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West coast Jalsa Ansar Bike Ride: A 60-Mile Journey of Faith and Fitness



Planning and Preparations Three dedicated veterans from the national cyclist group meticulously planned this year's route, ensuring a memorable journey for all participants. The ride commenced with an evening gathering in Santa Monica, where the group enjoyed Christmas night over Thai food, concluding the day with Isha Salaat.

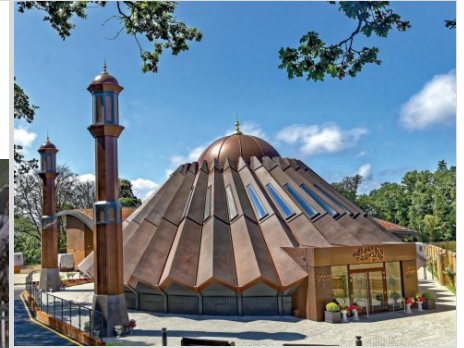
The Morning Kickoff The adventure began the next morning after Fajr prayers. Special thanks to Abdul Basit Sahib, who managed the group's luggage in the support van and provided a crucial review of the route. His assistance at rest points and the halfway lunch stop was invaluable.



neighborhoods toward Venice Boulevard offered a serene glimpse into the hidden beauty of city infrastructure.

Exploring Los Angeles The route took the group through Culver City, Beverly Hills, and iconic parts of Los Angeles like West Hollywood and Inglewood.

The Journey Begins Cyclists were greeted by a brisk Pacific breeze as they embarked from Ocean Park Boulevard. The morning's cool 50-degree temperature was a surprise, but optimism remained high for the forecasted 66-degree high. Early pedaling through



True Eid lies in continuing good deeds and sustaining Ramadan's virtues

During the Eid sermon on Mar 31st 25, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aba} reminded us of Eid's deeper significance: *Eid is not merely a day of celebration; it is a day of re-affirming our pledge to uphold the virtuous practices of Ramadan. Only then will it truly be Eid in its fullest sense.*

Hazoor^{aba} further spoke of repentance, sharing the Holy Prophet^{saw}'s narration: *Allah's joy when a servant turns to Him in repentance surpasses even the immense happiness of a man who recovers his lost camel in the desert after giving up hope.*

Listen to the full sermon at:
[Eid-ul-Fitr Sermon 2025](#)

East Los Angeles and Pico Rivera Crossing the LA River onto Whittier Boulevard, the group traversed East LA, passing two historic cemeteries and observing the area's diverse economic landscape. A midday break in Pico Rivera featured lunch and Salaat, revitalizing spirits for the next leg.

San Gabriel River Trail Heading northeast, the cyclists experienced the stark San Gabriel River Trail.



Unlike previous scenic trails in Northern California and the Midwest, this section had an industrial feel, dominated by cement and an overcast sky that added to its unique ambiance.

The Climb to Diamond Bar The route transitioned to a climb at the 43rd mile, heading east along the San Bernardino Freeway to Diamond Bar via Grand Avenue. Highlights included the Cal Poly campus and Valley Boulevard, which offered a mix of dedicated bike paths and shared roadways.

The Final Stretch The last leg of the journey merged into the Chino neighborhood, completing a fulfilling 60-mile ride. The adventure was not only a testament to physical endurance but also to camaraderie and faith.

Alhamdulillah, this ride was a beautiful blend of faith, fitness, and friendship, leaving everyone with cherished memories and anticipation for the next Ansar cycling adventure.

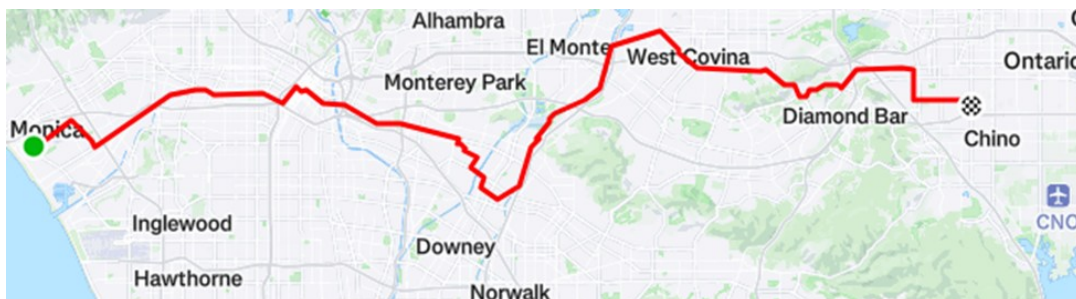
Ride Statistics

Distance: 60 Miles

Moving Time: 5:04:44

Elevation Gain: 1,700 ft.

No flats during the journey!



Sadr Ansarullah USA visits Maryland Majlis



On Feb 1st, 2025, marking the start of Salat Ashra, Maryland Majlis Ansarullah had the privilege of hosting Respected Sadr Ansarullah USA, Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Qureshi, at the Baitur Rahman Mosque. The event brought together over 70 members and commenced with Maghrib Salat led by Respected Murabbi Salman Tariq sahib.

The meeting, chaired by Respected National Sadr sahib and attended by Respected Za'im Maryland Nasir Mahmood Malik sahib, Respected Murabbi Salman Tariq sahib, and Respected Headquarters Region Za'im-e-A'ala Fakhar Ahmad sahib, began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Mohamed Alburaki sahib. This was followed by the Ansar pledge led by Sadr sahib and an Urdu poem recited by Maqsood Ahmad Butt sahib.

After introductions, Sadr sahib addressed the members, sharing insights on American spending habits, noting that the amount spent on Halloween alone could eradicate global poverty. He emphasized the importance of



Huzoor's^{aba} address at the Ansar Ijtema UK, describing it as the guiding constitution for Ansarul-lah USA. He urged members to embody goodness, avoid vanity (*lughwiat*), and improve their Salat practices, calling Salat a spiritual jihad and a pathway to righteousness. As we enter the new year, he encouraged self-reflection and resolutions to strengthen righteousness. Members then had the

opportunity to ask questions.

Respected Murrabi sahib concluded the meeting by highlighting the importance of Wasiyat and then leading in silent dua. He then led the congregation in Isha Salat. After Salat, all attendees were treated to a delicious dinner prepared by the Maryland Ziafat Team. *Alhamdulillah!*