



## **The Lord Mayor's Office**

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Atiq Mir  
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Dear Atiq,

Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq has drawn to my attention the wonderful work you have been doing as part of the Dawat-e-Islami's Welfare Team supporting mourners at Thimblemill Cemetery. He says that since your mother's burial in October you have been paying daily visits, for several hours at a time, to the cemetery supporting many grieving families mentally, spiritually, and emotionally.

He says that due to COVID restrictions many families could not have a spiritual leader or Imam to do their burials. However, since the end of October you have supported over 50 burials, helping families at the final rites of their deceased loved ones, while still upholding and adhering to social distancing and lockdown restrictions.

I understand that whilst you have been at the graveyard, when families could not come to the graveyard whilst being in isolation after being tested positive for COVID, you have sent them video clips of prayers and even made video calls to support their well-being and grieving process.

Councillor Aikhlaq tells me that prior to COVID you were a volunteer chaplain at Heartlands and Solihull Hospitals providing valuable support to patients, most notably end of life patients, and that you have inspired and supported thousands of people in the community during these difficult and very unprecedented times.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks, this is essential work and must have made a real difference to the lives of those you have been supporting, you truly are a hero in these very challenging times.

I hope you; your family, friends and colleagues are keeping well.

Please accept my very best wishes.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammed Azim'.

**Councillor Mohammed Azim  
Lord Mayor of Birmingham**