

Muslim Public Affairs Centre

Who Are We?





Surah Baqarah: 11-13, 15-16

And when they are told, "Do not spread corruption on earth," they answer, "We are but improving things. Oh, Verily, it is they, they who are spreading corruption---but they perceive it not. And when they are told, "Believe as other people believe," they answer, "Shall we believe as the weak-minded believe?" Oh, Verily, it is they, they who are weak-minded--but they know it not.....God will requite them for their mockery, and will leave them for a while in their overweening arrogance, blindly stumbling to and fro: for it is they who have taken error in exchange for guidance.

Who Are We?

MPAC - Serving Humanity, Working for an Inclusive Society

Muslim Public Affairs Centre is an incorporated public service agency working for Muslim Defense, Muslim Empowerment and Promoting individual liberties, religious, civil and political rights of Nigerian Muslims. As an experienced and independent voice within the Nigerian Muslim community working for the good of the society, MPAC operates on the core Islamic values of justice, mercy, human dignity, freedom and equality for all, forgiveness and sanctity of human life.

Our Vision

To be an exemplary Islamic organization that is balanced, constructive and integrated, though distinct, and by the grace of Allah, excel in its objectives.

Our Mission

MPAC's mission is to internally build its institutions and run its affairs in both professional and balanced manner to empower the Muslims, develop religious, educational, social and outreach programmes and foster good relations with other religious communities, civic and service organizations.

MPAC seeks to work with the Nigerian Muslim community in accomplishing its mission and strategic objectives.

MPAC – At a Glance

- 🕌 Founded as an e-group in 2001, weeks after September 11, named: “theshieldoffaith”
- 🕌 Incorporated as a public service agency in 2002, and managed by appointed trustees.
- 🕌 More than 15,000 on mailing list;
- 🕌 Founded Sakinah in 2009 - have provided medical assistance including overseas treatment to over 60 patients of all faiths, with over N50 million, funded by individual donations;
- 🕌 Released first Publication in 2010 under the MPAC Media stable - 53 number of published articles since 2001, 42 number of press releases since 2001, 8 number of published and reprinted books since 2010, under MPAC Dawah;
- 🕌 More than 30,000 copies of MPAC publications in free distribution nationwide - to Mosques, Muslim organisations, Media houses, Libraries, State and National assemblies, Individuals, Human rights organisations, corporate and professional bodies, tertiary institutions, etc.;
- 🕌 Held the first MPAC National Convention in 2011, under the auspices of MPAC Events. The 2012 and 2013 editions have followed, with the 2014 convention taking place in December;
- 🕌 Created the Abode of Mercy project in 2010, to work on establishing a befitting Muslim cemetery, fashioned along the Garden of Peace Muslim Cemetery in the UK;
- 🕌 Inaugurated MPAC Legal in 2012 to handle cases of discriminations and denial of fundamental human rights;
- 🕌 Over 25 number of organizations: MPAC has supported and collaborated with since 2001, in Nigeria and globally;
- 🕌 We strive to ensure that our internal processes are robust and transparent; start each project with the end in mind and deliver on agreed timeframe;
- 🕌 We maintain valuable link with the community we serve, while working for an inclusive society.

Our Core Values

Mercy, Human Dignity, Justice, Sanctity of All Human Life, Peace, Freedom, Equality for All

MPAC: A Reality Born

Many people will still remember when in 2001 "theshieldoffaith" debuted on the web as a Nigerian e-group set up to monitor the media as its first and primary mission, following the un-relentless siege of anti-Islam broadcast in the electronic and print media.

"Theshieldoffaith" pioneered institutional Muslim activism and mobilised the Nigerian Muslim masses to stand up and be counted in fighting the bias in the media. Members of "theshiedoffaith" took on the media, thawing biases and showing Muslims what huge difference there is in affirmative action - being active in the age of new media/psychological warfare or choosing to remain inactive with all the consequences. "Theshieldoffaith" flourished with membership exceeding 1000 within the first few months thus becoming the biggest e-group in Nigeria at the time that was actually activating the Muslims.



Rather than being content as a concentrated group of activists, "theshieldoffaith" leadership envisioned an organisation that will take Islamic issues to higher realm - how about being a professionally managed Muslim public agency that will work for the good of the whole society.

