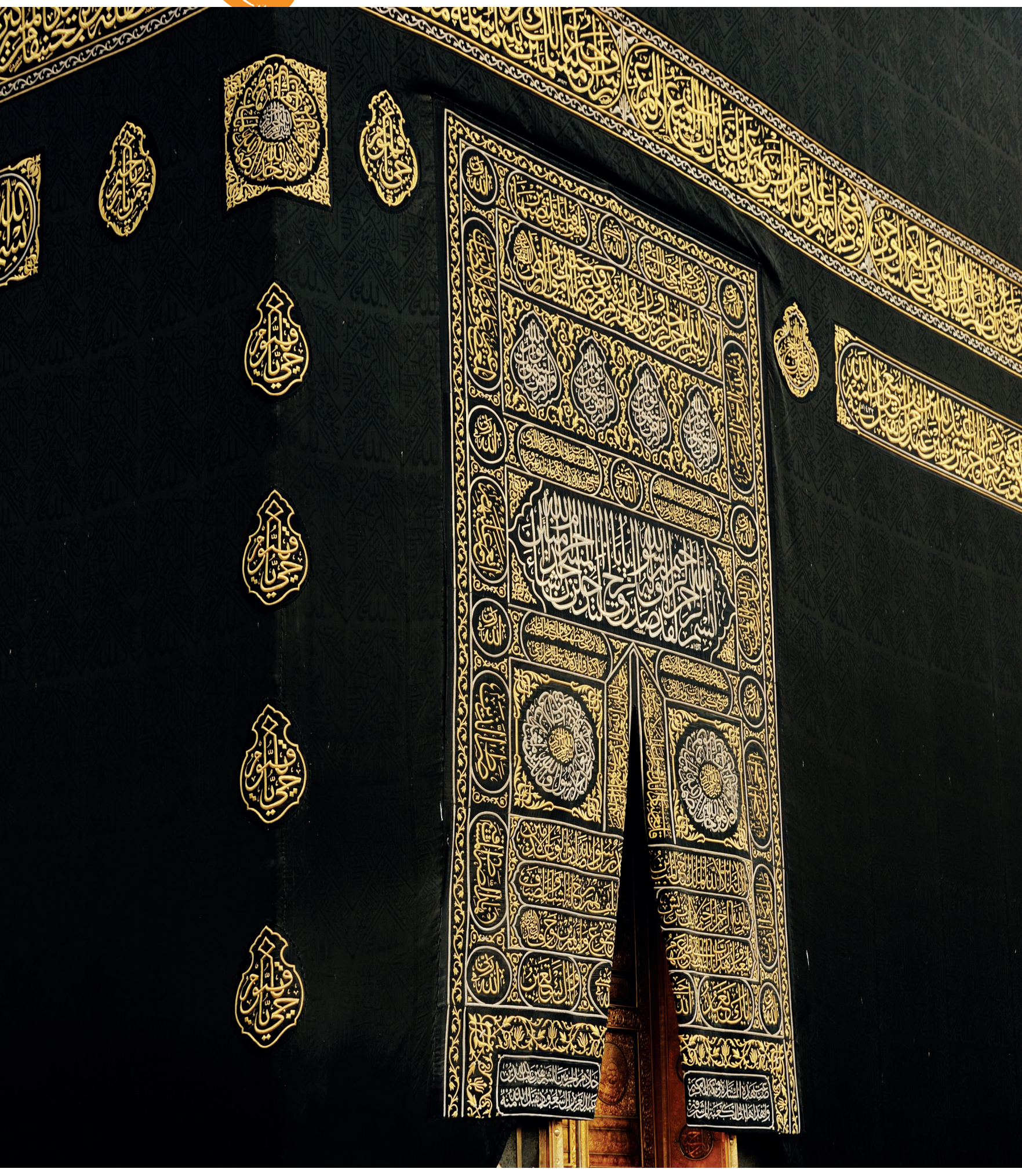


Ka'bah FACT FILE



KA'BAH

LOCATION

Makkah, Saudi Arabia

QURANIC NAMES

Al Bait, Al Bait Al-Ateeq,
Al Bait Al-Muharram,
Awwal Bayt

SIZE

Height: 13.1 m (43 ft 0 in)
Length: 12.86 m (42 ft 2 in)
Width: 11.03 m (36 ft 2 in)

NO. OF DOORS

1, but previously had 2

KISWAH COLOURS

Black and gold. Previously
was white, red and green.

LONGITUDE & LATITUDE

21.4225° N, 39.8262° E

MATERIALS

Rock, Marble, Limestone

The Ka'bah is located at the centre of Al-Masjid al-Haram, in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. Everywhere in the world, Muslims have to face the Ka'bah during prayers, known as facing the Qiblah. Muslims don't pray to the Ka'bah, rather towards it.

