



**Newsletter**

**Rajab 1455/January 2024**

# AMIR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Brothers & Sisters

May Peace and Blessings of Allah SWT be upon all of you. At a time where Palestinians are battling for their lives, peace is indeed a blessing which we, in Mauritius, tend to overlook.

This edition of SIM newsletter brings to you past events undertaken by the various departments of SIM since mid-2023. You will be able to learn about SIM activities towards targeted groups on various themes encompassing Islam, education, leadership and youth development, as well as national and international issues. I wish you a happy reading and reiterate my appeal to you to join hands with SIM so that we can better further our endeavours. Visit our website for more info ([simoi.org](http://simoi.org)).

My message to you this time relates to being emotionally intelligent in all aspects of your life and how this can make you very successful in your family life, your work and your *Deen*. It is all about understanding yourself and others and channelling the positive vibes to reach a positive response. There are several examples of such a behaviour by our beloved prophet SAW. I suggest you read the following book which will *insha* Allah transform your life and positively impact the life of those people with whom you interact daily. "With the heart in mind: The moral and emotional intelligence of the prophet (S)" by Mikaeel Ahmed Smith.

Year 2024 will be a very busy year for us at SIM where we plan to bring more international experts in the field of leadership and parenting/marital relationship in order to build a robust structure to counteract social issues impacting our society. We are also restructuring our organization which aspires to work as an Islamic movement. We also have many people who have joined our organization and it will be essential that we impart our SIM values to them in an induction programme. We are looking forward to the new executive team who will lead us forward after SIM election due in March 2024. May Allah ease our tasks and keep us committed to His *daawa*.

I wish to thank all of you, especially the *shura* team, the HoDs SIM, the staff of SIM, the people who voluntarily are giving their time on a regular basis for our regular activities to run smoothly, the well-wishers and sponsors of SIM, the "behind the scene" people who give their life for SIM *daawa* for Allah's sake and never ask for favours or rewards. May Allah bless you all. Ameen.

**Dr Yaasir Ozeer**

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# EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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## Quranic Arabic:

### QA Fun Day Outing

On 16th July 2023, Quranic Arabic teachers and students took a mid-winter day break to enjoy themselves at La Prairie Public beach. At least 100 participants from all corners of Mauritius responded favorably to the invitation. Amidst the lush greenery of the garden which overlooked the turquoise waters, Br. Abtaheebh, a QA teacher, had made sure there was no dilly-dallying amongst the participants that day.

After the opening speech, without much further ado, the organising team kicked start the day with an ice breaking session followed by some funny games like the never-going-down mop sticks. In a bid of instilling a bit of seriousness, some activities were concocted with the aim of consolidating the basic concepts of Quranic Arabic.

The success of the outdoor program could be gauged by the laughter and eagerness of the students whilst participating in the different games.

Furthermore, the new brotherhood and sisterhood connection stretched over and beyond the common lunch meal. Alhamdulillah these happy moments have been captured through the lenses of one of our brother's camera and made into a video.

May Allah accept our endeavours.

Link for video: <https://youtu.be/imrZGOhy8no>



## **Cérémonie de Remise de Certificats**

La Société Islamique de Maurice (SIM) a organisé une cérémonie de remise de certificats pour les étudiants qui ont complété les niveaux 1 et 2 du cours de « Quranic Arabic », le dimanche 19 novembre 2023 à l'Auditorium Octave Wiehe, Réduit. La cérémonie s'est déroulée en présence de l'honorable Mme Leela Devi Dookun, GCSK, Vice-Premier ministre et Ministre de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Science et de la Technologie, l'honorable Anwar Husnoo, Vice-Premier ministre et Ministre des Collectivités locales et de la Gestion des catastrophes, et l'honorable Mme Fazila Jeewa Daureeawoo, Ministre de la Sécurité sociale et de la Solidarité nationale. Environ 400 personnes, dont des étudiants et leur famille ont répondu à notre invitation.

Le cours d'arabe coranique a débuté en 2005 avec une classe, à l'Institute of Islamic Education and Training (IJET) à Moka. Aujourd'hui, le cours se déroule dans sept lieux différents, répartis à travers l'île. A ce jour, plus de 2 000 étudiants, tout âge confondu, ont complété le niveau 1 du cours. Chaque année, environ 150 étudiants sont inscrits au niveau 1 et 75 au niveau 2. SIM propose désormais de développer des niveaux 3 et 4. qui comprendront l'explication thématique du Saint Coran.

La cérémonie, qui a débuté à 9h30, comprenait, mise à part la remise des certificats, un jeu de rôle par des étudiants sur l'importance de comprendre le message du Coran, une initiation à l'arabe coranique et plusieurs témoignages.

SIM remercie tous ces enseignants bénévoles qui de semaine en semaine consacrent leur temps à enseigner le dernier livre révélé de Dieu à l'humanité.

La campagne pour l'admission de 2024 a déjà débuté. Les cours seront dispensés aux endroits suivants : Madrassah Ruknuddin à Port Louis, Collège Hamilton à Mahebourg, Collège Doha à Curepipe, Centre Sir A.R Mohamed à Phoenix, Collège Islamic à Belle Rose, Masjid Muttaqi à Plaine des Papayes et Masjid Ar-Rahmat à Flacq

La cérémonie a aussi été l'occasion pour SIM de revenir sur ses 50 ans de contribution à la société. Créée en 1971, la SIM est devenue l'une des organisations principales dans le domaine de la Da'wah, de l'éducation et du développement de la jeunesse.



## **Collaborative Growth and Nurturing Excellence - Reflecting on the Quranic Arabic Course - Team Building Exercise at the Ory View Complex.**

*“If anyone travels on a road in search of knowledge, Allah will cause him to travel on one of the roads of Paradise. The angels will lower their wings in their great pleasure with one who seeks knowledge”*

On Saturday morning, January 6, 2024, with enthusiasm and a commitment to continuous improvement, the dedicated Quranic Arabic (QA) teachers and support staff gathered for a purposeful and engaging half-day team-building exercise aimed at reflecting on the successes and challenges of the QA course in the year 2023. The event, held at Ory View Complex, Moka, was also an opportunity to strengthen interpersonal relationships as well as to foster a collaborative environment with a meticulous structure and emphasis on three main themes: identifying aspects to be maintained, areas that required review, and discussing new changes to be implemented in the Quranic Arabic course.

