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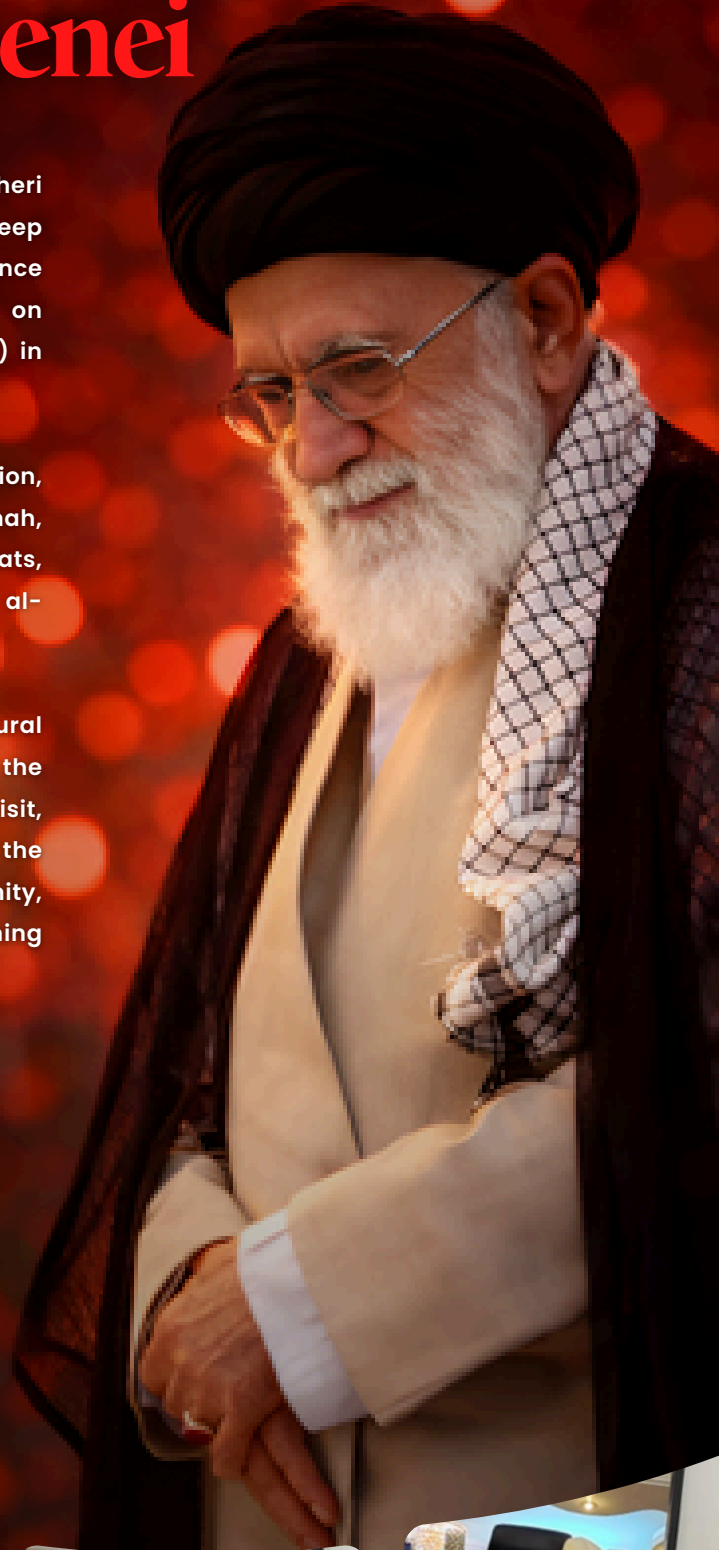
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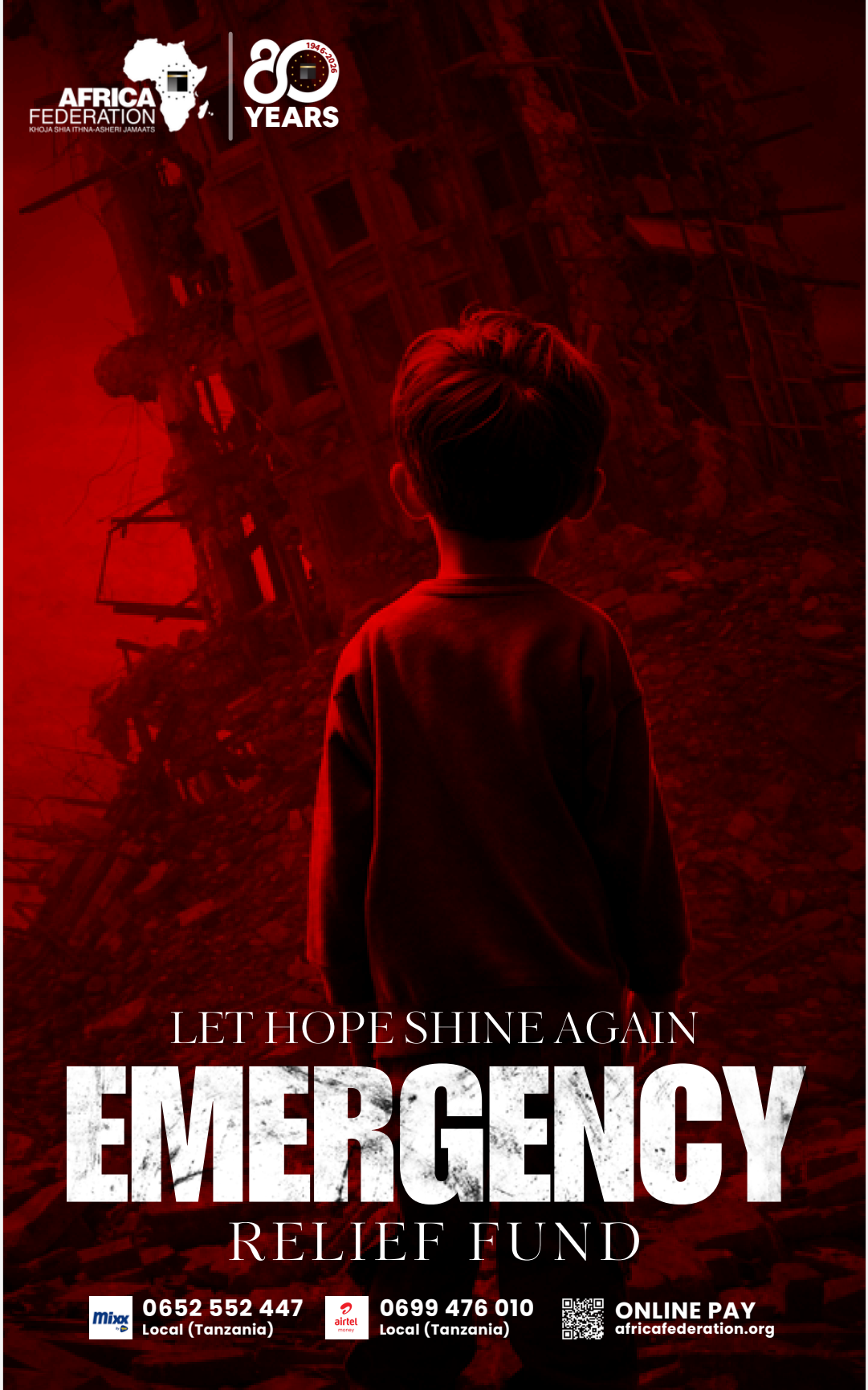
The Secretariat of the Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaats of Africa received with profound grief and deep sorrow the tragic news of the martyrdom of His Eminence Ayatullah Ali Hosseini Khamenei, which occurred on Saturday, 28th February 2026 (10th Mahe Ramadhan 1447) in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.