During the time of the Quraysh, the Ka'bah encompassed the Hateem (semi-circular area near the Ka'bah), but due to insufficient pure funds available, they couldn't complete the structure and left it as it is seen today.

Many leaders in the past had re-adjusted it, until it was decreed that the Ka'bah should be left as it is and avoid making it a political tool. The great Imam Malik (May Allah have mercy on him) said: "Every king will want to tear it down and rebuild it the other way. The people will cease to revere it."

ALLAH SAYS:

"Verily, the first House (of worship) appointed for mankind was that at Bakkah (Makkah), full of blessing and a guidance for mankind." [3:96]

Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ reports that the Prophet ﷺ said:
One hundred and twenty mercies descend upon the Ka'bah every day and night;

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SIXTY FOR THOSE
PERFORMING TAWAF

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FORTY FOR THOSE
ENGAGED IN SALAH

[Bayhaqi]

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TWENTY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
MERELY LOOKING AT THE KA'BAH

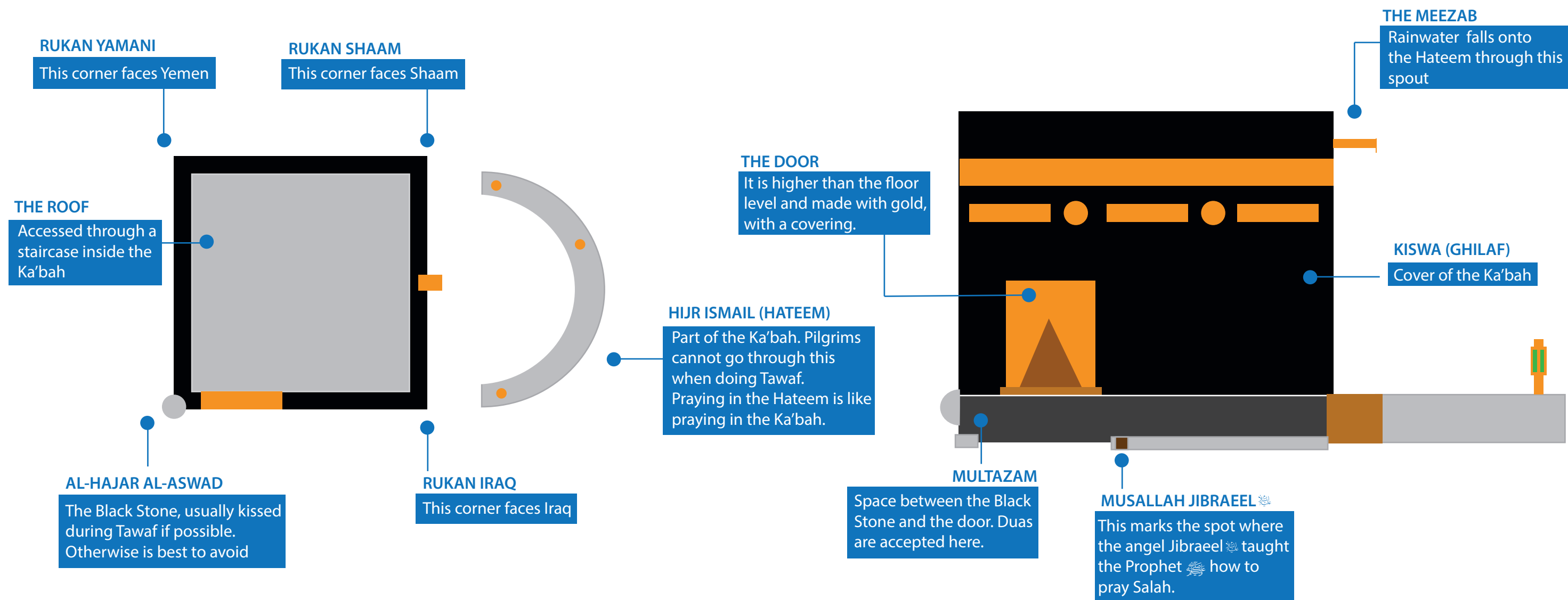
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The Ka'bah used to be open for everyone to enter and pray inside. With the increasing number of pilgrims wishing to go inside, the Ka'bah could no longer be accessible for all. It is now occasionally opened for special guests.



DID YOU KNOW?

OUTSIDE THE KA'BAH



WHAT IS INSIDE THE KA'BAH

The interior of the Ka'bah is supported by three pillars, with lanterns hanging in between them.

