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SLIA Vision

*To connect our members
with their Sri Lankan
heritage*

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa barakatuh

My Dear Respected Elders, Brothers and Sisters

My heartfelt thanks go to Almighty Allah (SWT) and my fellow members of the SLIA for the confidence in electing me unanimously as the President of our prestigious organisation, Sri Lanka Islamic (UK) Association. I came forward to carry out this challenging role purely to uphold the noble values and principles of the SLIA, which have been there since inception 47 years ago, and for its continued progress and stability. The SLIA is the pioneer Sri Lankan Muslim organisation in the UK and today it stands tall as a vibrant, dynamic institution, thanks to the pioneering efforts, initiative, favour and resolution of the founding fathers who contributed so much to the success of our Association.

In my opening address at the AGM recently, I mentioned that I am keen to host and work in tandem with other UK based Muslim organisations and other communities to help promote Cultural and Religious values. The SLIA is the oldest Sri Lankan Association in the UK and I would like it to be recognized as the pioneer Sri Lankan Muslim organisation in the UK and, Insha'Allah shall work towards achieving this. I have a vision to make our organisation, which is today on a sound footing, more dynamic and broad-based.

The Building extension project is at a crucial stage thanks to Bro Jezri as Chair of the Building Sub-Committee for the tremendous work he carried out to get us the planning permission to proceed. I am confident that Bro Rafat, who has taken over as Chair will continue the good work to get us to the next stage.

As the month of Ramadan is fast approaching I must commend the excellent work done by Sister Ishreen as Chair of the Charity Sub-Committee and the team Sis Manjula, Bros Haleem, Jazal and Khalid and the funds held in the charity account. I would also like to thank the membership and well-wishers too for their generous donations. May Almighty Allah (SWT) continue to bless you all. Bro Jazal has now taken over as the Chair of this Sub-Committee and the team are already busy reviewing the requests we have received for the vital provision of Dry Rations projects this Ramadan that SLIA first started four years ago. Please do read the separate Ramadan Appeal on Page 6 and I urge all our members to consider donating to this worthy cause.

The ExCo and I need your help and support to ensure our event programme is successful and Insha'Allah request your continuing support and we shall do our utmost to ensure success. This newsletter has details of our Ramadan Iftar



I am overjoyed to welcome our new young members to the ExCo: Bros Tariq Salih (Ass Secretary), Ikraam Fareed (Ass Treasurer) and Imran Harris as Committee member. They have already fitted in to their roles and providing vital assistance to the team. It is worthy of mention that Bro Ikraam is leading on the new UK Data protection GDPR regulations and is preparing the required procedures to ensure we are compliant. My thanks also go to Bros Sadat for taking up the Secretary position, Nakeeb in his new role as Treasurer, Jazal and Khalid for agreeing to stay on and providing their experience and knowledge to the new members. Many congratulations to our new Vice President, Bro Rafat and I look forward to working with him and all our team facing the challenges ahead.

Ramadan Mubarak and May Almighty Allah (SWT) shower his choicest blessings upon you and your families.

Was Salaam

Ahamed Hussain Wahab, President of SLIA

Ramadan Mubarak

The month of great blessings and barakaat has come. Spend these days in worshiping the one and only Allah Almighty. May you have a great Ramadan.



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

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.

Secretary's Report

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

It is with a sense of duty that I have accepted the post of Secretary, having served in the same post in 2016.

We are happy to welcome three new members to the ExCo, as well as the many experienced hands. Together with our new President I feel confident that we have a strong team that will deliver engaging events, including the ones that our members have come to expect.

As we build the events calendar for the forthcoming twelve months, we would welcome input from the membership to help us shape and influence the type of events that you would like to see. This will help ensure the SLIA continues to serve the interests and needs of the community.

This is a time when there are many successful and active Islamic organisations, including some Sri Lankan entities delivering a wide cross-section of events. We, as the SLIA, are keen to carve out a place where we deliver something unique, with that Sri Lankan theme, always underpinned by Islamic values.

