

## ***Darbar in Lisbon***

### ***Detailed Darbar experience.***

***The first day we got there, in the afternoon talent show, we got to see Prince Aly Mohamed and Prince Hussein, who joined in to see the concert we were watching***

***The second day in the night talent show, we saw Prince Rahim and Princess Salwa, back on the show we were watching***

***Now comes the Darbar. BEST DARBAR ever !!! And we mean it . Everyone we met yesterday all ages said it was something they have never seen and would probably never see it happen inside Darbar hall again***

***So there were 3 massive halls just separated by curtains from one hall to another, each hall had big massive screens to see what was happening in the other hall. Each hall had chairs on the stage for the entire Noorani family***

***Before Mawlas arrival, in all the halls they showed the live streaming of Mawla signing and accepting the seat of Imam at the Parliament office in his Jurbo. Then the Intezaar started after the stream was over.***

***BEST PART BEGINS! Mawla got to the venue with the entire Noorani family, got greeted by leaders and got introduced to everyone, we saw all this from the screens, then he was directed to the lounge .***

***Then he entered the first hall with his entire Noorani family! everyone in Jurbo attire! , they all came in and sat at the front. Then the whole ceremony began, Mehmani, Abesafa , Ginans, Zikr Tasbih and the Farman too everything in front of the entire Noorani family ( some people were shocked saying that he always asks the family to leave before starting Farmans- from their previous Darbars) so this was different that the entire family stayed whilst he gave the Farman .***

*Then Mawla exited the first hall after the Farman, and we could see after he left the hall In the footage that he went towards his lounge. Then he got out of his lounge and was WITHOUT the Jurbo!*

*We all thought he is going away, jamat started feeling restless. since he had not come to our hall yet*

*Then the unexpected happens! We see Mawla by the entrance where his car was parked, staring outside at a car coming towards him. At this point we are all wondering who is he waiting for?? Then the Alwaez told the jamat Hazar Imam is getting a guest that he has to meet. A guest he was supposed to meet that afternoon but it was “UNEXPECTED” that that guest came to meet Mawla at the Darbar! The guest was the president of Portugal! He paid an unexpected visit at the time of the Darbar!! Then tables were turned.*

*It's usually Mawla who gets introduced to the members / Mukhisaheb / kamadias when he gets into the area but this time Mawla was the one who started introducing the president to everyone then they went into the lounge. At this time we are all wondering what'shappening? Is Mawla going to come again after the president goes away? How long will that be???*

*Then something very different happens!!!! Something that has NEVER happened! Mawla back in his jurbo, entire Noorani family back in their jurbos and Mawla re-enters the 1st hall!!! This time he enters with the president of Portugal !!! ( non Ismaili) in the Darbar hall!!! Salwaat started again, something surprising for all that Mawla has never NEVER walked in with a president in a Darbar hall ! A non Ismaili too!!!! Jamat was shocked, surprised, happy all mixed emotions!!*

*Then we were wondering is Mawla just walking through the first hall again with the president just to show him what it's like inside and walking back out? To all OUR surprise the entire Noorani family and Mawla went on to the stage again and Mawla brought president on to the stage!!! Then we see an extra chair now on the stage too. Looks like volunteers quickly put another chair exactly like Mawlas chair beside Mawlas chair!!! Shocking for all that president is in the Darbar hall and seated beside Mawla on a chair that's like Mawlas? Like what's happening??!!*

*The Darbar hall all of a sudden turned into a formal evening of speeches! Mawla gets up from his chair, makes a joke that "this was an unexpected visit! " Than he pulls out a (piece of) paper from his pocket and jokes again "now I'm reading" that usually when he gives farmans he doesn't need a (piece of) paper, but he is giving speech so he is reading now! Jamat laughed*

*That's what we mean by it turned into a formal speech moment. Mawla gave a speech of gratitude to president for offering him a permanent seat of Imamatus in Lisbon. Following this was president giving speech than followed by something else that has NEVER been allowed in the hall ; CLAPPING!!!!Mawla clapped !!! the whole jamat clapped !!! because the atmosphere had changed ! Now since this had turned into a formal thing , Mukhi/ kanadias sat with the jamat and not on the stage . So when Mawla started to leave, he stopped and made a joke " I have no direction from my Mukhi as (to) where to go"*

