

**Obituary: Shaikhul Hadith Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Sadek رحمه الله  
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On the 25<sup>th</sup> Jumada Al-Awwal 1442 (9<sup>th</sup> January 2021) the Luton community lost a true gem who was a beloved Father, Brother and Teacher to all. The demise of our Shaikhul Hadith Mufti Muhammad Sadek Sahab (RA), is particularly devastating when considering the recent losses of the UK Muslim community. Our beloved teacher's return to his Rabb follows the recent losses of his teachers Hadhrat Shaikh Yusuf Motala (RA) & Shaikh Saeed Ahmed Palanpuri (RA). We hope to preserve the memory of our beloved Shaikhul Hadith by writing a short obituary on his early life, education, achievements & legacy.

### **Early Life and Education**

Shaikh Mufti Muhammad Sadek was born in his Mother's village Mulla Para, Gohorpur, Sylhet, Bangladesh. Thereafter he moved to England at a very young age. His early studies began at Bury Park Jamee Masjid under the tutelage of Maulana Lutfur Rahman (RA) one of the first Imams of Bury Park Jamee Masjid. He then enrolled into Darul Uloom, Bury, where he completed his Hifz Ul Quran with Maulana Farooq Desai Sahab (Hafizahullah). He completed Hifz of the Blessed Quran at the tender age of 14, performing Taraweeh every year since. He continued to undertake his Aalim studies in the traditional Islamic Sciences, under the tutelage of eminent scholars, notably, The Honourable Shaikh Yusuf Motala Sahab (RA).

He later travelled to Bangladesh to study under his beloved grandfather, the Honourable, Renowned and Eminent Muhaddith Allama Shaikh Nur Uddin Ahmed Sahab Gohorपुर (RA), who taught Sahih Al Bukhari for 55 years in Jamia Hussainia, Gohorपुर, Sylhet, Bangladesh. Here he studied the six most authentic collection of Ahaadith (Sihah Sittah – Muwattain) and other books of Tafsir, Ahaadith and Fiqh, completing the studies of the Islamic Sciences.

Thereafter he travelled to Darul Uloom Deoband, India – The Fountainhead Institution of Islamic Knowledge and one the most renowned institutes in the world - where he undertook Takhassus Fi Uloomil Hadith (MA Islamic Theology) under the distinguished Shaikh Nasir Ahmad Khan Sahab (RA) (Former Shaikul Hadith of Darul Uloom, Deoband) - who has taught Hadith for 70 years.

Shaikh Mufti Sahab (RA) completed Takhassus Wattadreeb Fil Ifta Wal Qadha (PhD Islamic Jurisprudence and Law) under the distinguished Shaikh Mufti Habibur Rahman Khairabadi Sahab (DB) (Grand Mufti of India, Darul Uloom, Deoband).

Shaikh Mufti Muhammad Sadek also has one of the strongest and shortest Sanad (chain of narration) from his Shuyookh in the Sciences of Hadith, Tafsir and Fiqh. He also has Ijaza (permission) in Tazkiya, Sulook and Ihsan from his spiritual Shaikh, Shaikhul Hadith Allama Gias Uddin Peer Sahab (Baliya Huzoor) (RA).

He has received Ijaza in the field of Qiraat from Shaikh Al-Muqri Qari Bashir Ahmad Siddique Al Madani (DB), who has a legacy of over 55 years of service to Tajweed & Qiraa'ah in Masjid An Nabawi. Many of the Imams of the Haramain and leading figures are his students along with thousands from all over the world such as the late Shaikh Ali Jabir (RA), Shaikh Muhammad Ayyub (RA), Shaikh Hussain Aal Shaikh and Shaikh Abdul Muhsin al-Qasim.

