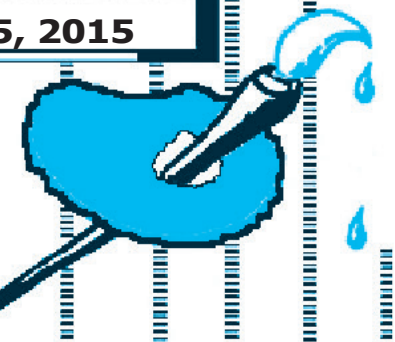


Children's Corner



Heartiest Congratulations

Salaam dear young friends and heartiest congratulations to you all. First of all we felicitate you on agreement concluded in Vienna between Iran and the 6 world powers, recognizing the right of the Islamic Republic in keeping intact its peaceful nuclear programme. Although one may differ with the final text of the accord, since we are confident that with more firmness the Iranian negotiators could have averted some of the clauses that appear humiliating, nonetheless it was a victory for Iran.

Well, we are awaiting the reappearance of the Promised Saviour of mankind, and we are not afraid of the stratagems of the Great Satan, that is, the US.

Prophet Muhammad's (SAWA) 12th and Last Infallible Heir will surely come and establish the global government of peace, prosperity and justice, which means there won't be any nuclear-armed warmongering regimes to terrorize humanity, like the US and the illegal Zionist entity. In the meantime, we as followers of the Ahl al-Bayt should earnestly strive to make Islam triumphant, whether in the fields of science and technology such as nuclear energy, or in the political arenas, where we should firmly support the oppressed people of Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Bahrain, and elsewhere, against the state terrorism of Uncle Sam, the illegal Zionist entity, reactionary Arab regimes, and of course, non-state terrorists, like the dastardly Takfiris.

Well friends, we are on the threshold of Eid al-Fitr. May God accept your fasting, prayers, supplications, recitation of the holy Qur'an, and all other acts of worship, including your contributions to charities and educational tips to fellow students!

The Eid is probably on Saturday, July 19. It all depends on the sighting of the crescent, and of course, the Will of God Almighty on Whose Wise injunctions we lead life as Muslims, whether we fast, eat, study, work, play, travel, socialize, and engage in all other lawful and legal activities.

The Eid is a time of reflection. We start the day by giving the Zakat-e Fitr money to the have-nots of the society before offering the congregational prayer, and then exchanging visits with family members and friends.

We in the Islamic Republic of Iran and in countries where peace prevails, should consider ourselves fortunate to have spent Ramadhan and now celebrating Eid in a calm atmosphere, while in our immediate neighbourhood, Muslims are being uprooted from their homes and hearths, terrorized, traumatized, killed, mutilated, and their organs savagely tore from their bodies and eaten raw by cannibals on the payroll of the US, Israel, and certain reactionary Arab regimes.

In Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Myanmar and other places, peaceful Muslims are targeted by terrorists in mosques, husseiniyeh and homes. This is the height of hypocrisy by those who call themselves Muslims but worship at the altar of devils in human form such as the Crusaders, the Zionists, and the Salafis.

On the eve of the auspicious Eid, let us ponder over the words and phrases of a supplication for the farewell of blessed Ramadhan:

"O Allah, I beseech You by the greatest of Your noble Names by which any of Your creatures has besought You, and with their beautiful praises and choicest of supplications, to bless Muhammad and the Progeny of Muhammad, and to make this month the best Ramadhan that has passed for us since You have sent us into the world in its blessedness with regard to the safety of my faith, the deliverance of my soul, the fulfillment of my needs..."



Imam Ja'far Sadeq (AS) at the end of a lengthy supplication in the Divine Court at the end of blessed Ramadhan:

"All praise belongs to Allah, who assisted us to observe the fasting of this month and maintenance of prayers during it, and enabled me to reach the last of its nights!"

JOKES

A Nobel Prize winning mathematician is traveling from university to university on a speaking tour by limousine. After several engagements the mathematician and his driver are having dinner and the driver says "I've heard your speech so many times I think I could give it word-for-word."

The mathematician accepts the challenge and they switch places for the next speech; the driver dresses like the professor and the professor dresses as the driver and sits in the back of the auditorium.

The driver gives the speech flawlessly and opens up the floor for question, usually there are none. But one of the students at the university has a very large ego and decides to attempt to stump the Nobel Prize winner.

After the student asks his question for ten straight minutes the driver laughs and says "That question is so simple I'll let my driver in the back answer it."

An old couple is sitting on their couch and the woman asks her husband "If I die will you get married again."

The husband replies "Well I don't want to be lonely... So yes."

His wife shoots him a dirty look and says "Will you live in our house?"

The husband replies "Well it's already paid off... So yes."

His wife is extremely mad at this point. She asks him "Will she use my golf clubs?!"

The husband replies "Oh no... She's left handed."



The man who got trapped in an island

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island.

He prayed fervently to Allah to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and to store his few possessions.

But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.

"Allah, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him.

"How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because Allah is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground--it just may be a smoke signal that summons The Grace of Allah.



Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too!

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