It conveyed condolences on behalf of the federation, described him as a guiding figure for the Shia Ummah, requested seven days of mourning across affiliated Jamaats, and reproduced a condolence statement by Ayatullah al-Sistani.

The Africa Federation Secretariats visited the Iranian Cultural Centre to express their heartfelt condolences on the martyrdom of Ayatullah Syed Ali Khamenei. During the visit, the delegation conveyed solidarity with the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the global Shia community, honoring his legacy as a prominent leader and reaffirming the federation's unity in mourning his loss.

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REGIONAL UPDATE



AYN Facilitates the World Federation Youth Conference (WF YCon) 2026

WF YCon 2026 was held in Dar es Salaam from 30th January to 1st February under "The Shift Begins With Us," organised by the World Federation with the Africa Youth Network.

Youth from multiple federations gathered for Quran recitation, team-building, identity and culture discussions, Vision 2050 dialogue with leadership, an AI ethics panel, service sessions, and resolutions presented to ExCo.

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Progress Update on the Lamu Madrasah, Imambargah & Mosque Complex

Africa Federation provided a progress update on the Lamu heritage restoration launched in 2023. Structural findings required full demolition of the Imambargah and Madrasah building, completed June 2025 while protecting the heritage mosque.

Africa Federation, Lady Fatimah Trust and Jaffer Foundation agreed equal support for a multi-storey rebuild.

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Br. Abbas Aly, Trustee of Imam Hassan Foundation (Australia), Visits AFED HQ.

Abbas Aly of Imam Hassan Foundation visited the AFED Headquarters in DSM on 27th January 2026 and met senior officials. He commended AFED's work across education, tabligh, healthcare, housing and empowerment, and urged stronger visibility to expand donor support abroad.

He shared updates on projects in Lebanon and Iraq, including 1,000 houses in 1,000 days, and discussed housing demand and HELP outcomes.

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Pakistan Federation President Visits AFED Office and Housing Projects

Pakistan Federation President Abul Hassan Gokal visited the AFED offices and housing projects in DSM on 3rd February 2026. He toured the Madina Housing Project, noting quality and facilities such as parking, community hall, multipurpose room and gym, and visited Amira Apartments, occupied for about five years.

The visit highlighted the rent-to-ownership approach and included meetings at AFED Tower with senior leaders.

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REGIONAL UPDATE



AFED Housing Development Board Chairman Visits Lilongwe, Malawi

Africa Federation Housing Board Chairman Akil Hirji and Projects Coordinator Mohamed Moledina visited Lilongwe on 15 and 16 January 2026 to assess Jamaat needs and interview three contractors. The Lilongwe community was described as around 40 families, about 150 heads, with facilities no longer sufficient.

A revised three-storey integrated centre was proposed, combining prayer areas, madressa classrooms, offices, library, hall and future expansion space, targeting an April 2026 start.

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Successful Completion of Renovation Works in Mtwara

Africa Federation announced the completion of renovation works at the Mtwara Jamaat Centre and Mikindani Kabrastan, carried out from 12th December 2025 to 25th February 2026.

The project covered structural strengthening, windows, doors, wudhoo areas, toilets, roofing, ceiling, electrical and plumbing upgrades, painting, Kabrastan works, and related improvements at a total cost of USD 48,461.

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AFEDLife Insurance Scheme Update

Africa Federation shared that AFEDLife, launched in 2024, was renewed in 2025 and arranged for 2026 with Zamara Risk & Insurance Brokers as broker and Cannon Life Assurance as insurer.

Coverage ran from 1st January to 31st December 2026, with a three month blackout for new members, while AFEDHealth and AFEDSave were also under development.

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Madina Residency – Progress Update

Madina Residency has reached the 12th floor slab level, with structural works about 70 percent complete and finishes around 35 percent.

Procurement visits to Morbi, Mumbai, and Dubai helped finalise key materials and suppliers, site delegations reviewed progress, containers of finishing materials arrived, and the board flagged delayed buyer deposits as a growing cash flow concern.

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AFED Vice Chairman Hosts Murrabi Habib Virani in Nairobi, Kenya.