We also need to take account of the changing demographics of the Sri Lankan community, focusing on the needs of the different age groups, and the challenges each of them face. So please do reach out to individual members of the ExCo, or indeed one of the Sub-Committees to put forward your ideas. As the Secretary I will always have a listening ear.

Alhamdulillah I am pleased to announce the new Executive Committee (ExCo) as approved at the Annual General meeting (AGM) held on Sunday, 8th April 2018:

President	Ahamed Hussain Wahab
Vice President	Rafat Hashim
Secretary	Sadat Sadiq
Asst Secretary	Tariq Salih
Treasurer	Nakeeb Atheeq
Asst Treasurer	Ikraam Fareed

Committee Members:

Imran Harris
Khalid Malhar
Jazal Marzook

We have two vacant positions in the Committee and are urgently seeking volunteers who can devote some time and skills to fill these vacancies. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the community with organising/planning community events and gain valuable and rewarding experience in a large charity organisation.

Please contact the President, Ahmed Hussain Wahab for further details on: 07970 103160

May Almighty Allah grant us a month of Ramadan where our duas and ibadah are accepted.

Wa alaikum Salaam

Sadat Sadiq, Secretary

Treasurer Report

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, Assalamu Alaikum

I am very pleased to be appointed as the Treasurer following my two years of service as a Committee Member. Bro Fazly Wahab has been kindly providing me with the handover since my appointment and hope fully we should complete this by end of May 2018. Due to short time-scale involved in producing my first report, I shall provide you with a summary below of the four main SLIA accounts for your reference.

Membership Account - Subscriptions

We have received the sum of £1,630.00 in our account as at 31st March 2018 and note that some membership subscriptions are still in arrears. 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 (due on 1st January annually) as soon as possible. You can choose to pay by any of the following methods:

- Cheque made payable to 'Sri Lanka Islamic (UK) Association'
- Set up an annual Standing Order
- Online Bank Transfer

The SLIA 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

The Charity Account balance as at 31st March 2018 is £68,711.78 and there has been no movement since the last report.

Building Account_ – Rent from Hanwell Building

Regular monthly rental receipts continue to come in from our tenant at Hanwell Building and the balance as at 31st March 2018 stands at £57,356.41.

Distress Account

This fund is only utilised for payment of the £250 to the family of a bereaved member and, is subject to receipt of their annual subscriptions. For this year, we have issued one payment and the balance as at 31st March 2018 is £2,335.00.

Finally, I would encourage you to contact me should you have any questions regarding your membership subscriptions or any other issues/ valuable comments and suggestions.

Wa alaikum Salaam

Nakeeb Atheeq, Treasurer

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Charity Sub-committee Report

Sub-committee

Chair:

Jazal Marzook

Members:

Ishreen Bradley
Ikraam Fareed
Khalid Malhar
Haleem Ossman
Manjula Ossman

Assalamu Alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu

Thank you for your continued generous support and we pray that our charitable work is worthwhile and accepted by Allah (SWT). The SLIA Charity Sub-committee has taken a more strategic and holistic approach in 2017/18 by researching the sustainability of projects before funding them. We will work with experienced local people or charitable organisations and will continue to regularly monitor projects that we are funding, which often includes site visits by SLIA members. Below is a brief update on our projects:

Ramadan Appeal - Dry Rations:

Your generous donations during Ramadan have a profound impact on the lives of the poor and needy in our sponsored villages. We are therefore repeating the appeal again this year insha' Allah. Please see Page 6 for specific opportunities to help our Sri Lankan brethren participate in the fasting and remember to send in your donation form and contribution back as early as possible to ensure the funds reach the local distribution organisations in good time. Any excess funds, over and above the amounts needed for dry rations, will go towards other worthy causes.