*Then Mawla exited back from the hall with the family. Now remember this is the first hall Mawla had been for the Farman and also he chose that same hall to come back to with the president. Why?? Because he already gave his Farman there first and also all of Portugal Jamat was in that hall. Some Tanzanians were in that hall, UK people were in that hall too !!*

*Now again we see that Mawla is going back to the lounge, then again he is out of the lounge without his Jurbo Again same mixed emotions is Mawla leaving???* He says goodbye to the president and goes back to the Lounge. We are all still saying tasbi , salwaats waiting , waiting .. now again!!

*All of a sudden we see Mawla back in his jurbo entire Noorani family back in their attire too!!! Now we are wondering what's going to happen next! Boom!!! He enters the hall where WE WERE!!!!!! Entire Noorani family behind him!!! Salwaats were loud! Happiness everywhere!!! Mawla walked right behind us and then around other areas and made his way to the stage with the entire family. We had an amazing view, we had literally walked in to the hall an hour or less before it closed and we got seats not far from the middle view of Mawla where we could see the entire family in front of us. SHUKAR.*

*This time we just thought he will sit for a bit since he already gave the Farman in the previous hall. WE WERE WRONG!!! The entire process started again!!! Ginans, Qasidas, Zikr Tasbih everything in front of Mawla and his family. Then he got up to give a Farman.*

*He made soooooooooo many jokes in our hall! Soo many. So happy in our halls, joked about lots of things, winking, hand gestures, eyebrows gestures, we can't even express that through words we have to show those gestures in person!!!*

*Also, u know how MK sit on their knees beside Mawla? We all saw Mawla telling the Mukhi to sit comfortably and we saw MK then sit normally in a Paloti lol. Anyways the Farman was full of jokes but lots about education, learn to speak English no matter what other language is there , learn English . Then in our hall he told us that he is making us his "Dais "for today. Convey his message to our families and jamat that he is given everyone blessings. Then he told us to tell the jamat too that they are also his Dais so when they receive our message they should continue spreading that message of blessings.*

*Then Mawla exited again with the entire family. This time again once he left the hall, we were back watching from the projector what's happening next, we saw MK pointing to the lounge, and we saw Mawla pointing elsewhere. He decided not to go the direction of Mukhi, I guess he didn't want to rest anymore*

*He walks into the 3rd hall again with entire family!!! Salwaats all over, hearing salwaats from all the halls so loud. Mawla sits again on the stage of the 3rd hall, with family. Again Ginans, qasidas, Tasbihs, all over again. Again Mawla gave a Farman. Still making jokes too.*

*Once he was finished his Farman, he sat down, came back at the mike and gave blessings, for Ruhani members, volunteers, Mushkil Asaan. Then he looked at Mukhi and asked him something while still at the mike, then Mawla says in the Mike "I was asking Mukhi if there is still another hall I have to go to?" And then he made a joke and started walking down again marking his exit. Then we saw him leave in his car*

*A lot of jokes, with his hands, winking his eyes, lifting his eyebrows, and also when he said "this was an unexpected visit" from the president, the way he said it, the whole jamat laughed and clapped!*

*Overall what an amazing event planned in Portugal, the art festivals, rays of lights, talent shows, different mela areas for dandia Raas, mendi, open areas in day time where live performances and talent shows were being held, chilling lounges, Bollywood lounges, massive projector to watch FIFA games, Salim-Suleiman- Rahat show, and lastly*



*The FIREWORKS from  
the ocean by the venue to officially  
close the DARBAR.*

*We have NEVER seen those  
kinds of fireworks!  
EVERYTHING was MIND BLOWING!*

*Bravos to all the volunteers from all  
over the world who we witnessed  
helping in this visit.*

*Bravo to all of them especially  
to the Portugal Jamat  
for hosting  
thousands and thousands  
of people*

