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**“Be always just,
that is closest to righteousness”**

(The Holy Qur'an, 5:9)

True Justice Creates a Beautiful Society

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) said:

“There is only one way to establish justice in the world: by aiming to attain Allah’s pleasure. Otherwise, it is impossible to achieve that high standard which would efface injustice and selfish desires from the earth...Justice and equity enlighten a person’s excellent moral traits...If one acts upon this, i.e., if one is readily willing to testify against himself to establish justice—if one does not hesitate to testify against his parents or his close relatives—then this creates a matchless, beautiful society.”

(Friday Sermon dated August 9, 2013; *Al-Fazl International*, August 30, 2013, p. 6)





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ABBREVIATIONS OF SALUTATIONS

- sa** *Sallallahu alaihi wa Sallam* — Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him!
Usage: Salutation written after the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad
- as** *Alaihis Salam / Alaihas Salam* — Peace be upon him/her!
Usage: Salutation written after names of Prophets other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} and pious women prior to the era of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}
- ra** *Radhiallahu anhu / anha / anhum* — May Allah be pleased with him/her/them!
Usage: Salutation written after names of Companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} and Companions of the Promised Messiah^{as}
- rh** *Rahimahullah / Rahimahallah* — May Allah have mercy upon him/her!
Usage: Salutation written after the names of deceased, pious Muslims who are not Companions
- aa** *Ayyadahullahu Taala bi Nasrihil Aziz* — May Allah be his Helper!
Usage: Salutation written after the name of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa}



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PEARLS OF

THE HOLY QUR'AN

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

O ye who believe, be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity. Let not a people's enmity towards you incite you to act contrary to justice; be always just, that is closest to righteousness. Be mindful of your duty to Allah; surely, Allah is aware of all that you do. (5:9)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ
لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ
شَنَاةُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا ۚ وَإِعْدِلُوا
هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩﴾

HADITH

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

*O Allah! Bless Muhammad^{sa} and the people of Muhammad^{sa},
and bestow grace and salutations, for verily You are the Praiseworthy, the Majestic.*

Hazrat Hudhaifah^{ra} narrated that the Messenger of Allah^{sa} said: “Do not be a people without a will of your own, saying: ‘If people treat us well, we will treat them well; and if they do wrong, we will do wrong,’ but accustom yourselves to do good if people do good, and do not behave unjustly if they do evil.”

(Jami at-Tirmidhi)

عَنْ حُدَيْفَةَ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ: لَا تَكُونُوا إِمْعَةً تَقُولُونَ إِنْ أَحْسَنَ النَّاسُ
أَحْسَنًا وَإِنْ ظَلَمُوا ظَلَمْنَا وَلَكِنْ وَطَّنُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ
إِنْ أَحْسَنَ النَّاسُ أَنْ تُحْسِنُوا وَإِنْ أَسَاءُوا فَلَا
تَظْلِمُوا.

(جامع الترمذي، كتاب البرِّ والصَّلة، باب ما جاء في الإحسانِ والعفو)

WISDOM

SO SAID THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}

With respect to justice, which cannot be achieved without strict adherence to the path of truthfulness, God Almighty says:

لَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰٓ اَلَّا تَعْدِلُوْا ۗ اِعْدِلُوْا ۗ هُوَ اَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوٰى

Meaning: ‘Let not a people’s enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, in this alone is righteousness.’

Now, you do know how hard it is to be equitable in dealing with such nations who torture you unjustifiably and cause injury to you, and cause bloodshed, and pursue you, and kill women and children—as the Makkan infidels had done—and then do not cease their warmongering! But the Qur’anic teaching did not usurp the rights even of such mortal enemies, and admonished in favour of justice and equity...

I state it quite truthfully that it is easy to treat an enemy cordially, but it is quite difficult and, befitting only of the gallant, to safeguard the rights of enemies and not to forsake justice and equity in litigations. Most people love their rival kinsmen, and treat them with sweet words, but usurp their rights. A brother loves his brother, but under the guise of that love, he defrauds him and deprives him of his rights. For example, if he happens to be a landowner, he slyly gets his brother’s name not recorded in the title deed, while showing such affection as though he is eager to sacrifice his life for him.

Thus, in this verse, God Almighty did not mention love, but mentioned the touchstone of love, for one who renders justice unto his mortal enemy and does not compromise truthfulness and equity, is really the one who holds sincere love as well.

(The Light of the Holy Qur’an, English translation, pp. 107–109)



GEMS OF GUIDANCE

from the Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!)

NOTE: Given below are brief, selected points from the Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa}. Readers are encouraged to benefit directly from the complete Friday Sermons of Huzoor^{aa}, available on alislam.org.



1.

JUNE 2, 2023

The Holy Prophet^{sa}: The Great Exemplar

Huzoor^{aa} began his sermon by mentioning that members of the Community had written to him to discuss the life of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, just as he had previously delivered sermons about the companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

Before mentioning the Battle of Badr, Huzoor^{aa} said it is important to understand the circumstances which led to the battle happening in the first place. Huzoor^{aa} quoted from the writings of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra}, who detailed the kinds of torment that the Holy Prophet^{sa} and his Companions underwent in Makkah. It is said that when persecution intensified, Hazrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf^{ra} and other Companions came before the Holy Prophet^{sa} and sought permission to fight the Quraish. The Holy Prophet^{sa} responded: "For now, I have been ordered to pardon. Thus, I cannot give you permission to fight."

Huzoor^{aa} said that according to the research of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra}, the permission to fight back was revealed to the Holy Prophet^{sa} in the second year after his migration to Madinah. Huzoor^{aa} further stated that these verses (22:40-41) were not only for the protection of Muslims; rather, by naming the places of worship of other religions, this verse also protects the rights and freedoms of other religions.

2.

JUNE 9, 2023

Early Expeditions from the Life of the Holy Prophet^{sa}

Huzoor^{aa} narrated early expeditions from the life of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Huzoor^{aa} mentioned "Sariyyah Ubaidah bin Harith," one of the first encounters between Muslims and disbelievers. It is related that the first person to have the honour of casting an arrow in the name of Islam was Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas^{ra}.

Huzoor^{aa} said another expedition was Ghazwah Waddan. Historians say this was the first expedition in which the Holy Prophet^{sa} himself took part. The Holy Prophet^{sa} appointed Hazrat Saad bin Ubadah^{ra} as the leader of Madinah in his stead. This expedition aimed to stop a trade caravan of the Quraish, which was unfortunately not attained. However, the Holy Prophet^{sa} made a peace treaty with the Banu Damrah tribe.

Huzoor^{aa} mentioned a few other expeditions before stating the details of the expedition of Nakhlah. Hazrat Abdullah bin Jahsh^{ra} led this expedition of eight Muslims to encounter a caravan of the Quraish. After consultation, the group of Muslims decided to attack the Quraish, resulting in the death of one of the Quraish, while two were captured, and one got away. Upon returning to Madinah and meeting the Holy Prophet^{sa}, the Holy Prophet^{sa} told Hazrat Abdullah bin Jahsh^{ra} that he had not instructed them to fight. The Quraish also complained that this attack had occurred during a sacred month and began preparations to attack the Muslims. The Battle of Badr was mostly the result of these preparations.

Huzoor^{aa} then stated some details of the background of the Battle of Badr. This battle is called the Day of Distinction in the Holy Qur'an. Huzoor^{aa} mentioned, in reference to the writings of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra}, how the Muslims had to intercept a caravan led by Abu Sufyan, which was passing close by Madinah, for the safety of Muslims. He also mentioned a dream of the paternal aunt of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, which hinted at the destruction of the Quraish. When this news reached Abu Jahl, he began preparing the Makkans for war.

Background of the Battle of Badr

Further elaborating upon the background of the Battle of Badr, Huzoor^{ra} stated how two Makkian chiefs were afraid to join the battle: Umayyah bin Khalaf and Abu Lahab. Both of them, however, were pushed to join the battle to boost the morale of the Quraish. Umayyah was afraid because of a prophecy of the Holy Prophet^{sa} regarding his death. Abu Jahl convinced Umayyah to at least travel with the caravan for two days. However, Umayyah was killed in these two days, thus fulfilling the prophecy. Abu Lahab was fearful of a dream of his sister, which Huzoor^{ra} had mentioned in his previous sermon, and he paid someone a hefty sum to stand in his place.

According to most accounts, it is recorded that the Muslims numbered 313. The Muslims only had 60 sets of armour and 70 or 80 camels upon which everyone would take turns riding. Huzoor^{ra} said that during the journey, the Holy Prophet^{sa} thus prayed for his Companions:

'O Allah, they are barefoot, grant them riding animals; they are unclothed, grant them clothes; they are hungry, satiate them; they are in straitened circumstances, grant them wealth by Your grace.'

This prayer was certainly answered because, on the return from the Battle of Badr, there was no one who didn't receive a riding animal. Similarly, those without clothes found clothes, there was no shortage of food, and every household became more affluent.

Lastly, Huzoor^{ra} said he would lead the funeral prayers of four members, including Syed Tanvir Shah Sahib of Canada, who had passed away while serving Waqf-e-Arzi (temporary devotion) in Paraguay. He was the father of Syed Raza Ahmad Shah Sahib, a missionary of Canada Jama'at.

Preparations for the Battle of Badr

Huzoor^{ra} said the Holy Prophet^{sa} informed the Companions regarding the Makkans' preparations and consulted with them on how to prepare. The Companions gave their opinions, including Hazrat Miqdad bin Amr^{ra}, who said they were all with the Holy Prophet^{sa} and would accompany him in whatever Allah commanded him. They would not respond to him as the Israelites responded to Moses^{as}:

'Go thou and thy Lord and fight, here we will sit.'

(The Holy Qur'an 5:25)

Huzoor^{ra} said the Holy Prophet^{sa} also sought the opinion of the *Ansar*. Hazrat Saad bin Mu'adh^{ra} expressed his surprise that the *Ansar* were also being asked their opinion. He said that they had pledged their allegiance to the Holy Prophet^{sa}, to obey him in whatever he did, and would follow him wherever he went, even if that meant walking into the sea.

