. It is one of the means (tools) for the ultimate end goals i.e., the systems of life (which are political system, social system, economic system, *Jihad* system). It is an effective tools for faith strengthening and God's fear. If the system of *Zakat* is implemented in true shape, prosperity will prevail.

***Sawm* (Fasting in Ramadan)**

Fasting is a third pillar of Islam and right of Allah and is a special training to improve our faith in Allah. It promotes *Taqwa* (fear of Allah), keeps us fit for facing any difficult situation, prevents us from doing any wrong deed, make us realize the wants of the poor. I would request the honourable reader to study Islamic books for in-depth study of this important worship. Fasting is defined as "to refrain from eating, drinking, sexual desires from early morning till the sunset."

Fasting in the month of Ramadan which is special worship between Allah and a man. Allah Almighty says that the fasting is a special worship of mine and I myself will reward for it. It is the most important tool for the strengthening of the faith as it inculcates Allah's fear. We may say that it is one of the means of collective internship training, especially for *Jihad*, and generally for the other systems of life, which are political, social, economic system and judicial systems of life. It also covers medical aspects of life. How a fasting Muslim can become a terrorist?

Hajj

Hajj is fifth pillar and right of Allah and is prescribed on rich people and not for the poor Muslims. It is a tool (means) for internship

training for achieving the ultimate goals of Islam which are, fear of God, economic system, social system, political system, judicial system, *Jihad* or military system and education system of Islam. Also a mean of collective training for the Muslims. It strengthens the character and makes the man peaceful. *Hajj* also promotes faith and enables us to offer sacrifice for Allah and fellow beings.

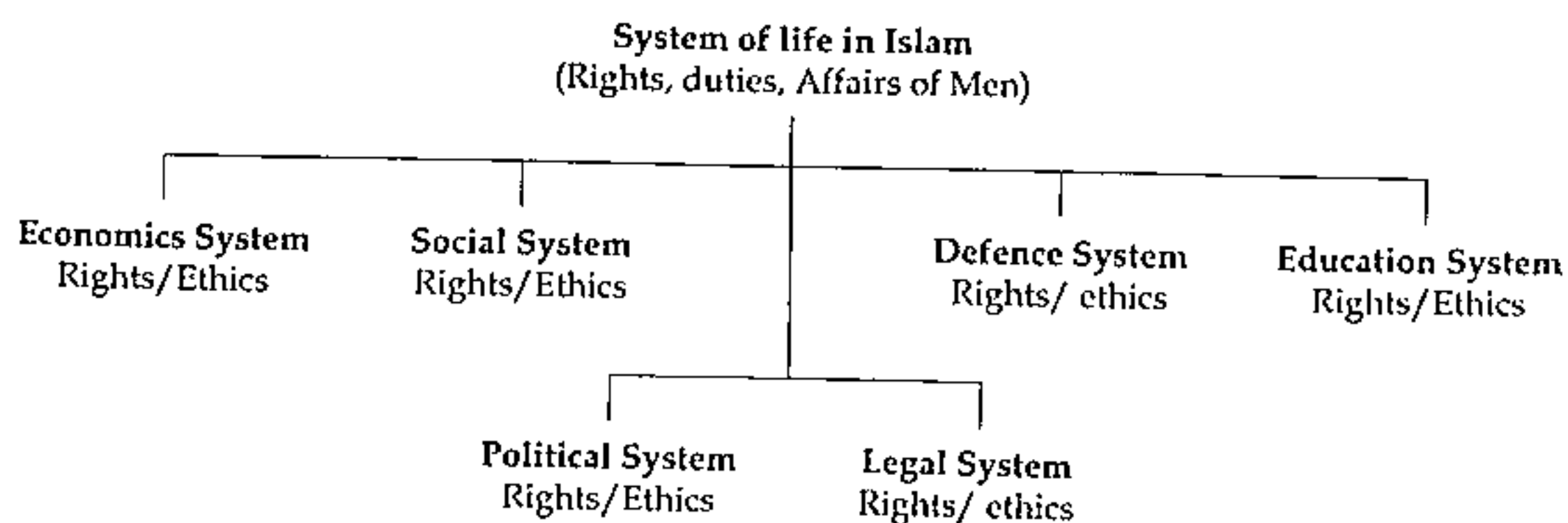
Component 3

The systems of life in Islam (The rights and the matters of the fellow beings) and their Philosophy

All the systems of life are actually the fruits of Islam, or the ultimate objectives, which deal with the protection of the rights and affairs of the human beings (rights of men or *Huqooqul Ibad*). Unless the systems of Islam are implemented, the tree of Islam will remain without fruits. Each system is discussed briefly as followings:-

Social system of Islam

In social system of Islam, rights of all human beings have been laid down in details, prescribing what should be the attitude of parents towards children and children towards parents, what conduct should prevail among brothers and sisters and between husband and wife. How should we treat our elders and those who are younger to us, how should the rich behave towards poor and what should be the conduct between master and servant. There



is no other religion on earth which has such a complete system. The rights and the duties of every person of the family and the society are laid down. If this system is implemented, the whole society will become an ideal society. Islam has provided us a most precise and complete guidance on how are we to fulfil our social responsibilities and act in our dealings and relationship with all those individuals and groups with whom we come into contact.

Political system of Islam

According to Qur'anic injunctions all human beings are equally honourable and respectable and this is the basic principle of the Islamic order of the society. Another principle is that Allah alone has the right to rule over them. No man is permitted to compel others to obey him.

Based on self-respect of man the political system of Islam is structured on caliphate. The most pious and respectable man of the society is appointed / nominated as a caliph. Then caliph will appoint an executive committee called shura. This setup rules the state according to the rules laid down in Holy Quran. Taking this power as a trust from Allah. Key posts are given to people as trust who deserve for those. The principles of justice and *Ihsan* (Allah's fear) are strictly followed. When the ruling people will use their powers as trust or duty enjoined from Allah, the society will surely become an ideal one. Offering five time prayers behind the imam (leader) is twenty seven times better in rewards than offering it individually, it tells us the importance of the leadership in politics also.

Legislative system

The real law-maker and judge is Allah Almighty, so Allah Almighty has given Holy Quran as a book of law for the society. Then in order to work out the minute details, the knowledge of

Fiqh was introduced. The judicial system of Islam is independent and most powerful. There are no man-made laws in Islam. Unless we implement and enforce the Qur'anic (Allah's) judicial system, no peace and tranquillity will prevail in the world. The present awful situation of world peace is due to the lack of implementation of the *Qur'anic* laws. Islamic system of justice is the only system which can surely end corruption, injustice, maladministration etc. Due to the blessings of *Qur'anic* law the whole world will become an ideal example of global peace. My brothers who criticize the *Qur'anic* law due to subversive propaganda, they should know that this law is not made by Holy Prophet, Muhammad (PBUH), but the law given by his and our Lord (the creator). Hence is a perfect law.

Economic system

In an Islamic society, adequate fulfilment of basic material needs is necessary for human welfare. The individual is required to fulfil his material needs through his own efforts. Earning through labour is a great duty and a virtue. Honest trade is permitted. Cheating, hiding of defect and hoarding are prohibited. The purpose of the institution of *Zakat* is to setup a society which is like a single family. The purpose of Islamic economic system is to secure the rights of individuals and to encourage morality in the world of trade. Also economic system advises the state to introduce a welfare system for the public. Taking interest, as a profit from the people is declared as a grave crime because of causing humiliation of an individual. If the economic system of Islam is followed in letter and spirit throughout the world, it will totally alleviate the poverty and all other problems concerning wealth and welfare. Because this system has been suggested by Allah Himself, There is no man made system which can solve the problems of humanity. IMF and the World Bank are humiliating

and exploiting the needy and poor countries to bring them into the grip of their demands. The system of *Zakat* will bring them to stand on their feet and alleviate the poverty. The interest in banking system on loans will finish. Prosperity will prevail. There will be no accumulation of wealth due to the capital money in circulation.

Education system

The ultimate objective of Islamic education system is to make the human being peaceful obedient servant of Allah. As we know the fashioner and designer of the human being is Allah almighty, therefore He better know the knowledge for them. That is why that Allah has revealed His book of guidance for us which is protected by Allah Himself. The education system laid down in Quran is the only perfect knowledge to be followed. All the men thought or devised systems are imperfect.

I would advise the West to study and understand this syllabus, clarify their doubts and join hands with the Muslims in introducing this syllabus in their educational setup, if they are sincere in bringing peace, among the nations. There is no other solution available with the West, except the enforcement of *Qur'anic* education system to make this world peaceful.

Military system (*Jihad*)

The ideal example of the Islamic military system was established by our Holy Prophet, later on developed by four caliphs. This system is governed under the principles and laws as laid down by Allah in the Holy Quran and the *Sunnah*, unlike the military system of the kings (made by men). The ultimate objective of Islamic military system is to subdue and end the imbalance created by the satanic forces (to end the cruelty and oppression) and make free the men of Allah to live under the directions of Allah. To

fight against the satanic forces is called *Qitaal-fi-sabeelillah*, which means to only please Allah and not for the worldly desire. Five kinds of *Jihad* is also the mission of Islamic army. Presently no Muslim country is following this system, that is why the satanic forces have created imbalance of power and justice and Muslims are the only prey. The West is knowingly defying the reality. Islam is a real religion which enrolls and trains every Muslim for *Jihad* with weapon, through the articles of faith. The six 'pillars of Islam' are like internship training for *Jihad*. The 'systems of life', naturally prepare the whole *Umma* as soldiers of Islam.

Sources of Islamic Law or Sharia

There are four main sources of Islamic law. These are briefly explained as under:-

Holy Quran is the first and primary source of Islamic law. It contains many commandments, injunctions, prescriptions and rules of behaviour and relations between individuals and groups. It guides a man in all walks of life, spiritual, temporal, individual and collective. Allah says in Quran "*Indeed Quran is the guide about (the path) which is very straight.*" (Surah Bani Israel: 9). It contains instructions for the head of the state and as well as a layman, the rich as well as the poor, for peace as well as for war, for spiritual, cultural, commercial and material well beings. It is a book of complete change, if an individual studies it he will become completely a changed man, if implemented its laws in a society or a country that will become the ruler of the whole world. It is the grandest miracle of Allah, the masterpiece of Islamic truth, it calls for universal brotherhood, it inspires human wisdom towards sublime and exalted horizon, and it is beyond any flaw or error. Its protection is guaranteed by Allah Himself. It is a ladder or a rope hung to us from Allah as much as you

study it with understanding, you rise the steps towards Allah. This is the master key to all the problems of individual as well as international level.

Sunnah

Sunnah of Holy Prophet (SAW) is the second source of Islamic law. Literally *Sunnah* means the path or the way of life. But in the technical language of *Fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence) it means the sayings, deeds and impressions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). It may also be defined as rule of conduct of Holy Prophet. It is also a kind of revelation (unwritten revelation). These are also taken as the very words of Holy Prophet laid under the guidance of Allah through Jibrael. Quran says; "And take what the messenger assigns to you and deny yourselves that which he holds from you". (59:7)

Ijma

It is the third source of Islamic law. It means the general agreement or consensus among the Muslims about any matter affecting the Muslims in the light of Quran and *Sunnah*. It is one of the methods of *Fiqh* or Islamic jurisprudence. For instance the institution of the caliphate was the result of the consensus or *Ijma* of the early Muslims.

Qias

It is the fourth source of Islamic law. The word *Qias* literally means comparing and judging with a thing. It also means to use human reasoning to compare an existing situation with one for which legislation already exists. It is used in those cases or problems when neither the Quran nor the *Hadith* could resolve it.

Objections against Islam and their refutation

Unfortunately most of the Western critics have often indulged in

or fell prey to the pernicious propaganda which has been going on unchecked ever since the crusades.

It is an admitted fact that West has contributed a lot towards the spirit of scientific inquiry, free discussion and critical study in many fields. But in case of Islam, unluckily they embark upon the task of its study with prejudiced minds, preconceived notions, and resort to the brutal distortion of truth. They fail to apply scientific approach, careful analysis, unbiased probe and careful weighing of facts in case of Islam.

The concept of *Jihad* in Islam

Definition of *Jihad*

Jihad means struggle to the utmost of one's capacity in the way of Allah. When a Muslim struggles to please Allah by way of his knowledge, money, efforts or life, he is doing *Jihad*.

War and *Jihad*

The West is misguided with regard to the concept of *Jihad* in Islam and it is supposed to be synonymous with war undertaken for spreading Islam which is really shocking. Even the so called research scholars of Europe have failed to consult the Arabic dictionary to find out the actual meaning of *Jihad*. So they take the word *Jihad* as war which is totally wrong.

