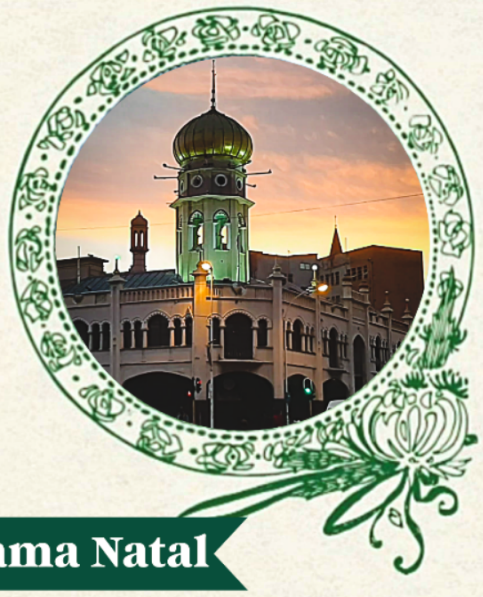
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9. Moulana Abdul Rahim Khan (Rahmatullahi Alayhi)

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- Born on a farm in the rural area of Marianhill on the outskirts of Durban, Natal.
- Completed his Hifzul Qur'an in the year 1959 at the Jumma Masjid in Grey Street, Durban, under the famous Qari of Cape Town, Hafiz Yusuf Booley (Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- As a young sixteen-year-old, Abdul Rahim Khan was selected by Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal, along with several others to pursue higher Islamic education in India at the world-renowned institution, Darul Uloom Deoband.
- After spending the initial years at Darul Uloom Deoband, Moulana enrolled at Miftahul-Uloom in Jalalabad, Uttar Pradesh, and graduated in 1969 under the tutelage of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan Saheb (Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- Moulana's contemporaries in Jalalabad, India include amongst others, Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Desai, Moulana Abdul Haq Makada, Moulana Osman Kadwa, Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Mehthar (currently residing in the USA), Moulana Ahmed Omar, Hafiz Ebrahim Limalia (Sallamahum Ta'ala) and Marhoom Moulana Hanif Moosajee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi)
- Upon his return to South Africa in 1969, Moulana was appointed as a junior teacher under the supervision of Moulana Abdur Rahmaan Ansari (Rahmatullahi alayhi) at the famous Orient Islamic School in Durban and was eventually appointed as Head of the Islamic Studies Department at the School after many years of teaching in the various grades.
- In his career at the Orient Islamic School which spanned 40 years, thousands of students benefited from his unique style of teaching and he was undoubtedly a teacher par excellence!
- Moulana was the teacher of many at the Orient School who later on became Ulama
- He served as the Imam & teacher at the Merewent Masjid, south of Durban for 12 years.
- Senior Supervisor of the affiliated Madrasahs of the Jamiatul Ulama KZN.

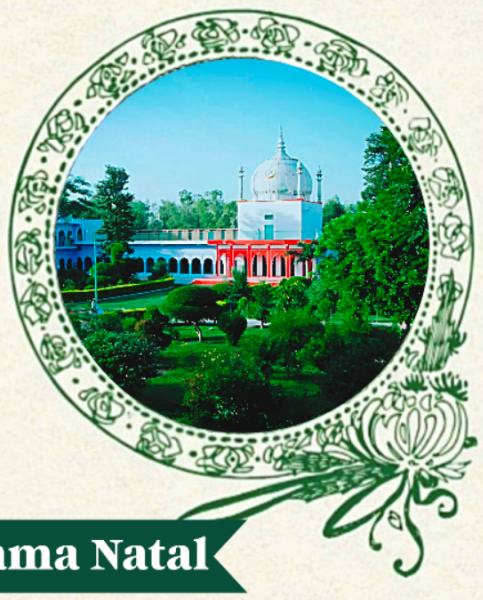
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- Senior Lecturer in the Teacher Training and Adult Education programs hosted by the Muslim Charitable Foundation (MCF) in Durban.
- After his retirement in 2009 (1969-2009) from the Orient Islamic School, Moulana joined the Jamiatul Ulama KZN in a full-time capacity from 2010 till 2013, then finally retired from all official duties.
- Despite his official retirement, Moulana continued to serve the Ummah in various capacities on a part-time or voluntary basis.
- He had the good fortune of teaching several generations of students via the various platforms he utilised in the education of the community.
- He had an absolutely unique style of teaching and reaching out to every student. In fact, the highlight of the school day for many of his students was his insightful lessons which were delivered with such enthusiasm.
- Moulana was famous for his passion for history and his extraordinary memory.
- He had a wonderful sense of humour, a trait that was appreciated by one and all and even by his mentor, the Saint of Jalalabad, Hadhrat Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan Saheb (Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- Moulana was so attuned to the times that not only did he excel in his dedicated field of Islamic education, but rather interestingly, despite his generation, Moulana was a self-taught expert in computers, so much so that he would teach others as well.

