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Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa barakatuh

All praise and thanks to the Almighty Allah (SWT), the Most Merciful. I am very thankful to our hardworking team, their spouses and extended families for their invaluable support to ensure that all our activities have been carried out successfully.

Our SLIA Ramadan Iftar programme commenced on Saturday, 28th May and I am pleased to report that Alhamdulillah, the four Iftar functions were well attended and received by the membership and that the 'Hizb' programme recorded attendance at some 150+. Jazak Allahu Khayrun to all the sponsors, donors and those who worked tirelessly to ensure this very important and annual tradition's success. I am also pleased to report that Alhamdulillah our Ramadan appeal 2017 helped feed some 300+ families in Sri Lanka with parcels of dry food rations being distributed to help our Muslim brothers and sisters, allowing them to participate in Ramadan with us. This food distribution project originally started in 2014 and thanks to your donations to provide support to our sponsored villages ran for the fourth year this summer. May Almighty Allah (SWT) continue to help us in our efforts to help our Ummah.

This Ramadan saw the introduction of a new initiative 'SLIA celebrating our elders' an innovative suggestion by our respected member, Sister Zohara Farook Saleem to acknowledge and celebrate our more elderly members during Ramadan. We invited you to nominate members and to join ExCo visits and spend time with the families and help distribute 'Ramadan hampers'. Alhamdulillah twelve families were visited and hampers distributed. The positive feedback we received from members and their families was much appreciated. Some pictures have been included in page 8 for reference.

The Eid-ul Fitr dinner took place on Saturday 8th July in Ruislip with some 225 in attendance and it was a pleasure meeting you all enjoying the celebrations and joining in. Alhamdulillah, SLIA presented a cheque to the Muslim Aid representative for £17,882.70 in respect of the SLIA-Muslim Aid 5K Walk for Syria Medical Emergency Appeal. A very special thank you to the ladies of the Association for this fundraising initiative and Jazak Allahu khayran to all the 'walkers', and the donors and the generous donations we received. A cheque was also presented to the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, Her Excellency Amari Wijewardene for £500 to provide assistance towards the Sri Lanka Flood relief rehabilitation projects.

The Treasurer, Fazly Wahab has been very busy and the position of our accounts is detailed in his report on page 3 for reference. I am pleased to report that the Ramadan Appeal resulted in receipts of £8K and included £1,148.98 following the SLIA Ramadan Appeal we

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made at the West Ealing Mosque. Our special thanks to Haleem Ossman for organising this collection and Brother Ihesan Faasee who made this Appeal on behalf of SLIA.

The Building Sub-Committee report from the Chair Jezri Mohideen on page 4 provides details on our efforts and the progress made to date on our Hanwell Building. Alhamdulillah we now have had the plans approved by the council and Insha' Allah we are looking forward to the next stage of the project.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah (SWT) my wife Maziya and I shall be going on Hajj Pilgrimage along with a number of our members and we ask you all to forgive us for any wrongdoings and please pray that Almighty Allah (SWT) shall grant us 'Hajj Mabroor'. Insha' Allah I pray that you all will attain the pleasure of Allah (SWT) by reciting more Dhikr, Takbeer, reading Quran, fasting on the Day of Arafat, doing more good deeds and taking part in Qurbani.

JazakAllahu Khayrun for your generous support and participation in our events and Insha' Allah we look forward to your continued support in our future events. My ExCo and I take this opportunity to wishing you all joy and prosperity on Eid.

Was Salaam

Jazal Marzook, President of SLIA

*May Almighty Allah shower countless blessings upon
you and your family. Ameen*



From SLIA EXCO & Team

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This will assist us in our endeavour to cut costs and provide valuable contributions towards protecting our environment.

Treasurer Report

My dear Brothers and Sisters, Assalamu Alaikum

Membership Subscriptions

So far this year, we have received the sum of £2,545.50 (May 2017 £2,365) in membership subscriptions. Only £180.50 has been received in the past 3 months.

Our Current account balance currently stands at £1,645.59.

This being our main source of income to cover SLIA annual administrative expenses, we kindly urge any members who have not yet paid, to pay your overdue subscriptions before this year end.

