



## LONDON CALLING

### AGM Report

The 9th and 10th AGMs of the WMO and WMO CF were held in the Olympian city of London from June 21st to 23rd at the Memon Centre at Balham. The event was well attended and a resounding success.

While celebrating a decade of humanitarian service as well as working to spread the spirit of Islam around the globe, WMO officials and delegates came together to chart the course of the next decade of the WMO's services around the world to Memons, Muslims and humanity and large.

The WMO has, since its inception, striven to assist our indigent brothers and sisters around the globe, as well as further the cause of Islam through humanitarian services. Our aim is to ensure that vulnerable individuals and communities are provided for, as well as to strengthen the bonds of the global Memon community.



### AGM Highlights

#### WMO

- WMO's role to be extended from that of merely a Zakaat collector and distributor to a more inclusive role, aiming to connect and strengthen the global Memon community.
- Changes to the structure of WMO, as well as amendments to the Constitution and Standing Orders of the WMO and WMO CF in order to ensure a more robust and transparent organization
- The President and senior officials of the WMO and WMO CF to make an annual tour to all WMO Chapters.
- A renewed focus on education.
- The distribution of Zakaat to be conducted among all Chapters.

#### Chapters

- The North America Chapter to be revived, kicking off with a Road Show to welcome the Memon Community of North America back into the WMO family.
- The African Chapter to be divided into two separate Chapters, the Southern Africa Chapter and the Northern Africa Chapter.
- The Southern Africa Chapter will establish its own Memon Centre, as well as explore the possibility of establishing a Vocational Training Institute, similar to the MITI in Pakistan.
- The European and Far East Chapters will strive to expand the WMO's reach across the relevant regions.
- A permanent office is to be set up for the Indian Chapter.

#### General

- Launch of 'Children with Special Needs' project, and announcement of the winner of the Logo Competition.
- 'Memon Connection' – a WMO social initiative to connect Memons from around the globe and help them find life partners, was formally introduced.
- The launch of 'Memon Premier League'- a T20 Indian IPL style cricket tournament, to be played by teams from each Chapter. The MPL will be hosted in Sri Lanka by the Far East Chapter.
- Proposed launch of an International Youth Forum, aiming to encourage the younger generation to become more actively involved in WMO activities.
- Launch of WorldMemon Business and Trade directory.

## 2012-2014 OFFICE BEARERS

### WMO Office Bearers 2012-14

- **President** : Abdul Satar Dada
- **Sn Deputy President** : Sir Iqbal Sacrani
- **Deputy President** : Ashraf Satar
- **Sec General** : Pir Mohamed Kaliya
- **Treasurer** : Muhammed Adil Yusuf
- **Dep Sec General** : Bashir Satta

### WMO CF Office Bearers 2012-14

- **Chairman** : Suliman Noor Mohamed
- **Deputy Chairman** : Haroon Karim
- **Secretary General** : Feizul Ayub
- **Treasurer** : Sayed Mia
- **Dep Sec General** : Mahmood Shaikhani

### WMO Chapter Officials 2012-14

#### Africa

- **Vice President** : Yunus Suleman

#### Europe

- **Vice President** : Hanif Osman Dada

#### Far East

- **Vice President** : A.C.Saleem

#### India

- **Vice President** : Majid Ranani

#### Middle East

- **Vice President** : Iqbal Dawood

#### Pakistan

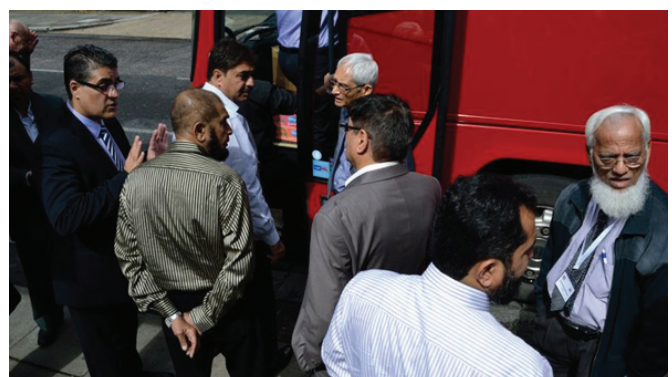
- **Vice President** : Shoaib Ismail Mangoria

### On a lighter vein

While the AGMs accomplished a significant amount of work, it wasn't all work and no play. Attendees had no shortage of entertainment, what with the incredible buzz in the city due to the Olympic preparations. The delegates were also hosted to several dinners where they were able to mix and mingle informally with each other.

