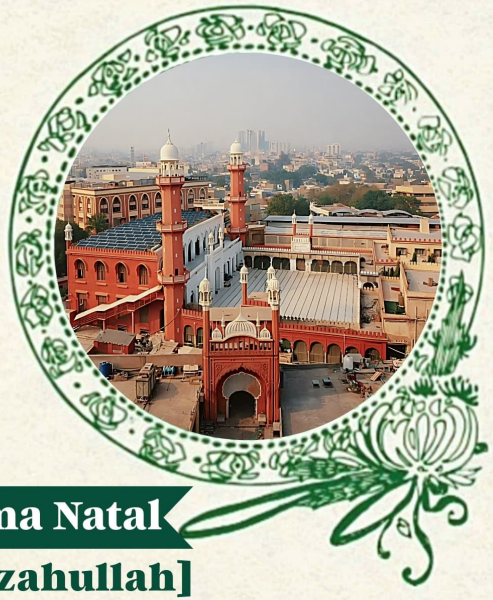
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- Moulana Ismail Ahmed Manga (Hafizahullah) was born in 1948 in the town of Shakaskraal, near Stanger, north of Durban, into a family of five siblings.
- His maternal grandfather (Nana), Hafez Haffejee Delawala (Rahmatullahi Alayhi), was extremely close to Shaikh-ul-Islam Moulana Hussain Ahmad Madani (d. 1957, Rahmatullahi Alayhi).
- Moulana Ismail received his maktab education in Shakaskraal under Moulana Yusuf Moolla-Omarwadi (d. 2000, Rahimahullah), one of the founder members of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal.
- He attended primary school in Shakaskraal up to Standard 6 and thereafter completed his matric at Stanger High School.
- In 1964, he left South Africa for Karachi, Pakistan, to study Hifz-ul-Qur'an and to pursue the Aalim course, travelling on the SS Karanja.
- Moulana completed his Hifz-ul-Qur'an under Hafez Abdur Rahmaan (Rahimahullah) and thereafter enrolled at Jaamia Al-Uloom Al-Islamiyyah, Karachi, Pakistan for the Aalim course.
- Among his illustrious asaatizah were Mufti Radha-ul-Haq (Hafizahullah), Moulana Badee'uz Zamaan, and the illustrious Allamah Yusuf Binnori (Rahmatullahi Alayhima). *A few important points of note: Allamah Yusuf Binnori (d. 1977, Rahmatullahi Alayhi) was a Sayyid (a descendant of Rasulullah ﷺ) and a world-renowned Aalim who also visited South Africa. He served as the Shaikh-ul-Hadith of Jaamia Islamiyyah, Dabhel, India, and later founded Jaamia Al-Uloom Al-Islamiyyah in Karachi. Remarkably, he also selected the syllabus/tarteeb for Darul Uloom Newcastle (the first Darul Uloom established in South Africa).*

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- During his student days in Karachi Moulana Ismail (Hafizahullah) was compelled to halt his studies and return to South Africa due to his father's ill health, in order to serve him.
- A few months after his return, his father passed away (Rahimahullah).
- Moulana thereafter married and settled down. After a few years, he felt a great desire to continue with his studies. He thus returned to Pakistan to complete his studies.
- Among his contemporaries during his student days in Karachi, Pakistan were Moulana Haroon Abbasomar (Rahmatullahi Alayhi, d. 2020), Moulana Shabbir Saloojee, Moulana Rafeeq Hathurani, and Mufti Abdul Kader Hoosen (Hafizahumullah).
- Upon his return to South Africa, Moulana became deeply involved in the service of Deen. Despite this, he never accepted any remuneration for his teaching or other services.
- Moulana enjoyed a very close relationship with Moulana Ismail Kathrada (Rahmatullahi Alayhi, d. 2021), who was a doyen among the Asaatizah of Hifz in South Africa.
- Moulana Ismail taught alongside him in Verulam for five years, and thereafter with Moulana Dawood Padia (Rahmatullahi Alayhi, d. 2020) in Stanger for a further five years.
- During the five years he taught in Verulam, Moulana Ismail travelled daily by train at his own expense to teach, thereby serving the Deen with remarkable dedication and selflessness.

