



UGANDA VISIT
2025

The Didar Booklet

Your journey to Didar...




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Ya Ali Madad,

On this historic occasion, we warmly welcome you to the Didar Booklet. It has been carefully prepared to guide you and your family through every step of the day, ensuring that your journey is safe, comfortable, and spiritually uplifting.

Within this booklet, you will find important information on Didar Day access, registration, safety & security, transportation, health, and other facilities. We kindly request that you read it thoroughly so you may be fully prepared to participate in Didar with peace of mind.





Didar Events

The National Council for Uganda and the Didar Event Management Team, together with the Mukhi-Kamadia Sahebaans, invite you for all the upcoming events.

Event Schedule

- **Sat, 06 Sep – Raas Garba & Dinner at Darkhana**
- **Sun, 07 Sep – Mehndi (Ladies, 3–6 pm), Live Music & Dinner at Darkhana**
- **Sun, 07 Sep – Interfaith Session, Dining Foyer Darkhana**
- **Mon, 08 Sep – Afghan Jamat Session, Darkhana**
- **Mon, 08 Sep – Mehndi with Live Music & Dinner at Kololo JK**
- **Tue, 09 Sep – Rass Garba & Dinner at Darkhana**
- **Wed, 10 Sep – Welcoming Mawlana Hazar Imam at Airport (details TBC)**
- **Wed, 10 Sep – Mamerah & Dinner at Darkhana & Kololo JK**
- **Fri, 12 Sep – Didar Day Garba & Dinner at Darkhana**

Please note, starting 5th September, there will be no parking at Darkhana. Only drop-offs will be allowed. Parking will be provided at Aga Khan School, with a shuttle service to and from Darkhana.

Please carry your own water bottles. Refill stations will be available to reduce disposable waste.

We look forward to celebrating these joyous evenings together. Interfaith spouses and children are invited to join all events!





Volunteers' Lounge

A dedicated lounge will be available in the Mothers' Room for all volunteers to rest, refresh, and coordinate during the Didar events from 7–14 September. Light refreshments will be provided, and the space will serve as a central point for communication and support.



Environment and Climate

In line with our faith and the Hidaya of Mawlana Hazar Imam, the Environment Committee has introduced sustainable practices for Didar. Waste will be carefully sorted, organic matter will be composted, plastics and paper will be recycled, and creative efforts made to upcycle items.

Volunteers are actively minimizing single-use plastics, conserving energy, and encouraging the use of reusable items. We encourage all Jamati murids to adopt these habits at home and in business, leaving a legacy of care for creation.

New colour-coded waste bins are now placed in both Jamatkhana. Kindly use them correctly to support recycling, composting, and to help keep our compound clean. [Click here for details](#)

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!





Transport Facilities

On Didar Day, transport facilities for the District Jamat will be available within the vicinity of Darkhana. To ensure comfort and ease of access, special transport arrangements will also be provided, if required, for seniors and members with special needs. For any further assistance or to request special arrangements, kindly contact the Transport Team. Contact Numbers: +256 759 586 877 and +256 772 688 833



Registration Information

Only individuals with a valid registration card are requested to come to Aga Khan School. Contents of Your Registration Envelope:

- Registration Card to be carried for each individual murid at Aga Khan School.
- Juro Card to be carried on the evening of Didar Day to collect Juro from Darkhana.
- Snack Card to be carried to collect refreshments on the Didar Day.

Registration card distribution is in progress, members are requested to check their registered emails and follow Jamati WhatsApp groups for collection details.

Each individual will be provided with a lanyard and card holder. Jamat is requested to wear the lanyard at all times to allow for easy identification and to ensure a smooth and efficient process.





Key Timings and General Guidelines

All Jamati members are requested to arrive at the Aga Khan School for registration verification and security check. Check-in will begin four hours before Didar and will close 90 mins before the ceremony starts.

Please note that Darkhana will be completely closed to personal vehicles and walk-in members. Everyone must pass through the official check-in point at Aga Khan School. Your cooperation will ensure that the process runs smoothly.



Pre-Didar Check-In at Aga Khan School

When you arrive at Aga Khan School, volunteers will direct you to the parking areas. A designated drop-off zone is also available for passengers. From there, signs and volunteers will guide you to the pre-Didar check-in area.

At registration, special counters will be provided for seniors, expectant mothers, parents with young children under 24 months, and members with special needs. After registration, you will proceed to the security screening area. Please empty your pockets, place all items in the trays, and follow the instructions of the security team.

Bags will be checked, and prohibited items will be removed.





