

'NAZRA Quran School for Adults'
in a 'POW Camp in India in 1972-3' produced:
'New ERA NAZRA Quran, presented in ERA Transliteration'

A 40 year long True Story,
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In 1971, Pakistan was the largest Muslim country in the world. It had two parts, known as East Pakistan and the West Pakistan, located on either side of India. More than half the population lived in East Pakistan. West Pakistan had bigger area and perhaps more resources. During those days, a political unrest was wide spread in East Pakistan. Pakistan Army was asked to resolve this turmoil. Despite Army action for many months, the said trouble was not resolved.

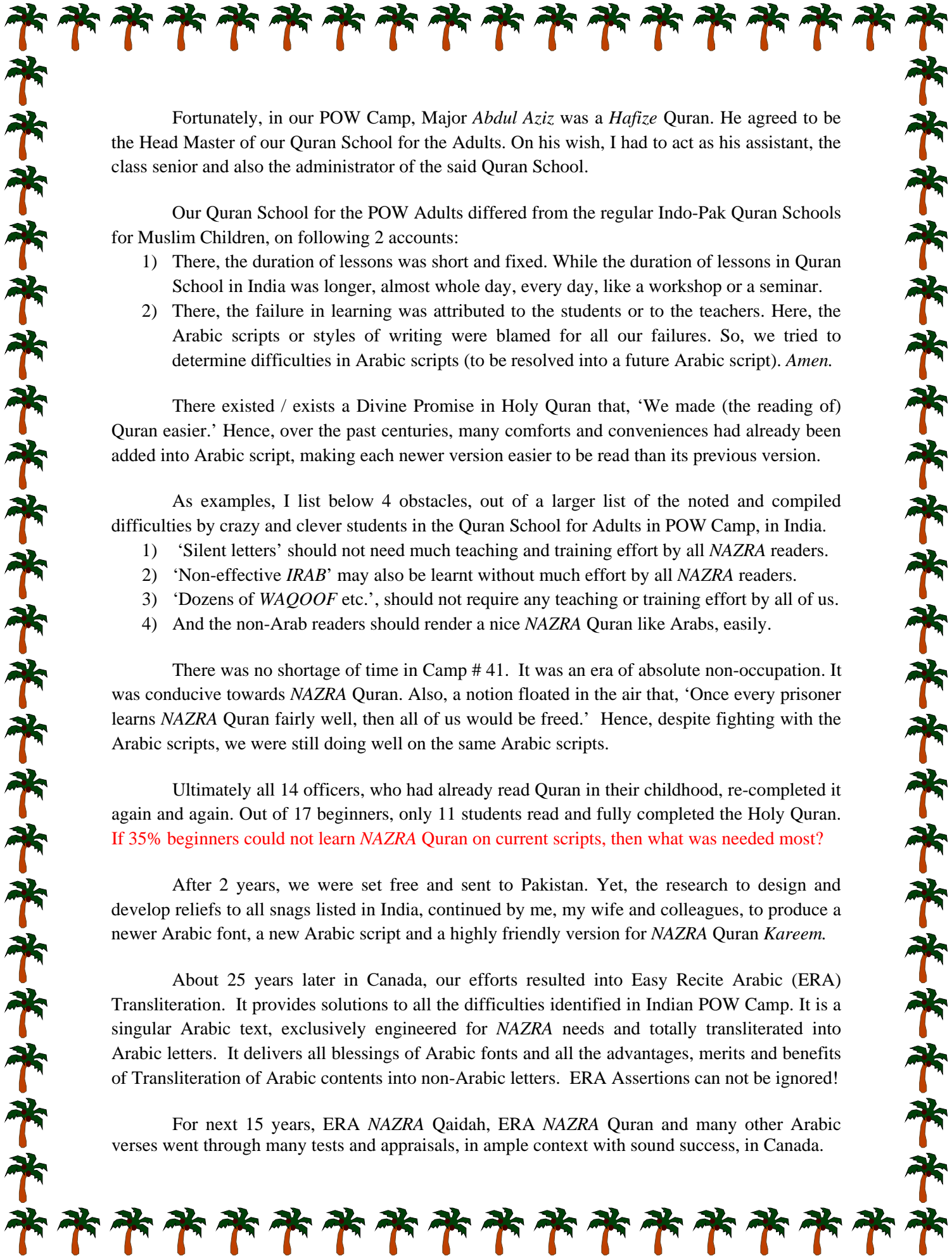
That year, India attacked East Pakistan, citing efforts to resolve the said political unrest. In a few weeks, India conquered East Pakistan and converted / baptized it, into Bangladesh. Into the bargain, India got a number of Pakistani Army personnel, including myself, as her Prisoners of War. It was a top trial for me. So, I sought His mercy and sublime results out of my captivity.

