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## Reports and Events Update

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### MCBDirect fundraising dinner

A full capacity audience of 400 British Muslims including businessmen, religious scholars, community activists, heads of diplomatic missions, representatives from political parties and well-wishers came together on Saturday 5 July 2003 to help launch the Muslim Council of Britain's innovative MCBDirect: community information portal and planned to go live in August 2003. In all, some £100,000 was pledged during the fundraising dinner and all were entertained by the nasheed group 'Ashik-e-rasool'.

Speaking at the launch, the MCB's Secretary-General, Iqbal Sacranie, said: "MCBDirect is an exciting new development and demonstrates the growing confidence of British Muslims to function in society professionally. Today we have Muslim MPS and peers, academics, doctors, lawyers, teachers, businessmen, artists and teachers. We have vast human resources and God willing we shall grow and succeed even further so as to contribute in the fullest way possible to the life of our country as British Muslims and this is how Islam celebrates cultural diversity and pluralism."

The chief guest for the launch, the Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, Trevor Phillips, voiced his continued full support for British Muslims and pledged to combat the phenomenon of Islamophobia. The second VIP guest at the launch, Fiona Mactaggart, Home Office Minister responsible for Race Equality, Community Policy, and Civil Renewal, praised the determination of British Muslims to present the true image of Islam and thus to correct the distorted images that so often prevail in the media. Fiona Mactaggart noted, "The aim we must work towards - consistently and despite any set backs is of a truly dynamic society in which people from different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds can live and work together, whilst retaining their distinctive identities, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding...A society in which everyone, whatever their background, can achieve their full potential. A society in which people are safe from racism, from harassment, and from attack. A society in which a young British woman can choose to wear a hijab with pride not fear...A society which does not paint, through its culture or its media, a distorted, prejudiced, caricature of Muslims or of Islam. These things British Muslims have a right to expect. We in Government must be committed to delivering this vision".

HRH Prince Turki al Faisal, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expressed his satisfaction about the progress and growing maturity shown by the Muslim Community in Britain. HRH Prince Charles, the Prime Minister Tony Blair, the leader of the Opposition, Iain Duncan Smith and the leader of the Liberal Democrats, Charles Kennedy, all sent messages of support for the MCBDirect initiative.

Souvenir brochures are available from the MCB Office. For further information email [mcbdirect@mcb.org.uk](mailto:mcbdirect@mcb.org.uk) or view [www.mcb.org.uk/mcbdirect](http://www.mcb.org.uk/mcbdirect)

### HSBC announces Islamic Home Finance Products

Building on the successful effort of the Working Party set up by the ex-Governor of the Bank of England, Sir Eddie George, to create a level playing field for Islamic financial products, the HSBC has become the first high street bank to launch an Islamic home finance facility and an interest-free current account on 14 July 2003. Iqbal Asaria, Chair of the MCB Business & Economics Committee, who has worked together with Sir Eddie George has said: "The launch of these Islamic finance products is welcome news for many thousands of Muslims who regularly battle with their consciences when it goes to making financial decisions."

### **United Reformed Church AGM**

Shadi Bashir, member of the MCB Research & Documentation Committee attended and spoke at the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, Portsmouth on 8 July 2003, with 700 clergy in attendance. He introduced the works of the MCB and emphasised the belief in "fostering closer relationships with other faith communities and ... the opportunity for collaboration, and to work together towards a fair, just and inspired British society." This belief has been exemplified by efforts to incorporate the question of religion into the recent census and the participation by millions of all faith in the marches against the war in Iraq. Mr Bashir underlined the importance of moral values such as honesty, trustworthiness, and justice and the "need to embed these core natural values and virtues in our hearts and reflect them in our lives" and gave a message of peace, conveying the desire to foster closer collaboration with the Church.

### **Apeldoorn 2003: 'Building Bridges in Society'**

Between 29 and 30 June 2003, Mahmud al-Rashid, Chair of the MCB Legal Affairs Committee and Dr Abdul Jalil Sajid, CWC member, attended and contributed to the third Apeldoorn Conference in Amsterdam, Holland on the subject of 'Building Bridges in Society'. Speakers at the conference included European ministers and was hosted by the Mayor of Amsterdam Mr Job Cohen. Peter Kellner, UK, and Paul Schnabel, Netherlands, chaired the conference which was attended by over 100 participants from the UK and the Netherlands on the invitation by both government and their representatives. The conference focused on the themes of democracy, narrowing the gap between the political class and the public at national and European levels, engaging more people, redefining loyalty and reviving a respect for politics. Workshops took place on the issues of immigration and integration, reform and public services and ethical issues and public policy.