Huzoor^{ra} said the Muslims proceeded to Badr and encamped just outside its plains. Quoting from the writings of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra} further, he mentioned:

'Upon the proposal of Saad bin Mu'adh^{ra}, chieftain of the Aus, a sort of tent was prepared for the Holy Prophet^{sa} to one side of the field. The Holy Prophet^{sa} retired to this tent along with Hadrat Abu Bakr^{ra}. All night long, weeping and wailing, the Holy Prophet^{sa} supplicated before Allah. It is written that in the entire army, it was only the Holy Prophet^{sa} who remained awake all night.' (*The Life & Character of the Seal of Prophets – Vol II*, pp. 143-144)

Commencement of the Battle of Badr

In this sermon, Huzoor^{ra} described the commencement of the Battle of Badr. Huzoor^{ra} said the Holy Prophet^{sa} gave various instructions for the battle. After arranging the ranks, the Holy Prophet^{sa} told the Muslims they should not attack until he instructed them. Further, if the enemy advanced, they should cause them to move back by shooting arrows at them. He also said that their swords should not be swung until the enemy was in very close proximity. The Holy Prophet^{sa} said that patience during hardships leads Allah to remove one's worries and saves them from sadness.

Huzoor^{ra} said that during the battle, the Holy Prophet^{sa} forbade Muslims from killing certain people. He instructed the Companions that the Banu Hashim and some others had been forced to come to the battle against their will, and so, if the Muslims came across them, they should not kill them.

Referring to writings of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra}, Huzoor^{ra} said the Holy Prophet^{sa} prayed:

'O my God! Fulfil Your promises. O my Master! If today, this party of Muslims is destroyed, then after today there shall remain none who would worship You.'

The Holy Prophet^{sa} was praying with such fervour with his hands raised that his cloak fell from his shoulders. Hazrat Abu Bakr^{ra} picked it up, hugged the Holy Prophet^{sa} and said that Allah would certainly have heard his entreaties.

Rays of Light

The Enlightening Words of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!)

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You must carry out the groundwork so that people know you... The world cannot be informed of the peaceful message of Islam by meagre efforts.



BURNING OF THE HOLY QUR'AN IN SWEDEN

PRAY FOR PALESTINIANS

In his Friday Sermon of July 7, 2023, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa} highlighted the ongoing oppression of Palestinian Muslims. Huzoor^{aa} said:

“We should pray for the Palestinians. May Allah create ease and relief for those oppressed people. May He grant them leaders who fulfil their rights, guide them properly and free them from the injustices being perpetrated against them. The cruelties they are facing have reached extreme levels, but no one is there to protect or guide them. If only the Muslims of the world would unite, they would be freed from these trials and tribulations.”

In the same sermon, Huzoor^{aa} also strongly condemned the recent incident of burning the Holy Qur'an in Sweden. He said:

“In Sweden and other countries, people have been given completely free rein to say whatever they wish (against Islam) in the name of freedom of expression. Under this pretext, they are cruelly toying with the sentiments of Muslims through vengeful acts that cause deep distress to Muslims. Their actions are cruel and abhorrent, whereby they defile the Holy Qur'an or use vulgar words about the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). In this regard, Muslim governments are also to blame for the dire situation that Muslims find themselves in because it is their disunity which has allowed the anti-Islam powers to act in these vile ways. If the Muslims have taken a stand or reacted (to the Qur'an burning), it will only be a temporary reaction that will have no lasting impact. Therefore, we must pray fervently for the Muslim leaders and the Ummah. There is a dire need for prayers.”

(SOURCE: <https://www.pressahmadiyya.com/press-releases/2023/07/global-muslim-leader-says-disunity-of-muslims-is-allowing-for-the-oppression-of-muslims-and-the-targeting-of-islam/>)

WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE AWARENESS OF THE JAMA'AT

On May 7, 2023, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa} held a virtual meeting with National Amila Members of Majlis Ansarullah (Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Auxiliary) from Australia. Whilst speaking to the Qa'id Tabligh—responsible for outreach initiatives to deliver the peaceful message of Islam to people—Huzoor^{aa} encouraged the Amila members to lead by example in order to convey Islam's teachings to the people of Australia and said that if older people are not able to do much else, they can at least distribute flyers in their areas on the weekends when they have time. Huzoor^{aa} said:

“All the auxiliary organizations will have to work together in order to create awareness about the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. People should know that Ahmadi Muslims are peace-loving and always promote peace and love between all people. Once you have given people a basic introduction, only then can you move on to the next stage of explaining how Islam is the true religion and whether the Promised Messiah^{as} has arrived or not. These bigger issues can only be discussed once you are able to introduce yourselves.”

Huzoor^{aa} also said that Majlis Ansarullah should not be content with holding small routine events, rather they should aim to introduce hundreds of people to the teachings of Islam every week. Huzoor^{aa} continued:

“You must carry out the groundwork so that people know you. Fifty to sixty percent of the population of Australia should know of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. You can achieve this by utilizing the media and by printing and distributing literature and pamphlets. Explore new ways, rather than following the same old methods... The world cannot be informed of the peaceful message of Islam by meagre efforts. Rather, you will have to strive very hard for this. Members of Ansarullah are more mature, and so they should work with better planning. You should make such programmes and initiatives which have never been done before.”

(SOURCE: <https://www.pressahmadiyya.com/press-releases/2023/05/ansar-amila-members-from-australia-have-honour-of-a-virtual-meeting-with-head-of-the-ahmadiyya-muslim-community/>)



SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM THROUGH CYCLING

In the same meeting, speaking to the Na'ib Sadr Saf-e-Dom, responsible for Ansar aged 40 – 55, Huzoor^{aa} encouraged that the Ansar should use cycling as a method of staying fit and healthy and also as a way to show people the true peaceful message of Islam. He advised:

“You should make contact with your local cycling clubs and collaborate with them to run events. This way, you will be able to raise more funds for charity, and you will also be able to deliver to them the message of the peaceful teachings of Islam. You can distribute literature and even wear shirts promoting Islam's message about 'love for all' and about living with people in harmony, and you can even campaign against the dangers of a Third World War. As a result of working with local cycling groups, your network with people will expand, and you will be able to gain better exposure, and non-Muslims will be able to contribute towards your charitable endeavours.”



SPECIAL MESSAGE OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL-MASIH V^{AA} AT THE OCCASION OF THE 45TH JALSA SALANA CANADA Held at the International Centre, Mississauga, from July 14–16, 2023

NOTE: *The English translation of the original Urdu text is reproduced below.*

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

We Praise Him and invoke blessings upon His Noble Messenger^{as}; and upon His servant, the Promised Messiah^{as}

By the grace and mercy of God – He alone is the Helper

Islamabad, UK

12-07-2023

Respected Amir Sahib, Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

All praise belongs to Allah! Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada is holding its Jalsa Salana from the 14th to the 16th of July 2023. May Allah the Almighty immensely bless the arrangements of this Jalsa, make it successful in every way, and enable all participants to benefit from it religiously, spiritually and educationally! May Allah the Almighty increase all members of the Jama'at in virtue and righteousness! May He enable them to live together with love, affection, and unity. This indeed is the purpose of the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at and it is the reason for holding Jalsas. Every participant should always remember this purpose of Jalsa, that we must fulfil the rights we owe to Allah and to His creation and always give precedence to Faith.

The Promised Messiah^{as} said:

“The desire and true purpose of the Jalsa was that the members of our Community, through repeated meetings [with me], should somehow achieve such a change in themselves that their hearts become fully inclined towards the hereafter, and the fear of God should develop within them; and that they should become for others an example of piety, righteousness, virtue, forbearance,

tenderness of heart, mutual love, and brotherhood; and they should develop in themselves humility, hospitality, and integrity, and embrace with zeal the carrying out of religious campaigns.”
(*Testimony of the Holy Qur'an*, p. 149)

It is a favour of Allah the Almighty upon us that He has enabled us to recognize the Imam of the age and to join this Jama'at. And after the Promised Messiah^{as}, He granted us the blessing of Khilafat and enabled us to pledge allegiance [to the Khalifatul-Masih]. Now it is incumbent upon you to strive to fulfil this pledge of allegiance with complete obedience and absolute loyalty. May Allah the Almighty grant you the ability to act upon these matters. Amen!

Wassalam

Humbly

Mirza Masroor Ahmad

Khalifatul-Masih V



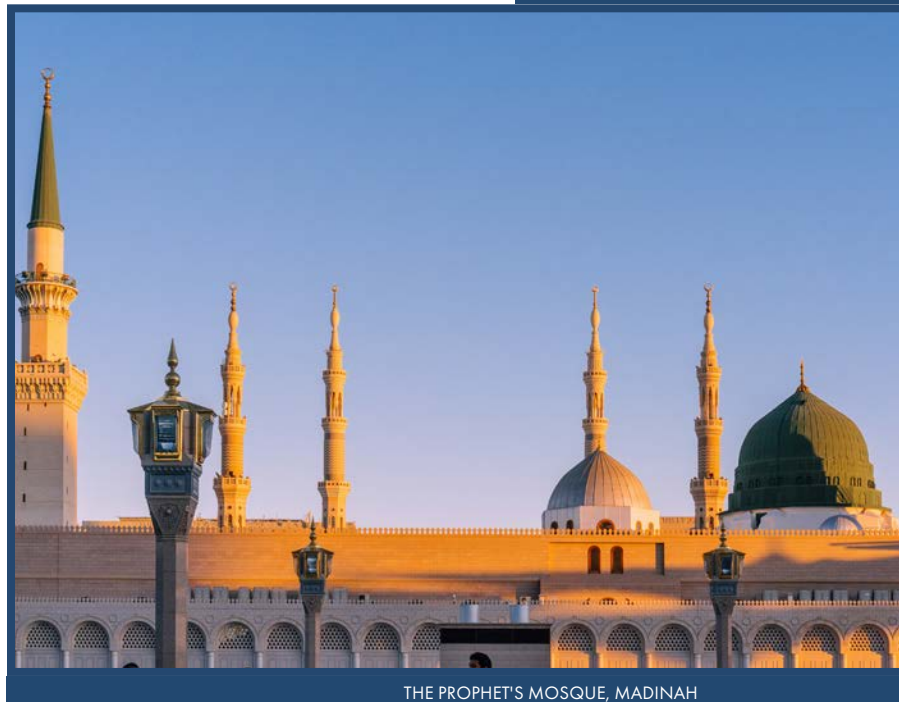
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The Resilience of the Holy Prophet^{sa}

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THE PROPHET'S MOSQUE, MADINAH

Instant gratification. From blazing-fast internet speeds, to waiting a mere few seconds in the drive-thru for our meals, to instantly receiving a wide array of information regarding friends and relatives on WhatsApp—we have become accustomed to incredible comfort and convenience in ways unfathomable in times of the past. Undoubtedly, this has caused a rise of impatience and a lack of resilience in people today, not just in their material lives but in a spiritual and moral sense as well. Often, individuals compromise or even lose faith due to a major ordeal, such as losing a child. The Holy Qur'an guides us, "Surely, Allah is with the steadfast"¹ and to "not be hasty."² But what does this truly mean? What kind of "patience" can we learn from the life of the Holy Prophet^{sa}?

