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- Moulana Suleman Goga (rahmatullahi alayhi) was born in Pietermaritzburg into a family of six siblings.
- From a very young age, he was recognised as having a remarkable photographic memory.
- His parents, understanding this to be a gift from Allah Ta'ala, desired that it be devoted to the memorisation of the Qur'an Majeed.
- Moulana commenced his Hifz at an early age under the guidance of Moulana Goolam Mohamed Salot (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 1998) at the East Street Masjid. Thereafter, he was sent to Mia's Farm in the then Transvaal to continue his journey of Hifz-ul-Qur'an.
- He completed the memorisation of the Qur'an Majeed under Hafez Abdur-Rahman Mia (rahmatullahi alayhi) at the tender age of fifteen, and for the remainder of his life, he was remembered as a fluent and accomplished Hafez.
- Three years later, in 1968, he completed his matric at the Waterval High School (Mia's Farm). Following this, he was encouraged to enrol in the Aalim course at the Waterval Islamic Institute.
- After completing four years of formal Islamic studies there (1969 – 1972), Moulana travelled to India to further his education at Darul Uloom Deoband, Uttar Pradesh. He completed his studies and qualified as an Aalim in 1975.
- Among his illustrious Asaatizah (teachers) were Mufti Mahmood-ul-Hasan Gangohi and Moulana Qari Muhammad Tayyab Qasmi (rahmatullahi alayhima).

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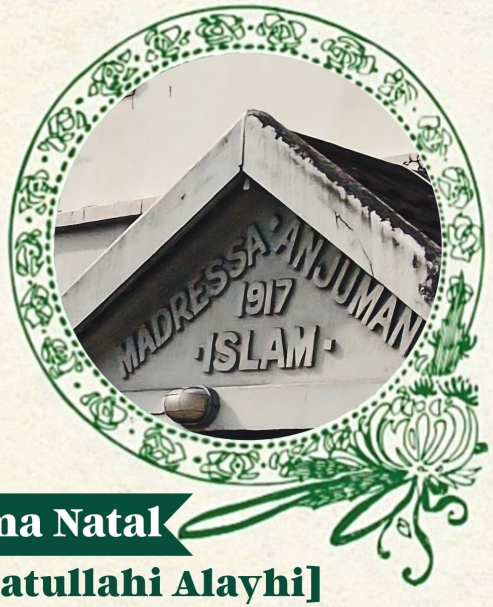
- Upon returning to South Africa, Moulana Suleman Goga (rahmatullahi alayhi) dedicated himself to the service of Deen by teaching at various madaaris and serving as an Imaam.
- From 1976 to 1978, he taught and led the communities in Howick and Isipingo Hills.
- Moulana then spent eight full years, from 1979 to 1986, at Darul Uloom Newcastle, where he taught Hifz-ul-Qur'an and lectured in various different sciences, such as Arabic, Tafseer, Hadeeth, Fiqh and Aqidah, among other subjects.
- During the institution's formative decade, Moulana was among a group of eleven full-time lecturers serving under Moulana Cassim Muhammad Sema (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 2007), a founding member of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal.
- In 1987, inspired by Shaykh Ahmed Deedat's vision of spreading Deeni knowledge among the underprivileged black communities of the country, Moulana joined the As-Salaam Institute, where he served as Principal alongside Moulana Muneer Ahmed Soofie.
- The following year, owing to the declining health of his father, Haji Abdul Qadir Goga (rahimahullah), he returned to Pietermaritzburg, where he went on to serve as a teacher at the Madrasah and as the Imaam of the Pansy Road Masjid, from 1988 to 1997.
- During this period, he also spent a year, 1994, as Head of Islamic Studies and an Islamic Studies teacher at Nizamia Islamic School, and remained a member of the school's Education Committee until 1997.
- His final formal teaching position was at Al-Falaah College in Durban in 2004, where he taught Islamic Studies.

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- In addition to his commitment to learning and teaching Deen, Moulana Suleman Goga (rahmatullahi alayhi) also served in several community and Islamic organisations, always seeing this work as a means of serving the Ummah through direct grassroots engagement, providing mentorship and aid to the broader community
- After moving to Durban in 1998, he worked at the South African National Zakaah Fund (SANZAF), where he remained until 2003.
- During 2005 and 2006, he spent short periods serving at the Inchanga Islamic Institute and the Islamic Da'wah Movement (IDM).
- At the Islamic Da'wah Movement, Moulana served voluntarily as the National Da'wah Co-ordinator. In this role, he oversaw the Da'wah Network Department, Islamic Centres, and the daily Madrasah activities.
- Moulana is remembered as one who always carried out duties with complete sincerity and unwavering dedication.
- From 2007 to 2009, he served as Administrator at the Jamiatul Ulama KwaZulu-Natal, a position that reflected the trust placed in him.
- Moulana was an avid reader with a keen grasp of current events, history, and the political landscape. His Jumu'ah talks would often centre around current affairs in the Muslim world.

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- Moulana Suleman Goga (rahmatullahi alayhi) was punctual and consistent in attending Salaah at the Masjid.
- He also impressed upon his children the importance of remembering Allah Ta'ala throughout the day by regularly reciting duas, whether to seek Allah's protection or to thank Him for His blessings.
- Moulana strongly disliked wastefulness and lived a simple life, taking only what was truly needed. He would not waste a single drop of water, a morsel of food, or discard clothing until it had been fully used. In doing so, he quietly taught the value of contentment and responsibility.
- He made time for people, and spoke to individuals from all walks of life, believing that every interaction held value, either as an opportunity to positively influence someone or to learn something beneficial himself. His humility and openness made people feel comfortable in his presence.
- Family ties were very important to him. He maintained close relationships with his relatives, regularly visiting them and welcoming family members into his home to share meals or stay over. His home was a place of warmth, care, and togetherness.
- Moulana passed away in 2021 at the age of 70. His Janazah Salaah was led by Moulana Abdul Haq Makada (Hafizahullah), and is buried at the Al-Hilal Cemetery in Overport, Durban.