During my youth, I had been conscious of my flaws in NAZRA recitation of Holy Quran. I would make mistakes, re-correct them and re-do my NAZRA Quran. I lacked confidence, delight and satisfaction in my NAZRA Quran. So, in Bangladesh I prayed to *Allah sbt* that, my NAZRA recitation gets improved during my period as a prisoner. I also begged Him that, I be made instrumental to help many more Muslims, similar to me, to improve their NAZRA Quran.

India detained me in Camp # 41. We were 46 Pakistan Army officers, in that Camp. At the start, we were briefed that, we were permitted to practice our faith. Optimistically, I began a survey to sign up students and teachers, who would join me to improve their NAZRA Quran. All, but one of our fellow officers, participated in my survey.

Some details about the 45 officers in Camp 41, are given below for your consideration.

- 1) There were 8 Lt. Colonels, 15 Majors and 22 Captains and Lieutenants.
- 2) Officers over 40 years were 12, below 30 years were 24 and 9 officers were in between.
- 3) There were 11 married officers and 34 officers were not yet married.
- 4) 24 officers came from the urban areas and 21 officers had come from the countryside.
- 5) Only 34 officers had copies of Holy Quran in West Pakistan. Out of the 34, 4 officers could not read Holy Quran, yet their wives could read the Holy Quran, at their homes.
- 6) Only 19 officers had a copy of Quran in East Pakistan, while 2 of them could not read it.
- 7) Out of the officers, who could read Quran, 13 came to East Pakistan without a Quran.
- 8) Only 28 officers had properly read and completed the Quran *Ameen*, in their childhood.
- 9) Half of 28 officers joined the Quran School, with a view to improve their NAZRA Quran.
- 10) All 17 officers, who had not read and completed Quran in their childhood, decided to join Quran School in POW Camp in India, to learn NAZRA skills and complete the Quran.
- 11) Thus, about 30 officers remained enrolled in 'Quran School for Adults' for 2 years.



Fortunately, in our POW Camp, Major *Abdul Aziz* was a *Hafize* Quran. He agreed to be the Head Master of our Quran School for the Adults. On his wish, I had to act as his assistant, the class senior and also the administrator of the said Quran School.

Our Quran School for the POW Adults differed from the regular Indo-Pak Quran Schools for Muslim Children, on following 2 accounts:

- 1) There, the duration of lessons was short and fixed. While the duration of lessons in Quran School in India was longer, almost whole day, every day, like a workshop or a seminar.
- 2) There, the failure in learning was attributed to the students or to the teachers. Here, the Arabic scripts or styles of writing were blamed for all our failures. So, we tried to determine difficulties in Arabic scripts (to be resolved into a future Arabic script). *Amen*.

There existed / exists a Divine Promise in Holy Quran that, ‘We made (the reading of) Quran easier.’ Hence, over the past centuries, many comforts and conveniences had already been added into Arabic script, making each newer version easier to be read than its previous version.

As examples, I list below 4 obstacles, out of a larger list of the noted and compiled difficulties by crazy and clever students in the Quran School for Adults in POW Camp, in India.

- 1) ‘Silent letters’ should not need much teaching and training effort by all *NAZRA* readers.
- 2) ‘Non-effective *IRAB*’ may also be learnt without much effort by all *NAZRA* readers.
- 3) ‘Dozens of *WAQOOF* etc.’, should not require any teaching or training effort by all of us.
- 4) And the non-Arab readers should render a nice *NAZRA* Quran like Arabs, easily.

