

# ITHTHIHAAD AHLISSUNNATHI WAL JAMAA-ATHI

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## ACTIVITIES

### VISIT OF SHAYKH IMADUDEEN ABU HIJLEH

Our association organized the visit of Shaykh Imadudeen Abu Hijleh to Sri Lanka from 14<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013. A renowned Islamic scholar he hails from the Quraishi family of Abu Ubaidah al Jarrah originally from Jordan and presently living in Tarim, Yemen Shaykh Imad is the founder of the Al Razi Institute in Boston, Masachussets from where many students who completed their studies have gone on to start institutions of their own. He has taught at Harvard University and authored many books covering various Islamic topics such as Aqidah, Fiqh, Zakat, Fasting and Spirituality. His work on Shafie Fiqh is widely used by many scholars around the world.

Shaykh Imad has studied many classical books in the Shariah sciences and has received ijaaza or permission to teach in these sciences as well as chains of transmissions that trace back to Holy Prophet Muhammed (PBUH). He has started dawah programs around the world. Currently he is writing an Encyclopoedia of Fiqh that will address many modern issues and problems faced all over the world.

During his stay in Sri Lanka he visited many places in Colombo and other parts of the country. He delivered lectures, Kuthba sermons, had consultations and Q & A sessions and participated in many functions organized by Muslim associations.

*Shaykh Imad speaking at the Marine Grand*



**The program of activities included the following;**

- 15<sup>th</sup> January - Colombo Ladies Zaviya
- 18<sup>th</sup> January - at Nawala Jumma Mosque
- 20<sup>th</sup> January - Zikhr Halara Majlis, Colombo
- 21<sup>st</sup> January - Dinner Meeting at Marine Grand,
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January - All Ceylon Moor Ladies Union  
Fathima Girls Centre
- 24<sup>th</sup> January - Colombo Ladies Zaviya
- 25<sup>th</sup> January - Sermon at Dewatagaha Mosque
- 26<sup>th</sup> January - Visit to Weligama  
- Galle Muslim Cultural Association  
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- 28<sup>th</sup> January - Young Muslim Women's League
- 01<sup>st</sup> February - Sermon at Bagatalle Mosque
- 03<sup>rd</sup> February - Beruwela Meelad Celebrations
- 04<sup>th</sup> February - Colombo Ladies Zaviya
- 07<sup>th</sup> February - Colombo Ladies Zaviya
- 08<sup>th</sup> February - Attended Jumma at Maradana Mosque
- 09<sup>th</sup> February - Muslim Ladies Study Circle  
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Maligawatte
- 10<sup>th</sup> February - Colombo Ladies Zaviya
- 11<sup>th</sup> February - Public Lecture, Marine Grand
- 12<sup>th</sup> February - Visit to Aluthgama

The meetings were well attended and the lectures were well received and appreciated. A special feature was the increasing demand for Question and Answer sessions where a number of current issues were discussed.

***Things that benefit a person AFTER death are pious children who pray for their parents, his/her knowledge which is still useful to others and his/her charity which continues to benefit the needy***  
- sayings of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)



Shaykh Imad at ladies Zaviya



Shaykh Imad at Galle Muslim Cultural Assn.

**OUR ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

- Maintenance of the Hiflul Quran Madrasa at Jiffriya Thackkiya, Galle
- Monthly support to the Qamariya Madrasa at Eravur
- Awareness and Sharing Knowledge with eminent ulemas and lecturers for ladies and youth – conducted fortnightly in Kaluwella, Gintota, Fort and Dangedera
- Regular lectures in English conducted in Colombo



## MEELAD CELEBRATIONS

This year our association held the Meelad celebrations in Maligawatte -a densely populated area with poor and low income Muslim families. Celebrations were held at the Islamic Centre with the recital of Mowlood, bayans delivered in Sinhala and Tamil and distribution of 500 packets of rice to the poor. Shaykh Imadudeen and Khalifathul Shazuli Abdul Hamid Bahji participated.

### CELEBRATING PROPHET MUHAMMED'S (PBUH) BIRTHDAY IN THE EAST

Meelad celebrations were held in three places in the East through the support received from Br. Hanif Yusuf - at Masjithul Rasool and Hiluriya Cultural Centre in Kattankudy and Rahmath Jummah Mosque, Oddamavady. Mowlood was recited in all the places. Our association has been able to revive these activities in the East and this has been well appreciated by the Muslims living in the area. It was observed that there was greater enthusiasm and participation and more organizations/mosques seeking support.



Mowlood recital at Hiluriya Cultural Centre, Kattankudy



Distribution of food parcels at Hiluriya Cultural Centre, Kattankudy



Mowlood recital at Masjithul Rasool, Iran village, Kankeyanodai, Kattankudy



Large gathering at distribution of food at Masjithul Rasool, Iran Village, Kankeyanodai, Kattankudy

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