



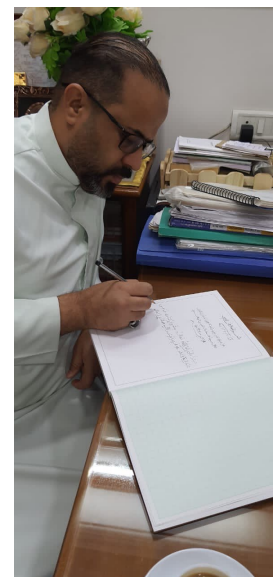
Under the guidance of 45th Da'i e Mutlaq al Alavi Saiyedna Haatim Zakiiyuddin Saheb TUS, Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah invited Prof Dr Haider Karbalaai, Head of Post Graduate Studies of Human Sciences



at Karbala University and Advisor to the Karbala Center of Studies and Research – to visit the Center of Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah in Vadodara. He was hosted by us and stayed near the Devdi Mubaarak in Badri Mohalla near the residence of Saiyedna Saheb TUS. All appropriate arrangements of Lodging, Boarding, Transportation and Tour were made by us as his family too accompanied him on the visit.



Main purpose of his visit was to gift the copy of 2nd volume of the book Nuzhat ul Afkaar wa Rawzat ul Akhbaar written by the 19th Da'i ul Mutlaq Saiyedna Idrees Imaaduddin Saheb RA – to Saiyedna Saheb TUS because Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah extended valuable support in the compiling, printing and publishing the book. His visit was also aimed in writing a comprehensive study of History, Culture and Tenets of Alavi Bohras.



During his visit, more than 7 scientific workshops were held to discuss the study of the aforementioned project and some important decisions were made in the presence of Saiyedna Saheb TUS and his Confidants in the concluding days of the visit:

1. Dr Haider Karbalaai was assigned to write an exclusive book about the Alavi Bohras in India mainly focussing on their Customs, Traditions, Practices, Beliefs, Social Setup, Knowledge and Intellectual Activity.



2. It was unanimously agreed upon that the Book would be written in the Arabic Language and it would be translated into English Language by Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah and both sections will be included in one single book.



3. International Conferences would be held in India or Abroad at regular intervals – annually, specifically for the Bohra Sect. The title of the Conference would be kept Inclusive – probably “The Bohra Sect and their History in Modern Era”. It would be hosted by Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah and prominent senior scholars of Fatimid Thought from around the World would be invited as Speakers and Participants.
4. Meeting distinguished professors and scholars from around the World for the aforementioned work. Visiting various religious places, mausoleums, mosques and community gatherings of Alavi Bohras by Prof Dr Amr Maad Yakrab al Hamdani – Chairman of Scientific Council of Daar Muhammadiyah al Hamdaniyah for Studies and Research from the Republic of Yemen; and Prof Dr Haider Karbalaai – member of Scientific Council from the Republic of Iraq.

A special meeting was arranged by Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah headed by the Saiyedna Saheb TUS at his new residence Daar us Salaam where Dr Haider Karbalaai and Dr Amr Maad al Hamdani were



introduced to the selected Mumineen of Alavi Bohra Community. Both the esteemed guests from Iraq and Yemen were given an opportunity to share their views among our Mumineen. Dr Haider Karbalaai, in his speech, extended gratitude and thanked Saiyedna Saheb TUS for hosting him and his family in India. He told that he is feeling as if he is at home. He expressed his wish to write a comprehensive book about Alavi Bohras as mentioned above among the Mumineen – in Arabic and English.

He also pointed out the efforts the Alavi Da'i Saiyedna Haatim Zakiyuddin Saheb TUS is making to introduce the Alavi Bohra Community Globally among the Scientific, Cultural and Academic Institutions. He is constantly working effortlessly to strengthen and establish ties with the Academicians and Scholars all over the World. A recent example of his efforts is the meetings held by him with various scholars in Karbala and Najaf. I am a witness to it.

