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What is the purpose of Al- Islam 24's Web Magazine?

The main purpose behind Al- Islam 24's Web Magazine is to provide education, laughter, advice and inspiration! Some of us work for long hours and sometimes we are in requirement of a little laughter and some hope and inspiration!

The other purpose behind our magazines is to give everyone a chance to express their opinions and to give people a chance to write articles that will be viewed by many people. Many have been through a lot of life's challenges and would like to share it to others and so with Al- Islam 24's Web Magazine, people can share it easily. Even if a person read an inspiring story and would like to share it, Al- Islam 24 will be more than happy to add it to our future Web Magazine Issues.

Al- Islam 24 Web Magazine is free and a person can share or write articles for our Web Magazine at absolutely NO COST. Everything on Al- Islam 24 is at no cost at all.

The background is a complex, abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color with vibrant green, swirling, fibrous lines that create a sense of motion and depth. A prominent, bright white light source is positioned in the center, casting a strong glow and creating a lens flare effect. Several thin, curved lines, resembling orbits or paths, sweep across the frame, some intersecting the central light. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and dynamic.

Current affairs

Al- Aqsa Foundation: Lifeline to Palestine in grave danger

In further attempts to find an amicable resolution to a decision by First National Bank (FNB) to close down the bank account of Al Aqsa Foundation of South Africa (AAFSA), the latter convened a meeting to discuss the 31 March 2013 termination of the Foundation's banking relationship with FNB.

AAFSA's representatives asked the bank to show just cause for the closure of the organisation's account; explain how the bank came to its conclusion to close AAFSA's accounts and to explain what the charity had done wrong and what they could do to fix it.

FNB leadership admitted it could have done things better six months ago, when it first declared it would close the charity's account. They also outlined that there was no law in South Africa which compelled the bank to end its 10-year relationship with Al Aqsa Foundation of South Africa, which is a legal non-profit organisation registered with the Department of Social Development and compliant with the South African Reserve Bank.

FNB claims it is not compelled to subscribe to global networks (consisting of other banks and financial institutions) that refuse to trade with organisations listed on the American Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) list. However, they asserted their choice to close AAFSA's account was based on possible financial losses and international isolation from these networks should they continue their relationship with the AAFSA.

When Al Aqsa Foundation of South Africa asked the bank to state what governance practices, regulations or laws the organisation was in breach of they were told that their organisation had indeed done nothing wrong.

During the meeting Al Aqsa showed FNB that the registered name of its organisation and the one on the OFAC list were not the same. The FNB representatives then gave the charity an undertaking to obtain legal opinion on Al Aqsa Foundation of South Africa's assertion that the listing was a case of mistaken identity.

FNB said it would change their decision if mistaken identity was proven. In light of this, FNB has also agreed to approach the South African Banking Council about the matter because it believes AAFSA's situation will be replicated with other local organisations and the South African banking industry needed to know how to deal with such cases. Al Aqsa Foundation welcomes these new undertakings on behalf of the bank and awaits their responses.

Despite the agreement to further investigate the matter, the bank has refused to extend its 31 March deadline for the permanent closure of the Al Aqsa Foundation of South Africa's account. The account is currently restricted to very limited transactions, with no withdrawal facility.

If no extension is granted it is unlikely that any other bank in South Africa will open an account for Al Aqsa Foundation of South Africa. This will force a reputable, decade-old organisation that supports 1500 orphans every month to shut its doors, thus terminating the only life line these children have.

-Reference: Channel Islam International

Israel arrests Hamas lawmakers in West Bank

Dozens arrested in overnight raids, including at least three members of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

Israel arrested 23 Hamas members in the occupied West Bank on Monday, some of them lawmakers, according to the group and the Israeli army.

Hamas said in a statement that the three lawmakers - Ahmed Attoun, Hatem Qafisha and Mohammed al-Talhad - had been detained in the early hours of the morning, as well as several local Hamas leaders.

"It is a criminal act that will not succeed in stopping their struggle," the statement said, "We in the Hamas movement strongly condemn the campaign of arbitrary arrests that took in dozens of Hamas leaders."

An Israeli military spokeswoman would not confirm whether Hamas lawmakers had been arrested and did not provide any of the men's names or say why they had been detained.

"Twenty-five Palestinians were arrested, 23 of them belonged to Hamas," she said.

Hanan Ashrawi, a senior Palestinian official in the West Bank, condemned the arrests, describing them as "deliberate Israeli plans to destabilise the internal situation, interfere in Palestinian institutions... and deal a blow to national reconciliation," according to the AFP news agency.

Hamas, which Israel, the United States and the European Union consider a terrorist organisation, won the last Palestinian parliamentary election, in 2006.

In 2007, after a unity government collapsed, it seized control of the Gaza Strip from Western-backed President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement.

Egyptian efforts to broker a reconciliation deal between Hamas and Fatah, which holds sway in the West Bank, have so far been unsuccessful.

Twitter Hacked: Up To 250,000 Passwords Taken

The social networking site says an "extremely sophisticated" attack may have allowed hackers to gain users' login details.

Around 250,000 Twitter users may have had their accounts compromised by computer hackers.

The social networking site said usernames, email addresses and encrypted passwords may have been taken during an "extremely sophisticated" attack on its systems.

It said one attack was shut down moments after it was detected, adding that the passwords of users who may have been affected had been reset.

In a blog, Bob Lord, director of information security at Twitter, said there had been "a recent uptick in large-scale security attacks aimed at US technology and media companies", with the New York Times among those targeted.

He said: "Our investigation has indicated the attackers may have had access to limited user information - usernames, email addresses, session tokens and encrypted/salted versions of passwords - for approximately 250,000 users.

"As a precautionary security measure, we have reset passwords and revoked session tokens for these accounts.

"This attack was not the work of amateurs and we do not believe it was an isolated incident.

"The attackers were extremely sophisticated and we believe other companies and organisations have also been recently similarly attacked."

One expert said the hackers may have gained access through an employee's home or work computer by exploiting vulnerabilities in Java, a widely-used computing language.

Ashkan Soltani, an independent privacy and security researcher, said such a move would give attackers "a toehold" in Twitter's internal network, potentially allowing them to track user information as it travelled across the company's systems or break into specific areas, such as the authentication servers that process users' passwords.

Although the hackers are unlikely to have gained any confidential information, Mr Soltani said the stolen credentials could be used to access other services for which a person has signed up using the same username and password.

Mr Lord said that although "only a very small percentage" of users were potentially affected, everyone who uses the site should ensure their password is secure.

He said passwords should be at least 10 characters long, contain upper and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols, and be different to passwords used for other online accounts.

- Reference: Sky News

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Did You Thank Allah for Your Eyesight?

By: Nafisa Kader

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

What he had written was: "Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it."

Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same thing?

Of course both signs told people the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

“It is He, Who has created for you (the sense of) hearing (ears), sight (eyes), and hearts (understanding). Little thanks you give.” [surah Al-Mu’minun; 78]

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Whoever recites this name of Allah 1000 times daily, all doubts and uncertainties will be removed from his heart and instead, determination and faith will become inborn in Him In Shaa Allah



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