On Friday, 27th March 2026, Murabbi Habib Virani was graciously hosted in Nairobi at the residence of Alhaj Murtaza Somji, Vice Chairman of the Africa Federation. The evening provided a meaningful opportunity for reflection and appreciation, honoring a life devoted to service, leadership, and the upliftment of the community.

Alhaj Habib Pyarali Virani's community service reflects a lifetime of dedication, integrity, and visionary leadership. His journey gained momentum during the tenure of Alhaj Mohamed bhai Dhirani as Chairman of Africa Federation (1986-1989), when he was entrusted with establishing the communal Archive, an important step in preserving the community's history and records.

He later served as Honorary Secretary under Marhum Alhaj Habib bhai Mulji (1989-1992), travelling widely and gaining deep insight into the needs and functioning of Jamaats across Africa. His continued role as Vice Chairman (1992-1995) and later as Trustee (1995-2001) further strengthened his contribution to community development, particularly in understanding and supporting housing initiatives for those in need.



In 1994, he was appointed Chairman of the Central Board of Education (CBE) of Dar es Salaam Jamaat, serving from 1996 to 2004. Under his leadership, the CBE became a unified, efficient, and self-sustaining institution, elevating the standards and reputation of the Al Muntazir Schools.

In 2012, he became the founding Chairman of Jaffery Initiatives (DSM) Ltd (JIDA), an organization dedicated to supporting low-income community members through accessible financial assistance delivered with dignity and confidentiality.

Through his many roles, Habib bhai's contributions have left a lasting impact on institutions and individuals alike, embodying true selfless service and inspiring future generations.

Alhaj Shan e Abbas Hassam Visits Africa Federation Headquarters.

On 28th March 2026, Alhaj Shan e Abbas Hassam visited the Africa Federation Headquarter in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where he was warmly received by Br. Alihassan Kassam - Hon. Secretary, Alhaj Aunali Khalfan - AFED Ambassador, and Br. Mohammed Kazim Sheriff - Chief Operating Officer.

Shan e Abbas bhai, a longstanding supporter of AFED, began his journey of service with the World Federation at the young age of 18. Over the years, he has held several key leadership roles, including Assistant Secretary General under Alhaj Dr. Ahmed Hassam, and later served as Secretary General alongside Alhaj Dr. Asgher Moledina and Alhaj Anverali Dharamsi. He has also led WF Aid initiatives, notably spearheading the Yemen Joint Rescue Mission by the WF and AFED in April 2015, and continues to serve as a Board Member of the WF ICAIR. Additionally, he has contributed to the Birmingham Jamaat in various capacities, including as Head of Registers and as part of the Executive Committee.

In March 2026, through the World Federation, Shan e Abbas bhai played an instrumental role in supporting the AFED Secretariat during the emergency evacuation of East African community members stranded in the Islamic Republic of Iran amid the ongoing conflicts in the area.

During the meeting, he reaffirmed his continued commitment to supporting educational empowerment within the Khoja community in East Africa, particularly through the Mulla Asgher Memorial Academic Scheme (MAMAS).



Alhaj Aunali bhai Khalfan recalled; Shan e Abbas Bhai's passionate support towards the AFED Solidarity Day project for past many years, and appreciated his continued support and cooperation which serves the needy and deserving KSI community members of the Jamaats under AFED throughout the year, especially in areas such as education, healthcare, household necessities etc.

Shan e Abbas Bhai commended the Archives Section of AFED for preserving our community's history and records, he was impressed with the work and display of the historical photographs, artifacts etc. He expressed his desire and underpinned the importance of youth from our community to visit and learn more about our history.

On behalf of Alhaj Amine Nassor and the office bearers of Africa Federation, the Secretariat expresses its sincere gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity extended by Alhaj Shan e Abbas Hassam and looks forward to continued collaboration for the betterment of the community, Insha'Allah.

Commemoration of the Demolition at Jannatul Baqee in Madinah

The 8th Shawwal marks the solemn commemoration of the demolition of Jannatul Baqee in Madinah. On this day, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Muslim community (Ummah) and to the Imam of our time, Imam Al-Mahdi (ATFS).

On 8th Shawwal 1345 A.H. (21st April 1925), King Ibn Saud ordered the demolition of the mausoleums at Jannatul Baqee in Madinah, as well as those at Jannat al-Mu'alla in Makkah, where members of the family of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) are buried. This event remains one of the most painful episodes in Islamic history.

Jannatul Baqee, meaning "The Garden of Baqee," is among the most sacred cemeteries in Islam. It is the resting place of prominent figures including Imam Hassan(AS), Imam Sajjad(AS), Imam Baqir(AS), and Imam Sadiq (AS), along with other members of the Prophet's family and companions.

The demolition, carried out under Wahhabi influence and justified on the grounds of preventing polytheism, led to the loss of significant Islamic heritage and deeply affected Muslims worldwide. Its impact continues to be felt today, as many historical sites remain unpreserved.

Allah states in the Holy Qur'an:

"And do not think of those who are slain in the way of Allah as dead; rather, they are alive with their Lord, receiving provision." (Chapter 3, Verse 169)

The commemoration of 8th Shawwal reminds the Muslim community of its collective responsibility to preserve and protect its religious and historical legacy. This includes:

- Raising awareness about the significance of Jannatul Baqee through education and dialogue.
- Organizing peaceful commemorative gatherings in remembrance of those buried there.
- Promoting unity within the Muslim community in safeguarding Islamic heritage.
- Offering prayers for justice and the restoration of Jannatul Baqee in a manner befitting its sanctity.

The late Grand Marja', Ayatullah Al-Uzma Lutfullah Safi Gulpaigani, described the demolition of Jannatul Baqee as one of the great tragedies in Islamic history.

He emphasized that the reconstruction of Jannatul Baqee is a responsibility of all Muslims and called for its annual commemoration as a means of preserving awareness, unity, and collective responsibility within the Ummah.