Scanning Instructions:

- Pacemakers and medical implants are allowed. Please inform the scanning team in advance and bring a doctor's note. You may be guided by an alternative screening method. Handheld detectors will not be placed directly over your pacemaker.
- Nursing supplies and glucometers are allowed. Please inform the scanning team beforehand. Devices may be visually inspected but will not be taken away.
- Hearing aids are not required to be removed. Please inform the scanning team so unnecessary handling can be avoided.
- Keys, coins, and metallic items may slow the scanning process — please place them in the trays.
- Any items that cannot enter the prayer hall will be removed by security. This may cause delays. Please see the list of prohibited items for further guidance. Please cooperate with the Safety and Security personnel.
- If a prohibited item is found during the security check, you will need to go to the Bag & Tag.





CATEGORY	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Weapons & Dangerous Items	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guns, Knives, Blades, Sharp objects • Tools, Sticks and Batons • Fireworks, explosives, sparklers, matches, and lighters • Pepper sprays or other items that can be used as a weapon • Aerosols • Etc
Recording / Filming Devices	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All mobile phones • All types of cameras, video recording devices • All types of voice recorder • All types of smart watches, fit-bits, spy pens, body cameras, VR and Smart • All items that are able to record, transmit or film
Electronics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Aids (pacemakers, hearing aids, diabetic patches, IV drips etc) • Please ensure AKHB is informed so that the necessary clearance can be obtained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablets, laptops, etc • Two-way radio communication devices, walkie talkies, • GPS trackers etc • Power banks & chargers • E-cigarettes, vapes, etc • Any other device that may be deemed suspicious. • Any Battery powered items
Bags and Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diaper Bags (with essentials and only clear transparent baby • Wallet and small hand-sized clutch purses or small hand bags (please note these may be manually searched) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No computer bags, backpacks, duffel bags, suitcases, large bags, camera bags, etc
Food and Drink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparent Baby Bottles • Child safe beakers (content will be checked) • Childrens snacks in clear containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass Bottles • Bottles with content unknown or untested • Alcohol
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small soft toy (palm sized) that DOES NOT make noise or is • Medicines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pens or writing devices • Laser pointers • Battery operated devices





Bag and Tag Service

The Bag & Tag service is provided for individuals who have inadvertently brought any prohibited items. The individual has to pay a cost of 25,000 Ugandan Shillings cash for this service. This service is only for smaller items that will fit in with the designated pouch. Large items will not be permitted in the Bag & Tag Service. Members of the jamat will need to find a place to store them. Use of the Bag & Tag service is at your own risk.

All jamati members who have had to return to the Bag & Tag will need to line up again and go through security once again. This means family members wishing to remain together should go to this service together. No one will be permitted to jump in the queue. This process will delay you from boarding the bus.



Boarding and Bus Journey

Once you have cleared security, you will be guided to the boarding lounge. Please remain patient as volunteers will call members forward to board in an orderly manner. When your turn comes, step carefully onto the bus. Special transport arrangements will be available for seniors, expectant mothers, and those with mobility difficulties.

The journey to Darkhana will be direct, and buses will not stop en route. Please remain seated for your safety and enjoy this part of your Didar journey in peace.





Arrival at Darkhana

On arrival at Darkhana, volunteers will guide you into the large reception tent. Seniors, expectant mothers, parents with children under 24 months, and special needs members will have a separate queue with seating provided. Other members are kindly requested to join the general queues with patience and discipline.

After registration is checked again, you will pass through a second security point. Following this, you will be guided to the shoe deposit area.



Shoe deposit

Shoe deposit zones will be clearly marked for seniors, special needs, youth mulaqat, and general jamat.

- Volunteers will guide you to the shoe deposit area, please wait your turn.
- Seniors and special needs have a reserved zone.
- Youth Mulaqat members need to show their cards and deposit shoes in their designated zone.
- Children (0–10 years) will keep shoes with a parent.
- All other Jamati members will use remaining zones.
- Hand in shoes to the volunteer and ensure the tag number matches with number on the bag.
- Shoes can only be collected after Didar.
- Volunteers needing shoes during duty may use the rack behind the elevator.

After depositing shoes, you will receive a snack pack on submission of snack card before making your way into the Prayer Hall.





Inside the Prayer Hall

Please show your registration card at the entrance. If you have a chair, volunteers will guide you to the designated area. Once inside, kindly maintain decorum so that everyone can prepare spiritually for Didar.



Washroom Facilities

The washrooms are located at the bottom of the rear ladies' side stairs. Seniors may use the lift. Slippers will be provided, kindly return them after use. To re-enter the Prayer Hall, please follow the route through the upper foyer and use the steps near the lift.



