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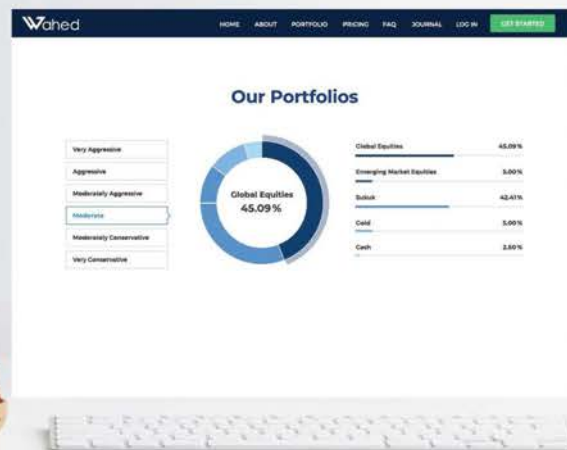
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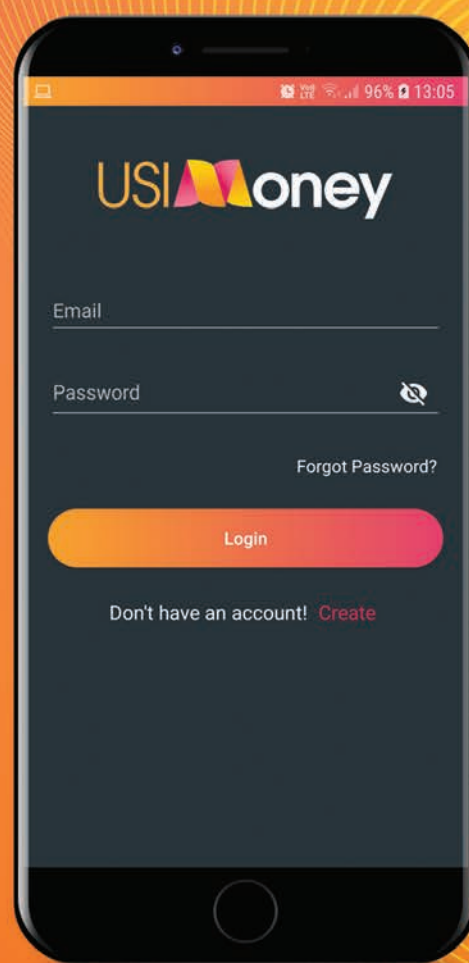
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# Message from the CEO

**I**n The Name of Allah, the  
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Merciful.

As-Salaamu 'Alaikum Wa  
Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh

Welcome to Islam Channel's  
second Eid Gala Dinner.

On this joyous occasion, I give  
my deep-felt appreciation to our  
esteemed guests who have joined  
us this evening to celebrate the  
blessed festival of Eid al-Fitr.  
I also express my gratitude to  
our viewers, sponsors, charity  
partners, and supporters in  
Britain and around the world  
who have been a friend to Islam  
Channel since its inception  
and seen it grow over the years  
to become the leading Islam-  
focused platform in Britain.

The blessed month of Ramadan  
may have now left us for another  
year but it presented to us the  
opportunity for contemplation

and renewal. While opening  
the doors to spiritual prosperity,  
we also had the gift to serve  
those less fortunate than us,  
give to worthy causes, and pray  
for those in need. In helping  
humanity, we helped ourselves,  
insha'Allah.

This evening is also an occasion  
to celebrate the incredible and  
continuing contribution that the  
Muslim community has made  
to the fabric of British society,  
alongside our friends of different  
faiths, and serves as a reminder  
of the values of compassion and  
empathy that unite us all.

I wish you all a wonderful  
evening.



**Mohamed Ali Harrath**  
CEO, Islam Channel



# Eid Gala Dinner Introduction

**I**slam Channel, in partnership with the European Muslim Forum, is pleased to welcome you to its second annual Eid Gala Dinner at the London Marriott Hotel Grosvenor Square.

Ours is a gathering which brings together an outstanding community of influential leaders from different faiths and backgrounds from across the country, making a tremendous impact on the social, political and cultural landscape of Britain. Islam Channel is honoured to host such an esteemed event.

We hope you have a memorable evening as we celebrate the blessed occasion of Eid al-Fitr with inspirational speakers and world-class entertainment.





# Event Programme

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**19:15**      Sheikh Abu Bakr Al Shatri, World Renowned Quran Recitor  
Sajid Varda, Master of Ceremony  
Mesut Kurtis, Nasheed Artist  
Message from Wahed Invest  
Tez Ilyas, Comedian

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**20:00**      Starters

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Abdul-Vahed Validovich Niyazov, President, European Muslim Forum  
Mohamed Ali Harrath, CEO, Islam Channel  
Yahya Hawwa, Nasheed Artist  
Sir Iqbal Sacranie OBE, Senior Advisor, Islam Channel  
Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Opposition

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**21:25**      Maghrib and Main Course

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Message from USI Money  
Nabil Abdul Rashid, Comedian  
Dr. C. Kani Torun, Senior Diplomat, Turkey  
Dr Ahmed Makhdoom, Regional Director, Muslim World League  
Special Announcement, Mohamed Ali Harrath, CEO, Islam Channel  
Mesut Kurtis & Yahya Hawwa, Nasheed Artists  
Acknowledgements  
Closing Dua

## Speaker Profiles

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**Mohamed Ali Harrath**  
**CEO, Islam Channel**

Chief Executive Officer of Islam Channel TV, Mohamed Ali Harrath oversees the operation of Islam Channel Urdu, France Islam, Teebah Foundation, and The Dawah Project. He is also the Chairman of the Global Peace and Unity Festival.



**Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP**  
**Leader of the Opposition**

The Right Honourable Jeremy Corbyn MP is a British politician serving as Leader of the Labour Party and Leader of the Opposition since 2015; he has been MP for Islington North since 1983.



**Abdul-Vahed Validovich Niyazov**  
**President, European Muslim Forum**

For the past 30 years, Abdul-Vahed has led on interconfessional meetings, conferences, and panel discussions, participating in intercommunity cooperation programmes. He headed the board of directors at SalamWorld and, in 2018, was elected as head of the board of trustees at the Moscow Islamic Institute and made President of the European Muslim Forum, a pan-European platform representing the interests of Muslims in Greater Europe.





**Dr Cemalettin Kani Torun**  
**Senior Diplomat, Turkey**

Dr Torun began his career as a doctor in Bursa and academic at Marmara University and Karadeniz Technical University. He is one of the founders of Doctors of the Earth and a former CEO of Doctors Worldwide. In 2011, he was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Somalia and later appointed as sorumlu Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister. Most recently, Dr Torun was made AK Party Bursa deputy.



**Sir Iqbal Sacranie OBE**  
**Senior Advisor, Islam Channel**

Sir Iqbal is the founding Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain and has also served as Chairman and trustee of Muslim Aid. In a career that has spanned over four decades, he has been involved with various community and charitable activities in the UK and overseas, and has sat on numerous boards and committees. Sir Iqbal was awarded an OBE in 2001 and a knighthood in 2005.



**Dr Ahmed Makhdoom**  
**Regional Director, Muslim World League London Office**  
**CEO of International Islamic Relief Organisation UK**

Dr Makhdoom was born in Makkah and started his career as a science teacher, later working in strategic roles in schools in KSA and the UK. In 2009, he became the Regional Director of MWLLO and CEO of IIROUK. He is a well published author and an academic expert in community integration and strategic planning.

## Performer Profiles

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**Sheikh Abu Baker Al-Shatri**  
**Qur'an Reciter**

Sheikh Abu Baker Al-Shatri is an international Qur'an reciter adored by many for his harmonious and peaceful recitation. He has earned an ijaaza in Qur'an from Dr. Ayman Rochdi Suwaid. He has partaken in many events across the globe stretching from east to west and has gained the love of many.



**Mesut Kurtis**  
**Nasheed Artist**

Mesut Kurtis was born in Skopje, Macedonia and is of Turkish Heritage. He combines Arabic, Turkish, and English in his nasheeds and has a distinct and unique voice which can soothe any audience.



**Yahya Hawwa**  
**Nasheed Artist**

Yayha Hawwa is a Syrian singer. His songs mainly focus on human rights, human issues and political issues, faith, and spirituality. He is well-known for the 2008 hit song "Hayati kulluha lillah". Since 2002, he has produced six albums.





**Nabil Abdul Rashid**  
**Comedian**

Nabil Abdul Rashid is an English comedian of Nigerian descent. In 2010, at the age of 22, he became the youngest black comedian to perform stand-up at the Hammersmith Apollo.



**Tez Ilyas**  
**Comedian**

Tez Ilyas is one of the most celebrated rising stars in British comedy. He has already delivered three critically-acclaimed live shows, appeared on Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week, Man Like Mobeen, The Last Leg and, most recently, has written his own scripted project, Bounty for Channel 4.





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For over 15 years, we have played a vital role in amplifying Muslim voices in the media to highlight, recognize, and promote positive stories about Islam and Muslims, and to celebrate our rich faith and community. Today, the channel has a reach that now spreads across 180 countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and North America.

We champion innovation in television from an Islamic perspective, nurturing and developing new ideas, voices, and talent. We also produce a broad range of programmes, debates, interviews, and documentaries engaging with leading pundits, experts, and commentators to provide an 'alternative discourse' on the key stories in both the Muslim and non-Muslim world.

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**Vision:** Integrating efforts in education, introducing Islam, and serving the community.

**Mission statement:** With teamwork spirit, the MWLLO works towards serving the community and initiating constructive dialogue with various faith groups in the UK. It respects other faiths and social groups by building bridges of understanding. MWLLO is also engaged in forging unity among the Muslims.

The youth are the focal point of MWLLO's activities. MWLLO endeavours to enable them to contribute positively to the welfare of society. To achieve its objectives, MWLLO organises conferences, symposiums, and various cultural events open to faith and non-faith groups, and to British society at large.



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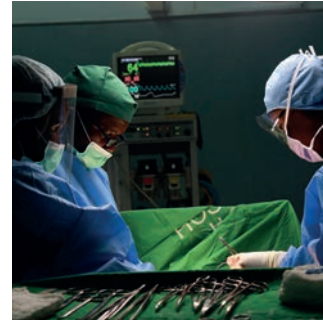
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