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## NEWS & VIEWS

### British cyclists complete London-Medina cycle ahead of Hajj pilgrimage

The eight cyclists completed the journey in less than 6 weeks

A group of eight British-Muslims become the first Britons to cycle to Saudi Arabia for the annual Hajj pilgrimage from northern Europe.

A group of eight British-Muslims arrived in Saudi Arabia after cycling over 3,000 miles from the UK to reach the Hijaz for the annual Hajj holy season.

The men - known as the "Hajj Riders" - reached the Muslim holy city of Medina in less than

six weeks as part of a charity challenge that raised money for medical facilities in Syria.

Their journey took them through the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Italy, Greece and Egypt.

"Just walking into the Haram (Prophet's Mosque), I can't bring the emotions into words, nearly six weeks of riding, I can't believe the journey

is complete, but one journey is finished and now we must complete the next part," said Hajj Rider Abdul Mukith on Facebook.

"The whole team has made it safely, and the hospitality, I honestly can't put it into words."

Videos posted to social media showed scenes in the streets of Medina on Saturday, where the cyclists were serenaded by locals who played hand drums, sang

### Bringing education to the streets of Karachi

For those unfortunate children who are unable to go to school, a brother-sister duo has brought the classroom to them.

Shireen and Hasan Zafar teach more than 25 street children, who sell flowers and tissue papers or beg at traffic signals on the streets of Defence Housing Authority. The siblings set up tables and chairs near Café Clifton on Khayaban-e-Shamsheer and spend nearly two hours every day teaching the children basics, such as alphabets and counting. The street

school runs six days a week from 4:30pm to 6pm.

"A few months ago, I was passing by a [traffic] signal when a girl begging there came up to me and asked me how I was feeling, instead of asking for money," recalled 12-year-old Shireen, who is a student of class seven. Touched by the girl's query, Shireen decided

to help out little beggars who cannot afford to go to school.

"I discussed the idea with my elder brother to teach some of these kids and motivate them to study hard," she said, adding that the idea for a small session turned into a whole classroom for street children.

Her elder brother, 15-year-old Hasan, a g r e e d Page 2

## BAITUSSALAM UPDATES

### Baitussalam Quranic Centers: Students of Talagang, Swat & Banu centers score A grades

Under the supervision and authority of the teachers from Jamia Baitussalam Link Road, Karachi, assessments were conducted in 8 in Banu. The students performed exceptionally well Allhamdulillah.

### Approximately 8 mun meat and food packets distributed

BSWT distributed approximately 8 mun meat amongst the needy households of Chitral, Kandahar and Kutchi Bolan. In each area, animals were sacrificed and fresh meat was distributed. Food packages were also distributed amongst 45 needy households in nearby areas of Thatta. Each food ration was sufficient to feed a family of 6 people for a month.

### Jamia Baitussalam, Link Road & Talagang: Independence Day Celebrations

The students and teachers of both, Jamia Baitussalam, Link Road, Karachi and Talagang celebrated the Independence day with fervor and joy. Speeches related to independence were made in Arabic, English and Urdu along with recitations of naats. The celebrations started with the recitation from the Holy Quran and were marked with students singing patriotic songs.

Both campuses were decorated with balloons and streamers and flags. The event in Karachi ended with a short sermon and prayers delivered by the Head of Jamia Karachi, and Mufti Waqar ended the celebrations in Talaganag with a short sermon and prayers.

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FACTS, EVENTS & BELIEFS

Solar eclipses aren't your run-of-the-mill event: while they occur about once every 18 months, the same location may not experience one for many years. So it's no surprise that there are a few misconceptions about them.

- The biggest myth of them all is that eclipses are dangerous. Eclipses aren't dangerous: the sun is dangerous.

You would never look directly at the sun in the sky, so why would an eclipse be any different? Looking at the sun is always a bad idea and can create a scar on the retina at the back of your eye — and you won't even feel a thing.

Even if 0.5 per cent of the sun's photosphere is visible, there is still a retinal hazard because the exposed photosphere is still producing the same amount of light as always. The only difference is, the scar is the shape of the exposed remaining crescent, instead of a circle.

