



# JAMIA TRIP '07

US Waqfe Nau Visit to  
Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada, Apr 13-15 2007

## US Waqifeene Nau experience a day in the life of a Jamia Student



**Over 55 Waqfe Nau boys from all over the USA were hosted by the Canadian Jamaat on a three day trip to the Toronto area last April. The highlight and main purpose of the trip was a day long visit to the Jamia Ahmadiyya in Mississauga, where the Waqfe Nau were able to experience for themselves a day in the life of a Jamia student and**

**sample the spiritual atmosphere of this blessed institution.**

The Waqfe Nau were accompanied by the National Secretary Waqfe Nau USA, Hafiz Samiullah Chaudhary sahib, numerous Assistant Secretaries, Regional and Local Waqfe Secretaries along with parents and other helpers. Aside from the visit to the Jamia, the children visited Baitul Islam mosque, the Peace Village, the Abode of Peace and Durham mosque and enjoyed various spiritual and social activities, including a keenly contested basketball match between US and Canadian Waqfe Nau,

This was the second such trip by US Waqfe Nau to Jamia Ahmadiyya in Canada - the first trip took place last year in 2006. Insha'allah, the trip will be a regular feature of the US Waqfe Nau calendar every year.



## Arrival

The first groups of US Waqfe Nau started arriving in Toronto on the evening of Thursday, April 12th, with minivans from the South and North East regions arriving by road and three Waqfe Nau from San Jose arriving by air. The Waqfe Nau were greeted warmly by National Secretary Waqfe Nau Canada, Khalid Qureshi sahib and his team from the Canadian Waqfe Nau department, with assistance from

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Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Canada. After refreshments and dinner, the US Waqfe Nau were allocated to Jamaat guesthouses and the homes of volunteer hosts to rest for the night.

Groups from various regions continued to arrive through the night and into Friday morning. Those present in early morning attended congregational Fajr prayers at Baitul Islam mosque and later were treated to a hearty breakfast at the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya guesthouse, where they were also able to view the live broadcast of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V's Friday sermon from London.

## Peace Village

The bulk of the visiting party had arrived by lunch time on Friday and were able to attend Juma prayers at Baitul Islam mosque. Following prayers, the US Waqfe Nau were led

on a short walking tour of the Peace Village, through streets named after the Khulafa of the Promised Messiah and other prominent Ahmadis such as Prof Abdus Salam and Sir Zafrullah Khan. National Secretary Waqfe Nau Canada, Khalid Qureshi sahib explained that the Peace Village was composed of more than 250 homes and 1500 inhabitants, divided into 4 Jamaats. The Waqifeene Nau listened with interest despite the unseasonably cold and windy conditions.

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## Abode of Peace

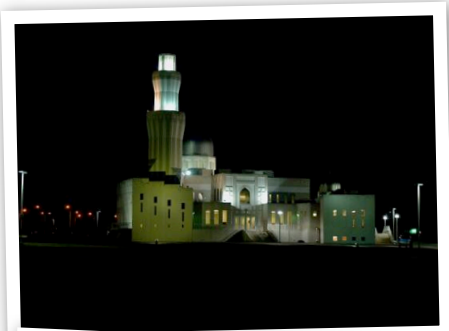
The group then boarded two buses that had been especially arranged by the Canadian Jamaat for the benefit of the US Waqfe Nau for the duration of their visit.

The first stop

was the Abode of Peace, a non-profit housing complex that was specially built by the Canadian Jamaat in conjunction with the local government. The 14 floor building was completed in 1993 and contains 166 one, two and three-bedroom apartments. The group was welcomed by Malik Lal Khan sahib, Naib Amir Canada, and Kareem Tahir sahib, the property manager, who explained the history and various interesting facts about the Abode of Peace to the Waqfe Nau.

## Baitul Mahdi

After taking benefit of refreshments at the Abode of Peace, the group reboarded the buses for





their next destination: Baitul Mahdi Mosque of the Durham Jamaat, on the outskirts of Toronto.

On their arrival at the mosque, the visiting Waqfe Nau were taken on a tour of this unique property and told about the history of building and how it was acquired by the Jamaat. Following congregational Asr prayers, the Waqfe Nau were treated to a video presentation by Jamia students of the trip the students had taken to Qadian, the spiritual birthplace of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. There followed a group discussion on the topic of peer pressure during which the Waqfe Nau discussed the different problems and moral tests presented by everyday life in Western society. The Waqifeene Nau were encouraged to discuss and questions they had and problems they had faced and how they, or others in the group, had resolved them. Following congregational Maghrib and Isha prayers, and a hearty and delicious dinner, the buses took the Waqifeene Nau back to Baitul Islam.