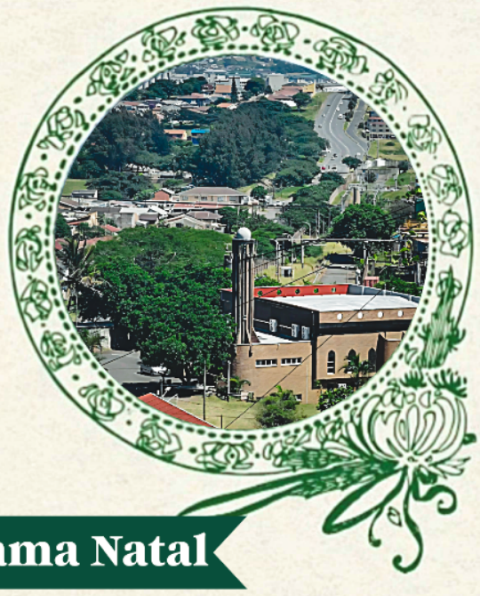
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- Moulana served as a radio presenter on the community radio stations using this medium to educate the greater community.
- The teacher in him always shone out wherever he was present.
- Moulana was an ardent lover of the Haramain Shareefain and made innumerable trips to the Holy Lands.
- He was an expert in conducting Hajj and Umrah classes and even guiding pilgrims during the Hajj and Umrah.
- He was so passionate about the Holy Lands that he would even visit the homes of prospective Hujjaaj to impart final advice before their departure. He would often present himself at the airport to see off the Hujjaaj and receive them as well.
- His famous book on Umrah, Hajj and Ziyaarah is highly acclaimed for being one of the most easy to understand as well as a source of reference for young and old, Aalim and non-Aalim. This Kitaab has been republished numerous times due to public demand. *Available at the Al-Jamiat Bookshop.*
- Moulana never missed an opportunity to educate our community and delivered Jumuah talks till the very end of his life. His talks were insightful and educational.
- Moulana was famous for educating the audience as a teacher would educate his students. He would frequently ask for feedback from his audience often calling those close to him by name. The classroom teacher was ingrained in him.

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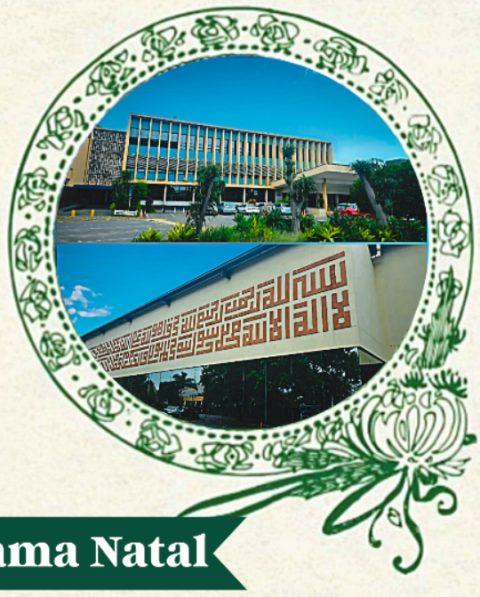
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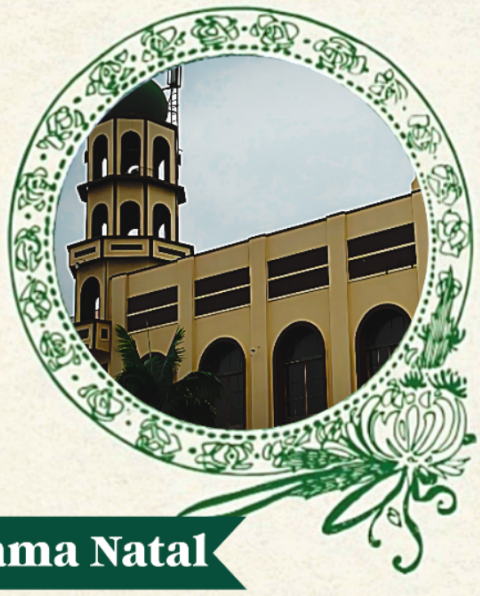
- Moulana was one of the first Ulama to commence Tafseer lessons for the public in the English language in the 1980s, while he was based at the Merebank Refinery Masjid in Durban.
- The youth, in particular, used to flock to his lessons from far and wide, especially the special programmes he would conduct during the blessed month of Ramadhaan.
- He was always present in the Islaahi programmes of Moulana Yunus Patel Saheb (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) at Masjid Noor in Asherville, despite the fact that he was older than Moulana Patel. This demonstrated his humility and simplicity.
- In the latter part of his life, his Quraan Tafseer lessons used to take place at the NMJ Centre in Morningside, Durban.
- His Tafseer lessons continued right until the time of his demise, and at this time he had completed the Tafseer of 19 Juz (chapters) of the Quran Majeed.
- Moulana has indeed left an indelible mark on the community and many of his students went on to become Ulama who are serving the Deen of Islam in various capacities.
- Moulana served the Deen of Islam for over 50 years!
- His Janaazah Salaah was attended by hundreds of his students, from all around KZN, and was led by Moulana Abdul Haq Makada Saheb (Hafizahullah), his friend and contemporary.
- He passed away on Monday, 18th January 2021, at the age of 75 and was laid to rest at the Hilaal Cemetery in Overport, Durban.

