

Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of Radio Islam

Held virtually and at Radio Islam Lenasia on Monday, 22 September 2025 at 19h00

Agenda

- Welcome – Qiraat.
- Reading of the notice to convene the AGM.
- Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 03 September 2023.
 - Matters arising from the previous minutes.
- Chairperson's address.
 - To consider and, if seen fit, to approve the activities of Radio Islam.
- Discussion of the Audited Financial Statements.
 - Adoption of the Financial Statements.
- Appointment of Auditors.
- General.

Qiraat & Welcome

Welcome – Chairman, Qari Basheer Patel, welcomed attendees, both in person and online, to Radio Islam's 30th AGM.

He noted that, in terms of the constitution, a 10% quorum is required. **Alhamdulillah**, the quorum requirement was met.

The Secretary also encouraged community participation and invited the community to become members of Radio Islam. The membership fee is set at **R50 per annum**.

Qiraat – Recited by Moulana Sulaimaan Ravat.

Attendance

As per the attendance register (both in-person and online attendees).

Apologies

Br. Muhammad Mia.

Reading of the Notice to Convene the 29th AGM

The notice was sent via email and WhatsApp to all members and was also advertised in the media.

Confirmation and Adoption of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were taken as read.

Adopted by: Moulana Heider Dhorat

Seconded by: Moulana Suhaib Lasanya

Matters Arising: None.

Chairman's Address

The Chairman's Address was read by **Qari Basheer Patel**.

As the annual report was circulated beforehand, it was taken as read.

Topics Covered in the Report:

SCOPE OF THE REPORT

Radio Islam International is honored to present this Annual Report to its members and stakeholders, offering a consolidated overview of the organization's performance, growth, and impact from September 2024 to August 2025. This report outlines Radio Islam's strategic direction and operational milestones over the reporting period, covering our key campaigns, flagship seasonal programs, community outreach initiatives, digital media advancements, and notable developments in news and current affairs.

GAZA COVERAGE

Since the outbreak of the war against Palestine, Radio Islam has remained steadfast in its commitment to covering the unfolding genocide in Gaza. Through consistent, in-depth reporting, we've provided our listeners and followers with timely updates, hard-hitting interviews, and deeply human stories—both on air and across our digital platforms. From expert analysis and legal insights to firsthand accounts from those living under siege, our content aims not only to inform but to ignite empathy and a sense of urgent responsibility.

AL AQSA WEEK 2025

Theme: "What Can I Do for Al Aqsa and Palestine?" Through this initiative, our aim was to instil a personal sense of responsibility in each listener—a reminder that "I too must do something for Palestine." Each day, a simple and practical action that anyone could adopt in support of the Palestinian cause was spotlighted, making the campaign accessible to all. To amplify the message, daily video posters were created and shared across social media platforms, ensuring consistent engagement and visibility.

SYRIA COVERAGE

MI. Ebrahim Moosa, accompanied by MI Bilal Vaid, visited Syria and provided insightful on-the-ground coverage following the fall of the Assad regime. The Seven Days in Syria series, created for radio broadcast, offered an in-depth exploration of Syria's complex history, its ongoing struggles, and the resilient spirit of its people. The series begins by reflecting on the oppressive rule of the Assad regime and the long, arduous journey towards liberation.

LENASIA BY-ELECTIONS

Radio Islam hosted a lively political debate featuring candidates from all major parties, giving listeners a front-row seat to key discussions ahead of the elections. The full programme was broadcast live on air and professionally recorded for YouTube, making it accessible to a broader audience. To boost engagement, impactful snippets and highlights were shared across our social media platforms, sparking conversation and keeping the community informed and involved.

MUAZZIN UMRAH CAMPAIGN WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Win Your Muazzin an Umrah Trip campaign received over 30 heartfelt entries from communities eager to honour the unwavering service of their Muazzins—those dedicated voices who call to prayer and uplift our spiritual lives daily.

Designed to celebrate their devotion, the initiative sparked widespread participation and appreciation. The community's support reached new heights when Muazzin Hassan Tambala from Camperdown was selected as the deserving winner by the judges.

