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5th Gathering of The Descendants of OHaikh Mohammed Bin Ismael Fatani



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We praise Allah for for uniting us in love and fellowship the blessing of our gathering, akinship. May blessings and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad and his pure family.

We praise Allah for bringing us together in this joyous reunion of family and loved ones, descendants of Muhammad bin Ismail Fatani. We extend our deepest gratitude to all those who have contributed to strengthening and nurturing the bonds of kinship within our noble family over the years. Their dedicated efforts have been instrumental in fostering unity and cohesion, allowing us to thrive as one loving and cooperative family.

We understand that nurturing these family connections requires ongoing effort, but with God's will and your continued dedication, we are confident that we can further strengthen these bonds and pass them on to generations to come. Through gatherings such as this, we aspire to keep our family a shining example of unity and love.

Your sincere efforts to strengthen these family ties reflect our true Islamic values, which emphasize kinship and cooperation for the common good. May Allah reward you abundantly, bless your actions, and weigh them heavily on the scales of your good deeds

This forum is dedicated to fostering stronger bonds of love and collaboration among family members, while honoring the legacy of Sheikh Mohammed bin Ismail, a model of wisdom and virtuous actions. It also strives to uphold genuine Islamic principles and empower younger generations to actively contribute to the betterment of society and humanity.

We hope this booklet serves as a record of the Fifth Forum's activities and inspires future generations to carry the torch with sincerity and dedication. We express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this blessed gathering, praying that God Almighty accepts this work purely for His sake, blesses the descendants of Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail, and makes them beacons of guidance and generosity.

We thank you from the depths of our hearts for gracing our gathering with your presence. We pray that God guides us all towards what is best in this world and the hereafter, and keeps us always on the path of righteousness and blessings.



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Communication and cohesion of the family of Sheikh Muhammad Ismail Al-Addaudy Fatani





Reuniting family members of Sheikh Muhammad Ismail Addaudy Fatani

Reuniting two large groups of people who have been separated for six generations—one in Saudi Arabia and the other in Malaysia—serves a profound purpose that extends beyond mere social gatherings. Actually these individuals share a common great-great-grandfather, making their reconnection an opportunity to revive lost familial ties, strengthen cultural and historical awareness, and create new bonds for future generations.

One of the primary purposes of this reunion is to restore a shared sense of identity. Over the years families may have lost touch due to geographical separation, historical events, or differences in language and culture. By reuniting, these groups can rediscover their common ancestry, fostering a deeper appreciation of their roots and heritage. This connection can help younger generations understand their family's journey and the sacrifices made by their ancestors, reinforcing a collective sense of belonging.

Additionally, although the two groups shared a common religious brotherhood, they have likely developed distinct traditions, customs, and lifestyles influenced by their respective environments in Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. Bringing them together allows for an enriching exchange of experiences, strengthening mutual respect and understanding. It also offers a chance to document family history, preserving stories, traditions, and compiling professional data banks that might otherwise be lost over time.

Beyond cultural and historical significance, reuniting these families can create meaningful relationships and opportunities for collaboration. Whether through business, education, or social initiatives, family connections can open doors to new possibilities. In an increasingly interconnected world, strengthening familial bonds across borders can lead to lasting partnerships that benefit both groups.

This initiative which started in 2015 serves as a reminder that despite time and distance, family remains an enduring force that unites people across generations.



Sheikh Ahmad Muhammad Nur Fatani (B1)



Sheikh Ahmad Fatani, a descendant of the historic Meccan family, was a devoted and righteous son of Sheikh Muhammad Nur bin Muhammad Ismail Fatani. A truly remarkable man, he dedicated his life to serving those descended from Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail who had settled in the Makkah region, alongside his unwavering service to his faith and his king. He contributed significantly to the service of pilgrims and the Grand Court of Makkah (now the Ministry of Justice). Known for his generosity, calm demeanor, and gentle nature, he was also a man of principle, kind and loyal to his friends. His warm hospitality and graciousness endeared him to all who knew him. Sheikh Ahmed was born in Makkah, either in 1310 AH (corresponding to 1892 AD), in the Al-Qashashiya district, specifically the Al-Khardfushi Alley (formerly Al-Hajar), at the "Great House" of his paternal grandfather, the late Sheikh Muhammadnur bin Ismail Fatani. He was the eldest son of the esteemed scholar and teacher at the Grand Mosque, Sheikh Muhammadnur Fatani. His mother, Safia binti Ali Wan Ali Kutan, was renowned for her strong moral character, knowledge, calm demeanor, and deep affection for her husband's family. She earned their trust and love, playing a significant role in managing family affairs and caring for its members.