The true meaning of *Jihad*

The word *Jihad* is derived from *Juhd*, meaning ability, extension or power and *Jihad* and mujahedeen mean exerting of one's power, repelling the enemy. *Jihad* means the struggle to the utmost of one's capacity. One who exerts himself physically and mentally or spends his wealth in the way of Allah. Also the man who exerts himself physically and mentally in spreading his knowledge

with his tongue or pen is indeed engaged in *Jihad* (Bil-ilm) with knowledge. If someone is resisting his illicit desires, he is doing *Jihad* against himself. *Jihad* is not synonymous with war.

Many shades of the meanings of *Jihad*

Even in the *Ahadith*, the word *Jihad* is not used exclusively for fighting. e.g. *Hajj* is called a *Jihad*. Because one has to exert or strive during *Hajj* to please Allah. Once Holy Prophet also termed a simple invitation to Islam as *Jihad*. There are some *Ahadith* which tell that *Jihad* includes the service of Islam in any form through the word of mouth, pen or sword in the hour of need.

Kinds of *Jihad*

According to the *Qur'anic* instructions and authentic *Ahadith*, the scholars have divided *Jihad* into following five kinds.

***Jihad* against self-desires**

A time comes when personal desires and needs of a man pose hurdles in his way and stop him from doing noble deeds. As we know that Satan tries his best to misguide us or to stop us from the right path and tempt us to do evil. So when we act against our illicit desires or against satanic attractions then we are performing *Jihad* against ourselves (Nafs). It is the most enviable *Jihad* but it all must be to please Allah.

***Jihad* with wealth**

When you spend your wealth or money for feeding the strife-ridden, hungry and thirsty people, provide shelter to shelter less, provide clothes to cloth less and meet the needs of mujahedeen who are busy in the protection of oppressed people and do all this to please Allah and not for worldly designs then this is called *Jihad-bil-Ilm*.

Jihad with knowledge, pen, and tongue

One who exerts his utmost to preach Quran or Islamic knowledge either by using his pen, hands or minds for Allah's purpose, one is doing *Jihad* with knowledge. The condition is only to please Allah and then one is engaged in *Jihad-bil-Ilm*.

Jihad with sword

Jihad-bis-Saif (with sword), life or *Qitaal* (to fight in the battlefield) is for the defence of your country or to stop aggressors, oppressors, usurpers and to safeguard the people under attack or aggression. If the need arises to fight against such transgressors with sword or weapon, one should fight against these satanic forces. In this kind of *Jihad*, the condition of *Fi-sabeelillah* (in order to please Allah) is a must.

Conditional permission for *Jihad* with sword

Following *Qur'anic* verses will clarify the blessed concept of Islam:-

- "And fight in the way of Allah, against those who fight you. But transgress not the limits. Truly Allah likes not the transgressors". (The Cow: 190). This verse is the first one that was revealed in connection of permission for *Jihad*, but it was supplemented by another verse as under:-
- "And kill them wherever you find them and turn them out from where they have turned you out. And *Al fitna* (terrorism and the worst terrorism is suggesting the partner with Allah) is worse than killing. And fight not with them at *Al masjid Al Haram* (the sanctuary at Makkah) unless they first fight with you there. But if they attack you then kill them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers. (The Cow :191)

- *“But if they cease then Allah is the most forgiving and the most merciful”.*(The Cow :192)
- *Allah says in Quran “And fight them until there is no more Fitna (suggesting partner with Allah is the worst terrorism / disbelief or worshipping of others along with Allah) and (all and every kind of) worship is for Allah alone. But if they cease, let there be no transgression except against Az zalimin (the polytheists and wrong doers).*(The Cow :193)
- *“The sacred month is for the sacred month and for the prohibited things. There is the law of equal recompense (Qisas). Whoever transgresses against you, you transgress likewise against him. And fear Allah and know that Allah is with the pious men. (The Cow:191)*
- *“And if they incline to peace then you incline to it and trust in Allah. He is all-hearing, all-knowing and if they intend to deceive you, surely Allah is sufficient for them” (VIII : 61,62)*

After going through the translation of the above referred five Holy verses, it becomes clear that fighting against the enemy is allowed only with the following five conditions:

- Fight against those who fight you first but without transgression of limits.
- Do not kill them or fight them in Mosque *Al-Haram (Place of Worship)*. But if they attack, you there then you do to them as they have done with you.
- If they cease or incline for peace then you also cease and incline for peace because Allah is forgiving.
- Whoever transgresses the prohibition against you, you may transgress likewise against him and fear Allah and know that Allah is with the pious men.

After a brief study of the foregoing paragraphs on *Jihad*, it becomes clear that Islam does not allow aggression, suppression or transgression. Hence, no chance of extremism and terrorism from Muslims exist. The conditional permission for fighting is only for defence and self-protection.

The US, Israel, Britain and India are the transgressors and illegal occupiers of the Muslim area and resources, in Palestine, Iraq, Kashmir and Africa and are terrorists.

Using force for the spread of Islam

The propagation or preaching of Islam is no doubt a religious duty of every true Muslim but spreading of Islam by force or sword is a thing not consonant with the theory and practice of Islam. And there is no such example in the history of waging war for spreading Islam. Holy Quran says, *"Let there be no compulsion in religion. The right path has surely been made distinct from the wrong then whoever disbelieves in evil (Taghut) and believes in God, he has gotten a firm hold which shall never break. And God is all-hearing and all-knowing. (The Cow: 256).*

Holy Quran on war

Following verses of holy Quran are to be noted:-

- *"Whosoever killeth a human being unless it is for murder or spreading Fitnah (mischief, corruption and persecution) it shall be as if he had killed the entire mankind?" (5:32)*
- *"And fight them until there is no turmoil or oppression and persecution (and justice prevails) and religion is for Allah but if they cease, let there be no hostility except against those who practice oppression" (2:193)*
- *"Fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you. But begin not hostilities (and do not transgress the limits prescribed by*

Allah) surely Allah loveth not transgressors.” (2:190).

- *“The blame is only against those who oppress mankind and wrongfully rebel in earth. For such, there is a painful doom.” (xLii: 41,42).*
- *God forbids you to fight with those who do not fight you and your faith, nor drive you out from your homes, and he orders you to deal kindly and justly with them: For Allah loveth those who are just. (1x:8,9).*
- *“Let there be no compulsion in religion. The right path has surely been Made distinct from the wrong; then whoever disbelieves in evil (Taghut) and believes in Allah, he has gotten a firm hold which shall never break. And Allah is all-hearing and all-knowing.” (2:256).*

Slavery in Islam

Islam took major steps to end slavery through a gradual process. A brief account of the practical steps taken by our Holy Prophet (PBUH) is given below:-

- He forbade his followers from calling themselves bondsmen and bondwomen.
- Equal treatment of slaves was practically demonstrated by Holy Prophet.
- Marriage with slaves was recommended and demonstrated by him. And soon there were many such examples.

The emancipation of slaves was made an act of the highest virtue. Holy Quran explains as follows:

“It is not righteousness that you turn faces to the East and the West; but righteous is he who believes in Allah and the last Day and the Angels and the books and the Prophet and giveth away his wealth out of love for Him into the hands of those who ask (for help) and for ransom of slaves

and (those who) keep up prayers and pay Zakat and fulfil the contracts which they have made; are steadfast in suffering and adversity and are thankful at the time of hardship, such are the truthful ones and such alone are the righteous ones.” (The Cow: 177)

Prisoners of war

The pre-Islamic concepts of war generally reveal a picture of cruelty and depravity. The usual custom was that amongst the defeated foes men were slaughtered or burned while women and children were enslaved. Islam came as a protest against all these severities and limited the punishment of the aggressor to imprisonment and taught that the captives were to be generously awarded freedom or be allowed to ransom themselves. Not only did Islam soften the laws of war to the extent of allowing the prisoners to ransom themselves but also it was made a matter of legislation that Muslims should spend their money to assist them in that endeavour.

Our Holy Prophet (PBUH) left no room for slavery in the society which he found prevailing as he was the greatest saviour of the slaves that the world has known. His last advice was “Fear Allah in the matter of prayers and in the matter of those whom your right hand possesses (Slaves)” (last sermon)

The concept of polygamy

Islam’s approach with regard to polygamy is most balanced and rational and based on the moral, physiological and psychological demands of man and woman. Firstly it must be understood that taking more than one wife is only permissible and not ordained. And then this permission is for one who can do justice to all his wives whose maximum number can be four. The Quran says:

“Marry women of your choice two, three or four but if ye fear that ye

shall not be able to deal justly (with them), then only one." (4:3)

Let us see how some of the Western thinkers view this institution. Dr Mrs. Annie Besant (Bezant), the renowned English leader of the theosophical movement, says; "Pretended monogamy in the West is really polygamy without responsibility, she is cast off when the man is weary of her and sinks gradually to be the woman of the street while the lover has no responsibility for her future and she is a hundred times worse off than the sheltered wife and mother in the polygamy home. When we see thousands of miserable women who crowd the streets of the Western towns during the night we surely feel that it does not become the Western mouth to reproach Islam for polygamy. It is more respectable for a woman to live in polygamy, united to one man only, with the legitimate child in her lap and surrounded with respect than to be seduced and cast out into the streets perhaps with an illegitimate child, un-sheltered and un-cared for, to become a victim of any passer by night after night, rendered incapable of motherhood, despised by all".

A mirror for the West

Dr Mrs. Annie Besant in her book "The life and teachings of Muhammad" says "I often think that woman is freer in Islam than in Christianity. Woman is more protected by Islam than by the faith which preaches monogamy. In Al-Quran the law about woman is more just and liberal. It is only in the last 25 years that Christianity had recognized the rights of woman to property, while Islam has allowed this right more than a millennium ago. It is a slander to say that Islam preaches that women have no souls." Islam (Quran) does not make it obligatory for a Muslim male to have more than one wife, rather it just allows this under special circumstances. The verse says "*Marry such women as seem good to you, two, three and four but if you fear that you may not do justice to*

them then marry only one." (IV: 3) This verse was revealed after the battle of *Uhud* when more than 70 women lost their husbands. They had orphan children to be protected. Islam gave a solution of the problem.

Holy Quran on women rights

Before we discuss the rights of any creation of Allah almighty, our mind should also be clear of the fact that if Allah is the creator then he is the only authority to lay down the rights of the women. Here I would refer few of the Qur'anic verses as followings:-

- o *"Live with them on equal footings of kindness and equity."* (Nisa: 19)
- o *"And the women shall have rights similar to rights against them according to what is equable."* (The Cow: 225)
- o *"But turn not away (from a women) altogether, so as to leave her (as it were) hanging (in the air)"* (Nisa:129)

Holy Quran and relations with non-Muslims

Non-Muslims who have made the Muslims target of their power were to be dealt with kindness. Allah says,

"Allah forbids you not with regard to those who fight you not for (your faith), nor drive out of your home, from dealing kindly and justly with them; for Allah loveth those who are just. Allah only forbids with regard to those who fight you for (your faith), and drive you out of your homes and support others in driving you out. From turning to them (for friendship and protection). It is such as turn to them (in these circumstances) that do wrong) (60: 8-9)

Even nonbelievers, unless they are out to destroy us and our faith, should be dealt kindly and equitably, as is shown by Holy Prophet through his own example.

Holy Prophet's (PBUH) treaty with Christians of Najran

Following are the terms of treaty:

"Never will they be humiliated. Military service is not compulsory for them. Between them only justice shall prevail, their property, life, religion, churches and all that they possess, little or much will be protected".

The six principles of Islamic ethics

The Quran has a strong ethical thrust. For example, it contains condemnation of the people of Mecca for their oppression of the poor (107:3) and the orphans (17:34; 93:9) and for cheating in commerce (17:35). The following list offers six basic principles of Islamic ethics:-

- Every action has moral significance. Perhaps the phrase most often cited by Muslim ethicists comes from Surah 3:104, where Muslims are told that they're a people who should call all to do what is good and right and forbid what is wrong or dishonourable. This principle of calling to "do good and forbid evil" is a guiding light.
- Moral actions are those which result in justice ('adl, Surah 4:58). In concrete circumstances, an action may involve both good and evil consequences and one must choose that action which will maximize the good and minimize the evil, resulting in the greatest degree of justice.
- Faith and actions are both required. Surah 2:25 says, "To those who believe and do acts of righteousness give them good news that they will go to paradise." The moral choices one makes are serious as they play a role in determining one's ultimate fate, to heaven or to hell.

