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FIRST TARAWEEH (TENTATIVE)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

**THE ADHAN FOR ISHA SALAAH WILL BE AT 10:20 PM
TARAWEEH SALAH WILL BEGIN AFTER ISHA SALAAH**

FIRST DAY OF RAMADAN (TENTATIVE)

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

27TH NIGHT OF RAMADAN (TENTATIVE)

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

EID UL FITR (TENTATIVE)

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018

EID UL FITR DINNER

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

SPORTS DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018

FREE ADMISSION

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

On Monday April 23, 2018 soon after 1:00 pm a rental van driven by a suspect, Alek Minassian zigzagged down 2.2 kilometers of Yonge Street in Toronto killing 10 innocent people and injuring 15 others. Among the dead were office workers enjoying the first warm spring day, two students from Korea, a Jordanian father visiting his children a single mother from Sri Lanka and others who have left behind grieving children, parents and siblings asking how is this possible?

This is the first violent attack of this magnitude on the citizens of Toronto and the city is reeling in shock and disbelief. In speaking to Muslims the universal concern was "Please Allah, let this not be a Muslim". We are so conditioned by the media to think that all such atrocities are carried out by Muslims inspired by ISIS of Al Qaeda, so we automatically attribute events like this to a so-called Islamist. Even in this incident, a reporter tweeted that the alleged perpetrator was "Middle-East looking". How many people read this tweet and concluded, "Muslim again".

The first incident of a vehicle being used to attack pedestrians was in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1973 by a non-Muslim woman, Olga who killed 8 people. There have been more than a dozen times in recent years where this type of atrocity has been committed, many by non-Muslims but these are usually attributed to mental health or other social disease. In the case of Muslims, however, it is always terrorism.

In Surah 5 Al-Maida of the Qur'an, Verse 32 Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala says "... that if anyone slew a person unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land it would be as if he slew the whole people: and if anyone saved a life it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people." Muslims throughout the world are taught this message from birth. Rejecting this verse would automatically make one an unbeliever.

"Toronto the good" has been a term used to refer to our beautiful, safe and caring city from the days when it adhered to a strict moral code that stressed family life. Although many rules have been relaxed in recent years, our city is strong, compassionate and resilient. Even as pedestrians were injured and dying on the street in the aftermath of the horrendous attack, strangers with no connection to the innocent victims came to their aid and comfort. There has been countless cases of people calling 911 and going out of their way to assist until first responders were able to reach the victims.

The people of our city has responded in many ways to the call by our Mayor to step up at this time of need. #TorontoStrong Fund within 48 hours raised \$900,000 and by May 4, distributed half a million dollars to the victims and their families. Canada Zakat raised more than \$180,00 and Islamic Relief more than \$7,000, all being passed on to the main coordinator. At an interfaith gathering in Mel Lastman Square near the scene of the crime, Muslims participated in the service bringing a message of unity and love to the more than 25,000 who attended.

Alhamdulillah, Muslims must continue to strive to be part of the society in which we live. TARIC issued a press release after the disaster but we need to remain in the forefront of community efforts to demonstrate that we are an integral part of this society and we are hurt, like everyone else when senseless violence are perpetrated in our community.

OBSERVING RAMADAN

By:

Imam Shaykh Abu Musa Imran Ally

It is human nature to ask and to wonder why they do things. Muslims do things to benefit themselves but by pleasing Allaah, and while some may ask "Why do we fast ?" The response is simple, it is a command and a clear order from Allaah upon us. Allaah says, **{O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was**

prescribed for those who were before you, in order that you may learn taqwa (piety).} [sura 2: ayah 183]

Taqwa is an extremely important quality in a believer's life that keeps him or her aware of Allaah all the time. Taqwa is piety, righteousness and consciousness of Allaah. Taqwa requires patience and perseverance both of which can be developed and achieved through fasting.

Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam which makes it a unique spiritual and moral element of practicing Islam. The Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) said: *“Islam is built upon five [pillars]: testifying that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah, establishing the prayers, giving zakat, making pilgrimage to the House and fasting the month of Ramadan.”*

The Arabic word for fasting is called “sawm” in the Qur’aan. The word sawm literally means “to abstain.” In the Qur’aan, Mary the mother of Jesus said **{I have vowed a “sawm” (abstention) for the sake of the Merciful, so today I shall not speak to anyone.}** [sura 19: ayah 26]

With regards to fasting in the Shari’ah, the word sawm means to abstain from all those things which are forbidden, i.e. observe the fast, from the break of dawn to the sunset, and to do this with the intention of fasting.