PROGRAMMING

December Programming

December brought its challenges, with multiple staff members on leave. However, we successfully managed scheduling to accommodate leave for staff while ensuring that live programmes continued throughout the month.

New Program with Tasneem Saith

Tasneem Saith has joined the team as the host of What We Want, airing on Mondays at 10:00 AM. She has taken over the slot previously held by Sister Zeenat, who did a fantastic job over the years.

Weekly Substance Abuse Awareness Program with Nishtara Alcohol and Drug Centre

In collaboration with Nishtara Alcohol and Drug Centre we launched a powerful weekly radio program aimed at addressing the growing challenge of substance abuse within our community. Aired every Friday at 2:15 pm.

Marriage Program with Faaiza Munshi

Faaiza Munshi recently launched a much-needed marriage program that tackles the real issues couples face today. With thought-provoking conversations and a lineup of respected guests, the show dives deep into the challenges and dynamics of modern marital life.

SAHUC Program on Hajj and Umrah

SAHUC has partnered with Radio Islam to launch a dedicated program focused on the many facets of Hajj and Umrah, airing every six weeks. The show offers a comprehensive look at everything from spiritual readiness to practical planning and logistical challenges, ensuring listeners are well-informed and equipped for their sacred journeys.

RAMADHAAN BROADCAST 1446 / 2025

RAMADHAAN PREPARATION SERIES

Around ten days before the blessed month began, we launched a dedicated series titled "Preparing for Ramadhan," focusing on both spiritual and practical readiness. Topics included:

- The importance of preparing in advance
- Embracing Ramadhan as an honoured guest
- The lofty status of Ramadhan in the sight of Allah
- The way Nabi ﷺ prepared for this sacred month

These daily reflections guided our listeners to welcome Ramadhan with mindfulness, devotion, and a renewed sense of purpose.

RAMADHAAN PROGRAMMING THEME: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO NURTURING THE BELIEVER

As part of our theme “My Lord Nurtures Me”, discussions were thoughtfully structured into themed categories, offering a well-rounded and impactful experience throughout the day:

Sehri Discussions

- Spiritual Nurturing
- Emotional Nurturing

- Eternal Nurturing

Sabahul Muslim Discussions

Tailored content was also prepared for weekend Sehri presenters to ensure consistent delivery across the schedule.

To further enhance engagement, themed posters highlighting key messages from the series were shared daily via WhatsApp groups and social media platforms, receiving excellent feedback and wide community reach.

VOC SIMULCAST

A valuable partnership with Voice of the Cape (VOC) allowed weekday simulcasts from Monday to Thursday (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm). This collaboration expanded the reach of our content and strengthened bonds within the Muslim media landscape.

DRAMA: REVERSING THE ROLES

One of the standout features was a 16-episode original drama centred on a South African family emigrating to Dubai.

Aired weekdays at 8:30 am with repeat broadcasts at 7:15 pm and 9:45 pm—and simulcast on VOC—the series explored themes of emigration, identity, emasculation, and adaptation.

DOCUMENTARY: SEVEN DAYS IN SYRIA

Produced and directed by MI Ebrahim Moosa, this 20-episode documentary offered an unfiltered look at post-conflict Syria.

Covering cities like Aleppo and Damascus and locations such as Sednaya prison, it explored the lived experiences of Syrian refugees and survivors.

Aired weekdays at 8:15 am with repeats at 7:45 pm, the series was widely praised for its emotional depth and honest storytelling.

CLASH OF MINDS: SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION

Fifteen schools competed in a vibrant national debate competition that encouraged critical thinking and public speaking.

Lenasia Muslim School (LMS) emerged as champions, impressing judges with their research, reasoning, and presentation skills.

DAILY COMPETITIONS & ENGAGEMENT

To maintain momentum and listener interaction, several engaging competitions were hosted throughout Ramadhaan:

- Guess the Surah – A daily challenge testing listeners’ Qur’anic knowledge
- R500 Fuel Vouchers (Sehri Programme) – Popular giveaways that kept audiences tuned in
- Mega Minds (Weekend Quiz for Younger Listeners) – Educational and fun, tailored for the youth

LEGACY OF COURAGE

Airing every Saturday after Maghrib, this four-part documentary sheds light on the challenges and victories of orphans.

