

SILK-E-HAYAAT

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The 12 Umooor



Foreword

“It has always been the wish of Al Dai al Ajal Syedna Aali Qadr Mufaddal Saifuddin ^{TUS} that Mumineen live a pure and wholesome life. To further this lofty vision, he has divided the functions of the Jamaat into 12 Umooor.

In a way, these 12 Umooor resemble a *Silk-e-Hayaat*. The Arabic word Silk is used to describe a string in which pearls have been perfectly enclosed together. This carefully knit together necklace reminds us of how Syedna Aali Qadr Mufaddal Saifuddin ^{TUS} has embedded all aspects of a Mumin’s life within the 12 Umooor. Day by day, Mumineen have shown an increased interest in the intricacies of the 12 Umooor and exploring its opportunities. Thus, the 12 Umooor Team presents this Newsletter – named Silk-e-Hayaat, to provide a platform for such discussions.” ~ **Taikhoom Bhaisaheb Mohiyuddin**

An Address for The Ages

Article by: Murtaza A. Shakir

“**M**umineen ni Jama'at” As a kid, these words were so familiar, that I would pen them down in my tiny little notebook, even before the *Wa'az* had commenced. No *Bayaan* could ever begin before wording this iconic address. Such has been the case for each *Majlis*, not only for as far as memory serves but also reaffirmed by the audio cassettes of Syedna Taher Saifuddin Aqa ^{RA}. One may even argue that this way of address dates as far back as Syedna al-Moaiyyed al-Shirraazi ^{RA} using the Arabic term; “*Ma'sharal Mumineen*”. Since every *Amal* of *Awliyaullah* ^{AS} is laden with *Hikmat*, it posits a vital question. **What is so special about the term “Mumineen ni Jama'at” that its usage has become a fundamental part of every *Khitaab*?**

To answer this question, we must first unravel what the term implies. At a basic level, the word ‘*Jama'at*’ means ‘a group of people gathered for a single purpose.’ This does make sense as Mumineen have indeed gathered for the singular purpose of obtaining *Barakaat* from the *Uloom* of Aale Mohammed^{AS}. The answer seems pretty straightforward then, doesn't it?

The *Wa'az* however, is not the only place the term ‘*Mumineen ni Jama'at*’ extensively appears. The word ‘*Jama'at*’ is also commonly used to refer to a smaller community of Mumineen. For example, Mumineen residing in Los Angeles, California are a part of the Los Angeles *Jama'at*.

Despite its familiar and straightforward connotation today, the word *Jama'at* holds a richer context rooted deep in our history. For centuries, our forefathers have followed a simple pattern: be it a port city, a township, or a minor district, they always settled together. One family attracted another and four families eventually became eight. This organic growth of tightly knit communities across the world represents the very philosophy of the *Jama'at*. Ask them, and our elders might say that the *Jama'at* is the needle that weaves together our social fabric.

This fundamental belief of ‘unity’ or ‘social solidarity’ forms the very bedrock upon which our community has been founded. Imagine: that in the face of difficulty, all our ancestors had to keep standing was the support of a brother's shoulder locked with their own. That in times of



Al-Dai al-Ajal Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin ^(RUS) delivering Ashara Mubarakah Waaz 1439H

Source: www.misbah.info

uncertainty, when the closest *Moallim* was cities away, our ancestors still managed to remain steadfast upon their faith of Moula - through guiding each other. From Saurashtra to Malwa, from Wagadh to Sindh they were exposed to different people, regimes, and cultures and yet they remained true to ‘*Apna panu*’. This unfaltering unity is the true depth upon which the word ‘*Jama'at*’ is grounded.