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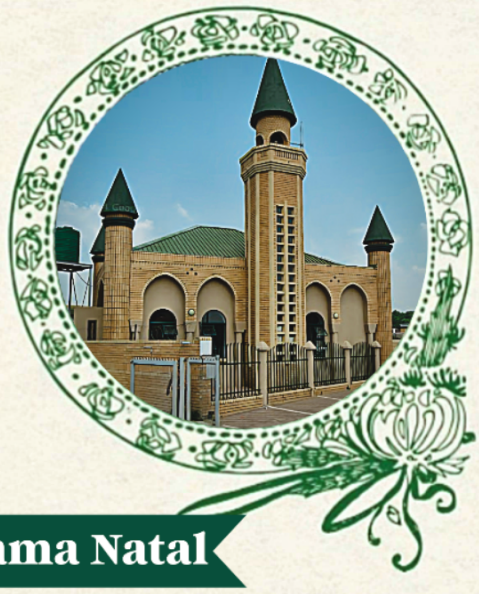
- Born in 1941 in Verulam, north of Durban in a family of 8 siblings.
- After completing his primary Madrasah & schooling, he attended Sastri College High School in Durban.
- Upon completion of his high school studies, Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) encouraged him to pursue higher Islamic education in India. Moulana Omarjee also arranged with Marhoom MI Mahomedy (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), a Durban businessman to sponsor his studies in India.
- Left for India in 1959 and enrolled at Darul Uloom Deoband.
- Upon completion of the first few years in Deoband, he migrated to Miftahul Uloom in Jalalabad, Uttar Pradesh, to continue his studies and graduated under the tutelage of Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) in 1965 in Jalalabad.
- Whilst studying in India, Moulana Dawood used to spend much of his free time in the company of Shaikh-ul-Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya and Moulana Yusuf Khandalwi (Rahmatullahi Alayhima) in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- He would always speak very fondly of the Majaalis (gatherings) of these illustrious elders.

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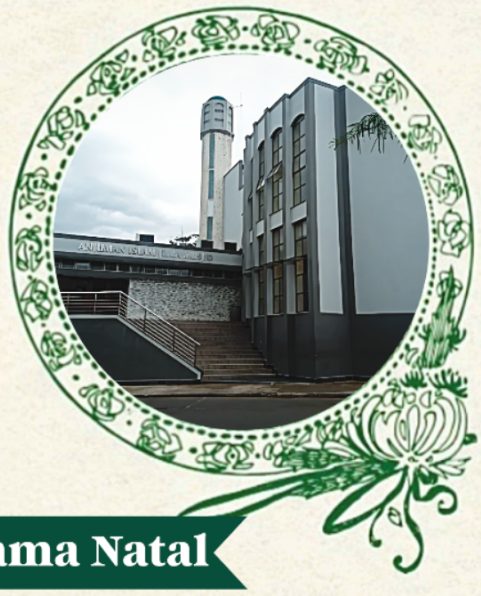
- Upon returning to South Africa, after his studies, he accepted a post as a Maktab teacher in 1967, in Verulam, until 1970.
- Between 1970 and 1990, Moulana served in various towns, viz. Pietermaritzburg, Bethal, Port Shepstone, Tongaat, and finally in Stanger, where he resided until his demise.
- His first Murshid (spiritual guide) was his teacher, Moulana Maseehullah Khan, thereafter Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar (Rahmatullahi Alayhima) and lastly, Moulana Fazlur Rahmaan A'zami (Hafizahullah).
- Moulana was a soft-natured, quiet and gentle person who spoke very little, and was very loved by his students and those who came into contact with him.
- His motto in life was, "Excessive Zikr, minimum speech when emotional and control the tongue."
- He lived by this motto and was a person who carried himself with grace and dignity.
- Passed away on a Friday in Stanger in 2021, after a short illness.
- His Janaazah was led by his son-in-law, Mufti Ebrahim Desai (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) - the Head Mufti of the Jamiatul Ulama KZN who passed away shortly thereafter and Moulana Dawood was laid to rest in the Stanger Muslim Cemetery.

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11. Moulana Muhammad Abdullah Mulla (Rahmatullahi Alayhi)
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- Born in 1945 in Verulam, north of Durban in a family of seven siblings, Moulana was the only son. He was also the maternal nephew of Moulana Dawood Mahomed Asmal (Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- Completed his primary schooling and education in Verulam.
- Despite being the only son, his parents sent him abroad at the age of 15 in 1960 to India by ship and he enrolled at Jamiah Ashrafiyyah in Rander, Gujarat for the Hifz of the Holy Qur'an.
- After completing his Hifz, he enrolled in the Aalim course and eventually graduated from the same institution. He produced excellent results throughout the duration of his studies.
- Returned at the age of 25 to South Africa in 1970, without having visited home in the full 10 years whilst abroad.
- Moulana used to spend his holidays in his ancestral town of Kathor and led the Taraweeh Salaah at the Jaamiah Masjid of Kathor on many occasions and the Jaamiah Masjid of Rander where he studied.
- Upon his return to South Africa, he accepted an offer as the Imaam of the Railway Street Masjid in Tongaat, north of Natal, where his parents had already relocated to in his absence and he married shortly thereafter.
- In 1973, Moulana accepted an offer as Head Imaam at the Stanger Jamiah Masjid and remained in this position for almost 24 years, with no Deputy Imaam until his retirement in 1997 due to ill health.
- His dedicated service to the Stanger Masjid and community is legendary and he set a very high standard in this regard.