Thus in August 2002, the "shieldoffaith" transformed to become Muslim Public Affairs Centre (MPAC) - an independent and strong voice within the national and international Muslim communities. MPAC has become a clearing house of Muslim public affairs that gives power to the community by allowing resourceful Muslims work together to achieve results for the community. Insha Allah, MPAC has become the shining example of what Muslims can achieve if they pull resources together and put their minds to it.

How did we achieve this?

At MPAC, we have been able to align ourselves on common goals - excellent team work, openness, accountability, transparency and leadership, thorough planning, ongoing vigilance and communication. We learn from past campaigns and explore productive relationships within the Islamic community.

For most of us at MPAC, working on behalf of the Muslims is a calling and lifelong commitment to ensure that we contribute spiritually, intellectually and materially to the future of Nigerian Muslims, the Nigerian society and internationally.

MPAC: Our Story

Alhamdulillah, we have arrived at this juncture today with a string of successes. Since its founding, MPAC has been advocating on behalf of the Muslims. We have directly raised more than N15,000,000 for different Muslim projects and concerns. In addition our Sakinah Fund (MPAC Community Outreach Programme), as at March 2014, has mobilised and spent over N50,000,000 since inception to help provide free world class treatments to indigent patients, Muslim and non-Muslim. The medical cases have ranged from spinal cord injuries; brain, eye and breast cancer; tumour; heart disease; Hydrocephalus; Optics, Urethral strictures, among others. Most of the cases handled included evacuation to leading medical facilities abroad. The Sakinah Team comprises and is led by Muslim medical professionals.



Thanks to Almighty Allah Who alone has facilitated the strings of successes and sent us His friends to help. Every project executed, and those in the pipeline, is a stronger indication of the great potentials that resides in the organization and in its future. As an experienced and independent voice within the Nigerian Muslim organizations, MPAC is well positioned to continue to play crucial roles in the affairs of the Nigerian Muslim community and in our society.

MPAC works are entirely based on volunteerism and its management team does not collect salaries or honorarium. MPAC is not affiliated to any organisation locally or abroad. We do not receive financial donations or gifts from any government or corporation as a way of maintaining political neutrality and independence. MPAC relies only on financial support of everyday Muslims to run and sustain its activities. We believe such political and financial independence of MPAC will sustain the future of Muslim work in Nigeria Insha Allah. We urge you to invest in our future and help MPAC better represents the sentiments and interests of Nigerian Muslims and Muslims everywhere. Your donation is the fuel that will keep the engine running and by supporting our work financially you are also investing in the Afterlife Bank. May God continue to purify our intentions and bless our efforts, ameen.

MPAC Works

Serving Humanity..... Working for an Inclusive Society

Media and Lobbying Activities

Ongoing constructive engagement with the Media, on reconstructing the image of Muslims and Islam, as it rightly is ...

Books to Media Houses - We have donated copies of the Qur'an and Islamic books to media houses in a bid to assist them understand the true message of Islam and reconstruct their understanding of the global events involving Muslims and Islam that are played out in the global media every day with the attendant issues of Islam bashing, Muslim stigmatization and profiling.

Thought Leadership

We have contributed several articles and opinions on topical Islamic issues, national and global contemporary affairs, and our articles are used in the op-ed pages of several mainstream media organizations in Nigeria and our works have been used as editorial contents on various electronic media news items. Globally, our positions and opinions have been translated into major world languages – French, German, etc used in international press.

Muslim Political Empowerment Initiatives

Since the 2007 General Elections, MPAC has sustained an organized campaign to highlight the need for the Muslim community to emerge as a strong political force to be reckoned with, using its political strength for the general good of the Muslims and the nation, under a God-fearing leadership. Campaigning for the Nigerian Muslim constituency to become an influential component in the Nigerian politics, at all levels of policy-making arena; and making Islamic ethical values available to the Nigerian political process.

Civic Project

Sakinah Project

MPAC launched the Sakinah Project to provide world-class care and treatment for the members of the society that require such assistance. The Sakinah Fund provides you a chance to have a personal impact on others. The Project and the Fund are dedicated to serve humanity. More than 60 Nigerians have benefitted from the professional skills and generous donation of Muslims through this project.

