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Today, the **18th of Zul Hijjah** marks the demise of the third Khalifa of Islam, Sayyidina

THE THIRD KHALIFAH, BEARER OF HONOUR HAZRAT SAYYIDINA UTHMAAN ZUN NOORAYN (RADHIALLAHU ANHU)

Name: *Uthmaan bin Affaan*

Birth : Six years after the “Incident of the Elephants”

Lineage : His lineage meets with Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam

Relationship to Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam : Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam's father's sister Ummi Hakeem bint Abdul Muttalib's daughter

Title: **Dhun-Noorayn** “Owner of Two Lights” (Dhul-Nurayn) and “Dhul-Fajr” (Owner of the Dawn)

ACCEPTANCE OF ISLAM:

On the invitation of Abu Bakr (Radhiallahu Anhu), he brought Islam long before Hazrat Umar (Radhiallahu Anhu)

GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION:

- He was such an exemplary of generosity for Islam and Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, that no one else could match him.
- After his unparalleled generosity on the occasion of the Battle of Tabuk, Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said, “Uthmaan is the most generous of the people of this Ummah.”
- At the time of the battle of Badr, he was instructed to remain in Madina Munawwara by Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.

VIRTUES AND EXCELLENCES OF HAZRAT SAYYIDINA UTHMAAN (RADHIALLAHU ANHU):

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: *The angels in the skies also show modesty (hayaa) in front of Hazrat Uthmaan.*
Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: *The Kaaba will be purified (corruption) in Madina, and on that day Utmaan will be on it.*
Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: *Whoever looks at Uthmaan to see a Jannati (person of jannat), look at Uthmaan."*

THE KHILAAFAT OF SAYYIDINA UTHMAAN (RADHIALLAHU ANHU)

- After the martyrdom of Hazrat Umar (Radhiallahu Anhu), on the decision of the 'Consultative Committee' he was elected as the third Caliph.
- He reigned for 12 days less than 12 years, and established the Islamic State over an area of 4 400 000 sq km.
- During his reign of Khilaafat the remainder of the areas conquered by Hazrat Umar initially, were brought under the rule of Islam.
- Khurasaan, Taws, Herat, Shiraaz and the remainder section of Iran were all brought under the rule of Islam.

MARTYRDOM (SHAHADAT)

- In the whole history of Islam, no one was martyred so cruelly as was Hazrat Uthmaan.
- The rebels of Egypt had made Hazrat Uthmaan starve for forty days, without food and drink, before he was martyred.
- His blessed corpse was left lying unattended and not buried for three days, by the rebels.
- These rebels threw stones at his Janaazah (funeral bier).
- He is buried in 'Jannatul Baqee'.
- After the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthmaan, darkness spread in the History of Islam, as swords were cast and blood was shed.
- Hazrat Uthmaan Radhiallahu Anhu was martyred on a Friday, 18 Zil Hijjah 35 A.H. in Madina Munaawirah.
- He was 82 years old at that time.
- Sa'eed bin Zayd (Radhiallahu Anhu) says: *Had to move from its place due to the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthmaan.*
- Hazrat Ali (Radhiallahu Anhu) says: *On the day that Hazrat Uthmaan was martyred, my senses stopped functioning.*
- Upon the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthmaan, Hazrat Zayd bin Thaabit (Radhiallahu Anhu) cried for the whole night.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the taufeeq of honouring these great Sahaba of Islam and may he able us to follow their example.

It is incumbent upon every Muslim to seek Knowledge

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