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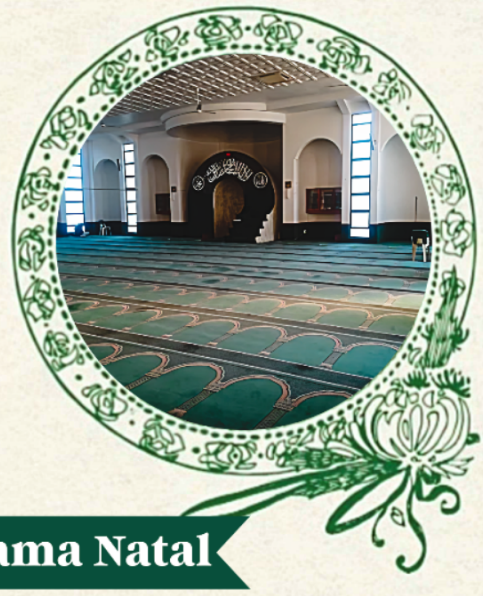
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- Moulana fulfilled his position as the Imaam of Stanger Masjid with utmost commitment, loyalty, and diligence, and would prepare well in advance before the Azaan for his duties as the Imaam.
- He was meticulous with regard to time management and punctuality and safeguarding of the Imaams Musallaa, if he had any commitments out of Stanger he would ensure that the Musallaa was delegated to a very responsible person in his absence.
- Moulana also taught at the Community Madrasah - Maktab and children would want to be enrolled in his particular class due to his very appealing teaching style and warm personality.
- He was an extremely jovial person by nature with young and old, and his humour was even appreciated by senior Ulama. He had an amazing ability to interact with people of every level and age group.
- He was very much a people's person and integrated well with the community that he served, often visiting the shopkeepers in the town and spending time with them, discussing various issues with them.
- Maintaining family ties was a very important feature in his life and he often hosted his sisters and extended families at his home. Many would even spend holidays at his home.
- Moulana never hesitated in bringing even 'unexpected guests' home for meals and would present whatever was available at the time.
- Regularly spent time with both the youth and adults after the Esha Salaah outside the Masjid, sharing in light-hearted conversations and building relationships with his congregation.

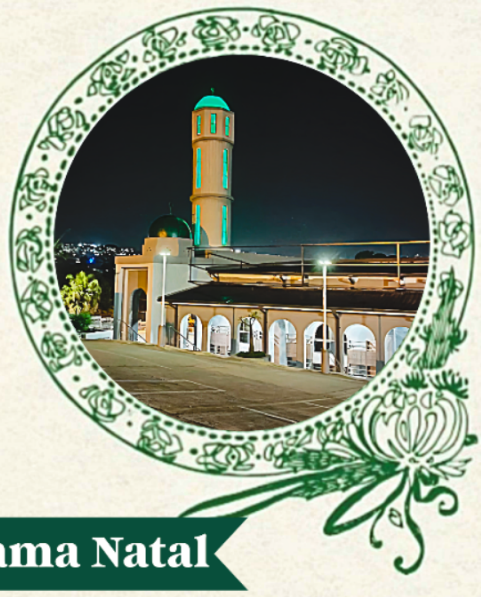
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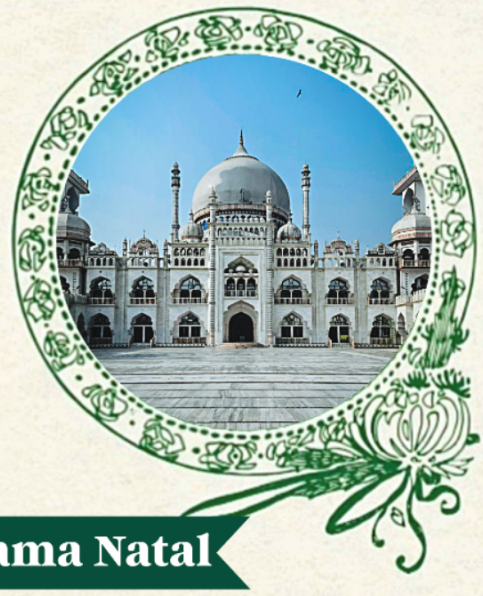
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- Moulana was extremely hospitable, with his home a hive of activity, always welcoming visitors, guests, or Musallees.
- He would avail himself for any dispute resolution in the community, whether it was social or business-related issues, always seeking amicable solutions.
- He always maintained a strong relationship with his alma mater and his Asaatiza with whom he used to correspond regularly.
- Took great care of his parents and built them a home in Verulam. After the demise of his father (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), his mother (Rahmatullahi Alayha) lived with him and his family till his demise, and thereafter she lived with his family till her demise.
- Moulana would fundraise amongst the business houses in Stanger, once a year and ensure that those funds were donated to the educational institutions in India.
- He kept abreast with current issues, both locally and internationally and was an avid reader of the daily newspapers.
- He was meticulous in everything he did and was a very organised person.
- He enjoyed a very warm & close relationship with Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), being his senior and ensured that he attended the meetings of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal dedicatedly.
- After a protracted illness, Moulana passed away in October, 2001.
- His Janazah was led by his son, Moulana Ismail Mulla and he was laid to rest in the Stanger Muslim Cemetery.

