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Welcome to WMO

MR. SHOAIB ISMAIL
MANGRORIA
“Premier” Of Pakistan

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INTRODUCTION

World Memon Organisation - Serving Mankind

I stood undaunted during the Gujarat riots and rehabilitated my afflicted brothers and sisters. I walked in neck deep waters to build homes for flood victims in Sindh. I drove to shelters in Durban with medical supplies to treat the injured in the Xenophobic attacks.

**I am a member of WMO.
We uplift mankind**

I build homes. I educate children. I provide a brighter future and make this world a better place.

**I donate to WMO.
We uphold Mankind.**

I sent blankets to shivering children in the winter of war torn Syria. I collected funds for relief packages to be delivered in flood ravaged Malawi. I provided medical assistance to the less fortunate in India and restored their vision.

**I am the ladies wing of WMO.
We care for Mankind.**

I am getting together a group of youngsters in the Big Apple to do community work. I organise events to promote brotherhood and sports every month in Dubai. I ran the Mumbai marathon to fund a worthy cause.

**I am the youth wing of WMO.
We are the future of Mankind.**

I was knighted by the Queen of England for my extensive charitable work. I was awarded the "Presidential Order of Meritorious Service" by the President of the Republic of Botswana for my exceptional generosity and philanthropy. I was honoured by the Premier of Pakistan for my dedication and passion towards community work.

**I am WMO.
We serve mankind.**



Serving Mankind

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Welcome to World Memon Organisation

On the historic occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the World Memon Organisation, we invite all of you to join us in Colombo, Sri Lanka for the WMO AGM, the Memon Premier League (MPL), the International Youth Conference (IYC), the Ladies trade exhibition and meeting.

From the 24th of August experience the thrills of cricket at the MPL, the exuberance of youth at the IYC, the flair of our enterprising ladies at the trade exhibition and attend the social event of the year, the lavish annual gala dinner.

To all our Memon brothers and sisters. This is your opportunity to become members of our wonderful organisation.

If you are a Visionary, we will share your vision
If you are an idealist, we will share your dreams.
If you are an Optimist, we will share your joy.
If you are a Pessimist, we will share your concerns
If you are a Humanitarian, we will share your cause.

If you want to be a part of a worthy cause this is the place for you. You can join our endeavours to promote education, rehabilitation and numerous other welfare projects to alleviate the misery and sufferings of our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

For all you youngsters, if you are proficient in sports, this is the place for you. Wmo promotes sports in a big way. The Memon Premier League is a prime example of organising a spectacular sporting event on an international level to promote cricket.

If you an eloquent speaker, this is the place for you. You can motivate others with your articulate and meaningful words on the global platform of the International Youth Conference.

If you are an entrepreneur this is the place for you. Learn from the best business minds from around the world and build a global network.

**We will Encourage your dreams
Applaud your Accomplishments and
Fulfill your Aspirations.**

So welcome to your place in the sun.

Welcome to this place where you will meet respected philanthropists, humanitarians, dignitaries and doyens of industries, the creme de la creme of the memon community from around the globe.

Welcome to this place where you can serve not only the community but also humanity.

Welcome to this place where you will not only live a wonderful life but prepare for an even better Akhiraah.

Welcome to the WMO.



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31ST AUGUST 2015
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Shoaib Ismail Mangroria

Pioneering the Fiber Optics Industry in Pakistan

Shoaib Ismail Mangroria bears a gentle unassuming personality with a smile ready for everyone. Whether a colleague or an employee, or a person known or unknown, the first impression one gets about him is his friendly nature and immediately feels comfortable with him.

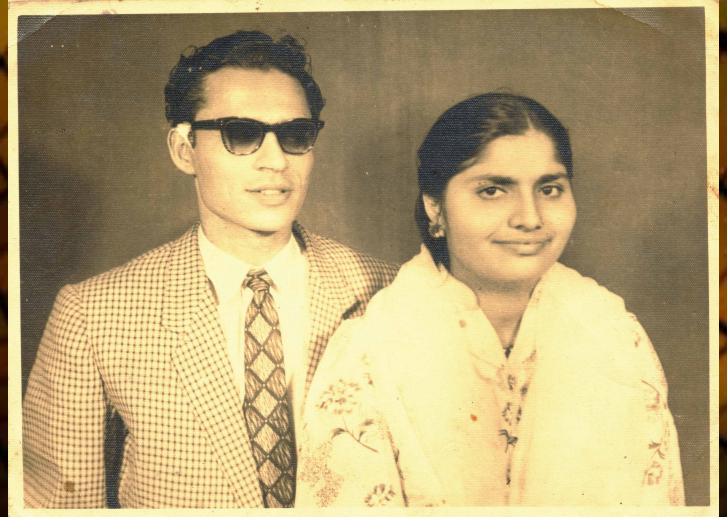
The driving force behind Shoaib Ismail is his will to get things done and his keen focus on minor details. This determination is the key to his success as a businessman, an industrialist and an ardent social worker.