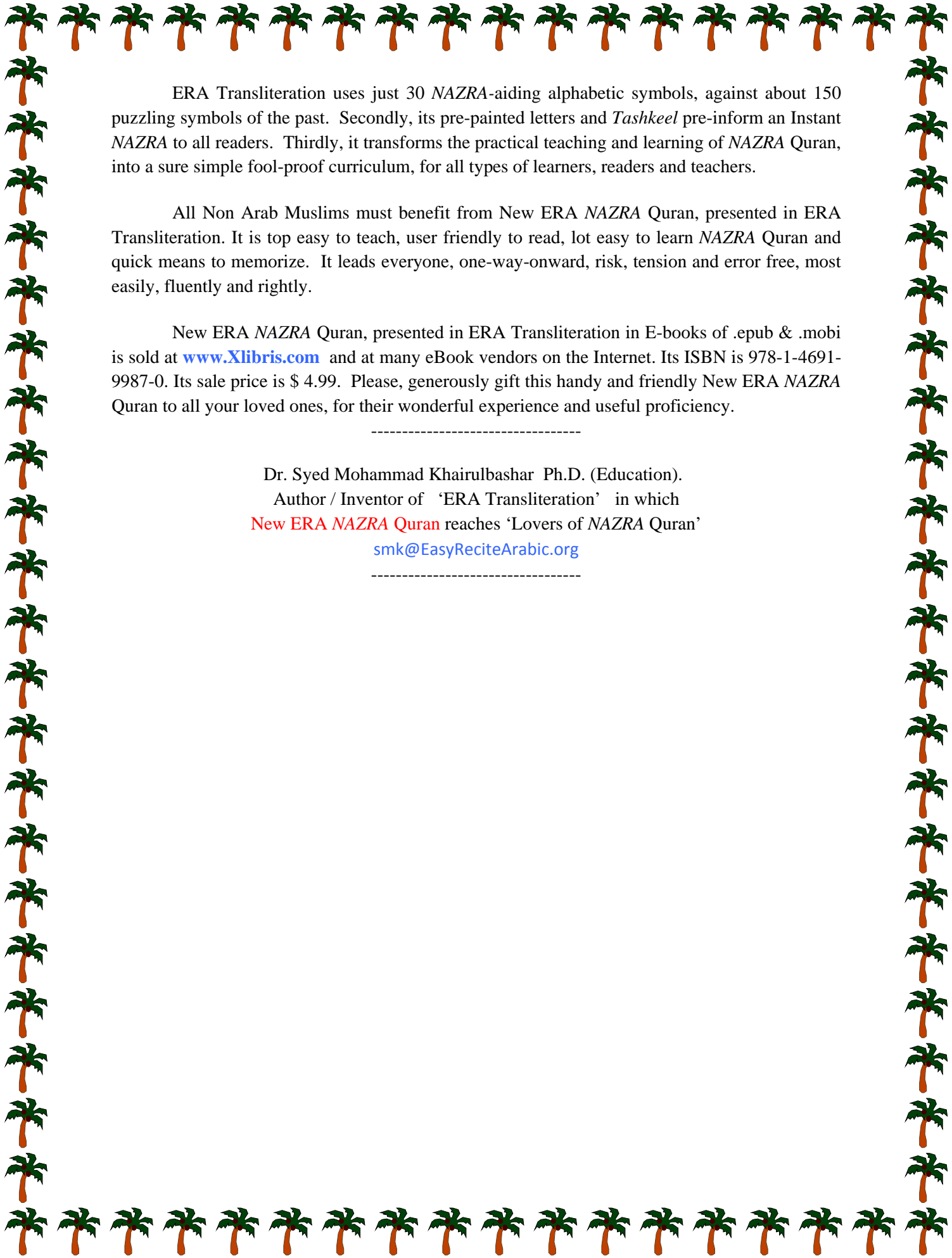
There was no shortage of time in Camp # 41. It was an era of absolute non-occupation. It was conducive towards *NAZRA* Quran. Also, a notion floated in the air that, ‘Once every prisoner learns *NAZRA* Quran fairly well, then all of us would be freed.’ Hence, despite fighting with the Arabic scripts, we were still doing well on the same Arabic scripts.

Ultimately all 14 officers, who had already read Quran in their childhood, re-completed it again and again. Out of 17 beginners, only 11 students read and fully completed the Holy Quran. **If 35% beginners could not learn *NAZRA* Quran on current scripts, then what was needed most?**

After 2 years, we were set free and sent to Pakistan. Yet, the research to design and develop reliefs to all snags listed in India, continued by me, my wife and colleagues, to produce a newer Arabic font, a new Arabic script and a highly friendly version for *NAZRA* Quran *Kareem*.

About 25 years later in Canada, our efforts resulted into Easy Recite Arabic (ERA) Transliteration. It provides solutions to all the difficulties identified in Indian POW Camp. It is a singular Arabic text, exclusively engineered for *NAZRA* needs and totally transliterated into Arabic letters. It delivers all blessings of Arabic fonts and all the advantages, merits and benefits of Transliteration of Arabic contents into non-Arabic letters. ERA Assertions can not be ignored!

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