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12. Moulana Yunus Essop Dawood (Karodia) [Rahmatullahi Alayhi]
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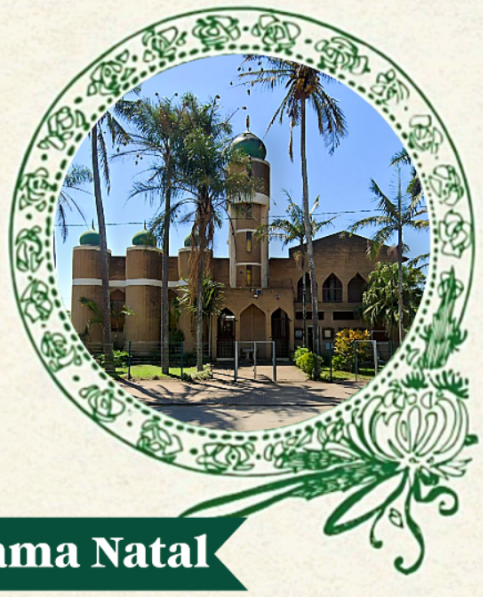
- Born in Shakaskraal, Natal in 1945 in a family of nine siblings.
- At age 14, in 1959, left South Africa to study at Darul Uloom Deoband in India.
- With immense dedication, he completed his Hifz-ul-Quraan in six months at Deoband.
- Close friend and roommate of Moulana Yunus Patel (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) at Darul Uloom Deoband, they maintained this strong bond and close relationship throughout their lives.
- Studied for nine years in Deoband and graduated in 1968.
- Whilst studying in India, he spent his holidays at his grandparents' ancestral home in Korsamba, Gujarat and led the Taraweeh Salaah there.
- After graduation, Moulana proceeded for Hajj and returned to South Africa.
- Once home, he expressed his intention to pursue postgraduate studies in India; however, his father (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) passed away, and he decided not to proceed to India for further studies as he had intended, but rather to take care of his mother (Rahmatullahi Alayha) and serve her.
- Married in 1970 and taught in Stanger at the Madrasah Maktab in the early 1970s and subsequently, on the instructions of his mother, joined the family business in Shakaskraal.
- Whilst teaching at the Stanger Madrasah, Moulana introduced teaching the Arabic Surahs that are normally taught in the Madrasah, with the English translation, which was something new at the time and well remembered by many of his students to this day.

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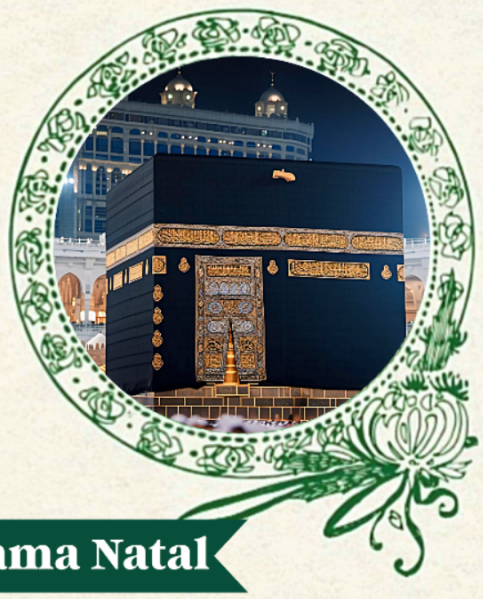
- Moulana was multilingual and fluent in 5 languages: Arabic, Gujarati, Urdu, English, and Zulu and used his linguistic skills to connect with diverse people, nurturing and fostering good, healthy relationships.
- His community service was significant; being one of the founders of the Shakaskraal Masjid, he not only assisted in fundraising for this project, but also served the Masjid as the voluntary Imaam his entire life, relieving the then Imaam of the Masjid, Moulana Ahmed Saeed Vahed (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), whenever it was required.
- He led the Taraweeh Salaah at the Shakaskraal Masjid for many years and had a most melodious voice.
- Moulana was very punctual with his Salaah and the Tahajjud Salaah as well throughout his life.
- It is said that he was the first person to enter the Masjid and the last one to leave.
- He was known by many as a 'silent Wali of Allah', very humble, soft-natured, and extremely generous as well.

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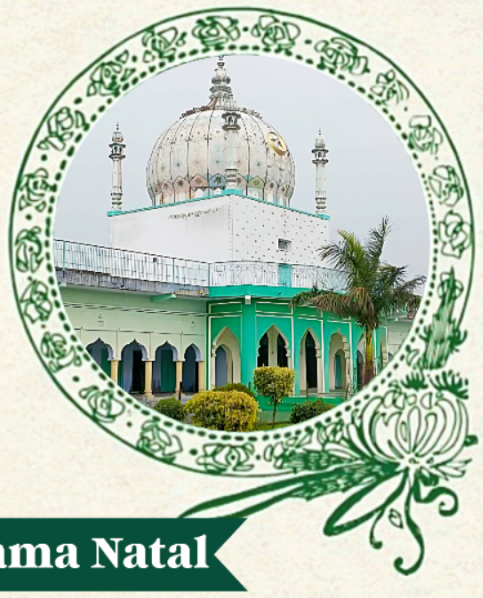
- A man of great hospitality, Moulana would always welcome visitors to the Masjid or town to his home. Frequent visitors to the town would drop off their womenfolk directly at his home, knowing they would be met with kindness and care.
- Visiting Ulama on a Jumu'ah would be invited to his home for lunch.
- His wife was a pillar of support in his service to the community and shared this responsibility with her husband.
- Moulana found immense comfort in nature; an avid fisherman, enthusiastic gardener, and he passionately loved cats. The neighbourhood cats would wait outside his home to be fed morning and evening, and he would feed them with utmost joy.
- It was observed that he would never wear black shoes. When asked why, he responded that "I don't wear black shoes out of respect for the covering of the Ka'bah Shareef, which is black." (While it is permissible to wear black shoes, this was his inner respect, reverence, and awe for the Ka'bah Shareef.)
- He always extolled the virtues of charity, even though he himself lived very simply and humbly.
- Moulana passed away on a Monday in July 2017. His Janaza was led by Moulana Junaid Vahed, and he was laid to rest in the Stanger Muslim Cemetery.