Heading the family business of telecom cable manufacturing was a challenge which he took up in 1983 when he joined his father's Premier Industries soon after graduation. His first dream was to specialize in Telecom Communication Cables, which he accomplished by 1987. Thereafter, in the early 1990s, Premier Industries also became one of the leading producers of Optical Fiber Cables in Pakistan. His three younger brothers, Shahid, Asif and Junaid are also Directors of the Company, now renamed as Premier Cables (Pvt.) Limited. The Company has received numerous excellence awards from Government and International Bodies



Shoaib Ismail fondly remembers his father, Mr. Ismail Kassim Mangroria, founder of the family business empire. He says father was a simple man from a middle class family, who had obtained his primary education from Dwarka and higher secondary education from Baroda.

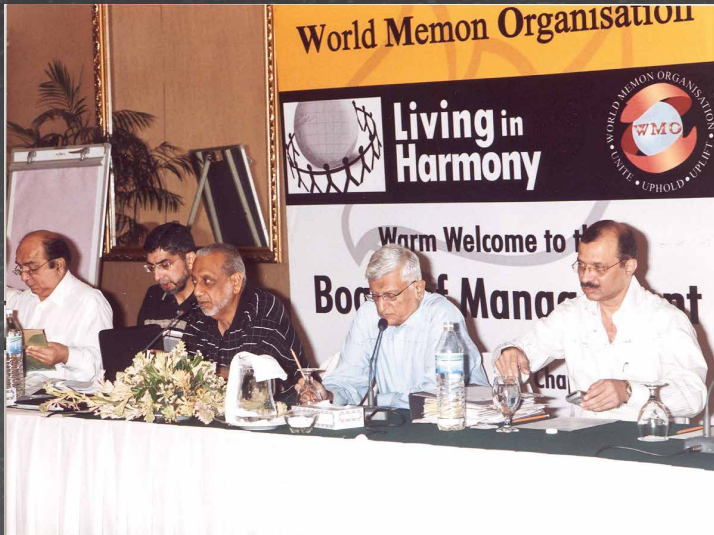
After migration from India to Karachi in 1947, he had continued his studies from S.M. Law College, Karachi. His father used to live in a small house in Kharadar (old city area of Karachi) and had to study under the street lights. After graduation, his father practiced law for a while but soon entered into small-scale industry, with only one hand-operated plastic molding machine.



Ismail's small business began to grow and, in few years' time, he was ready for a bigger enterprise. He travelled to Japan to obtain latest technology of Plastics, Synthetic Leather (Rexin), PVC Garden Pipes, PVC Compounding and Electrical Copper Cables & Wires to setup an industry in Karachi, in the name of Premier Industries.

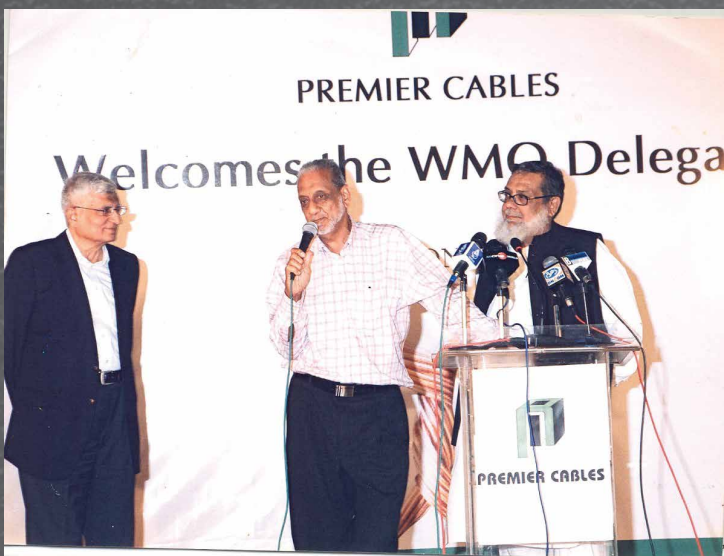


Regarding service to humanity, Shoaib Ismail believes that **"One must feel the sufferings of the less fortunate"** in order to empathize with them and help them. Perhaps, this deep-rooted sympathy compelled Shoaib Ismail to enter into social work very early in life. Being a Okhai Memon, he actively participated in the Okhai Memon Jamat (Member Managing Board for three terms), Okhai Memon Youth Services (Patron), Okhai Memon Anjuman (Ex-Vice President) and Okhai Memon Housing Foundation (Vice Chairman). He says that his entire family, including maternal and paternal uncles, was involved in social service.