Once the Holy Prophet^{sa} was asked about those who face the most tribulations. He responded: "Prophets. Then those who are near them, and then those who are near them."³ One understands the essence of this statement by studying the life of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

A glance at the life of the Holy Prophet^{sa} suggests that he had every right to question his faith. From the moment he was born, through the triumphs of Prophethood, to the latter part of his life, the life of our beloved master is an embodiment of resilience and perseverance. Firstly, he did not have the opportunity to see his father. Secondly, a six-year-old child has developed a meaningful and lasting relationship with his mother, yet this was the very age of our beloved master when his mother left this corporeal realm. Moving into the tender care of a loving grandfather, that child may finally have found a lifeline; however, that only lasted two years. His childhood was rampant with tragedies!

The perseverance of the Holy Prophet^{sa} can only be imagined by deeply pondering and reflecting over his life. His adult life was also no walk in the park. The persecution and suffering of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} became an everyday occurrence when he claimed to be a messenger of God. He once told his wife Hazrat Aisha^{ra}, "I used to live between two awful neighbours: Abu Lahab and Uqbah bin Abi

Mu'et. Both of them would bring garbage from their houses—even feces—and leave it at the front of my door." The Holy Prophet^{sa} would exit his house and merely say: "O Abd-e-Manaf! Is this the way to treat your neighbours?" Then he would remove this filth from the path himself."⁴

The Makkan leaders regularly hindered the Holy Prophet^{sa} from praying and professing his faith. Their cruelty knew no bounds, from torturing his companions to leaving the entrails of animals atop the Prophet^{sa} while he was in prostration. It was to the point that the Holy Prophet^{sa} and his Companions^{sa} were boycotted to a secluded valley known as *Sh'ib Abi Talib* for a period of 3 years. Yet what was the response of the Holy Prophet^{sa} in all these circumstances? Did his faith ever waver? Did he ever question all the suffering and calamities befalling not only his personal life but his dear Companions as well? After all, the Holy Prophet^{sa} once stated:

أَنَا سَيِّدُ وُلْدِ آدَمَ وَلَا فَخْرَ

"I am the master of mankind, yet I have no pride."⁵

Further, Allah informed the Holy Prophet^{sa} in a *Hadith-e-Quds*:

لَوْلَاكَ لَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْأَفْلاكَ

"If not for thee, I would not have created the universe."

Did the Holy Prophet^{sa} ever think of these realities and question how he was treated? On the contrary, when we observe the life of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, he became ever more inclined towards the worship of Allah, *despite* the adversities regularly befalling him. At the occasion of the Battle of Badr, the Holy Prophet^{sa} prayed so fervently to his Lord while prostrating and, at times, standing to the point that:

"Hazrat Abu Bakr^{ra} was greatly disturbed by this state of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, and at times would spontaneously say, 'O Messenger of Allah! May my mother and father be an offering! Do not worry, Allah shall definitely fulfill His promises.'" However, the Holy Prophet^{sa} remained constantly engaged in his supplications, weeping and



wailing.”⁶

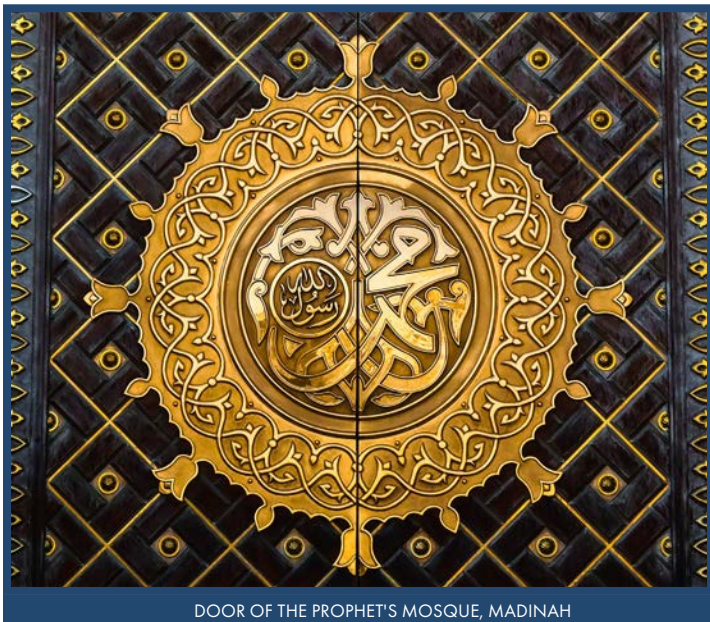
This was the humble attitude of the greatest Prophet^{sa} who was certain of the victories promised by Allah. The same Prophet^{sa} who gave glad tidings of the keys of the Roman and Persian empires to his Companions while they were in the most difficult of states—hungry and cold—during the Battle of the Ditch.⁷

In fact, this is one of the many reasons for the great status of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Other prophets of Allah simply did not face those circumstances which the Holy Prophet^{sa} had to undergo. Some prophets had to deal with the loss of children, others the persecution of their followers. Some faced migration from their homeland, while others had to act in a military capacity. Yet the numerous roles thrust upon the Holy Prophet^{sa} were second to no man or woman in history. In his book *The Perfect Man*, Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ishaq^{ra} has enlisted over 20 roles exemplified by the Holy Prophet^{sa}, and how he perfectly executed each of those roles.⁸

At the Battle of the Ditch, the Companions and the Holy Prophet^{sa} faced extremely difficult circumstances. They had to overcome the difficult task of digging a lengthy ditch, over a mile long, in bitterly cold weather. Further, the lack of food was

to the extent that the Companions observed that the Holy Prophet^{sa} had tied a stone over his stomach to suppress the pangs of hunger.⁹ Can you imagine the patience of our master? Put yourselves in the shoes of the Holy Prophet^{sa} for one moment. How would you feel if you knew the reality of your existence and had a stone tied to your stomach? An individual today questions his faith over the most minor of issues. Yet, not only did the Holy Prophet^{sa} endure these sufferings, but he also reacted to them in a polar opposite manner.

Many parents today desire to have both sons and daughters. In seventh-century Arabia, a son was critical for the genealogical continuity



DOOR OF THE PROPHET'S MOSQUE, MADINAH

of a man. Our beloved master experienced the loss of three boys from his first wife, Hazrat Khadija^{ra}, yet his will remained firm. This outstanding resilience and steadfastness of the Holy Prophet^{sa} is one of the implications in the verse:

إِنَّا عَرَضْنَا الْأَمَانَةَ عَلَى السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَالْجِبَالِ فَأَبَيْنَ أَنْ يَحْمِلْنَهَا وَأَشْفَقْنَ مِنْهَا وَحَمَلَهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ ظَلُومًا جَهُولًا ﴿٧٠﴾

“Verily, We offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they refused to bear it, and were afraid of it. But man bore it. Indeed, he is capable of being unjust to, and neglectful of, himself.”¹⁰

The Holy Prophet^{sa} not only bore incomprehensible pains, but actually grew in his appreciation of the bounties of Allah upon him. Rather than questioning ‘why did I lose my mother at 6?’ or ‘why did I lose so many children,’ the Holy Prophet^{sa} simply increased his adoration for his Creator, to the point that Hazrat Aisha^{ra} says he would pray for so long at night that his feet would swell up. When questioned, he would say: “Should I not be a thankful slave [of Allah]?”¹¹ This is the example we are instructed to follow. This is the perfect model we must replicate in some small form or manner.

When his beloved son Ibrahim passed away, it is narrated:

“We went in with God’s Messenger to visit Abu Saif, the smith who was the foster-father of Ibrahim (the Prophet’s son who died in infancy), and God’s messenger took Ibrahim, kissed him and smelt him. We went in to visit him later when Ibrahim was giving up his soul, and tears began to fall from God’s Messenger’s eyes, whereupon Abd ar-Rahman b. Auf said to him, ‘You too, O Messenger of God?’ He replied, “Ibn Auf, it is compassion,” then shed more tears and said, “The eye weeps and the heart grieves, but we say only what our Lord is pleased with, and we are grieved over being separated from you, Ibrahim.”¹²

There is a famous couplet of the Urdu poet Mirza Ghalib:

جان دی دی ہوئی اسی کی تھی
حق تو یوں ہے کہ حق ادا نہ ہوا

I gave my life to Him—although He had granted it in the first place;

The truth is, even then, the favour was not repaid.

Perhaps no person in history has truly acted upon the theme of this couplet. No person besides the Holy Prophet^{sa}. This was our beloved master, the Seal of the Prophets, who endured mountains of suffering, yet only had one thing to say:

Praise be to Allah!

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3. *Uswa-e-Insan-e-Kamil*, p. 502
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JALSA SALANA QADIAN 1948: A Memorable and Historic Journey

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A VIEW OF JALSA SALANA QADIAN

It was a cold night in December of 1948. It was my first year at Aligarh Muslim University. As usual, we were in our room busy chit-chatting instead of studying. Suddenly, someone knocked at the door. After getting permission to enter, a middle-aged gentleman entered the room and asked me if I was Shahab Ahmad. Upon my saying 'yes', he said that they were going to the Jalsa Salana (annual convention) at Qadian and that my maternal grandfather had sent him to ask me to accompany them. The name of this gentleman was Mohammad Aqil, and by maternal grandfather, he meant my maternal grandfather's younger brother, Syed Wezarat Hussain^{ra}, who was the provincial Amir of Bihar at the time. My maternal grandfather, Syed Iradat Hussain^{ra}, had passed away in November 1931. Aqil Sahib further added that he recognized me because of my resemblance to my elder brother Shah Shakeel Ahmed.

