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A memorable National Ijtima - A Zaim's perspective

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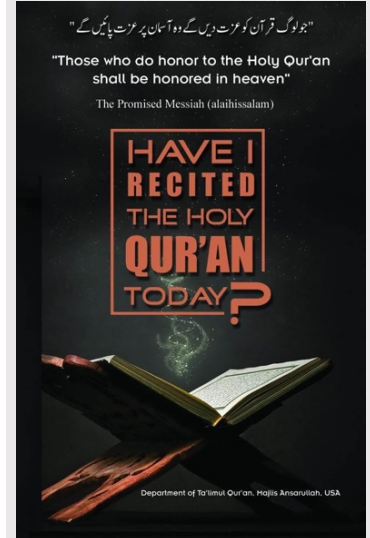
It was one of the most memorable Ijtima I have attended so far. First, I would like to say Jazakumullah Wa Ahsanal Jaza to Sadr Majlis Ansarullah for holding the Ijtima outside of our comfort zone (out of east coast). However, it wasn't easy for east coast members to take 4 days off from their daily lives and fly to Texas to attend the Ijtima, especially for New Yorkers. Usually,

New York members like to go to the Ijtima for a day only (Saturday).

Soon after Ijtima day and venue was announced, I was excited but was worried as well as I did not expect many Ansar members to attend the Ijtima. I knew that it will be difficult for the members of New York Majlis to take 4 days off from work as some of them had taken 3-4 weeks off during the blessed tour of our Huzur (may Allah be his helper). Some of them traveled with Khalifatul Masih (may Allah be his helper) to offer prayers behind him. So, I wasn't sure about participation in the Ijtima. However, as a Zaim of New York Majlis, I had to encourage, help and guide them to attend the Ijtima. So, I made an announcement on our local WhatsApp Ansar group that we are going to charter a flight for Ijtima and requested them to fill out a google form. Interestingly, within a couple of days, about 30 members responded. I was shocked/surprised at first. So, we contacted couple of airlines with the help of our Jama'at. The charter flight option did not work. We tried group tickets which did not work either. Meanwhile, number of interested members continued to grow.

Date for the National Ijtima was fast approaching, so we had no other choice but to buy tickets in smaller groups. Again, I am grateful to our respected Sadr sahib and Qaid Sahib Mal for their support in purchasing the tickets. I believe that without their help, it would have been very difficult to bring over 40 members from NY Majlis to Texas for Ijtima.

It was a great experience for those who attended this blessed Ijtima. For me, it has been a very memorable lifetime experience. Alhamdulillah, the Ijtima was educationally and spiritually uplifting. Every segment was powerful and



blessed. Workshops were excellent, I found father-in-law/son in law segment to be new and informative. Session with Naib Sadr Mansoor Qureshi Sahib was superb as was the one led by Bilal Rana sahib. I felt blessed to be part of this Ijtimā, and I also believe others who attended this Ijtimā felt the same way.

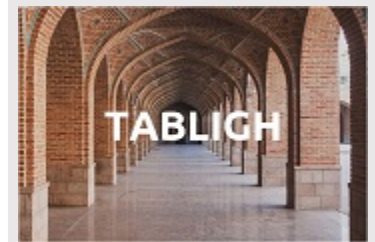


My heartfelt prayers for Houston Majlis for hosting and serving more than 600 members for 4 days. Food, transportation, accommodation and above all, their hospitality, was exemplary. May Allah bless the Houston Majlis. I am very happy that the New York Majlis was able to participate and cooked and served food at the Ijtimā. This is the beauty of our Jama'at that when a task is at hand, we unite and deliver regardless of which Majlis we may belong to. We become one "Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya".

We are looking forward to having another blessed Ijtimā next year inshallah.

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