

Tomb of Azad Husain renovated

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LAHORE, June 10: The tomb of Shamsul Ulema Maulana Muhammad Azad Husain has finally been renovated after the lapse of over two decades at Karbala Gamey Shah.

The tomb was decaying fast when the family of Maulana Azad Husain took the initiative a couple of months ago and preserved the tomb.

Speaking at a ceremony held in this connection here on Tuesday, Government College University vice-chancellor Dr Khalid Aftab shed light on Maulana Azad's contributions in Urdu and Persian literature.

Born in 1830, Maulana Azad joined the Government College, Lahore, in 1872 as a teacher. In 1884, he joined the Oriental College but could not continue with his job for a long due to illness. He died in 1910. He was also called the first critic on Urdu literature.

His major contributions in Urdu and Persian literature are; *Aab-i-Hayat*, *Rang-i-Hayat*, *Diwan-i-Zauk*, *Qadim Urdu* and *Quwaid-i-Urdu*.

Old Ravians Union former president Sadatullah Khan, Agha Akbar and Zia Haider Rizvi also paid tributes to the Maulana.



THE tomb of Shamsul Ulema Maulana Muhammad Azad Husain.