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Qur'an Recitations

English translation:

Umm... The sura that is always being recited, umm, sura Al-Hamd¹, after that Al-Baqara² and also, sura Al-Yasin³ is always recited in each Qur'an readings. You may read any section of Qur'an, it does not matter, but this is sort of like a tradition that Al-Yasin is recited. Our prophet *alayhi wa sallam* (*May Allah bless him*), praises sura Al-Yasin a lot, indeed. Umm... it's been said that sura Al-Yasin is the heart of Qur'an. I mean there is a heart in everything, just like humans have a heart, everything has a heart, the heart of Qur'an is Al-Yasin. Therefore, umm... Al-Yasin is recited in each of our Qur'an readings.

Reciting Al-Hamd, is too, umm... it is indeed called Al-Fatiha. Al-Fatiha is a starter; I mean the opening sura of Qur'an, that's the beginning. I mean, it is a sura that circumscribes the whole Qur'an, therefore sura Al-Hamd is always recited.

[He then starts to the read Al-Fatiha in Arabic from 51st second to 1:51, and then he starts to read Al-Baqara until the 3rd minute. After that the boy starts to read Al-Yasin in Arabic.]

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¹ Al-Hamd is another way to refer sura Al-Fatiha which is the 1st sura in Qur'an.

² Al-Baqara is the 188th sura in Qur'an.

³ Al-Yasin is the 36th sura in Qur'an.