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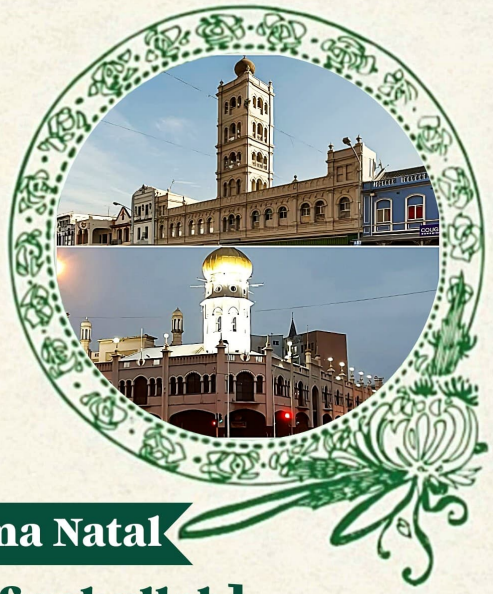
- Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) was born in 1951 in Verulam, at the home of his maternal grandparents, north of Durban. He was born into a family of five siblings, with Moulana being the third of the five siblings.
- His paternal grandfather, Haji Ahmed Mahomed Omar (rahmatullahi alayhi), who passed away in 1952, was a student of Moulana Abdul Haq Hazarwi (rahmatullahi alayhi) at Madrasah Haqqaniyyah in Kathor, Gujarat, India, during the 1890s. He was also a devoted mureed (disciple) of Hakeemul Ummah, Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 1943).
- Haji Ahmed Mahomed Omar (rahmatullahi alayhi) had a deep love and strong attachment to Darul Uloom Deoband and other madaris in India. From South Africa, he continuously supported these institutions financially, assisting and serving the causes of Deen.
- Moulana's father, Haji Suleman Ahmed Omar (rahmatullahi alayhi), who passed away in 2009, was a well-known, pious businessman in Durban. He was also an expert tailor, respected for both his skill and integrity. He shared a close relationship, both as a relative and a childhood friend, with Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) spent his childhood in Durban, where his family lived in the AM Omar family home in Pine Street. This home was situated close to both the West Street and the Grey Street Jumma Masaajid.

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- During those days, it was common for families to live in extended family structures, which nurtured strong family bonds. Moulana was thus placed in the heart of a vibrant Islamic environment.
- Remarkably, Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) never attended any formal schooling in his life. Despite this, through dedication, discipline, and tawakkul upon Allah Ta'ala, he went on to become a highly successful businessman and entrepreneur.
- At the tender age of five, Moulana began his journey of Hifz-ul-Qur'an under the guidance of the renowned Hafez Yusuf Booley (rahmatullahi alayhi) of Cape Town. At that time, Hafez Yusuf Booley was teaching Hifz-ul-Qur'an at the Grey Street Jumma Masjid in Durban.
- Amongst his fellow classmates under Hafez Yusuf Booley (rahmatullahi alayhi) were many who later became distinguished personalities, including Moulana Abdul Raheem Khan, Hafez Dr Abdul Kader Hansa, Hafez Cassim Vahed, Hafez Ebrahim Limalia, and Hafez Dr Ahmed A. K. Omar.
- In 1962, at the young age of eleven, Moulana travelled to India to further his studies of Hifz-ul-Qur'an. He undertook the long sea journey aboard the SS Kampala, travelling from Durban to Bombay.
- The voyage by sea took approximately twenty-one days, reflecting the dedication and sacrifices made in those times in the pursuit of Islamic knowledge.

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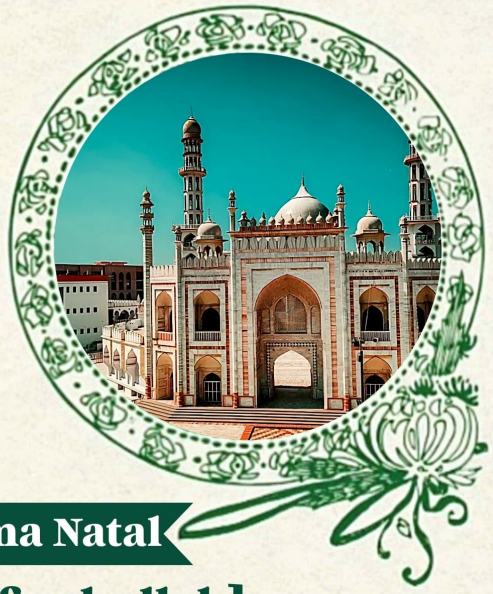
- Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) enrolled at Jamiah Hussainiyyah, Rander, Gujarat, in order to complete his Hifz-ul-Qur'an, and completed his memorisation under the guidance of Hafez Ayoob Mota (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- His classmate from South Africa during his stay in Rander was Hafez Ayoob Kadwa (rahmatullahi alayhi) of Port Shepstone.
- Moulana remained in Rander from 1962 until 1965, with complete dedication and attachment to the Qur'an Majeed. At that time, the Muhtamim (Principal) of Jamiah Hussainiyyah, Rander, was the renowned Moulana Saeed Randeri (rahmatullahi alayhi), who later also visited South Africa.
- After graduating as a Hafez, in 1966, Moulana travelled to Jalalabad, Uttar Pradesh, India, where he enrolled at Miftah-ul-Uloom, the Madrasah of the eminent saint and scholar Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- Amongst his esteemed Asaatizah (teachers) there were, amongst others: Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan, Moulana Yaseen Saheb, and Moulana Aqeel-ur-Rahmaan (rahmatullahi alayhim).
- His contemporaries in Jalalabad included several well-known personalities, amongst them: Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Desai, Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Mehthar, Moulana Osman Kadwa, Moulana Farook Bobat, Moulana Abdul Haq Makada (daamat barakaatuhum), Moulana Osman Fareed and Moulana Abdul Rahim Khan (rahmatullahi alayhima).
- His classmates from South Africa included: Moulana Yacoob Khan, Moulana Ismail Maiter, Moulana Mahmood Khatib, Moulana Yusuf Railoon of Cape Town, and Moulana Goolam Ansarmia of Port Elizabeth.