You can either pay by cheque made payable to 'Sri Lanka Islamic (UK) Association, set up an annual Standing Order or make Online payments. Our bank details are as follows:

Account Name:	SRI LANKA ISLAMIC (UK) ASSOCIATION
Sort Code:	30-99-08
Account Number:	01663411
Bank:	Lloyds Bank PLC

Charity Account

Charity Account funds at 22nd August 2017, stands at £51,661.62 of which 'Restricted Funds' of £48,123 has been set aside for Water, Toilet and School Projects etc. I am pleased to report that our Ramadan Appeal 2017 resulted in donations being received of £8,247. Cheques for the sum of £17,882.70 being funds collected on behalf of 'Walk for Syria' and £500 for the Sri Lanka Flood Rehabilitation Projects were handed over to Representative of Muslim Aid and Sri Lanka High Commissioner at our Eid-ul-Fitr Dinner held recently.

Building Account

Regular monthly rental receipts continues to come in from our tenant at Hanwell Building. As at 22nd August 2017, 'Rent Account' bank balance stands at £48,749.59. So far this year, we have expensed £1,394.63 on building planning application fees.

Distress Account

Balance in Distress Fund account is £2,835 as at 22nd August 2017.

Finally, may I kindly urge you to contact us should you have any questions and with your valuable comments and suggestions.

Wa alaikum Salaam

Fazly Wahab, Treasurer

Building Sub-committee Report

Sub-committee

Chair:

Jezri Mohideen

Members:

Shamique

Ismail

Jazal Marzook

Latiff Abdeen

Althaf Zahir

Haleem Ossman

Current Status

By the Grace of Almighty Allah we are pleased to announce that the SLIA Centre continues to be rented and the closing balance as at 22nd August is £48,749.59 and we have incurred expenses for planning application fees of £1,394.63.

Plans for this Year

I wish to inform the membership that our tenant has informed ExCo that he has been experiencing poor business performance and wishes to assign the lease to a prospective tenant. We have been liaising with our solicitors, Jumma, instructing them to act on our behalf and to review this request for lease assignment. The rent review is due on 31st August and we are currently conducting a detailed rent valuation, pre and post rear extension through a Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyor (RICS) qualified valuer. We have also formally informed the tenant of our intention to trigger the rent review notice.

In accordance with the existing lease agreement we have been in discussions with the prospective tenant regarding our intention to carry out the extension work as soon as possible. Following the rent valuation we will be deciding the new rent for the enlarged space. As long as the new tenant is in agreement with our intention to implement the rear extension and the new rent, we will be considering the lease assignment.

Over the next few weeks we shall be seeking quotes for the rear extension and Insha' Allah following this and upon completion of our negotiations with tenant we shall be in a position to provide a more comprehensive update to you in the next newsletter.

If there are any volunteers who wish to contribute to the building extension project please feel free to contact any of the ExCo or Sub-committee members.

Was Salaam,

Jezri Mohideen, Chair Building Sub-committee



SLIA Building
Rear aspect



Adjacent building
with rear
extension

SLIA Mission

SLIA's mission is to promote charitable, social, cultural, sports and educational activities to achieve unity and strengthen relationships in line with our religious and cultural values for the benefit of our members and the communities we engage with

Charity Sub-committee Post Ramadan Update 2017

By Sub-committee Chair: **Ishreen Bradley**

Neeravipitty, Mullaitivu – Capacity Building Projects in Partnership with Volunteer Organisation for Social Development (VOSD)

The SLIA Charity Sub-committee is working with VOSD to capacity build Neeravipitty village on many levels from the funds that you as our membership have generously donated. An update on these initiatives follows.

But first, I would like to share my experience of the people I met there. Bold people, committed to renewing their lives despite having experienced 30 years in refugee camps after having been forcibly ejected from their homes by the LTTE's threats. The Muslim brothers and sisters and families that you are supporting in this village of Neeravipitty in Mullaitivu are among the poorest people in Sri Lanka. They are even poorer than the poorest Tamil communities in the area. They survive by activities such as collecting and selling firewood and selling cloth door-to-door. This is not what they did 30 years ago, but it is what they are doing now in order to survive and bring up their children as good Muslims. I was struck by their courage, their entrepreneurial spirit and their commitment to build a better future for their community.