Legacy Projects: Neeravipitty Village Capacity Building Initiatives:

School Building Project

Funds of £22,500 (received from an SLIA member for this specific initiative) have been set aside for this long-term project to enable sustainable out of school educational facilities and vocational training for returning refugees in Neeravipitty Village (Mullaitivu District). This project is in partnership with a local charity, Volunteer Organisation for Social Development (VOSD), which has been promised the land for the building by a local, generous well-wisher. The returning refugees are primarily Muslims, but VOSD is committed to helping the poor and needy, irrespective of race or religion. A Tamil Hindu lawyer in Sri Lanka is working pro bono to put together trust documents to ensure good governance of the land and the building. Once the governance is clear, the Charity Sub-committee will work on fund raising activities to meet the total estimated cost of £42,000. We also hope to set up an initiative to encourage SLIA members of all ages to connect with the different communities in Sri Lanka by participating and assisting with the educational and vocational training activities in Neeravipitty.

Water/Toilets Project

We have funded distribution of clean water to 15 houses and will continue to look at the feasibility of funding further toilet construction and water distribution at our future meetings. There remains an ongoing need for such facilities, especially to protect the dignity and well-being of the ladies and young girls in the village.

Muslim Aid/Syria Project:

The 2017 Walk for Syria event raised over £20,000 to help innocent civilians trapped in Syria's civil war. SLIA handed over a cheque in 2017 for £17,882.70 to Muslim Aid's Syria Appeal, and an additional £400 was raised for this appeal by the 2017 Inscribe Hope Writing & Art competition. As Muslim Aid is unable to provide sufficient details on how our donation was applied in Syria, the charity sub-committee intends to distribute the remaining funds raised by SLIA members to suitable smaller charities working in Syria that are capable of providing reports of how the funds were applied, for Charity Commission and AGM purposes.

Wa Alaikum Salaam

Manjula Ossman, Charity Sub-Committee

SLIA Ramadan Appeal 2018



Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

My Dear Respected Elders, Brothers and Sisters in Islam

The blessed month of the Ramadan is the time for sharing, giving and humbling ourselves towards our Creator who has opened the door of the heavens for His creation to ask for His mercy for our mistakes in this Dunya.

Alhamdulillah, as always the SLIA's help towards the underprivileged continues and through your generous contributions the SLIA intend to help the following causes:

Ramadan food distribution programme

1. **Hambantota – Suchi Village:** The feeding of 140 families with dry food rations at RS 5,400 per family with a view to Insha Allah help our Muslim brothers and sisters to be in a position to participate in Ramadan along with us all. *This project with associated packaging costs is estimated at £3,510 at the current exchange rate.*
2. **Hambantota – Tsunami Village:** The feeding of 165 families with dry rations at RS 5,400 per family and also provision of Khanji for 10 days estimated at RS 7,500 per day. *This project with associated packaging and transport costs is estimated at £4,560 at the current exchange rate.*
3. **Mullaithivu –Hijrapuram & Neeravipitty Village:** The feeding of 200 families with dry rations at RS 7,405 per family. This project with associated packaging, printing and distribution costs is estimated at £6,825 at the current exchange rate.

Insha' Allah we are also actively seeking to raise funds towards other requests sent to us for consideration. With your help and support we shall donate funds received in excess of our target of £15k to those projects we consider in urgent need.

May Almighty Allah (SWT) help us to experience Ramadan with our hearts and souls and also reward you for your generosity. We invite the holy month to come into our lives and expunge our sins for the last eleven months and may the efforts of the SLIA members bring much needed assistance to our brothers and sisters struggling in our Motherland.

