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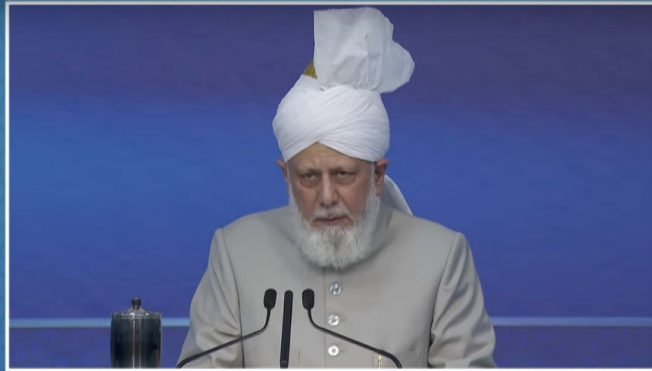
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Majlis Ansarullah - National Ijtima and Shura 2023 - Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) addresses combined closing sessions for Majlis Ansarullah Ijtima 2023.

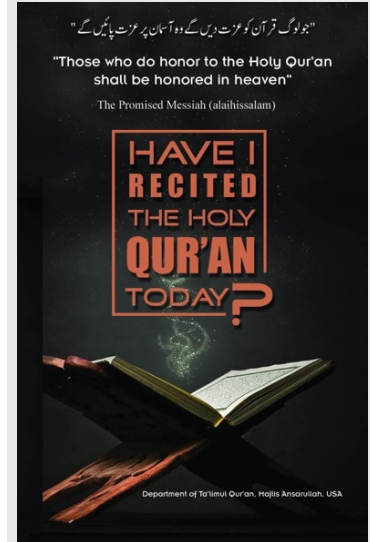
Majlis Ansarullah USA held the 2023 National Ijtima at Baitur Rahman in Silver Spring, MD on October 7-8, 2023. The day before Ijtima, Majlis Ansarullah also held the Majlise Shura (consultative meeting), attended by Ansarullah delegates from all over the US.



USA



France



The highlight of the Ijtima was that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) presided over the combined closing sessions for Majlis Ansarullah UK, USA, and France live through MTA. Huzoor (aba) reminded all Ansar that they should focus on the fundamentals of our faith. Ansar should be role models for their children through Salat and remembrance of Allah. If we don't develop a strong bond with Allah, we will not prosper and grow as a Jamaat. Huzoor advised Ansar to elevate their pleasure in Salat and analyze themselves in this aspect. Huzoor (aba) shared several references from the sayings of Hazrat Masih Maud (as) emphasizing the need to safeguard

ourselves and our children from impurities of this world through a living connection with God Almighty.

The full recording of Huzoor (aba)'s speech can be watched at this [link](#).

National Majlise Shura and Ijtima Report

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Here are the highlights from Shura and Ijtima 2023.

Majlise Shura: This year, the total number of Shura delegates was approximately 220. The Majlise Shura started with Sadr sahib's comments and silent prayers. Committee chairs presented the implementation reports of last year's proposals. The agenda of the Shura approved by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aba) was presented to the Shura body. Three sub-committees were formed during the morning session. The first sub-committee (related to supporting new immigrants) was chaired by Naib Sadr, Dr. Mansoor Qureshi Sahib, and the secretary of the committee was Muavin Sadr, Rizwan Alladin Sahib. The second sub-committee (related to Long Term Care needs of senior Ansar members) was chaired by Naib Sadr Saf Dom Abdul Hadi Ahmed Sahib, and Qaid Publications, Iftikhar Ahmed Sahib served as the secretary of the committee. The third sub-committee (Finance) was chaired by Naib Sadr Zahid Mian Sahib, and Qaid Maal Mahmood Hanif Sahib served as the secretary of the committee.