### **Theme 1: What is to be Maintained**

The day commenced with a celebration of achievements and strengths observed during the past academic year. Teachers and support staff engaged in heartening discussions, in different groups, sharing insights on effective teaching methodologies and positive aspects of the course structure and elements. This session provided a foundation for understanding the elements that contributed to the success of the course, accentuating the importance of preserving these aspects in future iterations

### **Theme 2: What Should be Reviewed**

The second theme delved into critical reflections on the QURANIC ARABIC course.

The heart of the team-building exercise lay in an open and constructive dialogue about areas that required review and improvement within the QA course. Teachers and support staff shared their experiences, challenges, and insights gained throughout the previous year. The group engaged in thoughtful discussions, brainstorming strategies to address identified issues and enhance the overall learning experience. This reflective process and honest exchange laid the groundwork for a comprehensive review, ensuring that our QA course evolves to meet the dynamic needs of both teachers and students.

### **Theme 3: New Changes to be Implemented**

In the spirit of innovation, the team then explored ideas for new changes to be implemented in the upcoming year. Teachers and support staff actively participated in generating fresh perspectives, proposing modern teaching tools, and suggesting updates to course content. This creative exchange fostered an environment of continuous improvement, allowing the team to envision a more animated and effective QA course that aligns with the ever-adapting landscape of the Holy Quran.

The culmination of the team-building exercise saw the compilation of valuable insights, ideas and action plans generated by the different groups of dedicated teachers. The outcomes of this session will be systematically implemented into the QA course for continual improvement, ensuring that the collective wisdom of our team propels us toward an even brighter and more enriching QA experiences and journeys.

As a recompense and deep appreciation of the commitment of our teaching cadre, SIM administration distributed a token gift to all teachers and support staff, a cheers to collective effort and dedication.

As we look ahead to the next QA season, we carry the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to excellence. The success of the QA course is a reflection of our shared dedication towards the propagation of the understanding and wisdom of the Holy Quran, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing the positive changes that will further shape the future QA sessions.

Here's to a year of growth, collaboration, and inspiring journey to and through the Quran!

**“The best among you are those who strive for the betterment of society.”**



*The QA Team*



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## **Family Life Education**

### **Visit of Br Edris Khamissa**

SIM and the Human Welfare League (HWL) organised a one-week joint programme by Br Edris Khamissa from South Africa. Br Edris Khamissa is an educational consultant of International repute. He has also been actively involved in developing Parental Education and Couple Counselling. This visit came at an opportune moment when SIM had embarked since 2021 on a Parenting programme.

The programme started on the 28 November and was concluded on 2 December 2023.

The major programmes were as follows:

#### **Training Course for Educators**

A Training Course for some 65 Educators held at the Doha Secondary School.

Most Muslim Colleges sent some of their Educators to this programme.

Major Take away from this course are as follows:

- 1- Academic success is not a predictor of real success.
- 2- A Teacher is not a sage on a stage but a guide on the side
- 3- How do students learn?
  - 5% by lecture method
  - 20% by Audio Visual presentation
  - 30% by group demonstration
  - 50% by group discussion
  - 75% by doing it
  - 90% by teaching it to others
- 4-The 7 great attributes of teachers are as follows:
  - 1-They are creative- Our Nabi (saw) was a very creative person
  - 2-Make relevant lessons
  - 3-They connect with each learner
  - 4-They are fair
  - 5-They provide Holistic Education
  - 6-They have a sense of Humour
  - 7-They develop the students' potential by making them ask the right question



### **Meeting with representatives of Muslims Schools**

A meeting was held with school administrators of five colleges. The purpose of this meeting was to explore the possibility of forming an Association of Muslim Schools. Br E Khamissa who is one of the founders of the AMS South Africa, explained the benefits of such a venture. All those present agreed to the launch of such a noble association which will bring a lot of experience sharing and networking with similar bodies in the UK and South Africa.

### **Conference on Challenges of Parenting and Why marriage fails?**

Two conferences were also organised 1- at the Sir A Razack Mohamed sub Hall and a second one at the Rabita Hall.

### **Parenting Programme and Marital Counselling**

As far as our Parenting programme and Marital Relations are concerned, our members had the opportunity to have a good meeting with Br Khamissa and a roadmap was developed on the way forward. The two workshops also attracted a good number of participants and most agreed to join one of the two groups to develop their own potential and eventually to spearhead the project of Parental Education and Marital Counselling.





Given the success of this programme, SIM, the HWL and the Doha Secondary School Administration agreed to jointly organise a two-week programme in 2024 insha Allah. In the meantime, SIM will insha Allah receive the support of Br Khamissa to organise regular online programme on Parenting and Marital Relations.



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



## YOUNG MUSLIMAH

### Empowering Youth: An Unforgettable Experience at the Girls Youth Camp in Anse La Raie

From the 11th to the 13th of December, an enriching girls' youth camp was organised at Anse La Raie. This three-day event was filled with a wide range of activities, fostering personal growth, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of important values. The camp provided an unforgettable experience for the participants, with activities such as treasure hunts, cooking competitions, kayaking, paddle boarding, dragon boating, cycling, and various land-based activities. However, it was the inclusion of *seerah* and fire camp that truly made a lasting impact on the youth.

The girls youth camp at Anse La Raie offered an array of activities that catered to different interests and abilities. The treasure hunt challenged participants to work together, solving clues and navigating their way through the campsite. The cooking competition allowed them to showcase their culinary skills while fostering teamwork and creativity. Engaging in water sports like kayaking, paddle boarding, and dragon boating not only provided thrilling experiences but also encouraged teamwork, coordination, and physical fitness. Additionally, cycling and land-based activities promoted a sense of adventure and exploration.



