

## Memories of Mawlana Zubair Akhtar, Blackburn

A few years ago Shaykh said in the Darul Uloom Blackburn medical room something along these lines: Sometime we say a sentence to heat up our gathering (to have a laugh etc) but what we do not realise is that this one sentence may heat up the gathering, but in essence has just heated up the fire of Jahannam.

This year Shaykh explained how an Imam with a beautiful voice wakes up the muqtadees who may be 'sleeping'. Shaykh was talking about how he likes our teacher Qari Zubair Sahib's voice. The people behind wake up and attentively listen to a beautiful voice in Salah.

I wrote the following when Shaykh said it this year: "The most blessed action after the recitation of the Quran is reciting the kalimah and durud."

Shaykh was always very happy with Mufti Abdus Samad Sahib and the Darul Uloom and in particular the room he would stay in. He felt at home and would look forward to coming here just as we would look forward to him visiting us.

Once, Mufti Inayatullah Sahib came in to meet Shaykh. Shaykh and Mufti Sahib were talking. Shaykh was mentioning how he does not stay well. Mufti Inayatullah Sahib said, "My Hazrat would say: My body has aged but my heart is young." Hadhrat Shaykh smiled and said, "Then, we are both in agreement."