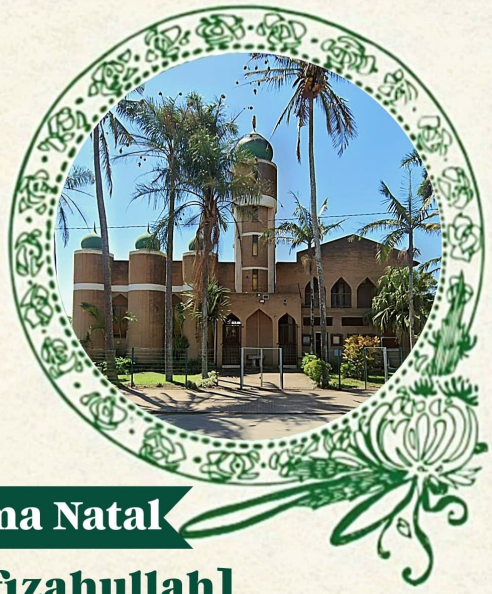
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- During the five years that Moulana Ismail taught in Verulam, he would travel daily by train at his own expense in order to serve the Deen.
- He also served the areas of Shakaskraal, Tongaat, Verulam and Stanger by regularly conducting the weekly Jumu'ah talks and leading the Jumu'ah Salaah in these regions.
- His hospitality is legendary, and he has been blessed with hosting many senior Ulama at his home, including: Qari Muhammad Tayyab Qasmi (rahmatullahi alayhi), Principal of Darul Uloom Deoband; Mufti Mahmood al-Hasan Gangohi (rahmatullahi alayhi); Moulana Asad Husain Ahmad Madani (rahmatullahi alayhi); and Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar (rahmatullahi alayhi), among others.
- He has always maintained very close ties with the Ulama of the Indo-Pak subcontinent, and as a result, Shakaskraal was also blessed with the visit of Shaikh-ul-Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Kandhlawi (rahmatullahi alayhi).
- A large palm tree in the Shakaskraal Masjid yard stands as a lasting reminder of these blessed visits. It was planted by Qari Muhammad Tayyab Qasmi and other senior Ulama during their visit to Shakaskraal.

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- Moulana is extremely passionate about hosting guests in his home, especially the Ulama and Khaadims of Deen. He has been instrumental in the building of the Shakaskraal Masjid and is currently the Ameer of the Masjid board. He is also actively involved in and assists the Madaaris (Makaatib) in his ancestral town in India.
- Among Moulana's beautiful qualities that have been observed by those around him are:

1. He does not like to be in the forefront; rather, he prefers to work silently behind the scenes.
2. He is deeply committed to the correct and fair treatment of those who serve under him, especially the Ulama.
3. He is very passionate about feeding and serving people.
4. He is extremely particular and meticulous regarding the value of time and the trust of public funds (amanah).
5. His ikhlaas (sincerity) is remarkable. When Moulana was requested to do this interview, he remarked: "What good is all this if it is not accepted? Make dua that Allah accepts us." Aameen.

- May Allah Ta'aala bless Moulana with good health and aafiyah, and keep his shadow of goodness over us for a long time. Aameen.

(Interview conducted November 2025)

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25. Moulana Abdus Samad Shaik [Rahmatullahi Alayhi]
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- Moulana Abdus Samad Shaik (rahmatullahi alayhi) was born in 1949 in Springvale, Durban (an area now known as Glen Anil in Durban North). He was the youngest of ten children: eight brothers and two sisters.
- He completed his primary schooling at Avoca Primary School and his high school education at M. L. Sultan School. Thereafter, Moulana was searching for full-time employment; however, his mother had a deep desire that he study Deen abroad, just as two of her grandsons were already doing.
- Moulana Abdus Samad's brother-in-law (his sister's husband), Hajee Akbar Alli (rahimahullah), had an extremely close relationship with Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (rahimahullah). Moulana Omarjee had advised and assisted him in sending his two sons, Haroon Alli and Muhammad Alli, to study in Jalalabad, India, under the auspices of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal. They were enrolled at the Madrasah of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahimahullah). *(Moulana Haroon Alli hafizahullah currently resides in Azaadville and is a senior Aalim of South Africa. Muhammad Alli (rahimahullah) tragically passed away in his final year of studies in Jalalabad in a fatal accident.)*
- Both of Moulana Abdus Samad's nephews, who were slightly older than him, returned to South Africa for a holiday after having spent several years studying in India. During this time, Moulana Omarjee and Hajee Akbar Alli encouraged the young Abdus Samad to accompany them back to Jalalabad when they returned.
- In 1969, all three of them, uncle and two nephews departed from Durban aboard the SS Kampala, bound for Bombay (Mumbai).

