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Quran Distribution Center in Mali



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Maulana Muhammad Ali French Holy Quran Distribution Center

Alhamdulillah! The Maulana Muhammad Ali French Holy Quran Distribution Center was officially opened in Mali, West Africa on July 27, 2019.

Events leading to the opening of the Center in Mali.

For over a year, we have been reporting in Bashaaraat-e-Ahmadiyya about our efforts to spread our literature, in particular Maulana Muhammad Ali's French translation and commentary of Holy Quran, in the French speaking West African Countries of Mali, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Angola, Mauritania, Niger

Inshallah, next year we plan to visit the above countries with the help of Sufi Cheick Bilal.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, most of our literature has been translated into French due to the hard work and perseverance of Samina Malik who is in charge of translation and publication in the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society USA. The first edition of the French Holy Quran was published in 1990 and the second after a thorough revision in 2017. To date, our publications such as the *Religion of Islam*, *Muhammad the Prophet*, *The Early Caliphate*, *Manual of Hadith*, *Teachings of Islam*, *the Ahmadiyya Movement*, *Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran*, *Living thoughts of Prophet Muhammad*, *New World Order*,



French Holy Quran stored in the MM Ali Quran Distribution Center

Muhammad in World Scriptures, Jesus in Heaven on Earth, Introduction to Islam, Islam the Religion of Humanity, The Prophet of Islam, Message of Peace, Muslim Prayer Book, History of the Prophets, Antichrist Gog and Magog, etc. have been translated into French.

Alhamdulillah! the favorable and enthusiastic response to the French translation of the Holy Quran and Religion of Islam which we have distributed during these visits has indeed been very gratifying and humbling. It is an indicator of the acceptance and great demand for our literature in the region.

During our visits, We have been very impressed by the sincerity and commitment to Islam, and the love and

appreciation for the literature of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement shown by Sufi Cheick Bilal Dialo, the leader of the Sufi Movement in Mali, his deputy Cheick Sajdo and his representative in Ivory Coast, Cheick Abu Bacr Konate..

Sufi Cheick Bilal is very committed to spreading the true peaceful teachings of Islam in West Africa and to counteracting the extremism and terrorism that is spreading in the region. He informed us that he planned to use our literature in the education of the imams and members of his Sufi organization which number in the millions and are spread over several Countries in West Africa. For this purpose he is building a school to impart a sound Islamic education to the children in Mali.

In March of 2019, Sufi Cheick Bilal gave us the great news that he was donating land and building for

establishing the “Maulana Muhammad Ali Center for the distribution of the Holy Quran” where the Holy Qurans



Sufi Cheikh Bilal Diallo expounding on the objective of establishing the French Holy Quran distribution center



Audience at MM Ali Quran Distribution Center Opening



Sufi Cheick Sajdo presenting at the opening ceremony



Samina and Noman Malik Presenting at the opening of the MM Ali Quran Distribution center



Ladies section of the audience



Dignitary Giving a Speech at the Opening of the Center

would be stored and where Quran classes would be held in the future.

The shipment of 15,000 French Holy Quran arrived in Mali and in Ivory Coast in July 2019, and Sheikh Bilal

invited Samina and me for the official opening of the Maulana Muhammad Ali Quran distribution Center.

Samina and I went to Mali in the last week of July for the Center's opening. Approximately five thousand people



Opening of the MM Ali French Holy Quran Distribution Center



View of Audience at the opening of MM Ali Center



View of the audience

were present at the event. These included the head of the Province, the health Minister and other important Cheicks from surrounding areas.

Sufi Cheick Bilal began the proceedings with prayers. He then praised the Holy Quran translation and Maulana Muhammad Ali. He expounded on the importance of utilizing the literature produced by Maulana Muhammad Ali in educating people about the tolerant and peaceful teaching

of Islam. He welcomed Samina and me and thanked us for the donation of the French Holy Quran by the USA jamaat. He was followed by Cheick Sadjo, and other dignitaries who spoke about the important work being done by Sufi Cheick Bilal. Samina and I also gave short speeches appreciating the importance of the Islamic Education Program being instituted by Sufi Cheick Bilal. We expressed our commitment to assist in his program by donating our literature, especially the French Holy Quran and Religion of Islam.



Sufi Cheick Bilal Officially Inaugurating the Opening of the Maulana Muhammad Ali French Holy Quran distribution Center



Sufi Cheick Bilal inaugurating the Opening of MM Ali Quran Distribution Center



Sufi Cheick Bilal unfurling Maulana Muhammad Ali's portrait in front of the Quran distribution Center

The ribbon cutting ceremony of the Quran Distribution Center commenced after the speech session. It began with Sufi Cheick Dialo unfurling a roof to floor sized banner on the front of the building. Samina had tears in her eyes when we all saw the banner unrolled to display Maulana Muhammad Ali

Quran Distribution Center” emblazoned above it. Samina and I then cut the ribbons at the entrance of the building, and we all entered the room housing the boxes of the Holy Quran. Samina and I then presented gift copies of the holy Quran to the dignitaries and Cheicks attending the event as well as to other people who had lined up to receive their copies.



