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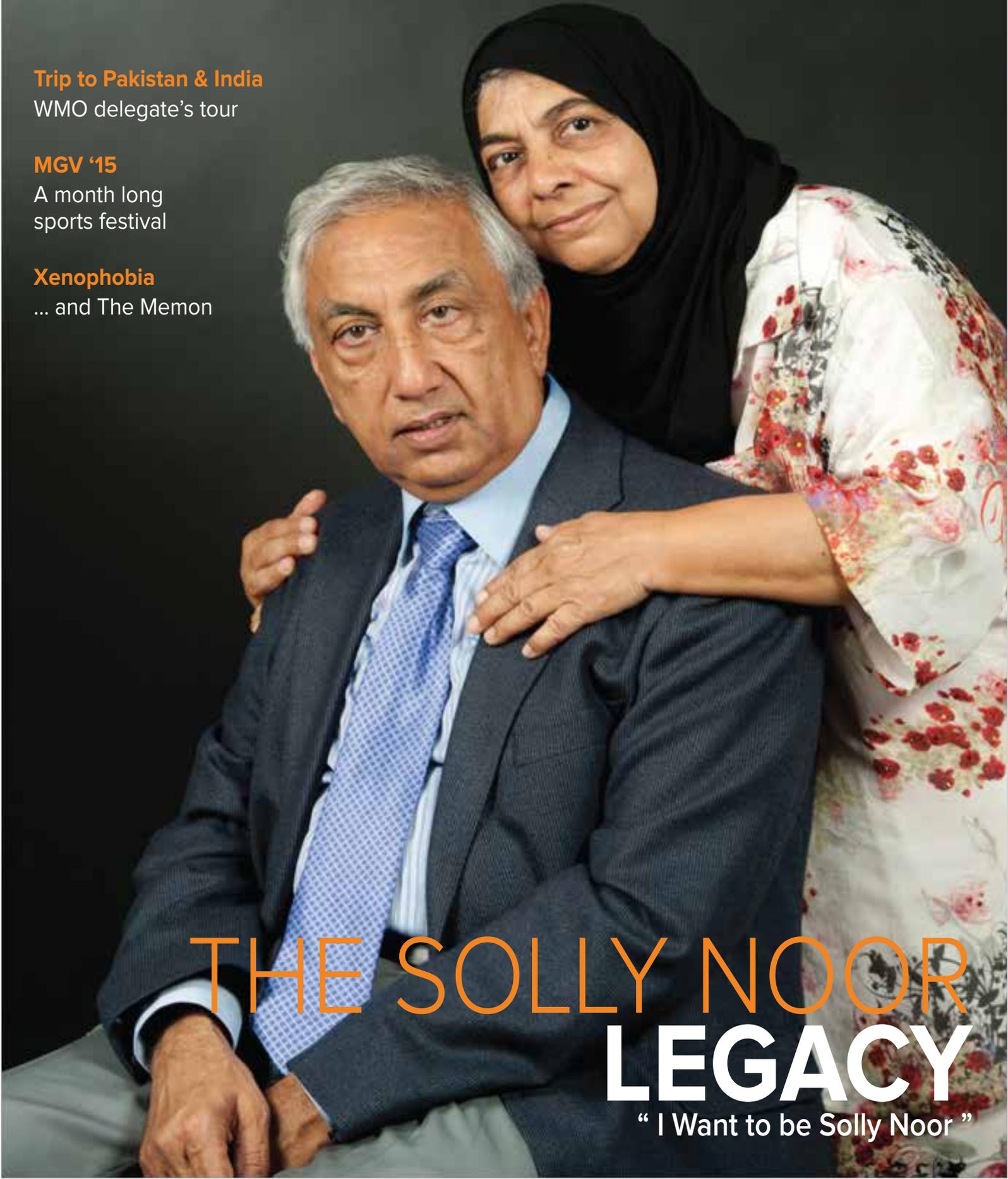
WMO delegate's tour

## MGV '15

A month long  
sports festival

## Xenophobia

... and The Memon



# THE SOLLY NOOR LEGACY

“ I Want to be Solly Noor ”