- Meeting of 45th Alavi Da'i Saiyedna Haatim Zakiyuddin Saheb TUS with His Excellency Ayatollah Basheer an Najafi in Najaf cannot be forgotten. It lasted for about an hour and both the eminent personalities discussed about various common issues. They looked forward in strengthening the bilateral ties. The meeting concluded on the exchange of greetings and gifts



- Meeting with Dean of Karbala International University Mr Neel as Saydi was arranged where Saiyedna Saheb TUS emphasized the need of doing Higher Studies. He expressed his wish that our Alavi Students gets admission in the Karbala University for the higher education. The Dean of the University reciprocated positively and told that Alavi Students are welcome here and we will grant them scholarship.



- Meeting with the Director of the Karbala Center for Studies and Research in the Holy Shrine of Imaam Husain SA, Prof Abdul Amir al Qurayshi who gave a brief explanation about the Karbala Center and its activities and publications to the Saiyedna Saheb TUS. Ways of joint cooperation were discussed in the meet.



- A symposium was held in Karbala where various researchers, academicians and scholars studying Fatimid Imaams and their History met Saiyedna Saheb TUS. They were left spellbound meeting Saiyedna Saheb TUS and learning about his deep studies about the



history of Fatimid Imaams. Saiyedna Saheb TUS invited all of them to India and have a look at our rich Fatimid Literature and the way we are studying and preserving the rich heritage. They asked for valuable and literary support from the Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah in



completing their thesis, articles and studies in the Fatimid Imaams and the eminent Du'aat of their respective times. Saiyedna Saheb TUS answered their question regarding their studies



and they were astonished by the detailed and meticulous answers which even some learned historians and scholars from around the World failed to provide them.

Concluding his speech Dr Haider Karbalaai stressed the importance of learning Arabic Language. He said Arabic Language is the Language of Quran. Every Muslim should learn Arabic. If you can talk in Hindi, English and local language fluently then Arabic Language also should be your priority. Without learning Arabic Language you cannot establish good relations with the Arab World.



During his stay Dr Haider Karbalaai also visited and toured various places like Old Markets, Malls, and Recreational Parks in and around Vadodara and Ahmedabad. This was a gesture by Da'wat e Hadiyah Alaviyah to make his stay enjoyable out of a monotonous routine of studies.



He also visited the Clinic for his and the family's medical care to be taken of. It was totally a new experience for them because the doctor belonged to the Royal Family of Saiyedna Saheb TUS. Doctors in India are loyal to their profession and patients unlike elsewhere where the doctors are



behind making money only.

During his stay Dr Haider Karbalaai also toured various places having historic significance to the Alavi Bohra Community.

1. Visit to al Masjid an Noorani which is the Jaame Masjid – Grand Mosque of the Community. It is the largest mosque of the Community completed in 1393 AH. 43rd Da'i al Alavi Saiyedna Yusuf Nuruddin Saheb RA did the opening of the Mosque.



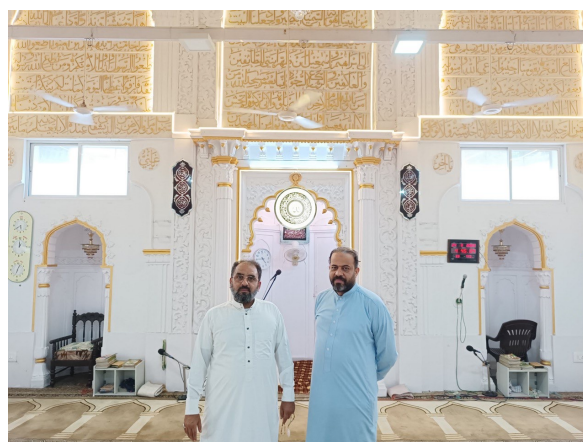
2. Visit to Mazaar e Yusufi – Mausoleum of the two Du'at of Alavi Bohras namely – 43rd Da'i Saiyedna Yusuf Nuruddin Saheb RA and 44th Da'i Saiyedna Taiyeb Ziyauddin Saheb RA. The Mausoleum lies behind the Grand Mosque al Nooraani.



