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This report was not presented at the AGM in December 1996 because I was out of the country at the moment. However, a letter was forwarded to the Central Committee, explaining my reasons and sadness for the absence, as well as my intention to publish the report on the website as soon as possible.

Introduction

This session of MSA certainly did not lack in activities but it lacked in motivation. Several ideas were put forward yet they remain un-accomplished. Perhaps, the primary reason for this is the reduction in the number of students coming to UK over the past 2 years, resulting in the reduction of the members of this association. Nevertheless, a few events and get-togethers were organized to trying and keep the spirit up for the few that are still in UK.

The last AGM was held on the 20th December 1995 and the following Central Committee was selected.

CHAIRPERSON : A. S. I. Moosa - Sappe' - Birmingham

VICE-CHAIRPERSON : Shah Mahir - London

TREASURER : Mohamed F. Hassan - London

SECRETARY : Mohamed Shareef - Birmingham

STUDENT ADVISOR : Ahmed Riza - Leeds

Given below is a brief summary of the activities that were organized held during this period of office.

Christmas Activities

After the AGM, the few days followed were anything but a relaxing time. The usual all night singing, Gandufilla, Raazuwaa and several outdoor sporting events were organized. Mainly, cricket in the back garden and the footie session at the park. A bowling session was also organized as well as a night out in London.

1996 New Year Party

A new year party was organized by the association and several members (mostly those living in London area) were going wild. And, added to this was the Lawa Baazee, Ishaaraaiy and several other plays and games created perhaps on the spot by the great Aamaal Auntie!

Again, some member had the guts to go out whilst others went no further than a few hours into the new year before they were dead on their feet. A strict No-Alcohol code

was maintained in the party. Some members did go out clubbing in London, but their breath did not smell any funnier than usual when they returned home, a sign of excellent behaviour.

Roadha Villun

11th-12th Feb.1997

As an on-going tradition, a Roadha Villun day was organized and several members were present. An original collection of Keerithi Rasoolaa ge Siyarath by H. Thawfeeq was uncovered, hence the day was pretty much as local as it can be. Lots of local dishes were prepared. The night ended with a few known games like Gandufilla and Aamal varieties.

Easter Gathering

16th March 1997

A get together for the members and several events were organized in London, the most amazing one being the 3 games session of bowling in which the competition was high. Football and a night out in London was also organized.

EGM in Coventry

22nd June 1996

An extra ordinary general meeting was held in Coventry to discuss some problems raised by a few members regarding the administration of the Thaana project. A dinner party and a day out in Coventry followed the meeting. Several new members were also recruited from the Dhiraagu group in Coventry.

Donation of Thaana Funds

25th Dec. 1996

Funds raised in Thaana Project in 1994, was donated to the Ministry of Education on this day at a ceremony held in the Ministry. A cheque for the total of MRF 70.667.83 was presented to the Minister of Education Dr. Latheef by myself. Several old and current members of MSA(UK) as well as the Ari Atoll Chief Mr. Ibrahim Manik and several ministry officials were also at the ceremony. The ceremony was reported in the local papers and on the evening TV/Radio main News.

Conclusion

I am personally disappointed in the events in this session. However, it was out with our control since the participation of the existing members in activities were limited because many were in their final year and also because the number of active members were reduced. I am also prepared to accept the blame since my own work load was very high throughout the year and I could not give enough time to organize more events.

I thank you all for trusting me with the job and for your support. And, finally, I wish the new central committee every success!

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