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- When they reached Jalalabad and presented themselves to Hazratjee, Moulana Maseehullah (rahimahullah), he warmly welcomed them and enquired from the two Ali brothers as to who the person accompanying them was. They replied, "*He is our Mamoo (maternal uncle).*" Hazratjee then said, "*Well, he is also our Mamoo now,*" and from that very first meeting he became known and affectionately called Mamoo by everyone, including Hazratjee himself.
- For the young Abdus Samad, seeing Hazratjee was, as the proverbial, love at first sight.
- Moulana Abdus Samad enrolled at Madrasah Miftaah-ul-Uloom and, after seven years of dedicated study, graduated as an Aalim. During this entire period, he did not return home even once.
- Upon his return to South Africa in 1977, Moulana joined Anjuman Islam Primary School in Leopold Street, Durban, as a full-time teacher in the Department of Islamic Studies. He later went on to serve as the Head of the Department.
- In 1978, Moulana married, and Allah Ta'ala blessed him with five children from this union, one son and four daughters.
- In 1980, he relocated to the newly established township of Phoenix, an area which at that time was greatly in need of Islamic educational facilities and Madrasahs. There, his modest home in Spine Road served as both a Madrasah and a Musalla until a formal Musalla was established, which later developed into the Spine Road Masjid.

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- Moulana Abdus Samad Shaik (rahmatullahi alayhi) served as a supervisor for the Jamiatul Ulama Natal Ta'limi Board, diligently carrying out his duties after the school day had ended.
- He taught at the Anjuman Islam School on Leopold Street, Durban for a full twenty years, until 1997, after which he chose to embark on a business venture. This enabled him to serve the Deen independently, particularly within the area of his residence in Phoenix.
- In 1982, he relocated permanently to the Whetstone area of Phoenix, where he lived until his demise. During this period, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Sunford Masjid. When the land for the Masjid was purchased, he invited Hazrat Moulana Abdul Hafeez Makki (rahmatullahi alayhi) of Makkah Mukarramah, who was visiting Durban at the time, to the site to make dua for the establishment of the Masjid. This Masjid was later named Masjid-us-Salaam.
- Moulana Abdus Samad (rahmatullahi alayhi) served the Masjid devotedly as a trustee until his demise, leaving behind a legacy of sincere khidmah to the Deen and the community.

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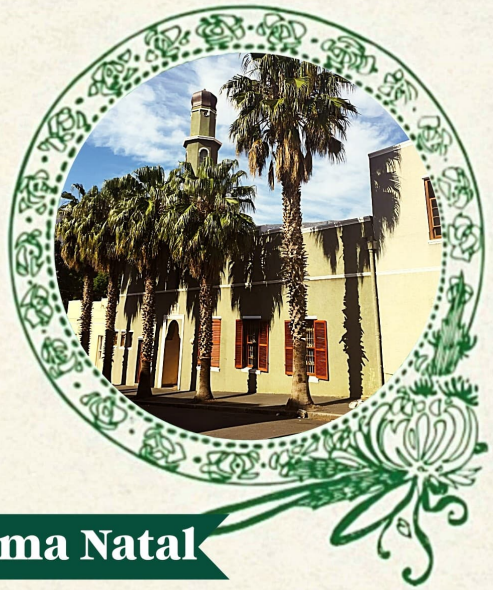
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- Hajee Bhai Padia rahmatullahi alayhi (the then Ameer of the Tablighi Jamaat in South Africa) personally implored Moulana to give him an undertaking that he would never forsake the township of Phoenix, and that he would serve its people until the very end of his life, which he faithfully did.
- Moulana was extremely passionate about the Deeni education and spiritual reformation of his community and worked tirelessly in this regard. His concern for the people extended to the financial needs of the poor and needy, and he would often raise funds to assist those most in need.
- His generosity was well known, and his home was always abuzz with visitors from all walks of life. On the days of Eid, he would take special care to ensure that his relatives and friends were most generously and graciously hosted by him.
- One of his most ardent wishes was to arrange an old boys' (abnaa-e-qadeem) reunion of the students of Jalalabad. This wish materialised in 2017, in the seaside village of Park Rynie on the Natal South Coast, when the students of Moulana Maseehullah Khan rahmatullahi alayhi gathered for the first time on such a momentous and nostalgic occasion. Students from throughout South Africa attended, amidst much excitement, joy, and sadness too, as they remembered their Madrasah mates (saatis) who were absent and had passed on.
- A second such reunion was held in 2023 in Johannesburg. Sadly, Moulana was unable to attend due to his deteriorating health, and he passed away shortly thereafter at his home in 2023.
- His janaaza was led by Moulana Muhammad Ilyaas Patel hafizahullahu in the very Masjid that Moulana Abdus Samad had helped establish, Masjid-us-Salaam in Sunford, Phoenix, and he was laid to rest in the Phoenix Muslim Cemetery.