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- After graduating from Jalalabad, Moulana furthered his studies by spending time in 1971 at the world-renowned Darul Uloom Deoband, thereby completing a remarkable academic journey.
- In 1972, Moulana visited South Africa. Thereafter, he returned to Jalalabad, where he devoted himself to spiritual training in the Khanqah (place of spiritual reformation) of his respected Ustaadh and Murshid, Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- He spent approximately six months in the Khanqah, fully secluded, engaged in spiritual reformation. During this period, Moulana also worked extensively on strengthening and perfecting his dhor (revision) of the Qur'an Majeed.
- Hafez Dr Abdul Kader Hansa (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 2020) was also present in the Khanqah during this time, benefiting from the same environment of spiritual training.
- Moulana Ahmed and Hafez Dr Abdul Kader Hansa (rahmatullahi alayhi) enjoyed a lifetime of friendship.
- In 1973, after spending almost a decade in India, Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) finally returned to South Africa. Enroute this final journey home, Moulana Abdul Haq Makada (hafizahullah) was his travelling companion.
- Upon his return, Moulana joined one of the family businesses, which was based in Isipingo Rail, south of Durban.

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- When Moulana joined one of the family businesses in Isipingo Rail, there was no Masjid in Isipingo Beach at that time; only a jamaat Khana served the local Muslim community. Haji Ahmed Salejee, the father of Moulana Muhammad Gora Salejee (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 2021), invited Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) to lead the Taraaweeh Salaah at the Isipingo Beach Jamaat Khana.
- Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) graciously accepted the invitation and, together with his close friend Moulana Abdul Haq Makada (hafizahullah), led the Taraaweeh Salaah at the Isipingo Beach Jamaat Khana during the Mubaarak month of Ramadhaan in 1973.
- Shortly thereafter, the Isipingo Beach Jaami' Masjid was established, marking a significant milestone for the Muslim community in the area.
- Hafez Yusuf Noorbhai (rahmatullahi alayhi) was appointed as the first Imaam of the Isipingo Beach Jaami' Masjid.
- Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) had the honour of conducting the first inaugural Jumuah Salaah at the newly established Masjid.
- He thereafter served as the Imaam and Khateeb for the Jumuah Salaah for approximately six to seven months, leading the congregation week in and week out with complete dedication.

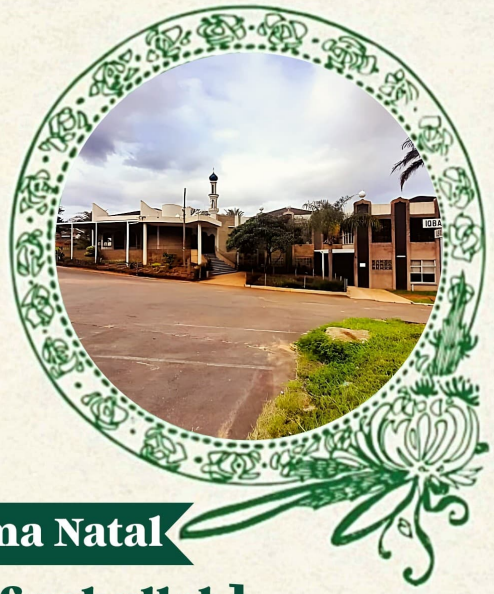
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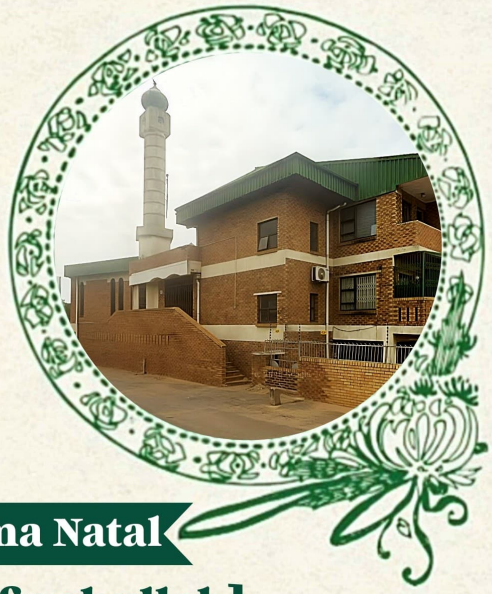
- In addition to his valuable khidmah (service to Deen) at the Isipingo Beach Jamaat Khana and later at the Isipingo Beach Jaami Masjid, Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) also rendered dedicated service to the Isipingo Hills Muslim community.
- Moulana served the Isipingo Hills Masjid for approximately one year, conducting the weekly Jumuah Salaah, until the first permanent Imaam, Moulana Suleman Abdul Qadir Goga (rahmatullahi alayhi), was officially appointed to the Masjid (refer to Legacy Series #141–144).
- Moulana Goga (rahmatullahi alayhi) was also a close friend of Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah). At the time, Moulana Ahmed's family business was situated in Isipingo Rail. (Isipingo Beach, Isipingo Hills, and Isipingo Rail are all located within close proximity in the Isipingo precinct, south of Durban.)
- During this same period, a challenge arose for the Muslim students of Isipingo Hills High School. The school principal, who was non-Muslim, did not permit the students to attend Jumuah Salaah at the normal time, allowing them to leave school only before the Jumuah time.
- Concerned members of the community proposed that special arrangements be made so that these students would not be deprived of their Jumuah Salaah. In response, Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) began conducting an early Jumuah Salaah, commencing shortly after Zawaal, specifically for the convenience of these students.
- This early Jumuah was held at a Jamaat Khana at the residence of Hafez Yusuf Noorbhai (rahmatullahi alayhi) in Isipingo Hills. Hafez Noorbhai was a well-known, respected, and dedicated member of the local Muslim community.
- Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) would deliver the Khutbah and lead the Jumuah Salaah, ensuring that despite their constraints, the students were able to fulfil this important religious obligation.
- In this manner, Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) continued to serve the Deen of Allah Ta'ala selflessly, responding wherever the need arose.