Currently, he continues his social work and is holding key posts at the Memon Health and Education Foundation (Trustee), World Memon Organization (Trustee), United Memon Jamat of Pakistan (Patron), Rotary Club Karachi (Member) and Pakistan Memon Education & Welfare Society (Board Member).

He is also an active member of the Wire Association International USA, International Wire and Plastic Machinery Association UK, Plastic & Rubber Institution UK, Pakistan Japan Business Forum and Pakistan German Businessmen Forum, where he presents papers on occasions.



Regarding the World Memon Organisation, he recalls that one of its founders, Late Mr. Latif Ebrahim Jamal, had sent him a special fax invitation in 2001 to attend the 1st International Memon Conference in Dubai. This conference had paved the way for the formation of WMO and had ushered in a new era for the global Memon Community.



Initially, he was a Member of the Steering Committee formed in 2001 at the 1st Conference. Thereafter, the entire Steering Committee was converted as the first Board of Management of WMO in 2002. After which, Shoaib Ismail served as Assistant Secretary General and Vice President from WMO Pakistan Chapter, for six years in each post. He has played an active role in all the major schemes of the Chapter such as Education Schemes, Housing, Micro Finance and the Memon Industrial & Technical Institute (MITI), especially the Disaster Management Schemes during the Pakistan Earthquake (2005) and the Pakistan Floods (2010 and 2011). Currently, he is the Secretary General of WMO since November 2014.



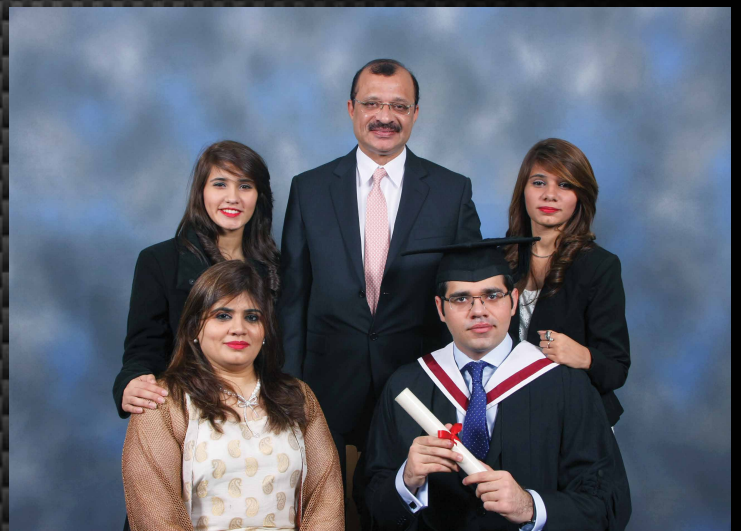
Shoaib Ismail believes that education is the only way to eliminate poverty and other social evils from the society. He had put forward the idea of VISION 2020 at the All Memon Jamat Education Conference organized by WMO at Karachi, which aims that **"No Memon Child be left without Basic Education by the year 2020"**.



Being a lover of sports, especially cricket and table tennis, he believes in the proverb – **"An Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body"**. During his tenure as Vice President, he promoted sports and youth wing activities to the fullest. He believes in providing ample opportunities to the youth in order to groom them to be better citizens and human beings.

Shoaib Ismail also believes in the empowerment of women. He says, **"Our sisters need an ideal platform too. Women know women better and can communicate better with each other. Our Memon sisters should take time to participate in the Ladies Wings of WMO and groom other women, and develop a spirit of social service in them."**

Regarding his family, he laughs and says, "Behind every successful man, there is a woman". He gives all credit to his beloved wife for her constant support. In spite of his busy life, Shoaib Ismail tries to spend as much time as possible with his family. He has three daughters and one son, Muzammil, who recently graduated in Business Studies from the University of Buckingham, UK.