We stand today on the pedestal of prosperity - painstakingly forged by the weathered hands of those who came before us. Who were the people who we owe so much of our success to? **They were ordinary people; people like you and me.** Yet some devoted the savings of their entire family, to reserve a portion of land for the use of the *Jama'at*. Others devoted their sweat and tears to teach, preach and educate others. **They might have thought of themselves as ordinary, but for people of today - they are revered as heroes of the community.**

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“Under the 12 Umoor, Every Mumin Can become A Khidmat Guzaar”

These are not just remnants of ancient history, nor echoes of a faraway past. **The legends of yore live strong today in the spirit of community and service that we all share.** Even today we work, grow, and live as one. Hundreds of Mumineen dedicate their time, energy, and resources for the ‘*Jama’at*’. This devotion and service is what we proudly refer to as ‘*Khidmat of Moulana*’. **These ideals of camaraderie and brotherhood have not only been passed down to us as inheritance by our forefathers, but have also been inducted in the very fabric of our identity by the Duat Mutleqeen^{RA}.** For centuries, our Mawali Kiraam^{AS} have taught us these principles. From Amirul Mumineen^{AS} carrying water for a widow - to Imam Husain^{AS} breaking off his *Tawaaf* for the sake of a Mumin - our Hudood^{AS} have shaped us in every way to care for each other and achieve success not individually, but as a community. Today, it can undoubtedly be said that these ideals have been etched into our hearts by Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin^{RA}. **Furthering this lofty cause, his successor Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Aqa^{TUS} in his great foresight has accommodated and divided these ideals of community service and Khidmat into 12 Umoor.**



Mumineen performing Khidmat during Ashara Mubarakah 1441H

Source: www.misbah.info



The division of the *Jama’at* into 12 distinct Umoor has drawn opportunities for ‘*Khidmat*’ (community service) noticeably closer than ever before. Every Mumin can contribute towards the betterment of the community – irrespective of age, gender, or background. Senior citizens having mastered their trade and business can now pass on their legacy to newer generations acting as counsellors for **Umoor Iqtisadiyah** (Finance & Business development). Aspiring photographers and bloggers can make a place for themselves under **Umoor Kharejiyah** (External Affairs). Even teenagers having interest in nothing but modern technology, can discover purpose in Umoor Dakheliyah (Internal Affairs). Doctors have their own Umoor. So do lawyers, teachers, environmentalists, architects, HR experts, accountants, nutritionists, technologists, sportsmen, and all sorts of other professionals.

Under the 12 Umoor, the opportunities for *Khidmat* are limitless. Under the 12 Umoor, every Mumin can become a hero of the community. Under the 12 Umoor every Mumin can become a *Khidmat Guzar*.

Perhaps every time Aqa Moulana^{TUS} addresses us as “*Mumineen ni Jama’at*”, in a way he is constantly guiding us to always stand united and serve the community. The 12 Umoor is without doubt a sturdy bridge towards that end.

In light of this premise, the next time I attend a *Wa’az* of Aqa Moulana^{TUS} and hear him say those cherished words - I will be sure to ponder – What does being part of the ‘*Mumineen ni Jama’at*’ mean to me? Do I live up to the standards set by my forefathers in unity and service? Is there anything more I can do for my people?

What say you, dear reader?

THE 12 UMOOR TIMELINE

WATCH HOW HISTORY UNFOLDED

12 UMOOR A NEW DAWN

The 12 Umoor of the Jamaat were introduced by al-Dai al-Ajal Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin TUS on the 16th of Moharram in Dar-es-Salaam

12

1438H

1440H



FIRST STEPS RECRUITMENT

Mumineen applied to do khidmat for 12 Umoor in their respected mawaze on the auspicious occasion of Milaad Imam uz Zaman (AS), 12 Umoor Coordinators were appointed.

AHDAAF A GOAL, A VISION, A DREAM

On the 8th of Moharram, Syedna TUS gave us his lofty vision for each Umoor cementing the scope of work for every Khidmat Guzaar. This Bayaan Mubarak would also be relayed across Aalam-e Iymaan the next day.



1441H

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ISTEHKAAM SOLIDIFYING THE 12 UMOOR STRUCTURE

A total of 72 Webinars were conducted to streamline the workings of each Umoor. Members from all across the world participated in this event.