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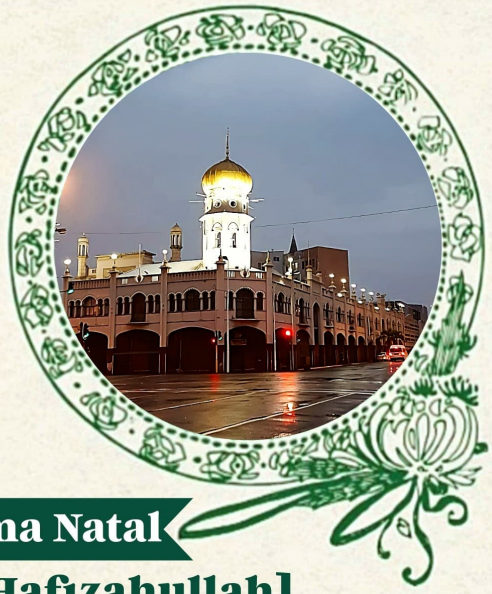
- Moulana Abdul Haq Makada [hafizahullah] was born in Pinetown, Durban, in 1950, into a family known for its piety, both paternally and maternally. He is one of six siblings (six brothers).
- One of his maternal ancestors was the well-known saintly personality of Tadkeshwar, Gujarat, India, Hajee Moosajee Mehthar (1254–1309 A.H., corresponding to 1838–1891 C.E.), rahmatullahi alayhi, who is buried at the entrance of the town of Tadkeshwar. *Hazrat Shaikh-ul-Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Khandalwi (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) and many of our senior Ulama and Akaabireen would make it a point to stop at his qabr whenever they visited this area.*
- Moulana received his early childhood Madrasah education in Durban and attended the Anjuman Islam School on Leopold Street, Durban, for his primary schooling.
- The Makada family was well established in business in the Durban CBD.
- In 1960, at the tender age of ten, young Abdul Haq left Durban for Cape Town to commence his journey of memorising the Qur'an Majeed under the famous Ustaadh Shaykh Muhammed Salih Abadi (d. 1999), rahmatullahi alayhi, of Yamani descent, who completed Hifz-ul-Qur'an in Makkah Mukarramah in 1927, at the age of 15. Shaykh Salih was a pioneer in South Africa in producing Huffaaz of the Qur'an Majeed, and is known as one of the main fathers and doyens of Hifz in South Africa.

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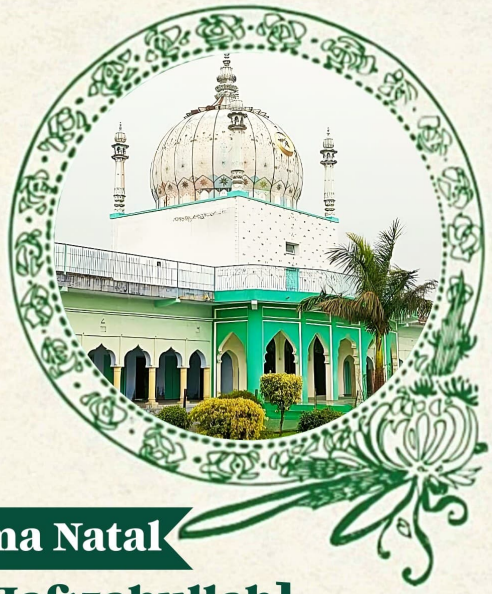
- While studying for his Hifz-ul-Qur'an, Moulana stayed in the home of Shaikh Salih Abadi (rahmatullahi alayhi). The Shaikh and his marhooma wife (rahmatullahi alayhima), affectionately known to the students as Ummi, were like parents to him.
- After completing his Hifz in three years of full-time study, Moulana was required to recite the entire Qur'an Majeed to the Shaikh, which he successfully completed over a weekend. Upon this accomplishment, the Shaikh granted him permission to return to Durban.
- Some time after his return, Moulana had the opportunity to meet Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Desai (hafizahullah) of Port Elizabeth at the Grey Street Jumma Masjid. He also met Moulana Ismail Kathrada (rahmatullahi alayhi) in Verulam. Both had studied and graduated under Hazratjee Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahmatullahi alayhi) in Jalalabad, and they shared valuable information about Hazratjee with Moulana.
- Moulana was also deeply influenced by Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (rahmatullahi alayhi), whose lectures and Deeni discourses he attended regularly.
- Inspired to pursue higher Islamic studies, Moulana left the shores of Durban in 1968, at the age of 18, aboard the SS Karanja, bound for Bombay (Mumbai). After making 11 stops en route, the ship finally reached the port of Bombay after 21 days at sea. His travel companion on the voyage was Hafiz Abdul Aziz J. M. Mahomed of La Mercy, Durban.