Lost and Found & Family Reunification

A Lost and Found desk will be located in the Upper Foyer, where misplaced items may be reported or collected.

A Family Reunification desk will also be available for children under five and special needs members. Wristbands for identification (for 2–5 year olds) will be provided in the registration pack, and parents willing to use wristband on their children are requested to fill in details before arriving at Aga Khan School. Volunteers will ensure that families are reunited discreetly and with care.





Early Childhood Development Facilities

The AKEB-ECDC will provide special spaces for young children. A Mother's Room will be available for babies aged 0–24 months, offering a quiet and comfortable environment.

For baby changing needs appropriate space can be found in the ladies' bathroom located behind the lift and in the ECD bathroom located beyond the ECD playground

Children aged 25–60 months can enjoy age-appropriate activities in the ECD rooms, under the supervision of a parent. Parents are requested not to exceed 45 minutes in these rooms, to allow space for others.

A feeding and resting room will be available; we encourage parents to come to this space if their child needs to eat to avoid any mess within the prayer hall. Fresh fruit and water will be available for children. Please note that this is not a drop-off service. All ECD spaces will close 45 minutes before the arrival of Mawlana Hazar Imam.





Health and First Aid

The day of Didar can be emotional and physically tiring. Jamati members are encouraged to:

- Have a healthy breakfast.
- Bring their personal medication.
- Rest well the night before.
- Water will be provided to all Jamati members upon arrival in the hall.

Please plan to arrive on time, allowing sufficient time to settle in calmly before the ceremony begins.



Mobility Assistance for Jamati Members

For members with mobility challenges, wheelchair assistance will be available from the designated drop-off zone to the seating area inside the Didar Hall. Volunteers providing wheelchair support will be easily identifiable in blue vests labelled "Special Assistance."

Members who have pre-registered for wheelchair assistance have already had their details confirmed in advance by the AKHB team via phone.





Access to Medical Assistance in the Didar Hall:

First Aid volunteers will be easily identifiable in red vests throughout the day to assist with any medical concerns. These volunteers are trained to provide immediate medical support, first aid, and to connect you with further assistance if required.

Your health and well-being are our top priority. If you require any medical attention, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the First Aid Team. We also request that you write down and bring your emergency contact details with you, so that volunteers can assist you promptly in case of any urgent need.

If you are expecting and find it challenging to sit for extended periods, you are welcome to take a break and rest in the Health Facility Area, which has been set aside for your comfort. Should you require any medical attention, please approach a member of our First Aid Team who will be ready to assist you.

Only Ismaili caregivers are permitted to accompany members who require assistance. Nannies or domestic staff will not be allowed to accompany members.

Chair Requests: Kindly ensure your card clearly states your chair eligibility.





Youth Mulaqat (Ages 15–25 & 364 Days)

Following Didar, registered youth participants will be guided out separately. [Click here for further details!](#)



Exit After Didar

After Didar, volunteers will announce the exit in stages to ensure everyone's comfort and safety. Please wait calmly until your section is called.

Shoes will be collected in an orderly manner from the designated area. Kindly move outside to put on your shoes, so that the area remains clear for others. If you have lost your shoe tag, you may need to wait until the end to collect your shoes. Special care will be given to seniors, children, and those with special needs.

Your patience and discipline will ensure a safe and dignified departure for all. Shuttles will be available to take you to Aga Khan School.



Interfaith Session Information

The Ismaili Council for Uganda warmly welcomes all interfaith families to participate in a special session during the forthcoming visit of Mawlana Hazar Imam. This unique gathering will provide an opportunity for meaningful engagement, reflection, and dialogue. We are deeply grateful for your participation.

[Click here for further details!](#)



Dear Jamat,

We are excited to introduce a colour-coded waste bin system to help keep our compound clean and protect the environment. Please use the bins correctly.



Plastics

✓ Bottles, containers, tubs, wrappers (clean & dry)

✗ styrofoam, gloves, masks



Recyclables

✓ Paper, cardboard, glass bottles, cans, metals, aluminium foil, small e-waste

✗ Wet/dirty paper, mirrors, ceramics, big e-waste



Food & Organics

✓ Leftover food, fruit & veg peels, garden waste, coffee/tea

✗ Plastics, foil



General Waste

✓ Sanitary waste, chocolate and sweet wrappers, styrofoam, mixed items

✗ Recyclables or food waste



Medical & Hazardous Waste

✓ Gloves, masks, syringes, expired medicines, chemicals, batteries, bulbs

✗ Regular recyclables or organics

Please use the correct bin — it helps us recycle, compost, and reduce what goes to landfill.





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Thank You!

.....Wish you a blessed Didar.