His love for travelling is fulfilled by his business, which demands a lot of travelling. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria says **"Travelling is the Food for your Mind"**. Although, he has travelled to many countries, he recalls that the best spiritual experience he ever had was when he entered inside the Holy Kabah and briefly met with the Imam of Kabah, Shaikh Abdul Rahman Sudais.

Concluding the interview, Mr. Shoaib Ismail says, "People are under the impression that the Memon Community is a very affluent community. But, alarmingly, more than 60% of the Memons in Pakistan are burdened with lack of education, housing, healthcare and other infrastructural facilities. We have to bring in revolutionary changes in our education policy, as a first step, so that the Memons can be at par with the world.

Let us pray to Almighty Allah to guide us to serve humanity in the most befitting manner. Ameen."

The Holy Quran

"The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allah, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allah gives manifold increase to whom He pleases. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower." (2:261).

Our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said "The most beloved of people to Allah are those who are of most benefit (to others) The most of beloved actions to Allah (SWT), is when you make another Muslim happy, removing a hardship that has befallen him, paying off his debt or to rid him of his hunger. (At-Tabaraanee/Al-kabeer, 3/209/2, As-Silsilah As-Saheehah, 906)

THE blessed month of Ramadan is a month of mercy and generosity. In keeping with the bountiful spirit of giving in Ramadan, there were extensive, admirable campaigns undertaken by various chapters of WMO to provide food, shelter and clothing to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Middle East Chapter Iftar Camp

The WMO Middle East Chapter embodies the Spirit of Giving in the holy month of Ramadan by feeding thousands of poor labourers at Iftar. A massive tent has been set up at the Dubai Investment Park with requisite permission from the local authorities where the food is being served to more than a thousand fasting, devout Muslim labourers each day. This noble endeavour will continue throughout the month of Ramadan wherein 30,000 to 40,000 labourers will eventually benefit from this thoughtful initiative.

Mr. Ahmed Shaikhani, Mr. Yousuf Kamdar, Mr. Zunaid Moti, Mr. Shabbir Merchant, Mr. Haron Karim, Mr. Farook Kassim, Mrs. Maimoona Darwesh, Mr. Mehmood Shaikhani, Mr. Riyaz Kitkat, Mr. Khalid Dhedi and Mr. Iqbal Dawood of the WMO Middle East chapter are the driving force behind this heartwarming project.

May Allah SWT accept their endeavours and reward them for their kindness.

WMO Middle East Chapter, truly "SERVING MANKIND"



India Chapter Youth & Ladies Wing

Free Medical Camp & Ramzan Ration Distribution

On 16th June '15, the Youth and Ladies wing of WMO India Chapter hosted Free Medical Camp & Ramadan Ration Distribution Initiative for the less fortunate brothers and sisters of our community in Mumbai. More than 300 people were treated in the medical camp & 500 ration packets were distributed to the needy. The event was organized by the Youth & Ladies wing. MRS. RAZIYA CHASMAWALA and team distributed ration which consisted of grains, tea packets, dates, vermicelli to widows and orphans.

At the medical camp people came in droves to avail of the free check ups and medicines. From nearly blind widows to young children with hearing problems and men that could barely stand due to handicaps. May Allah alleviate their pain.

Ms. Sana Chasmawala, Mr. Riyaz Virani & Mr. Imran Fruitwalla of the WMO India Chapter Youth Wing are the driving force behind this noble endeavor.

Special mention has to be made for Mr. Riyaz Virani who successfully managed to arrange the doctors and made the medical camp a reality.

The other WMO ladies and youth wing were present to participate in this noble cause was Mrs. Shehnaz Jamal Merchant, Mrs. Nasreen Maklai, Mrs. Shamim Shekhani, Mr. Taufiq Kapadia, Ms. Sumaiya Merchant, Ms. Aisha Shekhani.



Africa Chapter - Ramadan Special

On Sunday 21st June 2015, members of Purposeful Giving & WMO [Africa Chapter] visited the informal settlement, Itireleng. It is a neighbouring community to Laudium and is home to many locals and foreigners. They visited the masjid and distributed the following:

- 45 Chicken Licken meals for the children
- 45 party packs for the children
- Milk, oranges, bananas, dates, soup packets, juices and a number of other food items were taken along for the mussallees.
- A deg of Akhnee is arranged for the iftaar meal feeding of a 100 people including drinks for every Sunday throughout the month of Ramadan.

Feeding Scheme Project co-ordinated by AK, Fazila Ismail & family members in KZN [SA] under the banner of WMO. Following arrangements were made.