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- In 1974, Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) made nikaah with the daughter of Marhoom Hajee Ismail Salajee (rahmatullahi alayhi) of Ganescoti, near Umzinto. Allah Ta'ala blessed this union with two sons, Hafez Muhammad and Luqmaan.
- Moulana's Marhooma wife (rahmatullahi alayha) passed away in 2021, after 47 years of marriage. Allah Ta'ala blessed her with a most blessed and beautiful end, passing away at the time of Tahajjud on the night of Jumuah, while she was engaged in the Zhikr of Allah Ta'ala.
- Among her outstanding qualities were her simplicity, contentment, excellent akhlaaq, and her deep love and respect for the Qur'an Majeed. She played a pivotal role in supporting Moulana in his Deeni efforts and in graciously hosting many senior and distinguished personalities at their home, both locally and from abroad.
- Among those who were hosted were Qari Muhammad Tayyab Qasmi, Principal of Darul Uloom Deoband, Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan, Moulana Qazi Mujaahidul Islam, Moulana Ihteshamul Haq, Moulana Ashraf Randeri, Mufti Muhammad Rafi Usmani (rahmatullahi alayhim), and Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani (hafizahullah).
- Moulana Ahmed (hafizahullah) also assisted from time to time with the Jumuah Salaah at the Isipingo Rail Masjid. He was appointed as a trustee almost fifty years ago by the Jamadar Family who were instrumental in the establishment of the Masjid. Moulana is still involved in the Isipingo Rail Masjid till today.
- He also enjoyed a very close relationship with Marhoom Chota Mota Desai (rahimahullah) and rendered valuable assistance in his Madrasah efforts. This included supervising the Madaris and Makatib, setting examination papers, and testing students at the various Madaris and Makatib established throughout Natal.

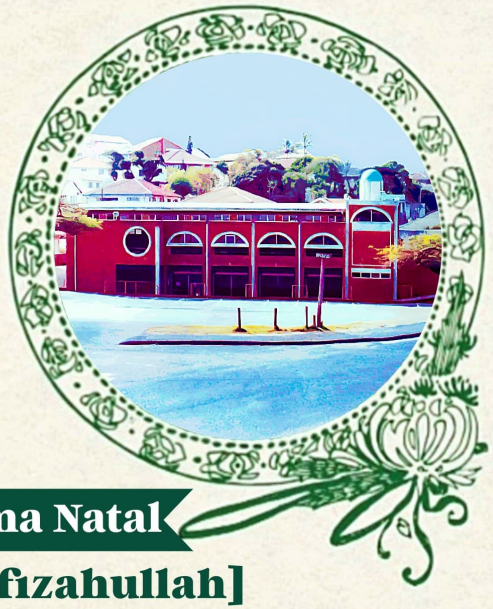
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- Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) played an active pivotal role in the office of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal for approximately 25 years. He also greatly assisted with the purchase of the West Street property, served as the treasurer, was a member of the Shura, and graciously hosted many guests of the Jamiat at his home.
- Among the notable guests was Qazi Mujaahidul Islam (rahmatullahi alayhi), who stayed for several months on one occasion at Moulana's home in Parlock, Durban. The Ulama of Natal derived great benefit from this luminary and giant of knowledge during his stay.
- The AM Omar family was also honoured with the privilege of hosting the legendary and world-renowned Qari of Egypt, Qari Abdul Basit Abdus Samad (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- Moulana's Taraaweeh was well known and widely admired. In the 1980s, at the request of his close friend Moulana Yunus Patel (rahmatullahi alayhi), he led the full twenty rakaats of Taraaweeh for several years at Masjid Noor in Mallinson Road. He also led Taraaweeh in various other Masaajid in Durban. Moulana enjoyed an exceptionally close and lifelong friendship with Moulana Yunus Patel (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- At a later stage, Moulana's family sold their business in Isipingo, after which he joined his father, Hajee Suleman Omar (rahimahullah), at Soli Omar Tailors in Pine Street, Durban, a highly successful enterprise regarded as one of the finest tailoring businesses in Natal.
- Moulana served his parents with outstanding dedication and devotion. He lived with them throughout his life and earned their heartfelt duas. It was mentioned by his Marhooma wife that her father-in-law, Hajee Suleman Omar, would often weep profusely during Tahajjud, sometimes like a baby for upto an hour, while making dua, reflecting the depth of his sincerity and the spiritual environment in which Moulana was nurtured.