- Intentions are as important as deeds (as is true also in acts of worship). Sincerity is crucial. The trio of "heart, tongue, and deed" is frequently mentioned. Everyone agrees that it's not enough to advocate moral actions (the action of the tongue) but then act differently. An action done just for external compliance, says Islam, isn't nearly as good as one that comes from the heart. Something that comes from the heart will be accompanied by words and actions. If circumstances prevent accomplishment of the action, then commitment of the heart is still regarded as good.
- When it comes to doing what is morally right, having the proper character, i.e. virtues such as wisdom, concern for justice, modesty, and the avoidance of vices such as lust, greed, and anger, is as important as following a set of rules. In most situations people act instinctively in accord with their basic character, rather than by consulting a set of rules. Surah 5:105 says, "Believers, guard your own souls. The person who has gone astray cannot hurt you if you are rightly guided."
- Extremes should be avoided, follow the middle path, the way of balance. One shouldn't be arrogant or exalt oneself in the eyes of others. Surah 31:18-19 says, "*Do not be disdainful of other people, nor walk in arrogance in the earth. God does not love any person who boasts arrogantly. Be moderate in your pace and lower your voice. The most unpleasant of voices is the donkeys.*"

Islamic rules for business

On Contracts

"Ye who believe! When ye deal with each other, in transactions involving future obligations in a fixed period of time, reduce them to writing, Let a scribe write down faithfully as between the parties" (2:282)

On Trusts

"Allah doth command you To render back your trusts to those to whom they are due; and when ye judge Between people That ye judge with justice :...(4:58) Ye that believe! Betray not that trust Of Allah and the Messenger, nor misappropriate knowingly things entrusted to you". (8:27)

On fraud

"Woe to those That deal in fraud Those who, when they Have to receive by measure From men, exact full measure, But when they have To give by measure Or weight to men, Give less than due". (83:1-3)

Lawful and unlawful behaviour in Islam

In describing the moral code of Islam, it is important for us to understand that actions can be categorized according to their degree of lawfulness and unlawfulness. In *Fiqh*, seven such classes have been determined:-

1. **Highly obligatory or mandatory (*fard*):** Represents the class of actions, which are mandatory on every person claiming to be a Muslim, such as *salah*, *swam*, and *zakat*. These are proved through a holy verse of Quran. Leaving or delaying such orders without sufficient cause is a big sin punishable on the Day of Judgment.
2. **Next to obligatory (*wajib*):** Describes the class of actions which are proved through a number of *Ahadith* and mandatory for Muslims.
3. ***Sunnah* of Holy Prophet (PBUH):** This has been explained earlier.
4. ***Mustahab* (additional / appreciated):** This means acts such as supererogatory fasting beyond Ramadan, praying *nawafil*, etc.

5. **Mubah (not prohibited):** These actions are permissible in the sense they are neither mandatory nor forbidden, such as having a personal preference for one type of *halal* food over another or a Muslim may like to garden.
6. **Makruh (detestable):** These actions are not absolutely forbidden, but are detested. The makruh is less in degree than *Haram* and the punishment for makruh is less than for those acts which are *Haram*, except when done in excess. For example, smoking is not expressly forbidden like drinking alcohol it is in itself an action that is makruh. It should be noted, however, that there are many Ulama that regard smoking as *Haram*.
7. **Haram:** Such actions are unlawful and strongly prohibited by Allah and committing them is a major sin, e.g., murder, adultery, drinking alcohol. These acts are punishable on the Day of Judgment

Based upon the above categorization following two principals are to be noted:-

- Which is lawful is wholesome and pure and what is unlawful is harmful or can hurt us. What is lawful is also moral and what is unlawful is immoral.
- A second rule is that what leads to an unlawful action is also unlawful.

In mapping out one's ethical behaviour, it is important for Muslims both to avoid the unlawful and to avoid making the unlawful as lawful. Allah says, "*Say, Have you ever considered all the means of sustenance which God has bestowed upon you from on high – and which you thereupon divide into 'things forbidden' and 'things lawful'? Say, Has God given you leave (to do this) – or do you, perchance, attribute your own guesswork to God?*" (Quran 10:59)

The verse is also true as Allah says, "O you who have attained to faith! Do not deprive yourselves of the good things of life which (sic) God has made lawful to you, but do not transgress the bounds of what is right: verily, God does not love those who transgress the bounds of what is right. Thus, partake of the lawful, good things which God grants you as sustenance, and be conscious of God, in whom you believe." (Quran 5:87-88).

Halal and Haram business practices

Halal and *Haram* business practices demonstrate that what is *Haram* may be presumed to correlate with business areas that are themselves *Haram* and hence, unethical. Similarly, what is *halal* may be presumed to correlate with business areas that are themselves *halal* and therefore ethical.

Islamic principles on *Halal* and *Haram*

- The basic principal is the permissibility of things
- To make lawful and to prohibit is the right of Allah alone
- Prohibiting the *Halal* and permitting the *Haram* is similar to committing *Shirk*
- The prohibition of things is due to their impurity and harmfulness
- What is *Halal* is sufficient, while what is *Haram* is superfluous
- Whatever is conducive to the *Haram* is itself *Haram*
- Falsely representing the *Haram* as *Halal* is prohibited
- Good intentions do not make the *Haram* acceptable
- Doubtful things are to be avoided
- The *Haram* is prohibited to everyone alike; and
- Necessity dictates exceptions.

Ruh

Means spirit or soul. The most appropriate translation would be "Divine Energy". Its plural is "*Arwah*".

Shaitan (Satan)

Means the devil (defiant, rebellious human being) or *Iblis*. A disappointed being who fails to secure happiness in life. A man who has been endowed with manifold facilities and is free to use these as he wills. These facilities include his impulses. If a man uses these facilities in a manner repugnant to the laws of God, the results are destructive. The impulse that induces man to use his facilities in contravention of divine laws is called Shaitan. The only open and definite enemy to a man is this Satan and the other enemies are lesser to the Shaitan. Because he destroys our life hereafter (the real and permanent life) and the worldly enemies destroy our worldly life (unreal life).

Predestination (*Taqdeer*)

The simple translation is fate. It also means measure. A mango stone (seed) embedded in soil, if properly looked after and nourished has the capacity to grow into a tree which will eventually yield the mango fruit. The realization of this potentiality of the mango seed is called its *Taqdeer*.

The true measure of the mango seed is the mango tree. If a seed does not grow into a tree, it does not conform to its measure. On the other hand no mango seed can grow beyond its measure.

This is the destiny of the mango stone. The concept of *Taqdeer* or predestination is the fifth article of faith (the doctrine) of Islam.

Taqwa

Commonly translated in English as piety, the real meanings are the faithful and efficient performance of the duties that Allah has enjoined upon man through revealed guidance. This meaning is wide enough to include loftiness of character and purity of conduct, one who leads a life of *Taqwa* is called *Muttaqi*.

Repentance

A man is fallible and it happens that he can commit a sin. For that case Allah has advised the believer to realize the act of sin and pray to Allah for forgiveness of his sin. This act of being ashamed of a sin and turning towards Allah and request him for waiving off his sin is called an act of repentance. As Allah says in Holy Quran, "*And whoever does evil or wrongs himself but afterwards seeks Allah's forgiveness, he will find Allah as the most forgiving and the most merciful*" (4:110)

But there is a condition of true repentance (not doing the sin again) as in Holy Quran as follows;

"But whoever repents after his crime and does righteous good deeds (by obeying Allah) then verily Allah will pardon him (accept his repentance). Verily Allah is most forgiving and most merciful. (5:39) "O believers repent before Allah as true repentance" (Surah Al-Tahreem: 8)

If a man does truly repents from the core of his heart and promises sincerely not to commit such sin in future, Allah will forgive him (purify him from the sin) as Allah is the most merciful and most beneficent.

Similarly if a nonbeliever having lived a life sin, becomes a

Muslim, surely Allah will forgive his all previous sins and he becomes innocent like a new born child.

Jahanam

An Arabic word usually translated as, hell. Where the nonbelievers will burn permanently and the believers who committed sins will be detained there till sentence implemented. The believers will be freed after the punishment.

Jannah

Usually translated as heaven. A permanent abode (home) for sincere and pious believers where each and every enjoyment will be available.

Haqq

A comprehensive *Qur'anic* term usually translated in English as "Truth or right". The state of being established or confirmed as a truth or fact. Everlasting existence, real, valid and undeniable fact. *Al-Haq* is also an attributive name of Allah. The antithesis of *Haqq* is "*Batil*". *Batil* means untrue, lie, false etc. It does not stand merely for ideas or actions with destructive potentiality. All thinking and conduct that do not lead to constructive results is *Batil*.

Ihsan/Adal

Means justice. It covers justice in all spheres of life. Justice signifies the condition where every individual gets what is due to him. And due, means not only what is due to him economically but all the fundamental rights that belong to him by virtue of his being human being. The establishment of *Adal* is the ultimate end of *Qur'anic* social order. Another meaning of *Ihsan* is, that you think that you are seeing Allah in front of you while offering prayer and if you are unable to see Allah then you be sure that Allah is

watching you and listening to you with kindness in the state of offering the Prayers. (this definition is given in the *Hadith Jibrael*)

Malaikah

This plural of the word *Malik*, which means angel or the hidden powers/forces of Allah busy in implementing the will and commandments of Allah without any break.

Mushrik

Shirk mean anyone who suggests partner with Allah. One guilty of doing *Shirk* (plural of *Mushrikeen*).

HISTORICAL PICTURES OF
MAULANA SAMIUL HAQ AND HAQQANIA



1985, on the Afghan war front with Abdul Rab *Rasool* Sayyaf with my sons



1985, with Maulana Jalaluddin Haqqani on the war front in Khost, Afghanistan



1985, on the war front in Afghanistan against the USSR with Shafiquddin Farooqi

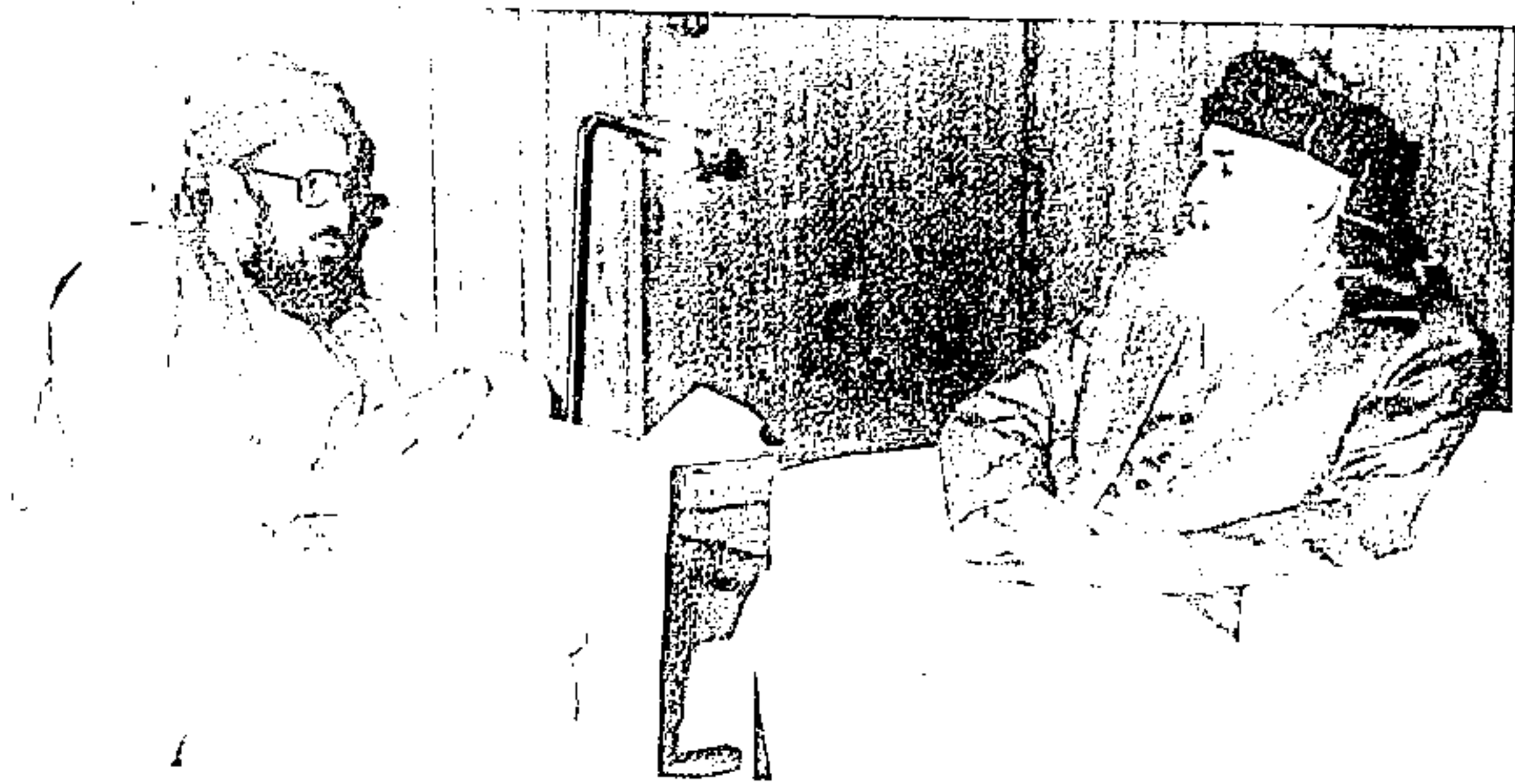


1985, a moment of rest at the bunker of Maulana Jalaluddin Haqqani on the war front in Afghanistan against the USSR