One of the highlights of the camp was the inclusion of *seerah* sessions. These sessions focused on the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), providing the youth with valuable lessons and inspiration. Through interactive discussions, storytelling, and reflection, the participants gained a deeper understanding of the Prophet's character, values, and his impact on society. The *seerah* sessions instilled a sense of empathy, compassion, and moral responsibility among the youth, empowering them to become better individuals and contribute positively to their communities.

The fire camp component of the youth camp aimed to develop essential life skills and foster personal growth. Participants engaged in various team-building activities, problem-solving challenges, and leadership exercises. These activities encouraged the girls to step out of their comfort zones, build self-confidence, and develop resilience. The fire camp sessions equipped them with valuable skills such as effective communication, decision-making, and adaptability, which are crucial for success in both personal and professional spheres.



The girls' youth camp held at Anse La Raie from the 11th to the 13th of December was a transformative experience for all participants. Through a diverse range of activities, including treasure hunts, cooking competitions, water sports, cycling, and land-based activities, the camp fostered teamwork, personal growth, and a sense of adventure.



The inclusion of *seerah* sessions provided valuable insights into the life of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), while the fire camp component ignited confidence and resilience. Overall, the camp left a lasting impact on the youth, empowering them to become well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive difference in their communities.

## Self-Care Session

On 17th September 2023, a remarkable self-care event organised by YMa took place at Ory View complex, providing a platform for girls to prioritize their well-being and gain valuable insights from experts in various fields. This event, held with the aim of promoting self-care practices, featured a diverse range of professionals, including podiatrist, psychologists, skin specialists, and more. Let's delve into the highlights of this empowering event.

The self-care event in September 2023 offered an exceptional opportunity for girls to seek advice and consultation from a team of experts. A podiatrist was present to address foot-related concerns, offering guidance on proper foot care and recommending suitable footwear choices. This ensured that attendees gained a comprehensive understanding of maintaining healthy feet.

Moreover, a psychologist was available to provide valuable insights on mental well-being. She engaged in one-on-one consultations, offering guidance on stress management, building resilience, and fostering positive self-esteem. The presence of these professionals emphasized the importance of mental health in the overall self-care journey.

Additionally, skin specialists were on hand to address skincare concerns and provide personalized recommendations. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about effective skincare routines, receive tips on maintaining healthy skin, and gain insights into the latest skincare trends. This holistic approach to self-care ensured that participants left the event equipped with knowledge to enhance their skincare practices.

The self-care event also featured interactive workshops and demonstrations, allowing girls to actively engage in self-care practices. Participants had the chance to learn various relaxation and healing techniques, such as acupuncture and *hijama*, to promote mental and physical well-being. These workshops provided practical tools that attendees could incorporate into their daily routines.

Furthermore, the event showcased demonstrations on self-care practices, including DIY skincare routines and tips for maintaining healthy nails. These hands-on sessions empowered girls to take charge of their self-care journey and encouraged them to explore new ways of nurturing themselves.

Besides, girls participated in the breast cancer awareness program talk delivered by *Cercle des Dames Mourides*. They had the opportunity to receive free medical consultations during the self-care session. This initiative aimed to promote awareness and provide necessary healthcare support to empower individuals in their journey towards breast cancer prevention and self-care.

The September 2023 self-care event was a resounding success, providing girls with a platform to prioritize their well-being and gain valuable insights from experts in various fields. The presence of podiatrist, psychologist, skin specialists, and other professionals ensured that attendees received comprehensive guidance and consultation. Through interactive workshops and demonstrations, participants were equipped with practical tools to incorporate self-care practices into their daily lives. This event served as a reminder of the importance of self-care and empowered girls to prioritize their well-being in a holistic manner.



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## TEENS CLUB 2023

*Alhamdulillah* our Teens Club has been able to cover a wide range of activities again this year. We started with a basic session on Electric and Safety. Each month, we tried to focus on activities aiming at self-development and social skills. Our participants were very motivated and dynamic. We had many interactive sessions, namely for our topic on Challenges facing the youngsters where we got the opportunity to learn so much from the group presentations on different challenges faced by our children among their peers. This session also helped the participants to develop their communication n public speaking skills.

Our participants were encouraged to get in touch with nature through basic planting skills and encouraged to start their own small gardens.

Our participants are also embarking on role play skills and *Alhamdulillah* we had a small group who even participated in a short play during our monthly *Tarbiyyah*.

We had 2 beautiful outings during the year. *Alhamdulillah*, we brought the participants to an Artistic exhibition at the House of Digital Art in Port Louis and to a horse riding session in Bel Ombre in order to promote a sport practiced by our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). We also introduced some basic skills of archery to our participants.

Last but not least, I would like to express our thanks to our young participants of Teens Club who offered all their support during the organisation of our annual Food Day at SIM in November. We are very proud of them. May Allah bless them on this right path n protect our children always.

Our Teens Club activities will resume *In Shaa Allah* in February 2024. Till then, big thanks to all our team.





This year SIM Kids Club has been very busy. 11 sessions have been conducted. In the first session, the kids were able to know each other well through an ice breaking game. During Ramadan, they worked on a good deed tree and a hand dua book. After Ramadan eventually an Eid Celebration was organized where the children exchanged their gifts. The fourth session was linked with the world environment day and the theme was composting. Kids were sensitized on how to use a composting bin to throw away trash instead of the usual way which causes pollution. Zul Hijjah approached and the kids were able to learn about Hajj. A role play was organized which helped kids to better put themselves in the shoes of hajjees.

Without an outdoor activity, it wouldn't have been so much fun. Therefore, SIM Kids Club organized a visit to the Camp Diable Home where the kids had the opportunity to meet the elderly and develop compassion. Quiz and games were at the menu together with the residents. It was such a beautiful day that it was difficult to bid farewell. Next session was on Cooking. An activity where all the kids looked forward. They prepared delicious cakes such as Pancakes, Mini Pizzas and Tiramisu. The eighth session was on the topic of friendship, and the friendship between Abu Bakr (r.a) and prophet Muhammad (s.a.w) was chosen. Storytelling was the approach used towards the kids. In October, there was no session since kids were in exams mood. To get the kids to relax after their third trimester exams, a family fun day was held at Pamplemousses Garden. Kids participated in various activities such as relay race, scavenger hunt and many more. There were even games for parents. The day ended with rewarding all participants with medals. Given the war in Palestine and the fact that it was important for kids to understand what was happening and how to react to it, a session was improvised. It was a moment of solidarity with the people of Palestine. The last session was a very light session and consisted mainly of games while in parallel, a meeting was held with the parents to get their feedback on how the whole year has been. Refreshments were also served for the whole family of SIM kids club.