### **Conference on Interfaith Europe**

Between 5 to 9 July 2003, Dr Abdul Bari, MCB Deputy Secretary General and Dr Abdul Jalil Sajid attended a conference in Graz, Austria the Cultural City of Europe for 2003. The conference topic covered the Interfaith Europe project on sharing and understanding, focusing on religious diversity and cultural richness in European cities, and linking interreligious dialogue with specific urban issues: migration, political asylum, human rights, education and social issues. The Interfaith Europe Project is aimed at the establishment of good practise from European Cities for cooperation and engaging with the daily life of the members of the various faith communities, especially minorities, in European cities;

in order to identify their problems, conflicts and experiences in the field of interfaith dialogue and multifaith cooperation. Areas of specific concern which were discussed included education, culture, identities, media, information and the international community. Dr Abdul Bari gave a presentation on Muslims in Europe and introduced the work of the MCB. Over 400 participants attended and shared good practice from various European city projects.

## **Cumberland Lodge Conference**

On 24 June 2003, the annual Cumberland Lodge Conference took place on the subject of police and Muslim relations: challenges and opportunities. The MCB was represented by Assistant Secretary General Mrs Unaiza Malik. Speakers included Mr Ibrahim Master of the Lancashire Council of Mosques and Mohammad Mahroof of the Association of Muslim Police. Tributes and appreciation were paid to Dr Abdul Raheem Khan, MCB and David Veness, Metropolitan Police, for all the hard work that had laid the foundation for these conferences.

This year's conference discussed the work which has been done on police/Muslim relations over the past year; what had been learnt from good practice in different parts of the country, and what issues still needed to be addressed. The conference was contextualised in terms of the difficult crisis point of September 11 and subsequent 'war against terrorists' which has led to the deterioration of good relations with Muslims and the increase in vilification and violent attacks. Fear both within and of Muslims has grown and the situation needs intelligent and sensitive policing with the awareness that Muslim communities are in danger of being over-policed and under-protected.

The challenges of the Anti Terrorism Act were discussed as was the importance of the offence of incitement to religious hatred in the Muslim community to provide protection from harassment through legislation. The need to increase police officer awareness of the new legislation and the provision of a system to monitor and maintain statistics on related arrests was highlighted. The attendees noted some increase in investment by the government in grants and capacity building programmes and in the allocation of resources to protect Muslim places of worship, alongside the establishment of a faith issues committee by the Home Office. However, negative stereotyping in the media still need to be counteracted.

## **Radio Fiza interview**

The Muslim Council of Britain was the subject of discussion on Radio Fiza between 19:30pm and 20:30pm on Sunday 13 July. Mrs Unaiza Malik was interviewed by presenter Neelmana who asked questions in Urdu about the MCB on the issues and challenges it faces and the MCB publication the "Quest for Sanity". Mrs Unaiza Malik used the opportunity to give information about the MCB, encouraging people to find out more from the website and to donate generously towards the work of the MCB and its many projects.

Radio Fiza is an initiative of the Asian Women's Project Limited and the Karimia Institute and is broadcasting throughout Nottingham on 97.1FM. The Asian Women's Project is on-air from Monday 10

Wednesday between 1pm and 9pm and on Sunday from 12 midday to 9pm. and The Karimia fills other daylight and evening slots with news and current affairs programmes focussing on issues of local concern and interest. Included are interviews, discussions, phone-ins and features. Music styles featured include Qawalis and Naats, and Ghazals. Languages include Urdu, Punjabi, Mirpuri, Arabic languages', with 60% of shows in English.

## **MCB training**

The MCB is launching an innovative pilot training programme to develop leadership capacity within the community. The programme will have residential modules and single days, and be based in Central London. It comprises:

- Two three-day residential modules (Friday to Sunday)
- Four single days around specific themes
- A follow-up day six months later to evaluate progress

All participants will be expected to attend the residential modules and single days. In addition to skills training, the emphasis of the course is on self-development, systems thinking and imbibing a spirit of social enterprise. It will further develop participants' understanding of the diversity and dynamics of British Muslim community.