Sheikh Ahmed's upbringing in Makkah was steeped in knowledge and piety. He received his early education in Islamic jurisprudence from his father, who instilled in him a strong religious foundation. After graduating from Al-Raqiya School, he began his career as a teacher there in 1343 AH (1925 AD). Subsequently, he moved to Terengganu, Malaysia, at the Sultan's request to teach Arabic. Returning to Makkah in 1346 AH (1927 AD), he joined the Grand Court of Makkah, working in the records department where his excellent penmanship and articulate writing skills were recognized. He later became the director of the records and instruments department. Sheikh Ahmed assisted his father, Sheikh Muhammad Nur, in serving pilgrims, and after his father's passing, he assumed responsibility for these duties, sharing the work with his siblings. Continuing his commitment to spreading knowledge, he managed his father's extensive library of religious texts, some of which, written by his ancestors, have been republished and remain available in bookstores today.

Sheikh Ahmed married his uncle Abdullah's eldest daughter, a virtuous and devoted wife. Together they had one son and five daughters, all of whom he raised and educated to the best of his ability.

Deeply valuing family connections, he fostered strong bonds within his extended family. He regularly invited his siblings, relatives, and cousins from Malaysia for a celebratory breakfast on the first day of Eid al-Fitr, generously sponsoring their Hajj pilgrimage and Umrah during Ramadan, as well as a visit to Medina. He maintained close relationships with his brothers and sisters, showing affection and kindness towards their children and enjoying their company. He extended this same love and loyalty to his friends and neighbors, sharing in their joys and sorrows.

Among his pastimes was traveling to Medina, where he enjoyed spending time. He also enjoyed outings with his brothers, relatives, and friends to the countryside. Back at his large home, he often hosted gatherings with friends, playing games like kirim, dominos, and cards in his spacious yard.

Sheikh Ahmad Muhammad Nur Fatani passed away in Makkah on Wednesday, April 27, 1963 (4/12/1382 AH). His funeral service at the Grand Mosque was well-attended, with a large congregation of worshippers. He was laid to rest in Ma'ala Cemetery, with numerous family members, relatives, friends, and Makkah residents present to pay their respects.

Faisal Yahya Fatani (A14)

Faisal Yahya Fatani a respected educator of the family earned a distinguished reputation as an Arabic language teacher. He first taught at Al-Rahmaniya Middle School and later became the lead teacher of Arabic language, literature, and activities at King Abdulaziz Secondary School in Makkah. His dedication, strong moral character, religious faith, professional competence, and collaborative spirit with colleagues, school administration, and extracurricular activities contributed to his success and earned him the affection of his students. Known for his courteous interactions with neighbors, family, and friends, as well as his humility and community involvement, he was widely respected and appreciated for his knowledge and warm, brotherly demeanor. He was a welcome presence in gatherings and conversations, especially during Ramadan evenings, holidays, and vacations. Furthermore, he valued family connections and actively participated in managing family endowments.

Faisal Yahya Fatani, the fourth son of Sheikh Yahya Abdullah Fatani, was born in 1353 AH at the family's "big house" in the Al-Qashashiya neighborhood, Al-Khardfushi alley, near the Grand Mosque in Makkah. He completed his primary and intermediate education at Al-Falah School in Makkah, followed by a high school diploma from the Saudi Institute, also in Makkah. He earned a bachelor's degree from the Teachers College in 1377 AH and an educational diploma from the American University in Beirut (Lebanon) in 1382 AH. Briefly working for the newly established Saudi Radio in 1383 AH, his passion for education led him to return to Makkah as a teacher at Al-Rahmaniya School. His exceptional skills as an Arabic language and literature teacher, coupled with his contributions to extracurricular activities like theater, the school radio, and the canteen, as well as his positive relationships with colleagues and administration, and his active participation in the school's Arabic language committee, are all welldocumented. Following his educational diploma from the American University in Beirut, Faisal Yahya Fatani was promoted to an Arabic language inspector and educational mentor for the Makkah Education Department. His responsibilities included school inspections throughout the Makkah region, encompassing its cities, towns, and smaller communities. He then became a socio-educational supervisor at the Preparation of Missions School (later renamed King Abdulaziz Secondary School), the first secondary school established under King Abdulaziz. During his several years there, he significantly enhanced the school's radio, theater, and library programs. After a nineteen-year career in education, he relocated to Riyadh to become a supervisor and national head of social and school activities at the Ministry of Education. After conducting inspection visits to various regions, Faisal Fatani, recognized for his skill and dedication as an educator, was selected for a four-year secondment to Malaysia, beginning in 1391 AH, to teach Arabic. He relocated with his family and presented his credentials as a seconded teacher from the Saudi Ministry of Education to the Saudi ambassador in Malaysia. He was initially assigned to teach Arabic at a secondary school in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, where he worked for three years. He then moved to the capital, Kuala Lumpur, and subsequently to Penang Island. His assignment was extended, allowing him to teach Arabic language and literature on Penang Island for several years.

