



# Muslim Circle of Canada

Newsletter — February 2026

Hijri: Ramadan 1447

*Bismillah*

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وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ۝ ١٣٩

Do not falter or grieve, for you will have the upper hand, if you are 'true' believers.  
Surah Ali 'Imran 3:139

আর তোমরা নিরাশ হয়োনা ও বিষন্ন হয়োনা এবং যদি তোমরা বিশ্বাসী হও তাহলে তোমরাই বিজয়ী হবে।  
সূরা আল ইমরান ৩:১৩৯

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ۝ ١٨٣

O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was for those before you so perhaps you will become mindful 'of Allah'.  
Surah Al Baqarah 2:183

হে মুমিনগণ ! তোমাদের জন্য সিয়ামের বিধান দেয়া হল, যেমন বিধান তোমাদের পূর্ববর্তীদেরকে দেয়া হয়েছিল, যাতে তোমরা তাকওয়ার অধিকারী হতে পার।

সূরা আল-বাকারাহ ২:১৮৩

### Tafsir highlights (BN):

#### Surah Ali 'Imran 3:139

- উহুদের সাময়িক বিপর্যয় ও শহীদদের বেদনার প্রেক্ষিতে মুসলিমদেরকে সাহুনা, মনোবল, এবং ভবিষ্যৎ সংশোধনের দিকে ফেরানো হয়েছে।
- হতাশা ও বিষন্নতায় ডুবে না থেকে ঈমান, আল্লাহর ওয়াদা, রাসূল (সঃ)-এর আনুগত্য, এবং আল্লাহর পথে অবিচল থাকার ওপর বিজয় নির্ভর বলে জোর দেওয়া হয়েছে।
- এই উত্থান-পতনকে পরীক্ষার অংশ হিসেবে দেখানো হয়েছে, যাতে ধৈর্যশীল ও অধৈর্যশীল পৃথক হয় এবং শাহাদাত প্রত্যাশীদের জন্য সুযোগ তৈরি হয়।
- সাময়িক পরাজয়ের প্রধান কারণ হিসেবে নির্দেশ-অমান্য, গুজবে নৈরাশ্য, এবং সিদ্ধান্তে মতবিরোধজনিত শৈথিল্যের কথা উল্লেখ করা হয়েছে।
- দুঃখে সময় নষ্ট না করে ভুল থেকে শিক্ষা নিয়ে সংশোধন, সংহতি, এবং দৃঢ়তা গড়ে তোলার দিকে আহ্বান করা হয়েছে।

#### Surah Al Baqarah 2:183

- রোযা পূর্ববর্তী উম্মতদের ওপরও ছিল বলে উল্লেখ করে এর গুরুত্ব বোঝানো হয়েছে এবং মুসলিমদেরকে নেক কাজে অগ্রগামী থাকার প্রেরণা দেওয়া হয়েছে, এবং এর লক্ষ্য হিসেবে তাকওয়া অর্জনকে সামনে রাখা হয়েছে।
- রোযার ফল হিসেবে আত্মশুদ্ধি, প্রবৃত্তি নিয়ন্ত্রণ, এবং শয়তানের পথে বাধা সৃষ্টি হওয়ার কথা তুলে ধরা হয়েছে।
- বিধানের ধাপগত রূপান্তরের ইঙ্গিত এসেছে, যেমন শুরুতে কিছু ক্ষেত্রে বিকল্প, পরে রমযানের রোযা বাধ্যতামূলক হওয়া, এবং দুর্বল/অক্ষমদের জন্য ব্যতিক্রম ও ফিদইয়ার আলোচনা।
- রোযাকে আল্লাহর ইবাদতের নিয়তে পানাহার ও স্ত্রী সহবাস থেকে বিরত থাকা হিসেবে ব্যাখ্যা করা হয়েছে।
- সামগ্রিকভাবে রোযাকে চরিত্র গঠন ও সংযমশীলতা গড়ে তোলার মৌলিক প্রশিক্ষণ হিসেবে দেখানো হয়েছে।