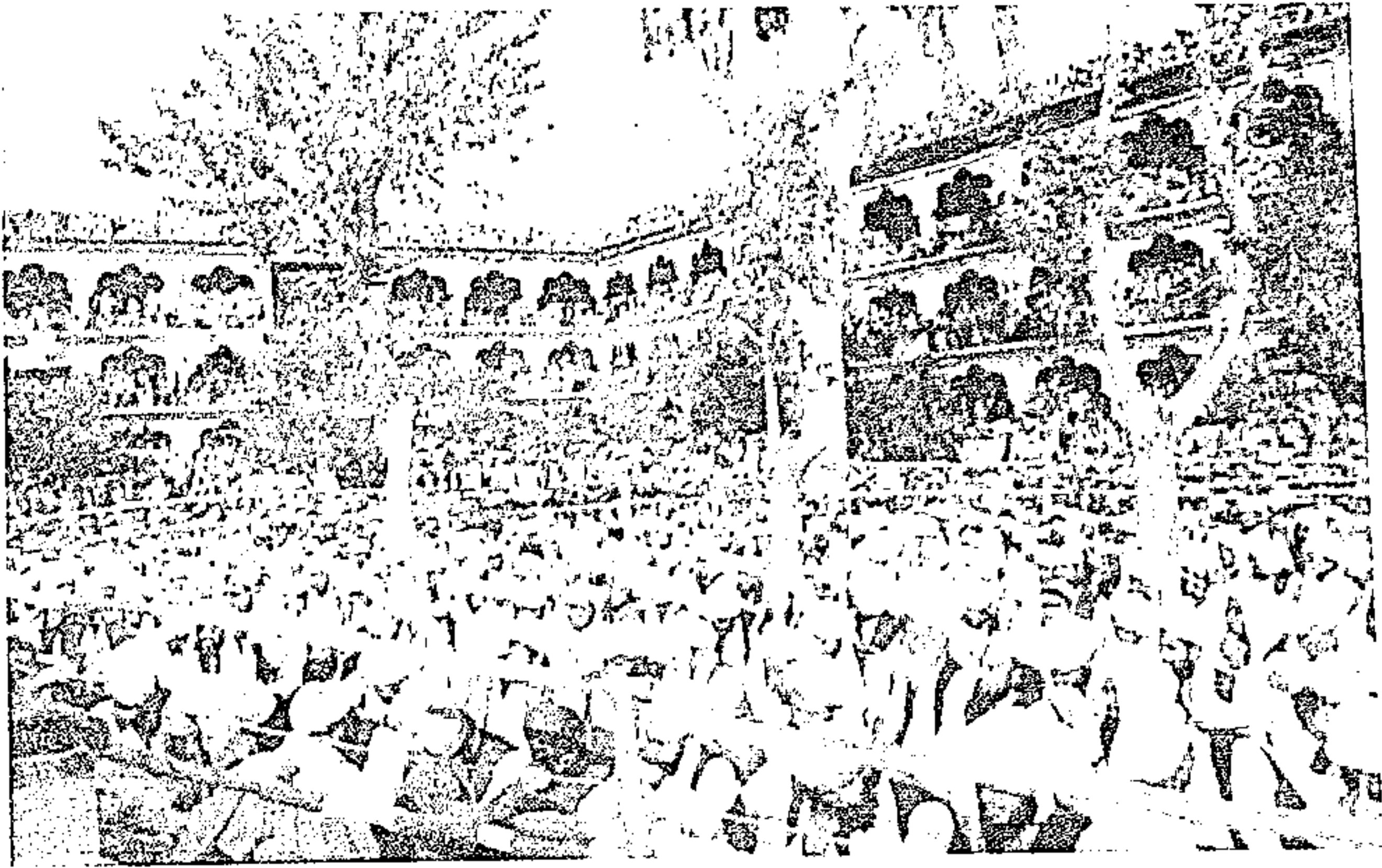
Historical pictures of Maulana Samiul Haq and Haqqania



At the house of Afghan *Jihad* leader Maulana Muhammad Younus Khalis in village Najmul *Jihad*, Jalalabad, Afghanistan



A historic picture with Afghan President Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani during his visit to Akora Khattak



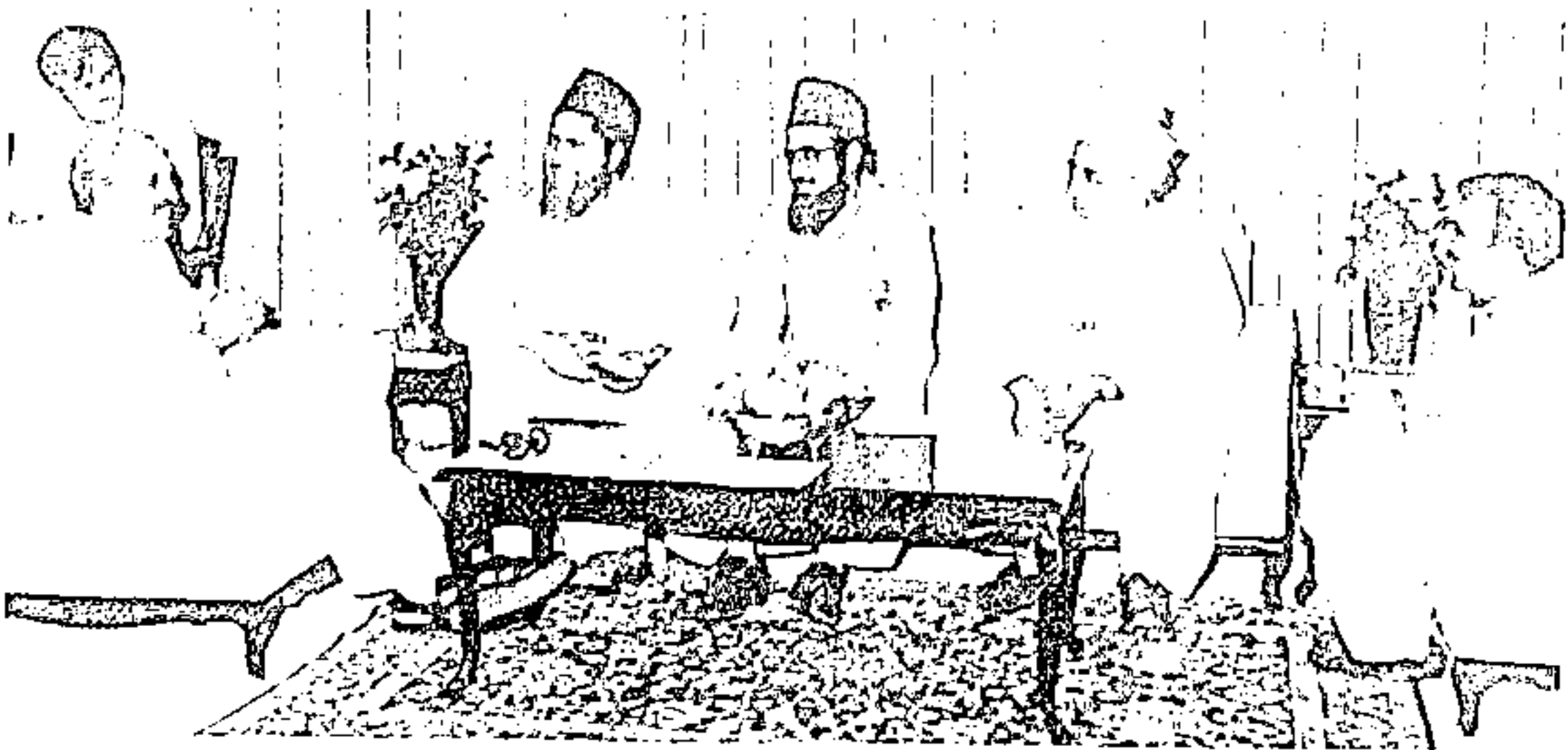
A view of graduation ceremony at Darul Uloom Haqqania
Akora Khattan, Nowshera



1985, addressing the Nifaz-e-Shariat rally in Lahore



Abdul Sattar Lalika, Sami ul Haq, Siddique Khan Kanju, Mujaddi, Nawaz Sharif, Saudi Arabian Prince al-Turki, General Asif Nawaz, Humayun Akhtar Khan, Hanif Khalid, Mujeebur Rehman Shami and other people offering prayers after successful peace talks between waring factions in Afghanistan



In a meeting with the then president Muhammad Ziaul Haq alongwith Qazi Abdul Latif and others

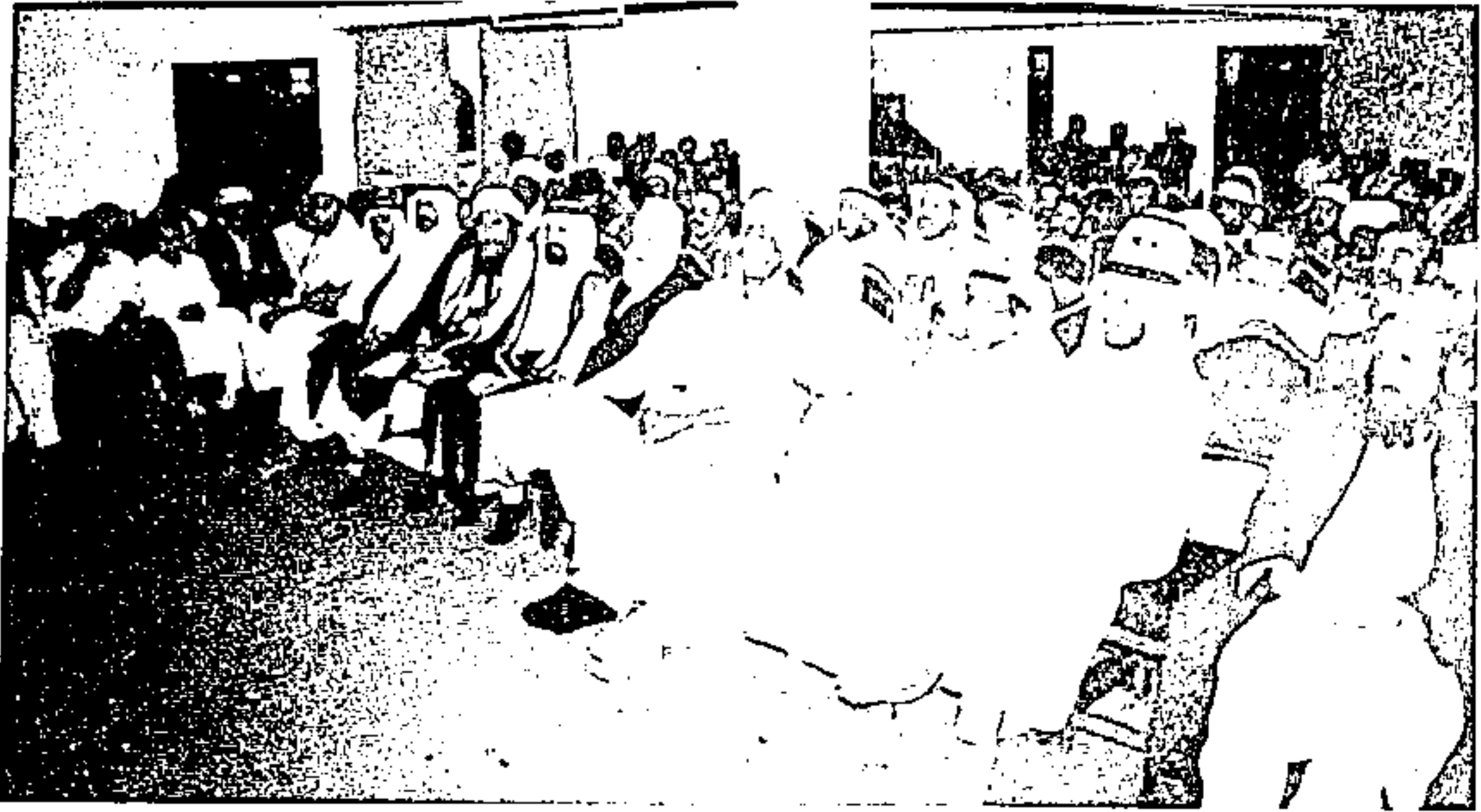


A photo with Ozair Gul, popular as Aseer Malta



Protesting in support of Shariat Bill outside the parliament house to prevent the then President General Zia from reaching the parliament

