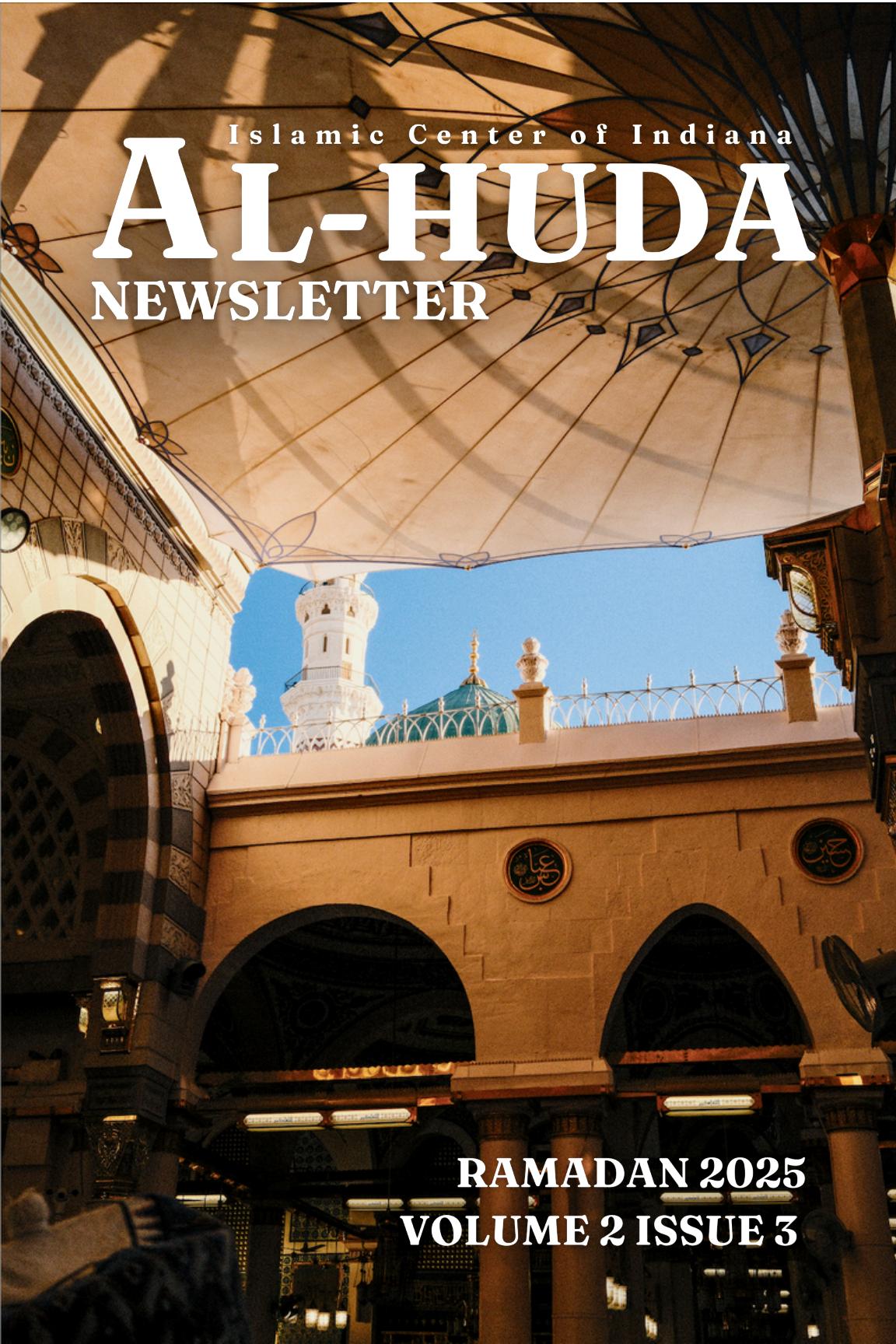


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As we immerse ourselves in fasting, prayer, and reflection, in this blessed month of Ramadan, our editorial team has compiled a range of articles that provide practical advice and spiritual insights to enhance your Ramadan experience.

May Allah accept your fasts, prayers, and good deeds, and may this Ramadan bring you closer to the Almighty in every moment of devotion.

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Welcoming Ramadan



Ramadan is not just a month of fasting—it is a month of action. Fasting in this month is the fourth pillar of Islam, a duty upon every capable believer. It is the time to roll up our sleeves, striving in worship, charity, and self-discipline. The Prophet ﷺ himself set the example. In the last ten nights of Ramadan, he would increase his devotion:

"The Prophet ﷺ would tighten his waist belt, spend the night in worship, and wake his family up (for prayer)." (Bukhari, Muslim)

Tightening the belt, rolling up the sleeves—these indicate effort and pushing beyond comfort. Ramadan is our chance to renew our hearts, strengthen our connection with Allah, and serve our community.

