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The Wedding Ceremony

Nikah

of

Aisha & Ayaan

Sunday, 10th December 2050

Grand Hyatt, Melbourne

**INSIDE-LEFT WORDING**

In the name of Allah,

The most beneficent and merciful,

May the Almighty grant this couple all the success in their marriage and bestow upon them good health, wealth, imaan and guidance to follow the straight path as shown.

~ Aameen ~

Dear Family & Friends,

Thank you for joining us on this special day. We are very happy that you are here. We seek your blessings and warm wishes for the couple as they embark on this new journey. We would love for you to be engaged in the rituals that will be performed. To make it easy for you to follow, we have explained the rituals below.

**Baraat Welcome**

After a lively baraat, or wedding procession, Ayaan - along with his parents, sisters, relatives, and friends - is welcomed by Aisha’s family.

**Nikah Ceremony**

The wedding ceremony ‘Nikah’ is officiated by a religious priest ‘Maulvi’. The men sit around Ayaan and the women sit around Aisha. Aisha’s father is the ‘Wali’, appointed guardian, of the bride, during the Nikah ceremony. The Maulvi starts the Nikah proceeding by first saying a prayer from the Holy Quran. Ayaan’s family presents Aisha with ‘Mehr’, a gift, to seek her consent for marrying Ayaan. The Mehr is symbolic of the responsibility the man has for providing for and taking care of his wife.

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**Ijab-e-Qubool**

Next, the Maulvi asks Aisha if she consents to marry Ayaan by accepting the Mehr, asking her ‘Qubool Hai?’ (Do you give your consent?) three times in a row. Aisha replies saying ‘Qubool Hai’ (I Do) all three times. Then the Maulvi moves on to Ayaan asking him ‘Qubool Hai?’. He replies saying ‘Qubool Hai’ all three times too. This ritual is known as Ijab-e-Qubool. Aisha and Ayaan are behind a hijab that separates them from each other during the process so that they are not able to see each other.

**Nikah Nama**

This is followed by the signing of the ‘Nikah Nama’, the official marriage contract, where the duties and rites of the bride and the groom as per the Holy Quran, are recited in the presence of two witnesses each from the bride’s and groom’s families. After the Nikah Nama is signed, a ‘Khutba’, a sermon, is recited by the Maulvi. He then recites paragraphs from the Holy Quran which are equivalent to marriage vows. In the end, the elders shower their blessings on the newlywed couple.

**Arsi Mushraf**

Aisha and Ayaan finally look at each other through a mirror kept in between them.

**Rukhsat**

After the wedding, Aisha waves goodbye to her family and leaves with Ayaan for her new home.

**BACK WORDING**

Parents of the Bride

Mrs. & Mr. Jamshed Hussain

Parents of the Groom

Mrs. & Mr. Zubair Amin

Grandparents of the Bride

Mrs & Mr. Abdul Rasheed Hussain

Mrs. & Mr. Haider Farooq

Grandparents of the Groom

Mrs. & Mr. Badr Udeen Amin

Mrs. & Mr. Basharat Hafeez

Sister and Brother-in-Law of the Bride

Aamira and Jason Davis

Brother and Sister-in-Law of the Groom

Seema and Murad Amin

Nieces of the Bride

Sanaa and Momina

Niece and Nephew of the Groom

Ambreen and Adnan