It is in this context that past President, Haleem Ossman brought this village to our attention 4 years ago, and in which we continue to support the capacity building of this village.

Community Building Project

The Community Development building that we are also looking to sponsor with your donations is in the planning stages. VOSD has applied for land approval and is intending to start operational work in April. The next step here is to get a Trust document for the land and building finalised and signed by Trustees on both sides in a form that is acceptable to both parties – SLIA and VOSD. The estimated project cost is £42,000.

Water/Toilets Project

Over the last three years your funds have provided 30 outside toilets. Whilst we may think that there is one toilet per household, Salah and I saw situations in which a toilet was being shared by a cluster of 5 households due to lack of availability. It was a very heart-rending scenario for all of us.

Last year, SLIA President Jazal Marzook, Past President Haleem Ossman, Charity Sub-committee member, Manjula Ossman and ExCo and Charity Sub-committee member Khalid Malhar visited the village and identified the need for running water to be available closer to the toilets. As a result, your ExCo paused funding of further new toilets to prioritise funding a pilot project for running water.



The SLIA's higher level thinking generated insight for our delivery partner, VOSD, and they have since sought and received funding from the UAE's Sharjah Charity International who have provided money to supply non-drinking water tube wells to many of the houses.

VOSD representative Brother Mahroof assured me that no further toilets would be built unless such a well was within easy reach. I saw many such tube well supplies on my visit and it is clear that this is a properly funded programme that will reach many of the houses in the village. I also saw a few homes where the homeowners had taken their own initiative and installed their own duct wells. A new Government initiative has also started whereby families that can afford to pay more can have toilets installed as part of the house building programme...although this is a substantially higher cost and many wont be able to afford it.



Given this new source of tube well funding, SLIA funds will go to providing 15 drinking water taps within a small neighbourhood. VOSD had identified 3 sources of drinking water wells for this project, of which the Government had only approved one – and took a month doing that!

Water/Toilets Project continued...

Now here's the story that moved me most. The approved well was on land owned by Zai Abdul Cader, a slight and elderly widow with a beaming smile and deep wisdom in her eyes. Alhamdulillah, she was generous enough to donate the well on her land to her community. The 75m deep well will be used to fill a 1000 litre tank, 4 times a day and is planned to go live this month. A committee governed by the local mosque will manage the facility and the 15 families will pool and pay the joint costs for electricity, maintenance and other necessary expenses. The committee will also manage fair usage and take responsibility for making sure the solution works as best as possible for all involved.



On a lighter note, we were amazed by the spread prepared for us by VOSD – devilled squid, fried beef, chicken curry, fried fish and prawns with at least 5 other vegetable curries and rice laid out for us by Brothers Hallaj and Mahroof...most unexpected and much appreciated.

Finally, I want to thank my cousin Farah for driving us there and back from Jaffna despite her very busy schedule, and my son Salah for joining our visit and asking engineering-type questions that enabled me to understand the more technical details of the projects.

I hope this story gives you an insight into the people you are supporting and their spirit in overcoming hardship that we SLIA members have been fortunate not to face. It reminds me of my favourite line in my favourite Surah in the Holy Quran: "Which is it of the favours of your Lord, that ye deny?"

May the Almighty Allah swt make us grateful for the favours he has blessed us with, save us from such plight as the inspiring people of Neeravipitty are having to overcome, and reward us for the small but impactful contribution our community can make to help others insha' Allah.

SLIA Ramadan 2017 Update and Funds Appeal



Alhamdulillah, we received donations of £8,147 from our members, and this year we paid out more than the received amount to feed over 300 poor families at a cost of £9,180.53 as part of our 2017 Ramadan Appeal, made up of £4,671.85 donated to Neeravipitty and £4,508.68 to the Tsunami Village Ramadan appeals.