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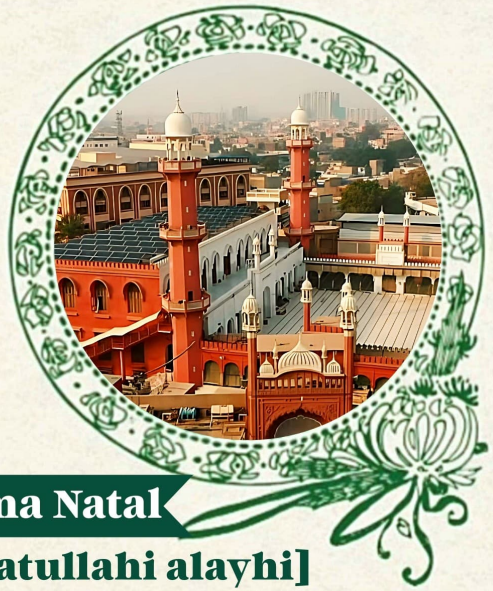
- Alongside managing his business, serving his parents, and rendering service to the Deen in various capacities, Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) also established a Hifz class at Masjid Yusuf in Parlock during the 1980s, close to his home. Through this effort, several Huffaaz were produced, Masha-Allah.
- Hafez Yunus Cassim Shaik was the first student to graduate under Moulana's guidance. Reflecting on his teacher, he mentioned: "As our Ustaadh, Moulana Saheb always had a pleasant demeanour. He was not one to scold his students or use the stick. Moulana was always approachable to his students, not only as an Ustaadh, but also as a friend and confidant."
- Moulana's son, Hafez Muhammad, was also blessed with the good fortune of completing his Hifz-ul-Qur'an under the guidance of his esteemed father.
- Even in his retirement, Moulana continues to serve the community on multiple levels. He serves as a trustee of Masjid Taqwa in Sea Cow Lake, Durban, a trustee of the Isipingo Rail Masjid, a Shura member of Madrasah Haqqaniyah in Kathor, Gujarat, India, and renders valuable service to Madrasah Tajweedul Quran in Delhi, India, which he visits annually.
- May Allah Ta'ala grant Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) continued good health, aafiyah, and keep his shadow of goodness over us for many years to come. Aameen.

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29. Moulana Haroon Ismail Abasoomar [rahmatullahi alayhi]
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- Moulana Haroon Abasoomar (rahmatullahi alayhi) was born in 1952, in Carolina, then part of Transvaal, South Africa. He was born into a family of seven children and was the fourth among them. Two of his siblings passed away in infancy.
- Moulana began his basic secular education as well as his early Islamic education in Carolina. From a young age, he grew up in a home filled with love for the Qur'an Majeed. Both his father and grandfather were devoted to the Qur'an, and this had a strong influence on Moulana's desire to memorise the Qur'an Majeed.
- In 1966, at the age of 14, Moulana travelled to Mia's Farm, where he began his journey of Hifz-ul-Qur'an, while simultaneously continuing his secondary school education. As the years passed, his love for Deeni knowledge grew stronger, and his desire to study Deen only intensified.
- Despite facing certain difficulties, and with the full support and encouragement of his father, Haji Ismail (rahimahullah), Moulana set out, aboard the SS Karanja in 1970, which was travelling by sea to Karachi, Pakistan. The journey took about two weeks, and it remained a memorable experience that Moulana would fondly speak about throughout his life.
- After arriving in Karachi, Moulana enrolled at the well-known Madrasah Al-Arabiyyah Al-Islamiyyah, also known as Binnori Town (Newtown). There he joined a special course where all subjects were taught in Arabic. Students were normally required to first learn Urdu before starting the Aalim course.
- Moulana Haroon quickly became known as one of the top students of the Madrasah. He was regarded as a special student of Hadhrat Moulana Yusuf Binnori (rahmatullahi alayhi) and was well known for his strong academic ability, regularly achieving first or second position in his class each year.
- In the final examinations of his last year, Moulana wrote all his papers in Arabic and achieved first position nationally among the Darul Ulooms of Pakistan. This was a unique achievement, and no other South African student had accomplished this before him.
- Moulana Haroon graduated in 1976. This was also the final class to whom Hadhrat Moulana Yusuf Binnori (rahmatullahi alayhi) taught the entire Bukhaari Shareef, as he passed away the following year in 1977.