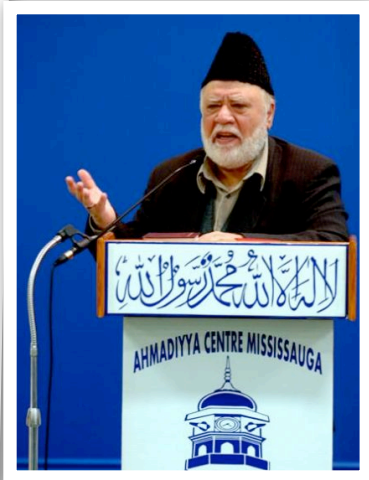
### **Jamia**

Early Saturday morning, the US Waqifeene Nau children again boarded their buses for the focal point of the three-day trip - the visit to Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada to gain a first-hand taste of a day in the life of a Jamia student. The US Waqifeene Nau arrived at the Jamia at the start of the school day, just as the actual Jamia students arrived on their own buses. While the Jamia students quickly seated themselves in orderly lines on the floor of the main hall grouped by the class they were in, the US Waqifeene Nau were directed to similarly form perpendicular lines sorted by age group. The US

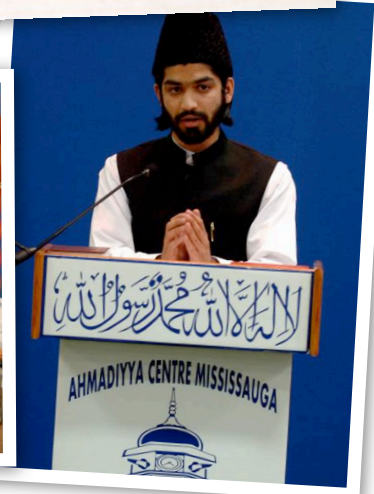
Waqifeene Nau then witnessed the morning roll call, where each Jamia student stood up and answered "Labayq" as his name was called.

After a short welcome speech by Chaudhary Hadi Ali sahib, the US Waqifeene Nau, who had been split into 5 groups, accompanied the Jamia students into their classrooms. The Jamia students were themselves divided into 5 classes: Mumahhidah Ula, Mumahhidah Thaniyah, Ula, Thaniyah and Thalitha. The Waqifeene Nau sat with the Jamia students, observing and in some cases participating in three separate lessons each of about 45 minutes duration. Following a short refreshment break, where the Waqifeene Nau had a chance to socialize with the Jamia students, everyone returned to the main hall, where they were shown a video of a Question and Answer session of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVrh, followed by a very professional looking video about Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada that was produced by the Jamia students themselves.

The students and Waqifeene Nau were then rejoined in the Jamia auditorium by the Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada and all the Jamia staff for the final session of the Jamia visit. After Tilawat and Qaseedah, Mubarak Ahmad Nazir, Principal of Jamia Canada, addressed the audience with some brief welcoming remarks. Following Principal sahib were three speeches from current Jamia students. The US Waqifeene Nau were then invited to address the assembly and a couple of the US Waqifeene Nau came up to describe their impressions of Jamia. National Secretary Waqfe Nau USA, Hafiz Samiullah Chadhary sahib, then



**The visit to Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada was the highlight of the trip. It left an indelible mark on the hearts of the Waqifeene Nau and is something they will always remember regardless of their future career direction.**



expressed his thanks to the Jamia staff and students for hosting the visit. Hafiz sahib was followed by a short speech from Maulana Yahya Luqman sahib, a recent US graduate of Jamia Ahmadiyya Rabwah and a member of the party accompanying the US Waqifeene Nau on his trip. Khalid Qureshi sahib, National Secretary Waqfe Nau

Canada, gave the assembly some final words of wisdom. Following congregational Zuhar prayers and group photographs, the US Waqifeene Nau and accompanying adults shared a delicious lunch with the Jamia students and staff.



### Basketball Tournament

Their spirits uplifted from the spending the day at the Jamia and partaking in the physical and spiritual food that was given to them their, the US Waqifeene Nau returned to Baitul Islam for a short rest. After Asr prayers at Baitul Islam, the children walked over to Fazia Mahdi park just outside the mosque, were they were joined by Canadian Waqfe Nau for a keenly contested basketball tournament. In a



very close match, the US Waqifeene Nau were just defeated by their Canadian brothers.

### Jamia Discussion

Back in the mosque following the sporting activities, the US Waqifeene Nau regrouped to discuss their impressions of the trip so far. Maulana Yahya Luqman sahib gave the Waqifeene Nau a personal account of his decision to attend Jamia and

become a missionary. Five US Waqifeene Nau who had decided to apply for admission to Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada that year then stood up and spoke about their reasons for wanting to become a missionary. The five Waqifeene Nau were: Omar Mohammad Farooq (LA East), Talha Ali (Chicago West),



Mazher Bokhari (Chicago East), Ahmad Bhatti (York) and Zeeshan Bokhari (Las Vegas).