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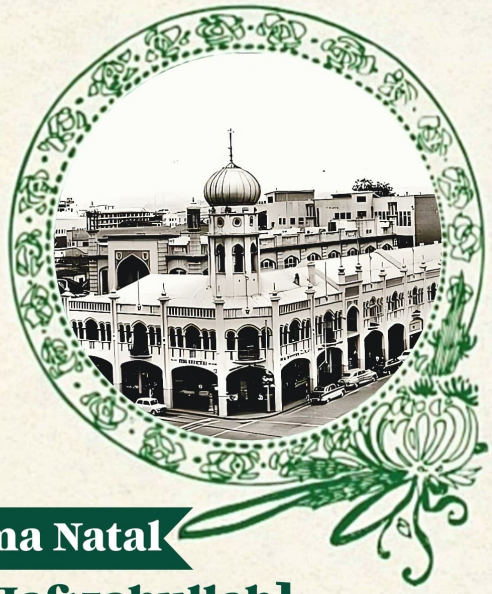
- When Moulana reached Jalalabad in 1968, Hazratjee Moulana Maseehullah (rahimahullah) was on a tour of South India. Moulana discovered that there was no running water or electricity available there, a great difficulty, especially since these amenities were available back home. When Hazratjee arrived, he most warmly welcomed Moulana, as was his hospitable nature and refined character.
- Moulana says that despite the lack of running water and electricity, nobody complained, because they had the light and illumination of none other than Hazratjee himself, who was like 'a bright and shining light'. Moulana Maseehullah had a remarkable ability to make every student feel special.
- In the first year that Moulana Makada spent in Jalalabad, he led the 20 rakaats of Taraweeh in the Masjid of Madrasah Miftahul-Uloom in Jalalabad. Before going to lead the Taraweeh salaah, Moulana Makada would recite his entire portion for that night to one of Hazratjee's khulafaa, Qari Naabeena Saheb (rahimahullah). *(Qari Naabeena Saheb himself used to recite 25 ajzaa daily.)*
- During the days of Ramadaan, Moulana Makada used to recite one and a quarter paras (ajzaa) twenty times in full as preparation for the Taraweeh salaah at night.
- Moulana also had the opportunity to sit with Hazratjee between Maghrib and Esha, spending beneficial quality time with his Murshid and Shaykh.

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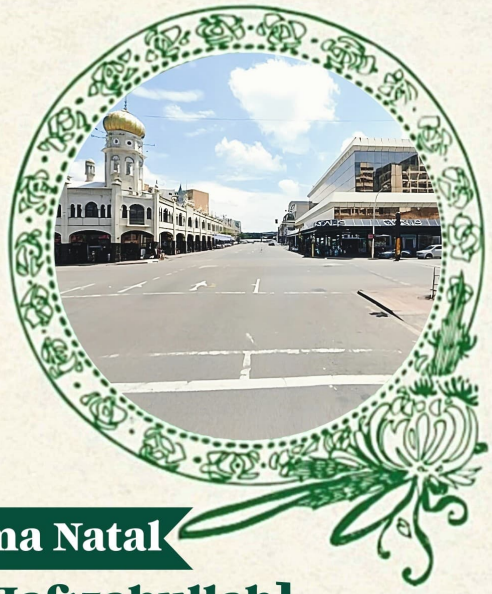
- There were many students from South Africa in Jalalabad, and at one point approximately eighty were studying in the various years of the Aalim course at Miftahul Uloom.
- Amongst Moulana's classmates from South Africa were Moulana Farook Bobat, Moulana Ali Moosajee (Cape Town), and Moulana Ebrahim Mulla (rahmatullahi alayhi) of the then Transvaal Province.
- While studying in Jalalabad, Moulana returned to South Africa in 1971 to get married. He married his paternal first cousin, the daughter of Hajee Ebrahim Makada (rahimahullah).
- The nikaah was conducted by Moulana Abubakr Khatib (rahimahullah), one of the senior Ulama of Durban, the Imaam of the Grey Street Jumma Masjid, and a founding member of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal. Moulana's nikaah was solemnised at the Grey Street Jumma Masjid, Durban.
- Following the nikaah, Moulana returned to Jalalabad with his wife (Apa). Hazratjee Moulana Maseehullah was very considerate of the young couples who had made great sacrifices to remain in Jalalabad.
- Hazratjee often expressed his appreciation, especially through the gracious duas that he would make for them, their well-being and future successes.
- Alhamdulillah, Muhtaramah Apa stayed in Jalalabad with Moulana for one and a half years until he graduated in 1973.