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13. Moulana Ya'qub Dawood Khan [Rahmatullahi Alayhi]
1945 - 1996

- Born in 1945 in Umzinto, South of Durban, Natal in a family of 6 siblings.
- Studied elementary Islamic education under Haji Ibrahim Ahmed Soofie Desai, Father of Chota Mota Soofie Desai (Rahmatullahi Alayhima) in Umzinto.
- Attended Umzinto Secondary School (high school) till 1963, Moulana Osman Kadwa Saheb (Hafizahullah) was his classmate in high school.
- In 1964, he left South Africa by ship to study in India, enrolled in Madrasah Husainiyya in Rander, Gujarat and spent a year studying in the institution.
- He travelled to Saharanpur accompanied by Moulana Dawood Padia rahimahullah and was introduced to Shaikh-ul-Hadith Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya (Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- After studying in Rander for a year, he transferred and enrolled in Miftahul Uloom, Jalalabad, Uttar Pradesh in the Madrasah of Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- Studied with Marhoom Moulana Ismail Maiter, Moulana Goolam Ansar Mia (Rahmatullahi Alayhima), Moulana Mahmood Khatib and Moulana Ahmed Omar (Hafizahumallah).
- Completed the Aalim Course 1970/71 in Jalalabad and proceeded for Hajj in 1971 with fellow classmate Moulana Goolam Ansar Mia.

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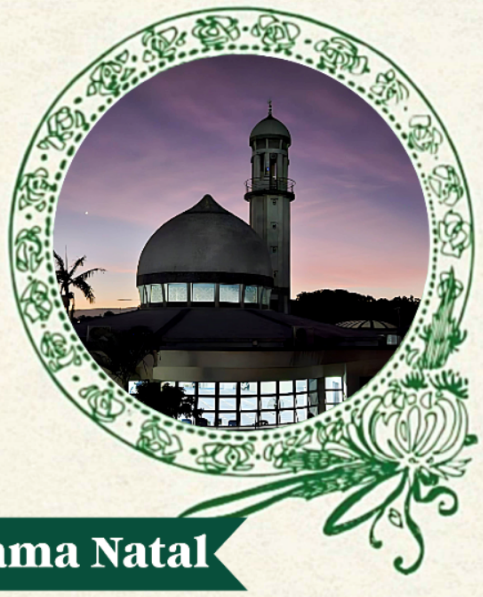
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- Moulana took Bay'ah (initiated his spiritual journey of reformation) at the hands of his Ustaadh, Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- On his return to South Africa, he was appointed as the Imaam of the Umzinto Jaame Masjid in 1972 and remained in this position till his tragic demise in 1996.
- He was a fiery orator, a simple person who was loved by the community to whom he was always available.
- Moulana attained Shahadah in an armed robbery at his home in 1996. He was extremely brave and courageous and was fatally shot defending his family, thus drinking from the cup of martyrdom! **"The one who passes away defending himself is a Shaheed." [Abu Dawud]**
- Served as Imaam of the Umzinto Masjid for almost 25 years.
- Moulana was blessed with 6 children.
- His Janaaza was performed by his lifetime friend and colleague Moulana Osman Kadwa (Hafizahullah) at the Umzinto Jaame Masjid and he was laid to rest in the Umzinto Muslim Cemetery.

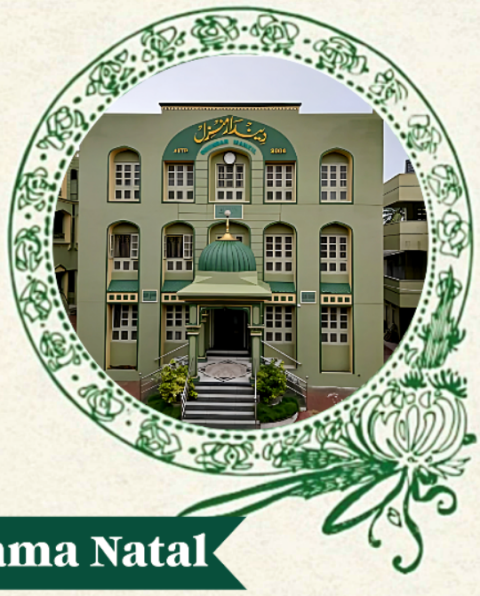
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14. Hafez Ayoob Goolam Hoosen Kadwa [Rahmatullahi Alayhi]
1946 - 2018