Special thanks to the VP of the European Chapter Dr.Esmail Harunani, the Memon Association of UK and the WMO European Chapter, the Lord Mayor of Leicester Mr. Abdul Osman and the Memon Association of Leicester for hosting the delegates to a number of fantastic Gala Dinners and Lunches.

Attendees also enjoyed a coach trip to Leicester as well as a screening of the European Cup Quarter Final between England and Spain.



## SPECIAL ZAKAAT APPEAL

*The example of those who spend their wealth in Allah's way is similar to that of a grain which has sprouted seven stalks and in each stalk are a hundred grains; and Allah may increase it still more than this, for whomever He wills; and Allah is Most Capable, All Knowing. (Surah Al Baqara 2:261)*

As we proceed in the blessed month of Ramadan, when the gates of Heaven are open and good deeds are multiplied in the eyes of the Almighty, let us come together to help our brothers and sisters by discharging our Zakaat obligations.

We appeal to our members to allocate a part of your zakaat for the WMO Zakaat Fund, to be used to help vulnerable members of the Memon community around the world. The WMO is dedicated to ensuring that every last cent of zakaat contributions are disbursed wisely and transparently. Every contribution, whether big or small, is needed and appreciated.

Please send your contributions direct to your Chapter representatives or direct through TT to the following account:

**Account name:** World Memon Organization (WMO)  
**Account number:** USD8504012293 (Zakaat)  
**IBN number:** AE76045000008504012293  
**Bank:** Union National Bank (UNB) CDB  
**Address:** Sheikh Zayd Road, Dubai, UAE  
**Swift Code:** unbeaeea

## Medical Miracle

Five months of tears and sleepless nights have finally come to an end for headline making 3-year-old burn victim Isabella Kruger, from Pretoria, South Africa. Isabella suffered horrific burns over three quarters of her body during a New Year's Eve mishap and has been suffering ever since.

Now, thanks to renowned plastic surgeon Dr. Ridwan Mia (son of Mr. S.H. Mia – trustee of the World Memon Organization) there is an end in sight to her nightmare.

Dr. Mia performed a skin graft operation on the toddler using a revolutionary technology known as Epicel – which produces skin for people with extensive burn wounds by extracting stem cells from small patches of patients' healthy skin.

## Congratulations to Elan Gidit from UK, Winner of the Logo Competition



## A sad farewell to a doyen of our community

WMO regretfully announces the death of one of the Memon community's pioneering and most senior leaders, Adam Mohamed Noor.

Mr. Noor was a highly respected individual, who for over six decades selflessly dedicated himself to improving the lot of the Memon community. One of the founding members of the All India MemonJamaat Federation and the Memon Welfare and Education Society, Adam Noor served on over two dozen associations, trusts and other community service bodies.

He worked closely with several prominent Memon community leaders and was part of the think tank which established respected organizations including The World Memon Foundation, Islamic Study Center and the Memon Colony Jogeshwari.

First and foremost an educationist, he was closely involved in promoting education for girls and vocational training as well as encouraging students to exploit their potential to the fullest. Several highly qualified and successful scholars around the world today are the fruits of his labour in this regard.

Adam Noor passed away in his home city of Mumbai, India in July. He will be sorely missed.

## In the line of duty

We take great pride in the stellar accomplishments of Mr. Abdul Osman, especially in his central role as the Mayor of Leicester, UK – the first Memon in the world to hold a similar title.

Mr. Osman, a member of the WMO UK Chapter has been prominently active in civic life for nearly two decades, serving variously as County Councillor, Ward Councillor and Deputy Mayor among other positions, since 1993.

Of Indian origin, Councillor Osman was born in Kenya, and migrated to the UK in 1971. A graduate of Nottingham Trent University he is a prominent personality among civic circles and a popular public figure. He donates his time to a number of charities and was instrumental in fundraising to build two entire villages and a school in Kutch Gujarat, India for orphan children.

administrators and staff, and envisaged a promising future where the institution would transform into a full-fledged higher learning establishment.

The chief guest, Senator Syed Mustafa Kamal inaugurated the MITI website, which can be accessed at [www.momiti.com](http://www.momiti.com).

## Memon Industrial and Technical Institute

### THIRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To celebrate the third successful year since its opening, the Memon Industrial and Technical Institute held an impressive function on 31st May 2012 at the MITI premises.

Since its inception in 2009, MITI has graduated over 23,000 students who have gone on to find gainful employment and today comfortably support themselves and their families. Thanks to MITI hundreds of students are able to realize their dreams and their potential, pursuing degrees in medicine, law, accountancy, engineering, etc.

Several Memon community dignitaries who were present at the event praised MITI's achievements thus far, due in no small measure to the guidance and hard work of its