The proposals were discussed in detail by the respective committees and recommendations were submitted. The Shura general body then deliberated on the proposals and recommendations. Shura delegates asked questions and shared their opinions and subsequently all three committee recommendations were

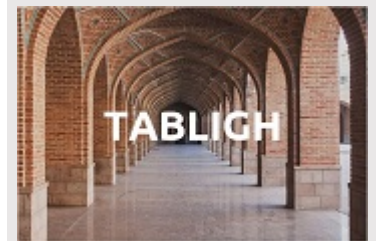
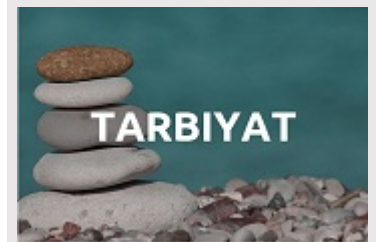
approved. These recommendations have been sent to Huzur (aba) for his final approval before implementation.

This year, the election for Sadr Majlis Ansarullah and Naib Sadr Saf Dom was also held. Missionary In-charge, Maulana Azhar Hanif Sahib, presided over the elections.

Ijtima survey requested:

Ansarullah Ijtima survey: For those members who attend the Ijtima but did not get a chance to respond to the survey yet please use the following [link](#) to provide your feedback. Jazakallah!

Ansar Ijtima: This year, the Ansar Ijtima was attended by 1157 members from all over the US. This was the 40th National Ijtima of the Majlis Ansarullah USA. The theme of the Ijtima was "**The best among you is he, who treats his family the best**" (hadith).



The members were happy to see each other and spent quality time together during the organized [program](#) and break times. Ansar from Maryland Majlis and the adjoining Majalis served the Ijtima attendees with love and kindness, and even though the weather turned wet and cold during the Ijtima, the warmth of brotherhood was felt by all. Alhamdulillah.



The long-distance cyclists team: The first highlight of the Shura and Ijtima gathering was the Ansarullah cyclists group arrival on Friday morning. Seven members rode their cycles together from Pittsburgh, PA to Silver Spring, MD, a journey of 350 miles. Another four joined midway (180 miles) and the last batch of ten cyclists joined for the last day (16 miles). There were also three support team members (Usama Malik, Fakhar Ahmad, and Dr. Rafi Malik who accompanied the cyclists).

The background of this adventurous activity was that during Huzoor's (aba) trip to USA in October of 2022, beloved Huzoor (aba) graciously met with Ansarullah Amila where he expressed his desire that Ansar should take up cycling as an exercise. He also suggested that Ansarullah should organize group cycling trips over long distances. Saying Lubbaik to our Khalifa (aba), around last year's Ijtima, twelve Ansar members had cycled from Austin, TX to Houston, TX. This year's cycling journey took them on the picturesque Cumberland trail.



As always, the Ijtima program consisted of educational competitions, workshops, faith inspiring accounts, and sports competitions. This year's highlight was Huzur's (aba) address to Majalis Ansarullah UK, USA, and France. Huzur (aba) also took a historic pledge from Ansar of these countries and those all over the world.. The education competitions were very engaging and competitive. The qualifying round were held on Friday night after Maghrib and Isha prayers, and the top contenders competed in the morning session of the Ijtima. Several workshops were held, led by various Ansar members. The interactive workshops allowed members to ask questions, participate in dialog, and learn from the sessions.

The sports competitions were held in the afternoon, despite the challenges presented by the rain and cold weather. Nevertheless, we saw some solid sportsmanship and everybody, including the audience enjoyed the competitions.

Majlis Ansarullah expressed their gratefulness to outgoing Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, Imran Hayee Sahib, who is finishing his last term as Sadr Majlis. Majlise Amila presented a plaque to recognize his services as well as a bicycle to be delivered at this home. In his Ijtima report , Sadr Sahib appreciated the teamwork and commitment for all organizers, and thanked the members attending the Ijtima who in many cases traveled long distances to be there.



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A photo gallery of pictures from the 2023 Ijtima can be enjoyed at this [link](#).

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