



Guiding Principles and *Irshadat*

Some Specifics of Vision & Philosophy

- **Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin is the 53rd Dai al Mutlaq of Imam uz Zaman with full authority.**
- **Misaq** is a pledge of allegiance and obedience to the Imam and his Dai and to the laws of Shari'at, by which one attains najaat and salvation. It is done by one's free will for his or her najaat.
- The **scale for religion** is taqwa (goodness) and Ilm (knowledge), not money. Honors are achieved through khidmat of dawat and mumineen, through kindness, compassion and goodness.
- **Access to the Dai** is available for all mumineen, and is not exclusive for only a select few.
- **Islam is a religion of Rehmat**, kindness, compassion and mercy. **Coercion and extortion** of any kind are NOT tolerated.
- **Vajebaat**: Compulsory **Zakat is 2.5%** of money saved through the year; in other words, 2.5% of that portion of annual income which remains unspent at the end of the year. Mumineen should araz silat, najwa, khumus, nazrul maqam, kaffaarat as per their capacity.
- **Najwa**: Mumineen araz **Najwa** when they come to the Dai, as per our doctrine, but it is done as per their wish and capacity.
- **Jamaat Operations**: Operating under guidance **and** authority from the Dai, all jamaats have a fully empowered local administration, a Jamaat Committee, comprised of men and women in separate committees from the local community. Details of jamaat organization will be posted soon inshaallah.
- An **annual budget** will be created by the Jamaat Committee. Jamaat finances will be transparent and audited regularly. The Jamaat Committee will present accounts and budgets to their local mumineen.
- Jamaat Committee should encourage and seek active **participation** from mumineen.
- A central commission will investigate all **complaints**.
- No one has **immunity**: every person in the Dai's administration is accountable to the Dai, and needs to explain his/her actions when questioned. There will be no discrimination.
- There will be **no segregation**. Safai Chitthis will not be color coded red, yellow and green. It is for Allah subhanahu and his wali the Imam and Dai to judge the virtues of each mumin.
- There will be **no persecution of people** under any circumstances. It is Mola Ali's^{SA} hidayat to conceal another mumin's faults. Publicly exposing a mumin's faults is not acceptable.
- **Raza for darees, majlis, vajebaat**, or similar issues, will not be withheld on the basis of other cited shortcomings. It is for the Allah Subhanahu to judge and forgive. Mumineen will not be stopped from doing their farizats or supplementary hasanats.
- **Raza for dafan must not be denied**. Special consideration should be made for those who cannot afford basic dues. Representatives must deal with these situations with sensitivity and compassion.
- People are encouraged to attend Dawat majalis. But there will be **no scanning of identity cards** or reporting of attendance at majlises and other jamaat events.
- **Business**: While keeping within Shariat rules at all times, mumineen are encouraged to pursue a dynamic business outlook. Riba is Haram. In present day economy there are many ways to conduct business within the conformity of shari'at laws. Any guidance required in this matter will be provided by contacting Fatemi-Dawat office.

Interim Administrative Measures

For the immediate future, we have organized our administration as follows:

- **Qabrastan:** It is important for a mumin when s/he dies that s/he be buried in the ground as per the hidayat of Shari'at. Followers of the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq Syedna Qutbuddin have full rights to make use of all Dawoodi Bohra Qabrastans, as per principles of Da'wat and the law of the land. However, in immediate circumstances, if mumineen are denied this right they can approach law enforcement agencies. There are times and places, such as in Hajj, where alternate arrangements of qabrastan are necessary, then dafan is done in other places. During Hajj times, mumineen janaza are buried in Mecca in Muslimeen qabrastan. According to our belief it is an individual's beliefs and good deeds that lead to his salvation. Where required we will guide on how to do gusul/kafan and help with dafan arrangements.
- **Arzi:** The Dai is available to take any mumin/mumina's arzi and gives his blessing and guidance when sought. He has already given, and will continue to give raza to conduct namaz and jamaat affairs in various places where mumineen reside.
- **Madrasah:** the local jamaats will help the center to organize their local madrasa. It can be done through the internet where required and the center will help set this up and facilitate on an ongoing basis.
- **Majlis:** Where there are enough mumineen who can congregate, Syedna will appoint raza na person and the center will train him to lead prayers and majlis. In places where there are only a few mumineen publicly with Haqq na Dai, they can avail barakat of majlis through the internet.
- **Misaq/Nikah.** The Dai will give raza for misaq/nikah or send someone to facilitate the requirements of the mumin family.
- **Sabaq/Learning:** The Dai's appointees will give sabaq on a regular basis in person and through the internet for interested mumineen and mumenaat.
- **Haftis:** We will upload haftis and dua prayer books shortly, for individuals to download.