## How Muslims have maintained the holiness of the Quran?

Through the following ways, Muslims have shown that the Qur'an is a holy book and that they attach a lot of sacredness (purity) to it.

- 1. No Muslim reads or touches the holy Qur'an except when he or she has wudhu.
- 2. A Muslim wears his or her best clothes when he/she is going to read the holy Qur'an.
- 3. The holy Qur'an is read by the Muslims while facing in the Qibla.
- **4.** At every Muslim function, a portion of the holy Qur'an is read as the opening prayer.
- **5.** One pauses his or her recitation of the holy Qur'an when yawning.
- **6.** One does not interrupt his or her recitation of the holy Qur'an and speak, except if necessary.
- 7. A Muslim pays strong attention to what he or she is reading in the holy Qur'an.
- **8.** On recitation of the holy Qur'an, a Muslim pauses at a verse which mentions a reward and ask Allah for that reward.
- **9.** At the same time, a Muslim pauses at a verse which mentions a punishment and seek protection in Allah from that punishment.
- **10.** After reading the holy Qur'an, a Muslim does not leave it open.
- 11. Muslims do not place anything on top of the holy Qur'an.
- **12.** A Muslim does not raise his or her voice to the extent of confusing others reading the holy Our'an.
- 13. Muslims listen attentively to the holy Qur'an when it is being recited.
- 14. Muslims do not recite the holy Qur'an in marketplaces and places of distracting noise.
- 15. Muslims do not read the holy Qur'an in unacceptable places like the toilet.
- **16.** Muslims sit properly when reciting the holy Qur'an but not to squat.
- **17.** Muslims seek refuge from Allah against Satan before starting to recite any verse of the holy Qur'an.
- **18.** Muslims mention Allah's name when starting every chapter of the holy Qur'an except where it is not recommended.
- **19.** Muslims uphold that it is better to recite the holy Qur'an according to the arrangement of its chapters (surahs).
- **20.** Muslims prostrate if he or she finds a verse signifying prostration during Qur'anic recitation.
- 21. Every Muslim makes sure that he or she keeps a copy of the holy Our'an.
- 22. Muslims ensure regular recitation of the holy Qur'an.
- **23.** Muslims also make sure that they memorise the holy Qur'an and give great respect to its memorisers.
- **24.** Muslims have set up Qur'anic schools to teach the holy Qur'an.
- **25.** Muslims have translated the holy Qur'an into local languages but its Arabic version is being kept on its side.
- **26.** Muslims set up Qur'anic competitions and reward the participants so as to encourage its recitation and memorization.
- **27.** Muslims take care to know the critics of Islam who want to destroy the holy Qur'an and avoid them.

- 28. Muslims have come out and fight those who fight Islam and the holy Qur'an.
- **29.** Muslims always pray to Allah to save Islam and protect the holy Qur'an.
- **30.** Muslims try to follow Allah's laws in the holy Qur'an and live by its teachings.
- **31.** Muslims try to follow the practices and sayings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) so as to understand the holy Qur'an.
- **32.** Muslims have trained sheikhs to teach the holy Qur'an especially in villages.
- 33. Muslims have set up a special department for teaching and preserving the holy Qur'an.
- **34.** Many Muslims have set up special lessons on special days in the mosque for teaching the holy Qur'an.

(And many other things Muslims do to show respect to the holy Qur'an)