Allah reminds us:

"O you who have believed, fasting has been prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may attain Taqwa." (Qur'an 2:183)

To make the most of Ramadan, let's:

- ✓ Prioritize our five daily prayers and increase in sunnah prayers.
- ✓ Read and reflect on the Qur'an daily.
- ✓ Give charity, even if just a small amount each day.
- ✓ Guard our tongues from gossip and useless talk.
- ✓ Seek forgiveness and make lots of du'a.

Iman means fasting because Allah commanded it, and Ihtisab means seeking only His reward. So, let's roll up our sleeves and make this Ramadan count!

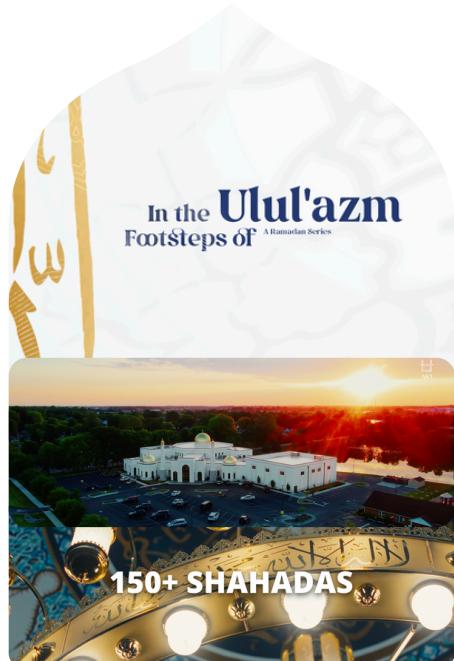
Art in Islam

by Ziad Hefni



Art is more than expression—it's a language that inspires, educates, and preserves history. A thousand years ago, Islamic civilization flourished with artistic mastery in calligraphy, architecture, and literature. Today, however, art is often overlooked in our Ummah, despite its power to shape narratives and connect hearts.

Videography, like traditional art, brings ideas to life. It doesn't just document—it moves people, builds connections, and preserves stories. That's why our work at Alhuda this Ramadan is deeply rooted in storytelling. From the **Building Our Future** film showcasing our masjid's growth to the Ramadan fundraising campaign and scholar series—**In the Footsteps of Ulul'Azm** and **Al-Sunan Al-Illahiya**—every project reflects our commitment to using art for impact.



Art is not decoration; it's da'wah, a bridge between hearts, and a legacy for future generations. By utilizing it, we ensure that today's message continues to inspire tomorrow.



Learning the Seerah

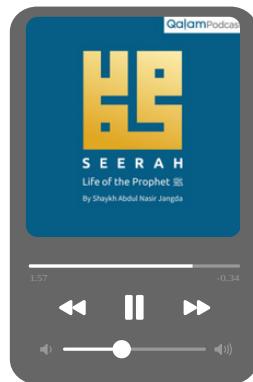
In today's fast-paced world, our Muslim youth face many challenges, but perhaps one of the most concerning is the growing lack of knowledge about the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The Seerah, or biography of the Prophet, is not just a historical account; it is a crucial element in understanding the context of the Quran and Hadith, and a guide for living a righteous life. It provides invaluable insights into the Prophet's character, his teachings, and the circumstances in which Islam was revealed and spread.

By learning about the Prophet's life, our youth can:

1. Develop a deeper connection to their faith
2. Understand the historical context of Islamic teachings
3. Find inspiration and guidance for navigating modern challenges
4. Increase their love and respect for the Prophet

As parents and community leaders, it is our responsibility to encourage our youth to engage with the Seerah. By doing so, we equip them with the knowledge and understanding necessary to strengthen their faith and apply Islamic principles in their daily lives.

Let us come together as a community to revive the study of Seerah among our young people, ensuring that the timeless wisdom of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) continues to guide and inspire future generations.



For those looking to deepen their understanding of the Seerah, we highly recommend the podcast "Seerah: The Life of the Prophet (PBUH)" by Qalam Institute, hosted by Sheikh Abdul Nasir Jangda.

BY YASMINE KOFAHI

LIVE ON THIS EARTH AS A TRAVELER: A JOURNEY BEYOND BORDERS

**The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said: “Be in this world as if you were a stranger or a traveler.”
(Bukhari)**

I guess you could say I took this hadith to heart—truly. Every journey, destination, and encounter has shaped my perspective in ways I never imagined. I'm beyond grateful for the experiences Allah has granted me. Nothing of who I am today would be possible without Him.