The day ended with a wonderful meal at the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya guest house where the US Waqfe Nau children and adults were again joined by the staff of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada.



### Final Session with Ameer Sahib

The final day of the trip began with congregational Fajr prayers at Baitul Islam. Everyone then returned to their host houses to pack up their luggage before coming for breakfast in the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya guest house. The final program of the visit was a session with the Ameer and Missionary-in-

charge Canada, Maulana Naseem Mahdi sahib. The program opened with Tilawat and translation in English and Urdu, followed by a

Nazm with translation. Hafiz Samiullah Chadhary sahib, National Secretary Waqfe Nau USA, addressed the



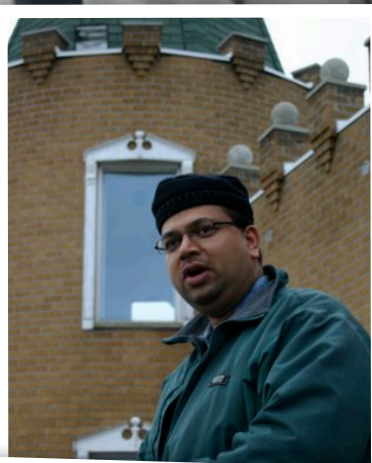
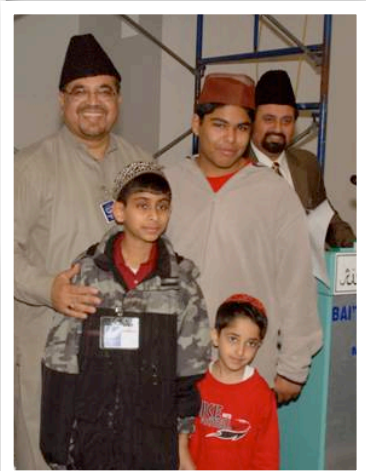
Waqifeene Nau first. Hafiz sahib recounted the prayer of Hadhrat Ibrahim<sup>as</sup> for a righteous son and reminded the Waqfe Nau of their duty to be righteous. Hafiz sahib spoke of this trip being a potentially life-changing event for many of the Waqifeene Nau and that it was full of spiritual occasions. Hafiz sahib appreciated the tremendous efforts of the Canadian Jamaat to make the trip the success that it was.

National Secretary Waqfe Nau Canada, Khalid Qureshi sahib, addressed the audience next. Qureshi sahib spoke of the great benefits that these trips bring for the Waqifeene Nau, their parents and Jamaat in general. He recounted the very moving speeches, full of zeal, that were made at the Jamia the day before by both Jamia students and the visiting US Waqifeene Nau, and said that the trip would leave a permanent impact on the thinking of the Waqfe Nau. Qureshi sahib said that Waqifeene Nau children were special and part of a heavenly plan, but that along with being special came certain responsibilities. He said that

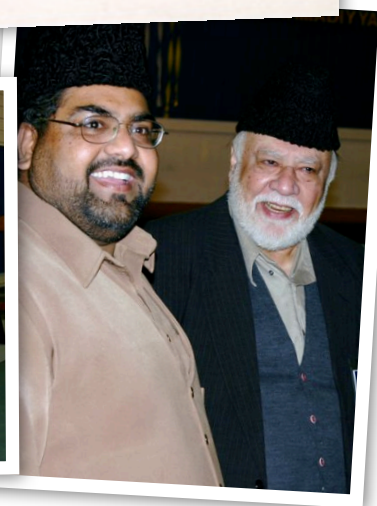
Waqifeene Nau needed to show excellent character - to be helpful and courteous and to keep a constant contact with Allah through their five daily

prayers. Finally he reminded the Waqifeene Nau to always remember their parents in their prayers.





**Our very special thanks to the Canadian Jamaat, the Waqfe Nau Department of Canada, and the Principal and staff of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada for their hospitality, favors and courtesy shown to the US Waqifeene Nau during this trip. May Allah bless them all abundantly.**



Certificates of achievement for the visiting US Waqifeene Nau were then handed out by Ameer sahib Canada. In his closing remarks, Maulana Naseem Mahdi sahib reminded the Waqifeene Nau of the importance of being grateful. He said that the ills of materialism had made people ungrateful, but that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was always grateful and appreciative of the favors of Allah.

After final silent prayers, group photographs and hugs and expressions of thanks all round, the US Waqifeene Nau were given packed lunches for their journeys home.