Historical pictures of Maulana Samiul Haq and Haqqania



June 2, 2001, at a degree awarding ceremony at Jamiat ul Eman during a visit to Yaman



At a meeting in Islamabad with General Mirza Aslam Baig, Maulana Kausar Niazi and other religious leaders, including Osama Bin Ladin in the rear seats



On the great China wall



A photo taken during a visit and meeting with the Islamic Association of China



A meeting with the then president Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari



October 1989, with a US Congressman during a visit to Washington, USA



December 1993, witnessing parade from the balcony of the national stadium in Sudan along with influential religious leader Dr Hasan Turabi



October 12, 1989, a meeting with Deputy State Secretary for South Asia Tresta Sheffer on the Afghan issue in Washington, USA



January 2006, a photo with Chairperson and members of Senate of North Korea in Seoul



January 2006, a photo along with other members of the Senate Foreign Committee during a visit to Japan



April 2005, attending a meeting in Germany as a member of the Senate Foreign Committee



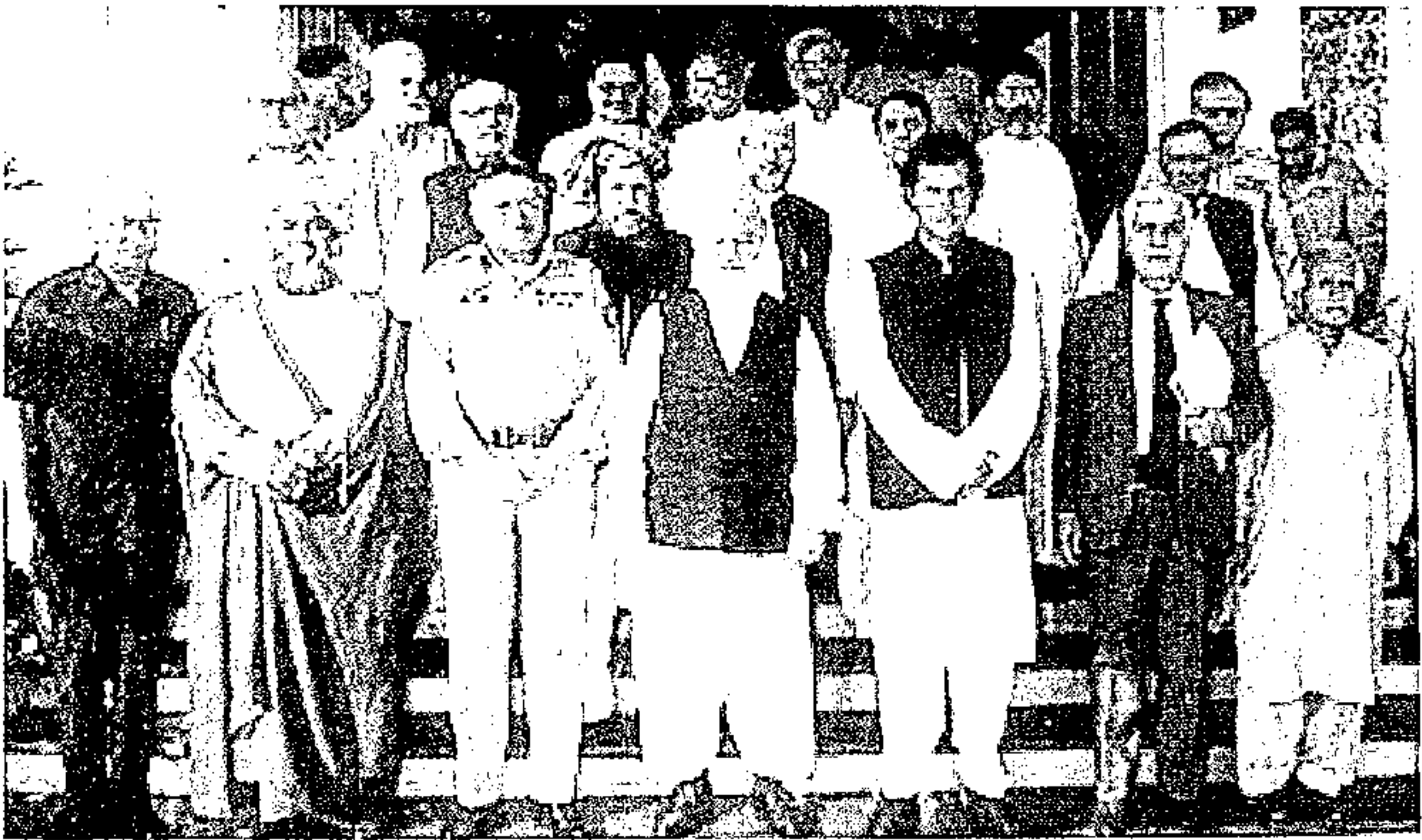
April 23, 2014, meeting with Former Minister of Education of France
Jeannette Bougrab, at Akora Khattak



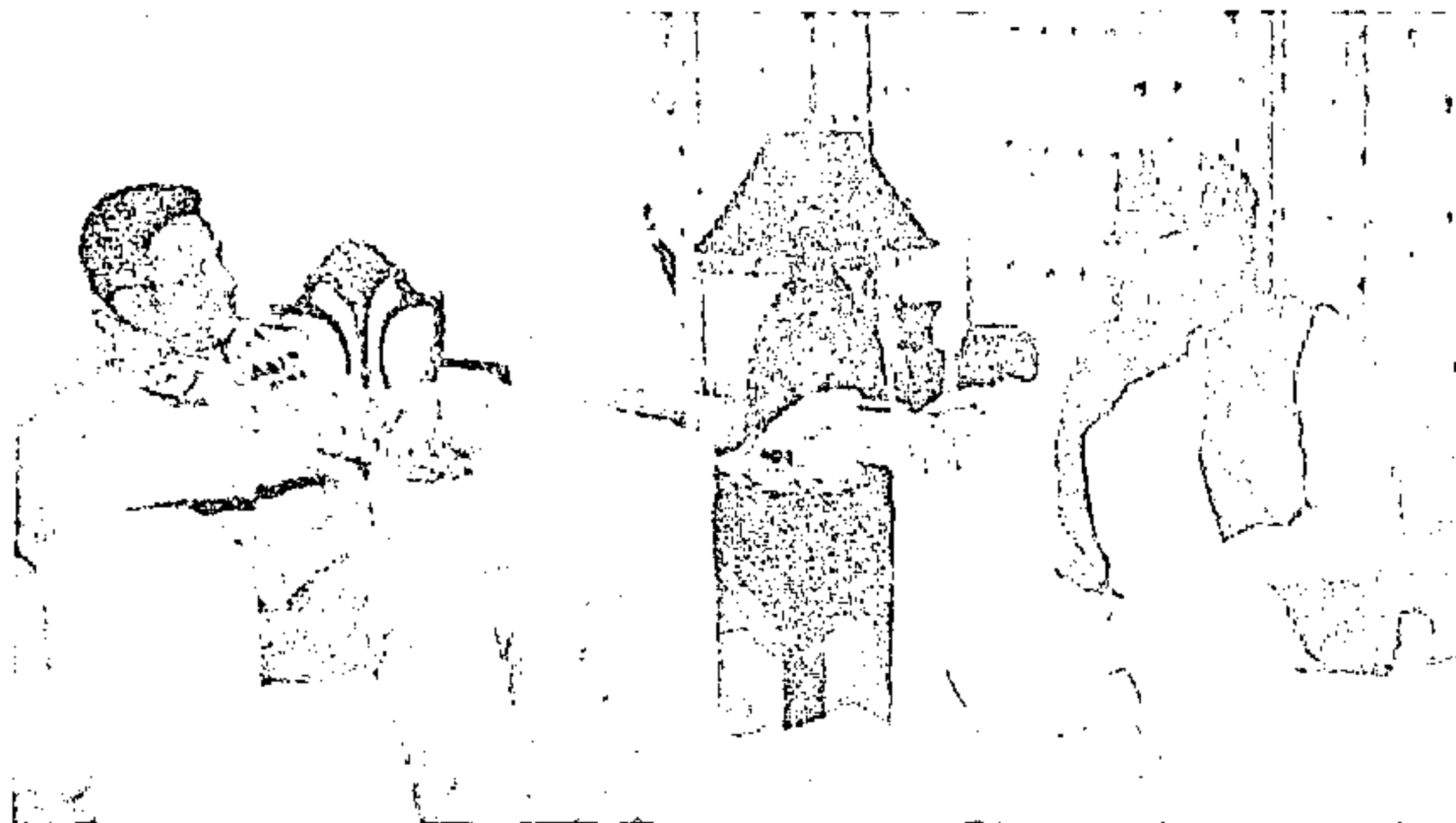
April 29, 2014, meeting with Rashad Hussain, Special Envoy of
US President Barak Obama at my residence



A meeting with John Kobis Special Envoy of UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon



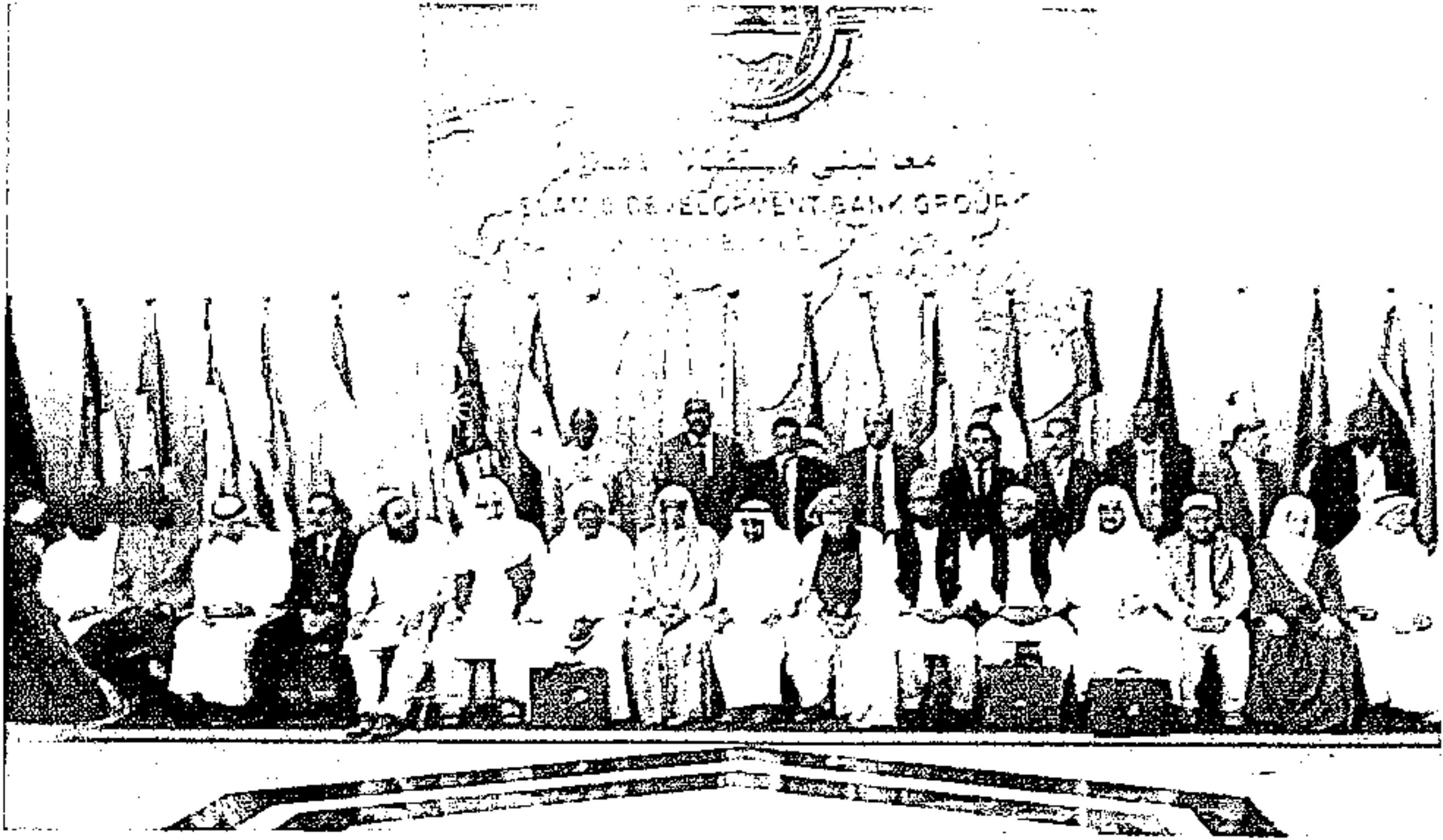
September 16, 2001, a group photo after a meeting called by President Musharraf with national leadership on post 9/11 scenario



