

Glossary of Some Muslim Terms

<i>Ajan</i>	:	Call for prayer
<i>Allah</i>	:	God
<i>Asraf</i>	:	The Muslims claiming their descent from any of the four groups of foreign origin i.e. Sayad, Shaik, Mughal and Pathan
<i>Ayat</i>	:	Stanza from the Quran
<i>Beradari</i>	:	Brotherhood based on kinship
<i>Burkha</i>	:	A type of loose garments worn by the Muslim women in black or white color and covering the entire body except the eyes
<i>Dargah</i>	:	Graveyard of Muslim pir and priest
<i>Esha</i>	:	the prayer time after sunset
<i>Hadish</i>	:	the traditions or recorded sayings of the prophet
<i>Haj</i>	:	Pilgrimage to Mecca
<i>Haji</i>	:	the person who performed haj in Mecca
<i>Hijri</i>	:	the date of prophet's journey from Medina to Mecca. The Muslim era d dates from this year
<i>Masjid</i>	:	Mosque i.e. house of prayer
<i>Maulavi</i>	:	A man learned in Islamic knowledge
<i>Mazar</i>	:	An Abode of the Muslim saint
<i>Mehar</i>	:	Dower promised by the groom to his bride at the time of marriage
<i>Millad-Un-Nabi</i>	:	Birthday of the prophet
<i>Muharram</i>	:	A Festival to commemorate the martyrdom of Hassan and Hussain – the sons of Ali and Fatima)
<i>Mulla</i>	:	Muslim priest and teacher (same as Maulavi)

<i>Namaj</i>	:	The Islamic form of prayer
<i>Nawab</i>	:	Muslim ruler or emperor
<i>Nikah</i>	:	Marriage in Islamic way
<i>Nikah-nama</i>	:	Certificate of Muslim marriage
<i>Panchayat</i>	:	Informal village council
<i>Parda</i>	:	Seclusion or veiling of women
<i>Pathan</i>	:	An ethnic and social category of the Muslim community
<i>PBUH</i>	:	It stands for "Peace Be Upon Him". It is mandatory for every muslim to use these words after uttering or writing the name of Prophet
<i>Quran</i>	:	The Holy Book for the Muslims
<i>Ramjan</i>	:	The nine month of the Islamic year
<i>Roja</i>	:	Fasting for religious cause in a particular month of the year
<i>Shariat</i>	:	It means the sacred laws of Islam
<i>Shia</i>	:	One of the sects of the Muslims and followers of Ali, the fourth Calililpha
<i>Sunna</i>	:	The precepts and practice of the Prophet
<i>Sunni</i>	:	It is a religious largest sect of the Muslims. The sect believes in elected Caliphate. It is regarded as traditionalist group of Islam.
<i>Sura</i>	:	Any of the chapters of the Quran
<i>Tajiya</i>	:	Representation of the Musolmans' tomb of Hasan and Hussain , sons of Ali, who lost their life at Karbala
<i>Triple Talak</i>	:	The system of uttarances of divorce at a stretch by man to wife. It is sanctioned by Hanafi Law
<i>Zakat</i>	:	An Islamic approach of tax payment from the income of rich persons for the relief of the poor