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- During their stay in Jalalabad, Hazratjee Moulana Maseehullah (rahimahullah) would conduct a special majlis exclusively for Apa from behind a screen.
- After Moulana completed his studies, Hazratjee offered him a position to teach in Jalalabad. However, Moulana chose to return home, as their families were eagerly awaiting their return after so long abroad. They thus returned to South Africa in 1973.
- One of the first Deeni services Moulana became involved in was with the Jamiatul Ulama Natal, where he served on a voluntary basis. He went on to serve the Jamiat with great dedication for many years as the treasurer and continues to remain a loyal, long-serving member to this day.
- Hazratjee had also advised Moulana to dedicate himself to the service of the Qur'aan Majeed, and Shaikh Salih Abadi (Rahimahullah) likewise encouraged and guided him in this direction. In the light of this advice and encouragement, Moulana Makada formally established his Hifz Madrasah in 1975.
- To remain financially independent, Moulana established a business in the Durban CBD, which he operated on a half-day basis, devoting his afternoons entirely to the Hifz classes. Allah Ta'ala blessed his business with immense barakah, enabling him to serve the Deen freely and independently.

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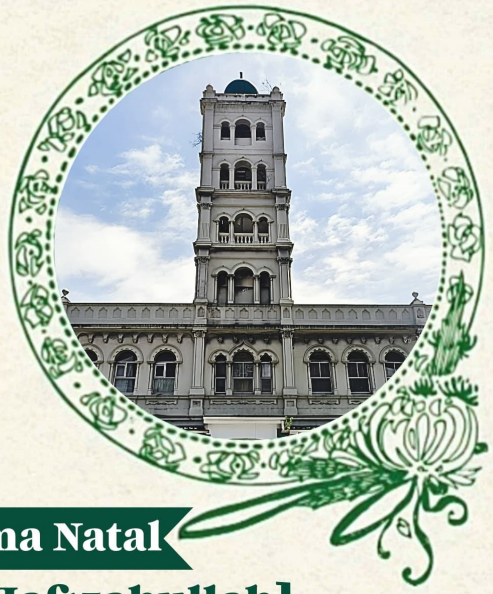
- Moulana maintained a very strong connection with the senior Ulama in Durban, particularly Moulana Moosa Rawat of Inanda, fondly known as Munshi Saheb (d. 1985) and Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (d. 2003) (rahmatullahi alayhima).
- He maintained this very strong relationship, respect and bond with both these elders until their demise.
- Alhamdulillah, in 1975 Moulana formally commenced his Hifz Madrasah, Madrasah Mueenuddeen, at the Lodge Grove Jamaat Khana in Overport, Durban (now a Masjid).
- Over the years, the Madrasah relocated to the Glenearn Road Soofie Masjid in Overport, then in the 1980s to Masjid Noor on Mallinson Road in Asherville, and thereafter to Brickfield Road in Overport at Moulana's residence and his shop in the 1990s.
- In its early years, the Asaatiza who assisted Moulana Makada included Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Mehthar (hafizahullah), who later emigrated and currently resides in the USA, and Moulana Shabbir Kazi (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 2020), who served as Moulana's assistant for a brief period when the Madrasah was located at Masjid Noor on Mallinson Road, Asherville.
- The Madrasah is now finally situated at the Masjid Mueenuddeen Complex on West Road, Overport, Durban. At present, many Ulama serve alongside Moulana at the Madrasah, which has a large student population engaged in the study of Hifz-ul-Qur'an. This marks a remarkable journey of over fifty years since the Madrasah began with humble origins in the 1970s.