#### **His other Honourable Shuyookh are:**

- ❖ Shaikh Abdul Haq Azmi (RA) (Darul Uloom Deoband)
- ❖ Shaikh Ahmed Riza Bijnuri (RA) (Student of Anwar Shah Kashmiri)
- ❖ Shaikh Anzar Shah Kashmiri (RA) (Son of Allama Anwar Shah) who has ijaza in Hadith from Shaikh Abdul Fattah Abu Ghuddah
  
- ❖ Mufti Mahmood Hassan Gangohi (RA)
- ❖ Mufti Nizaam Uddin Azmi (RA)
- ❖ Shaikh Muhammad Yunus Jownpuri (RA) (Saharanpur)
- ❖ Mufti Zafeer Uddin Miftahi (RA)
- ❖ Maulana Arshad Madani Sahab (DB)
  
- ❖ Shaikhul Hadith Mukhlisur Rahman Qiyampuri (DB)
- ❖ Shaikhul Hadith Hussain Ahmad Umarpuri (RA)
- ❖ Maulana Saad Uddin Sahab (Badeshore Huzur) (DB)
  
- ❖ Shaikhul Hadith Hadhrat Maulana Fazlehaq Sahab (DB)
- ❖ Shaikhul Hadith Hadhrat Mufti Shabbir Ahmed Sahab (DB)
- ❖ Shaikhul Hadith Maulana Abdul Raheem Limbada Sahab (DB)
- ❖ Shaikh Saleem Dhorat Sahab (Hafizahullah) (DB)

## **Personality**

As a student, Mufti Sadek Sahab (RA) was a bright & intellectual student regularly achieving at the top of his class. He was notable and respected by his colleagues around him. He would mostly conduct the revision sessions as a student for his class. Mufti Sahab (RA) was very strong and grounded in his knowledge of Deen and Islam. He stood firm in this regard & always assisted the community, supporting them in their times of need. The local community and England at large would consult him regularly based on his in depth knowledge of Deen and his ability to provide robust responses.

Allah ﷻ granted Mufti Sahab (RA) great courage; he was one of those scholars that possessed great qualities to drive the community in the correct direction. He would always address pressing or contemporary issues not fearing to provide the correct viewpoint. Shaikh (RA) was a successful and grounded Aalim, a Mufti who others relied on, a great teacher and Muhadith, a leader, a principal; whenever he found a weakness, he strived to correct it.

## **Achievements and Legacy**

In 1999, Shaikh Mufti Muhammad Sadek (RA) had a desire to propagate the knowledge he had learnt. With support from his late father Haji Aftab Miah Sahab & elder brother Haji Suhail Sahab, they proceeded to purchase an existing florist shop and embarked on converting it to what is now known as Jamiatul Uloom Al Islamia – a masjid and secondary school for boys. He was the Founder, Rector, Khateeb, Chief Imam, Authorised Person for Marriages, Examination Officer, Chief Mufti and Principal. His work has been praised by both the community as well as OFSTED.

Moreover, he was the Shaikhul Hadith for the final year over 16s Aalim class. This is the first over 16s Aalim class in Luton, Shaikh (RA) was teaching Sahih Al Bukhari and Jami' at-Tirmidhi.

Shaikh Mufti Muhammad Sadek (RA) has published many works of literature on various Islamic issues. Shaikh (RA) also completed a full English translation of the Quran which is due to be published soon, Insha Allah.

Mufti Muhammad Sadek (RA) leaves behind five children. Amongst them, they are Huffādh, Aalim and Aalimah and are accomplished within their respected fields. May Allah ﷻ preserve them.

Shaikhul Hadith Mufti Muhammad Sadek (RA) was finally laid to rest in Luton, England. After the burial, there was an amazing incident that was witnessed by many present - a beautiful musk like fragrance was emitting from the Shaikh's grave. Subhan Allah!

His elder brother narrated a dream that his mother saw before Mufti Muhammad Sadek (RA) was born. She narrated it to her Uncle Allama Nur Uddin Ahmad Gohorpuri (RA) to which he told her "A Wali will be born to you". Incidents such as these are surely signs of acceptance from Allah (SwT), Insha Allah.

May Allah ﷻ grant Mufti Muhammad Sadek Sahab (RA) the highest rank in Jannatul Firdous and grant his family Sabre Jameel. May Allah (SwT) accept all the efforts of Shaikhul Hadith Mufti Muhammad Sadek Sahab (RA), protect the institute of Jamiatul Uloom Al Islamia, and continue to make it a means of flourishing benefit for the entire Muslim Ummah – Aameen.