The tragedy of Jannatul Baqee represents a profound loss for the entire Muslim community, an irreplaceable connection to the history and legacy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAWW).

As we await the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (ATFS), we reaffirm our dedication to raising awareness, promoting unity, and advocating for the respectful preservation of all Islamic sacred sites.

May Allah grant the Muslim community unity, strength, and steadfastness in safeguarding its heritage, and hasten the reappearance of Imam Al-Mahdi (ATFS).

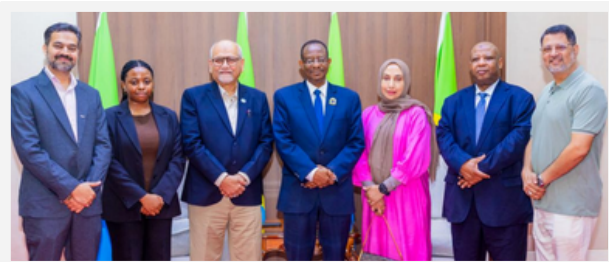


AFED SECRETARIAT STORY

Africa Federation Commends the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of Tanzania for its great support in safely evacuating Tanzanian students from Iran.

A delegation from the Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaats of Africa (AFED) comprising Alhaj Aunali Khalfan, AFED Ambassador and Councillor and Br. Mohammed Kazim Sheriff, Chief Operating Officer, along with Alhaj Shahab Rizvi Abdi and Mrs. Zia Abdi, made a visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam on 26th March 2026, to convey AFED's appreciation for the Ministry's exceptional leadership in the emergency evacuation of Tanzanian community members, mainly students studying in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The AFED delegation was received by the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Hon. Ambassador Said Shaib Mussa, on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of Tanzania. Also present in the meeting was Hon. Ambassador Abdallah Kilima, from the Ministry's Department of Middle East.



The AFED delegation spokesperson, Alhaj Aunali Khalfan expressed his profound gratitude on behalf of the AFED Chairman, Alhaj Amine Nassor, the office bearers and the wider Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim community to the United Republic of Tanzania President, Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan and the Government for the swift and compassionate action by the Tanzania Ministry of Foreign Affairs to ensure timely safe passage and repatriation of Tanzanian students who were stuck in the ongoing crisis in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The vital role undertaken by Hon. Ambassador Abdallah Kilima in coordinating the complex evacuation operations was well noted and recognized by Aunali bhai on behalf of the AFED and, similarly by Mrs. Zia Abdi on behalf of the parents of the evacuated students.



Aunali bhai further commended the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for facilitating the safe return of 10 Tanzanian nationals via Turkey, as well as for the ongoing support in processing the repatriation of about 8 Tanzanians who are still in Iran. These efforts have brought immense relief to concerned families, and clearly reflects Tanzania Government's steadfast commitment to the welfare and protection of its citizens abroad.



AFED is also thankful to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Tanzanian Embassy in Abu Dhabi for the support and assistance for the logistics, clearance etc. through the Turkish border extended to the evacuees. We wish also to record AFED's appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation for its support for covering the costs of hotel accommodation in Turkey and for the flight from Turkey to Dar es Salaam, this has indeed eased the burden on those impacted by the unforeseen situation.

On behalf of the AFED Chairman Alhaj Amine Nassor, the Secretariat wished to express sincere gratitude to the Government of Tanzania through its Ministry and the officials for their proficiency, dedication, and humanitarian services to protect and assist Tanzanians during such distress situations.



We also wish to take this opportunity to thank the World Federation of KSIMC through their Qum office for the support and assistance for students from our Jamaats in Africa.

We wish to reaffirms our commitment to strengthening collaboration and assisting for the well-being of the community and supporting Tanzania's noble diplomatic initiatives.

YOUTH NETWORK STORY

AYN Holds First Planning Meeting & Office Visit in dsm.

The Africa Youth Network (AYN) held its first team-building and strategic planning meeting for the 2025–2028 term at the AFED Tower. The gathering brought together a committed group of young members with a shared focus on strengthening youth engagement and coordination across the continent.

The meeting also marked the AYN team's first official visit to the AFED office headquarters. This visit set the tone for the new term and helped ground the team in the history, values, and direction of the institution they will work closely with over the coming years.

The day began with a short visit to the AFED Archives Gallery. Team members reflected on past initiatives, community projects, and long-standing efforts that have shaped youth and community development. This experience offered perspective and inspiration, helping the team connect their future plans with lessons drawn from earlier work.

Following the gallery visit, the team engaged in structured discussions focused on understanding AFED's mandate, organisational structure, and approach to service. These conversations provided space for questions, reflection, and clarity on how the Africa Youth Network fits within the wider federation framework.

During this session, the team articulated the central vision for the AYN 2025–2028 term, anchored in three core pillars: IDENTIFY, EMPOWER, and INVOLVE. This renewed approach to youth engagement emphasises identifying young individuals with potential across the Africa Federation, empowering them with the skills, confidence, and mentorship needed to grow, and actively involving them in meaningful participation and leadership within Jamaat life.

A key part of the meeting focused on building strong working relationships. Team members took time to introduce themselves beyond their roles, sharing their personal motivations for joining the Africa Youth Network. These reflections highlighted a shared commitment to service, community growth, and meaningful youth involvement.



Standing Left-Right: Alijawad Esmail, Azhar Alishan, Mohamed Abbas Merali and Zamin Rowjani.

Sitting Left-Right: Khushi Rowjani, Zahra Samir Habib and Fatema Jabbir Roshanali.

The team then turned its attention to the core mission, vision, and objectives of AYN. Members discussed these guiding principles in detail and agreed on the importance of keeping them central to all activities and decisions. This session helped create a common understanding of purpose and direction for the term ahead.

Building on this foundation, the group reviewed reflections from the recent Youth Conference. Members spoke openly about strengths, gaps, and lessons learned, using these insights to inform future planning and improve how youth programmes are designed and delivered.