### Tafsir highlights (EN):

#### Surah Ali 'Imran 3:139

- Revealed in the aftermath of Uhud, it consoles believers after heavy losses and redirects them from despair to resolve and reform.
- It frames setbacks as part of a recurring pattern of rise and fall in history, and as a test that distinguishes the steadfast from the wavering.
- It links eventual "upper hand" to genuine faith expressed through obedience to the Prophet, trust in Allah's promise, and firmness in striving.
- It points to concrete causes behind the temporary reversal at Uhud: failure to fully follow instructions, demoralisation when false news spread, and internal disagreement that weakened discipline.

- It urges believers not to waste strength on grief over past mistakes, but to correct them and rebuild unity, patience, and commitment.

### Surah Al Baqarah 2:183

- It defines fasting as deliberate abstention for Allah's sake, with the central aim of cultivating taqwa (mindfulness and self-restraint).
- It highlights continuity: fasting was also prescribed for earlier communities, emphasizing its importance and motivating believers not to lag in devotion.
- It explains spiritual and moral benefits: purification of the self, greater control over impulses, and the creation of barriers against sinful pathways.
- It notes that the legislation developed with clarity on duration and concessions, with allowances for those who are ill or travelling and special consideration for those unable to fast.
- It presents fasting as a structured training that reforms character and strengthens disciplined, God-conscious living.

### Ramadan 1447 at a glance

#### Name and focus

Ramadan is the ninth Hijri month and the month of obligatory fasting, Qur'an, night prayer, and taqwa (God-conscious self-restraint).

#### When

Begins with local moon sighting.

#### Why it matters

- Mandatory fasts with a clear goal: taqwa.
- Qur'an month: structured recitation, reflection, and implementing restraint in speech and conduct.
- A sustained month-long training in patience, gratitude, and sincerity.

#### Dates to mark

- Daily: suhoor, the five prayers on time, Qur'an portion.
- Fridays: Jumu'ah, Surah al-Kahf.
- Last ten nights: intensified worship and seeking Laylat al-Qadr. Many calendars indicate the 27th night as a likely marker, but it is sought across the last ten nights.

#### Fasting in Ramadan

- Keep the aim explicit: "so perhaps you will become mindful of Allah".
- Protect the fast: avoid backbiting, arguments, and idle talk as seriously as guarding food and drink.
- If illness or travel applies, follow the Qur'anic concessions with responsible local guidance.

#### Night worship and Laylat al-Qadr

- Tarawih is the communal Ramadan night prayer in most mosques.
- For the last ten nights: longer Qur'an, more du'a, more istighfar, more charity.
- Treat Laylat al-Qadr as a search, not a fixed appointment: build a plan for every night.

#### Charity and social worship

- Increase sadaqah steadily across the month, not only at the end.
- Plan zakat (if due) early so it is delivered effectively.

- Zakat al-Fitr: prepare before Eid, following local mosque guidance on timing and amount.

## Highlights | February 2026

### Faith and inspiration

- **Shahadah at U of T:** A U of T student (“Hebe”) accepted Islam at an MSA Muslim Awareness event.
  - steady exposure to Islamic resources,
  - focused listening at RIS, and
  - thoughtful questions about Prophets (for instance, Dawud, Sulayman, and the Prophetic message).
- **Community takeaway:** New Muslim support should follow through with practical onboarding (for example, salah basics, brothers’ /sisters’ mentorship, and a welcoming circle).