We therefore humbly appeal for additional donations from you, our members, for the £1,033 short-fall. Details of how to pay donations to make up the short-fall for the Ramadan 2017 Appeal or to support any of our other projects are on Page 7.

Muslim Aid/Syria Project - closed on 30 June 2017.



Following the very generous donations to the 5K Walk for Syria appeal, the 'Inspire Hope' writing and art campaign

continued to raise desperately needed funds for medical aid in Syria. Approximately 30 adults and children, blessed to be outside the harrowing situation in Syria, were inspired to contribute their thoughts and artwork on themes of Hope, Blessings or Thankfulness.

Entries will be collated and published in a book, that will be available to purchase as a permanent memento of your inspired work, and also will raise additional funds for the Syria Appeal. Details on how to order a book as well as awards in each age category will be announced in the next newsletter.

Thank you again for your generous support and we pray that our charitable work is worthwhile and accepted by Allah swt.

SLIA 2017 Appeal for Additional Funds

All praise to the Almighty Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

“Those who spend their wealth [in Allah's way] by night and by day, secretly and publicly - they will have their reward with their Lord. And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.”
[Surah Al-Baqarah 2:274]

Ramadan food distribution programme



Your generous support can help the SLIA make a difference.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other _____ Forename _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Post code _____ Cheque No. _____

Zakat £ _____ Ramadan Appeal: £ _____

Sadaqah £ _____ Neeravipitty Projects: £ _____

Gift Aid

Please make cheques payable to Sri Lanka Islamic (UK) Association and return to:
The Treasurer, SLIA (UK), 7 Broadway Buildings, Boston Road, London W7 3TT.

Direct/Electronic payments to the Lloyds Bank Account:

Sri Lanka Islamic (UK) Association Account Number 21061860 Sort Code 30-99-08

SLIA Celebrates their Elders with Ramadan Hampers

Alhamdulillah following an innovative suggestion by Sister Zohara Farook Saleem to acknowledge and celebrate our more elderly and less mobile members during Ramadan, we invited you to nominate members and also join your ExCo in visiting the families, spending some time with them and gifting each family with a food hamper.

Alhamdulillah, we are pleased to report that 12 families were nominated and received visits and hampers to thank them for contributing so much to the foundation and growth of our SLIA.

JazakAllahu khayran to Sister Zohara and the ladies who contributed towards this event and May Almighty Allah (SWT) bless them and all their families.



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The Pilgrimage through the eyes of the famous

Much has been written about Hajj and there are excellent books and websites that talk about the significance, the rituals and constraints for the pilgrims. Some of these links are shown below for reference and I shall not cover such ground as these aspects of Hajj have been amply and well documented.

This article is about some of the famous pilgrims who have performed the Hajj in the past few centuries. In the 18th and 19th century there were some Orientalists who performed the pilgrimage. Some aristocrats who converted to Islam were attracted to the simplicity of worship and the peace that they saw living among the Muslims before the advent of Western influence among the Arabs. One prominent aristocrat was **Lady Evelyn Cobbold** (1867– 1963), also known as Sayyidah Zainab. She was a socialite known among Mayfair circles but was also at ease living in the Libyan desert. This Anglo-Scottish aristocrat and landowner who spent many childhood winters in North Africa, became the first British-born Muslim woman to perform the pilgrimage to Makkah. In 1934 she wrote a book “Pilgrimage to Mecca”.

Even though aware that she was creating history, by being the first British woman on record to have made the pilgrimage, this gave way to deeper emotions as she prayed in the Haram (the Holy Sanctuary) in Makkah.

“It would require a master pen to describe that scene, poignant in its intensity of that great concourse of humanity of which I was one small unit, completely lost to their surroundings in a fervor of religious enthusiasm. Many of the pilgrims had tears streaming down their cheeks; others raised their faces to the starlit sky that had witnessed this drama so often in the past centuries. The shining eyes, the passionate appeals, the pitiful hands outstretched in prayer moved me in a way that nothing had ever done before, and I felt caught up in a strong wave of spiritual exaltation. I was one with the rest of the pilgrims in a sublime act of complete surrender to the Supreme Will, which is Islam.”