SIM Kids Club wishes to thank all teachers, supporting staff, parents and kids for this very fruitful year.

Next year SIM Kids Club will start in Feb 2024 inshallah. STAY TUNED!!!

## SIM Kids Club 2023 Journey

<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
Registration and welcoming	Ramadan	Eid celebration
		
<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
The Environment -Composting	Zul Hijjah	Camp Diable Islamic Home Visit
		
<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	
Healthy Eating (Cooking)	Friendship (Abu Bakr RA as role model)	
		
<b>November</b>	<b>November</b>	
Family Fun Day (Pamplemousses Garden)	Solidarity with Palestine	
		

# ORY VIEW EVENT

## The annual 'Food and Fun day' at Ory View: A heartfelt gathering

SIM hosted Food and Fun day on 26<sup>th</sup> November at Ory View with much more enthusiasm this year. Having Palestine at heart, 25 percent of the profit gained was donated for the noble cause – supporting our brothers and sisters in Palestine. Hence, the event was orchestrated with a purpose beyond mere enjoyment.

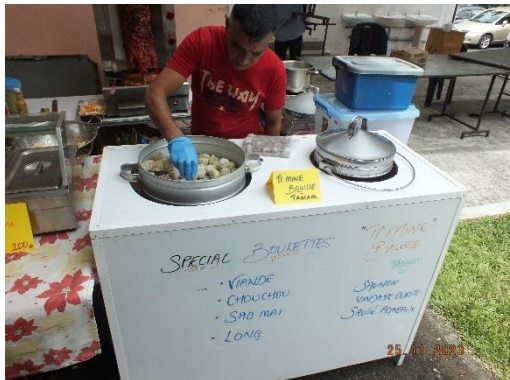
At the heart of the event, the array of dishes: biryani, lamb korma, grilled chicken, noodles, Indian cuisine by the dhaaba, wagyu burgers, fruit salads, several desserts accompanied with refreshing coconut water and mouthwatering faloudas ..among so many others - some sponsored and sold by WIM and YMA members while others were brought by experienced chefs; left the attendees with not only satisfied taste buds but also cherished memories. Not to forget that the YMA's bake sale; with their slogan 'free Palestine with every bite', was wholly donated to the cause.

Family-centric activities were also available for all age group. As youngsters engaged themselves in virtual games, the famous escape room, face painting and enjoying the bouncing castle or simply applying mehendi; the adults could satisfy their shopping spree, as there were also stalls showcasing diverse products: bags, outfits for both men and women, shoes, printed Palestine tshirts/caps/mugs etc. The bookworms were also delighted by the presence of the SIM bookshop. Needless to mention about the networking and fostering connections which were on the menu as people from different backgrounds came together, breaking bread and building lasting relationships, thus strengthening the social fabric of the Islamic community.

The food and fun day stood as a shining example of celebration of unity, culture and community. SIM extends its heartfelt thanks to all those who have directly or indirectly helped in making this event a huge success.

Till next year, Insha Allah..





# MASJID GHULAM JILANI SOOBIAH (REDUIT MOSQUE)

## Kids' Day Adventure at G.J. Soobiah (Redit) Masjid: A Vibrant Day

On the 3rd December 2023 G.J. Soobiah Masjid, or simply Masjid Réduit as many call it, rolled out its red carpet for 5 to 17 years old kids. The latter embarked on a thrilling journey by being entertained, discovering their hidden skills through a panoply of indoor activities, while learning Islamic principles such as brotherhood and team spirit, as well as the values and teachings that make the mosque a special place for everyone.

The participants did not regret to have braved the weather to step into a world of excitement and laughter created by volunteers. Teams of colours characterizing the Palestinian flag were designated. The mosque was magically transformed into a wonderland park packed with children beaming with joy as they were initiated to archery, enjoying the bouncing castle and face painting or playing golf, darts, bowling, football, penalty and basketball shoots, colouring, and the most cherished tug of war...among so many others. The friendly competition took a serious apex when the teams worked hard for their medals and tote bags.

As the cheers echoed through the mosque while the kids enjoyed themselves, it was clear that the event was not only about fun games but the lasting memories that it would leave in those young hearts who made the mosque so vibrant. A big bravo to all participants. Eventually as in all competitions, there must be a winner - the Black team was proudly rewarded. The president of the mosque thanks all those who contributed to make the kids' day a success. Insha Allah the event will help in creating a sense of belonging towards Masjid, a safe space for the kids to turn to.