### Events that already happened

#### Ramadan readiness

##### **MCC NextGen Youth Halaqah: *Rebooting Ramadan***

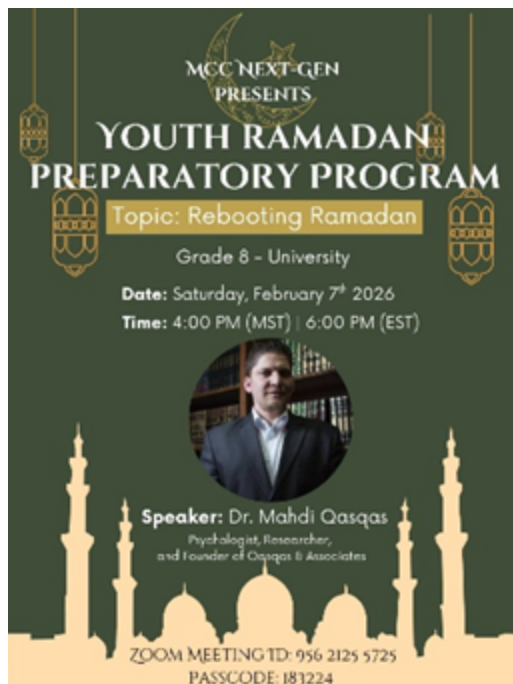
**Date:** Saturday, February 7 2026

**Time:** 4:00 PM (MST), 6:00 PM (EST)

**Audience:** Grades 8 to University (boys and girls)

**Speaker:** Dr Mahdi Qasqas

**Platform:** Zoom



### Education and tarbiyah

##### **MCCU class:** QRN 301 (Module 3) *Sciences of the Qur’an*

**Topic:** History of the Qur’anic text, Ahruf, and Qira’at

**Date:** Sunday, 8 February 2026

**Time:** 11:00 AM (EST), 9:00 AM (MST), 10:00 AM (CST)

**Instructor:** Shamsul Hoque

**Platform:** Zoom

Ramadan: The Month of Self Purification - রামাদান: আত্মশুদ্ধির মাস

Speaker: AbuSamihah Sirajul-Islam

Khatib and Vice-President, Brooklyn Islamic Centre, Brooklyn, New York, USA

Date: Sunday, February 8, 2026

Time: 3:30 PM (EST), 2:30 PM (CST), 1:30 PM (MST), 12:30 PM (PST)

Platform: Zoom



**NATIONWIDE HALAQAH**  
Ramadan: The Month of Self Purification  
রামাদান: আত্মশুদ্ধির মাস

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Khatib and Vice-president  
Brooklyn Islamic Center, Brooklyn, New York, USA

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1:30 PM(MST), 12:30 PM(PST)

Zoom: **848 7410 7652** Pass: **1234**  
Facebook Live: [facebook.com/groups/enlightenhearts](https://www.facebook.com/groups/enlightenhearts)

**Enlightened Hearts (Canada)**

Experts' Eyes: Life & Career

Speakers:

Dr Salah Uddin Khan (Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University)

Engr. Shahin Siddiquee (Entrepreneur & Professional Engineer, Secretary General, MCC)

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM (EST)

Platform: Zoom

## Mentoring Session

For Bangladeshi Graduate Students

**From Landing to  
Launching Your Career**



**Dr. Salah Uddin  
Khan**

Assistant Professor, Thompson  
Rivers University (Kamloops, BC)  
BOD, NextGen Secretary, MCC

**Challenges to be a  
Good Muslim in Canada**



**Engr. Shahin  
Siddiquee**

Entrepreneur & Professional  
Engineer  
Secretary General, MCC  
BSc (BUET), MEng (University of  
Detroit Mercy)

14 February 2026 | 11:30 AM (EST)



**Muslim Circle of Canada (MCC)**  
University Chapter

### Social Service: Iftar and Zakah Collection 2026

- A combined Ramadan support plan is underway: **Iftar distribution (\$50 per family)** plus **Zakah collection and verified distribution during Ramadan**, with delivery of Iftar items, inshaAllah.

**E-transfer email:**

**Message note:** write “Iftar” for Iftar funds and “Zakah” for Zakah funds.

- **Operational lesson:** early correction of payment details protects the amanah once posts circulate widely across groups.