During several meetings, the Saudi Ambassador to Malaysia, His Excellency Muhammad Hamad Al-Shibili, was impressed by Faisal Fatani's personality, reputation with Malaysian government agencies, fluency in the Malaysian language, and his social and familial connections with many prominent figures in Malaysian society. Consequently, Mr. Fatani was reassigned to the embassy's media and public relations section, where he managed the affairs of Saudis in Malaysia and coordinated the reception of official delegations. This appointment enabled the embassy to enhance its services to Saudis visiting Malaysia, as well as to better serve both Malaysian and Saudi government agencies.

At the age of forty-six, Faisal Yahya Fatani passed away in Malaysia on July 2nd, 1399 AH. The Saudi Embassy facilitated the return of his body to Jeddah, where he was mourned by his family, relatives, and friends. He was buried in Al-Malah Cemetery in Makkah. He is survived by his wife, his sons Fahd and Imad, and three daughters.



Prof. Dr. Amal Jameel Yassin Fatani (B512)

Professor Dr. Amal Jamil Yassin Fatani, the second daughter of the esteemed educator Jamil Yassin Fatani, made history as the first Saudi woman appointed as a Saudi Cultural Attaché. Since August 2020, she has held this position at the Embassy of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in the United Kingdom and Ireland, following in her father's footsteps, who served as an assistant cultural attaché in America in the 1960s. Dr. Fatani holds a PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Strathclyde, UK. Dr. Amal Fatani's academic journey includes a master's degree in pharmacology and toxicology and a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences, both earned at King Saud University's (KSU) College of Pharmacy, where she is now a professor. As a research scientist at KSU, she collaborates with the Antitoxin Research Center at the National Guard Complex, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, the University of Strathclyde, and Yale University School of Medicine. Her extensive scientific research has been published in numerous international ISI journals. In 2020, she was appointed Cultural Attaché at the Saudi Cultural Attaché in the United Kingdom, overseeing Saudi students in both the UK and Ireland.

She also serves as a board member of the King Fahd Academy in London and was the Attaché's coordinating delegate to the Science Organization during the Kingdom's G20 presidency. Dr. Fatani's career includes a variety of leadership roles. She has served as the Dean of Scientific and Health Colleges at King Saud University, the General Supervisor of Women's Affairs at the Ministry of Higher Education, and a Vice President at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) as a consultant in their Riyadh-based "Women's Business Operations and Digital Services Center" (a joint venture between TCS and GE established by Saudi Aramco). She also holds positions as a Board Member of the Saudi Scientific Society for Performance Quality and Risk Management in Health Sectors and as a member of the Saudi Entrepreneurship Association.

Dr. Fatani's commitment to public service is evident in her appointments to the Saudi Human Rights Commission (HRC), where she serves on both the Family, Women, and Children Committee and the Political and Civil Rights Committee. She has represented the HRC on the Saudi National Family Council and its Women's Committee, and has also participated in the Mental Health Promotion Center at the Ministry of Health. Furthermore, she has been part of HRC delegations to the United Nations in Geneva and New York, and the Arab League in Cairo. She regularly meets with international delegations and ambassadors at the HRC headquarters in Riyadh. Her involvement extends to membership in global scientific twinning programs, research chairs, and student clubs at King Saud University. Finally, she is a board member of the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Talent and Creativity ("Mawhiba") and a founding board member of the Saudi Institute for Talent and Creativity ("Mawhiba").

Dr. Fatani's service also includes membership on the Board of Directors of the Academic Development Committee at Prince Moqren University and the Board of Directors of the Gifted Center at king Faisal University. At King Saud University, she held several key positions: Vice Dean of the College of Pharmacy (1423-1429 H), Supervisor of the Departments of Science and Medical Studies (1429-1431), Dean of the Departments of Science and Medical Studies (1431-1432), and Vice Dean of the Department of Pharmacology at the College of Pharmacy (1422-1426). For four years, she served as the Rapporteur of the Academic Committee of the College of Pharmacy. Her contributions to the university include involvement in international scientific twinning programs, research chairs, and student clubs. She also served as Director of the Yale University and KSU agreement in global infectious diseases and as an advisor to the Sheikh Abdullah Bahmadan Chair for Evidence-Based Health Care Research.