- Born in 1946 in the town of Port Shepstone, south of Durban into a family of eight siblings.
- Completed his secular education till standard 6 (grade 8) at the Port Shepstone Primary School.
- Left South Africa in 1961 and travelled by ship to India for Islamic education.
- Initially enrolled in Taraj, he subsequently moved to Jamiah Husainiyyah in Rander, Gujarat, where he completed his Hifz-ul-Quraan.
- In 1965 enrolled in Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow to study the Aalim Course.
- In 1967, he left for Hajj from India and met his father and elder brother Ismail (Rahmatullahi Alayhima) in Hajj.
- Returned to South Africa from India in 1969 after halting his studies in India due to a medical condition.
- After his return, Hafez Saheb settled down.
- Commenced teaching at the Maktab Madrasah in Port Shepstone and engaged in various other services of the community: Imaamat, leading the Jumu'ah Salaah, ghusl & Janaaza of the deceased, social/welfare needs, mediator, solely on a voluntary basis.

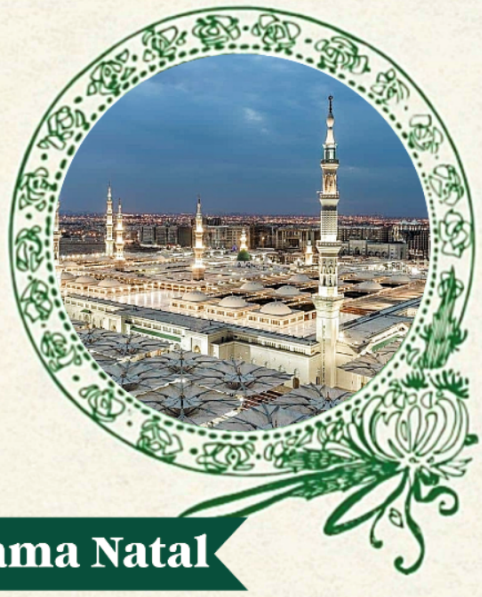
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- Hafez Ayoob immersed himself in the service of Deen, despite running a business as well.
- Had a very good command of English, Gujarati, Urdu, and was fluent in Zulu.
- One characteristic about him was his straightforward nature; when it came to what is right and wrong, he would never compromise when it came to the Shariah.
- He had initiated Bay'ah with Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), who had a lot of affection for him and once joked with him that you are not 'karwa' (bitter), however, you are 'meeta' (sweet-natured).
- After the demise of Moulana Maseehullah (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), he turned to Moulana Qamruzzamaan Illahabadi (Hafizahullah), who also conferred Khilafah upon him.
- He also enjoyed a very close relationship with our elders like Mufti Mahmoodul Hasan Gangohi, Moulana Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi (Rahmatullahi Alayhima), and many others.
- Colleagues in India from South Africa included Moulana Dawood Padia, Moulana Ahmed Omar, and Moulana Osman Kadwa, amongst others.
- He had an intense love for the Haramain Shareefain. He made repeated journeys to the Holy Lands; his involvement in service to the Deen extended to assisting various causes of Deen, especially the Madaris in India.

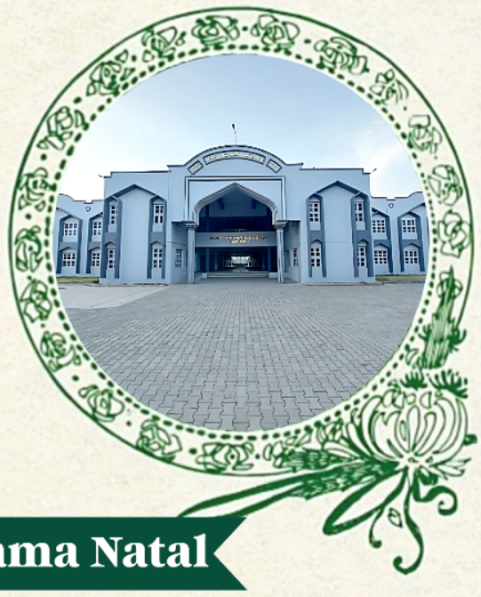
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- Hafez Saheb was a very active member of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal Shura, and the Senior Ulama displayed great respect for him, even though he was much younger.
- When the first Jamiatul Ulama Natal property was purchased in the 1990s in West Street, Durban, apart from fundraising for this project, Hafez Saheb personally donated a very large significant amount himself.
- Generosity was in his nature and his hospitality was legendary. He would not let a visitor or guest leave Port Shepstone without hosting the guests himself. His generosity extended in many ways, he was truly a man with a golden heart.
- Despite his deteriorating health, a few months before his demise, he still travelled to India, his last journey to attend important Shura meetings at Madrasah Haqqaniyah in Kathor, Gujarat which was very close to his heart and entrusted to him by Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi). *(On this trip of Hafez Saheb to India, we had the good fortune of travelling with him to many Islamic institutions and he bade farewell with much sadness at every visit, cried profusely throughout this journey, and continuously mentioned that this was his last visit (Co-Author's Note)).*
- Passed away in Durban in October 2018. His Janaaza was performed by his first cousin, lifetime friend and colleague, Moulana Osman Kadwa (Hafizahullah) and he was laid to rest in the Browns Avenue Muslim Cemetery in Overport, Durban.

