

**BISMILLAAHIR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM**

**THE MAKTAB PROJECT-  
THE BULWARK OF IMAAN**

***“O PEOPLE OF IMAAN! IF YOU HELP (THE DEEN OF ALLAH), HE WILL HELP YOU (AGAINST YOUR ENEMIES), AND HE WILL PLANT YOUR FIRM FIRMLY.***

(MUHAMMAD, AAYAT 7)

***IF ALLAH HELPS YOU, THERE IS NONE TO DEFEAT YOU, AND IF HE DISCARDS YOU, THEN WHO IS THERE TO HELP YOU BESIDES HIM?***

(AAL-E-IMRAAN, AAYAT 160)

During the British occupation of India, which was prior to India splitting up into three states (India, Pakistan and Bangladesh), Hadhrat Shaikhul Hind Maulana Mahmudul Hasan, Hadhrat Maulana Husain Ahmad Madani and other Ulama, were exiled and imprisoned on the island of Malta for several years for their participation in Jihad activities to oust the British invaders from the Indian sub-continent.

After being released, in one of his first speeches to the masses of India, Hadhrat Shaikhul Hind (rahmatullah alayh) said that the only way for the perpetuation of Islam in the Indian sub-continent, was to establish a Maktab in every village. There should be no village without a Maktab to impart the basic Waajib quota of Deeni Ta'leem. Minus this fundamental requisite for the safety of Imaan, Islam will fade away. In fact, this lamentable fate has overtaken numerous villages in India. Entire villages have abandoned Islam. This irtidaad problem is not confined to India. Africa has always been the target for kuffaar missionaries. Former Muslim majority countries have been reduced to majority Christian states. Besides open irtidaad (reneging from Islam), the vast majority of Muslims, lacking in Islamic knowledge and exposed to the immoral and kufr ethos which accompanies secular education, has also turned its back on Islam. They are Muslim in name, hence it can be seen that Muslims in all countries, the vast majority, are vehemently anti-Shariah.

When children grow up without even the basic Maktab Ta'leem, and then are exposed to the satanic forces of westernism, secularism and kufr, there is nothing to prevent them from turning against the Deen. They view the Deen as an obstacle for achieving worldly goals. They are entirely ignorant of the purpose of life and of the Goal of the Aakhirah. There are millions and millions of Muslim children in villages all over the Muslim World, who are totally deprived of even the basic knowledge of Imaan, Tahaarat, Salaat and reciting the Qur'aan Shareef. Coupled to ignorance is poverty and squalor. Further aggravating this massive problem is the anti-Islam attitude of all the governments holding sway in the Muslim lands. Since they all are surrogates and supports of the West, they create obstacles for Islamic education and view the Maktab with disfavour and disdain. Operating in this lamentable scenario are the kuffaar missionaries and other anti-Islamic satanic forces who are everlastingly scheming to eliminate Islam. The need to support the Maktab Project is therefore Waajib – of imperative importance.

By the fadhl of Allah Ta'ala, the Mujlisul Ulama of S.A. has been actively engaged in establishing and supervising Maktab in several countries. Alhamdulillah, several thousand Makaateeb have been established, and since the inception of this Project more than 15 years

ago, several hundred thousand children have passed out with a solid Imaani grounding which will, Insha'Allah, protect their Imaan in the world of secularism and kufr into which they invariably have to plunge. The cost of operating a Maktab is approximately R10,000 a year, which amount is the meagre wage for an Ustaadh (teacher). Today there is no better act of Thawaab-e-Jaariyyah (Perpetual Reward – on going reward even after death) than the Maktab Project.

Allah Ta'ala has favoured the Muslim community with considerable wealth. Instead of constructively spending the wealth to gain Allah's Pleasure and to establish their abode in Jannat, Muslims are squandering huge sums of money in wasteful and even haraam avenues totally oblivious of the heart-breaking plight of the Ummah in other lands. Ignorance and poverty bring about huge suffering, but most affluent Muslims remain untouched, failing miserably to understand the hardships of their brethren. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "The Muslimoon are like a single person. If the eye pains, the whole body pains. If the head pains, the whole body pains." Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) conveyed to us in this and similar other Ahaadith that the problems of the Muslimeen in the east are the problems of the Ummah in the West as well.

It is the Waajib obligation of all Muslims, especially those whom Allah Ta'ala has favoured with wealth, to assist this vital and indispensable Maktab Project. It is an on-going Project. It is an Project that requires constant expansion. It is a Project which should not be remembered only during the month of Ramadhaan. Just as one is concerned with all affairs throughout the year, so too is the demand of the Maktab Project. It requires your constant attention.

The Maktab Project does not erect structures. It restricts the effort to setting up a Maktab in any existing structure which may be a local Musjid, a hut provided by someone, and if necessary under a clump of trees. The amount mentioned above is only the annual remuneration for a teacher who teaches up to 90 children. Where the children number more than 90, two Ustaadhs are required.

**We urge you to keep in mind and in your heart the Maktab Project, and to contribute generously for building up your capital in the Hereafter. This is about the best Thawaab-e-Jaariyyah project.**

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