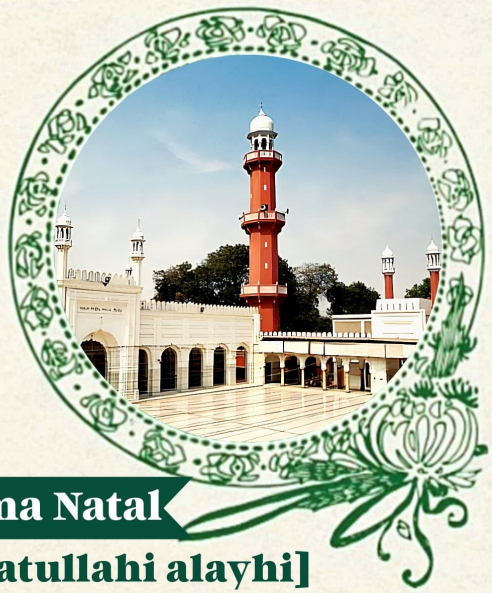
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- Moulana Haroon (rahmatullahi alayhi) is remembered by his colleagues as one who possessed an imaginative and creative mind. He would often lead the nightly takraar sessions, revising the lessons of the day and preparing for those of the following day.
- He was blessed with a crystal-clear memory and the ability to think through the most difficult and complex questions. Despite such strong academic prowess, his student life was beautifully marked by his excellent character, kindness, and gentleness. He was always humble.
- One colleague recalls: “If any student I knew at the Madrasah in those days was a true reflection of our teachers, all of whom, I assure you, were saintly personalities, then it was Moulana Haroon Abasoomar (rahmatullahi alayhi).”
- During his student days, even as a young boy, Moulana was very cautious regarding two matters. Firstly, he made every effort to keep away from futility and anything that would waste his time. Secondly, during the Madrasah holidays, he would remain engaged in Deeni work, such as travelling to Nizaamuddeen, Delhi, to take part in the effort of Tabligh and Da‘wah.
- Moulana was fortunate to study under many senior Asaatizah, who were regarded as stalwarts in their respective fields. These included Hafez Abdur Rahmaan Mia (rahmatullahi alayhi) at Mia’s Farm, as well as his teachers in Karachi, among them Mufti Wali Hasan and Moulana Badeeuz Zamaan (rahmatullahi alayhim), and others.
- After completing his studies, Moulana remained in the company of his most senior Ustaadh, Allaamah Yusuf Binnori (rahmatullahi alayhi), until his demise in 1977. Only thereafter did Moulana return to South Africa. In later years, whenever he travelled to Karachi, he made it a point to visit each and every one of his Asaatizah, whether at the Madrasah or in their homes.
- In addition to studying Hadith under his illustrious teachers in Karachi, Moulana also acquired 'Ijaazah' in Hadith (permission to transmit Hadith) from several other Hadith masters of his time.

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- Moulana Haroon (rahmatullahi alayhi) initially formed an Islaahi ta'alluq (spiritual relationship) with Shaikh-ul-Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Khandalwi (rahmatullahi alayhi). During his early years in Karachi, Moulana would travel to Saharanpur, India, in the blessed month of Ramadhaan to spend I'tikaaf in the company of Hazrat Shaikh. Likewise, whenever Hazrat Shaikh visited South Africa, Moulana would ensure that he presented himself in the company of his spiritual mentor.
- The demise of Hazrat Shaikh in 1982 weighed heavily upon Moulana. However, fully aware of the importance of continuing his spiritual reformation, he thereafter established an Islaahi ta'alluq with Mufti Mahmood Al-Hasan Gangohi (rahmatullahi alayhi). Following the demise of Mufti Mahmood in 1996, Moulana then took bay'ah at the hands of Moulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- Moulana Haroon would spend much time in the company of his spiritual mentors. He travelled widely with Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar, both within South Africa and abroad, including journeys to the Haramain Shareefain, as well as visits to England, Turkiye, and Mauritius.
- Moulana was also part of the first delegation that travelled to Johannesburg to invite Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar to Durban. It was during this visit to Durban that several senior local Ulama took bay'ah at the hands of Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar.
- In time, Moulana was conferred the mantle of Khilafah by Aarifbillah Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar. He would then regularly conduct weekly Majaalis for students and members of the public in Isipingo Beach.
- After returning from Pakistan in 1977, Moulana settled in Isipingo Beach, where he was appointed as the Imaam of the Isipingo Beach Jaami Masjid and established its Maktab. His sincerity and commitment to the community clearly shone throughout his years as the Imaam of Isipingo Beach.
- Moulana Haroon served as the Imaam of this Masjid for a total of 43 years. This remarkable service stands as a source of inspiration for young and aspiring Ulama, many of whom were his students, and it also reflects the deep love and respect the people of Isipingo Beach had for him.
- Until the very end of his life, Moulana preferred no special titles, and if ever an introduction was required, he wished only to be known as: "The Imaam of the Isipingo Beach Masjid."