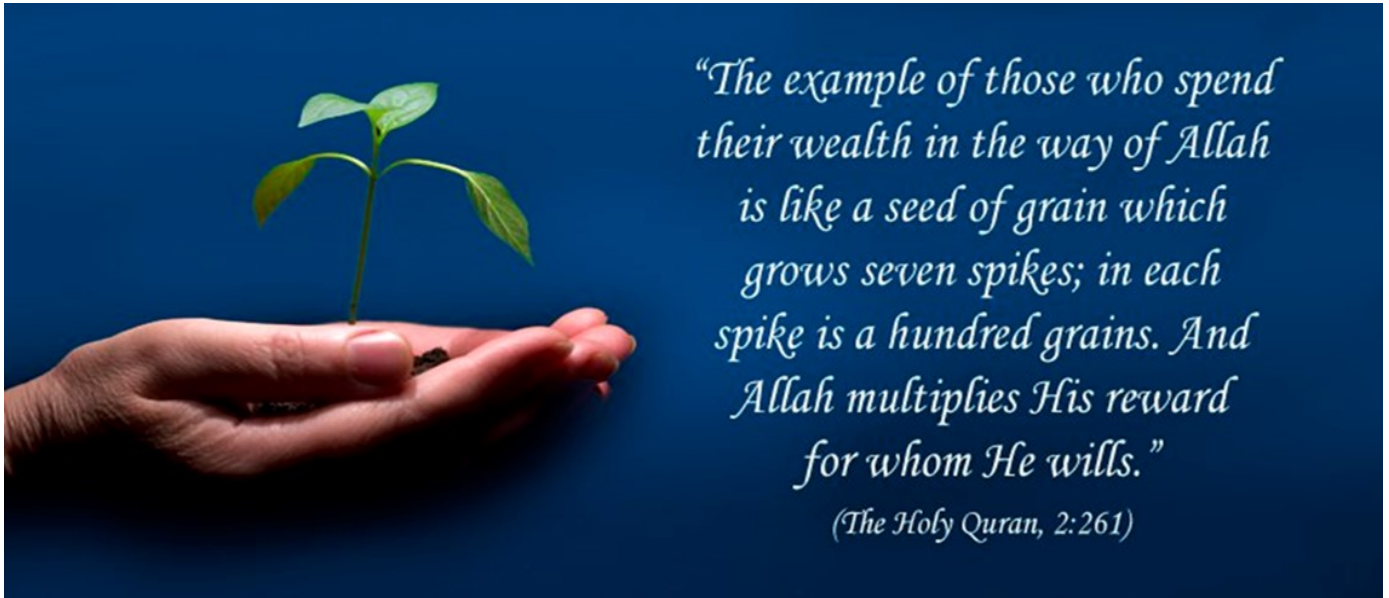
Ahamed Hussain Wahab
President, SLIA (UK) Association SLIA UK



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JazakAllahu Khayrun to all our generous donors, May Almighty Allah (SWT) accept our deeds and actions and continue to assist us in our efforts to help our Ummah Insha' Allah. We would also kindly request that you send your donations to us as early as possible to allow us to pass this vital support on to those in need during the holy month of Ramadan.



Your generous support can help the SLIA make a difference. To make a donation please complete this form and attach to your payment:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other _____ Forename _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Post code _____ Cheque No. _____

Zakat £ _____ Sadaqah £ _____

Ramadan Food Parcels £ _____

Gift Aid (UK Taxpayers)

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 below:

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

SLIA Community News

Births

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

5th March 2018: Imran and Shabana Ismail (Stanmore, Middlesex) on the birth of their daughter **Layla Zainab Ismail**. Paternal grandparents Nizam and Zahafaran Ismail (Middlesex) and maternal grandparents Zahuran and Hana Gaffoor (France).

2nd April 2018: Nathir and Rukshana Athaullah (Oman) on the birth of their twins **Nora Aisha and Sami Niham**. Maternal grandparents late Nakeem and Nazneen Jabbar (Surrey) and paternal grandparents Mohamed and late Aisha Athaullah (Sussex).

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

Marriages

Alhamdulillah we would like to congratulate the couple, their parents and their families on this special occasion:

30th March 2018: Sabrina Sulaiman to Imaduddin Mohammed Ayoub. Daughter of Reza and Aysha Sulaiman (Cowley, Uxbridge) and son of Mrs Tahzim Akhter and Mr Mohammed Ayoub. Granddaughter of late Faizal Sulaiman and Mazina Sulaiman and Grandson of Shirin and Yoosoof Bapumiya.