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"The best of you are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it." (Sahih Bukhari)

- Moulana Abdul Haq Makada (hafizahullah) remarkably has been teaching the Qur'an Majeed for over fifty years, dedicating his entire life to this noble cause, Masha Allah.
- His Murshid, Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahimahullah, d. 1992), once advised him: "Your khidmat (service of Deen) is the Qur'an Majeed."
- When asked on numerous occasions about the number of Huffaaz who have graduated under his tutelage over these five decades, Moulana humbly replies that he does not know the exact figure, saying that the true measure is whether Allah Ta'ala accepts it or not, and that's the main criterion.
- Hundreds of Huffaaz have completed their Hifz under his guidance, and it is safely estimated that well over a thousand Huffaaz have graduated under him during this period.
- The first student to complete Hifz under Moulana was Hafez Naseem Ahmed Mahomedy, who graduated in 1979.
- This historic first completion coincided with the visit of Hazratjee Moulana Maseehullah Khan (rahmatullahi alayhi) to South Africa, and the khatm was held at the West Street Masjid in Durban.

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"The best of you are those who learn the Qur'aan and teach it." (Sahih Bukhari)

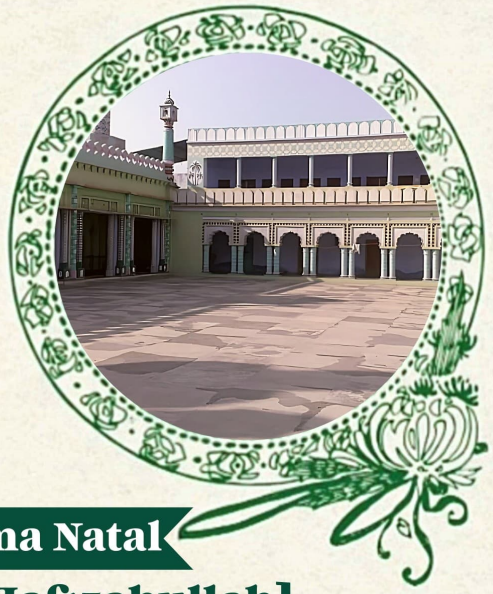
- Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 1992) visited South Africa on four occasions: in 1971, 1979, 1981, and his last and final visit was in 1983.
- Students also completed their final sabaqs and made their khatm of Hifz under Moulana Maseehullah in 1981 and 1983.
- At a time when girls generally did not undertake the Hifz of the Qur'an Majeed, a young girl, Hafeza Naseema Mahmood Omar (rahmatullahi alayha), completed her Hifz under Moulana in the 1980s.
- She holds the distinction of being the only female to have completed her Hifz under him. (Hafeza Naseema later passed away tragically very young in an accident.)
- One of Moulana Abdul Haq's students recalls how Moulana would join them in playing football, cricket, and even swimming, thereby winning the hearts and affection of the students.
- He further explains how the regular advice and talks on character development (tarbiyah) left a lasting impression, with students still remembering the lessons learnt many years later.

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- There are many remarkable qualities that have been observed throughout Moulana's life, among which the following are especially worthy of mention for our benefit:

1. Moulana consistently endeavours to remain in the state of wudhu.
2. He is very particular about the observance of Tahajjud Salaah.
3. Moulana makes every effort to stand in the first saff for Salaah.
4. He is extremely punctual with the Takbeer-e-Ula (commencing the Salaah with the first Takbeer) and strongly emphasises this to all those associated with him.
5. Moulana is steadfast in performing the four rakaats of Sunnah before the Asr Salaah, which carry great reward and virtue. "May Allah have mercy on the one who performs the four rakaats Sunnah before the Asr Salaah." (Sunan Tirmidhi)

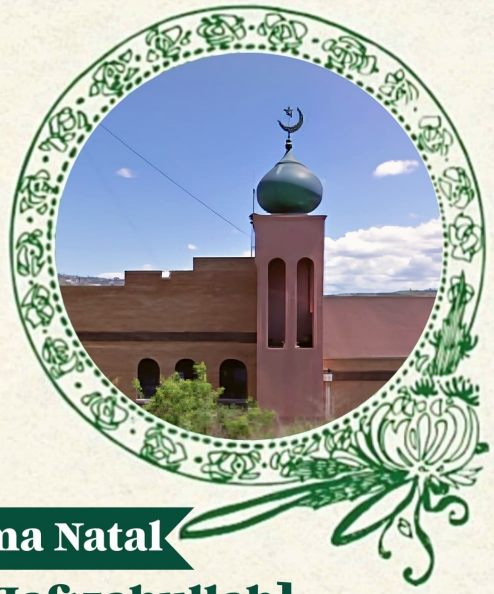
- After graduating from Jalalabad in 1973, Moulana maintained regular and close contact with his Shaikh and Murshid, Hazratjee Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 1992). He would visit Jalalabad annually in order to spend time in the blessed company of Hazratjee, benefiting from his guidance and nurturing his own journey of islaah (spiritual purification and reformation).