- Meals for 500 people cooked and provided daily [Total: 15,000 meals for the month].
- 90 Dhegs of haleem for the month
- Fried samoosas and spring rolls provided to one masjid in KZN for musallihs at iftaar time [Total :10,000 units]
- Milkshakes are prepared and provided to another masjid in KZN [Total of 1,000 ltrs]
- Naan is baked and provided daily to the needy in Ramadhaan [Total of 5,000 pcs for the month]
- Two and three quarters khajoor (dates) to the value of R50,000 is sponsored by various members of WMO [Africa Chapter]

28th June, 2015- WMO [Africa Chapter] Ladies Wing donated:

100 blankets & 70 WMO branded burkahs to a Girls Darul Uloom in Nancefield Gauteng. These include 60 aalimahs doing a 5 to 6 year course, many of whom are orphans. Members of the Ladies Wing in the KZN region also distribute blankets throughout the month under the banner of WMO

On the second Saturday in Ramadan as is customary, the Natal Memon Jamat invited the Memon community, especially the youth to participate in packing grocery hampers to distribute to the disadvantaged Muslims in our society.

Around 1800 hampers were packed and the Kamdar Group generously sponsored 1800 packs of peanut butter towards it.

In addition to the regular haleem distribution between Kamdar Group and other donors in Engen Essack Durban, every Sunday a total of 35 degs are donated by Solly Manjra.

Malawi

On the 5th of July, the Lilongwe Memon Association Youth travelled to Nkoto Kota, around 150 kms from Lilongwe to distribute 400 food packages to the victims of the devastating floods.

The LMA members comprising two teams, including two trustee members were cordially received by the local authorities and offered a small prayer. 400 coupons were issued to the deserving families of two villages to ensure systematic distribution of the food packages.

We are very grateful to Zaheer satar who lead the team, Istiak A.G, Ehsaan Nathanie, Rafik Karim, Saleem Maarya, Zain Tayub, Tanveer Sacrani, Shobi Jiwa and Shaheed Osman of Associated Supplies.

WMO North America Youth Wing



Farah Karim, leader of the newly formed WMO Youth Wing North America Chapter, was born and raised in New York to Memon parents originating from Ranavav, India. Her family tree branches out across the world - Madurai, Colombo, London, Johannesburg and New York. Despite her upbringing in the states, she is fluent in Memoni and is looking to keep the Memon traditions and language alive in future generations of North America. The North America chapter is specifically looking to get involved in volunteering for education, providing tutoring services through the Youth Wing. Many Memon Youth in North America are in leading positions in financial services, healthcare and other industries. The North America chapter aims to expand the horizons of subsequent generations. Initiative will include: subject tutoring for middle school / high school students (including SAT / ACT), career mentoring (aligning mentors to those in their industry of interest) and promoting memoni language and culture.



Far East Chapter

The World Memon Organization, Far East Chapter, Ladies Wing had the privilege to sponsor two Ifthar programs on the 4th and 5th day of Ramazan 2015.

Ifthar was served at the Home for Girls run by the Ceylon Moor Ladies Union. On both days, Ifthar comprising of dates, milk, sweets and dinner was served to 45 girls of the home. The funding for both days was collected by the Ladies wing from members and well wishers in the community

This home comprises of only girls between the age of 7 to 20 who are either orphans, destitute or refugees. The home is managed by the Ceylon Moor Ladies Union which was founded in 1936 by a group of 11 Muslim women with a vision to address the concerns of Muslim women and children in Sri Lanka. The Ceylon Moor Ladies Union is an approved charity and is incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1936. The Home for Girls was set up in 1978.

The Ladies Wing of the WMO, Far East Chapter Chapter is striving to help the poor and needy children of the greater Muslim community of Sri Lanka. The committee comprises of ten members who are busy housewives but still find the time to help the underprivileged Muslim community of Sri Lanka

Ladies Wing has many more programs lined up for the future to support the less fortunate in our society

RAMADAN RATION DISTRIBUTION -2015.

Alhamdulillah this year, the Far East Chapter, courtesy Mr. Abdul Cader Saleem (VP) have distributed 2530 Food Ration Parcels, compared to the 1866 distributed last year.

Each ration parcel consists of all dry ration food, which is good enough for a family of 4 for the entire duration of the Month.

Suburbs/town.	No: of Parcels
Peliyagoda	100
Thothalanga	250
Mattakuliya	125
Wellampitiya	250
Grandpass	200
Maradana	250

Village / Town.	No: of Parcels
Anuradhapura	200
Dambulla	40
Thihariya	40
Horagolla	150
Horapathana	100
Trincomalee	100
Warakapola	75
Kurunagala	250

All above were distributed to underprivileged Muslim Families.