She hung onto her faith until the very end:

“When I look into my journal I shall live it all again. Time cannot rob me of the memories that I treasure in my heart... the countless pilgrims who passed me with shining eyes of faith, the wonder and glory of the Haram of Makkah, the great pilgrimage through the desert and the hills to Arafat, and above all the abiding sense of joy and fulfilment that possesses the soul.”

Later, in the 20th century **Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthall**, a Western writer noted for his English translation of the Quran in 1930, and **William Henry Quilliam** (Abdullah Quilliam), noted for founding England’s first mosque and Islamic centre, both contributed to establishing Islam in Britain.

In recent times, **Malcolm X** (Al-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) the famous and charismatic African-American leader of the “Nation of Islam” a group in the forefront of racial activism in the USA in the 1960’s. During his pilgrimage to Mecca in 1964 he realised that Islam was a religion of unity among all nations and that both blacks and whites could co-exist in Islam by following the laws of Islam. This experience was also a factor that made him move away from the “Nation of Islam” and its divisive policies. Whilst in Mecca he wrote a letter to his loyal assistants in Harlem:

“Never have I witnessed such sincere hospitality and overwhelming spirit of true brotherhood as is practised by people of all colours and races here in this ancient Holy Land, the home of Abraham, Muhammad and all the other Prophets of the Holy Scriptures. For the past week, I have been utterly speechless and spellbound by the graciousness I see displayed all around me by people of all colours ... from blue-eyed blondes to black-skinned Africans. But we were all participating in the same ritual, displaying a spirit of unity and brotherhood that my experiences in America had led me to believe could never exist between the white and non-white.”

Mike Tyson (Malik Abdul Aziz), the American former heavyweight champion boxer in 2003 was at his lowest, penniless, a drug addict and in jail. It was here in jail that he converted to Islam and then went to Hajj in 2010. He said:

“I’m very grateful to be a Muslim. Allah doesn’t need me, I need Allah. I could never be humble. There’s not a humble bone in my body. If I was humble I would never use the word humble, I strive to be humble, I want to be humble but it’s a hard thing. It’s a very hard thing. To be humble is to not take yourself seriously. I try to do that. I work on it. People think I’m humble but I’m not”.

Dr Martin Lings (Abu Bakr Siraj Ad-Din) now deceased was a public-school educated Englishman who converted to Islam and spent many years as keeper of oriental manuscripts and printed books at the British Museum, and is best known as the author of “Life of Muhammad”. In 1948 he performed the Hajj pilgrimage and said:

“.....not only a journey in space to the centre towards which one has always turned one’s face in prayers, but also a journey in time far back beyond the missions of Muhammad, Jesus and Moses ...”

The Hajj pilgrimage as those of us who are privileged by Allah's invitation to his Haram (holy sanctuary) know, that it offers many moving emotional experiences.

In the wisdom of our deen, the pilgrimage makes us realise that Islam is a universal religion and we are all his Ibadees (devotees), for He is our Creator and Fashioner, and to Him we shall all return.

Another benefit is the realisation that acting on the fifth pillar of Islam, and any other pillar, is for our benefit and not for Allah's benefit. Allah does not need our worship, for it neither adds to nor decreases His Supremacy, Majesty and Greatness. In a Hadith Qudsi Allah (SWT) says

“... O’ My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to be as pious as the most pious heart of any one man of you, that would not increase My kingdom in anything.....”

Also, Quran Verse (2:116)

“.....Be He glorified! Nay, but whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth is His. All are subservient unto Him”.

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SLIA Eid-ul-Fitr Annual Dinner

After a period of diligent ibadat during the month of Ramadan, the SLIA community gathered for our annual Eid-ul-Fitr event. There was an informal atmosphere in the smart surroundings of the Ramada Hotel in South Ruislip with a gathering of 225 guests.

While it was an opportunity to become reacquainted with Sri Lankans from different areas for families and friends alike, there were also guest-speakers and entertainment for both adults and children. After the initial introductions, our President, Jazal Marzook formally welcomed the guests with some remarks touching on the importance and values of the blessed month of Ramadan that had just past.