The idea of going to Qadian (Punjab) in 1948 was inconceivable because of the terrible situation in the Indian province of Punjab; almost all the Muslim population had been driven out of the Indian Punjab. For a Muslim to go there was tantamount to inviting death.

The situation was so precarious and dangerous that our beloved Imam, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Deen Mahmood Ahmad^{ra}, Khalifatul-Masih II, had to emigrate from Qadian to Lahore, Pakistan, against his wishes. Only 313 valiant and resolute Ahmadi men, known as the *devish*, put their lives in extreme danger and stayed in Qadian to defend and protect the holy sites.

Lest anyone should think that – God forbid – Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^{ra} left Qadian to save his life, it must be emphasized that he left Qadian in order to perform his duties. Prophet Jesus^{sa} emigrated from Palestine not to save his life but to preach to the lost tribes of Israel, who lived in Kashmir and the adjoining areas. The Holy Prophet^{sa} emigrated from

Makkah to Madinah not to save his life but to spread the message of Islam. History bears witness that what Hazrat Jesus^{sa} accomplished in Kashmir overshadowed his era in Palestine. Islam also progressed at a much faster pace in Madinah than it did in Makkah. And the advancements made by the Ahmadiyya Community in Rabwah surpassed those in Qadian. The grand prophecy of the Promised Messiah^{sa} 'the anguish of exodus' (*dagb-e-hijrat*) was fulfilled by the emigration of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^{ra}, who was a personification of the Messiah. In contrast, Socrates chose to drink a cup of poison but refused to leave his beloved Athens because his mission was limited to his city. However, it should be noted that the historical details we have about Socrates are far from reliable. (The details of these incidents can be found in the book, *The Life of Fazle-Umar*.)

Now I return to my main subject. Considering the situation in Punjab, the visitor's announcement that we were going to Qadian was simply incredible. Nevertheless, I did not doubt this unexpected news and immediately agreed to make the journey, as this was a blessing in disguise. I used to live in Sir Syed West hostel. Another Ahmadi student, Hamza Bin Abdul Qadir, lived nearby in Osmania hostel. I took the visitor to Hamza Sahib, and he also readily agreed to attend the convention. Then we took our visitor to a restaurant for dinner. The visitor found comfortable accommodation in my room. This blessed journey was the result of the untiring efforts of the late Maulvi Bashir Ahmed Sahib, who was missionary-in-charge and perhaps Amir of the Ahmadiyya Community Delhi in those days. We three left for Delhi and arrived there safely.

At Delhi, I met with the following of my relatives: Syed Wezarat Hussain^{ra} Sahib, Dr. Syed Mansoor Ahmed Sahib, Syed Ghulam Mustapha Sahib, Prof. Syed Akhter Ahmed Urainvi Sahib, and Shah Shamim Ahmed Sahib. Besides them, Hakim Khalil Ahmed Sahib of Monghyr and a

young man called Pal Sahib were also there. There were also several Ahmadis from Calcutta, but I do not remember anyone's name except Anwer Ahmed Kahloon. All these people have passed away in the intervening period of 70 years. It is my good fortune that after 70 years, I got the opportunity to record this blessed journey.

As mentioned before, this journey was organized by Maulvi Bashir Ahmed Sahib. The government of India permitted 100 Ahmadis to attend the 1948 convention at Qadian and took responsibility for their safe passage. But the permission was issued so late that only 66 Ahmadis could reach Delhi in time. Maulvi Bashir Ahmed Sahib had very friendly relationships with his neighbours, who provided accommodation for us in Delhi.

The next day, under the tutelage of Maulvi Bashir Ahmed Sahib, we left Delhi for Qadian. In order to ensure our security, a coach was reserved exclusively for Ahmadis. In addition, there were separate coaches for the police and the army. In the province of U.P., it was the U.P. police, and in the province of Punjab, it was the Punjab police that accompanied us, but it was the same army unit that accompanied us from Delhi to Qadian and back.

The security officers instructed us not to step on any railway station platform; they would call the food sellers to our coach when needed. For safety, this train went from Delhi to Amritsar and back using a longer route. At the time, in the Indian Punjab, feelings of fiery hostility and fury against Muslims were running high. At some railway station, we heard a Hindu or Sikh saying, "In India, they travel with such grandiosity and in Pakistan, there is only the sword for us." Whether the statement was true or not, we did feel that we were travelling with stateliness like governors and other dignitaries. Allah be praised! But at the same time, we had to hear such hurtful comments from our fellow passengers. We were saddened by the fact that Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^{ra} would not be in Qadian.

The second day after starting our journey, we reached Amritsar and then Qadian. At the Amritsar railway station, we were reminded of our gathering of 1946, when the train was full of Ahmadis, but in 1948 there were only 66 Ahmadis going to the convention. We were still grateful and thankful to Allah, as we were going to the home of our beloved Messiah.

When the train arrived at the Qadian railway station, I beheld the spiritual countenance of a person and wondered whether such persons lived in Qadian now. I learnt later that that person was Maulana Abdur Rehman Jat^{ra}, who held the positions of Amir, Nazir-Aala, and President of Anjuman Ahmadiyya from 1947 until his death in 1977. No doubt, he was erudite and an embodiment of sacrifice.

Security officers escorted us to the Ahmadi neighbourhood in Qadian. There was a glaring difference between the Qadian of 1946 and 1948. Before the partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947, Ahmadis formed 99% of Qadian's population, but now it was the exact opposite.

In 1948, the following prominent Ahmadi gentlemen lived in Qadian: Hazrat Bhai Abdur Rahim^{ra} Sahib (formerly known as Jagat Singh), Hazrat Bhai Abdur Rahman^{ra} Sahib (formerly known as Harish Chand), Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Waseem Ahmad Sahib, Malik Salahuddin Sahib, Maulana Sharif Ahmad Amini Sahib, Maulana Hakim Muhammad Din Sahib, Faiz Ahmad Gujrati Sahib, and Barkat Ahmad Rajiki Sahib. Sadly, after 70 years, only a few of the original 313 *dervishes* survive.

The convention was held on December 26-28, 1948, in front of the house of Hazrat Maulana Syed Sarwar Shah^{ra}. This venue was used for several years. In 1947, the convention was held in the Aqsa Mosque; before that, the convention used to be held in front of the Noor Mosque.

The people from Pakistan who attended the convention of 1948 brought an inspiring poem entitled '*You are Fortunate That You Live in Qadian*' by Hazrat Syeda Nawab Mubarak Begum^{ra} Sahiba, who addressed it to her nephew Mirza Waseem Ahmad Sahib. This poem was recited at the convention.

There were only 313 Ahmadis who lived in Qadian in 1948. The rest of the city was full of Hindus and Sikhs. From a worldly point of view, we had been marginalized, but it was gratifying to see that the Ahmadis had become more devout. The House of Remembrance (*Darul-Zikr*) was always full of seekers; there was an atmosphere of worship and prayer everywhere. Every Ahmadi was contented and reconciled to the fact that, despite all the supplication, Qadian could not become part of Pakistan and remained in India due to God's will. Subsequently, the divine wisdom behind this scheme became apparent, as the conditions improved in Qadian whereas the situation in Pakistan took a downturn.

At the conclusion of the convention on December 29, 1948, all the guests and some *dervishes* were given a tour of the holy places in Qadian. Because of the prevailing situation, Ahmadis were not allowed to raise slogans. The entire atmosphere of Qadian was different; Sikhs and Hindus now occupied the houses in which Ahmadis used to live. Hazrat Bhai Abdur Rahman^{ra} Sahib, a devoted companion of the Promised Messiah^{as} and a pillar of spirituality, served as a tour guide. When we entered the room where the Promised Messiah^{as} used to meet with people, Hazrat Bhai Abdur Rahman^{ra} became overwhelmed with emotion and said in a choked voice that this was the place where Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^{ra} used to work. We all were deeply affected by his observation.

The author would like to add that it was the same room where he, at the age of 12, had the blessed opportunity to take the pledge of allegiance at the hands of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^{ra} on December 29, 1941. In the first week of January 1947, the author also had an audience with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^{ra} there.

After a few days, we had to leave our beloved city. During our return journey, 5 *dervishes* accompanied us; they were going to Delhi to study religion and theology under Maulvi Bashir Ahmad Sahib. At that occasion, Maulvi Bashir Ahmad Sahib announced that he was going to describe this historic journey and publish it as a pamphlet and asked for donation for the effort. The Ahmadis present there contributed generously to this cause. Two affluent gentlemen pledged 50 rupees each; some poor *dervishes* gave one rupee each. From a worldly point of view, 50 rupees was a large sum in those days, but Allah considers the sacrifice behind financial contribution, not its material value.

On our return journey, we followed the same route to Delhi; from there, people went to their respective homes. Hamza Bin Qadir and the author came back safely to Aligarh. Allah be praised! Allah be praised! Though we were physically far from Qadian, our hearts were still in Qadian.

O Qadian, the abode of security and grace, may your sign always remain grand and lofty!

Qur'anic Verses Revealed to the Promised Messiah^{as}: Response to an Allegation

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One of the allegations being raised against the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} is that some verses of the Qur'an, revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}, were also revealed to him.

It should be clear that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} did not bring a new law. He did not change Islam; rather, he came to revive the Muslims and bring them back to the original teachings of Islam. He was a true follower of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} stated:

“If I had not been part of the Holy Prophet’s^{sa} Ummah, and had not been his follower, then, even if my good deeds had matched all the mountains of the world, I would never have received this honour of converse with God, for all Prophethood has come to an end except the Prophethood of Muhammad^{sa}.”¹

As for this allegation, firstly, those who believe that Jesus^{as} is alive in the heavens and that he will descend to spread the message of Islam—i.e., most non-Ahmadi Muslims—are forced to believe that he would be given knowledge of Islam from Allah through revelation. Now, if the Messiah were to descend, Allah would have to teach him the entire Qur'an through revelation. Otherwise, how would he spread the true meaning of the Qur'an and Ahadith? If Allah would not reveal the true teachings of Islam to him, then who will he learn them from? If he learns them from the Deobandis, the Barelvis will issue a fatwa against him. If he learns from the Barelvis, the Deobandis will issue a fatwa against him. If he learns from the Shias, all of these groups will issue a fatwa against him.