There is only one time when you can look toward the sun during an eclipse: during totality, when the moon covers the entire disk of the sun.

- Sunglasses won't cut it, not even those with extra-dark glass used

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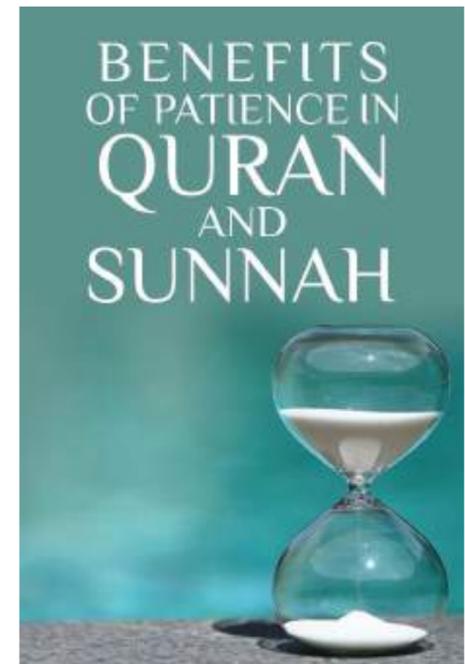
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Adversities and comforts are a trial for Muslims. Everything our Lord chooses for us; be it good or evil, is for our own benefits. Whatever is chosen by our Lord, it cannot be changed and similarly whatever is not chosen by our Lord, we cannot attain it by any means. But the great rewards are only for those among us who are patient with the Decree of their Lord.

Anxiety and impatience never prevent what our Supreme Lord has decreed for us. Complaining is the opposite of patience. It is our belief and Faith that Allah (SWT) Alone can protect us from all harms and ease our difficulties. Therefore, patience is obligatory in such panic situations and hardships in all that Allah (SWT) had decreed for us.

Patience is a good, praise-worthy and desirable character. It is a distinct moral of a Muslim. It has many graceful effects, good benefits and generous consequences. It is an excellent mean of strength against adversities, harms, hardships and anxieties. It provides us resistance against weakness and endows us with steadfastness in obeying Allah (SWT). It is the best tool of firmness against tribulations and temptations. Moreover, it is the weapon of a Muslim through which he will

patience are the rightful people to lead, because Allah (SWT) conditioned the leadership with patience. He says: "And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs." (As-Sajdah 32:24).

Patience is the source of all goods. Allah (SWT) informed us with certainty in the following verse: "But if you endure patiently, verily, it is better for As-Sabirin (the patient ones, etc.)." (An-Nahl 16:126).

Moreover, it is due to patience that the patient ones will receive abundance rewards for their good deeds. Almighty Allah (SWT) says:

"Only those who are patient shall receive their rewards in full, without reckoning." (Az-Zumar 39:10).

Allah, the Exalted loves the patient ones among his slaves. He says:

"And Allah loves As-Sabirin (the patient ones, etc.)." (Al-Imran 3:146).

Allah (SWT) is with those who endure patiently. He says: "And be patient. Surely, Allah is with those who are As-Sabirin (the patient ones, etc.)." (Al-Anfal 8:46).

Allah (SWT) gave three major and great glad tidings to those who endure patiently while they are afflicted with calamities and trials. They will receive blessings of Allah (SWT), His Mercy and they are the ones who are rightly-guided. He says:

"They are those on whom are the Salawat (i.e. blessings, etc.) (i.e. who are blessed and will be forgiven) from their Lord, and (they are those who) receive His Mercy, and it is they who are the guided-ones." (Al-Baqarah 2:157).

(to be continued...)

## Jamia Baitussalam Talagang: First Olympiad dates announced

After the success of the Baitussalam Olympiad held in Karachi earlier this year, Jamia Baitussalam will witness this grand event in its home ground now. The dates have been set and the field is being prepared. The event will be held from the 18th to 24th September InshaAllah. Almost 170 schools from the surrounding areas have been extended invitations to participate in 11 academic, and 4 sporting events.