In the first instance this pilot programme is designed for a maximum of 15 participants, in the 25-40 age range. Further information on the course has been sent to all CWC members and committee chairs and vice-chairs. They are requested to recommend suitable participants.

An application form is available from <http://www.mcb.org.uk/training>

This application form would need to be completed and sent to the MCB office by 30th July 2003. A three-person committee drawn from the MCB's Finance & General Purpose (F&GP) committee will make the selection of participants from the applications received. In processing these, selection criteria will be used to ensure that successful participants are absolutely committed to put in the time and effort to benefit from the programme. It will also ensure that there is a mix of individuals of different background, age, gender and potentialities. Applicants will be interviewed to assess that they fulfil the criteria. The F&GP committee is in the process of raising funds to subsidise the course fees for as many participants as possible who are unable to obtain external sponsorship. All participants however will be asked to contribute a minimum of £300. Such initiatives are essential for the Muslim community to realise its full potential in participating in and contributing to the mainstream society.

## **Human Relief Foundation charity dinner**

On Saturday 21 June 2003, MCB Affiliate, The Human Relief Foundation's London branch raised £90,000 during its 'Charity Dinner for the People of Iraq.' Lord Nazir Ahmed addressed the 150-strong

crowd consisting of representatives from faith, medical, and social care groups. Ajmal Masroor, MCB Central Working Committee (CWC) member, assisted with the fundraising and Dr Abdul Bari attended and spoke at the dinner.

In May, HRF was awarded 'Special Consultative Status' by the United Nations Social and Economic Council, as an acknowledgement of its valuable work across the world. As well as working in Iraq HRF has recently completed educational projects in conjunction with the University of Gaza and in Ethiopia over £13,000 has been invested on the construction of much needed water wells.

For more information please contact Mr Mobeen Azhar at the Human Relief Foundation on 01274 39 27 27, Email [mobeenazhar@hrf.co.uk](mailto:mobeenazhar@hrf.co.uk), website: [www.hrf.co.uk](http://www.hrf.co.uk)

## **Muslim Youth Helpline success at British 10K Road Race**

MCB affiliates, the Muslim Youth Helpline, put together a team of 12 runners who covered 10km in London at the British 10K Road Race on Sunday 13 July to raise funds for the charity. The event, judged a success by all those involved, is initially estimated to have raised £3,000 from sponsorship that will go towards training new volunteer counsellors this summer and work towards the introduction of a free phone service.

The team was made up of runners from across the country who made the journey to London to participate in this event. Head of the team, Mohamad Ellis (22), completed the race in 52 minutes, whilst the team's youngest member Ali Dato, aged 15 years, completed the race in 1 hour 10 minutes. Sisters Jeyan (22) and Iman (20), completed the distance in full hijab, demonstrating the positive role of Muslim women in all aspects of life. The Muslim Youth Helpline would like to thank everyone who pledged a donation.

For further information please contact The Muslim Youth Helpline (MYH), a confidential telephone peer-counselling and e-mail enquiries service for young people in need. Telephone: 020 8903 7534, Helpline: 020 8795 5321, E-mail: [help@myh.org.uk](mailto:help@myh.org.uk)

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## **Committees Update**

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### **Media Committee (MC)**

#### **Meeting with BBC1 Controller**

Members of the MCB Media Committee including Iqbal Sacranie, Chair; Inayat Bunglawala, Secretary; and Ajmal Masroor met with BBC One Controller, Ms Lorraine Heggeseey on 2 July 2003 to raise the concerns of many Muslims regarding the screening of the episode of 'Spooks' which concerned a deviant Imam. The meeting proved constructive and they discussed the issue of how similar situations could be prevented from arising again. A further meeting was arranged with the Human Resource Department at the BBC is to help ensure that the BBC takes steps to employ more Muslims in order to

accurately reflect the multi-faith make-up of the UK.

#### **Letter to Dr Julian Lewis MP**

Secretary of the Media Committee, Inayat Bunglawala wrote to Dr Julian Lewis MP, on 4 July 2003 regarding his exchange with the Leader of the House on June 19th 2003 about the recent controversial episode of the BBC drama 'Spooks', writing that "your remarks struck just the right note and accurately conveyed some of the anxiety felt in the mainstream British Muslim community about unfair stereotyping and the backlash that it provokes." Mr Bunglawala expressed appreciation for raising this matter in Parliament and for the ensuing considered response from the Leader of the House, the Rt. Hon. Peter Hain.