It was a pleasure to have the company of the Sri Lankan High Commissioner to the UK, Her excellency Mrs Amari Wijewardene, and the Deputy Mayor of Harrow, Councillor Kareema Marikar. The evening included two important cheque presentations: Muslim Aid for £17,882.70 in aid of the Syria emergency medical aid Appeal and the Sri Lankan High Commissioner for £500 towards the flood victims Rehabilitation Projects in Sri Lanka. After the formalities there were some hearty starters served, followed by light entertainment including Nasheeds from the well-known Brother Omar Essa. The many children were kept occupied by a magician who catered for the variety of ages groups present.

After the main meal there was an opportunity to mingle and socialise over dessert and coffee. An important feature of these annual events is the chance to catch up with family, friends and those members that are not often seen but, make it a point to attend and participate. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all thanks to the dedication and hard work put in by the ExCo, their spouses and friends in organising this event.



SLIA Community News

Births

Alhamdulillah we would like to congratulate the parents and their families on their new arrivals:

18th April 2017: Shifaz and Zulfeth Riyaz (Colombo) on the birth of their baby son **Eihaab**.

Grandparents: Riyaz and Zabeela Sheriff and Fahmy and Hussaina Hassen (Colombo).

Shifaz Riyaz was a former Treasurer to SLIA during period 2012-2014.

1st June 2017: Nakeeb and Shagufta Atheeq (Edgware, Middlesex) on the birth of their daughter **Fiza**.

Grandparents: Mohamed and Mrs Husna Atheeq and Mrs Saeeda Jicker (Colombo).

3rd June 2017: Abdul and Aisha (Harrow, Middlesex) on the birth of their daughter **Tayibah**.

Grandparents: Althaf and Shihama Zahir (Harrow, Middlesex) and Faizer and Riswa Akram (Colombo, Sri Lanka).

23rd June 2017: Dr Abdul and Lailah Matin (Leicester) on the birth of their son, **Dawud Abdul Matin**.

Grandparents: Abdul Matin and Gul Nahar (Bounds Green) and Iqbal and Shabinah Ossman (Morden).

13 August 2017: Dr Rashad and Aqeela Zafarulla (South Woodford) on the birth of their son, **Zayd**.

Grandparents: Dr Zafar and Ruzna Zafarulla (Brighton) and Ramzi and Nissa Mawjood (New Zealand).

May Almighty Allah make the children a blessing to their parents and a blessing for the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad (SAS)

Hajj 2017

The first day of Hajj was officially announced as Wednesday, 30th August and Eid-ul-Adha on Friday, 1st September. Alhamdulillah, the following brothers and sisters have gone this year:

Brother Jazal and Sister Maziya Marzook

Sister Cllr Deputy Mayor of Harrow, Kareema Marikar

Brother Mohamed, Sister Najjieya and their sons Yehiya, Abdullah and Yusuf Zakariya

Brother Abdul Qadir and Sister Saba Syed Marikar

Brother Dr Mohamed Liyawdeen and Sister Sahalah Mohideen

Brother Aslam Ahamed, Sister Shazida and children, Omar and Maryam (Saudi Arabia)

May Almighty Allah (SWT) accept your ibadah and grant you Hajj Mabroor' and we ask that you remember the Ummah of Prophet Mohamed (SAS) and us in your duas

SLIA Community News

Obituaries

15th July 2017: Mrs Noorul Jennah Caffoor wife of late Mohamed Noor Caffoor (London). Mother of Izzeth, Ismeth, Dina, Karima, Ameen and Azeema. Eldest Sister of late Sithy Shakira Wahab, Late Atheeka Siddiick Mahuroof, late Noorul Enaya Noor Mahuroof, Khyre Sanoon (London), Hassan Shariff (Hemel Hempstead), and Nizar Shariff. Aunty of Fahmy Noor Mahuroof (Watford).

Janaza took place at Palmers Green Mosque on the 17th July 2017 with burial at Gardens of Peace at Ilford.