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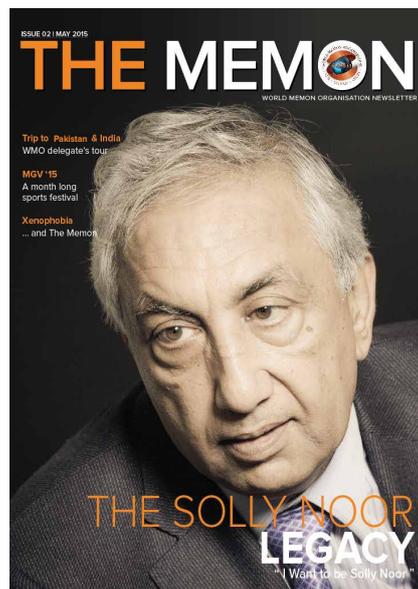
# INTRODUCTION

**"I want to be Solly Noor!"**

It was the answer of a 6th grader in Louis Trichardt when the teacher asked, "What would you like to become when you grow up?"

The words bear testament to the meteoric rise of Louis Trichardt's favourite son, Suliman Noor Mahomed.

A Child of Destiny, Business Magnate, Property Tycoon, Visionary, Philanthropist and Humanitarian.



The man who built an empire from nothing, developed Louis Trichardt into a world class city, made friends in high places but never forgot his roots, answered the call of the needy and underprivileged in his country and community, constructed tall minarets in mosques which propelled towards the sky but bowed down humbly on its floor, a family man who chokes up with emotions when he merely mentions his wife and children, swells up with pride when he talks about his motherland.

The man with the Midas touch and a heart of gold.

Our honourable WMO President, the distinguished Mr. Solly Noor.

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# TRIP TO PAKISTAN

## WMO OFFICE BEARERS PAKISTAN TOUR REPORT KARACHI LEG (16th to 19th April)

### TRUSTEES & PATRONS ARRIVE IN KARACHI

Subsequent to a decision at the Excom Meeting held in Dubai in Jan'15, a long awaited tour to Pakistan & India was undertaken by the Office Bearers of WMO.

### TOURING PARTY

Mr & Mrs Solly Noor (President - SN), Mr & Mrs Nowsad Gani (Dep President), Yunus Suleman (Treasurer), Mahmood Shekhani (Dep Secretary General) Mr & Mrs Ismail Gadit (Dep Treasurer), Haroon Karim (Chairman BOT), Gulaam Abdoola (Sec, BOT), Mr & Mrs. Fazila AK Ismail (Chairperson Intl ladies Wing) Mr & Mrs Yusuf Kamdar (Trustee), Mr Syed Hussain Mia (Trustee), Mr & Mrs Haroun Joosub (VP Africa Chapter), Mr & Mrs Moosa Careem (Treasurer, Africa Chapter) and Shahid Sangani (COO). The Guests were received with the traditional warm hospitality of Garlands and Rose Petals by the Officials of Pakistan Chapter.

### TOURING PARTY MEETS THE COMMUNITY

Founder Trustee, Marhoom ARY Haji Sahab's family hosted the delegates for a dinner at the family residence where many prominent members of the community were present, giving the first opportunity to the touring party to meet the community in Karachi. Making best use of the opportunity, the first official meeting of the Office Bearers was held on the 16th of April during the evening at the hotel premises with all present WMO Office Bearers & Board of Trustee Office bearers.

### WMO DELEGATES INSPECTED WMO HOUSE KARACHI & VISITED LATE HAJI ABDUL RAZZAK YAKOOB'S ZIYARAT

After Jumma Prayers the delegates were treated to Lunch at the Roof Top Restaurant at Pearl Continental Hotel and thereafter preceded to WMO House for an inspection of the WMO office and meeting with the executive staff of WMO Pakistan Chapter. On the way to WMO House, the delegates paid respects at the Ziarat of Founder Trustee Haji Abdul Razzak Yakoob (ARY). The Office Bearers were able to see for themselves the work carried out by the PC. They inspected the work and discussed with the staff to get a better understanding of the excellent work done by the Pakistan Chapter over the years. Many positives & some negative aspects of the operations were seen and understood by majority of the Office Bearers.

### WMO DELEGATES VISITS MITI

Day 3 (Saturday), started with a visit to Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI), pride and joy of WMO achievement. The delegation was received at the Center by the Office Bearers and Management of MITI lead by Mr H.M. Shehzad (VP PC), Shoaib Mangroria (Sec Gen WMO) and Pir Mohamed Kaliya (Past Sec Gen). Being rated as one of the top institutions of Pakistan, MITI is A Beacon of Hope in a sea of respire and a proud legacy of WMO and Memon Philanthropy. The delegates also visited the Memon Center for Hijara Therapy located at the same premises. The center has cured over 10,000 patients since its inception 3 years ago.