Regardless of whom he learns from, the opposing sects will declare him to be a disbeliever and say that he is only a Messiah for that group of people alone. Hence, detractors are forced to believe that Allah would reveal the entire Qur'an upon Jesus^{as} when he returns. Then what is the objection if Allah revealed a few verses upon the true claimant, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}?

From the Holy Qur'an, it is evident that the attributes of Allah are eternal. Allah the Almighty states:

As for those who say, ‘Our Lord is Allah,’ and then remain steadfast, the angels descend on them, saying:

‘Fear ye not, nor grieve; and rejoice in the Garden that you were promised. ‘We are your friends in this life and in the Hereafter. Therein you will have all that your souls will desire, and therein you will have all that you will ask for — ‘An entertainment from the Most Forgiving, the Merciful.’²

In these verses, Allah states that the angels reveal these words to the believers, which are Qur'anic verses.

We see the same in the authentic *ahadith* of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}. He stated:

‘Allah will bestow revelation to the latter-day Messiah.’³

The well-respected scholars of Islam have also said the same. Hazrat Sheikh-e-Akbar Muhyuddin Ibn Arabith states:

‘Likewise, the revelation of the Qur'an upon the hearts of the saints (*awliya*) has not ended. Rather, it is safeguarded with them; and it is revealed to them so they may taste the enjoyment of the revelation of the Qur'an. But it is only revealed to some of them.’⁴

Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilanith, one of the most famous saints of Islam, has said that if you excel in goodness, then Allah will give you so much respect that Allah will address you by revealing the following words from the Qur'an (12:55):

‘Thou art this day a man of established position and trust with us’⁵

Hazrat Allama Sheranith has stated:

‘The latter-day Messiah will receive the revelation of the Shariah of Muhammad^{sa}’.⁶

In conclusion, if the Muslim clerics want to issue a fatwa against Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, they need to reject the greatest saints of Islam—something they would never do.

Endnotes

- 1 *Divine Manifestations*, p. 28
- 2 *The Holy Qur'an*, 41:31-33
- 3 *Sahih Muslim*, Hadith no. 2937a
- 4 *Futubhat-e-Makkiyyah*
- 5 *Futub-ul-Ghaib*, The Nineteenth Discourse, Page 63
- 6 *Al-Yawaqit wal-Jawahir*

THE MAHARAJA OF BURDWAN

AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE FAZL MOSQUE

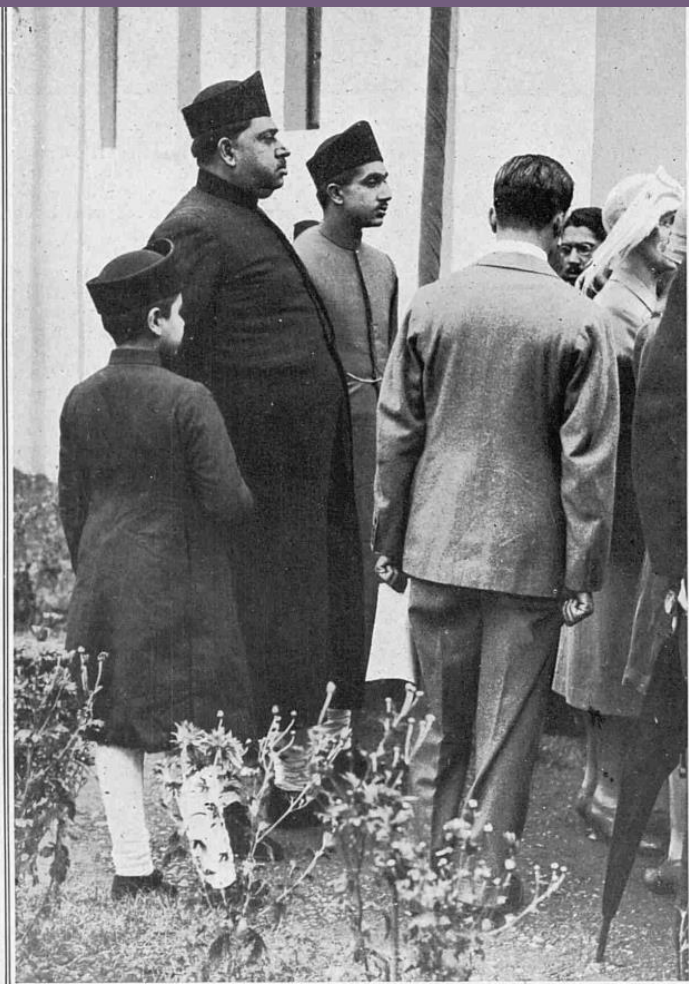
Ghulam Misbah, Professor Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada

The Fazl Mosque, the first purpose-built mosque in London, England, was formally inaugurated on October 4, 1926. Around 600 distinguished guests attended the ceremony. One such dignitary was Sir Bijay Chand Mahtab (1881-1941), who was a Maharaja, the ruler of the Burdwan Estate in Bengal, British India (present-day West Bengal, India). The Maharaja of Burdwan was on a visit to England when he received an invitation from the Imam of the Fazl Mosque, Hazrat Abdul Rahim Dard^{ra}. Accepting the invitation, he attended the inauguration ceremony along with his two sons, Uday Chand and Abhay Chand. Addressing the ceremony, he stated:

“When I received the invitation to attend this ceremony I felt it was a duty which I should not only perform, but perform with sincere pleasure. In the past the stigma has very often been placed on the Indian who leaves his native country to come to the West that he forgets his religion and his religious fervour in the glamour of the West. It is a sign of the times that Indians who have to make a Western country their home for the time being should be alive to their religious needs, and should realise that their own religion makes it necessary for them to have a house of prayer where they can assemble. It is, therefore, a matter of sincere pleasure to me to come here today to assist at the opening ceremony of the Mosque in London, and I take this opportunity of thanking the Imam of the Mosque and my other brother Moslems assembled here for the opportunity afforded me.

“A great deal is made in the papers in England of the differences between Hindus and Moslems in India. But one thing they do forget, either in their desire to make mischief or to confuse the British mind, [is] that when there is a difference it is over religion, and nothing of a mundane nature. Even then, it should not be forgotten that the better class of Moslems and Hindus know their duty to each other, and that what is now taking place in India is only a passing phase. For the hearts of true Hindus and true Moslems are sound. (Cheers). In the same way as my friend Khan Bahadur from the Punjab has said—that, belonging as he does to another sect of the religion of Islam, he thought it his duty to come and open this mosque, which is the crowning success of the Ahmadiyya movement in this country—with the same spirit I have got up as a non-Moslem to congratulate the Ahmadiyyas on the success of their enterprise in founding this mosque in London, and to thank the Khan Bahadur for the catholicity he has shown by coming and opening the mosque.”

(The Review of Religions, October 1926, pp. 12-13)



OUR LATEST INDIAN VISITOR, THE MAHARAJAH OF BURDWAN, WITH HIS SONS, AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW MOSQUE IN LONDON

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HIGH ACHIEVEMENT OF A WAQF-E-NAU STUDENT

Ahsan Ahmed, a Waqf-e-Nau student at Maple High School graduated with an impressive mark of 92%. He was also selected as the Valedictorian out of 378 graduating students. His speech at the graduation ceremony was highly appreciated, and he received a cash prize of \$500 for his leadership and positive contribution to the school community. Masha'Allah!

Ahsan Ahmed is the grandson of Respected Tahir Ahmad Khalifa and has the distinction of being from the progeny of Hazrat Khalifa Noor-ud-Deen^{ra} of Jammu, a stalwart companion of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

The *Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada* offers its heartiest congratulations to Ahsan Ahmed, his parents and entire family at this remarkable achievement, and wishes him the best in his noble endeavours.

Report of the 46th National Majlis-e-Shura

The 46th National Majlis-e-Shura was held from Friday, May 5 to Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Aiwan-e-Tahir in Maple, Ontario. A brief report of the proceedings is given below.



DAY 1: FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2023

The opening session of the Majlis-e-Shura began at 4:00 PM with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Aizaz Khan, Missionary Peace Village. The English translation of the verses was presented by Sadiq Ahmed, Missionary Vaughan; Luqman Ahmad, Missionary Ottawa East, presented the French translation; and Zahid Abid, Missionary Atlantic Canada, presented the Urdu translation of the verses.

This was followed by the opening address of National Amir Sahib, in which he shared guidelines for consultation and discussion along with the etiquette required of Shura delegates as described by Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyyat. At the end of his address, Respected Amir Sahib led the Shura delegates in silent prayers.

Following the silent prayers, Secretary Shura introduced the package and what was provided to all delegates. After that, the procedure of how proposals are submitted to Majlis-e-Shura was shared with the delegates.

Following the presentation of the report of Majlis-e-Shura 2022 by Secretary Shura, the National Secretaries Tarbiyat, Rishta Nata, Umur Amma, and Mal presented their respective implementation reports on the recommendations of the 45th National Majlis-e-Shura.

Secretary Shura reported that 5 proposals were submitted for inclusion in the agenda of the 46th National Majlis-e-Shura 2023 to Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!). Huzoor-e-Anwar^{aa} graciously approved all recommended proposals. The proposals were as follows:

No.	Proposal	Department
1	Annual Budget Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada 2022-2023	Mal
2	Tabligh and Individual Responsibility	Tabligh
3	Strengthen Unity and Brotherhood Amongst Jama'at Members	Tarbiyat
4	Promote and Propagate Urdu Language Amongst Members of Pakistani Origin	Ta'lim
5	Awareness of the Importance of Waqf-e-Arzi Among Members	Ta'limul Qur'an & Waqf-e-Arzi

Secretary Shura also presented 3 proposals that were not included in the agenda of Majlis-e-Shura 2023, along with the reasons for not including them.