### 5) Community engagement

- **World Hijab Day (February 1):** Chapters were encouraged to run educational sessions, preferably youth-led.



- **Local Qur’an competitions:** With no federal-level competition this year, chapters were encouraged to organise locally based on capacity (for example, short Surahs, Tajwid basics, and selected longer portions).
- **MCC NextGen Ramadan Fundraiser: Save on Iftar, Multiply the Barakah**

A youth-led Ramadan fundraising campaign is now live.

Ramadan is a month of self-reflection, generosity, and spiritual growth. This year, MCC NextGen is launching a simple challenge: **Save on Iftar. Multiply the Barakah.**

**How to take part**

- Encourage friends and family to simplify one small item daily (for example, dessert, drink, or snack).
- Even **\$5 per day** adds up to **\$150 across 30 days**, and can make a real difference.
- Collect donations and send the total to:

**SAVE ON IFTAR. MULTIPLY THE BARAKAH.**

The Prophet ﷺ taught that "the meal of two can be enough for three." He was also described as more generous in Ramadan than at any other time of the year.

This Ramadan, simplify your Iftar and donate the savings to support Muslim youth and future leaders.

**ONE SMALL CHANGE = BIG RAMADAN IMPACT**  
Skip one extra Iftar item (dessert, drink, snack)

**\$5 × 30 days = \$150**  
**\$10 × 30 days = \$300**

Just one small item can become **\$150-\$300** in sadaqah this Ramadan.

**JOIN THE CHALLENGE**

- IFTAR SAVER – \$30**  
Give \$1 a day for Ramadan
- BARAKAH BUILDER – \$100**  
Skip one takeout Iftar each week
- SADAQAH CHAMPION – \$250+**  
Family challenge to simplify Iftar all month

**Small sacrifices. Lasting impact.**  
Multiply the Barakah this Ramadan.

#MultiplyTheBarakah

MCC NextGen | www.muslimcircle.ca | mccnextgenofficial@gmail.com

#### Top youth fundraisers will be recognised

1. **Sadaqah Champion:** top fundraiser
2. **Khair Ambassador:** second-highest fundraiser
3. **Ummah Supporter:** third highest fundraiser

Let Ramadan be a month of lasting impact. You can start the challenge today and invite others to join.

#### 6) Chapter growth and community relations

- **Montreal chapter:** New charter members were welcomed (Br Motiur Rahman, Br Kamrul Islam, Br Saiful Islam, Mawlana Abu Taher).
- **Muslim-Indigenous Connection:** A speech on behalf of MCC, signalling ongoing relationship-building and civic engagement.

#### 7) Community care (Condolence)

- **Bereavement notice:** The passing of an international student in Toronto (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajji'un), with Janazah arrangements communicated through community channels.

#### 8) Ramadan 2026 Quiz

**MCC Ramadan Quiz (2026) – 1:** <https://forms.gle/13h1Ht6TTwsrMooT7>

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The Muslim Circle of Canada serves as a community anchor across the country, rooted in Islamic belief, advancing education, spiritual growth, and social development through inclusive programmes and

constructive engagement with wider society.

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Let us know what you think: <https://forms.gle/jAeibLP2rXSh2ZcN9>

## **Baitulmaal and Monthly Sadaqah**

*“Believe in Allah and His Messenger and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is best for you if you only knew.” Qur’an 61:11*

**Give now:** <https://muslimcircle.ca/donate-now.html>

**Interac e-Transfer:** memo: MCC General or Baitulmaal

**Easy pledges:** 20 dollars, 40 dollars, 60 dollars, or custom

## **Get Involved**

- Volunteer for events, tutoring, translation, media and design
- Partner with masajid, schools, and service agencies
- Share one success story from your city in the next newsletter
- Email for programs and volunteering:

## **Quick Wins for each Week**

- Read Surah al-Kahf on Friday and invite one friend

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