Presented by MI. Muhammad Kara and produced by MI. Ahmed Wajah, the programme included interviews with Ulama, professionals, and journalists, highlighting how orphans have triumphed despite adversity and contributed meaningfully to their communities.

WEEKEND PROGRAMMES

Fresh additions to the weekend schedule brought a mix of inspiration and engagement:

- The Sunday Morning Show with MI Waseem Adam & MI M. Coovadia delivered motivation and thoughtful discussion.
- The Saturday Afternoon Show, hosted by MI Naeem Phiri & MI Ishaq Rampai, offered enriching conversations and meaningful variety.

THE MID-MORNING PROGRAMME: The 11th Hour

Hosted by Ejaz Khan and MI Ahmed Waja, The 11th Hour struck a lively balance between light-hearted content and insightful discussion.

The return of Grumpy Chacha added nostalgic humour and charm.

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm – MUALLIMAH SHAKIRAH HUNTER

The programme featured fixed guests for each day, ensuring consistency and expertise in discussions. A daily competition linked to the Qur'an and a "Word of the Day" segment with students added depth and engagement. Guest interviews enriched the show with diverse insights.

5:30 pm to IFTAR – HOSTED BY ML SUHAIB LASANYA AND ML YAMEEN MONIA

This segment included a daily themed discussion, Adkaar, and a Daily Dua with Shaykh Ridwan from the UK. A highlight was the LIVE Dua by local Ulama. Time checks and interactive discussions kept the audience engaged throughout.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our digital presence remained robust across all major platforms—WhatsApp, Facebook, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), and Instagram. Daily highlights included:

- Clips of Ulama and female scholars
- Themed discussion posters
- Podcast links for drama and documentary series
- Promo for upcoming programmes
- Daily Salaah time updates
- Current affairs roundups with audio links

NEWS & CURRENT AFFAIRS

NEWS COVERAGE REPORT

- Gaza War: Provided updates on the crisis, ceasefire talks, and global reactions.
- Sudan War: Covered the ongoing conflict, humanitarian crisis, and global response with expert analysis.
- Collapse of Assad Regime: Analysed Syria's political shift and regional impact. Planned post-Assad Syria field coverage.
- Full SONA 2025 coverage with analysis and interviews.
- Ziyaad Hoorzuk Case: Covered legal proceedings, public reaction, and implications.
- Matric Results: Coverage of the 2024 matric results, student performances, and reactions from education officials.
- Historical and spiritual content for Al Aqsa Awareness Week. Covered KZN & JHB schools.
- EFF Conference: Live coverage from Nasrec. Reported on key discussions, leadership changes, and policies.
- Mozambique on Edge: Highlighted rising tensions, security threats, and instability.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

TIKTOK	Followers – 113k
INSTAGRAM	Followers: 80.5k
FACEBOOK	Followers – 80.k likes & Follows
X (FORMERLY TWITTER)	Followers - 43.3k

OVERVIEW

Featured 'Ulama from across the country

Community Stories, spotlighting their challenges and positive developments

Political coverage, with timely posts on local and global political developments.

Palestine – Regular updates on the ongoing genocide

On-air program snippets and highlights

Professional content series, collaborating with doctors, lawyers, and other experts on relevant topics.

Special Ramadhan & Hajj coverage.

Conferences covered.

Q & A on relevant Masail. (Islamic rules & regulations)

YouTube Podcast Series has become a key part of our digital offering, providing a platform for deeper, longer conversations on topical issues. It enables us to engage audiences beyond radio and short-form social media and builds a steady archive of valuable discussions that are accessible on demand.

RADIO ISLAM APP

- 20,000+ downloads globally and growing.
- Offers features such as: News updates, Recipes, Salaah times, Full podcast library.
- Well-rated across both Android and iOS platforms.
- Particularly valued by international users and road travelers.

