

How to become part of the *madinahduroos* network

1) Create a Twitter account

Go online and follow the instructions:

<http://twitter.com/>

You only need to create an account to send and receive updates (tweets). However you can receive updates (tweets) from *madinahduroos* via text messages to your mobile phone number without creating an account, but you will not be able to send updates (tweets) to *madinahduroos*. If you do not want to be a sender of updates and just want to be a receiver go to step 3.

2) How to set up twitter so you are able to send and receive updates (tweets) via SMS. (You DO need a twitter account for this feature)

First you need to configure your phone with your twitter account. The following is step-by-step instructions on how to do this:

- 1) Log in and click the **settings** link in the drop-down in the top right-hand corner of your screen, where you see your username.
- 2) Visit your **Mobile** tab on your profile's Settings page.
- 3) **Choose your country** from the first drop-down box.
- 4) **Enter your number** without a country code or leading zero.
- 5) Choose your network provider code from the drop-down box (for network provider codes for other countries see step 5d):

840404 (STC customers)

710001 (Zain customers)

606040 (Mobily customers)

- 6) Click **Start** to begin verifying your phone.
- 7) You will be directed to send a text message containing the word "GO", to your network provider code.
- 8) Send **GO** from your phone.
- 9) After Twitter receives the text from you, they will add your device and you'll be ready to use Twitter on your phone.

3) How to receive *madinahduros* updates (tweets) (You DO NOT need a twitter account for this feature)

To get updates (tweets) from *madinahduros* delivered to your phone, send a message to your network provider code (for network provider codes for other countries see step 5d):

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606040 (Mobily customers)

With the command:

follow madinahduros

If you do this from a mobile phone number which is not connected to a Twitter account then you will be able to receive updates (tweets) from *madinahduros*, but you will not be able to send updates (tweets) to *madinahduros*. So you can receive updates (tweets) from *madinahduros* without having to create a twitter account, just send the command as stated above. To send updates (tweets) you must have an account.

4) How to send updates (tweets) to *madinahduros* via SMS (You DO need a twitter account for this feature)

To send updates (tweets) via SMS you must create a Twitter account and your mobile phone number must be configured to your account (see step 2). Once you have configured your mobile phone number to your account you can send updates (tweets) to *madinahduros*. To send an update (tweet) to *madinahduros* you simply send a text to your network provider code (for network provider codes for other countries see step 5d):

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The format of the text should be as follows:

@madinahduros [your message]

For example if you want to inform everyone on the *madinahduros* network that there is a lesson by Shaykh Salih as-Suhaymee at Masjid Quba tonight (20/05/11) after Isha, then you would text the following:

@madinahduros Sh, Suhaymee @ Masjid Quba 2nite (20/05/11) after Isha

Once you have sent this message and it is approved by *madinahduros*, then all those who have registered their phones to receive updates from *madinahduros* will receive this message free of charge. We request that all messages be written in English and/or Arabic, but preferably both to allow for more users to benefit.

5) Other useful information

a) **madinahduroos** Twitter account URL is:

<http://twitter.com/madinahduroos>

b) **The cost of sending and receiving texts** is at the rate set by your service provider. Twitter does not charge for sending or receiving text. Therefore, if it is free for you to receive texts then receiving updates (tweets) from madinahduroos will be free. As for sending text to madinahduroos then this is charged at the same rate as when you text any national mobile number. If you choose to send updates (tweets) from your account via the Twitter website, or an application on a smart phone such as iPhone, Blackberry, etc. Then there is no charge as you have not sent a text. Refer to this link for more details regarding text charges.

<http://support.twitter.com/groups/34-mobile/topics/153-twitter-via-sms/articles/14225-does-twitter-charge-me-for-text-messages>

c) For network provider codes from other countries go to the following link:

<http://support.twitter.com/groups/34-mobile/topics/153-twitter-via-sms/articles/14226-how-to-find-your-twitter-short-code-or-long-code>

d) You can find more help on how to use the mobile features on twitter in the following link:

http://support.twitter.com/groups/34-mobile#topic_123