#### **Letter to Metro Publishing**

Mr Inayat Bunglawala wrote to the Managing Director of Metro Publishing Ltd, Mr John Blake, on 4 July 2003 regarding the publication of the book "The Beheading & Other True Stories", by Bob Crew. His letter reveals a number of underlying discrepancies in the book for example a photograph of a supposedly "public hanging in Saudi Arabia" which on closer inspection reveals that it is actually a hanging scene taken from the movie "Lion of the Desert" showing the hero, the esteemed Libyan resistance leader, Umar al-Mukhtar (played by Anthony Quinn), being executed by the Italian occupation forces in the early 1930s. For the full text of the letter please refer to the media/letters section at [www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)

#### **Daily Mail changes spelling**

The Daily Mail, an influential right-wing tabloid that sells over 2 million copies a day, has finally agreed to change its the spelling of the word "Moslem" to the more accurate "Muslim", despite previous insistence that its usage of "Moslem" was perfectly legitimate and inoffensive. This change follows on from the changes made by other newspapers such as the Daily Express in July 2002 as requested by the MCB Media Committee.

#### **Portrayal of UK Muslims in the Media - Michigan University Students**

The Secretary of the Media Committee, Inayat Bunglawala, gave a 45-minute presentation on the 'Portrayal of UK Muslims in the Media' to a group of 22 students from Michigan State University on 25 June 2003. The students were here in the UK for a course in the 'Mass Media in England, Scotland and Wales' arranged by MSU.

#### **MCB Participates in BMRC Media Seminar**

MCB Media committee members Sarah Joseph and Inayat Bunglawala participated in a seminar organised by the British Muslim Research Centre on 7 July 2003 with representatives from the BBC, Independent Television Commission, the Home Office, The Independent and many others to discuss the portrayal of Islam and Muslims in the print and broadcast media.

#### **Research & Documentation Committee (ReDoc)**

##### **Census 2001 meeting**

Dr Jamil Sherif represented the MCB at a meeting of the Census 2001 Religious Affiliation Group meeting held on 30 June at Church House. The ONS are releasing a series of 'multi-source topic reports' (MSTRs) commencing July 2003, including Ethnicity and Religion. Each MSTR comprises an overview report and a full report. The ONS staff member responsible for the Religion topic, Lucy Haselden, is planning to publish the overview report in September or October this year, with the full report a year later. The MCB raised the issue of the 150,000 Muslims that fall in two vague ethnic

categories - 'white other' and 'other ethnic' , requesting the MSTR should provide further analysis of these based on the 'write in' answers on the Census form.

### **Mediconcern Graduation**

Prof Aziz Sheikh and Dr Shuja Sharif attended the Mediconcern Graduation Dinner on 28 June 2003 as Chief Guests. Mediconcern is an organisation aimed at advancing the education of qualified medical staff and undergraduates by teaching such persons aspects of Islam and health related issues in order to improve the care and treatment of Muslim patients and to act as advisors to statutory and medical bodies on Islam and health related issues. Furthermore, Mediconcern seeks to advance the education of the Muslim community on Islam's holistic approach to health through the provision of advice and literature.

### **Islam, British Muslims and Interfaith Strategies**

On 21 June 2003, a presentation entitled Islam, British Muslims and Interfaith Strategies was made by Shabana Khan, Deputy Chair, ReDoc, at the Methodist Church, Ladbroke Grove attended by representatives of local churches. There was a lively question and answer session afterwards and the participants were very welcoming and interested in learning about Islam and how to communicate with Muslims.

### **Archbishop's Initiative**

Prof Aziz Sheikh, Chair of ReDoc, attended the Archbishop's Initiative on Monday 9 June 2003 at the London InterFaith Centre. This meeting explored ways of closer working between Britain's Muslim and Christian communities.

## **London Affairs Committee**

### **Meeting with GLA**

A delegation from the MCB's London Affairs Committee, consisting of Mr Tanzeem Wasti, Chair of London Affairs Committee and Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari, MCB Deputy Secretary General, met with Mr Redman, Advisor to Mayor Ken Livingston and Farah Akram, GLA on 11 June 2003. The meeting was very fruitful and detailed, in which the minutes and progress from the last meeting with the GLA's advisors was discussed. In addition several new programmes and initiatives were deliberated including a joint programme between the GLA and the MCB to introduce the GLA's work to the grassroots community, and organising a youth conference and an Eid Reunion.