Meetings of the descendants of Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail Fatani (SNMK Family Reunion)

Family gatherings for the descendants of Sheikh Mohammed bin Ismail Fatani hold significant social value, uniting family members to strengthen kinship bonds, preserve their cultural heritage, and instill positive values. These gatherings facilitate intergenerational exchange of experiences and knowledge, offering crucial social and psychological support. Historically, the descendants of Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail Fatani convened for various occasions—holidays, resolving disputes, future planning, organizing charitable endowments (waqf), and connecting with Malaysian relatives during Hajj and Umrah.

The beginning of the idea: The idea of the Gathering began in February 2015 during a family meeting at the home of Khalid Muhammad Kamil in Terengganu, Malaysia. Haji Qamaruddin Hashim suggested that a Gathering be organized for the descendants of Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail Fatani. Nuruddin liked the idea and formed a six-member committee to organize the first Gathering for the descendants of Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail in April 2015 at the Tengengeng Demong Beach Resort in Kuala Besut, Terengganu, Malaysia.

SNMK RU1: The inaugural family reunion, SNMK RU1, took place in April 2015 at the Tanjung Demong Beach Resort in Kuala Besut, Terengganu, Malaysia. Two hundred and eight descendants of Muhammad bin Ismail Fatani from across Malaysia attended. The event featured numerous activities, including welcoming remarks and speeches from family representatives, lectures and workshops on the importance of family, competitions, games, cultural performances, and commemorative photos. Participants also preliminarily set the date for their next gathering.

SNMK RU2: The second gathering (SNMK RU2) took place from March 18th to 20th 2017 in Terengganu, at the same venue as the first. This event saw significant growth in both attendance and diversity, welcoming approximately 342 participants from both Malaysia and Saudi. A key focus of this second reunion was highlighting the achievements and stories of notable family members.

SNMK RU3: The first two family Gathering in Malaysia significantly impacted the descendants of Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail Fatani in Makkah. Dr. Muhammadnur Yasin Fatani extended an invitation to host the third Gathering in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. Held on October 26, 2018, at Al-Fardous Hall in the Al-Zaidi neighborhood, the event was organized by a committee under Dr. Fatani's supervision. Three hundred and twenty attendees participated, with family members contributing to the program through welcoming speeches and traditional Makkawi songs. A highlight of the Gathering was the distribution of awards recognizing those who had made significant efforts to strengthen family connections.

SNMK RU4: The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in March 2020 and led to widespread global lockdowns, forced the postponement of the fourth forum. Following the pandemic's decline in January 2023, Dr. Muhammad Noor Fatani requested that the Malaysian Forum Committee schedule the next gathering. The fourth meeting subsequently took place on November 18, 2023, at the Royal Chulan Hotel in Damansara, Malaysia. This event was even more organized and diverse than previous gatherings, with approximately 400 participants from both Malaysian and Saudi families.

SNMK RU5: At the Fourth SNMK Gathering, Dr. Mohamednour Yassin proposed holding the Fifth SNMK Gathering in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on September 18, 2025. Dr. Mohammadnour Yassin Fatani then established a preparatory committee to organize the event.

The legacy of the Fatani family reunions: Gatherings of Sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail Fatani's descendants, scattered across the globe, are more than mere social events; they are a precious legacy that nurtures kinship and love within the family. These reunions bridge generations, allowing elders to share stories and life lessons while younger members learn the importance of belonging and family communication. They strengthen family identity and create cherished memories that last a lifetime. The forum emphasizes the vital need for ongoing connection, especially in today's fast-paced world that can easily separate families. It provides a chance to reinforce bonds, offer mutual support, and rekindle the positive emotions that enrich each family member's life. This legacy extends beyond the present, becoming a heritage passed down to future generations, a symbol of unity and strength that binds them together, enabling them to face challenges with love and solidarity.

The story of The Endowments of Sheikh Dawood Abdullah Fatani History

Sheikh Abdullah had three sons: Daoud, Idris, and Abdul Qadir, all residing in Kursik, a village in Pattani, Thailand. Fearing persecution under Thai Buddhist rule, particularly the targeting of Muslim scholars, Sheikh Daoud chose to emigrate to Makkah. He brought with him his nieces, Fatima and Zainab. In Makkah, Fatima married Abdul Rahman and gave birth to Abdul Qadir, while Zainab married Ismail and had a son named Muhammad. Sheikh Daoud took responsibility for raising both Abdul Qadir and Muhammad.

