



How you can participate and contribute

You are invited and encouraged to assist, participate and contribute in any one or more of the following ways :

YOUR CHILDREN

If you have children who do not attend any of the participating madaris in Bo-Kaap and would like them to participate in the march, please register their details with the Boorhaanol office as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday 5th Sept 2018 to enable us to do the necessary planning and preparation. Please note that only children who have registered will be issued with vouchers/coupons and thus qualify for the Tiene Muharram Goody Bags and other momentos.

Please contact Nuha/Yusrah at the Boorhaanol office on Tel.021 424-1864 to advise of your contribution or to obtain more information.

YOURSELF / ADULTS

1. Volunteer to assist one of the groups with their administration or the marshalling of the children in the group.
2. Make contributions of goodies (sweets, chips, etc.) or in cash to enable us to purchase the goodies to be given to the children for their Tiene Muharram Goody Bags.
3. Adults wishing to participate in the march are also encouraged to register.

Invitation

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE



MUHARRAM

1440 March



Sunday, 16th September 2018

10.00am- 1.00pm

Dress : White Attire



THEME



Paying tribute to the pioneers of Islam at the Cape and their countries of origin

This programme is organised under the auspices of the Boorhaanol Islam Movement in association with the Tana Baru Trust

ABOUT THE MARCH

The main aim of this Muharram programme is to commemorate the blessed and joyous occasion of the new Islamic Year, and is designed in line with the traditional "Tiene Muharram" march historically performed by madaris in Bo-Kaap.

The Month of Muharram

Alhamdulillah, Allah (SWT) has blessed us to see another year. The first month of this year is Muharram, a month of great reward and virtue. Muharram itself means 'sacred' and is from those months which have been mentioned as sacred in the Holy Qur'an. Almighty Allah states in the Holy Qur'an:

"Four of them (Zil-Qadah, Zil-Hijjah, Muharram and Rajab) are sacred."

(Surah At-Tawbah:36)

From out of the four sacred months, Muharram has been blessed with certain specific virtues:- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

"The best of fasts besides the month of Ramadhan is the fasting of Allah's month of Muharram."

(Hadith-Muslim)

"The one that keeps a fast in the month of Muharram will receive the reward of thirty fasts for each fast (in this sacred month)."

(Hadith:Tabraani)

Although the fasts of the month of Muharram are not obligatory, the one who fasts in these days out of his own will and choice is entitled to a great reward by Almighty Allah.

THE DAY OF 'ASHURA (10TH MUHARRAM)

Although the month of Muharram is a sacred month as a whole, the 10th of Muharram is the most sacred among all its days. The day is named '**Ashurah**'. It is

one of the most important and blessed days of Allah Ta'ala in the Islamic calendar.

FASTING

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) has exhorted and encouraged his Ummah to fast on this day. He said:

"This fast is a compensation for the (minor) sins of the past year."

(Muslim)

"Observe the fast of Ashura and oppose the Jews. Fast a day before it or a day after."

(Baihaqi)

Hence, the recommended days to fast are as follows :

- a) Fasting on the 9th, 10th and 11th day
- b) Fasting on the 9th and 10th day
- c) Fasting on the 10th day only.

BEING GENEROUS

One should be generous to one's family and dependants and spend more on them than what is normally spent. Rasulullah (SAW) said:

"One who generously spends on his family on the day of Ashura, Allah will increase (his provision) for the whole year."

(Baihaqi)

Let us observe this great Month according to the ways of Rasulullah (SAW) and the Sahabah (RA), and refrain from all actions which deprive us of the blessings from Almighty Allah.

May Allah guide us all upon the Straight Path and save us from every act which brings His displeasure. ...Ameen.

The Programme

1. Initial assembly at the Boorhaanol Centre

- ▶ All the children (who have registered) and accompanying adults clad in white to collect their starter packs (on presentation of their registration vouchers) from the registration marquee.
- ▶ Before the march a very short talk will be delivered on the significance of the month of Muharram, the 10th of Muharram, the Muharram March Theme and the route.

2. The Procession March

From the Centre to the Tana Baru led by the Habibia Pipe Brigade.

The route to be followed is down Pentz St, turning right into Dorp St, pass the Auwal Mosque and left into Buitengracht St, pass the Nurul Islam Mosque and left into Wale St, pass the Bo-Kaap Museum and Atlas turning right into Chiappini Street, at Mosque Shafie turning left up Church Street, then right into Dawes Street and proceeding to the Tana Baru.

3. At the Tana Baru

- ▶ The route through the Tana Baru site will pass the following qabrs of great significance and interest, (a) Tuan Guru, (b) Sayed Alawie, c) the Rhoda child, (d) Abubakr Effendi, and (d) Paay Schaapie, as well as the water well and the ruin of the stone building.
- ▶ Tour guides will be stationed at each of these sites to explain its significance and to answer any questions.
- ▶ The route will exit at the gate along Longmarket Street and proceed to the SK Primary school grounds along Carl St.

4. Gathering at SK Primary School

The marchers will gather at the SK Primary school grounds where refreshments will be served and a programme will be conducted.

5. Return Walk

Once all the marchers are assembled at the SK Primary School, the march will proceed back to the Boorhaanol Centre, led by the Habibia Brigade, along Astana Street and left down Pentz Street to the Centre.

6. Refreshments and Gifts

At the Tana Baru and along the route on the return journey, as well as at the Centre there will be a number of stations where refreshments and gifts will be handed out to the participants. Each participant will be provided with a branded string bag to store all the goodies received.