July 18, 2000, meeting with the then President General Pervez Musharraf



September 2011, a meeting with then Chief of Army Staff General Ashfaq Pervez Kiani on the occasion of All Parties Conference



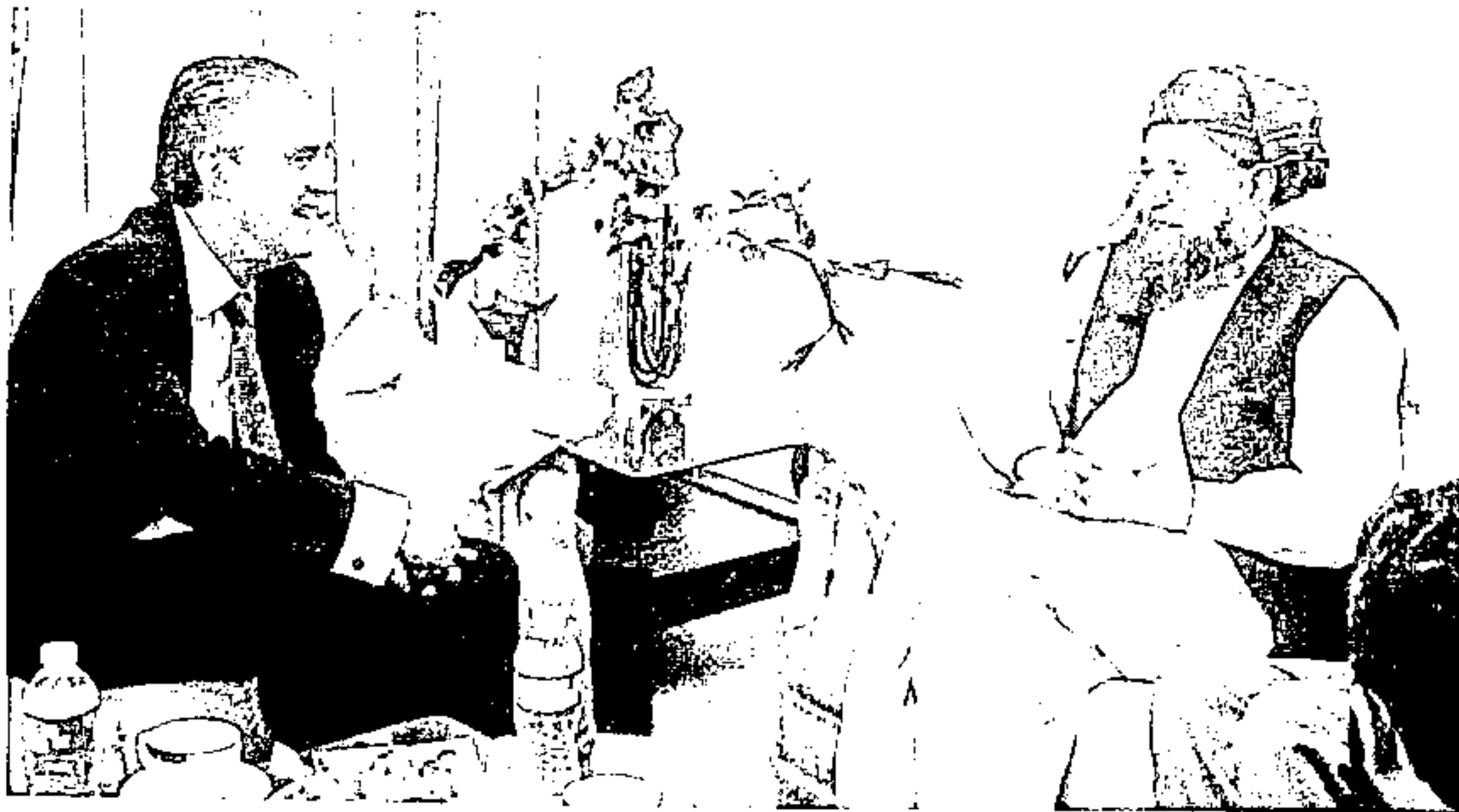
August 28-29, 2013, at a polio eradication meeting in Jeddah along with senior Arab scholars



Dec 2013, a meeting with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif wherein I was asked to assist the government in peace talks with TTP



On the stage of Defence Council of Pakistan with other leaders



July 10, 2014: Meeting with US Ambassador Richard Olson
at my house in Islamabad



A meeting with visiting delegation of Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf led by Chairman Imran Khan, accompanied by Chief Minister KPK, Pervez Khattak and other leaders at Akora Khattak



February 14, 2013, at All Parties Conference held in Islamabad

Curriculum for PhD and M.A

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Ahmed Muhammad Shakir	Al-Bae'th-ul-hatheeth fi Ikhtisare Ululoom-el- <i>Hadith</i>		
Hafiz Ibn-e-Hajr Al-'Asqalani	Al-Nukat 'ala Muqaddima Ibn-es-Salaah		
'Allama Jalal-ul-Deen Al-Suyooti	Tadreeb-ul-Raavi fi Halle Al-Taqreeb li Al-Nawawi	(Prelisted by the teacher)	Idiomatic <i>Hadith</i> Knowledge
Allama Hafiz Ibn-e-Hajar Asqalani	Muqaddma-e-fath-ul- Baari, Sharh Saheeh Bukhari	(Prelisted by the teacher)	An Introductory key to the Saheh Al-Bukhari
Sheikh Abd-ul-Haq Dehlvi	Muqaddima-e-Mishkat-ul-Masabeeh	Recommended books for study	Commentaries of <i>Hadith</i> recognized and reputed Books
Allama Hafiz ibn-e-Hajr Asqalani	Fath-ul-Bari Sharh Shaeeh -ul-Bukhari. (Selected Chapters)		

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Alsheikh Jamal-ud-Deen al-Qasmi	<i>Qawaid ul-tahdith fi uloom-il-Hadith</i>	(Prelisted by the teacher)	Basic Principles of <i>Hadith</i> .
Alsheikh Abdul Hayy Lakhnavi	<i>Al-raf' u wa al-Takmeel fil-jarhe wa-al-ta'deel</i>	(Prelisted by the teacher)	The Scientific Principles of justifying and criticizing the narrators of <i>Hadith</i> .
Dr. Mehmood Al-Tahhan	<i>Usool-ul-takhreej wa darasat-ul-asaneed</i>	(Prelisted by the teacher)	Rules of locating a <i>Hadith</i>
Dr. Mustafa Sibae Abdul Aziz Badri	<i>Al-Sunnah wa Makaanatuha fi al-Tashrie'e al-Islami</i> <i>Azwaun a'la Al-Sunnah</i>	Recommended books for study	Justifying and Reasoning for the authority of <i>Hadith</i> .
Allama Sakhawi (3 Vol)	<i>Fath-ul-Mugheeth</i>		Primary Source on Principles of <i>Hadith</i>
			Thesis

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First Semester

Syllabus	Writer	Book	Subject
From Preface to Munasakha	Allama Muhammad Bin Abd-ul-Rasheed	Siraji	Law of Inheritance
Whole book	Allama Muhammad Ameen Ibn-e-'Aabideen Shami	Sharh Uqoode Rasm-ul-Mufti	Principles of fatwa (Islamic consultancy)
Whole book	Mufti Taqi Usmani	Islam and Modern Economics and Business	Economics
Whole book	Mufti Mukhtar-Ullah Haqqani		Origins of Islamic Law
Islamic law of Salat, Zakat, Fasting, Etikaf, Pilgrimage, Marriage, Divorce, Taxes, Leasing, Penalties, Financing, Banking, evidence, Waqf, etc.	Maulana Muhammad Ashraf Ali Thanawi	Imdad-ul-Fatawa, vol 1-2-3	Studying Fatawa (Islamic ruling) books
Islamic Law of Financial Matters, Interest, Sarf, Wadea'a, Partnership, almudharabah, Loan, A'ariyah, Ghasb, Uzhiyah, Slaughtering of Animals etc.	Maulana Mufti Kifayat-Ullah Dehlvi	Kifayat Al-Mufti	Studying Fatwas (Islamic Ruling)books
Kitabuliman, Taqleed, Ijhtihad, Sunnah, Bid'at	Maulana Zafar Ahmed Usmani	Imdad Al-Ahkam	Studying Fatwas
Kitab Al-Quran, kitab Al-Elm wa al-Ulama	Moulana Abd-ul-Hayy Lakhnavi	Majmua'a Al-Fatawa (urdu)	Studying Fatwas

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Syllabus	Writer	Book	Subject
Law of Inheritance, Zikr, Dua, Adab-e-Quran, Taweez	Maulana Mufti Rasheed Ahmed Gangohi	<i>Fatawa Rasheediya</i>	Studying Fatwas
Taqleed kishar'I hesiyyat, tableeghi jama'at	Maulana Mehmood Hasan Gangohi	<i>Fatawa-e-Mehmoodia</i>	Studying Fatwas (Islamic Ruling)books
Chapters about Interpretation of Quran, <i>Hadith</i> and Tasawwuf	Maulana Mufti Rasheed Ahmed Ludhyanvi	<i>Ahsan Al-Fatawa</i>	
Kitab-ul-hazr wa-al-ibahah, La`ab wa-al-ghana, Tasaweer, Risalah Almaqalaat al- Mufeedah fi hukmi aswate Al-alaat al-Jadeedah, Mua`amat al-Muslimeen Bi-Ahli al-Kitab wa-al-mushrikeen	Maulana Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.H)	<i>Fatawa Darululoom Deoband, Vol, 1,2</i> <i>Imdad ul Muftiyeen-Aziz ulFatawa</i>	

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Second Semester

Syllabus	Writer	Course of Book	Book	Subject
Complete Book	Allama Shams <i>Al-Haq</i> Afghani, Maulana Hifz Al-Rehman Sewharvi		Moe'in al-Quzate wa al-mufteen The Economical System of Islam	Principles of fatwa and Justice Modern Economics
Fann, 1 , Vol, 1	Allama Zain Al-Deen Ibne Al-Nujaim Khalid Al-atasi		Al-Ashbah wa Al-Nazair Sharh al-Majallah	Legal Maxims of Islamic Law
Istihsan, Urf, Istishab, Istislah, Aqwal -e sahaba, Zaraie, Sharai'e man Qablana, Pakistani Legal System	Mufti Mukhtar Ullah		Islam's Historical Development, Rules and Origin	The secondary sources of Islamic Law
Complete	Muhammad Ala ul-Deen Haskafi		Preface of Al-durr Al-Mukhtar	
Kitab Al-Taharat, Masail Al-beer	Zain ul-Deen Ibn-e- al-Nujaim	Albahrur Raiq, Sharh Kanz Al-Daqaiq	Kanz Al-Daqaiq	The Classical Literature of Islamic Law
The Complete Chapter of Tayammum	Maulana Abd-ul- Hayy Lakhnawi Mulla Ali Al-Qari	Alssi'aya & Umda Al-Ri'aya, Hashiya sharh-ul-wiqaya	Sharh Al-Wiqaya Sharh Al-Niqayah	