Obituaries

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un - 'Surely we belong to Allah and to Him we shall return'

21st January 2018: Mohamed Thassim Marikar Sivardeen (Leyton, London), Advocate and Attorney at Law (Sri Lanka and UK). Loving son of late Mohamed Nizar and late Najmul Hidayah; dearly beloved and loving husband of Dr Ganimthul Fawzia Sivardeen (nee Nizar); much loved and loving father of Dr Ziana, Dr Zimar, Dr Ziali and Dr Zaeem; loving brother of late Fathima, Khadija Umma; brother-in-law of late M. L. M. Buhary, A.C.M. Badurdeen, Dr Fazli Nizar, late Faizel Nizar, Faiz Nizar. Father-in-law of Riffath, Farha, Shamina; loving grandfather of Siraj, Shaakirah, hibah, Saeed, Nawaal, Raheema, Hasanah, Aisha, Aleeyah, Abdullaah Zaeem, Abdullaah Ziali, Asmaa, Aishah, Abdur-Rahman, Zaynab, Rukaayyah, Aasiya, Ibraheem, Khadija and Ibrahim.

The Janaza prayer was held at Masjid Tawheed, Leyton, London and the burial took place at Waltham Forest Muslim Cemetery, London.

30th March 2018 Sri Lanka: Sister Saleem - Hajiani Sithyaysha Mueeza wife of Marhoom Rafeek Saleem, daughter of Marhoom S.L.M. Mohideen and Marhooma Amina Mohideen. Loving mother of Luthufiya Fassy and Khairiya (UK); sister of Advocate Hilmy Mohideen, Marhoom Shafeek, Sulaiman, Hamdoon, Marhooma Sithy Shakira and Noor Shuhaiba. Mother-in-law of M.F. Bashir Ahmed, Roshan Mohideen, Sabthy Shahanaz. Much loved grandmother of Fiyaza, Dr. Yusuf (USA) Nyla, Ishrath, Shifra, Anzara (UK).

Janaza prayers were held at Dehiwala Mosque after Isha prayers on Saturday 31st March 2018.

May Almighty Allah (SWT) grant them Jannat-ul-Firdous Aameen

SLIA Events—Taste of Lanka on 11th March 2018

This was organised as a community event for all ages, calling on all those particularly with an interest in Sri Lankan food. A family day for the adults and kids and an opportunity to celebrate our Sri Lankan culture with not only food but also with a variety of games for all to participate.

The event was also open to members and non SLIA members within the local community and, attended by over 150 people especially those with an interest in Lankan food. We had a wide cross section of food, from traditional Lamprais, freshly made hoppers and kuttu roti and also a variety of Sri Lankan sweets. As well as bought in food, there different stall holders: the Cake Dome stall serving a mouth-watering selection of cakes and desserts, children's sweet stall, a hopper stall and a calligraphy stall.

All those who attended had a relaxing afternoon savouring their favourite Lankan meals, spending time with family and friends. The children meanwhile, were treated to freshly made chips, chicken nuggets and burgers. This was in between taking part in variety of games and Mother's Day events. We hope those who were able to attend enjoyed this Lankan cultural event



*"What will make you realise what the Night of Power is like?
The Night of Power is better than a thousand months.
Angels and the Spirit descend upon it with their Lord's permission with every command;
There is peace that night until the coming of dawn." [Quran: 97:1-5]*

SLIA Event: Halara 25th March 2017

Alhamdulillah SLIA held its annual Halara at Harrow Mosque. The event was well attended and we were blessed to have Shaykh Muhammed Arramdani as our guest. The Halara was conducted by Iqbal Ossman and Shamique Ismail and lifted everyone's spirits. Shaykh Arramdani preceded a heart moving dua with a sohbat on the life, khalwat and contribution of Imam Shaykh Abu al-Hasan ash-Shadhili - including the way Imam Shadhili guided his students to make a soul Jihad (jihad-ul-nafs) and how fighting our ego makes our life sweet.

We were treated to a menu of Kaliamandu Shoru prepared by our ExCo wives, sisters and dear aunties: a special thanks must go to Aunties Kadji, Ilham and Risnia and to Thirimeze, Inshrah Fazal, Azmi, Yushani, Shabina and Manjula for helping make the meal so delicious and enjoyable.

Photos and videos of the Halara in March and Dhikr held in February are available on the SLIA Facebook page.