### MEMON MEDICAL INSTITUTE VISIT

A project of the Memon Health & Education Foundation supported by financial grant from WMO during the initial phase, MMI is a dream of the Memon Community to make quality health care accessible and affordable to all with Dignity, respect and empathy regardless of their cast, color, creed, religion of ability to pay.

The delegates were received by Mr Peer M Dewan (Founder Chairman MHEF), Mr Ajaz Saya (Managing Trustee MHEF), Abdul Razak Dewan (Chairman MHEF) and Dr Tufail Bawa (CEO MMIH) and thereafter under took a tour of the facility. After the tour Mr Peer M Dewan gave a brief presentation of the story of MMI and presented a Token Award to Solly Noor followed by closing comments by Mr Ajaz Saya.



### SOILY NOOR CALLS UPON NEW MEMBERS

Dinner was hosted by WMO Trustee Arif Habib at his residence with the cream of the Memon Community in Pakistan in attendance. In his speech of appreciation, President Solly Noor thanked the host both Arif Habib and PC Office bearers and called upon all those present to join WMO to strengthen the organization and the community. The Purpose of WMO is not only to collect and distribute Zakath, but more to bring the Memon Community under one Umbrella and preserve our Culture and Language for future generations and continue the work of our forefathers of building Business Empires but not forgetting the less fortunate in our community and societies. His call was answered with commitments of 1 New Trustee, 3 New Patrons and a number of Life Members.

### WMO DELEGATES MEET THE PC YOUTH WING & LADIES WING

The Flag carriers and hope of tomorrow, the PC Youth mesmerized the delegates with their commitment, maturity, skills and dedication to WMO. The youth wing presented to the delegates the past and future plans by the youth.

Discussing the future projects by the ladies wing, an equally impressive presentation was made by the ladies wing chairperson of the Pakistan Chapter Ms. Aisha Anwer.

### TOUR CONCLUDES

President Solly Noor in his speech thanked all the PC RMC members for their dedication and loyalty to WMO and the cause of Memons. He emphasized the Bar in WMO expectation has been raised. While the past performance is impressive, the future will be judged very differently.



# TRIP TO INDIA - INDIA TOUR REPORT

## MUMBAI LEG (20th and 21st April)

The delegation took wing to Mumbai on 20th April morning. Mr Feizul Ayub (Trustee) joined the delegation for the India leg, while Office bearers from Pakistan dropped out due to Visa issues. After a well earned rest, meeting of the Indian Chapter Management Committee was held at the Nathani Charitable Trust (NCT) Office. The Mgt Committee Chairman Mr Hamid Nathani (HN) welcomed the delegation and thanked the WMO for taking the initiative to visit India and see firsthand the work been done by the WMO jointly with NCT. He appraised the delegation of the work carried out under the banner of WMO and presented the future plans for WMO in India. An open and frank discussion followed on the issues and concerns of WMO operations in India and important decisions on the way forward were finalized. This was followed by dinner hosted by Advisory Committee Member Ms Raziya Chasmawala at her residence. In addition to the WMO delegation, heads of all local Jamaths and Memon Organizations were present. On behalf of the hostess, Mr Iqbal Officer (Memon) thanked the delegation for taking time to visit India, and also for accepting the dinner invitation. Token gifts were given to all delegates and their spouses by the Chasmawala Family.

President All India Memon Jamath Federation (AIMJF), Mr Iqbal Officer (Memon) felicitated the delegates with a lunch on behalf of the AIMJF. His only request from the delegation was for "UNITY". Nowsad Gani Dep President, standing in for President Solly Noor who had taken very ill with a Stomach Bug, surprised all present with his eloquent speech in Memoni, emphasizing the need to preserve our Culture and Language and echoing the message of Unity from the Chair. A meeting was held with the Welfare Memon Organization headed by Mr Majid Ranani and the WMO delegation to this comprising of Nowsad Gani, Haroon Karim, Yunus Suleman and Shahid Sangani. The question of the Welfare Memon and WMO collaboration/association in future was discussed in detail and issues crystallized. Options for the future were deliberated and the Nowsad Gani undertook to get the final decision of the WMO and communicate it in due course. Mr Hamid Nathani hosted the delegates for dinner at his residence where the cream delae cream of the Memon Community in Mumbai had the opportunity to interact with the WMO Members, come together for a common cause and build future friendships and associations.

