

# Mass Iftaar

The month of Ramadaan is indeed a magnanimous gift from Allah Ta'ala. A month where the Almighty rains down his infinite mercy and forgiveness on the Ummah. The Hadith mentions that the person who finds this month and is still not forgiven is truly unfortunate. **The real loser will no doubt be the one who idles away his time in futility in these auspicious days.**

A recent message has been circulated on social media inviting one and all to attend a family Iftaar at the Durban beachfront. Whilst this may seem like a noble gesture of engendering 'togetherness' and 'unity' and this month being a month of sharing and generosity, it is unfortunately these gatherings wherein many laws of Shariah are violated. **Intermingling of sexes and non-observance of Hijaab are sins which we should abstain from in and out of Ramadaan.** If a person wants to bring about togetherness and unity, it should be done within the parameters of Shariah and at the appropriate juncture.

**How much valuable time is lost when these get-togethers take place. A person forgets his objective in Ramadaan and is deprived of its tremendous spiritual benefit.** Do not let our Nafs get the better of us. Let us remain steadfast on fulfilling the commands of the Almighty during this blessed month. Let us gain the mercy and rewards that Allah Ta'ala has promised rather than wasting these precious moments in futility and sin.



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