

INTRODUCTION

As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu

Nahmaduhu wa nusalli ala Rasoolihil Kareem. Amma ba'd.

All praise is due to Almighty ALLAH, the Cherisher, Nourisher and Sustainer of the Universe. Peace, blessings and salutations be upon our Beloved Master and Leader, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa, SallALLAHU Alayhi wa Sallam (ﷺ).

MURDHI'AAT-UN-NABI SAW – NABI ﷺ's FOSTER MOTHERS

Mustafa ﷺ's Mubarak birth occurred approximately 50 days after the *Qissatul Ashabil Feel* – the incident of Abraha and the Elephants (571 CE). Abraha came from Yemen intending to destroy the Baitullah, the Ka'aba Musharrafah. Almighty ALLAHU TA'ALA protected it by destroying the elephants and humiliating Abraha, as mentioned in Suratul Feel (Ch. 105).

Mustafa ﷺ's honourable father, Abdullah, passed away about 10 days prior to his Mubarak birth. It was at Fajr, on a Monday which, according to many Ulama, was the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal, that Nabi ﷺ was born. (Some other dates have also been mentioned.)

This highlights the significance of Mustafa ﷺ's Prophethood i.e. that his message, *akhlaaq* (character) and everything relating to Mustafa ﷺ, has to do with Noor which dispels spiritual darkness just as the physical light of dawn dispels the darkness of night.

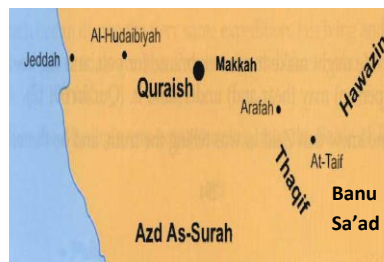
ALLAHU TA'ALA made special arrangements by selecting the Murdhi'aat, the Honourable Ladies, who breastfed Nabi ﷺ – some from the Arabian Peninsula and one from Africa:

SAYYIDATUNA AMINAH, THUWAYBAH, HALEEMAH, BARAKAH رضي الله عنهن ajma'een

1. **SAYYIDA AMINAH** رضي الله عنها : The biological mother of Mustafa ﷺ. Such an honourable mother that, prior to the birth of the Master عليه الصلاة والسلام, she said *annah garaja minha Noor* – she saw radiance emanating from her, as mentioned in Musnad-i-Ahmad.
2. **SAYYIDA THUWAYBAH ASLAMIYYA** رضي الله عنها : She was Abu Lahab's slave who brought him the good news of Mustafa Nabiyullah's Mubarak birth. It made him so happy that he liberated her.
3. **SAYYIDA HALEEMAH SA'ADIYYA** رضي الله عنها : In those days it was customary for the Makkans to send their children to the outskirts for health reasons. Today, if you go a bit further than Ta'if, you will find Sayyida Haleemah Sa'adiyya's رضي الله عنها tribe, the Banu Sa'ad.

She came with a group of ladies who commented that Mustafa ﷺ was a *yateem*, an orphan. They did not realise that, although an orphan, he was, he is and will always be the Most Beloved, the Most

Precious to Almighty ALLAH جل وعلی. Almighty ALLAH wanted to elevate the status of Sayyida Haleemah Sa'adiyya رضی اللہ عنہا so, after making *mashwarah* (consulting) with her husband Haarith, she decided to take Mustafa ﷺ.



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On their journey back from Makkah Mukarramah towards Ta'if, Sayyida Haleemah's camel started outrunning the others in the caravan. The people asked, "O Sayyida Haleemah! Did you change your camel?" She replied, "No, the camel is the same but we have an extra passenger, Muhammad bin Abdillah (*Khatamun-Nabiyeen, Rahmatulil Alameen* ﷺ)." The *barakah* was already apparent. Her breasts also became filled with milk due to the *barakah* of Mustafa Nabiullah ﷺ.

4. **BARAKAH – UMME AYMAN** رضی اللہ عنہا : Tell the whole world, O Muslims, that she was an African lady, dark of complexion, and her love for Almighty ALLAH جل وعلی, her love for Mustafa ﷺ was great and intense.

On the occasion of Mustafa ﷺ's demise, Sheikha Sayyidina Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضی اللہ عنہ *Wardha* and Sayyidina Umar رضی اللہ عنہ *Wardha* visited Barakah, Umme Ayman رضی اللہ عنہا. She was weeping profusely and they also started crying. They tried to console her by saying, "Mustafa ﷺ has gone to a better place".

She replied, "Yes, I know that but I cry because *Innal Wahya qadin qata'a* – the *ta'aluk*, the link and connection between the *Arsh* and the *Farsh*, between the Heavens and the Earth, is no more. *Wahyi* has stopped now, therefore I am weeping."

They cried because of the demise of Mustafa ﷺ. They cried because no more *Wahyi* would come. The love for Qur'an Kareem is clearly shown to us by this noble African lady.

LESSON: HONOURING PEOPLE BASED ON VALUES NOT APPEARANCES

These noble Murdhi'at were not from the upper strata of society. Amongst them were a former slave and an African lady. However, their qualities were such that they were granted this unique honour.

As Muslims, we should strive to promote the message that Islam is against racism and discrimination based on appearances and status. Islam is for all, and all for Islam.

Rabbana taqabbal minna, innaka antas-Samee'ul Aleem, wa arina manaasikana wa tub alayna, innaka anta-Tawaabur-Raheem

SUBHANA RABBICA RABBIL IZZATI 'AMMA YASIFOON, WA SALAAMUN ALAL MURSALEEN, WALHAMDULILLAHI RABBIL 'AALAMEEN.