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to developing the plan for the year. The team discussed key objectives, priority activities, timelines, and individual responsibilities. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that programmes respond to the needs of different youth groups, including students, young professionals, and volunteers, while remaining practical and achievable.

The discussion also covered collaboration with other boards within the federation. Team members explored ways to work together, share resources, and support Jamaats through adaptable programmes that align with local needs while remaining consistent with AYN's overall objectives.

The meeting concluded with a clear summary of next steps and shared commitments. Team members left feeling aligned, focused, and ready to begin the work ahead. This first planning meeting and office visit laid a strong foundation for the Africa Youth Network as it moves into a new term of structured planning, teamwork, and service to youth across Africa.

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL STORIES

Hozaiph Bhalloo: A Remarkable Rise in Tanzanian Cricket Umpiring

“Cricket is not just a sport, it’s a way of life that teaches integrity, patience, and respect. I strive to uphold these values every time I step onto the field.”

Hozaiph Bhalloo

Hozaiph Bhalloo’s journey in cricket is a story of passion, dedication, and lifelong commitment to the game. From his early days on the cricket fields of Dar es Salaam to officiating at international tournaments, his path reflects both personal growth and the steady rise of Tanzanian cricket.

Cricket has always been part of Hozaiph’s life. Under the guidance of his father, Abdulrasul Bhalloo, fondly known as Uncle Dachu, he learned the fundamentals of the game, along with the values of discipline, teamwork, and humility.



By the age of 13, he was already representing Union Sports Club in major competitions such as the TAGT Tar Muhammad Tournament, gaining early exposure to competitive cricket across East and Central Africa. His playing career saw him represent Tanzania as a wicketkeeper and opening batsman, and compete in countries including India, UAE, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya, Zanzibar, South Africa, and Pakistan.

While his playing career was fulfilling, Hozaiph found his true calling in umpiring. With a deep respect for fairness and the spirit of cricket, he transitioned into officiating, quickly earning recognition for his professionalism and composure on the field.

A major milestone came with his appointment to officiate at the ICC Africa T20 Division 2 Tournament in Benoni, South Africa. This marked his entry onto the international stage, where he officiated alongside some of Africa’s top umpires under the supervision of ICC Africa Referee Subhash Modi.



Since then, Hozaiph has officiated extensively in domestic and regional competitions, including the Dar es Salaam Cricket League and AFED tournaments held in Nairobi, Dubai, and Arusha.

Hozaiph’s commitment to excellence is reflected in the qualifications he has earned:

- ICC Foundation Umpiring Course
- ICC Level 1 Umpiring Certification
- Cricket South Africa (CSA) Level 1 Certification
- Cricket South Africa (CSA) Level 2 Umpiring Certification

Notably, he is the first member of the KSIJDar to achieve the CSA Level 2 qualification, an accomplishment that stands as a proud milestone for both his community and Tanzanian cricket.

His profile and match records are also officially recognized on ESPN Cricinfo, confirming his status as an internationally acknowledged umpire.

Beyond qualifications and appointments, Hozaiph’s journey is defined by the values he brings to the game, integrity, patience, and respect. He continues to officiate in local and national tournaments, serving as a mentor and role model for aspiring umpires across Tanzania and Africa.



He credits his achievements to the unwavering support of his family, his parents, whose guidance laid his foundation; his wife Sajida, for her constant encouragement; his mother-in-law for her support; and his son Ejaz, whose motivation continues to inspire him.

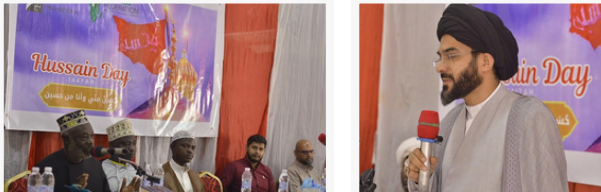
Today, Hozaiph Bhalloo stands as a respected figure in Tanzanian cricket, representing both progress and possibility. His journey from player to international umpire is not only a personal success story, but also an inspiration for the next generation of cricket officials.



BILAL MUSLIM MISSION STORY

Hussain Day: A Day of Unity, Faith & Inspiration

Bilal Muslim Organization Uganda successfully organized Hussain Day 2026, a spiritually uplifting gathering held at the Ahlul Bait Library in Jinja on 1st February 2026. The event brought together over 250 participants from Eastern and Central Uganda.



Participants traveled from Bugiri, Tirinyi, Buwenge, Lubani, and surrounding areas, reflecting their deep attachment and devotion to the message of Imam Hussain (A.S.) and his timeless teachings of sacrifice, justice, and unity.

The event served as an important platform for religious education, spiritual reflection, and strengthening unity among the Muslim community. It also provided an opportunity for scholars and participants to engage meaningfully on issues concerning faith, community development, and the preservation of Islamic values.

The gathering was graced by respected scholars and community leaders including Chief Guest Hajj Ishaak A'miri Kirumira (Acting Supreme District Kadh, Jinja), Alhaj Shabbar Virani (Chairman, KSIJ Kampala), and Dr. Syed Ali Abbas Rizvi (Resident Alim, KSIJ Kampala), alongside various esteemed Sheikhs and religious leaders from different regions. Their presence reflected the spirit of unity, cooperation, and mutual respect within the Muslim Ummah.

The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, followed by lectures and speeches delivered by distinguished scholars. The speakers highlighted the legacy of Imam Hussain (A.S.), emphasizing the importance of upholding justice, standing firm for truth, and promoting unity within the Ummah. The messages delivered deeply resonated with the audience and encouraged renewed commitment to Islamic teachings.



Participants later gathered to perform the Dhuhr prayers in congregation, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere that reinforced the importance of collective worship.

Following the prayers, an interactive session was held where scholars engaged with participants, answered questions, and provided guidance on strengthening faith and community involvement. This session encouraged dialogue, learning, and spiritual growth among attendees.

The program concluded with the distribution of Niyaz, where participants shared a communal meal in remembrance of the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (A.S.). The gathering ended in an atmosphere of unity, gratitude, and brotherhood.