## BANGALORE LEG (22nd and 23rd April)

Next day the delegation took wing to Bangalore where a warm welcome was accorded by Mr Mohamed Azeez, Mgt Com Member WMO IC and the Halai Memon Jamath (HMJ) Members of Bangalore. The delegates had the first hand experience of the Southern India Hospitality among a well attended dinner of the Memon Community hosted by the Azeez Family. Next day the delegation was taken to see the projects carried out by the HMJ Chairman of the Trustee Board Mr Yunoos Mohamed, and the President of HMJ Mr Altaf Hussain. The first stop on the tour was HMJ 7th Avenue Memon Colony. Built in 2003 comprising of 40, 2 Bed Room and 3 Bed room the apartments are given on subsidized rental to Community Members and the income used for the payment of utilities and maintenance of the colony. Since the founding of the Colony over 20 families have moved out of the Colony to better locations demonstrating the success of this scheme to uplift the marginalized in the community to be self dependent and independent.

Next the delegates visited, White House Memon Colony. New concept of the HMJ, these are apartments made for the lower middle classes and sold to the Community Members at half the market rate and payable over 18 months.

The market value of each apartment being approx US\$ 70,000/ thereby making the occupants assisted and eligible for banking in future. Next was a visit to the proposed site of the Community Hall and another Middle Class Memon Colony. From there the delegates proceeded to the HMJ Office for a discussion. Plans and needs of the local community were discussed in detailed and ideas exchanged for future collaboration between HMJ and WMO include membership drives of WMO, Youth Wing Programs, WMO Support in the housing projects etc. Dinner was hosted for the delegates by HMJ with many community members participating. After dinner President HMJ Mr Altaf Hussain gave a presentation on the activities of HMJ and the future plans and this was followed by a felicitation of the delegates by the host and another Memoni Speech by our every confident DP, Nowsad Gani.

The visit to Bangalore was an Eye Opener in how an active Jamath has been able to bring the community out of poverty with less than 10% of the community is now Zakath takers. Not resting there, the Jamath is now actively supporting the relocation of between 40-50 poor Memon families from other parts of India to migrate to Bangalore and helping them to stand up on their own.

## CHENNAI LEG (24th & 25th April)

Next the delegation proceeded to Chennai for the final leg of the tour. On being received at the Airport by Mr Abdul Azeez, Member of the WMO IC Mgt Com and President of the Chennai Memon Jamath, the male members of the delegation proceeded for Jumma. After Jumma the delegates were felicitated by the Majid Committee and accorded a warm welcome.

After lunch, the delegates visited the business premises of Sattar Brothers, Hanif and Suhail. Hasbro is the owner of the Branded Men's Apparel wear "Basics" with over 110 stores spread across India and 6 other countries demonstrating the enterprising talent of the brothers in building a world class brand. Thereafter the delegates took part in the foundation stone laying ceremony for a new building at the Memon Colony. The new building comprising of 16 new apartments will be addition to existing 43 apartments in the same complex. This was followed by dinner at the Madras Memon Community Hall with a large gathering of Community Members. Creating a novelty, the WMO story was this time presented to the audience by a Tag Team of 3 comprising of Nowsad Gani and Haroon Karim batting in Memoni and Yunus Suleman trying hard but settling to English after a good attempt.



## INTERNATIONAL LADIES WING'S COOK BOOK

A Proposal to publish a Memon Cook Book comprising of Traditional Memon Dishes with localize flavors from different parts of the world was accepted and this will be spearheaded by the Pakistan Chapter on behalf of the ILW. On her return from Chennai she together with Advisory Com Member Ms Raziya Chasmawala visited 2 Ladies Training Centers maintained with the ladies wing support in Mumbai. In Bangalore she visited a School for Children of special needs to assess the needs of the school and see how the WMO Ladies Wing could assist the school for future development.