### **GLA Interfaith Meeting**

A GLA Interfaith meeting was held on 11 June 2003 and attended by Mr Tanzeem Wasti and Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari. 15 other representatives from the the Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Jain and Zoroastrian faiths were also present along with senior advisors from the GLA and the Deputy Mayor. Issues discussed by the MCB included the procedure for Halal slaughter and the case of the Muslim woman whose body had been defiled at a hospital in Hillingdon. Committee members agreed that stunning is not acceptable for Halal slaughter and that animals do not suffer any cruelty due to the Halal slaughter procedure. Secondly all present condemned the desecration of the dead Muslim

woman's body, and urged that the person responsible be found and prosecuted. It was also suggested that the GLA issue a statement condemning this desecration.

### **Lunch at American Embassy**

Representatives of the Muslim Community were invited for lunch at the United States Embassy in London on 18 June 2003. This event was attended by Mr Tanzeem Wasti and Dr Daud Abdullah, Assistant Secretary General. Glen T Davis, Minister of the United States Embassy and four other Embassy staff were present. The Muslim delegation conveyed the strength of feeling amongst Muslims on the need to restore legality in international relations and the respect of the rights of individuals.

### **Al Quran Society Seminar**

MCB affiliates, the Al Quran Society, and its Chair, Maulana Shuhaib Hassan, organised a seminar on the future of the Muslim Ummah which took place on 22 June 2003. Scholars and community leaders were invited to speak at the seminar which was used as a forum to discuss the latest situations of the Muslim Ummah around the world, their sufferings, difficulties and from a variety of perspectives.

Mr Tanzeem Wasti gave a lecture at the seminar, in which he argued that though the current situation is a difficult one, the Muslim Ummah have collectively lived through such circumstances, for example during the Crusades, the Mongol invasion and massacre of Muslims by Gengis Khan which culminated in the capture and destruction of Iraq and Iran and the sacking of Baghdad. Mr Wasti advised that there was no need for despair or to be defeatist, citing historical evidence to show how difficult passages in time have been overcome.

### **London Affairs Committee Meeting**

On 25 June, the London Affairs Committee met in the East London Mosque. Reports were given by the Chair Mr Tanzeem Wasti, Dr Abdul Bari and Dr Daud Abdullah. Items discussed included representation in the police, rail authority and Greater London Authority and it was agreed that Ajmal Masroor would represent the MCB in the London Civic Forum.

### **London Muslim Coalition Meeting**

On 1 July 2003, the London Muslim Coalition held a meeting which was attended by Mr Tanzeem Wasti. Items discussed included fundraising, the LMC brochure and other activities to be carried out for the LMC during the remainder of the year.

## **Social Affairs Committee (SAC)**

### **NSPCC Workshop**

Shiban Akbar, Chair of the MCB Social Affairs Committee, participated in and contributed to a NSPCC workshop held by "Opinion Leader Research" at the University of London Union on 16 July 2003. This innovative programme of consultation included opinion leaders such as the MCB, CRE, BBC Children's Education, Children's Rights Alliance for England, Bromley Social Services and Friends United; along with young people and members of the general public.

Among the themes tackled were the nature of child cruelty based on facts and statistics; the role of the individual members of society in preventing child cruelty and measures that can be adopted to try to prevent it, along with the barriers to and opportunity for change. Shiban's contribution will be summarised in the Central Working Committee (CWC) report.

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## New on the MCB Website

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- **Media/Press Releases** - 4 July 2003, The Launch of MCBDirect  
- 10 July 2003, UK Muslims Celebrate MCBDirect Fundraising Success
- **Media/Letters to the Editor** - 23 June, letter to Glasgow Herald regarding the Islamic religious code of practice for slaughtering animals by Bashir Maan  
- 2 July, letter by Inayat Bunglawala to Metro Publishing regarding the book "The Beheading & Other True Stories"
- **Media/Speeches** - 5 July 2003, Secretary General's welcome address at the launch of MCBDirect, Porchester Hall  
- 8 July 2003, Shadi Bashir's speech at the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, Portsmouth
- **Committees Section** - The password-protected Discussion Forum in the Committees section is regularly updated with minutes of committee meetings - most recently meetings of the Membership and ETEC committees.
- **The Muslim Council of Britain** has moved to Suite 5, Boardman House, 64 Broadway, Stratford  
London E15 1NT, New Telephone: 020 8432 0585/6, New Fax: 020 8432 0587  
Email: [admin@mcb.org.uk](mailto:admin@mcb.org.uk), Web: [www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)  
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## Events

