


Newsletter

 **The Academy**
FOR LEARNING ISLAM

FROM

July 2024 to Sept 2025

HERE'S WHAT THE ACADEMY DID:

Short Islamic Courses

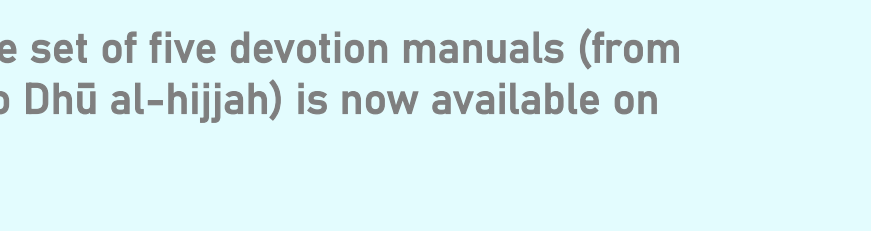
Alhamdulillah, over a period of fourteen months, the Academy for Learning Islam (A.L.I.) offered nearly twenty online courses and webinars in the following categories:

- Qur'anic Arabic and Knowledge: 8 sessions
- Hajj, Umrah, and Ziyārah: 5 sessions
(in partnership with NASIMCO)
- Islamic Laws: 2 sessions
- Ṣaḥīfā Sajjādiyya: 2 sessions
- Islamic Epistemology: 1 session
- Islamic Ethics: 1 session
- Spirituality during Ramadān: 1 session

Course descriptions, study materials, and recordings are available online.

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Publications

Ramadan and Shawwal Devotions was published in print, digital, and Kindle formats.

The complete set of five devotion manuals (from Muharram to Dhū al-hijjah) is now available on Amazon.

We extend our gratitude to Sr. Salma Zishan of Birmingham for her assistance in uploading our books.

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Weekly Quranic Reflections

Alhamdulillah, sixty-four Weekly Quranic Reflections were published in English during this period. This continues to be one of the Academy's most popular initiatives, eagerly awaited by mu'minīn every Friday. These reflections are:

- Used in Friday sermons and weekend madrasah classes
- Shared via the World Federation's email platform for zakireen
- Translated into French and distributed on Thursdays
- Archived under the Qur'an portal on our website

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Quran Exhibitions

Three Quran exhibitions were held:

February 2025 – Ramadan Expo, Mississauga, ON

March 2025 – Afghani Canadian Islamic Center, Scarborough, ON

March 2025 – Mulla Asghar Resource Center, Thornhill, ON

Reports and photographs are

Available at

TorontoQuranExhibition.com.

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Teaching Support to Jaffari ILM

During Ramadān 1446 (March 2025), the ARD conducted 22 sessions of *Simplified Qur'anic Arabic* for men aged 50+ at JCC, with 39 registrants and 10-23 attendees per session. A similar course for men and women aged 40+ is being held from August-October 2025 with around 25 participants attending regularly.

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Appointing a Seminary Scholar

To ensure continuity, the Academy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shaykh Muhammad Mahdi Kassamali, who has been studying in Qum since 2013. He will Insha'Allah:

Provide 20 hours of online services weekly until May 2026

Relocate to the GTA thereafter, focusing on youth engagement through both in-person and online initiatives



Homeschooling Support

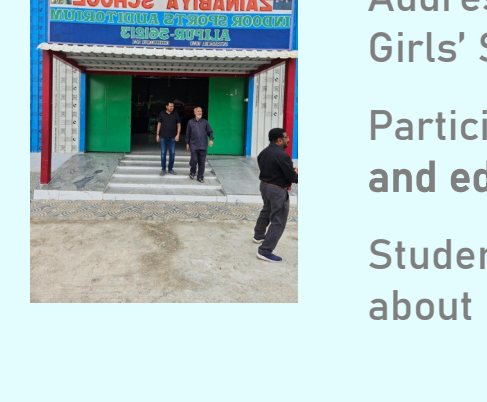
The Homeschooling team under the Academy also regularly conducts informal support sessions for homeschooling mums to help them with resources and answer any questions they may have.

