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HOMING IN ON RAMADAAN

Allah Ta'ala has given us the capacity to think, reason and a free will which differentiates us from animals. Thinking, reasoning and reflecting over Allah's creation is an act carrying a great deal of importance since it reinforces our belief in His Greatness and Power. Allah repeatedly instructs us in the Qur'aan to reflect and ponder upon the creation of the universe.

In Chapter 3, Verse 190-191 it is stated, "Surely in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the alternation of the night and day are signs for people of understanding, those who remember Allah while standing, sitting or reclining, and reflect in the creation of the heavens and the earth, (saying): "Our Lord! You have not created this in vain. Glory to You! Save us, then, from the chastisement of the Fire!"

Allah Ta'ala's signs are innumerable. Let us ponder on the homing pigeon and its inherent ability to navigate towards an original location through unfamiliar areas. Flights as long as 1800 kilometres have been recorded. Although used by the Egyptians from as far back as 3000 BC and despite extensive research, there is still mystery around its unique navigation system. Researchers believe that while there is evidence of use of visual landmarks, atmospheric odours, infrasound, the sun, the stars and the earth's magnetic field, the most popular studies show that the birds use a "map and compass" model to orient themselves on their journey

home. Allahu Akbar! Who could have ever imagined that in this little creature, Almighty Allah would "install" a tiny and complex navigation system which man is still trying to understand today.

We too have been blessed with a map and compass i.e. the Qur'aan and the Sunnah. This is the basis of our Deen and the roadmap to Salvation. What better advice for the journey of the blessed month of Ramadaan then that from the Prophet (peace be upon him) himself. Click here to view the sermon delivered by our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) on the last day of Shabaan (Click here to view).

As we approach that most joyous moment of sighting of the crescent of the best of all months we supplicate earnestly for a spiritually uplifting Ramadaan. May Allah Ta'ala by His Infinite Mercy, accept all our Ibaadah and duas of the blessed month.

With best wishes and sincere Duas from the **SANHA** family of officials, staff, their families, certified plants and friends for a fulfilling Ramadaan of prayer and peace, Aameen. <u>Click here to view</u>

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MONTH OF RAMADAAN
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