3. Visit to Saiyedi Musanji bin Taaj Mosque RA in the old city area named Fakhri Mohalla. It was built during the time of Saiyedna Burhanuddin Dawoodji ibn Ajabshah RA. He came to Vadodara for its opening on the request of Saiyedi Musanji ibn Taaj RA who vowed to complete the Hajj Pilgrimage by taking the Raza of Saiyedna Ajabshah RA in Ahmedabad. He vowed to build a mosque in Vadodara on his safe return from Hajj. He returned from Hajj safely and built a mosque. He was martyred in 986 AH in Vadodara. The mosque is the oldest surviving mosque.



4. Visit to Taiyebi Mosque built during the period of 44th Da'i al Alavi Saiyedna Taiyeb Ziyauddin Saheb RA. It was named after him. There is a separate area for Women. It also houses a madrasah, jamat khana and kitchen.



5. Visit to Shehaabi Masjid built during the time of 34th Da'i Saiyedna Shehaabuddin Saheb RA who passed away in 1158 AH. It lies on the periphery of Jannat ul Mumineen – Paradise of



the Believers. It is the largest and only graveyard of the Alavi Bohra Community in Vadodara. There is a separate area for bathing the dead body and completing the funeral process besides the Mosque.

6. Visit to Bostaan e Badri – place where 7 Du'aat are buried. There are 2 Mausoleums joined together. One main mausoleum houses graves of 6 Du'aat and

a separate Mausoleum houses the Qabr of 42nd Da'i al Alavi Saiyedna Badruddin Fidali ibn Saiyedna Fakhruddin Saheb RA who passed away in 1377 AH.



7. Visit to the cemetery in Saraspur, Ahmedabad where Quboor of 7 Du'aat of Alavi Bohra Community are present.

- a. Saiyedna Fakhruddin Jalal ibn Hasan RA – 25th Da'i
- b. Saiyedna Burhanuddin Dawoodji ibn Ajabshah RA – 26th Da'i
- c. Saiyedna Burhanuddin Dawoodji ibn Qutbshah RA – 27th Da'i
- d. Saiyedna Shaikh Adam Safiyuddin Saheb RA – 28th Da'i
- e. Saiyedna 'Ali ibn Saiyedi Ibrahim as Shaheed RA – 29th Da'i
- f. Saiyedna Zakiyuddin Taiyeb ibn Saiyedna Shaikh Adam RA – 30th Da'i



- g. Saiyedna Badruddin Hasan ibn Saiyedi Wali RA – 31st Da'i who passed away in 1090 AH has been buried in a separate Mausoleum on the periphery of Saraspur Cemetery where only Alavi Bohras go for the Ziyaarat.
- h. Musaaafir Khana – Guest house for the Mumineen built during the time of 44th Da'i Saiyedna Taiyeb Ziyauddin Saheb RA
- i. Haatemi Masjid build during the time of 45th Da'i Saiyedna Haatim Zakiyuddin Saheb TUS. There is a separate hall below the Masjid and a kitchen adjoining it.

During the last days of Dr Haider Karbalaai's visit, Saiyedna Saheb TUS bestowed his special benevolence by giving him an opportunity to visit the Alavi Library solely managed by Saiyedna Saheb TUS. It houses more than 500 manuscripts dating back to almost 450 yrs. Dr Karbalaai felt privileged on seeing the manuscripts and admitted that no one from the community heads have ever



let him to visit their personal collection of manuscripts like Saiyedna Saheb TUS did.

On the last day, Saiyedna Saheb TUS and the Royal Family welcomed Dr Haider Karbalaai and his family on Dinner at the Devdi Mubaarak. Dr Haider Karbalaai expressed gratitude for giving a homely feeling in a foreign country. He was extremely moved and impressed by everything arranged for him and his family wholeheartedly. We also exchanged gifts. We bid farewell to him and his family with a hope to meet soon. He invited all of us to come to Karbala on a special visit.