Five Sub-Committees were formed for in-depth consideration of the proposals included in the Agenda of Majlis-e-Shura 2023:

SUB-COMMITTEE MAL

Proposal # 1: Annual Budget 2023-2024 Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada

SUB-COMMITTEE TABLIGH:

Proposal # 2: Tabligh and Individual Responsibility

SUB-COMMITTEE TARBIYAT:

Proposal # 3: Strengthen unity and brotherhood amongst Jama'at members

SUB-COMMITTEE TA'LIM:

Proposal # 4: Promote and propagate Urdu Language amongst Jama'at members of Pakistani Origin

SUB-COMMITTEE TA'LIMUL QUR'AN & WAQF-E-ARZI:

Proposal # 5: Awareness of the Importance of Waqf-e-Arzi among Members

The Sub-Committees completed their discussions and finalized their reports, which were then presented during the open discussion sessions.

A special program was held for those delegates who were not a part of any Sub-Committee. During this program, presentations by the Departments of General Secretary, Ta'lim, Rishta Nata, Umur-e-Amma, Mal, Ja'idad and Jalsa Salana were given to the members. The intent of this program was to show the blessings that Allah has bestowed on Canada Jama'at, and to inquire from the attendees about challenges and their solutions in the coming years.

The first day of Majlis-e-Shura concluded with Maghrib & Isha prayers at 9:00 PM.

DAY 2: SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

The second day of Majlis-e-Shura started at 10:01 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Hafiz Attaul Wahab, Missionary Calgary, followed by the English translation by Zeeshan Muzaffar Ahmed, Missionary, Windsor; French translation by Nabil Mirza, Missionary Montreal; and the Urdu translation by Imtiaz Sraa, Missionary Vaughan.

The first item on the agenda was an open discussion on the Sub-Committees' recommendation proposals. The first proposal was of Department of Mal where they presented the budget and discussed it openly. This was followed by a specific discussion on the income and the expense budget. A total of 33 delegates shared their comments with the house.

While the Mal Sub-Committee Board considered all the amendments received, the Chairman of the second Sub-Committee presented their recommendations on "Tabligh and Individual Responsibility." This was followed by an open discussion where 17 delegates shared their comments with the house. After the recommendations were amended, Majlis-e-Shura approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee by voting on the proposal.

The Chairman of the third Sub-Committee then presented their recommendations on the proposal to "Strengthen unity and brotherhood amongst Jama'at members." During the open discussion, 27 delegates shared their comments with the house. After the recommendations were amended, Majlis-e-Shura approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee by voting on the proposal.

A general information session was also held for all Shura delegates on the second day. This session included presentations from the Department of Tabligh, the Alislam team, and the legal teams.

Day two of Majlis-e-Shura concluded at 7:40 PM with a dinner reception in honour of Shura delegates followed by Maghrib & Isha prayers at 9:00 PM.

DAY 3: SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

The third day of Majlis-e-Shura started at 10:01 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Khalid Ahmad Minhas, Missionary Innisfil, followed by the English translation by Farhan Iqbal, Missionary Ottawa West; the French translation by Farhan Basharat, National Secretary Sami wa Basari; and the Urdu translation by Saqib Zafar, Missionary Lloydminster.

The Chairman of the Mal Sub-Committee presented the amended recommendations, and then Majlis-e-Shura approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee by voting on the proposal.

The Chairman of the fourth Sub-Committee then presented their recommendations on the proposal to "Promote and Propagate Urdu Language amongst Jama'at Members of Pakistani Origin." During the open discussion, a total of 29 Delegates shared their comments with the house.

While the Ta'lim Sub-Committee Board considered all the amendments received from the house, the Chairman of the fifth Sub-Committee presented their report on "Awareness of the Importance of Waqf-e-Arzi among Members." This was followed by an open discussion where 15 delegates shared their comments with the house.

While the Ta'limul Qur'an & Waqf-e-Arzi Sub-Committee Board considered all the amendments received, the Chairman of the Ta'lim Sub-Committee presented the amended recommendations. Majlis-e-Shura approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee by voting

on the proposal.

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In the end, after the Sub-Committee discussions took place, a presentation by the Department of Umur-e-Amma regarding Emergency Preparedness was also shared with the members, followed by a video presentation on the Refugee Services Settlement Desk.

Respected Amir Sahib delivered the closing address of the 46th National Majlis-e-Shura at 12:51 PM. The 46th National Majlis-e-Shura concluded at 1:06 PM with silent prayers led by Respected Amir Sahib.

A group photo of the Delegates was taken right after the silent prayers, followed by lunch and Zuhr & Asr Prayers.

Birth Announcement RABEEYA FURHAN

We are pleased to announce that by the grace of Allah the Almighty, Furhan Ahmad Hamza Qureshi and Saima Furhan were blessed with a daughter on July 1, 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{oa} has graciously named her "Rabeeya Furhan" and has accepted her in the blessed scheme of Waqf-e-Nau. *Al-Hamdu lillah!*

Rabeeya is the paternal granddaughter of Abdul Haleem Qureshi and Zahida Rahat (Brampton West) and the maternal granddaughter of Irfan Mahmood Malik and Uzma Naheed Sehgal (Brampton West). She is the great granddaughter of the late Abdul Mannan Qureshi (Montreal) and the late Al-Haj Chaudhary Bashir Ahmad (former National Secretary Wasaya and Rishta Nata, Canada).

Prayers are requested for Rabeeya Furhan that Allah the Almighty may grant her a long, healthy and fruitful life. May she be a loyal servant of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya and a source of blessings for her family. Amen!

FROM COAST TO COAST

Reports from Jama'ats Across Canada
(May – July 2023)

MAY 2023

Jalsa Khilafat Day Held by Lajna Ima'illah Melville

Lajna Ima'illah Melville, Vaughan Jama'at

By the grace of Allah, Lajna Ima'illah Melville, Vaughan held its Jalsa Khilafat Day on Sunday, May 14. Over ninety Lajna and Nasirat attended and reaped the benefits of this blessed gathering. Through this Jalsa, members learnt about the divine manifestation of Khilafat, and the immense blessings of having a guiding figure in today's day and age.



KHILAFAT DAY JALSA ORGANIZED BY LAJNA MELVILLE

The program started at 5 PM with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an from Surah An-Nur, verses 53 and 56, by Adeela Chaudhry Sahiba, wherein Allah promises successors in the Earth to those who believe.



A presentation was done on “How to make a connection with Khilafat” by Aiza Bajwa Sahiba. After this, Nasirat also presented a brief history of the life of Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyyat and highlighted many of their major accomplishments. A beautiful nazm was recited by Attiya Ghuman Sahiba and Tashifa Ghuman Sahiba. There were beautiful and inspiring displays, including a book stall for the benefit of members. The event was concluded with silent prayers led by Respected Reena Khalid Sahiba, Sadr Lajna Ima’illah Melville.

JUNE 2023

Annual Ijtima Peace Village Muqami 2023

Adeel Aziz, Nazim Umumi, Muqami

By the sheer grace of Allah the Almighty, Majlis Ansarullah Peace Village Muqami held its Annual Ijtima on June 10, 2023, at Baitul Islam Mosque.



SCENES OF THE MUQAMI ANSARULLAH IJTIMA

The Ijtima began with breakfast and registration at 8 AM. The opening session commenced at 9 AM and was presided by respected Sadr Majlis Ansarullah Canada, Abdul Hameed Warrach. The recorded attendance was 248, however Zauma indicated some members in their respective Halqajaat had not registered. The actual attendance was around 300. *Al-hamdu lillab!*

Tilawat, Nazm and memory observation competitions were held in the main men’s hall while Urdu and English speeches, Hifz-e-Qur’an and Tarjamatul Qur’an competitions were held in the basement.



SCENES OF THE MUQAMI ANSARULLAH IJTIMA

A sports rally was held on the prior weekend on June 4, 2023, with finals for Cricket, Volleyball and Tug of War held at the Regional Ijtima. These, along with Shotput and 50-meter fast walk competitions, were held at Ahmadiyya Park.



Lunch was served and followed by Zuhr prayers. Another highlight of the Ijtima was the live streaming of the address of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his Helper!) at the IAAAE European Symposium during the closing session.

The concluding session was presided by respected Amir Sahib Canada, Lal Khan Malik. Following Tilawat and Nazm, prizes were awarded to position holders for sports and educational competitions. This was followed by concluding remarks and silent prayers led by respected Amir Sahib Canada.

May Allah the Almighty bless all the participants and volunteers of this blessed Ijtima. Amen!

JULY 2023

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Participates in Arabic Canadian Book Fair

Jari Qudrat, Muhtamim Tabligh, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada

By the Grace of Allah, on Saturday, July 1, 2023, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya participated in the Arabic Canadian Book Fair. The book fair was held in the Small Arms Inspection Building in Mississauga, Ontario.

This is an annual book fair that is held to display Arabic literature of different categories ranging from history, religion, culture, children's books, and more.

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya had an interactive and engaging booth set up at this book fair to display the Arabic literature of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at. This included various books, pamphlets, gifts, and accessories, all for the guests to explore.

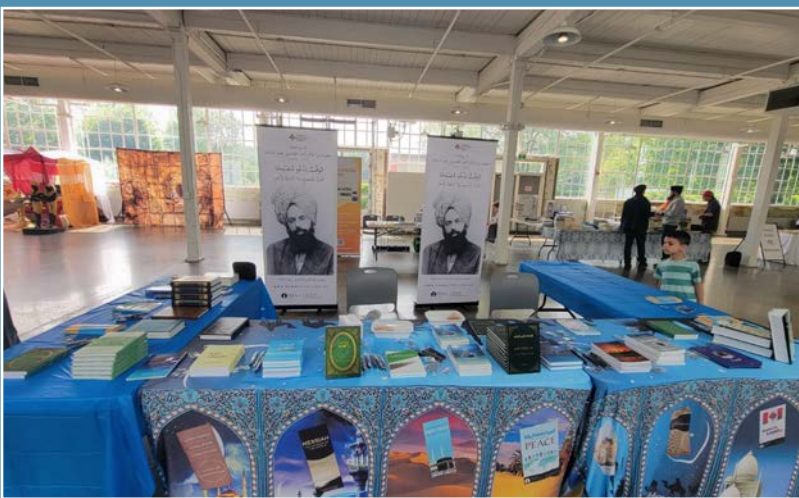
Guests showed a keen interest to learn about Jama'at literature. The Arabic translation of *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam*, was especially given much attention by the public. The guests took all the copies on display.

