

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

Majlis Ansarullah – Midlands

Islam v Extremism - Tabligh Q&A function report – Saturday 19.03.11

Alhamdulillah, the first Majlis Ansarullah Midlands Regional Tabligh Question/Answer function for 2011 took place on Saturday 19.03.11 at Dar-UI-Barakat, Birmingham, discussing the topic Islam Vs Extremism.

The function was chaired by Dr Ijaz ur Rehman, Naib Sadar Majlis Ansarullah UK and began at 6.55pm. After Tilawat and translation by Maulana Abdul Ghaffar, Regional Missionary. an opening welcome address was given by Syed Imtiaz Ahmed, Regional Nazim, who then proceeded to introduce the panel members sitting on stage, including Maulana Mirza Naseer Ahmad, the chief guest who would be delivering the key note speech and taking the questions from the audience. This was followed by a short video presentation introducing the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to the guests.

Maulana Mirza Naseer Ahmad then gave the keynote speech on the topic of the evening; He explained the true teachings of Islam and how any form of extremism or violence in religion was totally opposed to Islam. It was a very eloquent, informative and inspiring address. His talk gave a lot of food for thought to a captive audience and opened up a good platform to lead on to the Question & Answer session which followed.

A lively and inter-active question and answer session then ensued with a variety of questions coming from the guests on topics including: difference between Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi muslims; polygamy in Islam; Ahmadi beliefs on Prophet Jesus pbah; Jihad; Ahmadi views on Shariah law being applied in UK and several more. All questions were answered very well and many more were coming in but due to shortage of time the Q&A had to be closed with a promise that any guests whose questions remained unanswered could meet on a one to one during dinner with Maulana sahib or other Jamaat members to have their questions answered.

After the Q & A session, several guests were allowed to come on stage and say a few words of thanks and to give their appreciation to the organisers of the events. A formal vote of thanks was then given by Malik Yaseen Khan Saheb, Naib Nazim Tehrik-e-Jadid. The formal proceedings were then concluded with silent prayers led by Dr Syed Farooque Ahmed, Regional Amir. Dinner was then served.

56 registered guests attended the function. These guests were from many different religious, cultural and political backgrounds including Christians, Hindu's, Sikhs & Bhuddists. Notable dignitaries included Rev John Barnett from Anglican Church; Rev Peter Spencer Deputy Bishop of Wolverhampton; Sergeant Steve Pursglove from the Counter Terrorism Unit, Birmingham; Dr Umesh Yadav – Head of Arya Samaj Hindu Temple, Birmingham; Several Councillors from different political parties. A gift pack comprising of various Tabligh literature was given to all guests on their departure.

We are grateful to Almighty Allah for enabling us to hold this relatively successful function. Our sincere thanks to Sadar Majlis Ansarullah Saheb and Maulana Mirza Naseer Ahmad Saheb for supporting us in our Tabligh efforts.

Syed Imtiaz Ahmed
Regional Nazim – Midlands
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