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Syllabus	Writer	Course of Book	Book	Subject
From Adab Al-Qazi to Fasl fi Al-yameen	Allama Ibn-ul-Humam Allama Jalal Al-de-en Khuwarazmi Akmal-ul-Deen Al-Babarti	Fath-ul-Qadir Al-kifaya Al-'Enaya	Al-Hidaya (3rd vol) (Buyoo'at)	
Zakat, Sawm, Hajj	'Allama Abu-Bakr Al-Kasani		Bada'i'e-ul-Sanae'e	
Uzhiya, Zabaih, Karahiyah	'Allama Ibne 'Abideen Shami		Radd-ul-Muhtar, Hashiya Al-Durr-ul-Mukhtar	
			Practice of consulting community according to Sharia.	Training of Fatwas (Islamic ruling)

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Third Semester
Second year Course

Authors	Book	Subject
Maulana Mufti Muhammad Shafi	System of Islamic Agriculture	Agriculture
Allama Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani	Milkiyyat-e-Zameen aur us ki Tahdeed	
Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi, Mufti Abdul Salam Chatghami	Insaanin a'azaa ki pewand kaari	Cloning of Human Body
Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi	Heela-e-Najiza	Law of divorce
Maulana Mufti Muhammad Shafi	Aalate jadeeda k shar'I ahkam	Modern Instruments according to sharia
Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi	Aleqtisad fi al-Taqlid wa al-Ijtihad	Ijhtihad
Maulana Mufti Muhammad Shafi	Auzan-e-Shariah	The system of measurement in Islam and harmonizing it with the current systems
Maulana Mufti Muhammad Shafi	The Wealth distributing system of Islam	Wealth Distribution
Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi	Islah-ul-rusoom	Reformation of Traditions are not according to sharia
Mufti Muhammad Shafi'	Tasweer kay Shar'ie ahkam	Status of pictures and movies in the light of Shari'a
Maulana Ashraf 'Ali Thanwi	Bawadir-ul-Nawadir	Mixed issues
Mufti M. Shafi	Beema-e-Zin dagi	Life Insurance in the light of Sharia
Mufti M. Shafi'	Provident Fund	Provident Fund status according to Sharia
Maulana M. Fareed	Heela-e-Isqat	Criticism and analysis of Some funeral rituals not according to Sharia

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Authors	Book	Subject
Mufti M. Shafi'	Jawahir-ul-Fiqh (2 vol. Complete)	Research based essays on different Issues of Sharia
Burhan-ul-Din Sunbhali	Royat-e-Hilal	Issues concerning Moon viewing
Mufti Ghulam Qadir N'omani	<i>Fatawa</i> Ulama-el-bilad fi tohid-el-some wa-al-a'yad	The above mentioned issues.
Mufti Mukhtar-UI-Lah	Ruyat-e-Hilal aur ikhtilafe Matali'e	The above mentioned issues.
Ja'far Shah Phulwari	Tijarati Sood	Commercial Interest in the light of Islam
Ghulam-ul-Rahman	Aqeeqa ki Shar'i hesiyyat	Issue relating the birth of child

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(8th)	Subject	(7th)	Subject
Reading The Holy Quran from section 21 to end Khulasat-ul-tajweed by Izhar Ahmed, From Surah Naba to Mutaffifeen (by heart)	Phonology of Arabic language and oral reading according to it.	Reading The Holy Quran from section 1 to 20 With Tajweed	Reading the Holy Quran According to Arabic phonology
Biography of the Prophet by Wifaq-ul-Madaris Bahishti Gohar (by Ashraf Ali Thanvi)	Biography of the Prophet The Islamic Law	The last Prophet (PBUH) (by M Shafi) Taleem-ul-Islam by Mufti Kifayat-Ul-lah	Biography of the Prophet Fundamental Teachings of Islam
Gulistan Ch. 1 to 4	Persian Prose	Panj Ganj, Pand nama, Gulistan Ch.8	Persian Prose and Poetry
English Textbook for Class 8 (Wifaq Board)	English	English for Class 7	English
Maths Class 8th (Wifaq Board)	Maths	Maths Class 7th	Maths
Science Textbook Class 8th (Wifaq Board)	Science	Science Class 7th	Science
Social Study Textbook Class 8th (Wifaq Board)	Social Study	Social Study Class 7th	Pak Study
Urdu Textbook for Class 8th	Urdu	Urdu Class 7th	Urdu
MS Windows, MS Word, MS Excel, MS Power Point	Computer	Computer Hardware and History of Computer	Computer

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(10th)	Subject	(9th)	Subject
Section 30 of the Holy Quran, and 3rd quarter by heart Fawaed-e-Makkiyya	Trans. & Explanation, Exercise Phonology of Arabic language.	The last quarter of the last section of the Holy Quran (by heart) Jamal-ul-Quran	Exercise Pronunciation
Zad-ul-talibeen (full) Al-Qiraat-ul-Rashida Mu'allim-ul-insha Vol.1	Hadith Arabic Prose Art of essay writing	Al-Tariqa Al-'Asria Vol. 1,2 Al-Tariqa Al-Jadida, Vol. 1,2	Arabic Language Written and Spoken
Mukhtasar-ul-Qudoori	Islamic Law	Meezan Al-Sarf, Meezan Munsha'ab, Irshad Al-Sarf	Morphology
'Ilm-ul-Sigha, Fusul-e Akbari with Khasiyyaat	Morphology	Nahw-e-meer, Sharh miate 'aamil With exercises	Syntax with practical exercises
Hidayat-ul-Nahw Tashil Al-Adab	Syntax and its practical exercises	Safwat-ul-Masadir, Taiseer-ul-Abwab	Exercises of Etymology
Taiseer al-Mantiq, Esaghoji, Mirqat	Logic	Alminhaj fil-Qawaide wal-a'raab, Al-nahw al-Yaseer	Exercises of Syntax
Visual Basic, E.D.P	Computer	Inpage 2000, Corel Draw, Adobe Photoshop	Computer
Speaking Power, Thesis on Different Topics	English Language	Grammer, vocabulary	English Language
Islami Aqaid Kitabon ki darsgaah	Recommended books for co-curricular studies	Mata'-e-Waqt aur karawan-e-'ilm	Co-curricular study

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(2nd Year) (F.A)	Subject	(1st Year) (F.A)	Subject
Surah Younus to Surah Ankaboot of the Holy Quran Riaz al-Saliheen	Explanation & Translation of ten sections of the Holy Quran <i>Hadith</i>	from Surah 'Ankaboot to Section 30 of the Holy Quran Riaz Al-Saliheen (kitab-ul-adab)	Quran Explanation and <i>Hadith</i>
Sharah-ul-Wiqaya (3,4 vol.)	Islamic Law	Kanz-ul-Daqaiq	Jurisprudence
Noor-ul-Anwar	Principles Islamic Jurisprudence	Asaan usool-e- <i>Fiqh</i> Usool-ul-Shashi	Principles of Jurisprudence
Sharh-ul- Jami (Complete)	Grammar (syntax)	Kafiya (complete) Marah-ul-arwah	(Syntax & Etymology)
Muqamat-e-Hariri Mu'allim-ul-insha (Vol, 3)	Arabic Language Literature	Nafhat-ul-'Arab, Ta'leem-ul- Muta'allim	Arabic literature Education
Qutbi (to Aks-e- Naqeez Durus-ul-Balagah	Logic Eloquence	Sharh-ul-Tehzeeb Mu'allim-ul-Insha (Part -2)	Logic Arabic Writing Skills
C++, GW basic, Hardware	Computer	HTML, Foxpro, DBASE	Computer
Allah se sharm kijiye Meri ilmi aur Mutali'ati zindagi	External Study	Merillmi aur mutaliatizindagi, Tarashey	External Study

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(4th Year) (B.A)	Subject	(3rd Year) B.A	Subject
Alfauz-ul-Kabeer Tafseer-ul-Jalalain	Principles of Inter-pretation of Quran Book Short explanatory notes of the Holy Quran	from Surah Fatiha to Surah Younas Aasar-al-Sunan	Explanation of Fist ten Sections of Quran <i>Hadith</i>
Musnad-e-Imam Abu Hanifa Khair-ul-usool Siraji	<i>Hadith</i> Basic Principles of <i>Hadith</i> Law of Inheritance	Hidaya (Al-salaat Vol. 1)	Islamic Law of 'Ibadaat
Hidaya (Vol. 2)	Jurisprudence	Al-Husami Islamic History (by Ibrahim Shuraiki)	Jurisprudence History
Tawzeeh (to muqaddimaat-e-arba'a) Talweeh (to Khaas)	Principles of Jurisprudence	Mukhtasar-ul-Ma'ani (Al-fan 1,2) Talkhees-ul-Miftah	Rhetoric of Arabic lang.
Aqida Tahawiyya, Sharh-ul-Aqaid Fahm-ul-Falkiyaat by Shabir Ahmad kaka khel	Philosophical interpretations of Islamic beliefs. Astronomy	Hadya Sa'eediyya, Hidayat-ul-hikmat Al-Intibahat-ul-Mufidah	Philosophy Answer to the question-ns to modernism
Dewan-ul-Hamasa Matn-ul-Kafi	Classical Arabic literature (Poetry)	Sab'-ul-Mu'allaqat Mukhtarat (Vol. 1)	Classical Arabic Literature (Poetry) Arabic Literature (Prose)

Annexures

(4th Year) (B.A)	Subject	(3rd Year) B.A	Subject
Islam aur asr-e-Haazir Meri Ilmi aur mutaliati zindagi Hujjiyyat-e-Hadith	Islam and the issues of modern age Authorization of <i>Hadith</i>	'Uloom-ul-Quran Musalmanon ka 'urooj wa zawal Meri ilmi aur mutal'ati zindagi	Principles of <i>Qur'anic</i> Interpretations Rise and Fall of Muslims Great Scholar reviews on inspirational books

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(M.A. Final)	Subject	(M.A Prev)	Subject
Saheh-ul-Bukhari(complete)	<i>Hadith</i>	Tafseer-ul-Baizawi (Section 1)	Quran Explanation
Saheeh-ul-Muslim (Complete)	<i>Hadith</i>	Al-Tibyan fi 'uloom-il-Quran (Muhammad Saboni)	Principles of Interpretation the Quran
Jami'-ul-Tirmizi (complete)	<i>Hadith</i>	Mishkaat-ul-Masabeeh (complete)	<i>Hadith</i>
Sunnan-e-Abi-Daud (complete)	Primary reference book on <i>Hadith</i>	Sharh Nukhbat-ul-Fikar	Scientific Principles of <i>Hadith</i>
Sunan-e-ibn-e-Majah	Primary reference Book on <i>Hadith</i>	Sharh Uqood-e-Rasm-el- Mufti	Principles of Ifta
Sunan-e-Nisae with Shamail-ul-tirmizi	<i>Hadith</i> Biography of Prophet Muhammad ((PBUH))	Hidaya Vol, 3,4 (Buyoo' & Shuf'a)	Islamic Law
Sharh Ma'an-il-Athaar	<i>Hadith</i> book relating the solution of contra-dictory comman-ds in <i>Hadith</i>	Islam aur jaded ma'eeshat o tejarat	Modern economics in the light of Islam
Moatta Imam Malik	<i>Hadith</i>	Al-Haiyat-ul-wusta	Astronomy
Moatta Imam Muhammad	<i>Hadith</i>		
Mutala'e Mazahib, Tareekh-e- da'wat wa 'azeemat (Part 1)	Comparative study of Religions History of Reformation in Islam	Islam and West Dialogue Tareekh-e-Da'wat wa 'Azeemat (Part 2) Ikhtilaf-e-ummat aur Sirat-e-mustaqeem	History Of Reformation in Islam Interfaith harmony

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Specialization in logic and Philosophy	Subject
Sidra	Philosophy
Qazi Mubarak, Meer Zahid, Hamdullah	Logic
Mutawwal	Elm-ul-Ma'ani
Musallam-ul-Suboot	Principles of Jurisprudence
Hujjatullah-el-baalighah (by shah waliyy-ul-lah)	Philosophy of Religion
Al-Khiyali	Philosophical interpretations of Islamic beliefs

Quran Pronunciation Course

The Course of "Qur'anic Pronunciation" for different chosen classes has the following books.

- 1- Jamal-ul-Quran
- 2- Fawaid-e-Makkiyya
3. Muqaddamat-ul-Jazari

Exercises of section 29 and 30 of the Holy Quran are also done, and in the end section 1 to 5 is read out by the student in "Hadar" (Reading the Quran slowly with correct pronunciation.) Apart from this, Jamal- ul-Quran is taught to class 1, Fawaid-e-Makkiyya to class two, and Muqiddamat-ul-Jazari to class 3 with exercises.

