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THE HISTORY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF THE GOLD COAST.

AS WITH ALL SOCIETIES WE EVOLVED FROM A SOCIETY OF FEW INDIVIDUALS TO A SOCIETY WITH A FEW HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY.

A FEW INDIVIDUALS HAD THE FORESIGHT AND DESIRE TO GET THE MUSLIMS OF THE GOLD COAST TO CONGREGATE AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR THE FRIDAY PRAYERS.

THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS APPROACHED ME IN MID 1982.

THEY WERE, MR. ABLAM NABIE.

MR. METO HODZIC

MR. HAMID SAFIC

THE LATE MR. SHARIEF GOS.

AND MR. CASSIM OMAR.

I WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION, AND WE DECIDED TO HAVE THE NEXT FRIDAY PRAYER AT MR. METO HODZIC'S RESIDENCE. INITIALLY MR. CASSIM OMAR LED THE PRAYERS. SUBSEQUENTLY WE MOVED THE VENUE FOR FRIDAY PRAYERS TO MY HOUSE, WHERE I LEAD THE FRIDAY PRAYERS. DURING THE NEXT FEW

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LAMAZAN'S THAT FOLLOWED THE TARANEEM.
 PRAYERS WERE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING
 VENUES

- MR. ASLAM NABIE'S RESIDENCE,
- LATE MR SHARIEF GOSS'S "
- MR HASEEN GOSS'S "
- MR LATIF GOSS'S "
- MR. HAMID SAFIC'S "
- & DR. CHOTHIA RESIDENCE.

HADJEE PATEL AND VARIOUS BROTHERS PARTICIPATED
 IN LEADING THE TARANEEM PRAYERS

IN 1984 THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF
 THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF THE GOLD COAST
 WAS HELD: THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED
 AS OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ISC

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

- DR. A. CHOTHIA PRESIDENT
- LATE MR SHARIEF GOSS VICE-PRESIDENT
- MR. ASLAM NABIE, HONORARY SECRETARY
- MR. HAMID SAFIC " TREASURER

AS THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE LIMITED IN
 THEIR SCOPE, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO
 HAVE A CENTRAL PREMISES FOR THE
 FULFILLMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF AN ISLAMIC
 SOCIETY WHERE ISLAMIC KNOWLEDGE
 COULD BE IMPARTED TO ALL MUSLIMS

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YOUNG AND OLD, MALE AND FEMALE.
THE COMMITTEE HAD WRITTEN TO THE
LOCAL CITY COUNCIL TO PROCURE A
PIECE OF LAND WHICH COULD BE USED FOR
BUILDING A STRUCTURE FOR RELIGIOUS
PURPOSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ISLAMIC
FAITH. WE RECEIVED A MOST DISAPPOINTING
REPLY. THE COMMITTEE THEN EMBARKED
ON A MISSION OF BUYING A HOUSE IN THE
LABRADOR, SOUTHPORT AREA TO BE USED AS
A JAMAAT KHANA.

FORTUNATELY IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL, THAT THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT
HAD ALLOCATED VARIOUS BLOCKS ON
ALLIED DRIVE FOR SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS
PURPOSES. THIS WAS CROWN LAND.

ON THE INSTRUCTION AND THE DUAS OF THE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS THE LATE MR SHARIF
GOSS, AND MR. ASLAM NABIE, MET MR
LESTER HUGHES AT MR. GOSS'S RESIDENCE.

AT THE MEETING THE WISHES OF THE
COMMITTEE WAS CONVEYED TO MR. HUGHES.
OUR REQUEST WAS FOR 2 ADJOINING
BLOCKS OF LAND ON THE CORNER OF OLSEN
AVENUE AND ALLIED DRIVE.

AS THE LAND IN QUESTION WAS CROWN LAND

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MR ASLAM NABIE, ^{LATE} & MR GOS. CONVENED A MEETING WITH MR VETVERS - A MINISTER IN THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS TO REINFORCE AND IMPRESS ^{TO} HIM ABOUT OUR NEEDS. ALLAHAMDO LILLAH, OUR WISHES WERE GRANTED IN 1987, AND AFTER A FEW HICCUPS, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SIGNED A LEASE FOR THE PRESENT LAND ON WHICH OUR MOSQUE STANDS WITH THE GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL. WE IMMEDIATELY PUT OUR PLANS IN FOR AN ISLAMIC CENTRE (PRESENTLY THE IMAM'S RESIDENCE), AND WITH THE HELP OF THE ALMIGHTY AND MUSLIM CARPENTERS BUILDERS, ELECTRICIANS AND PAINTERS THE PROJECT (PHASE I) WAS COMPLETED IN 1994. WE HAD A VERY COLOURFUL CELEBRATION CEREMONY PERFORMED BY THE AMBASSADOR OF IRAN.


MR HADJEE EBRATHI PATEL WAS OUR HONORARY IMAM. MADRESSAH CLASSES WERE COMMENCED BY MR YUNUS FARAGALAH, AND LATER BY MR ARAFAN SALEH. WE WERE STILL DESPERATELY IN NEED OF A PROPER MOSQUE, AS THE MUSLIMS

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POPULATION WAS INCREASING IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS
 THE COMMITTEE HELD VARIOUS FUND RAISING
 EVENTS & COLLECTION DRIVES WERE EMBARKED UPON;
 ENCOURAGED BY MR DHEHHE, THE COMMITTEE
 SENT THREE DELEGATES CONSISTING OF
 MR DHEHHE, MR HASSEN GOSS, & MR FAZEL
 MATTOMED TO DUBAI, SINGAPORE & MACASIA
 THIS TURNED OUT TO BE A MOST
 FRUITFUL VENTURE. MR. FAZEL MATTOMED
 STATIONED HIMSELF IN MACASIA, TO INTERVIEW
 & PRESENT OUR CASE TO VARIOUS DIGNITARIES
 ALTHOUGH THE FUNDS KEPT ROLLING IN
 AND OUR MOSQUE PROJECT WAS ^{COMPLETED} IN 1996.
 FINALLY, WE ARE PROUD OF THE
 SUPPORT FROM THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN
 TURNING OUT FOR THE VARIOUS RELIGIOUS
 FUNCTIONS, AND EACH ONE OF US HAS TO REMEMBER
 FULFILL HIS OR HER DUTY IN THE
 MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE OF ALLAH.
 ASSALAMU - ALAIKUM W.R.W


 A.A. CHOTHIA

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