12 WEBINARS

ANNUAL REVIEW OF
12 UMOOR COMMITTEES

Members of each Umoor presented their reports to Shehzada Husain Bhaisaheb Burhanuddin Saheb DM during Sherullahil Moazzam 1441H



1441H

1442H



A NEW JAMAAT - TAJDEED A NEW DAY FOR ASPIRING KHIDMAT GUZAARS

The structure of the 12 Umoor was formalised into 3 levels and was incorporated within the Jama'at. Registration for Mumineen was opened so that they could apply for any Umoor that they choose.

Ummal Kiraam's Note



Shk. Murtaza Bhai Madarwala
Aamil Saheb, Sydney

The opportunity to do *Khidmat* is one of *Naseeb* and good fortune. The *Barakat* of *Khidmat* transcends generations just as light seeps through every cranny, reaching every inch in its intended path.

The inception of the 12 Umoor has allowed the light of *Khidmat* to reach each Mumin who is ready to act on the call of this *Barakat*.

The 12 Umoor have provided a structure and organisation to the Amilsaheb's office. By providing a structure, a clear direction with goals and aims for each Umoor, objectives are now realistic and attainable. The division of responsibilities has also ensured that there is always momentum and development in each Umoor as those with the appropriate set of skills to drive each department have been attracted towards the respective *Khidmat*. A fair division of work has also attracted those that would normally not participate due to the fear of them being given tasks that may be outside of their expertise or capacity. As a result, activities are more impactful than ever before.

The 12 Umoor now ensure that an Aamil can contribute to other needful areas of the *Jama'at*. Taking counsel from those with expertise and creating an appropriate and well informed plan of action on how to achieve Moulas' ^{TUS} *Khushi Mubarak* and *Jamaat* wellbeing are at the forefront of each decision.



Shk. Murtaza Bhai Rajkotwala
Muawin Aamil Saheb, Taheri Mohalla (Mumbai)

"FROM HARD WORK TO SMART WORK"

Before the introduction of the 12 Umoor, there were certain aspects which were overlooked in *Jama'at* matters but now are given proper attention. With the introduction of the 12 Umoor the focus now is on smart work instead of hard work. Also, a lot of Mumineen have started taking interest in *Khidmat* and *Jama'at* matters. Each individual is assigned *khidmat* according to the skills they possess. The work done by the *Jama'at* is now done quite efficiently because of the responsibilities and decision-making autonomy which the 12 Umoor *Khidmat Guzars* have been given. Disputes within the *Jama'at* and other negative situations have decreased significantly.

Interview with Mustali Bhaisaheb Burhani - Aamil Saheb, Nashik



Question 1

How did the recruitment of the 12 Umoor *Khidmat Guzaar* start in your *Mauze*?

Every night, our members informed three (3) mumineen that Amilsaheb has called them for a one-on-one meeting. During the meeting, Amilsaheb welcomed and appreciated their efforts, and discussed how much time each member could dedicate to *Khidmat*. As Aamil, I tried to motivate them and sharpen their focus towards *Khidmat* and also explained the scope of work for their respective Umoor.

Question 2

Do you feel that due to the formation of 12 Umoor - work efficiency has improved?

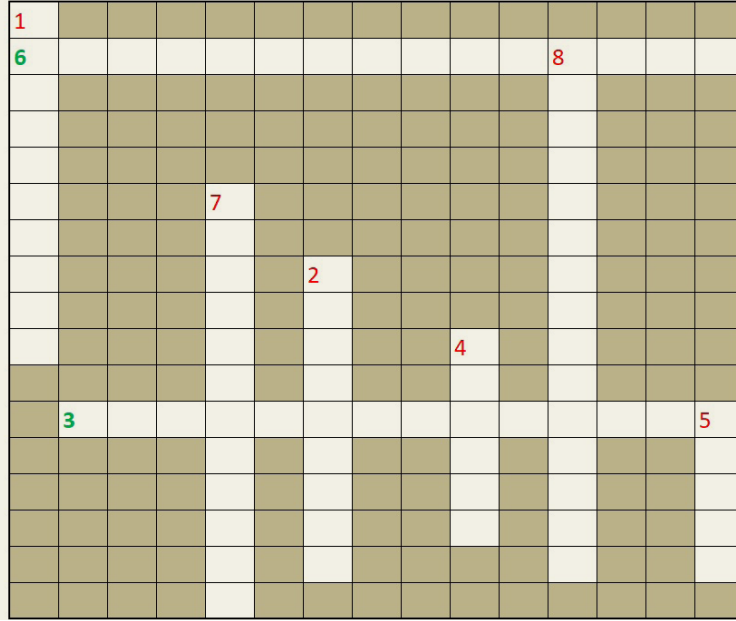
Before the 12 Umoor initiative, only a few members were involved in all 12 of these aspects within the *Jama'at*, even though some of them had no expertise in particular tasks. Due to the formation of the 12 Umoor, individual teams were built, and each team had their own focused scope of work which allows them to be more efficient. We can already see the change; because of its advantages, I strongly believe that 12 Umoor will definitely continue to benefit the *Jama'at* in the future.