Fasting in the month of Ramadan is obligatory upon every Muslim (male or female) who has reached puberty, is sane (sound mind) and who is not sick or traveling.

Among some of the things which can break the fast are actions that involves the expulsion of bodily fluids, marital intercourse, hayd (menstruation) and nifaas (post-natal bleeding), intentional vomiting, cupping (concern about it inducing fatigue), and actions that involve ingesting matter, such as eating and drinking.

Other things that can break the fast are only considered to do so if the following three conditions apply:

- i)** If a person knows that the act breaks the fast and is not ignorant of it.
- ii)** If a person is aware of what he/she is doing and has not forgotten that he/she is fasting.
- iii)** If a person does it of his/her own free will and is not forced to do it.

Some of the essential etiquettes which are worthwhile adhering to while fasting are:

a) Eating the Suhoor (the pre-dawn meal). The Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) said: *“Eat Suhoor, for there are blessings in it.”*

b) Hastening in breaking the fast. It is preferred for the fasting person to hasten in breaking the fast as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: *“The people will not cease to be upon good as long as they hasten in breaking the fast.”*

c) Increasing supplication (du’a) prior to and while breaking the fast. This is a golden moment for the fasting person to utilize as their every request will be accepted, in shaa Allaah. Please do not waste this moment.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing be upon him) said: *“Three supplications will not be rejected, the supplication of the parent for his/her child, the supplication of the one who is fasting, and the supplication of the traveller.”*

d) Refraining from performing any actions that do not befit the fasting. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: *“Allaah does not need the fast of one who does not abandon false speech or acting according to his false speech.”*

e) Being generous and studying the Qur’an. Abu Huraira reported that Jibreel used to repeat the recitation of the Qur’an with the Prophet (peace be upon him) once a year, but he repeated it twice with him in the year he was taken from this world.

f) Praying in the nights of Ramadan. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said : *“Whoever establishes prayers during the nights of Ramadan faithfully and out of sincere faith (not for showing off) and hoping to attain Allaah's rewards, all his/her past sins will be forgiven.”*

In concluding, since Islam means submission to Allaah, Muslims have made the choice without any compulsion to submit themselves to Allaah and obey His commandments which includes fasting in Ramadan. May Allaah accept our Ramadan fasting and allow it to be a witness for us on the Day of Reckoning, in shaa Allaah.

Ramadan Mubarak to you and all your loved ones.

TARIC ISLAMIC CENTRE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sessions are conducted by Imam Shaykh Abu Musa Imran Ally and other qualified teachers.

Classes will resume on September 9, 2018

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FAMILY DAY BRUNCH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

We will like to thank all the Volunteers and Attendees who participated in our Family Day Brunch. Thank you for your donations in making this event a success. May Allaah subhanahu wa ta'ala shower you with his choicest blessings.

FUNDRAISING DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

Our Fundraising dinner held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 was in aid to much needed improvements to our parking lot. Though the crowd was smaller than usual we raised over \$50,000.00. Thank you to our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Munir El Kassem, our MC Br. Mark Strong

and to all who contributed to this project. May Allaah subhanahu wa ta'ala bless you and your families.

UP COMING EVENTS AT TARIC

Family Night	September 8, 2018
Fall Excursion	September 22, 2018
International Food Fair	October 21, 2018
Family Night	November 3, 2018
Milad Un Nabie	November 18, 2018
Dawa Probram	December 1, 2018

PRESS RELEASE TORONTO VAN ATTACK

The Toronto And Region Islamic Congregation (TARIC) is deeply saddened and horrified with the loss of lives and injuries in the senseless act of terrorism in the City of Toronto on April 23, 2018.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to the dedicated officers of Toronto Police Service for their swift professional response in bringing an end to the horrible massacre.

“As always, in this horrible and tragic circumstance, first responders are often the first on the scene - their rapid response and professional work is simply extraordinary, and we are grateful to have them to keep us safe.”

Our hearts go out to all the loved ones, relatives, friends and colleagues of those who are killed and are injured in this cowardly and incomprehensible act of terrorism.

We stand in solidarity with the residents of Toronto and all Canadians.

The Executive, Members and Worshippers
TARIC Islamic Centre

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