Samina and Noman Malik Performing Ribbon Cutting Ceremony initiating the inauguration of the MM Ali Quran Distribution Center



View of Audience in front of the Quran Distribution Center



View of Audience, Cheick Bilal and dignitaries in front of the Quran Distribution Center



L to R Samina, Khalifa Aly and Noman

Certificates of Appreciations were presented to the Dignitaries, Samina and me after the Holy Quran distribution.

The ceremony ended with a closing Dua, by Sufi Cheick Bilal, and we returned to our hotel with our hearts filled with joy at the sight of the Maulana's incomparable translation being distributed among the multitude of people gathered at the Center's opening.

The next day we again went to the hospital where Sufi Cheick Bilal has his office. We had a meeting with him in which he outlined his plans to distribute our literature and to utilize it in the educational courses that he was preparing for his community.

Two weeks later Cheick Sajdo, Sufi Cheick Bilal's deputy, informed us that they had also made arrangements



Samina presenting Maulana Muhammad Ali's portrait to Sufi Cheikh Bilal



French Holy Quran stored in the MM Ali Quran Distribution Center



Sufi Cheick Bilal, Samina and Noman in the MM Ali Quran Distribution Center

to house the holy Qurans in their centers in Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Gabon, and the Congo for free distribution.

The Hand of God is clearly at work here. When in the rest of the Muslim World, many people refuse even to touch our literature, Allah Taala has so opened the hearts



Samina and Noman discussing the distribution of Lahore Ahmadiyya Books with Sufi Cheick Bilal



Sufi delegation from outside Bamako collecting their share of the French Holy Quran from the MMali Quran Distribution Center

of these people in West Africa, that not only do they like Maulana Muhammad Ali's literature, but they are passionate about it.

As Ahmadies we have taken a *bay'at* at the hands of the Mujaddid of this age Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad to give precedence to the cause of religion above worldly affairs in



Sufi Cheick Bilal giving a tour of the Hospital and planned extension of the MM Ali Distribution Center



Construction of the School to Provide Secular and Religious Education Utilizing MM Ali's French Quran and Books.



Sufi Cheick Bilal giving a talk on the merits of the French Holy Quran.

this battle for the souls and minds of men. How can we sit silently and do nothing, while this literature which can end conflicts and bring everlasting peace cannot be produced due to a lack of funds?

Maulana Muhammad Ali once had a dream in which he saw that he was packing his suitcase to go to Africa; he however never visited Africa. The dream therefore implies that, although Maulana Muhammad Ali would not personally go to Africa, his books would spread in the region. The holy Prophet Muhammad pbuh had a vision in which he saw that the gold bracelets of the Persian emperor were being placed on Hazrat Suraqa's wrists. Hazrat Umar fulfilled this prophecy by calling Hazrat Suraqa and placing the bracelets of the Chosroes after the defeat of the latter. Can't we do the same with the literature produced by Maulana Muhammad Ali to fulfill his dream?

We plan to send an additional 20,000 *French Holy Qurans*, 10,000 *Religion of Islam* and 10,000 copies each of the following titles: *Muhammad the Prophet*, *Early Caliphate*, *Living thoughts of the Prophet Muhammad*, *The Ahmadiyya Movement*, *Teaching of Islam*, *Islam the Religion of Humanity*, *The Prophet of Islam and The Message of Peace* by the year's end. A considerable amount of funds will be needed to print these books. Please donate generously for this most important work.

Alhamdulillah! Three thousand copies of the Arabic translation of Maulana Muhammad Ali's commentary of the English Holy Quran have been shipped from Turkey to Mali.

Approximately 20% of the Imams in Mali do not know French, but they know Arabic. Many of them have studied in Alazhar University in Cairo Egypt for five to six years and completed their Masters degree in Arabic. Alhamdulillah! this Arabic Tafsir will be a very valuable addition to their knowledge of the Quran.

We thank Dr. Hussein Aly for producing this Arabic Translation of Maulana Muhammad Ali's Commentary of the English Holy Quran. May Allah Taala Bless and Reward Dr. Hussein Aly for his hard work. Ameen

We thank Almighty Allah for the progress made in spreading our literature in West Africa.

We would like to thank Sufi Cheick Bilal for distributing the book sent by the USA jamaat among the people of West Africa. Alhamdulillah!

May Almighty Allah, the most Beneficent and Merciful give us the courage, resolve and determination to complete this project! Ameen!

(1) Please see the video clip of the opening at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cNgOeml-2YAz5t0cn5B3FUpaDdDAGaEy/view?usp=sharing>

(2) Please see the video clip of Sufi Cheick Bilal giving a talk on the merits of the French Holy Quran at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12mfMe7Nc8OP2KulwSa3k1oLHbH27FoOS/view?usp=sharing>