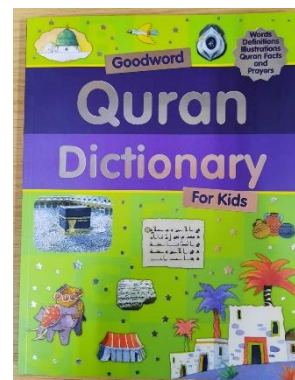
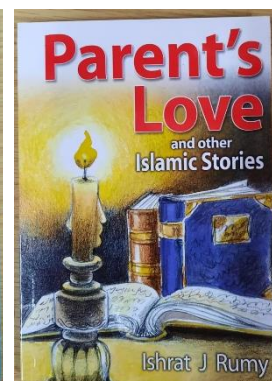
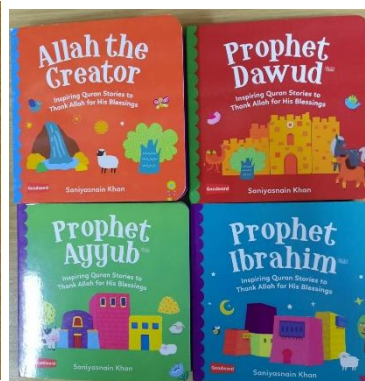
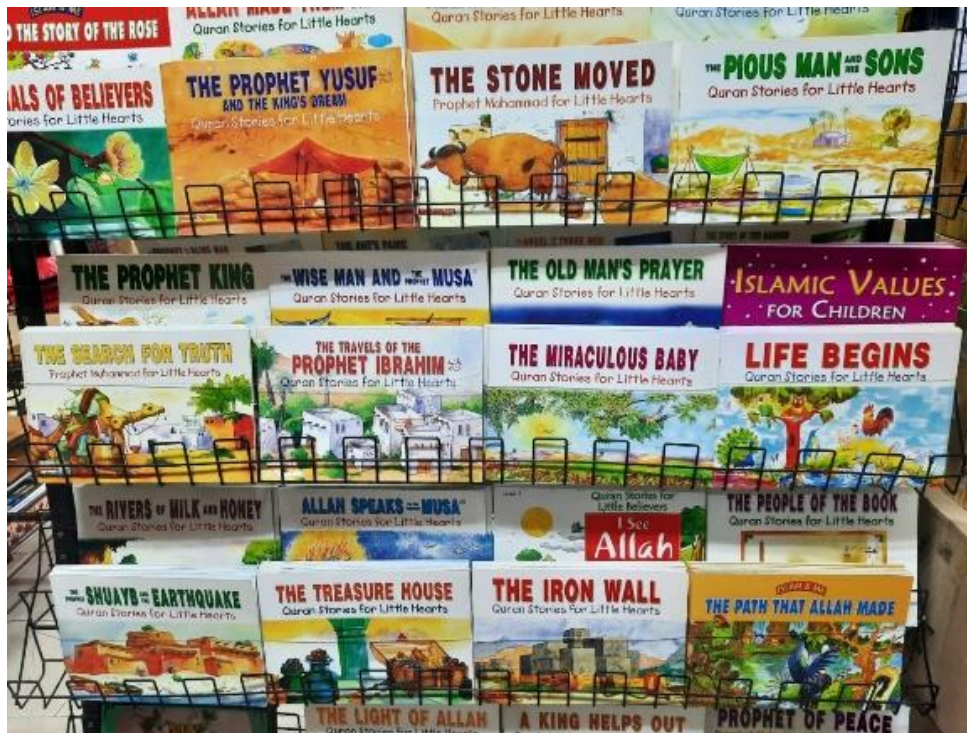


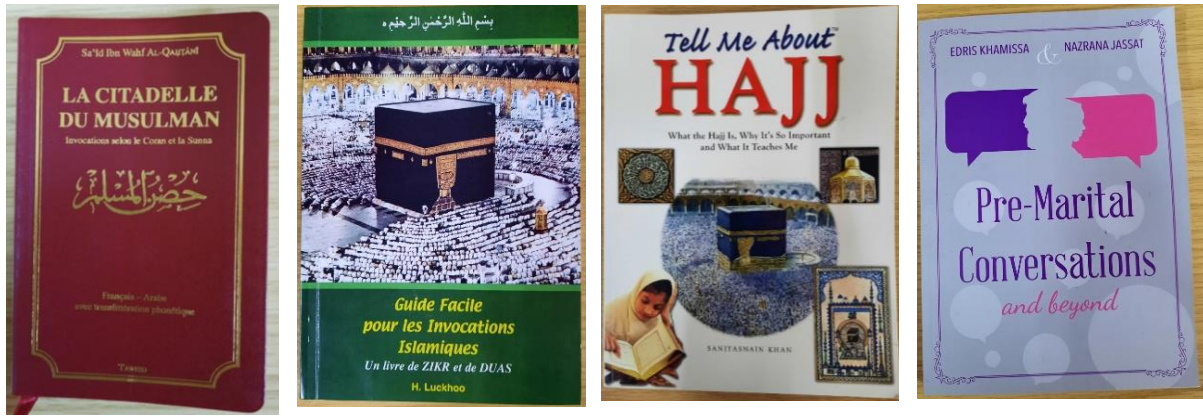
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# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## AL AQSA

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6 April 2023

### COMMUNIQUE FROM SIM – RAID ON AL AQSA MOSQUE

We are dejected. Each year it is the same thing. The Israeli Bully unashamedly barges into Al Aqsa Mosque and unleashes its venom on the innocent worshippers present there. The World stands and watches. Maybe yet another ineffective UN resolution will be voted or a meek protest or a soft lip condemnation will be heard here and there? Who will muster enough courage to denounce such aggression? Who will muster enough courage to stop the arrogant Zionist occupiers? Who has got enough humanity in him to take action? Will the world superpowers take bold and strong sanctions against Israel or is their hatred of Islam so much, that they prefer to turn a blind eye on the happenings?

As part of the Muslim *Ummah*\* we can only do our duty of praying for our Palestinian elders, sisters, brothers and kids from the evil of the oppressors who are suffocating them out of their homeland, for the martyrs, who year in year out fall under the brutal firepower of the Israeli Army.

Batons and Rubber Bullets also kill and maim.

**Statement of Condemnation from Société Islamique des Mascareignes et de l'Océan Indien, SIMOI**

*\*the Muslim community throughout the world*

### ***Le même communiqué en version Française***

### COMMUNIQUE DE SIM – RAID SUR LA MOSQUEE AL AQSA

Nous sommes dépités. Chaque année, c'est la même chose. La Brute israélienne fait irruption sans vergogne dans la mosquée Al Aqsa et déchaîne son venin sur les fidèles innocents qui y sont présents. Le monde ne fait que se lever et regarder. Peut-être qu'une autre résolution inefficace de l'ONU sera votée ou qu'une molle protestation ou une amorphe condamnation se feront entendre ici et là ? Qui trouvera assez de courage pour dénoncer une telle agression ? Qui rassemblera assez de courage pour arrêter les arrogants occupants sionistes ? Qui aura assez d'humanité en lui pour agir ? Les superpuissances mondiales prendront-elles des sanctions audacieuses et sévères contre Israël ou leur haine de l'islam est-elle si forte qu'elles préféreront fermer les yeux sur les événements ?