As a way to touch more lives and create greater impact in the Nigerian society, MPAC organized a medical campaign in 2013 in collaboration with Nuvasive Spine Foundation, USA who sent experts and together with their Nigerian counterparts, carried out 10 spinal cord surgeries on our patients.

The Sakinah project operates a 100% donation policy and the Zakat donations are strictly used to sponsor medical treatments for Muslims only. MPAC operates the Sakinah project through volunteers who are mostly medical professionals.



MPAC Sakinah Project: Work in progress



Experts from Nuvasive Spine Foundation, USA



MPAC Sakinah Project: Work in progress

Abode of Mercy Project

MPAC has ambition to create the first purpose built and world-class Muslim Cemetery called Abode of Mercy. On August 2008 and November, 2013, MPAC team was hosted by the trustees of the Garden of Peace Muslim Cemetery in the United Kingdom and taken on a tour of the cemetery. The Abode of Mercy project will be a decent burial ground project for Muslims to be run by a select Nigerian Trustees according to one of the best models in the world.

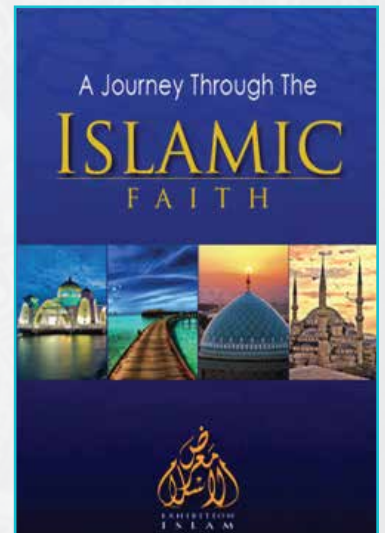


On a tour of the Gardens of Peace Muslim Cemetery, Elmbridge Road, Hainault, Ilford IG6 3SW, United Kingdom

Dawah Project

It is MPAC's priority work to spread the knowledge of Islam amongst Muslims and non-Muslims. MPAC has distributed free copies of the Quran and Dawah DVDs to hundreds of Muslims and non-Muslims.

- 🕒 Hundreds of the specially translated Quran distributed free nationwide to strategic locations;
- 🕒 Free provision of Braille Qur'an to blind Muslims;
- 🕒 Thousands of free da'wah pamphlets distributed nationwide;
- 🕒 A vibrant online da'wah portal maintained.



MPAC sponsored the design and printing of "A Journey Through the Islamic Faith". 10,000 copies distributed free nationwide

Outreach Projects

Publications: MPAC has been producing high quality brochures on issues close to the heart of the Muslims. A two-series publication, the hijab brochures seek to educate Muslims and non-Muslims on the topic of hijab and secure the rights of the Muslims in a multi-religious society to freely express their choice in dress, as enjoined by Islam. MPAC's guidelines to employers and employees on "Fasting in Ramadan" have helped both employers and employees to fully understand the need for accommodation and how to sustain optimal productivity during Ramadan. About 40,000 copies of these brochures and leaflets have been distributed free nationwide not only to advocate on behalf of Muslims using the hijab but also to spread the knowledge of Islamic practices.



MPAC Reports

MPAC authors reports - documents of evidence of the work we in many areas including National Hajj Operation, Muslim Political Empowerment Guide, Ramadan at Workplace, etc.

Nigeria Hajj Issues

We authored a memorandum submitted to the Nigerian Technical Committee on Hajj. The report was a form of a road map to address the perennial problems of "failed" Hajj operations in Nigeria. This memorandum fed into the official policy of the new Hajj code.

Political Reform Conference

In 2005, MPAC did a position paper on Muslim issues and presented to the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA). This paper served as talking points for some of the contributions made at the Conference in Nigeria and delegates.

2014 National Dialogue

MPAC played active roles and offered supports to the representatives of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) at the 2014 National Dialogue. Our contributions included a document articulating Muslim positions on national issues and issues of importance impeding the free practise of Islam in Nigeria.

Hijab Campaign: Empowerment & Protection

MPAC has been actively involved in supporting sisters on the important subject of their right to make free choice to adopt the hijab and secure their right to openly express that choice.