## THE DISTINGUISHED MR SOLLY NOOR



Solly Noor's father, Mr Anver Ali Noor inaugrate The Noor Centre



The Solly-Zohra Noor wedding picture

A man can outlive his life by creating a legacy and who better to pay tribute to Mr. Solly Noor than his own grand daughter **Zahraa Ayob**, a worth heir to the acclaimed Noor Legacy

## Background

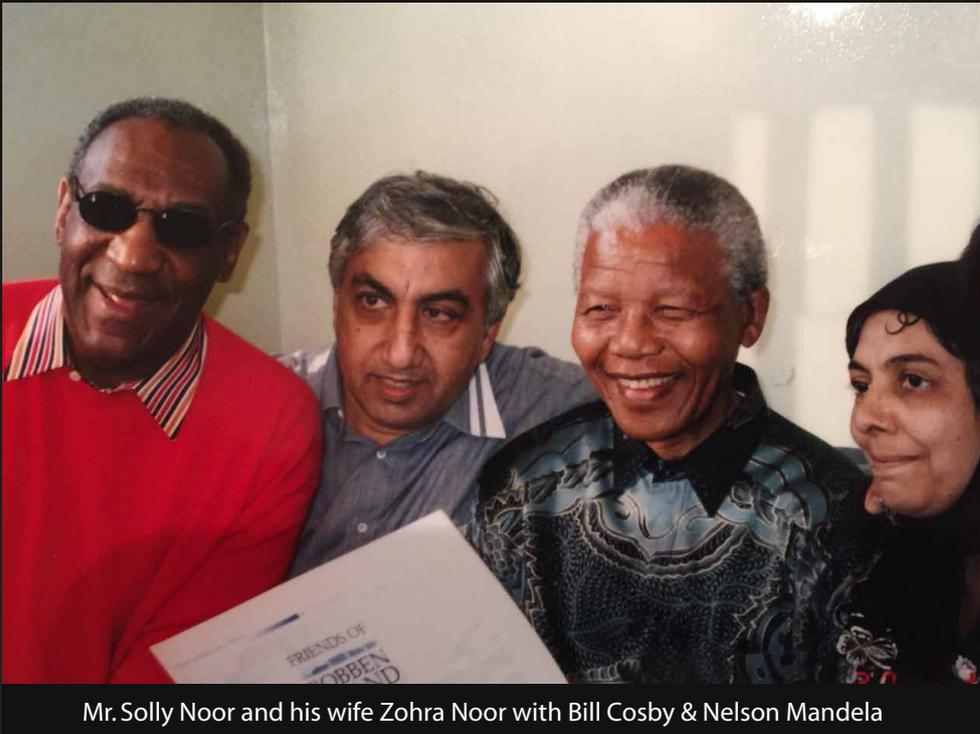
Sulliman Mahomed (known to one and all as Solly Noor ) – my granddad was born and bred in the far North of South Africa – the Limpopo Province. A little town called Louis Trichardt. His father Anver Ally Noor ( known as Mansuli ) was a jeweller.

In those early years of the fifties and sixties, the Far North was known as the Transvaal. Due to apartheid this place was not a comfortable environment for Indians to live and trade in. My granddad (Solly) recalls with tears in his eyes how his dad (Mansuli) had labored under immense hardships and was always struggling to make ends meet. It was because of this lack of money that my granddad had to leave school in standard six (our current grade 8). He joined his dad in the family business.

While it was a tough and humiliating time for the family and Indians in general, my granddad was determined to overcome every obstacle placed in front of him. After a while he felt like there was not any progress and decided to open up his own business. He had a passion for music and in 1963 he opened up the doors of Sollys Record Bar in the centre of town.

With time he expanded his trading stock to include a selection of electronic goods such as radios, record players, tape recorders and Hi-fi systems

**Mr Solly Noor**  
President  
World Memon Organisation



Mr. Solly Noor and his wife Zohra Noor with Bill Cosby & Nelson Mandela

## The Road to Success

The difference in his approach to business was “to discount” his prices. In those days the conventional retailers were simply after large profits. He understood that in order to be successful in his market he would have to apply the following formula - lower prices , lower profit margins and high volumes.

Inevitably he was extremely successful and by 1972 he decided to add appliances to his mix. He was extremely aggressive with discount retailing. Fridges, freezers and stoves formed part of the retail merchandise. He re branded his trading name and became known as Solly's Discount World. In 1972 he married my granny Zohra – we all know that behind every successful man is a woman. My granny and granddad spent long days and nights building up his business. During the day they would trade and at nights update the accounts and prepare payments to suppliers. It was difficult times and suppliers did not make it any easy – no trading terms were offered by suppliers.

When Television sets hit South Africa Solly's Discount World became the first retailer to discount television sets.

In the 70's the apartheid laws was were heating up and were being applied more stringently. By the late 70's Indians and non-whites were forced to move out of town and out of the CBD. With sadness and a heavy heart they watched as their homes and businesses were bulldozed to make way for a “white only” CBD.