Hussain Day 2026 had a significant impact in strengthening unity among Muslims from different regions, promoting the teachings of Imam Hussain (A.S.), and encouraging collaboration between scholars and communities. It also served as a valuable platform for Islamic education and engagement.

Bilal Muslim Organization Uganda extends its sincere appreciation to Mukwano Foundation and all private donors for their generous support towards the successful organization of this event.

Their contributions played a vital role in making Hussain Day 2026 a meaningful and impactful gathering. The organization remains grateful for their continued support in promoting unity, community development, and Islamic education.

Bilal Muslim Organization Uganda also thanks all participants, scholars, and volunteers who contributed towards the success of this program.



SPORTS COUNCIL STORY

Sports Council Chairman Visits Dar es Salaam.

During a packed week of major community activity in Dar es Salaam, Br. Muntazir Meghjee, AFED Sports Council Chairman, attended the 100 Year Celebration of KSIJDar and the World Federation Executive Council meetings held in the city.

Br. Muntazir represented the SAAJ Managing Committee at the centenary programme and used the visit to carry out official Sports Council engagements, combining community representation with the Sports Council's wider goal of strengthening sports across the AFED region.

A key highlight was a luncheon meeting between the Sports Council Chairman and Alhaj Sadique Jaffer, Vice Chairman of the Jaffer Foundation Fund (JFF), to discuss the board's initiatives and structured sports development pathways, youth programmes, and the role of philanthropic leadership in supporting long-term, community-centred athletic growth across the region.



Murabi Sadique Bhai, expressed on behalf of JFF, that the foundation was honoured to support the Sports Council and Africa Federation projects through the family's continued generosity under the leadership of Alhaj Amine Nassor (AFED Chairman) and Alhaj Shabbir Najafi (Trustee), and added that sport is an Islamic norm. Alhamdulillah, all protocols were observed during this meeting.

We are profoundly grateful for Sadique Bhai and JFF's commitment as a premier donor and look forward to the continued impact of his support on our collective success.



Following the luncheon, Br. Muntazir and Sadique Bhai visited the Africa Federation Tower, where they met Alhaj Ali Hassan Kassam, Hon. Secretary of the Africa Federation. Their discussions focused on strengthening inter-Jamaat collaboration, refining governance structures within the Sports Council, and aligning future sports initiatives with AFED's broader vision as regional engagements expand.

During the stay, Union Sports Club hosted the Sports Council Chair at the KSIJ Go Fiber Premier League alongside Br. Ali Hassan Kassam, Br. Shaheed Rattansi (Chairman, Union Sports Club and AFED Sports Council Member), Br. Minhaj Dewji (Jamaat MC Member) and Br. Muntazir Dattoo (Football Captain).



The league draws around 300 to 450 community members every weekend over more than 30 weeks and stands out as one of the region's most organised football structures, offering a practical model other Jamaats can learn from and adapt.

During the matches, Muntazir Bhai presented several Man of the Match and Player Awards and met players and teams representing different sponsors, highlighting the breadth of community support behind the league and thanking the organisers, sponsors, officials and volunteers for building a flagship sporting initiative.

The Chairman extends sincere thanks to KSIJ Dar es Salaam for its hospitality, with special appreciation to Alhaj Mohamed Raza Dewji, President of KSIJ Dar es Salaam Jamaat, for support and a welcoming gesture that made the trip worthwhile, as the Sports Council continues working toward a future where every Jamaat benefits from opportunity, development and shared progress through sport.

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL STORIES

Rising Through the Ranks: Ayaan Shariff's Journey to the U19 World Cup.

At just 17 years old, Ayaan Ashik Shariff has already etched his name into Tanzanian cricket history, representing his country at the 2026 ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup, a landmark moment for both his career and the nation.

Born on April 3, 2008, to Safiya and Ashik Shariff, Ayaan's journey reflects dedication, discipline, and a deep-rooted passion for the game that has been nurtured from a young age.



Ayaan's love for cricket began at home, where the sport was a constant presence. What started as simple childhood play soon developed into a serious pursuit when cricket was introduced at his school in 2016. Under structured coaching and guidance, his natural talent quickly became evident.

By the age of 10, he had already represented Tanzania at the Under-14 Afro Asia Cup in Zimbabwe, an early milestone that set the tone for his future in the sport. His steady growth saw him rise through the ranks, and at just 13 years old, he earned a place in Union's men's team, gaining valuable experience alongside senior players.

In early 2025, Ayaan was selected for Tanzania's Under-19 national team, which went on to achieve a historic milestone by qualifying for the ICC Under-19 World Cup for the first time, during the qualifiers in Nigeria.

Following the completion of his high school education in June 2025, Ayaan made the bold decision to take a gap year to fully dedicate himself to cricket and national duty. His commitment was evident through intense training camps, disciplined preparation, and consistent performances.

At the World Cup, held in Zimbabwe and Namibia, Ayaan proudly represented Tanzania on the global stage. He delivered notable performances, including a valuable 40-run contribution in the 13th-place play-off match against Japan, and currently stands among Tanzania Under-19's top performers.



While Ayaan's achievements on the field are impressive, what truly sets him apart is his character. Known for his humility and grounded nature, he carries himself with maturity beyond his years.

He is a devoted son, a caring brother, and a positive role model within his community. Ayaan consistently demonstrates respect, gratitude, and a strong sense of responsibility, qualities that reflect both his upbringing and personal values.



Ayaan's journey is not just a personal success story, it is a moment of pride for his family, community, and Tanzania as a whole. His achievements highlight what can be accomplished through hard work, discipline, and faith in Allah.

As he continues to grow in his cricketing career, Ayaan stands as an inspiration to young athletes, showing that with determination and the right values, it is possible to reach the highest levels of the game.

EDUCATION BOARD STORY

Education Board Administrative Secretary Meets Students in Mauritius



The Administrative Secretary of the Education Board, Sajida Master, recently met with students pursuing higher education in Mauritius during her visit to the island. The meeting was held at the KSI Mauritius Mosque on the night of 15th Shabaan, bringing together students studying across various universities in Mauritius.