Working with Other Muslim Organizations

- Every year MPAC supports the Feed-a-Soul-Programme
- MPAC campaigns for and supports UKF
- Donation of books to several Muslim organisations and student bodies
- Attended The Ummah Foundation conference in Abuja in 2007 and fully participated in a round table discussion.
- Regularly sponsors campaign on behalf of Islamic organisations, both local and foreign.
- Attended the 2008 regional NSCIA zonal meeting held at Tafawa Balewa Square, Onikan Lagos.
- During the MPAC National Convention many Islamic organizations stepped forward, including MICA, Al-Fatih-ul-Quareeb Islamic Society of Nigeria, Ansar Ud deen Society of Nigeria, IMAN, NACOMYO, etc and provided manpower and moral supports.

Some MPAC Hijab Publications



MPAC Event

The MPAC Convention has established itself as the landmark event in the annual Muslim events' calendar and is now recognised as great rallying point for Muslim and national unity. While promoting the treasures of Islamic culture and heritage, the objectives of the event are:

- 🕌 To promote an objective understanding of the Islamic faith.
- 🕌 To advance understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims in Nigeria and internationally.
- 🕌 To promote dialogue and build community cohesion across faiths and societies.
- 🕌 To encourage the participation of Muslims in the democratic process and to actively promote discourse through means of political representation.
- 🕌 To promote religious and civic identity among Nigerian Muslims and deepening the role of Muslims in addressing intra-religious and inter-religious conflicts.
- 🕌 To be a marketplace of ideas incubation and exchange for Muslim youths and serve as a vehicle for integration and mobilization for the common good of the Ummah.



On 3rd and 4th September 2011, the MPAC host its maiden edition of the Annual National Convention at the Teslim Balogun Stadium Lagos, attracting thousands of attendees from all walks of life. Featuring speakers, exhibition, stall, family entertainment, film show and many more, the one-of-a-kind festival offers some of the best minds and powerful voices to explore the different Islamic dimensions provided to mankind to navigate through life. At its tenth year anniversary, MPAC organized this event, with the theme towards Peace, Justice and Understanding, to inspire, unite, enlighten and connect people throughout the country. From feedback, many families will remember this event as a weekend of inspiration for many years to come.

The 2012 and 2013 editions have followed with the themes “Towards a Peaceful Coexistence” and “Building a Just Society: Leadership and Governance” respectively.



L-R: His Excellency, Judge Bola Ajibola (SAN ,KBE, CFR, D.Litt), Professor Suleymon Derin, Marmara University, Turkey, Professor Noibi, Executive Secretary, MUSWEN, Selim Kurt, Marketing Director, Salamworld, Turkey.



L-H: Shaykh Abdrasheed Mayaleeke, Uztadh Ilyas Townsend (UK), Rt Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Anglican Archbishop of the Province of Kaduna.



FRONT ROW. L-H: Alhaji Muhammad Garuba Akinola Ibrahim, OON, Chief Imam of Lagos State, Shaykh Abdul Hafeez Abou, Baba Adinni of Lagos, His Royal Highness, Oba Muniru Adesola Lawal, Laminisa 1, the Timi of Ede.



Representative of HE the Executive Governor of the State of Osun, Dr. Adeleke Ipaye being interviewed at the MPAC Convention.



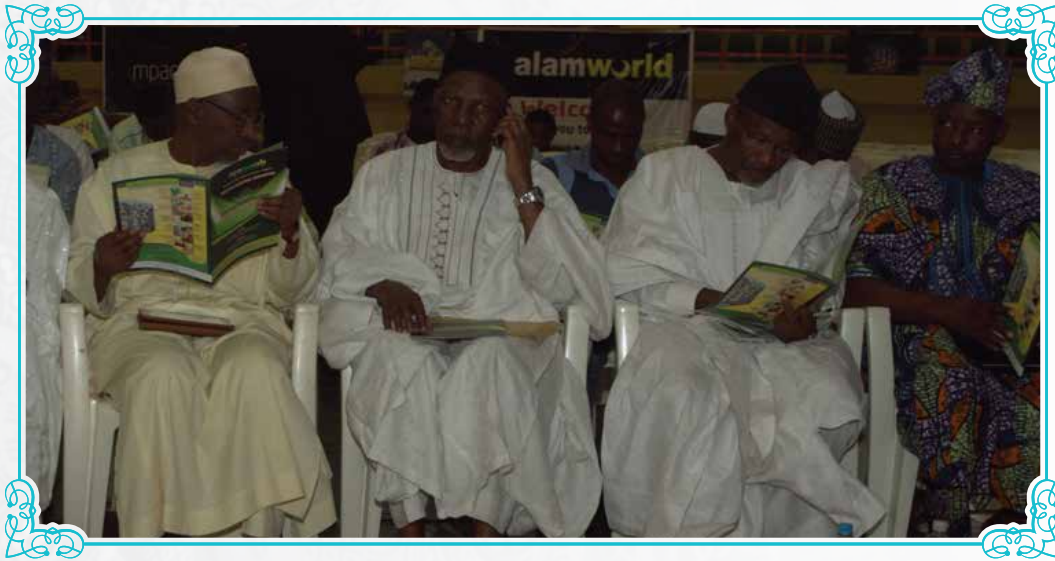
Dogan Muhammed Dokmen, Editorial Director, ERKAM Publication, Turkey.