The Jama'at stall at the fair was often the centre of passionate religious debates. Some discussions on topics such as the descent of the Messiah and the death of Prophet Jesus^{as} took place for more than an hour.



Al-hamdu lillah, over 500 guests that attended the event, and approximately 120 people visited our booth.

The book fair could not have been possible without the help of Respected Murrabi Musleh Shanboor, in charge of the Arabic Desk, Canada. His team played a pivotal role in having engaging discussions with the public.



JAMA'AT BOOK STALL AT THE ARABIC CANADIAN BOOK FAIR

Canada Day Celebrations in Calgary

Mir Majeed Ahmad Tariq, Local Amir Calgary Jama'at



AHMADI CHILDREN WITH AN OFFICER AT CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS, CALGARY

Most guests had heard of Ahmadiyyat but did not have much knowledge of its teachings. They were very respectful, and those who were more open-minded found the beliefs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at quite interesting, especially such that solve the misunderstandings between traditional Islam and science.

Overall, it was an excellent experience because members of the Arab community are naturally inclined to speak about religious matters.

On Saturday, July 1, 2023, Calgary Jama'at successfully organized its annual Canada Day celebration in front of Baitun Nur Mosque from 11 AM to 3 PM. The event was attended by approximately 10,000 people. This year, we utilized various extensive promotional channels such as social media, street signs, and large banners on pedestrian bridges to promote the event.

The celebrations saw the presence of numerous dignitaries, including the Mayor of Calgary, several members of parliament, cabinet ministers of Alberta, MLAs, city councilors, the police chief, the fire chief, and various community leaders. They were given the opportunity to address the audience. Our dedicated Ziafat team served 10,000 beef burgers, 4,000 veggie burgers, and provided bottles of water to the attendees.

As part of the festivities, 100 free t-shirts with the printed message "Love for All Hatred for None" were distributed to participants. Additionally, chocolates were distributed to children.



CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS, CALGARY

Newmarket Khuddam & Atfal Ijlas-e-Aam

Arif F. Khan, Secretary Isha'at Newmarket

On Sunday, July 8, 2023, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Newmarket held its monthly Ijlas-e-Aam at the local nimaz center. The program started with a recitation of the Holy Qur'an, *hadith* (tradition of the Holy Prophet^{sa}) and the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya pledge. This was followed by a speech by respected Murabbi Shajer Ahmed Sahib, about the importance of offering financial sacrifice. The program concluded with an address by local Sadr Sahib.

During the event, there were two presentations on "What is Majlis-e-Shura?" and "What is Ijtema?" Khuddam and Atfal enjoyed each other's company and had pizza together.

May Allah bless all the volunteers who took part in and organized this blessed event. Amen!



Our Lajna team set up a marquee for an exhibition commemorating 100 years of Lajna Ima'illah and presented small gifts to women dignitaries.

Various organizations participated in the event, including the Calgary Fire Department, paramedics, and Calgary Police, who set up booths for exhibitions. Additionally, 20 different nonprofit organizations, including the Calgary Public Library and ABM College set up booths to provide public information.

The successful execution of this prime event was made possible by the dedicated efforts of 200 Khuddam, Ansar, and Lajna volunteers who helped with the arrangements.

We kindly request everyone to remember us in their special prayers.

The Prime Minister Visits Baitun Nur Mosque at Stampede Breakfast

Mir Majeed Ahmad Tariq, Local Amir Calgary Jama'at



On Saturday, July 8, 2023, a milestone event took place in the history of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at when, for the second time, a sitting Prime Minister of the western world visited Baitun Nur Mosque in Calgary. The event was a Stampede Breakfast, co-hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Calgary and local Member of Parliament George Chahal. A sumptuous breakfast, consisting of pancakes and BBQ, was served to over 4,000 people in the mosque's parking area. Lajna Ima'illah, the women's auxiliary, also set up a separate barbecue area for ladies only service.

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, arrived at Baitun Nur Mosque just before 10 AM. He was warmly received by local Amir Calgary, along with Asif Khan, representative of Respected National Amir Sahib, Naeem Bashir Chaudhry (local Secretary External Affairs) and Kalim Ahmed (Na'ib Local Amir Calgary). Upon his arrival, a young girl presented a bouquet to the honourable guest.

After entering the mosque, the Prime Minister was greeted by a group of Lajna members who had set up an exhibition table. He was introduced to the 100-year centenary of the establishment of the Lajna Ima'illah. They presented a bouquet and a small gift to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister then proceeded to the main prayer hall, where a Qur'an exhibition was set up. He engaged in a brief conversation about various translations of the Holy Qur'an before moving closer to the *mibrab*, where he inquired about some salient features of the beautiful mosque interior and posed for a group photo. Subsequently, he was escorted to the VIP guest room, where a short video presentation highlighting the progress and contributions of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at to Canadian society was shown.

Next, the Prime Minister visited the gymnasium, where all the Imarat Amila members of Calgary and Presidents of Halqas were lined up to greet the Prime Minister. Before reaching the gymnasium, in the hallway, members of the hospitality team were also lined up for a handshake.

After leaving the gymnasium, the Prime Minister proceeded to the stage, which was beautifully set up facing the parking area. Asif Khan welcomed the Prime Minister on behalf of the Jama'at. Following that, Member of Parliament George Chahal introduced the Prime Minister, who then delivered a speech to approximately 2,000 attendees. Mainstream media, ethnic media, community leaders, several ministers of Canada, members of parliament, the Mayor of Edmonton, MLAs, and city councilors were among the audience.



THE PRIME MINISTER & ASIF KHAN (NATIONAL SEC. UMUR-E-KHARUJIA)



THE PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSING THE CONGREGATION



THE PRIME MINISTER & MIR MAJEED AHMAD (LOCAL AMIR CALGARY)

As part of the Stampede tradition, the Prime Minister was invited to flip a pancake at one of the barbecue stations. Our local Secretary Ziafat was present at the designated station to assist the Prime Minister. This moment was captured in photos and recorded in video as well. Afterwards, the Prime Minister interacted with the public, shaking hands and taking selfies. He remained on the mosque premises for approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour.

The Prime Minister was very happy throughout his visit. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to visit Baitun Nur Mosque and meet with Jama'at members.

May Allah make this visit fruitful for both the Jama'at and our beautiful country of Canada.

List of Deceased Canada Jama'at Members (July 2022 – June 2023)

One of the purposes of Jalsa Salana, as stipulated by the Promised Messiah^{as} is that special prayers of forgiveness would be made at the occasion of Jalsa Salana for such members who have passed away in the previous year. Hence, this year, at Jalsa Salana Canada, on the second day, an announcement was made to request prayers for such members of Canada Jama'at who passed away the previous year, be-

tween July 2022 – June 2023. The names of those deceased members is reproduced below.

It is our heartfelt prayer that Allah the Almighty may shower His infinite mercy and forgiveness upon the departed souls and elevate their status in Paradise. Ameen!

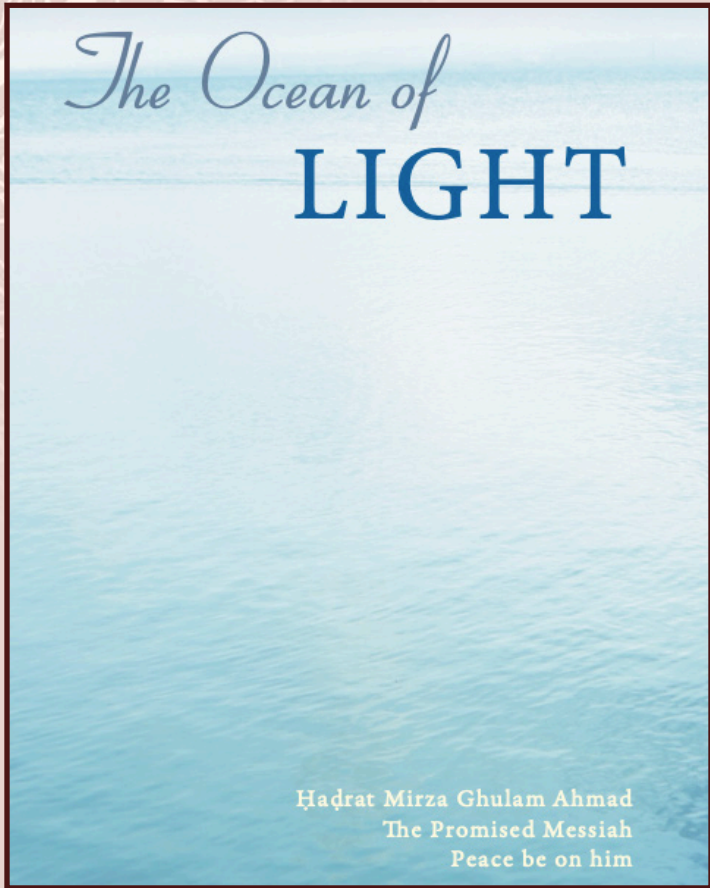
NAME	JAMA'AT	DATE OF DEATH
Jawaid Sami Sahib	Peace Village	July 2, 2022
Imtiaz Ahmad Sahib	Brampton West	July 3, 2022
Syed Munawar Hussain Bukhari Sahib	Vaughan	July 8, 2022
Basharat Ahmad Bhatti Sahib	Barrie	July 10, 2022
Saleem Maajid Khawaja Sahib	Peace Village	July 12, 2022
Nusrat Sultana Qudrat Sahiba	Peace Village	July 20, 2022
Muzaffar Ahmed Bajwa Sahib	Brampton East	July 26, 2022
Naima Haidar Upal Sahiba	Calgary	August 11, 2022
Theun Park Mirza (Baby)		August 15, 2022
Jehan Ara Hasan Sahiba	Peace Village	August 17, 2022
Amtul Rehman Piracha	Vaughan	July 22, 2022
Shameem Akhtar Sahiba	Brampton West	September 1, 2022
Bushra Begum Khan Sahiba	Vaughan	September 1, 2022
Suraiyya Begum Sahiba	Toronto West	September 6, 2022
Mohammad Ahmad Sahib	Ottawa West	September 11, 2022
Humza Usman Naveed (Baby)		September 13, 2022
Syed Hameed Ahmed Sahiba	Burlington	September 16, 2022
Hamida Dar Sahiba	Toronto West	September 18, 2022
Fatima Bibi Sahiba	Vaughan	September 18, 2022
Minahil Musab (Baby)		September 19, 2022
Asifa Begum Sahiba	Brampton East	September 20, 2022
Habib Ullah Sahib	Peace Village	September 21, 2022
Imadud Din Sahib	Toronto	September 30, 2022
Bushra Samiullah Sahiba	Vaughan	October 3, 2022
Abdul Rashid Naeem Sahib	Brampton West	October 14, 2022
Mubarka Hamid Sahiba	Edmonton West	October 17, 2022
Parveen Nahid Daud Sahiba	Vaughan	October 19, 2022
Farhat Farhat un Nisa Sahiba	Toronto	October 22, 2022
Abdul Ghafoor Nasir Sahib	Ottawa East	October 26, 2022