He would not be beaten nor would he bow down and with his head held high he opened up his store once more in the Indian area – known as Elti Villas – it was in the very back end of the town.

My granddad laughed as he narrated how his oppressors would boycott him during the day and buy from him in the dark hours of the night when people were not to be seen. It did not take long for the name to become synonymous with value for money and in the early eighties He registered Solly's Discount World as a registered trademark.

By 1985 he expanded his range of merchandise to include power tools, generators and other household goods.

In 1979 my granddad bid for his first property on an auction. It was dark days and during that time he was NOT allowed to be at an auction and NOT own a property.

Under a nominee he purchased his first property and developed it himself with anchor tenants such as- FNB, and Checkers.

On 26 august 1988 – the mall opened. From bomb threats to damage to the outer ceilings of

the building by members of the AWB ( Afrikaaner Weerstand Beweeging) – the mall opened.

In 1993 he opened a second Solly's Discount World in the heart of Polokwane – he states – “ it was about the same time that South Africa was moving into a new Era and thus the move became possible. Around the same time we relocated Solly's Discount World back into the heart of town – the doors opened in November 1995 – I had finally come home.”

In the intervening years from Solly's Record Bar up to the present – my granddad has won awards and accolades from every leading supplier as their top retailer. It is not a secret that they are the top dealer for brands such as Defy, Panasonic, Sony, Multichoice, Samsung,, Whirlpool and many many others A furniture line was added to Solly's Discount World Pietersburg – companies such as House of Motani, Grafton Everest and Sealy have honoured him as well It was the electronics, appliances and furniture that laid the foundation of the Noor's family enormous achievements – but it has been my granddads hugely successful forays into property that has propelled him into a league which most people can only dream of. His property portfolio include major developments in Louis Trichardt, Polokwane, Musina (Messina) and in dozens other cities in South Africa including Cape Town.

What has given my granddad the greatest satisfaction is the Solly and Zohra Noor Foundation – the foundation is responsible for the upliftment of underprivileged communities, provision of bursaries to underprivileged students, assisting and enabling schools in the furthest most region of the Limpopo province to provide a better education for their students and last but not least the construction of Mosques.

He says that small communities very often do not have the finances to build a place of worship – if he was approached he would always help if possible. He says “These mosques are built in Honour of God Almighty and everything I have achieved today is through the Bounty of My Lord and I thank Him everyday for my blessings.”

Solly was also very active locally in municipal affairs and politics – he says, “ I actively participated in the ANC when days were dark and times were tough- I put myself and my family at risk but believed that I could make a difference to one and all.

There were times when our home was surrounded by fuel tanks, threats of assault from those that did not approve of a fair and equal society for one and all were constant – but that did not deter me. I stood and fought for what I believed in and we succeeded. It is however, up to others to judge whether in fact I did make a difference. What I have learnt is that every small contribution from the lowliest individual can make a difference.”

Solly Noor is today president of the World Memon Organisation – an international organization that aims to Unite, Uphold and Uplift underprivileged communities.

## Tragedy

It has not always been sunshine and roses for my granddad. Tragedy almost unimaginable struck when he first lost his only sibling and brother, this was followed by the death of his father and shortly thereafter he lost 2 of his beloved children, niece and mother in law in a car accident. In a space of a few years he lost 6 of his closest and most beloved family members. Shortly thereafter my granny Zohra was diagnosed with Breast cancer.

How did he get over it – He never lost faith in God Almighty. He says, “I clung to my faith like a drowning man clings to a piece of wood. It saw me through. God Almighty gave me wisdom and the strength of acceptance. Of course I had the support of Zohra, and my surviving children- we all supported each other with so much love.”



Mr. Solly Noor and his wife Zohra Noor and daughter Farzana with Mr. Ahmed Kathrada

## Tips for success

My grand dad has always stressed that we should never forget our loyal staff that have stood with us – our staff are all considered members of the family and treated with kindness and respect. Many of the Solly's Discount World staff have been in the family for over 40 years. Solly has personally taken care of their respective families as well - with most of their kids obtaining tertiary education – we have lawyers, nurses, teachers etc My grand dad reminds us never to forget our roots. He also says that hard work has killed nobody. My mother (Farzana) and her siblings at a young age of 6 years old were required to assist in the store. Weekends, school holidays and afternoons after school were spent in the store – they sold and tested radios and television sets for customers. They were also required to run errands that were needed.