Professor Fatimah Biade Abdulkareem, Professor of Anatomic Pathology, College of Medicine, University of Lagos.



Professor Pat Utomi. Professor of political economy, management expert and former presidential aspirant.



L-R: Honourable (Dr) Usman Bugaje, Professor Daud Noibi, Alhaji Abdulkareem Hon. Abdullah Haruna, Special Adviser, Projects, representing HE the Executive Governor of Sokoto State.



Professor Daud Noibi, Executive Secretary of the Muslim Ummah of South-West Nigeria (MUSWEN).



Alhaji Oyinlomo Danmole, Lagos State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Culture.



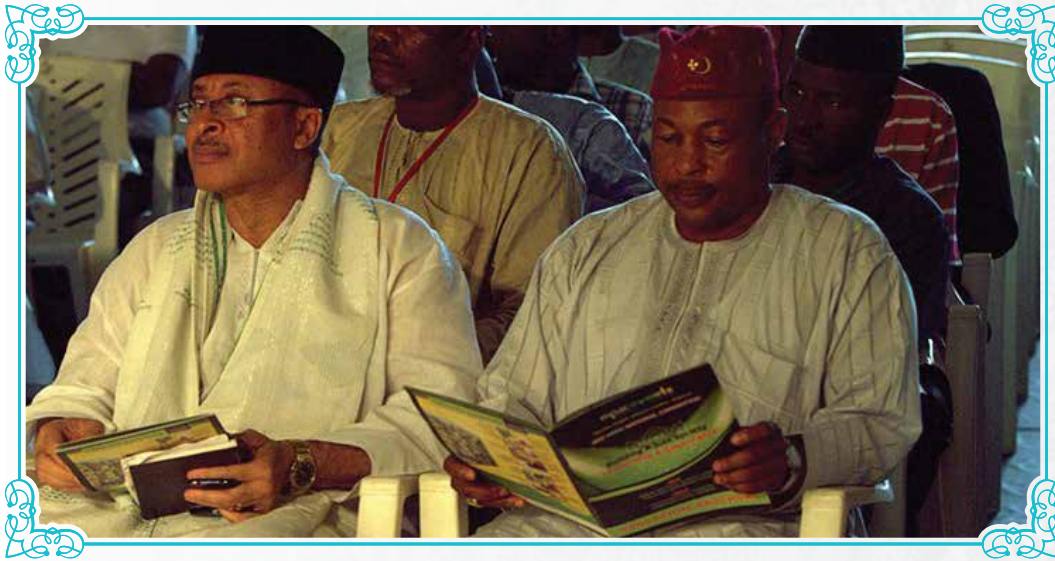
Imam Abdrahman Ahmad, National Missioner, Ansar-Ud-Deen Islamic Society.



His Royal Highness, Oba Muniru Adesola Lawal, Laminisa 1, the Timi of Ede.



L-R: Mr. Benjamin Lazarus, US Political Officer to the Consulate in Lagos, representing the US Ambassador to Nigeria. Alhaji A.A Adams, Patron, Azefat Foundation, Lagos.



L-H: Professor Pat Utomi, Alhaji Oyinlomo Danmole, Lagos State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Culture.



Children area of the MPAC Convention.



Exhibition area at the Convention.



Breakfast Lounge.