My career in marketing has centered on the charity sector—Alhamdulillah. As Director of Operations at MIH, I lead teams in content creation and strategic fundraising, working across Kenya, Pakistan, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, and beyond to serve Syrian, Palestinian, Sudanese, Somali, Kenyan, and Pakistani communities.

At the heart of my mission is a simple goal: upholding dignity through digital storytelling. Allah has allowed me to witness the world not just through my experiences, but through the answered du'as of others. Sometimes, you're placed in a moment not for your own du'a, but to witness Allah answering someone else's through you.

I would have never experienced this without stepping outside my comfort zone. Growth happens when you challenge your mindset and embrace discomfort. Traveling has taught me that life itself is temporary—we are mere guests in this world.

Beyond my global work, I teach 40+ middle schoolers at inspyred Academy, reminding them that even small acts of kindness can change lives. No matter where I go, my work is tied to khayr, and for that, I am endlessly grateful. May Allah allow us to serve in ways that bring light to this world and the next. Far from perfect, but always growing.



Events at Alhuda!

December Showcase:



RAMADAN'S HERE!

- ▶ MEGA QURAN CIRCLE
Everyday - 4:30pm - 6pm
- ▶ ESTEEM & EMERGE
Tuesday, Friday, & Sunday
- ▶ TARAWEEH KHATIRAH
Every Weeknight
- ▶ COMMUNITYIFTARS
Check Social Media & Whatsapp
- ▶ BEGINNER ARABIC
Wednesday
- ▶ & MORE YOUTH EVENTS
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- ▶ INTERMEDIATE ARABIC
Thursday



Introducing

MUHAMMAD IBN HAMAD AL BOSNAWI

Background & Career

Muhammad ibn Hamad Al Bosnawi comes from a family that values faith, service, and education. With a background in Criminal Justice, he is self-employed and dedicates much of his time to serving the community through AlHuda.

Interests & Community Work

He enjoys reading about Islamic history, leadership, and personal development. Passionate about outdoor activities, sports, and motorcycle riding, he also leads community projects, organizes events, and coordinates volunteer efforts to support those in need.

Inspiration & Vision

Inspired by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, he believes every act of service brings people closer to Allah. His goal is to build a strong, united community that supports both its members and the wider society, with a focus on youth engagement and leadership development.

Final Message

After Ramadan, AlHuda will host programs like Plant a Seed of Islam and From a Refugee to a Millionaire. Muhammad encourages everyone to participate, contribute, and make this Ramadan the best one yet.

Challenges & Impact

Keeping the youth engaged and balancing different perspectives within the community are key challenges. Through meaningful programs and open dialogue, he strives to create a welcoming and connected environment. One of his most memorable moments was hearing how global duas and support helped Bosnians during the war, reinforcing the unseen bonds of the ummah.

We are honored to have Muhammad's leadership and mentorship at AlHuda, and we hope this page has helped the community get to know him better.

RAMADAN MASJID RULES

As we welcome the blessed month of Ramadan, we want to ensure that everyone—children, parents, and all attendees—has a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable experience at the masjid. To help us achieve this, we are introducing a few important guidelines regarding children, prayer spaces, and facility use during Taraweeh prayers.

These rules are designed to keep our masjid clean, organized, and safe for everyone, while allowing families to fully benefit from their time in worship. We kindly ask for your cooperation and support in following these guidelines:

- **Children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent at all times in the masjid.**
- **Children ages 4-10 must go to the Eman School building, where activities are provided, or pray next to a parent.**
- **The gym will open after the first 4 rak'at of Taraweeh. Children 11 and up may go to the gym at that time under the supervision of volunteers.**
- **Babysitters will watch children ages 1-3 in the kids' room while mothers pray there.**
- **The masjid will close at 11:00 PM sharp.**

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your understanding and commitment to our masjid's well-being.



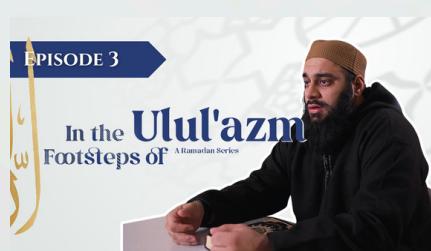
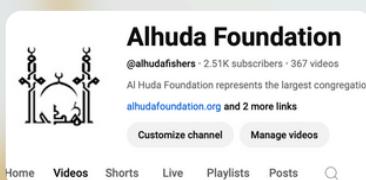
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