

Early Ustaads, Students, Graduates, & Staff of Darul Uloom Zakariyya

Early ustaads included Qari Abdul Hameed Sahib R.A. (Principal), Moulana Shabbier Saloojee, Hafiz Farooq Mansoor, Hafiz Rafiq Chavoos, , Hafiz Muhammad Vaid, Qari Abdul Rasheed Ajmeri, Moulana Muhammad Dhudhat, Moulana Ahmed Limbada, Moulana Farooq Patel, Hafiz Ebrahim Bhamjee, Hafiz Yusuf Bhamjee, Hafiz Faisal Bulbulia, Moulana Ashraf Bhamjee, MI Sulaiman Ghanchi R.A., and Hafidh Bashir.

Ustaads who also did a stint of teaching at the Darul Uloom were: Moulana Haydar Ali Dhorat, Hafiz Sulaiman Ishaq, Mufti Sulaimaan Qasim (R.A), Moulana Khalid Pandor, Moulana Idrees Nakhooda, Moulana Shafeeq Hajee, Moulana Ismail Choonara, MI Shabbier Khan, Moulana Gardee, Moulana Shabbier Kazi, Moulana Imran Hussain, Hafiz Saleem Dadabhai, Moulana Sufi Abdullah, Moulana Haneef Bhamjee, Sheikh Sulaiman of Uganda, Sheikh A.S. Basyooni, Qari Azizur Rahman Patel, Moulana Yakoob Ghafoor (R.A.), Moulana Ismail Pandor, Hafiz Abdul Lateef, Moulana Iqbal Bigjee (R.A.), Hafez Abdul Aziz Casoojee, Hafiz Yusuf Makkan, Qari Qassim Piramani, Qari Barakatullah (R.A.), Hafiz Yusuf Bota and Qari Ameen Choksi.

The first student of the Darul Uloom was a person by the name of Iqbal (Bali).

The first students to complete Hifz were MI Muhammad Bathia, MI Rasaan Amejee (Azaadville) 1984, Hfz Imran Wadee (Namibia), MI Bashir Evans and Hfz Mohammad Hansa.

The first Kitaab students were Moulana Ebrahim Dadabhay, Moulana Ahmed Chohan, Moulana Moosa Pandor (all graduated in Dhabel) and Hafiz Yusuf Balim.

The second Jamaat of Kitaab students were: MI Suleimaan Jada (Graduated in Karachi), MI Ahmed Patel Marhoom (graduated in Dabhel), MI Husein Loonat (graduated in Azadville), MI Shabbir Dindar (graduated in Newcastle), Hfz Masood Pandor , Hfz Muhsin Navlakhi, Hfz Mohammad Choonara, Hfz Nazir Adam, Mohammad Gaba, Yahya Bhikhoo, Hfz Abdus Samad Mia and Hfz Zainul Aabideen Mia.

MI Mohammed Wadiwala and MI Mohammed Bathia were the 3rd class, both completed in Karachi. Also part of this class was: Hafiz Rashid Ahmed Bismillah, Hafiz Muhammad Bismillah and Hfz Zunaid Saloojee.

The first big Jalsah was held in 1986 in a tent that was put up in front of the old Jamaat Khana. Hazrat Moulana Salmaan Sahib Saharanpuri D.B. (son in law of Shaikhul Hadeeth Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Sahib R.A.) was the guest of honour. Hajee Bhai Padia Sahib R.A. was also present. A large group of students completed Hifz. Bhia Sulaiman Patel (Pistons) nikah was performed in this jalsa. Qari Rashid Ajmeri D.B. sang a Nazm on Radde Bidat. Some students who finished Hifz at the Jalsa were: MI Zaid Rangila, Hfz Imtiaz & Hfz Imran Saley, Hfz Bashir Haffejee, MI Abdul Baaqi, MI Yusuf Kajee and MI Salmaan Ghanchi.

The first Jamaaat to complete locally was the 4th class, who qualified at Darul Uloom Zakariyya under Hazrat Moulana Mueinuddin Moradabadi (RA.) on the 16th

of February 1992. They were: MI Imtiaz Mohammed, MI Ahmed Seedat, MI Ashraf Manack, MI Riaz Bhayla, MI Fareed Hoosein, MI Imran Bayat, MI Saeed Pathan, MI Imraan Motara, MI Yusuf Patel, MI Shakir Madani, MI Zubair Memon, MI Shuaib Memon, and MI Dawood Dhansay. MI Imraan Dadabhai, MI Abed Khan and MI Dawood Vahed were also part of this class but left in 1989 to complete in India.

The First Graduates under Hazrat Mufti Radhaul Haq Sahib DB on the 7th of February 1993 were the following: MI Zaid Rangila, Maulana Abdul Baqi Abdur Rahman, Maulana Ibrahim Hafejee, Maulana Idrees Pathan, Maulana Zakariyya Gangat, Maulana Ibrahim Hassim, Maulana Bashir Hanslod and Shaikh Idrees Malawi who studied the course in Arabic.

The first Qirat Sab'ah graduates were: Qari Zaid Rangela, Qari Abdul Baqi, Qari Idrees Pathan and Qari Ibrahim Haffejee.

The first Qirat Ash'ara graduates were MI Naeem Choonara and Qari Mubeen Mohammad.

The first Ifta students were: Moulana Sulayman Jada, MI Zaid Rangela, MI Muhammad Bathia, MI Ahmad Saeed Bigjee, MI Nazir Jassat, MI Abdullah Khan and Dr Ismail Vally.

Early Caretakers were, Sulaiman Bhai Navlaki (R.A.), Ahmed Bhai Vahed (R.A.) and Muhammad Bhai (Chacha) (R.A.).

Early School Teachers were: Ismail Variava (Principal), Suliman Hafejee, Mohammad Salim Essa, Golaam Muhammad, Abdool Gaffar Mohammad, Ajmal Patel, Asharf Patel, Ebrahim Mia, Late Farouq Casoojee, Mahmood Hassan, Anver Mohammad, Dawood Variava, late E Seedat, Rashid Fakir, Yusuf Eshack, Mohammad Shafiq Hafejee, Abdul Aziz Rasool, Ahmed Rajan, Imtiaaz Vally and Sheikh.

Early Staff include Yusuf Bhai the driver (1984) who retired in 2011, Yusuf Bhai the welder (1986) who reverted to Islam while in the early part of employment, Mr. John Driver (1986) and Moosa (Paulus) Driver (1986) who also later reverted to Islam.