Computer Syllabus of Jamia Dar-ul-uloom Haqqania

Introduction to Computer , Introduction to Information Technology Microsoft windows 7, Vista, XP. M.S Office 2000, 2003, 2008 (Word, Excel, Power point, Access, Email and Internet) Urdu Processor (Inpage 2000)

1. Online Islamic Classes
2. Details of Islamic CD
3. Sirat-ul-Huda (Quran with translation)
4. Subjects of the Quran
5. Quran Pronunciation
6. "Trip to Makkah" procedure of *Hajj* and Umra
7. Explanation of the Quran
8. Research with Computer

**Curriculum of Compositions Taught in Haqqania High School
Akora Khattak**

(Founded in 1937)

Nursery

Govt. Course: Urdu, English, Pashto, Gen Science, Social Studies, Islamic studies, Tables, Parts of body, Math, Counting

Haqqania Course: Initial Arabic, Qaida-e-Bughdadi, Prayer Lessons, *Kalamae-e-Tayyiba*

Class One

Govt. Course: English, Maths., Urdu, Pashto, Gen. Science, Social Studies, Islamic studies,

Haqqania Course: Prayer Lessons, *Kalamae-e-Tayyiba*, *Kalamae-e-Toheed*, *Kalamae-e-Shahadat*, *Namaz-e-Janaza*, *Iman-e-Mufassal* and *Iman-e-Mujmal* (by heart), *Yassarna al-Quran*

Class Two

Govt. Course: English, Gen. Science, Urdu, Maths, Pashto, Islamic studies, Social Studies,

Haqqania Course: Prayer Lessons with Translation, The 6 *Kalamae's* by heart, Section 1 and 2 of the Holy Quran, Learning the 5 prayers, *Taleem-ul-Islam* (part-1), *Janaza*

Class Three

Govt. Course: English, Gen. Science, Urdu, Pashto, Maths, Islamic studies, Social Studies,

Haqqania Course: Reading Section 3 and 4 of the Holy Quran, The last 10 Surah's of the Quran (by heart), *Ayat-ul-Kursi* (by heart), *Taleem-ul-Islam* (part 2 complete)

Class Four

Govt. Course: English, Gen. Science, Urdu, Pashto, Maths, Islamic studies, Social Studies,

Haqqania Course: Reading Section 5 to 10 of the Holy Quran, Surah "Mulk" (by heart). Taleem-ul-Islam Part 3 (complete). The last quarter of the last section of the Quran (by heart),

Class Five

Govt. Course: English, Maths, Urdu, Gen. Science, Social Studies, Islamic Studies, Drawing, Drill

Haqqania Course: Reading Section 11 to 15 of the Holy Quran, Surah "Taghabun" (by heart), Taleem-ul-Islam Part 1 Section 2 (by heart), 15 *Ahadith* with translation, The Biography of the Prophet (PBUH), Quran pronunciation.

Class Six

Govt. Course: English, Urdu, Gen. Science Maths, Arabic, Pashto, Islamic studies, Social Studies, Drawing, Drill.

Haqqania Course: Reading Section 16 to 20 of the Holy Quran, Taleem-ul-Islam Part 4, Section 1 (by heart), Surah "Annaba" by heart, 20 *Ahadith* with translation (by heart), The Biography of the Prophet ((PBUH)), Taleem-ul-Quran

Class Seven

Govt. Course: English, Urdu, Gen. Science, Maths, Arabic, Pashto, Social Studies, Islamiyat, Drawing, Drill

Haqqania Course: Reading Section 21 to 25 of the Holy Quran, Taleem-ul-Islam Part 4 Section 2, Surah "Rahman" (by heart), 30 *Ahadith* with translation (by heart), Biography of the Prophet ((PBUH)) Quran Pronunciation.

Class Eight

Govt. Course: English, Urdu, Gen. Science, Maths, Arabic, Pashto, Social Studies, Islamic Studies, Drawing, Drill.

Haqqania Course: Reading Section 26 to 30 of the Holy Quran, Learning of whole Quran. Taleem-ul-Islam Part 5 full, Surah "Yaseen" (by heart), 40 *Ahadith* with translation (by heart), Biography of the Prophet ((PBUH)), Quran Pronunciation and recitation, Khulasa-e-kedani.

Class Nine

Govt. Course: English, Urdu, Gen. Science, Gen. Maths, Physics, Islamic elective, Drill, Chemistry, Biology, Elective Maths, Drawing, Arabic, Pashto, Social Studies, Islamic studies.

Haqqania Course: Revision of the previous Islamic courses

Class Ten

Govt. Course: English, Urdu, Gen. Science, Maths Compulsory, Islamic studies elective, Drawing, Drill, Physics, Biology, Elective Maths, Arabic, Pashto, Social Studies, Islamic studies Compulsory.

Haqqania Course: Last Half of the First Section of the Holy Quran (Reading and Translation), Revision of Previous Islamic Education.

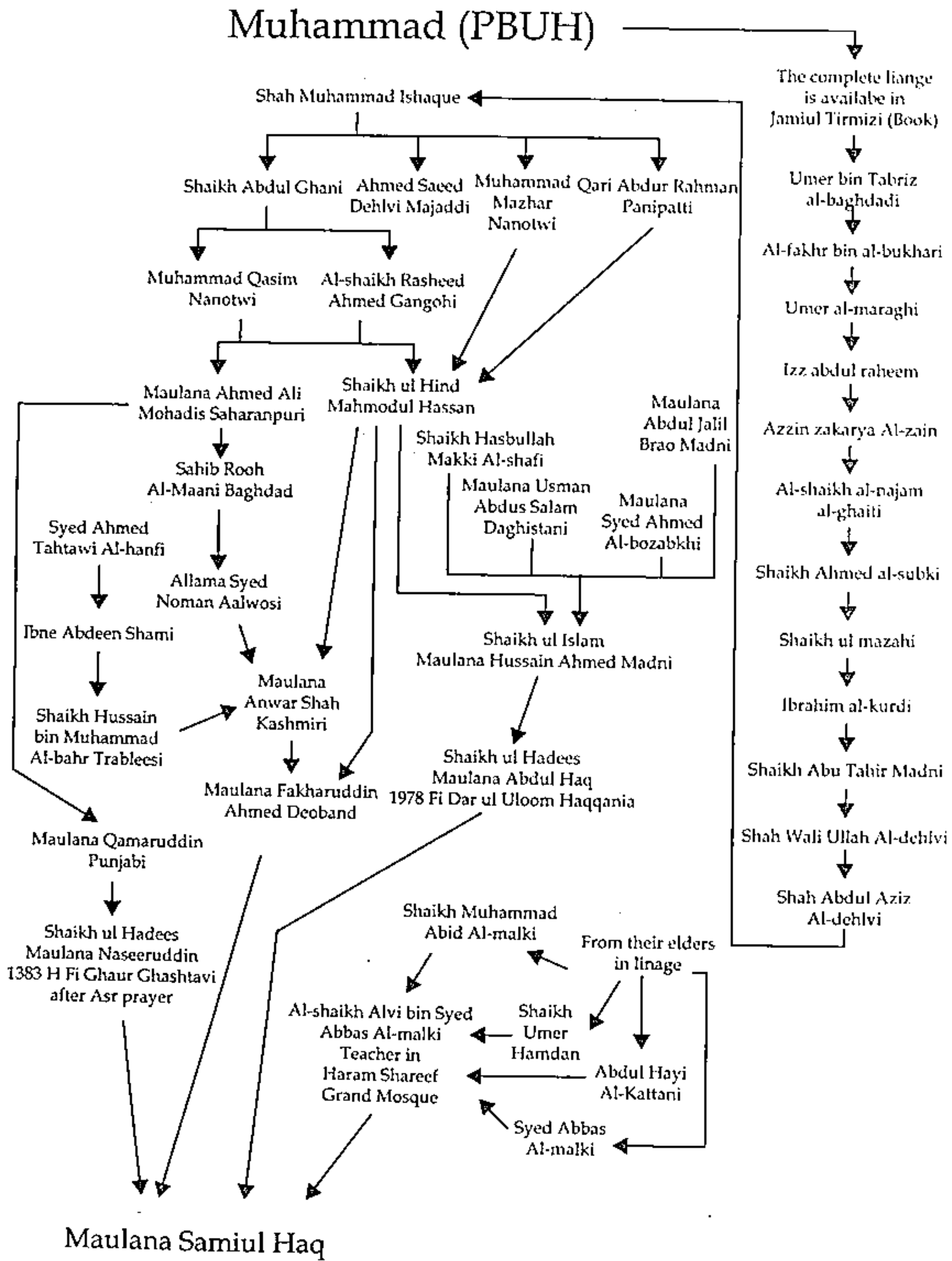
Media Focus on Haqqania and Maulana Samiul Haq

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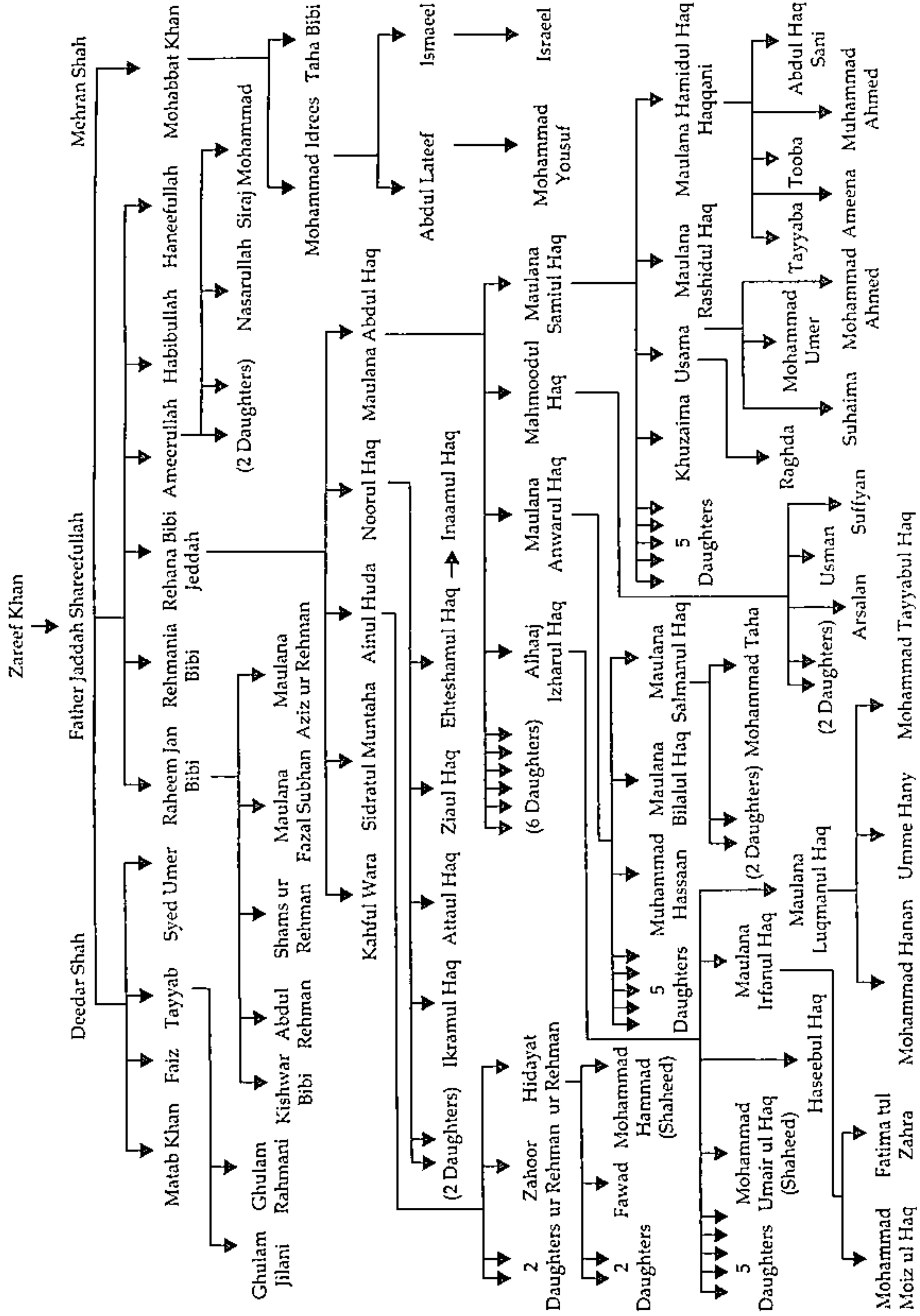
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Spiritual tree of Maulana Samiul Haq



Maternal Family tree of Maulana Samiul Haq



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