PODCAST STUDIO

In recent years, we've explored the world of podcasting—producing long-form interviews, panel discussions, and thought-provoking conversations shared via platforms like YouTube. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly among younger, mobile audiences who favor on-demand

content. This reflects both global and local trends, with podcasts rapidly emerging as a leading form of digital media consumption.

Initially, we made do with makeshift setups, adapting available spaces as best we could. While this approach helped us get started, it also posed several limitations in terms of quality and consistency.

Alhamdulillah, we're pleased to share that we've now completed a purpose-built, multi-functional podcast studio right here in our building, ushering in a new chapter of professional, high-quality content creation.

MOBILE CLINIC

Radio Islam International runs a mobile clinic initiative with the Jamiatul Ulama SA (JUSA) and the Roshnee Islamic Medical Association Health and Welfare.

The clinic is a basic mobile medical clinic that provides patients with primary healthcare and access to pro-active diagnosis, which is staffed by a qualified nurse. In most acute cases, patients are referred to public health care facilities and hospitals.

The clinic operates five days a week, servicing the following areas: Lawley Station, Lawley 2, Kapok, Finetown, Eikenhof, Weillers Farm, and Protea South. In addition to the normal operational services, the clinic provides free health care, blood pressure and sugar testing at a number of outsid community events such as PSA Walk, TIBA Health Day and sports events in Gauteng.

Alhamdulillah, in the past year (a period of 11 months to 28 February 2025), 14 787 (28 February 2024: 11 579) or an increase of 27% patients were treated. With the increased number, the average cost per patient was R35.50, for the period under review, a decrease of R3.21 per patient from last year's reported cost per patient of R38.71, notably with only 10 days of operational activities in January.

RESCUE 786 AMBULANCE SERVICE

Radio Islam and Jamiatul Ulama South Africa (JUSA) jointly operate an ambulance service, 'Rescue 786' EMS (Emergency Medical Services) in the greater Johannesburg region. It offers an intermediate life support service based on "cost recovery, financial sustainability and not-for-personal gain." It is open to all members of the public without discriminating against anyone based on gender, race, culture, religion or ethnicity.

The number of callouts for a 12-month period and patients attended to by Rescue786 in the greater Johannesburg area are as follows:

No. of calls received: 1121

No of patients assisted through financial assistance/Zakaat: 425

No of indigent patients serviced: 87

No of old age homes we assist: 18

No of patients serviced free of charge in old age homes: 383

Since inception in 2009, the fleet has grown from 1 to 5 ambulances and one response vehicle.

TRIBUTES

APA ZEENAT NOSARKA

The Board, management and staff bade farewell to Apa Zeenat Nosarka, a cherished voice that inspired and guided generations through her unwavering dedication to Radio Islam International. Her voice became a beacon of faith, hope, and compassion, touching the hearts of countless listeners worldwide.

Financial Statements:

Br Muhammad Mia read out the Audited Financial Statements.

A copy of the full financial statements were posted on Radio Islam's website under the "about us" section for the members to view.

Adoption of Financial Statements:

Moved by: Br. Muhammad Dadabhay

Seconded by: Br. Ahmed Takolia

Appointment of Auditors

Karolia and Jeena Inc re-appointed.

Moved by: Br. Khalid Munshi

Seconded by: Br. Cassim Amod

General:

Community participation has always been encouraged, and to become a member by filling in a membership form and the annual fee is R50 per members. We also encourage community input.

Brother Cassim Amod (online): Suggested to have the AGM over a weekend preferably on a Saturday Afternoon.

Qari Basheer responded: suggestion has been noted.

Mahmood Mohammed: praised Moulana Heider for the good work done.

MI Heider Dhorat: suggestion to MI Bukharia and Apa Faeza, to reflect the report and the financial so the members can view on line and those present can view.

MI Heider Dhorat announcing his retirement:

MI Heider Dhorat – informed the members that he has retired and as at the 30 of September he will no longer be at Radio Islam as the Station Manager. MI Heider thanked all the Board members and colleagues as well the members of Radio Islam.

Closing

Qari Basheer thanked everyone for attending online and in person.

Closing Du'a by MI Heider Dhorat.



Qari Basheer Patel

Chairman