En tant que membre de la Oummah musulmane\*, nous ne pouvons que faire notre devoir de prier pour nos aînés, nos sœurs, nos frères et nos enfants palestiniens contre le mal des

opresseurs qui les étouffent hors de leur patrie, pour les martyrs qui, année après année, tombent sous la puissance de feu brutale de l'armée israélienne.

Les matraques et les balles en caoutchouc tuent et mutilent également.

**Déclaration de condamnation de la Société Islamique des Mascareignes et de l'Océan Indien, SIMOI**

*\*la communauté musulmane à travers le monde*

## **WAR ON GAZA**

Since the beginning of the War on Gaza, SIM has issued, published on its web site or mailed a number of communications which demonstrates its stand on the issue. These are given below:

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**15 Octobre 2023**

### **Hommage à mon frère de Gaza.**

Déraciné depuis plus de 70 ans, emprisonné depuis 17 ans, je suis Palestinien.

Humilié et persécuté, je crie au secours mais on m'ignore.

Mon bourreau, qui m'a été imposé et qui s'est imposé à coup de semonces et de bombes, de propagandes et de lamentations, se présente en héros ou en victime dépendant de son humeur ou de l'humeur de ses acolytes ou de ses parrains.

Militaire ou colon, arrogant de surcroît, tu profanes mes lieux saints, piétines mes tapis de prières, dévoiles mes sœurs et bastonnes mes enfants.

Tu me soumets à tes caprices et convertis mon pays en labyrinthe, avec tes points de contrôle permanents et autres barrages routiers, doublé d'un régime de permis draconien, soutenu par un système répressif de surveillance

Tes balles en caoutchouc estropient quand elles ne tuent pas.

Tes prisons hébergent sans procès ceux qui se rebellent et enferment sans honte ni regret nos sœurs et nos enfants.

Avec la complicité de ta cour de justice, tu t'évertues à dépouiller mes pairs de leurs demeures.

Las d'être ignoré par le reste du monde, y compris par mes frères qui vendent leur âme pour quelques deniers et pactent avec l'ennemi, je me révolte enfin.

Je me suis mis à transpercer tes murs de l'occupation et enrayer ton dôme de défense.

Surpris par mon audace et mon ingéniosité, tu n'as eu d'autres réflexes que de me faire passer pour un terroriste, moi qui combats pour mon honneur, ma dignité et ma liberté.

J'ai des fléchettes et toi des missiles. Quand je te pique, tu prétextes des douleurs comme si je t'ai éventré.

Puis tu rougis de colère, rugis et déchaînes ton ire sur ma mère et mes enfants.

Tu réduis ma prison en gravats, tu éteins mes lumières et tu me privas de vivres et d'eau.

Et le monde, sauf les Justes, t'applaudit, te soutient et me calomnie.

Et tu crois que je ne vois pas où tu veux en venir. Tu veux m'exterminer comme tu as essayé d'exterminer mes ancêtres.

Si les pseudos puissants de ce monde te cautionnent et te soutiennent, sache que les prières de l'Oumma sont avec moi.

Je ne sais pas ce que l'avenir me réserve. Mais ce que je sais, c'est qu'Allah me voit et m'entend et je me remets à Lui.

Demain je serai peut-être martyr, mais je garde espoir et je sais que d'autres Palestiniens naîtront et un jour tu ne sauras pas où te cacher.

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**5 November 2023**

**Open letter to the United Nations Secretary-General**

Mr António Guterres  
Secretary-General United Nations  
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Via email: [sgcentral@un.org](mailto:sgcentral@un.org)

5 November 2023

Dear Mr Guterres,

We wish to congratulate you on your stand with regards to the Israel-Gaza Genocide.

We hail from a small country where freedom of expression, justice and equity are ingrained in its Constitution and reflected in the attitude and practice of its population.

This letter may not represent the official views of our country but nonetheless as keen observers of world affairs and responsible citizens of the world, we feel that it is our duty to bring the following to your attention.

Israel has a history of noncompliance to UN Resolutions. It is an arrogant nation that refuses to abide by consensual decisions taken by members of the UN.

The UN is supposed to be the body that regulates the affairs of the world to ensure that justice and fairness prevail, that the weak is not trodden upon.

A state conducting itself in such a way that it consistently ignores the views of fellow members, is tantamount to proclaiming that it is superior to all others and stand in no need of advice or checks from others.

Therefore, such a state should have no say in the affairs of the world and should, with immediate effect, be either suspended or expelled from the United Nations.

We humbly request the Secretary-General of this august organisation to forthwith suspend and exclude Israel from all instances of the United Nations and let it be the rogue state that it is, deserving no respect from fellow nations of the world and with no say in the affairs of the world.

Its actions against the Palestinians in general and the population of Gaza in particular in this grave moment where so far more than 3500 children have been slaughtered without any iota of pity or remorse shows a complete lack of humanity and respect for human dignity.

It seems to think that it has a God-given right to unilaterally decide on who to kill and who to spare.

Let the State of Israel know that it is just a Usurper and its arrogance can only lead to its obliteration.

We trust in your righteousness and fair judgement and hope that our humble request will be taken into consideration.

Sincerely yours

Sd: Dr Yaasir Ozeer  
President

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**18 Novembre 2023**

### **Lettre ouverte de SIM sur la Palestine**

Je n'ai plus de mots pour décrire et condamner ce que mes yeux sont en train de témoigner ou pour refouler les larmes qui ont envahi mon coeur.

Les actions de l'armée israélienne et les paroles du cabinet israélien ne laissent aucun doute sur les intentions de l'état sioniste, NAKBA 2.0.

Une heure pour évacuer un hôpital de tous ses occupants y compris enfants prématurés, malades privés depuis des semaines déjà de soins appropriés, enfants et adultes blessés et amputés, civils de tout âge qui ont fui les bombes, sans véhicules, vers un sud qui n'est pas à l'abri d'extermination ! Qui veux-tu berner, O fils de Sion ?

Tu n'arrives pas à prouver tes dires sur tes prétextes pour attaquer Al Shifa. Cherches-tu à avoir le champ libre pour fabriquer tes preuves ?