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**Event: Annual Dinner of the Association of Muslim Lawyers**

Date: Saturday 19 July 2003

Time: 7.00pm

Held By: Association of Muslim Lawyers

Venue: The Pavillion Villa Hotel, 37 Leinster Gardens, Bayswater, London W2 3AN

Contact: Call AML at 01494 526 955, or Farah at 07970 812 307, or email at [aml@aml.org.uk](mailto:aml@aml.org.uk)

Information: Special Guest Speaker: Dr Zaki Badawi

**Event: Conference for Palestinian Communities in Europe  
in Defence of the Right of Return**

Date: Saturday 19 July 2003

Time: 3.00pm - 8.00pm  
Held By: Palestinian Return Centre  
Venue: Conway Hall, South Place Ethical Society, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL  
Contact: Enquiries to PRC: Tel: 0208 453 0919, e-mail: [info@prc.org.uk](mailto:info@prc.org.uk), Website: [www.prc.org.uk](http://www.prc.org.uk)

Information: Given the grave threats presently overshadowing the Palestinian right of return, the Palestinian Return Centre invites all Palestinians residing in Europe and Palestinian institutions to participate in a popular conference to reaffirm adherence to their individual and collective right of return. Guests include Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi' A Palestinian Leader, Gaza; Dr. Salman Abu Sitta, President Palestinian Land Society UK; Prof. Naseer Aruri, Palestinian Academic, USA; Mr. Bilal al Hasan, Palestinian journalist, France; Dr. Muhammad Akram Adluni, Director, Al Quds International Institute, Lebanon

**Event: Raihan Tour 2003**

Date: 19 - 27 July 2003  
Held By: Raihan  
Venues: London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester and Glasgow  
Contact: For all enquiries please contact Knowledge and Wisdom: Address: 844 Stratford Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham B11 4BS, Tel: 0121 777 7999 / 07967 611 184 (National Hotline), E-mail: [info@knowledgeandwisdom.net](mailto:info@knowledgeandwisdom.net), Website: <http://www.knowledgeandwisdom.net>

Information: Raihan will be performing live in the UK for the first time, releasing their latest album 'Gema

Alam' (Vibes of the World). The tour also features Aashiq Ar-Rasul, UK, Irfan Makki, Canada, Sami Yusuf, UK, Azhar Usman, USA with live performances in English, Arabic, Malay, Urdu, and Turkish, new releases by all artists, Islamic Art Auction, Fundraising Event, Quran Recitation, Standup Comedy, Food Fest Area & Bazaar. Ticket Prices: Adults & over 13's: £13, Children & 3-12's: £8, VIP: £18. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to MCBDirect.

**Event: Living Islam Family Camp**

Date: 31 July - 3 August  
Held By: The Islamic Society of Britain and The Young Muslims UK  
Venue: Lincolnshire Showground.  
Contact: [www.LivingIslam.co.uk](http://www.LivingIslam.co.uk)

Information: Special Guest speakers will include Imran Khan and Jemima Khan along with several renowned Islamic scholars. The popular American nasheed group Native Deen will also be performing at the Camp, insha' Allah.

**Event: Lunch for Al-Yarmook**

Date: Sunday 3rd August 2003  
Time: 12pm - 4 pm  
Held By: Human Relief Foundation, Bradford

Venue Anam's Restaurant, Great Horten Road, Bradford, BD7 1RP

Contact: Human Relief Foundation, 4 Claremont, Bradford, BD7 1BQ, Tel: 08700 117 112,  
Email: [donate@hrf.co.uk](mailto:donate@hrf.co.uk), [www.hrf.co.uk](http://www.hrf.co.uk)

Information: This fundraising event is specifically for the rehabilitation of the thousand-bed Al-Yarmook

hospital in Baghdad, which HRF is currently sponsoring. Tickets for the 'Lunch for Al-Yarmook,' are available now priced at £20 per head. All proceeds will go towards the HRF fund for Al-Yarmook. Please call our office now to purchase your ticket or make a donation. Confirmed guests include Lord Patel of Blackburn, Dr Ghayuddin Siddiqui, leader of the Muslim Parliament, and a representative from the British Ethnic Health Awareness Foundation.