During the interactive session, students shared their experiences of living and studying in Mauritius and reflected on the support they receive from the Jamaat and community. Several students expressed appreciation for initiatives such as transportation arrangements enabling them to attend mosque programs and opportunities to participate in community service activities.

The discussion also provided a platform for students to present constructive suggestions aimed at enhancing support systems for international students. Among the proposals highlighted were the creation of internship and job placement opportunities, mentorship programs led by senior students, counseling support services, and the development of informational guides to assist new students with housing, budgeting, and settling into life in Mauritius.

Sajida Master acknowledged the valuable feedback shared by the students and commended their active engagement with the Jamaat while pursuing their studies abroad. She reaffirmed the Education Board's commitment to supporting students and exploring ways to strengthen academic, spiritual, and community resources available to them.

Education Board Delegation Meets with St. George's University



The Chairman of the Education Board along with the Admin Secretary recently held a productive meeting with representatives from St. George's University; a leading school of medicine located in Grenada in the West Indies www.sgu.edu

The meeting focused on exploring academic opportunities for students affiliated with the Africa Federation (AFED). During the discussion, the university representatives presented an overview of their medical programs and highlighted the global pathways available to students enrolled at the institution.

A key outcome of the meeting was the university's offer of a special tuition discount for students applying through AFED, creating a valuable opportunity for aspiring medical students within the community.

Representatives from St. George's University also explained that their medical programs provide flexible study pathways, allowing students to complete portions of their education in United Kingdom or the United States, in addition to studying at their main campus in Grenada. These international training opportunities enable students to gain exposure to diverse healthcare systems and clinical environments.

Education Board members welcomed the initiative and noted that such partnerships play an important role in expanding access to quality higher education and professional training for students across the AFED network.

EDUCATION BOARD STORY

Career Guidance with the Strong Interest Inventory Assessment



The Strong Interest Inventory is a widely recognized career assessment used around the world to help individuals better understand their interests and how these align with potential academic and professional paths. By identifying patterns in a person's interests and comparing them with those of professionals in various fields, the assessment offers valuable insight that can guide students in making informed decisions about their studies and future careers.

Recognizing the importance of structured career guidance, the Africa Federation has adopted the Strong Interest Inventory as part of its broader efforts to support students in their educational and professional development.

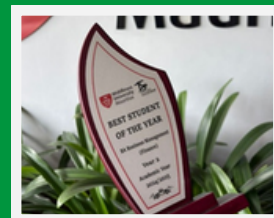
Sajida Master, Administrative Secretary of the Education Board, is a Certified Strong Practitioner, qualified to administer and interpret the Strong Interest Inventory. Through this certification, students can receive professional guidance based on the results of the assessment.

As part of this initiative, AFED offers free career counseling support to students within the community. Counseling sessions are available both in person and online via Zoom, ensuring that students across different regions can access personalized guidance and benefit from professional career planning support.

Students interested in taking the assessment or scheduling a counseling session are encouraged to reach out to the Education Board for further information through the e-mail address education@africafederation.org.

The Education Board is also working closely currently with the Media Board to allow interested community members to book appointments with the Education Board counselors through the Africa Federation website. Stay tuned for this feature to be available soon!

The Education Board congratulates Sajiya e Fatema Rajwani



The Education Board congratulates Sajiya e Fatema Rajwani of KSI Dar es Salaam Jamaat on being honored with the Outstanding Achievement Award and recognized as the Best Undergraduate Student in Business Management and Finance for the academic year 2024–2025 at Middlesex University Mauritius.

This recognition was awarded based on her strong academic performance, consistency across modules, and sustained dedication throughout the BA Business Management (Finance) program. The award reflects her disciplined approach to learning, clear focus, and commitment to academic excellence during Year 2 of her undergraduate studies.

Speaking on the achievement, Sajiya e Fatema expressed gratitude for the guidance and support she received during her studies. She shared that the academic journey strengthened her foundation in finance, critical thinking, and practical business skills. She also emphasized the role of structured learning, effective time management, and resilience in maintaining consistently high academic standards.

Sajiya e Fatema's achievement stands as a source of pride for her family and the Dar es Salaam Jamaat. It also serves as encouragement for students pursuing higher education to remain committed, focused, and resilient in their academic journeys.

The Education Board extends its heartfelt congratulations to Sajiya e Fatema and wishes her continued success in her future academic and professional endeavors.



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WOMEN'S BOARD STORY

Women's Board Organize a Program in Celebration of the Birth Anniversary of Imam Zamana (ATFS).

The AFED Women's Board successfully hosted its Flagship Program in celebration of Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) Week under the theme "Her Voice, Her Journey." The program held on 7th February 2026 over Zoom from local mosques, enabling synchronized participation from multiple Jamaats.

The Jamaats that took part in the event are in the program were Dar-es-Salaam, Kampala, Kigali Mombasa, Mwanza, Nairobi and Zanzibar

The program aimed to inspire reflection, strengthen faith, and reinforce the role of women as voices of resilience, wisdom, and wilayah-centered leadership.

The Program began with recitation of the Holy Quran by Sister. Azra Fazal from Mwanza Jamaat followed by a welcome address by the Women Board Chairperson Raihana Bai Kanji who emphasized on unity and purposeful engagement during the blessed week of the Blessed Birth Anniversary.

The Program had three reflection session as follows:

- "Strong Body, Grounded Heart," was presented by Sis Saiqa Pirmohamed from Mombasa Jamaat, who focused on cultivating balance between physical well-being and spiritual strength.
- The second reflection, "Women in the Era of Confusion," was delivered by Sis Sayyeda Somaiya Bharwani from Kampala Jamaat, addressing contemporary challenges and highlighting faith as a guiding light in uncertain times.
- The third reflection, "Turning Dreams into Milestones," was delivered by Aaliya Daya from Dar es Salaam Jamaat, inspiring women to translate aspirations into purposeful action.
- The Q&A Segment, conducted by Zanzibar Jamaat, provided an opportunity for engagement and discussion.