Ishreen Bradley, Member Charity Sub-Committee



SLIA Upcoming Events

<p>Ramadan Iftars:</p> <p>Iftar 1 - Nakshabandhi Zikr Saturday 19th May 2018 St Vincent De Paul Church, 2 Witham Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 4AJ</p> <p>Iftar 2 – Shazulia Halara Saturday 26th May 2018 St Vincent De Paul Church, 2 Witham Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 4AJ</p>	<p>Iftar 3 –Hizb and Katham Thamam Saturday 2nd June 2018 Claremont School Kenton, Harrow HA3 0UH</p> <p>Iftar 4 - Guest Speaker Saturday 9th June 2018 Claremont School Kenton, Harrow HA3 0UH</p>	<p>Eid-ul-Fitr Celebrations See Flyer on Page 10</p> <p>Eid-ul-Adha Celebrations 2018 9th September, Details TBA</p> <p>Meelad-un-Nabi November, Details TBA</p>
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All are invited to our SLIA Iftar program, each Saturday. Starting Insha' Allah at 8pm with Prayers / Talk (as above), followed by Break fast, Magrib Jamath. Dinner followed by Isha Jamath and Tharaveeh Prayers, ending at 12pm Insha' Allah.

Donations are most welcome. Please contact President, Secretary or Treasurer to discuss, pledge or notify in advance.

If you would like to recite a Juz of Quran for Thammam on 2nd June, Please contact Bro. Iqbal Ossman or Rafat Hashim to allocate Juz.

SLIA Membership Subscriptions 2018

Please can all members pay the 2018 subscriptions which was **due on 1st January 2018**. 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:

Nakeeb Atheeq- nakeeb123@yahoo.com

Ikraam Fareed - Ikraam.fareed@aol.co.uk

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

Ramadan Timetable 2018

The following timetable has been provided by **Salah** Times for Greater London and the prayer times listed are **start times** and the **jamaat times** may vary dependant on local mosque.

Date	Day	Suhur Fajr	Sunrise	Zuhr	Asr	Iftar Maghrib	Isha
15 May	Tue	03:03	05:09	12:57	18:18	20:46	22:51
16	Wed	03:02	05:07	12:57	18:18	20:47	22:52
17	Thu	03:01	05:06	12:57	18:19	20:49	22:53
18	Fri	03:01	05:04	12:57	18:20	20:50	22:54
19	Sat	03:00	05:03	12:57	18:21	20:52	22:54
20	Sun	02:59	05:02	12:57	18:22	20:53	22:55
21	Mon	02:59	05:00	12:57	18:23	20:54	22:56
22	Tue	02:58	04:59	12:57	18:23	20:56	22:57
23	Wed	02:58	04:58	12:57	18:24	20:57	22:57
24	Thu	02:57	04:57	12:57	18:25	20:58	22:58
25	Fri	02:57	04:56	12:57	18:26	21:00	22:59
26	Sat	02:56	04:55	12:57	18:27	21:01	22:59
27	Sun	02:56	04:53	12:58	18:27	21:02	23:00
28	Mon	02:55	04:52	12:58	18:28	21:03	23:01
29	Tue	02:55	04:52	12:58	18:29	21:05	23:01
30	Wed	02:54	04:51	12:58	18:29	21:06	23:02
31	Thu	02:54	04:50	12:58	18:30	21:07	23:03
1 June	Fri	02:54	04:49	12:58	18:31	21:08	23:03
2	Sat	02:53	04:48	12:58	18:31	21:09	23:04
3	Sun	02:53	04:47	12:59	18:32	21:10	23:04
4	Mon	02:53	04:47	12:59	18:33	21:11	23:05
5	Tue	02:53	04:46	12:59	18:33	21:12	23:06
6	Wed	02:52	04:46	12:59	18:34	21:13	23:06
7	Thu	02:52	04:45	12:59	18:34	21:14	23:07
8	Fri	02:52	04:45	12:59	18:35	21:15	23:07
9	Sat	02:52	04:44	13:00	18:35	21:16	23:08
10	Sun	02:52	04:44	13:00	18:36	21:16	23:08
11	Mon	02:52	04:43	13:00	18:36	21:17	23:09
12	Tue	02:52	04:43	13:00	18:37	21:18	23:09
13	Wed	02:52	04:43	13:00	18:37	21:18	23:09
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