So this man – retailer, property developer, philanthropist and family man with a grade 8 education has placed an indelible mark on my world. And I love him.



## THE SOLLY NOOR LEGACY

"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."

As much as you marvel at the remarkable life of Mr. Solly Noor, you can only stand up and applaud the invaluable ethics of responsibility and generosity that are instilled in the future Noor generations.

The resplendent daughter of Solly and Zohra Noor, Farzana Mahomed gives us an insight on her inspirational mother, motivated children and the admirable family values that they have all grown up with to become exemplary human beings.

A wise man once said that the man is the head of the family – but it took a wiser women to correct him – while the man is the head of the family, his wife is the neck – she can turn the head in any direction that she so wishes. This is a family secret that we have always had. Not only has my dad / mum ensured that we have a proper democratic household but also that all the women in our home are liberated too. As I stand before you today – I am no longer just a daughter but a mother as well. Faced with the responsibility of the upbringing of my own kids it is only my mothers' example that I can mirror. Whether it is a daughter or a son – as children we are first taught to be educated and to care for mankind before anything else. My mum always quoted the first words revealed to our beloved Prophet Muhammed SAW – "Iqra " read. An educated mind will have an educated soul. If any young person came to seek employment my mum would first ask – why are u not in school or university. After hearing their story she would instruct my dad to pay there school fees and instruct the child to go back and report on a regular basis regarding his needs and progress. I remember going to schools in the poor townships to feed the young children and my mum would say - "how can a child study on an empty stomach." We would hand out blankets to young children and she would say – "How can you study if you are feeling cold." Before handing out anything the kids would be required to read Surah Fathiha in English – with my mum being the head reciter. She would say – " they must understand what they read so that they may apply it to their lives." There was no rote learning or learning anything just parrot fashion in our home. It is always about the holistic development of a person

We are taught to use The Al Quran as our guide and we are required to read the English Quran and study it – so that we may learn, understand and apply the teachings of Islam. I can remember long hours spent at the back of a bakkie driving through beautiful scenic mountain passes to the furthest, most remote villages in the Limpopo province. Once you arrived you were greeted by the warm smiling faces of extremely humble people – but the extent of poverty was hard to miss. They smiled and were grateful for everything that we had brought (food, clothes, blankets) despite their desperation to survive. Today as I follow in her footsteps and take my kids to these very remote areas – each of my children are allocated a task from the smallest to the biggest.

My little daughter Zahraa, as a child was designated to pick out a few dolls from her toy chest and keep those for herself - the remaining were to be handed out to the poor. She spent the night justifying why she needed all of her precious dollies. The next day she was assigned the task of handing out toys to the little kids. After handing out a few to me she turned to me with tears in her eyes saying – " Oh mummy , I should have brought everything, they have nothing and now I don't have enough toys to hand out – how do I tell everyone that the toys are finished when I have more at home."

As a family we have adopted a school in the rural areas – these schools have no windows, or desks in their classrooms. 50 to 60 kids sit on the floor or share the few desks available. Besides the lack of infrastructure these kids need textbooks, and mentoring. I take my kids regularly there to gain their insight and input. While we focus on academics it is through the eyes of kids that we see much more. My oldest son is a sports fanatic – and the first thing he noticed was the lack of sports facilities. He approached the principal and enquired as to the whereabouts of the soccer field. The principal indicated the fields – my son Noor Mahomed was speechless as all he saw was rocks, weeds and sand. Immediately he began the negotiations with the family. We underestimate what kids have to offer to us. Their insight and their ability to see what we miss. My mum also believed in hard work. She spent long hours in the retail business working side by side with my dad. She ran the storerooms and to this day she pops in at the store and somehow always finds something that needs rectifying. She is always at the forefront of change and transformation. We as kids grew up in the family business and so too are my little kids required to work - regardless of their age. She would say - There is always something to do at the business,



The Charismatic Zohra Noor in her younger days

Hard work killed nobody. As my son grew older he was required to work in the storerooms picking up and packing television sets etc. She would laugh and say that he should not complain as the girls would be happy with his strong muscles. In this way a child learns what it means to be an employee, the difficulties they face, and that they are no different from you and I. If we can see them the way we see ourselves , we can want for them the same as we want for ourselves. That is the true nature of brotherhood and that is Islam at its best..

They say that heaven lies at the feet of thy mother and now I know why ....