Parveen Akhtar Sahiba		October 28, 2022
Sheikh Khurshid Ahmad Sahib	Saskatoon South	October 28, 2022
Mohammad Ayub Khokhar Sahib	Durham	November 1, 2022
Salima Bhatti Sahiba	Vaughan	November 4, 2022
Safia Shahnaz Khan Sahiba	Newmarket	November 11, 2022
Zafar Ahmed Sahib	USA	November 11, 2022
Mubarak Ahmed Sahib	Vaughan	November 12, 2022
Chaudhry Zafar Virk Sahib	Barrie South	November 16, 2022
Muzaffar Ahmed Mian Sahib	Ottawa East	November 16, 2022
Nazeer Ahmed Khan Sahib	Vaughan	November 19, 2022
Mahmood Ahmad Khalid Sahib	Milton West	November 25, 2022
Iffat Owais Sahiba	Durham West	November 26, 2022
Amelia Hameed (Baby)		November 28, 2022
Dildar Ahmad Sahib	Bradford West	December 5, 2022
Nazish Mehmood Shad Sahiba	Newmarket	December 6, 2022
Syed Karamat Noor Sahib	Markham	December 6, 2022
Farhat Jabeen Sahiba	Malton	December 7, 2022
Mehfooz Ahmed Sahib		December 8, 2022
Bushra Nasim Sahiba	Brampton East	December 12, 2022
Shams-un-Nisa Chaudhary Sahiba	Mississauga	December 25, 2022
Muhammad Yusaf Sahib	Saskatoon	December 26, 2022
Rashida Salma Chaudhary Sahiba	Sudbury	December 28, 2022
Farhat Sultana Khan Sahiba	Toronto West	January 12, 2023
Daud Ahmad Sahib	Peace Village	January 18, 2023
Naeema Roohi Sahiba	Brampton East	January 19, 2023
Fahimuddin Chaudhry Sahib	Mississauga	January 25, 2023
Shamim Malik Sahiba	Brampton East	January 27, 2023
Rashida Bibi Sahiba	Toronto West	January 31, 2023
Wasim Ahmed Sahib	Mississauga	February 4, 2023
Nasir Ahmed Sahib	Toronto West	February 8, 2023
Umtal Rashid Sahiba	Brampton West	February 14, 2023
Mohammad Sharif Shad Sahib	Toronto West	February 19, 2023
Chaudhry Jawaid Ahmed Bismil Sahib	Hadiqa Ahmad	February 21, 2023
Mabroor Ahmed Sahib	Mississauga	February 28, 2023
Khalid M Baig Sahib	Milton East	March 2, 2023
Nusrat Ahmed Sahiba	Vaughan	March 7, 2023
Choudhary Majeed Tahir Sahib	Brampton East	March 13, 2023
Abdul Ghafoor Ehsan Sahib	Toronto West	March 13, 2023
Zeynah Layali De Groef Sahiba	London South	March 16, 2023
Rais Ahmad Sahib	Mississauga	March 17, 2023

Omer Qureshi Sahib	Kitchener	March 18, 2023
Nighat Tariq Bajwa Sahiba	Mississauga	March 24, 2023
Rasheeduddin Malik Sahib	Markham	April 2, 2023
Mohammad Anwar Azam Sahib	Toronto	April 2, 2023
Munir Ahmad Nagi Sahib	Innisfil	April 3, 2023
Naeem Ahmed Sahib	Germany	April 13, 2023
Qamar-uz-Zaman Khawaja Sahib	Vaughan	April 16, 2023
Amjad Malik Sahib	Toronto West	April 23, 2023
Parveen Akhtar Bajwa Sahiba	Baitur Rehmat, Saskatoon	April 26, 2023
Tahira Tanveer Sahiba	Hadiqa Ahmad	April 28, 2023
Khaleel Ahmad Sahib	St. Catherines	April 28, 2023
Nasir Ahmed Tahir Sahib	Hamilton	April 28, 2023
Tahira Perveen Sayal Sahiba	Brampton East	May 1, 2023
Arshad Ali Malik Sahib	Mississauga	May 4, 2023
Zubaida Kaukab Sahiba	Windsor	May 5, 2023
Chaudhry Safdar Ali Bhatti Sahib	Peace Village	May 9, 2023
Sarah Khan (Baby)		May 9, 2023
Sharif Ahmed Chaudhry Sahib	Toronto West	May 21, 2023
Syed Tanveer Shah Sahib	Saskatoon North	May 23, 2023
Amtul Jamil Farooqui Sahiba	Peace Village	May 24, 2023
Khawaja Daood Ahmed Sahib	Durham East	May 25, 2023
Zaheer Ahmad Nadeem Sahib	Vaughan	May 26, 2023
Saleha Hadi Sahiba	Toronto West	May 30, 2023
Sahar Ullah Sahib	Brampton West	June 1, 2023
Mubarika Begum Sahiba	Brampton East	June 11, 2023
Naseera Rashid Sahiba	Mississauga	June 15, 2023
Fazilat Masood Mohar Sahiba	Vaughan	June 16, 2023
Maleeha Zahid Abid Sahiba	Moncton	June 17, 2023
Zubaida Khan Sahiba	Mississauga	June 23, 2023

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Indeed, to Allah do we belong and to Him shall we return!



THE OCEAN OF LIGHT

English translation of the Arabic treatise LUJJATUN NUR by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi

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1. The revelation given to the Holy Prophet^{sa} was _____.
2. After his grandfather passed away, the Holy Prophet^{sa} was raised by his _____.
3. The Holy Prophet^{sa} had _____ daughters.
4. "Khatam-un-Nabiyyeen" is a title given to the Holy Prophet^{sa} meaning _____.
5. The Holy Prophet^{sa} passed away in the year _____ CE.

ANSWERS
1. "Iqra" (Recite)
2. Uncle, Hazrat Abu Talib
3. 4
4. Seal of the Prophets
5. 632

TRIVIA

1. What is the name of the cave in which the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to pray?
2. In which cave did the Holy Prophet^{sa} and Hazrat Abu Bakr^{ra} take refuge during the migration to Madinah?
3. What was the name of the first wife of the Holy Prophet^{sa}?
4. How old was the Holy Prophet^{sa} when he began to receive revelations?
5. Over how many years was the Holy Qur'an revealed?

ANSWERS
1. Cave of Hira
2. Cave of Thaur
3. Hazrat Khadija
4. 40
5. 23

DID YOU KNOW?

Our master, the Holy Prophet^{sa}, had 3 sons who all died in infancy.

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حَسَنَةٌ

“Verily you have in the Prophet of
Allah an excellent model.”

(The Holy Qur'an 33:22)

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(سہ روزہ الفضل انٹرنیشنل لندن، 17 تا 23 فروری 2023ء)

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کوئز

1. اللہ میاں نے علم میں اضافہ کے لیے کیا دعا سکھائی ہے؟
2. ہر مسلمان پر کیا فرض ہے؟
3. احمدی بچے تبلیغ کس طرح کر سکتے ہیں؟
4. حضرت مسیح موعود علیہ السلام کی کوئی سی پانچ کتابوں کے نام تلاش کریں؟

بچوں کا صفحہ

اللہ میاں کا خط

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ۝۱۵

اور یہ کہا کر کہ اے میرے رب! مجھے علم میں بڑھادے۔

(سُورَةُ طه، آیت 115)

پیارے نبی صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ کی پیاری باتیں

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ

(سُنَنُ ابْنِ مَاجَه، كِتَابُ الْعِلْمِ)

حضرت ابو ہریرہ رضی اللہ عنہ روایت کرتے ہیں کہ آنحضرت صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ نے

فرمایا:

”ہر مسلمان کے لیے ضروری ہے کہ وہ علم حاصل کرے۔“

پیارے بچو!

جیسا کہ آپ نے اللہ میاں کے خط میں یہ دعا پڑھی ہے کہ اے اللہ مجھے علم میں بڑھا دے۔ اسی طرح آنحضرت صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ کا فرمان بھی پڑھا کہ علم حاصل کرنا ہر مسلمان پر فرض ہے اس لیے ہمیں چاہیے کہ خوب دل لگا کر علم حاصل کریں جب بھی آپ سکول میں کی بات سنا کریں (teachers) ہوں یا اطفال یا ناصرات کلاس میں تو غور سے اپنے اساتذہ اور اس کو یاد رکھ کر اپنے علم میں اضافہ کی کوشش کریں۔

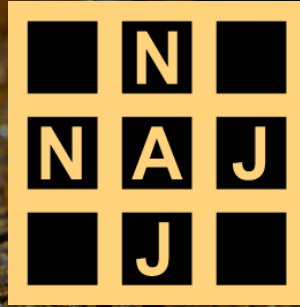
امید ہے آپ بچوں کے لیے جو صفحات تیار کیے جاتے ہیں ان کو خوب غور سے پڑھتے ہوں گے اور اپنے علم میں اضافہ کرتے ہوں گے۔ آپ کو اب لکھنے کی بھی کوشش کرنی چاہیے۔ آپ اپنی طرف سے کہانیاں، مضامین اور مختلف قسم کی معلومات پر مبنی تحریرات ہمیں بھیجوائیں جن کو ہم آپ کے نام سے شائع کریں گے۔

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