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# From the Editor's desk

Assalamualaikum Dear Readers!

We hope that this letter finds you in the best of health.

We are pleased to announce the publication of the BA Gazette's Special Ramadan Edition! This issue of the newspaper is the culmination of several weeks of hard work by all of our team.

If you want to learn more about Ramadan, this newsletter is for you! We've got everything, ranging from Ramadan articles to Ramadan jokes.

We are also beginning the planning process for the yearly newsletter edition, so keep an eye out for the eighth issue of the BA Gazette.

Until next time, stay safe!

Hisham Shaik  
Chief Editor

# What Is Ramadan And Why Is It Important?

By Leila Idheileh

## What is Ramadan?

In the Muslim lunar calendar, Ramadan is the ninth month. Muslims observe Ramadan commemorating the day in 610 AD when Allah sent an angel to disclose the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

## What is the main purpose of Ramadan?

During Ramadan, Muslims strive to spiritually mature and get closer to Allah and their loved ones. They do this by fasting and refraining from pleasures such as smoking and drinking between the hours of sunrise and dusk each day. Ramadan is also a time for spiritual contemplation and unity, with Muslims spending time praying, reciting the Quran, and performing good actions. They give to charity, spend time with loved ones, and refrain from lying, gossiping, or arguing.

## Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?

Fasting during Ramadan is significant because it helps Muslims to commit themselves to their faith, become closer to Allah, and acquire patience and compassion. It is about nurturing your spirit rather than just your physical body. It is also one of Islam's Five Pillars.

Ramadan is an important month because it strengthens our bonds with Allah (SWT). In this blessed month, we should strive to develop our iman and character.

Sources: <https://www.quranexplorer.com> and <https://owlcation.com>



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Abu Hurairah (RA) narrated that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

"Whoever prayed at night in the month of Ramadan (Taraweeh) out of sincere Faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

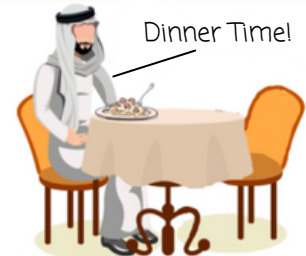
Allah (SWT) says in the Quran:

"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed to those before you, so that you may learn piety and righteousness." [Quran 2:183]

Abu Hurairah (RA) narrated that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

"When the month of Ramadan starts, the gates of heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

**The Forgetful Fast - Based on a true story**  
**Comic By Sumaiyah Tirmizi**





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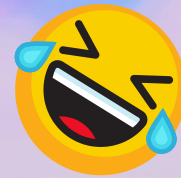
## Iftaar in Saudi!

*Photography by Sumaiyah Tirmizi*



An embroidered copy of the Holy Qur'an, Made by Naseem Akhtar from Pakistan. She began in 1987 when she was 30 years old. In 2018, she finished at the age of 62. She spent 32 years making this copy. The length of cloth used is 300 m and 25,000 m of string was used. The final copy is made of 10 volumes, each containing 3 parts of the Qur'an, with a collective weight of 55 kg. Its creator gave it as a trust to a Qur'an Exhibition in Makkah during the Hajj season of 2019.

# JOKES



Q1: What do you call the celebration that comes the day after Ramadan?

Q2: Why couldn't the police catch Muslims during Ramadan?

Q3: What did one table say to the other table?

Q4: Why aren't there Muslims in Iceland?

Q5: When is the best time for Muslims to run a race?

Q6: What do Muslims play during Ramadan?



## Answers



**Q1: Rama-done**

**Q2: They were going too fast.**

**Q3: Iftar is on me**

**Q4: They all starved and moved away during Ramadan because the sun never sets.**

**Q5: In Ramadan! They fast during Ramadan.**

**Q6: The hunger games**

# Taking advantage of Ramadan

By: Ismaaeel Alam

"A Tasbeeh in Ramadan is better than a thousand Tasbeeh in other that it."

-Prophet Muhammad (SAW) [Tirmidhi]

It is on everyone's mind. "Ramadan is approaching! Ramadan is approaching!" You might ask yourself, "What exactly is Ramadan, other than remaining hungry from sunrise to sunset for no reason?"



Ramadan is the ninth month of both the Islamic and lunar calendars. Preceding it is the month of Sha'ban. It is followed immediately after by the three months of Hajj: Shawwal, Dhul-Qa'dah, and Dhul-Hijjah..



On a deeper level, Ramadan is a month of spirituality in which we may reconnect with our Lord and Creator, Allah (SWT).



According to Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani's book *Islamic Months, Merits and Precepts*, Iba'dah is of two kinds, direct and indirect. Throughout the year, we usually undertake indirect Iba'dahs, or Iba'dahs with a worldly advantage, with the cashback or side benefit being doing good actions. Direct Iba'dahs are activities performed solely for the benefit of the Hereafter, such as prayers, fasting, Zikr, reading the Quran, etc.



Source: Islamic Months by Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani

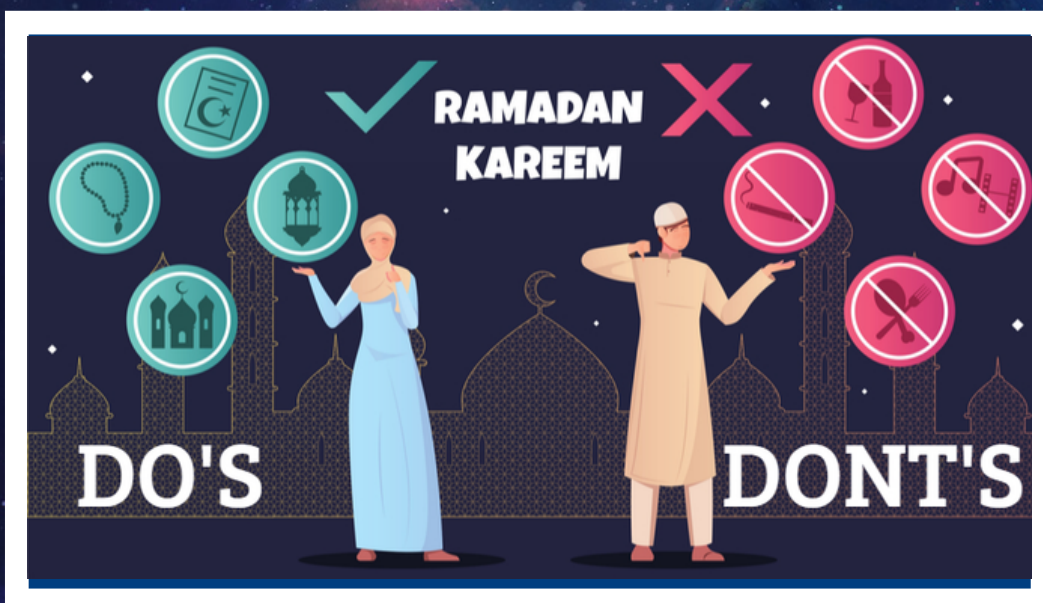


Ramadan is a month in which we should strive to accomplish as many good actions as possible. In this blessed month, Allah (SWT) has put on a highly lucrative sale, with discounts of 10%, 20%, 30%, and even 100% off!

Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Our Lord, the Blessed, the Superior, comes every night down on the nearest Heaven to us when the last third of the night remains, saying, "Is there anyone to invoke Me, so that I may respond to invocation? Is there anyone to ask me, so that I may grant him his request? Is there anyone seeking my forgiveness, that I may forgive him?"



We pray to Allah (SWT) to allow us to make the most of this blessed month.  
Ameen!



<https://zamzam.com/blog/dos-donts-of-ramadan/>