To assist parents, particularly mothers engaged in faith-based homeschooling, the Academy conducted webinars on:

Starting the homeschooling journey

Homeschooling during Ramadān

Faith-based homeschooling strategies



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Ramadān Services

As in previous years, the ARD conducted spiritual programs during Ramadān 1446 AH, including:

An online course on *The Merits of Sahar and Suhūr*

Weekend *Beautifying Ramadān* sessions after Fajr prayers at JCC

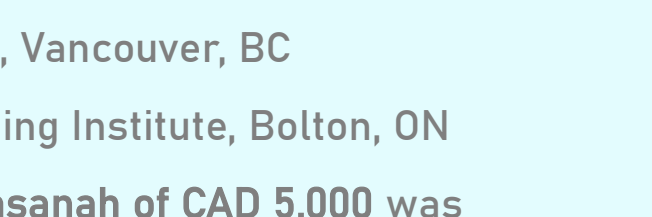
Marriage Services

The Academy provides Islamic marriage solemnization and civil registration services in Ontario. Appointments are booked online at academyofislam.com/marriage-services.

As this is an Islamic service, no fixed fees are charged; recipients offer a hadiyah of their choice.

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Presentations in Alipur, Karnataka (India)

In November 2024, the ARD was invited by the Council of Islamic Guidance to Alipur, India, where he:

Attended the 100th anniversary Fatimiyyah program at the main imāmbargāh.

Delivered three presentations at local Islamic schools and one at a girls' hawzah.

Addressed students at Noble Schools and Zainabiyya Girls' School (supported by the World Federation).

Participated in the annual seminar of Shi'a scholars and educators at a local hawzah.

Students engaged enthusiastically, asking questions about living an Islamic lifestyle in Canada.



Services to Islamic Centers

The Academy's Religious Director (ARD), Shaykh H. Kassamali, continues to serve local communities by:

Leading Maghribayn prayers thrice weekly at Jaffari Community Center (JCC), Thornhill, ON

Leading Fajr prayers monthly on Saturdays at JCC, followed by Qur'an tafsīr sessions

Covering Friday prayers and majālis in the absence of resident Ḥalīm

Serving at various centers including:

Al-Husain Foundation, Markham, ON

Al-Mahdi Center, Pickering, ON

Zainabiya Center, Barrie, ON

Regina Imambara, Regina, SK

Hussaini Association, Saskatoon, SK

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Financial Support to Educational Institutions

Alhamdulillah, the Academy extended financial assistance to a number of Islamic schools and initiatives:

Al-Hadi School, Scarborough, ON

Canadian Council of Imams, Mississauga, ON

Green Hill Islamic School, Hamilton, ON

Hidayah Institute, Kingston, ON

Islamic Publishing House, Kitchener, ON

Regina Imamia Project, Regina, SK

Salaam Center, Harrow, UK

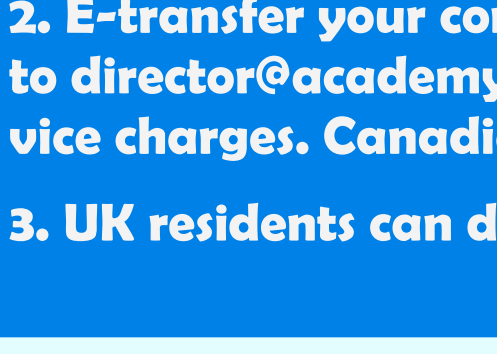
Selm Academy, Richmond Hill, ON

Siraj Institute Charitable Foundation, Ottawa, ON

Tasneem Institute, Vancouver, BC

Wali-ul Asr Learning Institute, Bolton, ON

Additionally, a qard hasanah of CAD 5,000 was extended to Selm Academy (Newmarket, ON) for one year to help repay a property loan.



The Popularity of the 'Knowing the Masūmīn Workbook'

The workbooks have been popular with both parents and children.

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