Kigali Jamaat ladies presented a heartfelt Manqabat in praise of Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS), followed by a short thematic movie prepared by the girls of Ja'afery Madrasah, Kigali. The presentation reflected on the era preceding the reappearance of the 12th Imam (ATFS), his awaited arrival, and glimpses of his just establishment, encouraging introspection and readiness.

The program also featured "Echoes of Wilayah" by Nairobi Jamaat. An interactive nasheed-based segment fostering unity and joy in remembrance of Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) and Ahlulbait A.S.

The event concluded with closing remarks followed by a Collective Du'a and Ziyarat led by Zainab Bai Walji from Dar es Salaam Jamaat.

In conjunction with the program, participating Jamaats organized bake sales in support of the AFED Solidarity Day and were able to collect a good amount towards this Appeal.

These contributions reflect commendable unity, generosity, and collective responsibility across the region.

Alhamdulillah, the program was executed successfully through the dedication and cooperation of all speakers, coordinators, media teams, and participating Jamaats.

The AFED Women's Board prays that Allah (SWT) accepts all efforts, strengthens the voices of our women, and grants us continued tawfiq to serve with sincerity and unity. Ameen.





JOIN THE CHB MEDICAL ADVISORY SUB TEAM

The Africa Federation Central Health Board is inviting volunteer healthcare professionals to support case review and preventive health awareness. Work is confidential, values-based, and coordinated via Zoom, with a clear sign-up link provided.

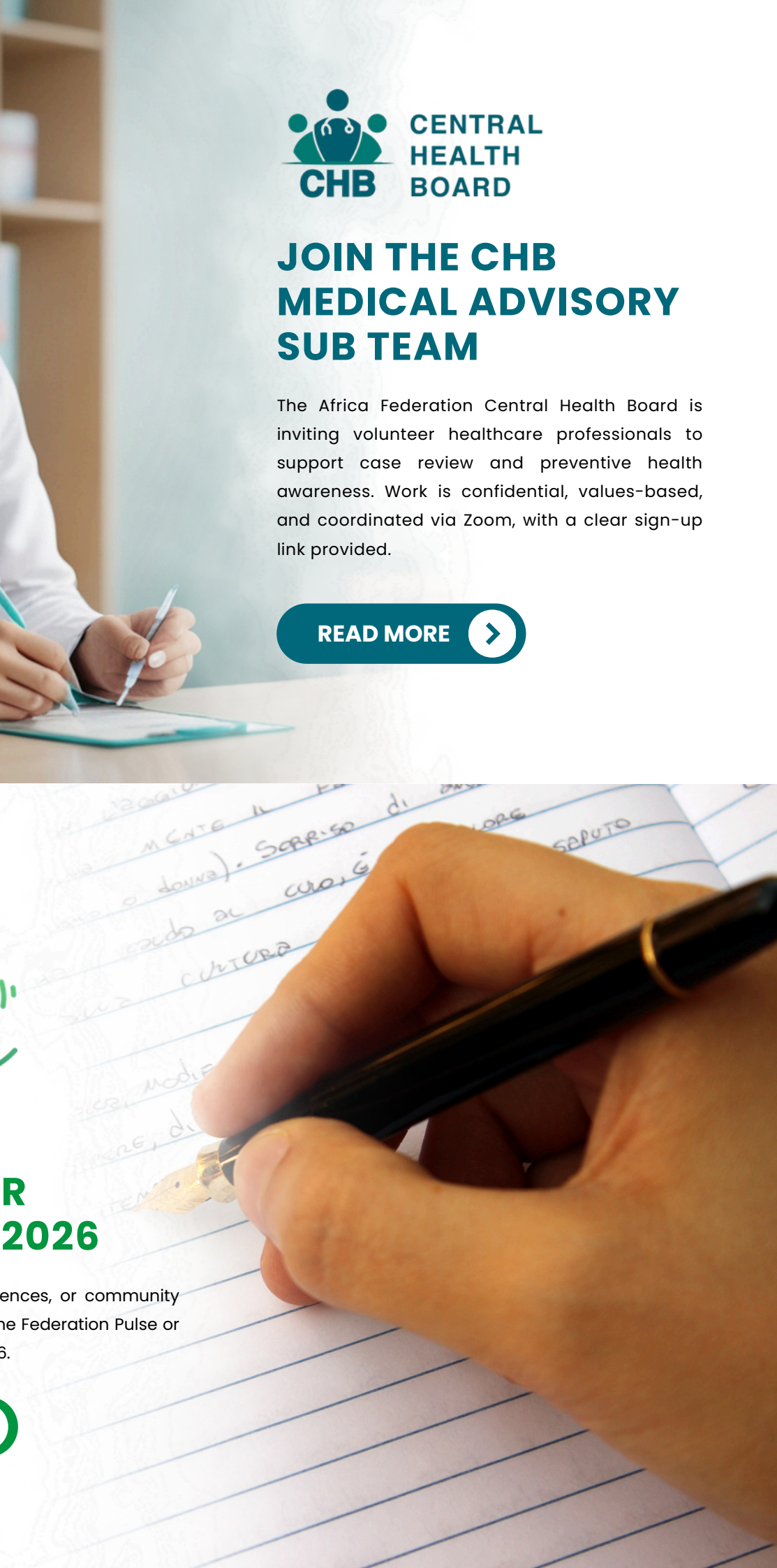
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The 90th Supreme Council Session

The 90th Africa Federation Supreme Council Session is scheduled to take place from Thursday, 1st May to Saturday, 3rd May 2026, and will be hosted by The Shia Asna Asheri Jamaat (SAAJ) of Nairobi.

As preparations for this significant gathering continue, additional information, including session updates, key highlights, and important announcements, will be shared in due course through the official communication channels of the Africa Federation.

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