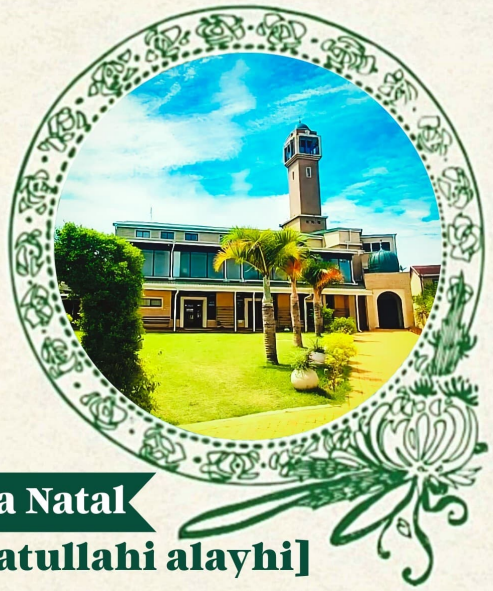
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- Moulana Haroon (rahmatullahi alayhi) fulfilled his duties as Imaam with complete diligence and commitment. His bayaans were legendary, filled with Uloom, yet simple and easy to understand for young and old alike. He constantly encouraged daily Islamic practices, such as making Salaam common, and was a strong voice for "the receiving hand", repeatedly cautioning against the mistreatment of workers and stressing on paying fair and adequate wages.
- His interaction with the community went far beyond barriers of colour, language, and race. He would greet people with a loud and warm salaam, enquire about those he had not seen for some time, visit the sick, and travel long distances to attend the janaazahs of community members' relatives. In the early years, on Fridays after Asr, following the sending of 80 Durood Shareef, he would play football with the Maktab students, reflecting his love for the youth.
- Moulana's teaching in the Maktab continued until just a few years before his demise, spanning almost forty years. In his earlier years, he also taught Hifz-ul-Qur'an to students of the area. Due to his long and devoted service to both the Masjid and the Maktab, some families in Isipingo Beach had three to four generations who were taught by Moulana.
- In 1990, Moulana began teaching higher Islamic studies at Madrasah Taleemuddeen, Isipingo Beach, where he initially taught several subjects. In 1997, he commenced teaching Bukhaari Shareef at the same institution. For more than half of his years of service at Madrasah Taleemuddeen, Moulana accepted no remuneration for his teaching.
- At one stage, Moulana served as Shaikh-ul-Hadith at both Madrasah Taleemuddeen in Isipingo Beach and Madrasah Inaamiyyah in Camperdown. He would begin his day teaching at Madrasah Taleemuddeen, then travel to Camperdown to teach at Madrasah Inaamiyyah, before returning home in time for Zhuhr, a round trip of about 130 km, despite suffering from ill health. Upon returning, he would lead the Zhuhr Salaah and thereafter teach in the Maktab during the afternoons. This continued for seven years, from 2002 to 2008.
- One of the most unique and striking qualities of Moulana Haroon (rahmatullahi 'alayhi) was his unmatched humility. He taught Bukhaari Shareef to final-year Aalim students, while at the same time teaching young children in the Isipingo Beach Maktab. Remarkably, some students studied under him both in the Maktab and later in the final year of their Aalim course.
- In the later years of his life, Moulana also served as Shaikh-ul-Hadith at Madrasah Hameediyyah in Durban. In addition, for several years, he taught portions of Bukhaari Shareef and Mishkaat Shareef in America, at Darul Uloom New York. In total, Moulana Haroon taught portions of Bukhaari Shareef to nearly forty classes.

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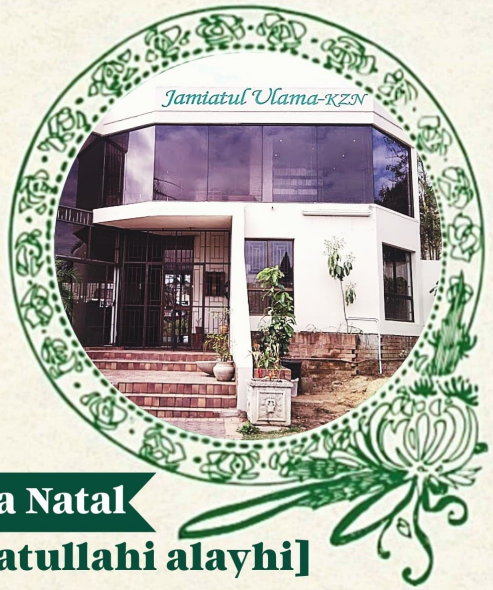
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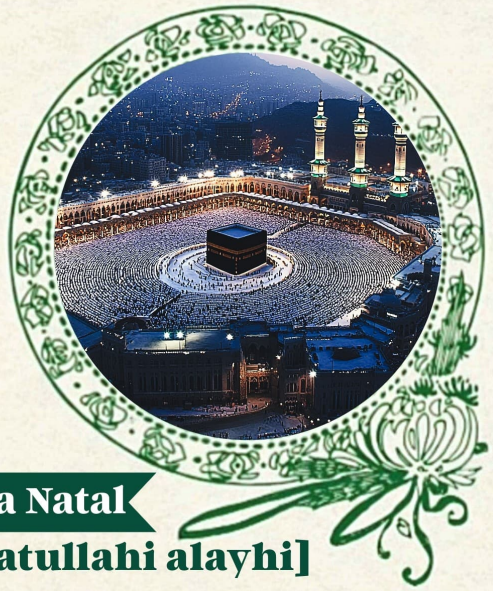
- In 1978, Moulana Haroon (rahmatullahi alayhi) made nikaah with the daughter of Hajee Muhammad Habib Abdul Kareem (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- Once settled in Isipingo Beach, Moulana thereafter joined the Jamiatul Ulama Natal. This marked an important turning point in his life, as his service and benefit now extended beyond his local community to the wider community of Natal and the country. To this day, friends and students remember him as one of the prominent voices of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal.
- Moulana was actively involved in all aspects of service at the Jamiat offices in Pine Street, Durban. He served with dedication in the Welfare Department, the Marital Department, as well as in the general Administration of the Jamiat.
- His daily routine reflected his strong work ethic and dislike for idleness. Moulana ensured that his time was always spent productively. In the mornings, he would assist Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahullah) at his business in Isipingo Rail, Omars Supermarket, after which he would proceed to the Jamiat offices, remaining there until just before Zhuhr.
- During these years, Moulana carried many responsibilities at the Jamiat, working closely with senior Ulama such as Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee, Moulana Abdur Rahmaan Ansari, Moulana Yunus Patel, Moulana Abdul Haq Makada, Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Mehthar, Moulana Abdur Rahmaan Khan, Moulana Ahmed Kathrada and others. Moulana shared a deep bond of respect, reverence, and affection for Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (rahmatullahi alayhi), whom he often quoted and mentioned throughout his life.
- Moulana Haroon served the Jamiatul Ulama in various capacities, and eventually as the Ameer of Jamiatul Ulama KZN from 2004 to 2008. Thereafter, he continued serving on the executive committee until 2018, just two years before his demise. In total, Moulana rendered almost four decades of devoted service to the community through the Jamiatul Ulama Natal.
- Moulana was also a powerful and engaging lecturer, never hesitant to address the public whenever the need arose. He was among the early local dynamic English orators.
- From the early 1980s until the end of his life, spanning nearly forty years, Moulana remained highly sought after as a speaker. He received invitations to lecture at various venues and would travel extensively, both locally and internationally, to fulfil these requests.
- His lectures were always well prepared, clear, articulate and well delivered, something that was evident to all who attended. Moulana was very proficient in Arabic, English, Urdu, Gujarati and Memon.