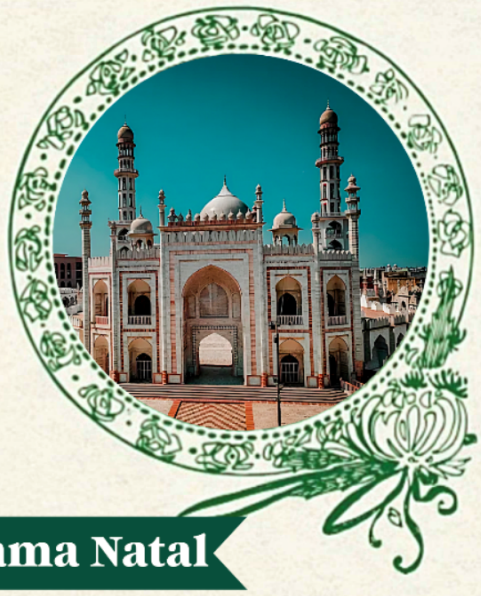
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15. Mufti Bashir Hussen Amod (Haffejee) [Rahmatullahi Alayhi]
1945 - 2017

- Born in Mayville, Durban, in 1945 in a family of seven siblings. Son of Munshi Nazir Ahmed Haffejee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), both his parents were involved in serving the Deen.
- Spent his early childhood in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, where his father was teaching; thereafter, the family relocated to Durban.
- Whilst in Standard nine in school, he decided to pursue higher Islamic education in India.
- Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) facilitated this under the auspices of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal. *(Moulana Omarjee (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) was instrumental in encouraging and facilitating many young men to pursue higher Islamic education in India, especially in the 1960s and 1970s until the establishment of Madaaris in South Africa. As a result, there was a tremendous increase in the number of Ulama in Natal as they graduated and returned home).*
- Left South Africa in 1963 and travelled by ship to India.
- Graduated from Darul Uloom Deoband in the Aalim and Iftaa (Mufti) courses.
- Took Bay'ah at the hands of Shaikh-ul-Hadith Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), who conferred him with Khilafah at a very young age.
- Returned to South Africa in 1972 by ship, and apart from family members that came to receive Mufti Bashir, both Moulana A. R. Ansari and Moulana A. H. Omarjee (Rahmatullahi Alayhima), the Ameer and Deputy Ameer of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal, were also present to welcome young Mufti Bashir at the Port.

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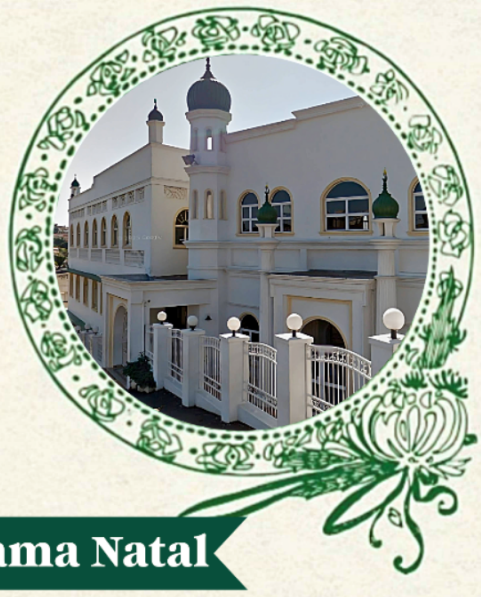
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- Once Mufti Saheb had returned, he commenced teaching at the Glearnearn Road Soofie Masjid Madrasah in Overport, Durban.
- In that same year, he observed I'tikaaf alone at the Glearnearn Road Soofie Masjid. He was among the very first in Durban to spend the entire month of Ramadaan in I'tikaaf.
- The community of Overport greatly benefited from his knowledge and presence.
- Mufti Saheb was actively involved and personally assisted in the setting up of the first formal premises of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal in the Durban CBD.
- In 1976, he accepted a position as the Imaam of the Newcastle Masjid and Principal of the Newcastle Madrasah. Also taught voluntarily at Darul Uloom Newcastle. Relocated in 1979 to the Pietermaritzburg Centre Street Masjid for one and a half years until Moulana AR Ansari (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) requested that he accept a position to teach at the Orient Islamic School in Durban.
- Whilst teaching at Orient Islamic School, he completed matric and subsequently his BA and MA degrees at the University of Durban-Westville (UDW).
- Lectured at the University of Durban-Westville in the Department of Islamic Studies.

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- Mufti Saheb was actively involved in the Jamiatul Ulama Natal as a senior supervisor of the Madrasahs.
- In 1990, Mufti Saheb settled in Stanger, Natal and established a Girls Madrasah and served the community of Stanger.
- Also served as the Deputy Ameer of the Jamiatul Ulama KZN for a period of time.
- An extremely jovial person who could mix and befriend people of all ages, he was extroverted in nature.
- Very hospitable and regularly hosted guests at his residence.
- Mufti Mahmood Hasan Gangohi (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) was hosted on many occasions at his family residence in Silverglen, Durban.
- It was always his habit to perform the Tahajjud Salaah and sleep after Fajr.
- On the day of his demise in February 2017, he did the same and later performed the Salatul Chaasht (mid-morning nafil Salaah) and whilst in Sujood, he passed away.
- His Janaaza was performed by Moulana Haroon Abasoomar (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) and Mufti Bashir Saheb was laid to rest in the Stanger Muslim Cemetery.

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