A small table for perfumes can be found between the pillars. Plaques can be seen hanging on the walls, commemorating the rulers who refurbished it.

A green cloth embroidered with the verses of the Quran covers the upper part of the walls. The right wall has a golden door called Bab At-Taubah, which opens to a staircase leading to the roof.

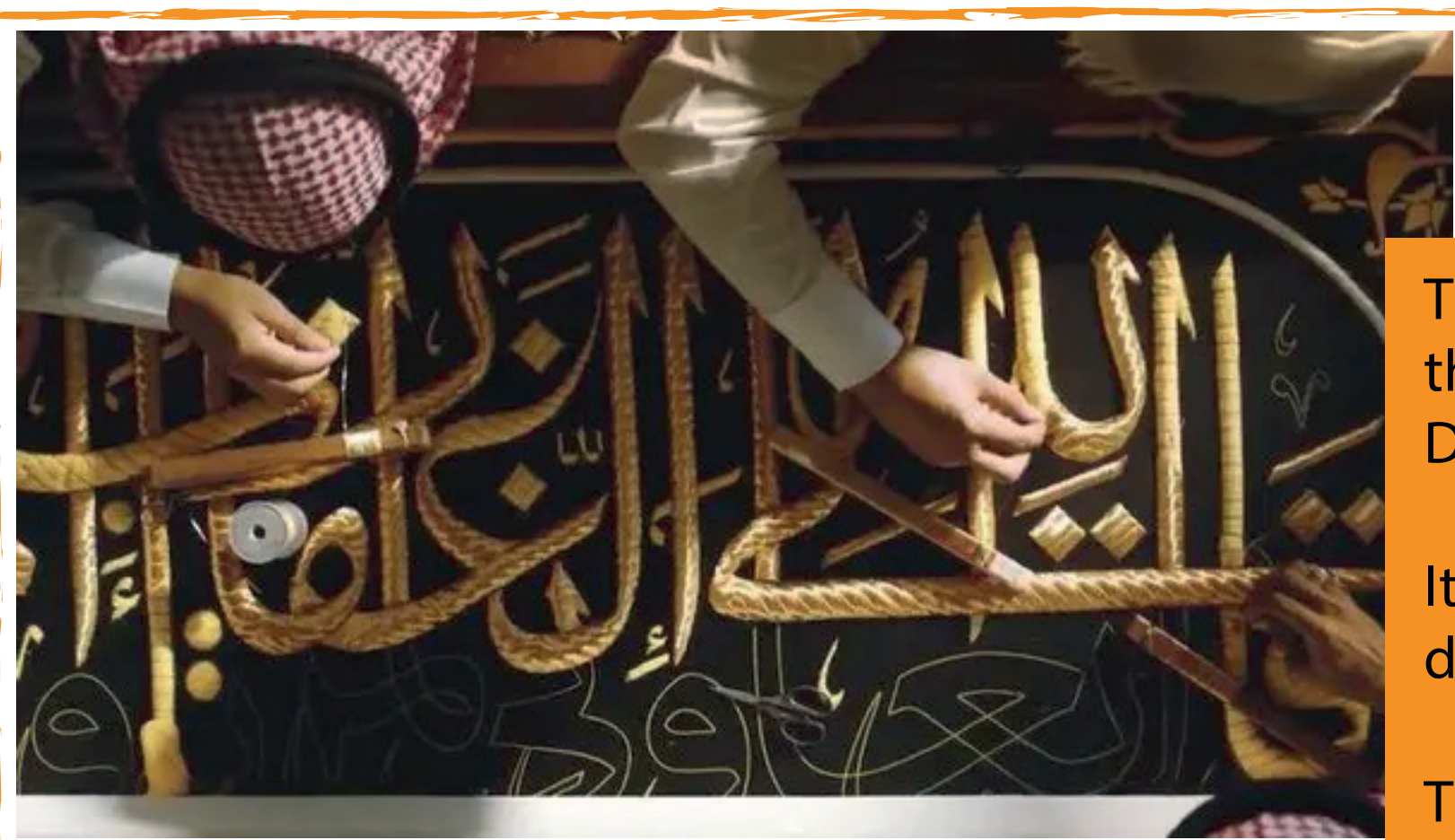


THE KISWAH

The Kiswah is the black cloth that drapes the Ka'bah. It contains the attributes of Allah, Du'as and verses of the Qur'an.

It is traditionally changed annually during the days of Hajj.

The Prophet ﷺ had the Ka'bah draped in White. Many leaders also changed colours, with black being chosen to avoid frequent colour changes.



The Kiswah is being made by workers in Makkah

'And remember Ibrahim and Ismail raised the foundations of the House (With this prayer): "Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us: For Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-knowing." 2:127