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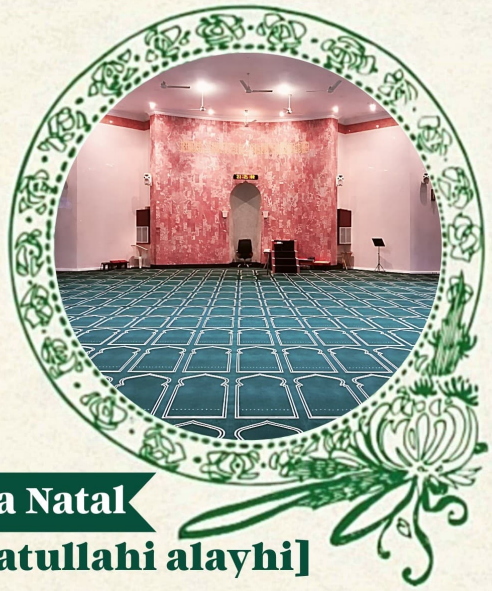
- Moulana Haroon's (rahmatullahi alayhi) efforts extend beyond South Africa as well. He established and supported many Deeni initiatives across the world, including Masaajid, Makaatib, Darul Ulooms, and academic research projects. These efforts extended to countries such as Malawi, Mozambique, Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkiye, Syria, and the United States.
- He was deeply affected by the humanitarian crises of the Ummah. He remained in regular contact with those involved in relief and welfare efforts, often enquiring about the condition of the Ummah. He spoke on these issues on numerous occasions and even initiated a project for Syrian orphans and refugees from his own Masjid.
- Wherever Moulana travelled, he remained constantly engaged in tarbiyah (spiritual and moral reformation). He would correct what was wrong, encourage what was right, and consistently promote the Sunnah.
- Moulana travelled extensively across the world in the service of Islam. Among the many countries he visited were Saudi Arabia, the United States, Pakistan, Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Mauritius, Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Turkiye, India, England, Scotland, Canada, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Brazil, amongst others.
- Over a period of approximately twenty years, Moulana travelled to America more than twenty times, actively reviving and establishing the Sunnah wherever he went. Hundreds of people benefited from his lectures and lessons during these visits.
- At times, Moulana would deliver six or seven lectures in a single day, in addition to leading the Taraaweeh Salaah at night. On some occasions, due to long journeys and extended Majaalis, he would only return to his place of residence at Sehri time.
- Moulana had a deep and special attachment to the Haramain Shareefain and would travel frequently for Hajj and Umrah. Allah Ta'ala granted him the honour of performing Hajj approximately twenty times, along with many more journeys for Umrah.
- During his time in the Haramain, Moulana would dedicate himself mainly to ibaadah and meeting senior pious personalities. He would feel uneasy if his time there was spent in anything other than these noble pursuits.
- Through Moulana's encouragement and inspiration, many musallis, friends, and family members were motivated and enabled to perform Hajj and Umrah.
- Even during his illness of renal failure, Moulana travelled to the Haramain Shareefain twice, despite the severe difficulty of undergoing dialysis every second day, reflecting his deep love and attachment to these blessed lands.

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- Moulana Haroon (rahmatullahi alayhi) had a deep love for the effort of Tabligh and Da'wah. He would strongly encourage students, especially after graduation, to spend one full year in Jamaat.
- For many years, Moulana was extremely regular in attending the weekly Shab Guzaari on Friday nights. Despite ill-health, he would be seen humbly sitting on the floor, attentively listening to the bayaan. He also made it a point to sit with visiting Jamaats that came to his Masjid.
- Wherever Moulana travelled, he was very particular about performing Salaah in Jamaat in the Masjid. He would even try to schedule his flights outside Salaah times to ensure this.
- Although Moulana was firm upon Haq (truth) and steadfast in practising and upholding it, he strongly disliked disputes and differences that caused division of hearts. He kept himself far removed from such discussions, valuing unity and harmony above all else.
- He had a deep love and respect for the Ulama, young and old. He would often honour them with gifts, and in his later years, he developed the habit of giving monetary gifts (maali hadiyyah) to Ulama.
- Moulana was respected and honoured wherever he went, despite his strong dislike for praise and recognition.
- On the 10th of Shawwal 1441/3 June 2020, Moulana was admitted to the hospital due to heart-related complications. Sadly, he passed away that very night.
- As the news of his demise spread across the country and beyond, it felt as though a great light had suddenly been extinguished, leaving countless hearts in grief.
- His Janaazah Salaah was performed at the Isipingo Beach Jaami Masjid by Mufti Ebrahim Salejee (hafizahullah) after Fajr on Thursday, 4 June 2020. He was laid to rest at the Dayal Road Cemetery, Clairwood in Durban.
- On the night of Moulana's passing, an Aalim saw a dream in which he saw Nabi ﷺ waiting. When asked why he was waiting, he ﷺ replied: "I am waiting to welcome Moulana Haroon."
- May Allah Ta'ala elevate him and accept his great services for His Deen, Aameen.