Question 3

What are your future plans for the 12 Umoor Committees of your *Mauze*?

Our basic team of leaders for each of the 12 Umoor is almost ready. We are now working on establishing a proper communication channel and coordination between each leader. Our future plans include recruiting more members under each team and strengthening our teams. We have also planned some workshops for our committee members to help them improve and enhance their *Khidmat*.

FUN SECTION



LETS PLAY & LEARN

1. Moulana ^{TUS} mentioned on the Urs Mubarak of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} 1441h that: "Almost _____ number of webinars for the 12 umoor have been conducted.

2. Which Umoor's translation is- Legal Affairs?

3. The following *Hadaf* is for which Umoor?

مؤمنين في تمام سنسهاؤ بهتر شاکلة سي تيار قهائي انے
دعوة انے مؤمنين في خدمة کرے

4. Umoor al-Sehhat comprises of Nazafat, Plantation, Medical and _____

5. It is now possible to move from hard work to work due to the formation of 12 Umoor

6. What is the English translation of "Umoor Kharejiah"?

7. Budgeting is a part of which Umoor?

8. On which Miqaat did al-Dai al-Ajal Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin ^{TUS} provide the *Ahdaaf* of 12 Umoor?

Kindy submit your answers on <https://shcrossword.paperform.co/>
Winners will be announced on the 12 Umoor Instagram Platform.

WORDS OF WISDOM

قال رسول الله ﷺ

نَيْتُ الْمُؤْمِنِ مِنْ أَيْدِي مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا

Let us pledge today and do *Niyat* to be a part of the 12 Umooor and perform *Khidmat*.

“Nothing is impossible to a willing heart

~ John Heywood

KEEP UP TO DATE

12 Umooor *Khidmat* Registration is live on its52.com for all Mumineen. It is a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to perform *Khidmat*.

Mumineen can send thier *tasawuraat/taasuraat* on <https://shform.paperform.co> or scan the QR code. *Nayaab tasawuraat* will be shared in the next newsletter and on the official 12Umooor Instagram handle.

Follow the 12 Umooor Instagram Account for regular updates.

<https://instagram.com/12umooor>



Key Takeaways

After reading the first and introductory Newsletter, you should be able to:

- Name the 12 Umooor
- Know the Benefits of the 12 Umooor
- Know how it transformed over the years

TAASURAAT FROM MUMINEEN

“I was lucky to get the opportunity of performing *Khidmat* of Aqa Moula ^{TUS}.

Recently, I suffered a massive heart attack with 100% blockage, it was a matter of life and death. I was in a very critical situation. I believe that only because of Moula's ^{TUS} *Dua* and because of *Khidmat* I was bestowed with life.

I pray that Moula ^{TUS} gives me opportunities of *Khidmat* till my last breath.

Qusai Bhai Goawala
Fatemi Mohallah Pune

I heard the *Kalemaat Nooraniyah* of Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA} on the occasion of Millaad Mubarak. I do *azam* to do *Khidmat* in the 12 Umooor committes according to my capacity.

Mufaddal Bhai Hakim
Udaipur

Moula's ^{TUS} *Dua* is the ultimate goal and prize, with that, the *Dua* which I have recieved from other Mumineen has impacted my life and changed my life.

M Taher Bhai Jawadwala
Burhani Park - Neral