MPAC Convention.



Accreditation, MPAC Convention.

Our Core Values

Mercy

"We sent thee (O Muhammad) not, but as a Mercy for all creatures." (Quran 21:107)

Justice

"O you who have attained to faith! Be ever steadfast in upholding equity, bearing witness to the truth for the sake of God, even though it be against your own selves or your parents and kinsfolk. Whether the person concerned be rich or poor, God's claim takes precedence over (the claims of) either of them. Do not, then, follow your own desire, lest you swerve from justice: for if you distort (the truth), behold, God is indeed aware of all that you do!" (Quran 4:135)

Human Dignity

"Now, indeed, We have conferred dignity on all the children of Adam, and borne them over land and sea, and provided for them sustenance out of the good things of life, and favored them far above most of Our creation." (Quran 17:70)

Freedom

"There is no compulsion in religion; truly the right way has become clearly distinct from error; therefore, whoever rejects Satan (and what he calls to) and believes in Allah, he indeed has laid hold on the firmest handhold, which shall not break off, and Allah is Hearing, Knowing." (Quran 2:256)

"He who is rightly guided, it is for himself; and he who goes astray, it is to his own detriment. No soul can bear another's burden." (Quran 17: 15)

Peace

"If they seek peace, then seek you peace. And trust in God for He is the One that heareth and knoweth all things." (Quran 8:61)

Equality for All

"O men! Behold, We have created you all out of a male and a female, and have made you into nations and tribes, so that you may come to know one another. Verily, the noblest of you in the sight of God is the one who is most deeply conscious of Him. Behold, God is all-knowing, all-aware."
(Quran 49:13)

Forgiveness

Believers are "those who avoid major sins and acts of indecencies and when they are angry they forgive." (al-Shura 42:37)

Sanctity of Human Life

Nor take life- which Allah has made sacred - except for just cause. And if anyone is slain wrongfully, we have given his heir authority (to demand retaliation or to forgive): but let him not exceed bounds in the matter of taking life, for he is helped (by the Law) (Quran 17:33)

(Imam Al-Ghazali has quoted this verse and drew the conclusion that "in respect of the sanctity of life and the prohibition of aggression against it, Muslims and non-Muslims are equal. Attack on the personal safety of non-Muslims invokes the same punishment in this world and the Hereafter". [Muhammad Al-Ghazali, Huquq al-Insan, p. 54])

"Do not kill yourselves, for verily Allah has been to you most merciful" (Quran 4: 29)

"...take not life which Allah has made sacred" (Quran 6:151)

Support MPAC

MPAC Asks You to Help by Making a Donation Today

Insh' Allah, whatever you spend on MPAC Projects will be accounted for in successes for the Ummah. Your investment in MPAC will not make us richer; it will yield benefits to the Ummah. This will be an investment in the future of the Ummah; an investment in the vision of a safer future because we will be a better, wiser and more vocal instrument for the Ummah, Insh'Allah.

Your contribution, however big or little may be a drop in the ocean, but it's all we need to perform better and be more accountable to the Ummah. So, take active part in this striving and let us make a difference together. MPAC desperately needs you to give as much as you can afford and nothing is insignificant. Every little helps and Allah will pay it back, if you trust Allah, trust He will give you back more than you give Him in this cause. Allah will not take away one jot from you, so fund us with the money He has allowed you to have. He alone is our guarantee that you will be fully reimbursed.

MPAC works are funded through individual generous donations as we have never received fund from organizations or governments within or outside the country. We urge you to do your part, dig deep, look at what you have and put some of it in the Afterlife Bank. Set up a standing order, make direct donation or donate online at <http://www.mpac-ng.org>. May Allah make your generous donation an investment for you in His paradise, amin.

Holy Qur'an 2:215

They ask thee what they should spend (in charity). Say: Whatever you spend that is good, is for parents and kindred and orphans and those in want and for wayfarers. And whatever you do that is good, (Allah) knoweth it well.



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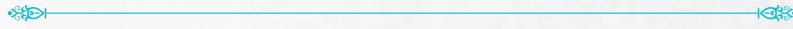
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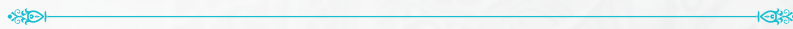
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