



کوکنی مسلم جماعت بمبئی ٹاؤن

## Kokni Muslim Jamat, Bombay Town

Community Centre B-165 - Block 'D' - North Nazimabad, Karachi.

Registered under Act, XXI of 1860 No. 3841

1<sup>st</sup> January, 2008

Respected Members of the Kokni Community,  
Assalamualaikum,

This is to inform you that the Kokani Muslim Welfare Trust, an independent, autonomous organisation, working under the patronage of the Kokni Muslim Jamat Bombay Town, has successfully managed to acquire a 10,000 sq yds tract of land (approx. two acres) for a graveyard in Mohammad Shah Kabrastan. This graveyard will exclusively cater for the burial requirements of the entire Kokni community of Karachi. You may also be aware that due to the untiring efforts of this committee, another smaller Kokni Kabrastan (for approximately 150 graves) is already fully functional at the same location. Important information related to the kabrastan and its management is enclosed with this letter.

It is estimated that Rs. 2,000,000/- would be required for development. (This includes clearing, filling and levelling, construction of boundary wall, pathways, water tank and gate, lighting, provision of utilities etc.). In addition there will be a recurring expenditure for subsequent maintenance and upkeep of the graveyard. The bulk of this amount (approx. Rs.1,207,000/-) is urgently required for the building of boundary wall to curtail the ongoing serious menace of encroachment.

Funds for the purchase of land have been collected through voluntary donations from within the Kokani community and the plot has been acquired from the City District Government. However, the main task has just begun and a great deal of financial support is required. You are requested to participate in the successful accomplishment of this vital project by donating generously for this noble cause. However, all koknis will continue to be entitled to burial in the kabrastan even if they have not donated any funds for its acquisition or development.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

(Shahed Ghani Jhagday)

President

Kokani Muslim Jamat

Bombay Town, Karachi

- Enclosure:
1. Kokani Muslim Welfare Trust Kabrastan Management Committee and Procedure for Collection of Donations.
  2. Procedure for Allotment of Kabrastan for Burial and Rules and Regulations of the Kabrastan.

## **Procedure for Allotment of Kabar for Burial**

1. All burials are subject to acceptance of the rules and regulations of the kabrastan.
2. Kabars are prepared in advance and kept ready for burial.
3. In case of demise of a family member, the survivors are requested to contact any of the following for permission and instructions for burial:-
  - a. Mr. Farooq Chougley                      021-2007599, 0333-2223844, 0321-2282585
  - b. Mr. Asad Palekar                         0321-2418877
  - c. Mr. Iqbal Ismail Chougley            021-6670194, 0300-2603347, 0322-2921739

## **General Rules and Regulations**

The Kabrastan Managing Committee will be governed by the following broad guidelines in the administration of the kabrastan:-

1. All Koknis will be entitled to burial within the kabrastan regardless of their place of residence. However, in the context of these rules, only those persons will be deemed to be a Kokni, if either of their parents are Kokni or if he or she has a Kokni spouse.
2. All kabars will be kachcha. No grave will be cemented or plastered.
3. All katbas will be provided by the management committee. These will be of standard size and design as determined by the committee.
4. No private plots will be allotted within the Kabrastan.
5. A minimum fee would be charged for each grave to cover cost and maintenance only.
6. Once the graveyard is fully occupied, the graves will be reused in case additional land is unavailable in future.

# Kokni Muslim Welfare Trust Kabrastan Management Committee

1. The management committee shall comprise seven members. In case of demise or permanent absence of a managing committee member, a fresh member will be nominated from within the trustees of the Kokani Muslim Welfare Trust.
2. The Kabrastan Management Committee currently comprises the following members:-
  - a. Mr. Asad Palekar Chairman
  - b. Mr. Farooq Chougley Vice Chairman
  - c. Mr. Asif Bhombal Treasurer
  - d. Mr. Iqbal Ismail Chougley Member
  - e. Mr. Khalid Sheikh --- // ---
  - f. Capt Ismail Sawant --- // ---
  - g. Group Captain (Retd) Shahed Ghani Jhagday --- // ---

## Procedure for Donations

Details of bank account are as follows:-

Title of account: Kokni Muslim Welfare Trust  
Account No: 000-1033768  
United Bank Limited,  
Gulshan-e-Zubeida Branch  
FL-12, Block – E,  
North Nazimabad, Karachi

Donations are solicited via bank transfer to the above account. However, in case of bank accounts in Pakistan, these may also be made through crossed checks in favour of 'Kokani Muslim Welfare Trust' and remitted via post to:-

M. Saeed Roghay  
B-212, Block-C,  
North Nazimabad,  
Karachi, Pakistan

Details of remittances may please be intimated to 'M. Saeed Roghay' via e-mail on ----  
roghay\_sons@yahoo.com