Dubai - A month long sports festival organised by the Middle East Chapter Youth Wing came to an end on 8th May 2015. The tournament previously held on a single day was transformed into a month long fest to accommodate 4 different sports.

Paying tribute to Late. Md Ghazi Vahedna who passed away in 2013, this was the third edition of the mega tournament comprising of Indoor Cricket, Indoor Football, Ladies Badminton & Male badminton.

Sports as they say unites the people and that's what the youth wing of Middle East aims to do everytime they hold an event. Cricket saw great rivalry with the defending champions lead by the International Youth Wing Chairman Salmaan Hussain made it to their third finals in a row but could not defend their title to the very impressive team of Advance Aces.

Football is a growing sport in the memon community. With Football rules tweaked to make it interesting, the team of Chelsea Memons was lead by the golden boy M. Saleh who featured in all the sports and made it to the finals. Chelsea memons making full use of the new rules won the competition against the defending champs The A Team to clinch the title 4-2.

Ladies Badminton has become a popular event in the Middle East's calendar, happening for the second time in 2 years Sanam Darvesh was tipped to win her second title and she did not disappoint. However she had to sweat for the title this time around courtesy tough competition from the runner up Mehzabin Muneer.



During the Md. Ghazi Vahedna Sports Festival, the men's badminton was organised for the first time by the Middle East Chapter Youth Wing. M.Saleh Maklai who featured in the finals for the cricket and won the Football tournament was one of the finalist in the badminton tournament as well. Nazim and Saleh having walked through the rather easy build up to the finals fought hard but Saleh prevailed to clinch his second Gold for the festival by beating Nazim 15-13 and 15-12.



The youth of Middle East gathered to pray for Ghazi as he was a brother to all and a kind hearted person. His presence was missed but he remains in each and every participant's heart forever. May Allah (SWT) grant him highest place in Jannah.



# XENOPHOBIA & THE MEMON

**"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness."**

WMO has always answered the call of the unfortunate victims of a human tragedy or a natural calamity in any part of the World. The organisation is always on the forefront and has contributed in every possible way to alleviate the pain and misery of those who seek refuge under these tragic circumstances.



If there were any doubts that the World Memon Organisation worked for a particular community, race, religion or region of the World then the recent Xenophobic attacks in South Africa have dispelled them all.

While the violence in some parts of the country forced many to lock themselves in the safety of their homes, prominent WMO(Africa Chapter) members drove undaunted to the numerous shelters with medical supplies and relief packages for the **thousands of innocent victims, injured and displaced without food or clothing.**



**On Sunday 19th April 2015**, Mr. Solly Suleman, senior member of WMO(Africa) and IMASA( Islamic Medical Association South Africa) initiated a collaborative program with volunteer doctors, IMASA staff and nurses to provide medical care to foreign nationals in two shelters in Phoenix and a shelter in Chatsworth Durban.

The medical team provided medical assistance to **70 patients** who were Somalians and Ethiopians from the business community. The next stop was the shelter at the Rydalvale grounds in Phoenix where around 2000 foreign nationals had gathered. **Over 200 patients** were given treatment at this centre by the health care professionals.



Besides partnering the IMA in medical relief, **WMO also associated with Jamatun Nisa to provide meals**, tents and other necessities to 700 foreign nationals in the Isipingo shelter. Food and supplies were also sent to the Beatrice St shelter. Mrs. Shireen Arbee, Mrs. Jameela Joosub and Mr. Baboo Akoo were physically present on ground zero and personally looked into the ongoing operations.



WMO supported the Minara Chamber Disaster Relief coordination committee to ensure that there was control over food and supplies to prevent duplication and wastage.

A massive drive was undertaken by members of WMO(Africa) predominantly Mr. Yusuf Kamdar, Mr. Moosa Carrim, Mrs. Fazila and Mr A.K. Ismail wherein substantial funds were raised around the world for the victims of the Xenophobic attacks.

**Nobody questioned their religion, community, country or race. It was all for Humanity.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS




**Importance of Zakat**

إِنَّ الْمَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُصَدِّقَاتِ وَأَقْرَضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا  
يُضَاعَفُ لَهُمْ وَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ

Verily, those who give Sadaqat (i.e. Zakat and alms, etc.), men and women, and lend to Allah a goodly loan, it shall be increased manifold (to their credit), and theirs shall be an honourable good reward (i.e. Paradise).

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