Another 1100 Bags of Rice of 10 Kgs each were distributed in a village called Muttur.

Apart from the above, 400 Food Ration Parcels were distributed to the less fortunate Families of the Memon Community.

The funding for the above was done by Memon benefactors from Colombo, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Dubai.

The Total cost of the above was S.L. Rs.12,500,000(Abt Usd 92,500/-)

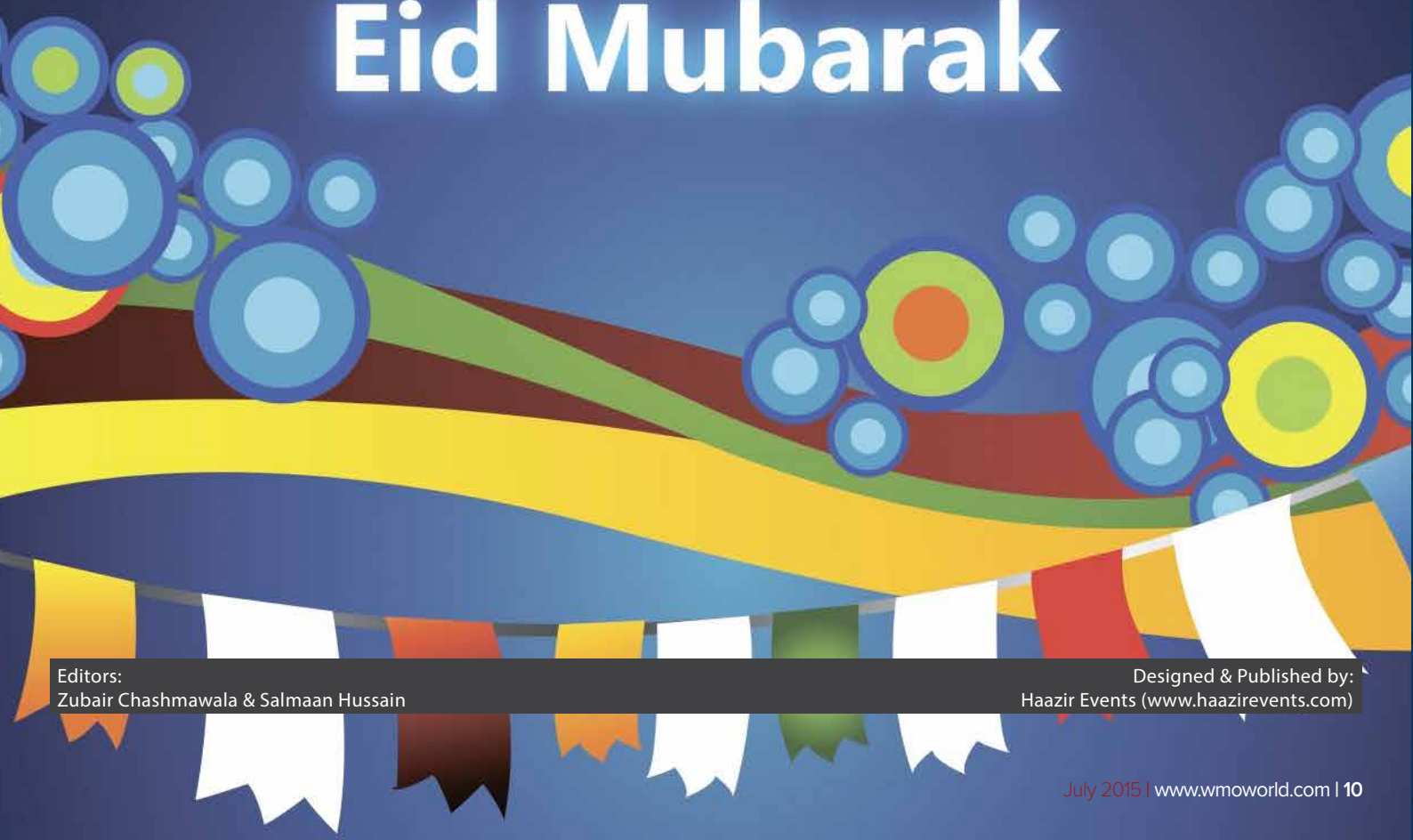
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YOUTUBE LINK - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jMSzNKH6ps>

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