As a respected scholar of the Grand Mosque in Makkah and a man of means, Sheikh Daoud invested his wealth in land and property. This included his own residence in the Zuqaq al-Sugh night market, known as the residence of Sheikh Mahmoud Saleh Fatani, which was then called Zuqaq al-Hajar. Sheikh Daoud further invested in real estate, acquiring two plots of land: one at the end of "Zugag Alhajar" Alley and the other in Barhat Al-Khandafushi, adjacent to his home. His wisdom and integrity earned him the trust of Makkah's elite Shaikh ulama, who began entrusting him and his descendants with endowments of land and property. Consequently, Sheikh Daoud acquired numerous endowments.

Abdul Qadir, Fatima's son, was a dedicated student of Islamic knowledge Shariah and close to Sheikh Daoud, attending his Majles Circle at the Grand Mosque and assisting him in various tasks, including managing his properties. Abdul Qadir became Sheikh Daoud's business manager, responsible for maintaining records and overseeing these affairs. One day, Sheikh Daoud instructed Abdul Qadir to gather all the property deeds (sukuk). Upon receiving them, Sheikh Daoud divided the deeds between Abdul Qadir and Muhammad bin Ismail (SNMK), favoring Abdul Qadir, Fatima's son, in the distribution. Both received their respective shares according to Sheikh Daoud's wishes.

Muhammad bin Ismail constructed and renovated a house in Al-Khandfushi, which became the primary residence for his large family for many years until a fire forced their evacuation. This house was known as Beit Al-Qashashiya (the big house). Later, Ibrahim, the son of Abdul Qadir and known as Judge Ibrahim Abdul Qadir Fatani, built his own house in the al-Sagha'a Alley. Through the diligent efforts of those managing Muhammad bin Ismail's endowment, his descendants have successfully preserved and developed the endowed properties to this day. May God richly reward them

The Origin of the SNMK Family Tree

Hj Nik Ishak bin Daud (D2) played a crucial role in uncovering and documenting the lineage of Sheikh Nik Mat Kecik (SNMK), whose roots trace back to Patani, Thailand. This lineage includes the al-Fatani family title and connections to the Sultan of Kelantan. His research traced the family history back nine generations, from SNMK to Sheikh Faqih Ali (also known as Tok Wan Fakeh Ali), a Bugis scholar who traveled in search of knowledge and eventually settled in Patani. The recorded timeline spans from approximately 1675 to 1960.

The documentation of SNMK's descendants was further developed by his great-grandchildren, Datuk Hj Nik Farid bin Nik Kamil (A34) in 2000 and Wan Mohd Yusoff bin Wan Othman (A56) from 2010 onwards.

Before 2010, the available data was limited and inaccurate, extending only two generations beyond SNMK, with just 50 recorded names. At that time, it was estimated that there were already around 1,200 family members in Malaysia and 800 in Saudi Arabia. However, assembling more comprehensive data proved challenging due to cultural secrecy among Saudi relatives. In Malaysia, while some information was available, no one had extensively traveled to Kelantan, Terengganu, and Kuala Lumpur to personally interview second- and third-generation family members.

Without a well-documented family tree, newer generations remained unaware of their close connections, leading to a sense of distance and disinterest.

In 2012, efforts to gather information intensified, led by three cousins: Wan Mohd Yusoff (A56), Sheikh Ibrahim Mahmood (F44), and Dr. Nik Fuad Mohd Kamil (A36). This team collected approximately 800 photographs of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth generations and developed a coding system to manage the extensive data. The family tree was initially compiled using Microsoft Excel to allow for future updates.

After 2015, Hj Kamaruddin Hashim (G34) transformed the data into a graphical format using specialized software. He also began updating the family tree via WhatsApp, integrating new information as family members were born.

With the continued cooperation of relatives from both Saudi Arabia and Malaysia, new data is still being added today. The family now consists of approximately 1,800 members in Malaysia and 1,200 in Saudi Arabia.

A Tale of Dedication and Generosity

The endeavor to document the family tree of Sheikh Mohammed bin Ismail Fatani is a narrative of selflessness and devotion. It highlights the relentless efforts of individuals striving to revive collective memory and preserve a remarkable legacy. Jumana Mohammed Noor Fatani's exceptional and original family tree designs have captivated designers, and we hope she continues to excel and inspire further innovation in this field This story serves as an inspiration, emphasizing the significance of safeguarding our history and heritage, while also underscoring the value of fostering connections and communication among family members.

For further details about the family tree of Sheikh Mohammed bin Ismail Fatani, you can reach out to family members or explore the dedicated website, https://www.fatani.net/, which focuses on the history of his descendants.





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