O toi menteur invétéré !

Attends et j'attendrai avec toi.

Certes, personne n'est au-dessus des lois et personne n'échappera à la justice de Dieu.

**SIM**

*PS. Les prétendus leaders du monde sont rapides quand il s'agit de brandir l'arme du boycott économique pour faire pression sur des pays et des peuples, de l'Iran à la Russie, mais Israël coupable de crimes contre l'humanité, témoigné par les yeux du monde entier ces derniers mois et avant, en est-t-il exempt parce qu'il est leur chouchou ou l'expiation de leurs péchés ou bien pour l'appât d'un gain personnel ?*

*Qu'en est-il des dirigeants du reste du monde ? Se contenteront ils de décrier sans agir ? Attendront-ils qu'il soit trop tard pour réagir ?*

**FREE FREE PALESTINE !**

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## **24 Novembre 2024**

### **Soutien de SIM aux Palestiniens**

Si dénoncer les atrocités de l'armée israélienne fait de moi un antisémite ou un islamiste, je l'assume.

En vérité je ne suis ni l'un ni l'autre.

Mon coeur est déchiré par les cris de ces bébés, les pleurs de ces mères et les larmes de ces hommes qui pleurent parce qu'ils sont dépassés et non pas à cause du sang qui dégouline de leurs membres.

Ont-ils pour autant perdu la foi ? Non ! Pas leur foi en Dieu car pour eux l'aide de Dieu est proche.

Ni leur espoir en l'humanité car ils comptent sur les prières des uns et des autres, sur les efforts de ceux qui essayent.

Je les vois stoïques.

Je vois défiler devant moi le courage et la détermination de ces hommes qui trient sans relâche ces montagnes de décombres à la recherche du moindre écho de vie ou simplement pour donner un linceul digne à ces nombreuses dépouilles innocentes.

Je salue ces personnels de santé qui voient défiler devant eux tant de détresse et qui n'abandonnent personne au risque de se retrouver dans les geôles de l'état israélien.

Bravo à ceux qui ont pu forcer une trêve temporaire.

En acceptant la trêve, tu veux me faire croire à ta bonne foi. Mais tes actions précédant la trêve trahissent tes intentions et confirment ton arrogance.

Qui est otage de qui quand j'entends un directeur d'hôpital arrêté par l'armée israélienne à la veille d'un cessez-le-feu humanitaire ? Qui est otage de qui quand j'apprends que tu as tué au moins 30 personnes en bombardant une école sous contrôle onusien ?

Qui dupes-tu Bibi ?

Comptes-tu sur les 4 jours de trêve à Gaza pour te concentrer sur la Cisjordanie et Jérusalem que toi et tes colons sanguinaires harcèlent impunément ?

Entretiens, mes frères et sœurs de Gaza, je prie qu'Allah descende la « Sakina » dans vos cœurs durant ces jours de trêve.

« C'est Lui qui a fait descendre sa tranquillité dans le cœur des croyants, pour ajouter de la foi à leur foi : les forces des cieux et de la terre appartiennent à Dieu ; Il sait tout et est tout Sage. » (S48 V4)

**SIM**

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## **11 Décembre 2024**

### **Palestine la suite**

Ça y est. Les massacres ont repris à Gaza après 7 jours de trêve. On s'y attendait, n'est-ce pas ?

Ilan Pappé, historien israélien, dans son livre « The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine » (Le nettoyage ethnique de la Palestine) nous dit ceci :

« Le nettoyage ethnique est un effort visant à rendre homogène un pays ethniquement mixte en expulsant un groupe particulier de personnes et en les transformant en réfugiés tout en démolissant les maisons dont ils ont été chassés. Il existe peut-être un plan directeur, mais la plupart des troupes engagées dans le nettoyage ethnique n'ont pas besoin d'ordres directs : elles savent d'avance ce que l'on attend d'elles. Des massacres accompagnent les opérations, mais là où ils se produisent, ils ne font pas partie d'un plan génocidaire : ils constituent une tactique clé pour accélérer la fuite de la population destinée à l'expulsion. Plus tard, les expulsés sont alors effacés de l'histoire officielle et populaire du pays et excisés de la mémoire collective. De la phase de planification à l'exécution finale, ce qui s'est produit en Palestine en 1948 constitue un cas clair, selon ces définitions éclairées et savantes, de nettoyage ethnique. » (Traduit de l'anglais)

Nous n'étions pas témoins des événements de 1948 car nous n'étions pas encore nés.

Nous sommes en 2023. Ce qui se passe à Gaza et en Cisjordanie ressemble étrangement à ce qui est décrit par Pappé, sinon en plus violent, en plus déshumanisant.

On a l'impression qu'à l'ère de la robotique et de l'intelligence artificielle, même le porte-parole de l'armée israélienne au visage inexpressif, rabâche des mots générés par une machine. Il annonce savoir où se trouvent précisément ses cibles. Mais ses missiles et obus



détruisent des centaines de vies innocentes, rien que pour atteindre une personne ou un fictif centre de commandement. Dommages collatéraux ? Ce terme n'est plus d'actualité. La vérité c'est que tu sais pertinemment bien ce que tu es en train de faire : l'extermination d'un peuple devant un parterre de chiots sans dents, protégé par ton pitbull à la robe étoilée. Des bâtiments historiques et des musées, avec leurs manuscrits témoins du glorieux passé de Gaza sont réduits au silence.

Israël dit savoir où se trouvent les hauts gradés du Hamas, mais ne sait pas où les otages sont gardés. Pour se donner bonne conscience, il se dépêchera de blâmer le Hamas si ses compatriotes succombent sous le tir de ses propres armes de destruction massive. Reste-t-il un iota d'humanité dans l'armée israélienne ? Un enfant est tué chaque dix minutes. Que dis-je ? Je vois défiler devant mes yeux des enfants blessés, amputés, estropiés à vie, traumatisés et je suis à court de mots pour décrire ce que je vois à travers des rideaux de larmes. Tant de désolations ! Des grands-pères en pleurs errent parmi les décombres, cherchant leurs petits-enfants. Des enfants fuient les bombes, les yeux hagards, D'autres sont sujets à des tremblements incontrôlables. Des mères s'agrippent à leurs enfants décédés.