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- Among the contemporaries of Moulana Makada, he enjoyed a very close and personal relationship with Moulana Yunus Patel, Moulana Haroon Abbasomar (rahmatullahi alayhima), Moulana Ahmed Sadeck Mehthar, Moulana Farook Bobat, and Moulana Ahmed Omar (hafizahumullah).
- They worked very closely together in the activities and services of the Jamiatul Ulama, especially during the 1970s and 1980s.
- During this period, Moulana Yunus Patel (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 2011) was based at the Jamiat office, while Moulana Makada served as the Treasurer of the Jamiatul Ulama Natal.
- Alhamdulillah, Moulana is a Khalifah of Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Khan (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 1992). He is a spiritual mentor (Murshid) and conducts a weekly Majlis every Thursday night at Masjid Mueenuddeen in Overport.
- This Majlis conducted by Moulana is attended by people from all walks of life, all striving for islaah (self-reformation) and spiritual upliftment.
- Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 2003) had great confidence in Moulana Makada and appointed him, at a young age, as the Imaam of the largest Eidgah (Musalla) at Orient Islamic School in Durban which was the first Eidgah established in the city of Durban by Moulana Omarjee (rahmatullahi alayhi) in the 1960s.
- Moulana's father, Hajee Ahmed Makada (rahmatullahi alayhi), established Masjid Izhaarul Haq on Spencer Road in Clare Estate, Durban, also in the 1960s, and Moulana has since assumed the responsibility of this Masjid.

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- Once, in his younger days, Moulana fell extremely ill. Many doctors attempted to treat him, but to no avail, as his condition only worsened. Moulana Abdul Haq Omarjee (rahmatullahi alayhi, d. 2003) came to visit him and made a special dua for his recovery.
- Moulana's respected Mother (rahmatullahi alayha) also came to see him during this illness. Upon seeing him, she said, "Wake up, there is nothing wrong with you! You still have many Huffaaz to make."
- Alhamdulillah, he recovered shortly thereafter. Allah Ta'ala had willed that many Huffaaz of the Qur'an Majeed would be produced at the hands of Moulana.
- Despite his extensive commitments to teaching the Qur'an Majeed, Moulana also dedicates a great deal of time to counselling and mediation in the community.
- Moulana is extremely conscious of time and meticulously considerate in keeping cognizant of the circumstances of the present times. He ensures that all the Salaah at Masjid Mueenuddeen are kept brief and short, and even the weekly Majaalis generally do not exceed half an hour.
- This is done for the comfort of the elderly and the infirm, to maintain the interest of the youth, and especially with consideration for the safety and well-being of the womenfolk at home.
- The Majaalis consistently focus on the attainment of:

1. Good character
2. Anger control
3. Ethical dealings
4. Good social conduct
5. Tolerance and patience
6. Fulfilling the rights of everything
7. Constant mindfulness of Allah Ta'ala in every situation

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Malfoozaat (insightful statements/sayings) of Moulana

- Moulana Muhammad Maseehullah Saheb (rahimahullah) used to encourage everyone to become a master and attain perfection in whichever profession he were in. Likewise, we should strive to become masters and perfect Muslims in our Deen.
- Before inconveniencing or hurting others, one should reflect: "If I were the one affected, how would I feel?"
- When the love of Allah Ta'ala enters the heart, a person becomes ready to endure and sacrifice anything for the sake of Allah.
- A person who has the habit of talking excessively eventually ends up saying things that they should not.
- Today, people spend a great deal of time and money nurturing their physical bodies, but give very little attention to nourishing their spiritual lives.
- Remember one thing, if you want Kaamil Imaan (perfect faith), then that only comes with Kaamil Akhlaaq (perfect character), and this will only come when you have humility in you.
- One of the reasons children are so attached to their cell phones is that they observe their parents spending a great amount of time on them.
- Sin should be regarded as poison. Just as we keep far away from poison, we should keep far away from sin.
- A person's sainthood and piety are not dependent on whether he is living a comfortable life or a life of poverty, instead, they are dependent on one's connection and obedience to Allah Ta'ala and the Sunnah of Rasulullah ﷺ.

May Allah Ta'ala bless Moulana Abdul Haq Makada Saheb with sihhah, aafiyah and keep his shadow of goodness over us for a long time, Aameen.

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