## Plan for 'giant extension' to Saudi's Makkah

Details have been revealed about plans for a "giant extension" to the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia. Details of the Al-Faisaliah project were announced by Prince Khalid AlFaisal bin Abdulaziz, governor of the Makkah Region, Construction Week Online reported. A governmental complex, including the Governorate of Makkah Region, an Islamic center for all Islamic organizations and foundations, an Islamic research center, facilities for meetings, symposiums, and conferences, will be developed as part of the project. Residential areas, malls, and entertainment, educational, health, agricultural, and industrial facilities, will also be designed into the development. Development plans for the project also include an airport and a seaport. Prince Abdulaziz said the recently launched project is a "giant extension of the Holy City of Makkah [rather] than a new city". Local daily Saudi Gazette reported that Makkah Region Development Authority will supervise the 2,450 sq km project, located along the western coast of Makkah.

## Facts, Events & Beliefs

by alpine skiers. They still allow too much sunlight to reach your eye. The difference?

Eclipse glasses block 99.9999 per cent of sunlight. Try skiing while only being able to see 0.0001 per cent of your surroundings.

Aside from proper eclipse glasses, there is only one other form of eye protection you can use: welder's glasses. NASA suggests No. 14 welder's glasses.

•There have been some fears about solar eclipses and how they could affect unborn children. Guess what? Each day our bodies are bombarded with solar radiation (think sunburns, which come from ultraviolet radiation from the sun).

There are even difficult-to-detect subatomic particles emanating from the sun called neutrinos that start out in the sun's core. But they don't cause us any harm.

The Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

During the lifetime of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW), there was a solar eclipse on the day that his son Ibrahim died. Some superstitious people said that the sun eclipsed because of the young child's death and the Prophet's (SAW) sadness on that day. The Prophet corrected their understanding:

Allah's (SWT) apostle said, "The sun and the moon

## British cyclists complete London-Medina cycle ahead of Hajj pilgrimage

Due to visa issues, the team also had to abandon their original plan of taking a ferry from Hurghada in Egypt and cycling along the Saudi coast to Medina. Instead, the group were forced to fly from Egypt to Jeddah. Having now arrived in Medina, the Hajj riders will rest in the city and prepare for the Hajj pilgrimage which will begin at the end of August.

## Bringing education to the streets of Karachi

immediately with his sister but Shireen had a hard time convincing her classmates to help out. Hasan said he always wanted to spread awareness and work for education and Shireen's idea was perfect to change his thoughts into reality.

Hasan, who is a student of class nine, thought there was no better way to utilize what they have studied at their schools. "To manage time after school is not that difficult," he shared. "I do not use my phone for two hours and come here instead to do something I like." One of the students at the school is Pashmina, a 16-year-old girl from Neelum Colony, who is suffering from polio, but comes to these classes regularly to study basics of English, Mathematics and Urdu. "If I am lucky enough to get educated, then why not these children," said Hasan. Pashmina, who attends classes regularly, said she wanted to study but her family could not afford it. "My mother works as a maid in a bungalow," she said. Pashmina is proud of what she has managed to learn in the last two months. "I have learned [multiplication] tables of two and three and learn all the alphabets of English and Urdu," she shared.

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## Crossword Puzzle September'17-1

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**ACROSS**

1. The person is who performs Hajj-e-Ibraah is called \_\_\_\_\_

2. Yaum-e-Arafat falls on \_\_\_\_\_ Zil Hajj

3. Pilgrims collect pebbles for storing the devil from \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

4. Mutammati is the pilgrim who performs Hajj-e-\_\_\_\_\_

5. The pilgrim who performs this type of Hajj does Hajj and Umrah together.

6. Pilgrim should reach Mina on the 8th of Zil Hajj before \_\_\_\_\_ prayers.

**Answers Puzzle August'17-2**  
 Across: 1-Sudan; 2-Fatihah; 3-Riya  
 Down: 4-Akirah; 5-Bakarrah; 6-Ahkam

**Note: Answers will be published in the September 2017-2 issue of TIB**

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