S'il y avait un semblant de retenue avant la trêve, désormais c'est « en avant toute ». C'est la bestialité qui déferle sur Gaza. C'est la haine qui déverse son venin. Le Pharaon de l'Oppression et le Pharaon de l'Exode renaissent.

Le Palestinien n'est-t-il devenu pour toi, fils du Sionisme, qu'une statistique ? Quel jeu machiavélique as-tu encore inventé ? Tu le déplaces sur un échiquier de ton invention pour le protéger dis-tu, ou plutôt pour l'exiler sur un bout de terre trop exigüe pour contenir son peuple.

Prochaine étape : Gazer Gaza ?

Extermination en masse ? C'était à prévoir.

De quel syndrome souffres-tu ? La victime qui reproduit les actes de son bourreau ?

Holocauste 2 ! Dieu nous en préserve !

Quid de la Cisjordanie ?

Des tireurs d'élite sévissent. Des enfants sont abattus. Des maisons sont investies par les soldats. Des enfants, des femmes et des hommes sont menacés, emprisonnés et torturés pour des peccadilles ou à cause d'un « like ». Des maisons sont perquisitionnées, saccagées, pilonnées ou rasées. Des rues sont éventrées délibérément, au moyen de bulldozers. Des commerçants sont harcelés. Des colons illégaux s'enhardissent et terrorisent, armés par le gouvernement et protégés par des soldats. Combien de détenus palestiniens tu as libérés contre des otages israéliens pendant la trêve ? Tu t'es dépêché de les remplacer après la trêve et ce, avec des intérêts en plus.

Que la Malédiction de Dieu te frappe ! Que Dieu te réserve la fin que tu mérites ! Quant à moi, je continue de prier et d'invoquer Dieu pour qu'Il bénisse ce peuple admirable de Palestine, pour qu'Il lui réserve une place de choix dans Son paradis. Ameen !

Le Messenger d'Allah (sur lui la paix et le salut) a dit : « Que le cas du croyant est étonnant ! Tout ce qui le concerne est un bien, et cela n'appartient à personne d'autre qu'au croyant : Si un bonheur l'atteint, il se montre reconnaissant et c'est un bien pour lui. Et si un malheur l'atteint, il se montre patient, et c'est un bien pour lui. »

**SIM**

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**7 Janvier 2024**

**Communiqué de presse publié par Star :**

La SIM soutient le GM sud-africain.

La Société Islamique de Maurice, communément connue sous le nom de Société Islamique de Maurice et des Mascareignes (SIM), représentant la communauté musulmane de Maurice et agissant en tant que mouvement de la société civile, exprime par la présente son soutien sans équivoque à la décision du gouvernement sud-africain de renvoyer l'affaire israélienne Gouvernement à la Cour Internationale de Justice. Cette action constitue une réponse aux crimes de guerre commis contre la population innocente à la fois à Gaza et dans les autres territoires palestiniens illégalement occupés.

Le caractère sacré de la vie et l'impératif de protéger les personnes vulnérables de la société, en particulier les femmes et les enfants, sont au cœur des enseignements de toutes les religions, y compris l'Islam. Notre foi commune nous enseigne que la perte d'une vie innocente équivaut à l'extermination de toute l'humanité.

À cela s'ajoute la profanation d'établissements de santé, d'églises et de mosquées, dont certaines remontant à l'époque d'Isa (psl) {Jésus (que la pêche et la bénédiction soient sur lui)}, au vu et au su de la communauté mondiale, est particulièrement sacrilège.

La position audacieuse du gouvernement sud-africain est unique sur la scène mondiale et démontre un soutien inébranlable à la cause palestinienne et, par extension, aux peuples opprimés du monde entier. Cette position est profondément enracinée dans l'histoire même de Maurice qui a surmonté l'asservissement colonial.

La SIM est solidaire du peuple palestinien et soutient les efforts du gouvernement sud-africain pour traduire en justice le génocide en cours perpétré par l'État d'occupation de l'apartheid en Israël sur une plateforme internationale. Nous pensons que de telles actions sont non seulement nécessaires à la justice, mais également essentielles à la recherche de la paix et à la protection de la dignité humaine pour tous.

Nous appelons la communauté internationale à reconnaître, traiter et mettre fin au génocide israélien avec l'urgence et le sérieux que cela nécessite. Il est de notre responsabilité collective de respecter les principes des droits de l'homme et d'œuvrer sans relâche pour un monde où chaque individu peut vivre dans la dignité et sans peur.

Nous soutenons résolument les mesures prises par le gouvernement sud-africain et exhortons toutes les formations confessionnelles et de la société civile à soutenir sans équivoque la position audacieuse et moralement justifiée du gouvernement sud-africain.

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## 13 January 2024

In the context of the **Global Day of Action for Gaza**, SIMOI had planned to do some demonstrations at some 8 different localities in Mauritius (Port Louis, Rose Hill, Quatre Bornes, Phoenix, Vacoas, Curepipe, Bon Accueil and Mahebourg) together with a display of banners around the island.

Unfortunately, due to the risk of heavy rainfall associated with cyclone Belal, the demonstration was cancelled in most places except for Curepipe and Mahebourg. The aim was to hold a picket with no more that 10 persons at each location and for this purpose sets of six placards with different slogans were prepared by Sim Volunteers and briefing held on 10 January 2024 at Ory View. Materials including small banners for the occasion were donated by sponsors.



The demos went well in Curepipe and Mahebourg.



Curepipe



Mahebourg



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## **Bibl Shaheenaz Bheenick**

C'est avec peine que nous avons appris le décès de Sœur Bibl Shaheenaz Bheenick, née Goolamhossen, le lundi 1er janvier 2024 à l'âge de 41 ans. Nous adressons nos condoléances les plus sincères à son époux, ses enfants et ses parents Roshan et Nazilah Goolamhossen. Nous prions qu'Allah lui accorde une place de choix dans son Paradis.