29th August 2017: Al Haj Sayed Cader (Colombo) beloved husband of late Raheema Cader (Sulaiman), dearest dad of Aziza Cader (Colombo) and Haleema Salih (UK). Father in law of Shan Salih; darling grandfather of Tariq Salih, Ameera Shafiq and Isthiaq Shafiq. Great grandfather of baby Zayd (all in UK). Brother of late Mr Sayed Davood and Mr Sayed Nizam Ahamed.

Janaza took place at 63 Green Path, Colombo 3 with burial at Maligawatte Muslim Burial grounds .

29th August 2017, Sri Lanka: AL Haj A H M Azwer (Former National List MP of Sri Lanka Parliament. And Minister of State) Husband of Ameena, Father of Mohamed Ameen, Abdul Azeem, Fathima Azmiyah and Fathiima Azeeza. Father in Law of Muthawil Niyaz, Irshad Mahboob, Laila and Faheema. Brother in Law of Dr Haris Deen and Khairiya, Fazeena, Hareeda, Ashroof, Mahroom Hamid and Muafeek.

Janaza and burial took place on Wednesday 30th August 2017 at Dehiwala Muslim Burial Ground.

Al Haj Azwer was a very close friend and supporter of the Sri Lanka Islamic UK Association.

31st August 2017, Sri Lanka : Jezmin Jabir. Beloved Wife of Hassan Mohamed. Loving Mother of Shazmin and Hifaz. Daughter of the late S M Jabir, (Ex - Chairman U.C.) Beruwela, & Fathima Hani Shareef. Si ster of Nizam, Ansar, Ismeth, Fahmy, Siyana, Fareeha, Farahana, Nowfal, Laila, & Halidha. Sister in Law of M.M. Hussain, Dr A.M.M. Shahabdeen, Zavahir Mohamed, Kizar Mohamed, Azmi Samsudeen, Fouzia, Zahira, Fathima, Fairoozia, Nawaza, Hussain Mohamed, Ummu, Thufa, Azahim Mohamed, Haniffa Mohamed, Shaul Hameed Mohamed, and Shaha. Daughter in Law of the Hon M H Mohamed (Former Speaker) & Noor Naseema Abdul Hameed.

Janaza left from residence 110, Lauries Road, Colombo 4, To Jawatta Muslim Burial Grounds on Fri, 1 September 2017 at 10.30am

SLIA's 45th Eid-ul-Adha Celebration

Saturday 16th September 2017 at 7pm

London Marriott Hotel Regents Park,
128 King Henry's Road, London NW3 3ST

Adults £30

Children (5-12yrs) £20

Moroccan Themed Evening
- Delicious Moroccan Cuisine
- Nasheeds
- Children's entertainment

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SLIA FAMILY BLACKPOOL EVENT SATURDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2017

Tickets: Adults £30; Children (under 10yrs) £20
please note children ticket priced £20 is limited to 1 child per family

The following is included:

- 2 Coach pick-up points
- Lunch stop at Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet
- Drop off at Blackpool to spend at leisure
- Coach pick up for Illuminations tour
- Return and drop off

For further Information and Bookings please contact

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BLACKPOOL Illuminations



To receive an online version of the Serendib Newsletter, please e-mail: membership@slia.org.uk
This will assist us in our endeavour to cut costs and provide valuable contributions towards protecting our environment.

SLIA Membership Subscriptions 2017

Please can all members pay the 2017 subscriptions which was **due on 1st January 2017**. In addition to paying any previous outstanding subscriptions could you also ensure we have your current contact details. If not already in place, please also consider paying your subscriptions by standing order.

Should you wish to action any of the above, contact one of the following:

Fazly Wahab fazlywahab@hotmail.co.uk
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If you are aware of new members who wish to join the SLIA please request them to contact any member of the Committee for Membership Application and Standing Order mandate.

Bank Account	Lloyds, Walthamstow
Sort Code	30-99-08
Account No.	01663411

Membership Type	Price
Life Membership (Single)	£250
Family Membership (Husband, wife & children under 18)	£30
Family Membership (Husband & wife over 60)	£15
Individual Membership	£15
Individual Membership (Over 60)	£7.50
Student Membership	£4

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“Take from their wealth in order to purify them and sanctify them.”

purify your wealth by giving zakat

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