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In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Muharram Procession

(32nd Annual Procession) – Leicester

We march to remember a Saint called Husayn, and the values and principles he stood for.

The death of a man, who stood for justice and the rights of others.

This man was **HUSAYN**. 1.5 Billion People in the world know about **HUSAYN** and the stand he made with his **UNIVERSAL** message.

Sun 14th July 2024 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Leicester City Centre

Departing at Humberstone Gate, East Gates, High Street, ending at Jubilee Square.

Many 100's in attendance, Men, Women, Children, dressed in black mourning the most tragic event in history - The massacre of the Saint:

HUSAYN & his family and friends.

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WHO ARE WE?

MKSI Leicester is a registered charity, charity number 1190388. It is a community centre (mosque) of local Shia Muslims.

We are Shia Muslims and follow a slightly different doctrine and teachings than mainstream Sunni Muslims. The difference is similar to how Catholics and Protestants have the same religion with some different practices and ceremonies.

Our organisation is dedicated to inspire people through the timeless example of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his Holy Household and to spread their message and to encourage the community to goodness and to stand up to falsehood.

"Man is either your brother in faith or your brother in humanity" – Ali son of Abu Talib (Father of Husayn & the Cousin & Successor of the Holy Prophet Muhammad PBUH)

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

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We are remembering a Saint called **HUSAYN** and the values and principles he stood for. In every land and time, for every nation and race, Husayn's story provides inspiration and encouragement for people: to become aware of oppression and to take steps, however small, to speak and act against it.

"I learnt from Husayn how to achieve victory while being oppressed." - Mahatma Gandhi

FOR HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS?

This will be the 32nd year for MKSI Leicester to hold this peaceful procession. However this act of Remembrance has been going on for over 13 centuries worldwide.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

The procession is simply a reminder. We do it annually, keeping his memory alive. Spreading his values and inspiring others to always give back to society. Whether it's standing for human rights, standing against oppression, feeding the poor, caring for the homeless, loving and nurturing the orphan, helping the neighbour or simply spreading love and compassion.

We believe that **Husayn** can be someone you can draw inspiration from. If everyone right now made even one small positive change in their lives or one small contribution to society because something from Husayn's life struck a chord with them, then we would consider that a massive success. **Husayn**'s message is a **universal** message; a message for anyone and everyone, not just for a particular religion and community.

WHY DO WE MOURN?

We are keeping his memory alive. He holds a special place in our hearts. He is the voice of reform, of compassion, of love, of justice. He is the voice that keeps us going. He is the inheritor of Abraham, Moses and Jesus. He is our role model, our saviour and our guide. The tears we shed, are the tears of reform. These tears break the backbone of tyranny and give voice to the oppressed. It is through these tears that we develop, we vow to always be that voice of justice, to never fear an oppressor, to give back to society, to care for the weak and to spread love and compassion to all around us.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at any time either by phone, e-mail or post. Ali Abbas Rajani (Procession Organiser) – T: 07726007864 E: <u>pace@mksileicester.org</u>