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The Means for Peace in Our Age



In the concluding remarks, at the York University Lecture on “Justice in an Unjust World,” Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his Helper) stated:

If we truly want peace in our time, then we must act with justice. We must value equality and fairness. As the Prophet of Islām (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) so beautifully stated, we must love for others, what we love for ourselves. We must pursue the rights of others with the same zeal and determination that we pursue our own rights. We should broaden our horizons and look at what is right for the world, rather than what is only right for us. These are the means for peace in our age. From the depth of my heart I pray that Allāh Almighty grants wisdom to all parties and all nations so that it is with this selfless spirit that they all work together for the betterment of mankind. (Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa), “Justice in an Unjust World,” York University Symposium, October 28, 2016)

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Pearls of Wisdom



THE HOLY QUR'AN

So fear Allāh as best you can, and listen, and obey, and spend in His cause; it will be good for yourselves. And whoso is rid of the covetousness of his own soul – it is such who shall be successful.

If you lend to Allāh a good loan, He will multiply it for you, and will forgive you; and Allāh is Most Appreciating, Forbearing. (64:17-18)

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حَلِيمٌ ١٨

HADĪTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD^{SA}

Hazrat Khuraim bin Fātik (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (sa) said,

“A person who spends something in the cause of Allāh is granted a reward of seven hundred times” (Jāmi‘ Tirmidhī qtd. in *Hadīqatus Sālihīn*, Hadīth 738, p. 697).

عَنْ خُرَيْمِ بْنِ فَاتِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: مَنْ أَنْفَقَ نَفَقَةً فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كُتِبَ لَهُ سَبْعُمِائَةٍ ضِعْفٍ -

(جامع ترمذی - باب فضل النفقة في سبيل الله -
حديقة الصالحين ، حديث نمبر 738، صفحہ 697)

So Said the Promised Messiah^{as}



Blessings of Spending for Sake of God

God blesses the wealth of those who spend it in His way, just as a planted seed is single, and yet God can cause it to sprout seven ears, and from each ear He can produce a hundred grains. That is to say, to multiply something from its original value is within the power of God; and in actuality, it is by this very power of God that we all exist. If God did not have the power to multiply something from Himself, the world would have been destroyed and not a living being would have remained. (*Chashma Ma'rifat, Ruhānī Khazā'in* Vol. 23, p. 162)

I emphasize over and over again: spend in the way of God Almighty, and this is from God, because at this stage Islām is in a state of decline. As such, to struggle for its progress is in line with the Commandment and Will of God; and whatever you spend in the way of God, He is All-Hearing and All-Seeing. These promises are also from God Almighty that a person who gives for the sake of God, He will grant him a multiplied reward. Even in this world, he shall have abundance of reward, which shall be comforting. Therefore, at this time I draw your attention to this critical matter, that you spend your wealth for the progress of Islām. (*Malfūzāt* Vol. 8, p. 393)

Guidance from Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V^{aa}

The following summaries of Friday Sermons have been provided by Wakālat ‘Ulyā’, Tahrik Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya

Jalsa Sālāna Canada 2016

Friday Sermon Delivered on October 7, 2016

Inauguration of the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada with the flag hoisting ceremony, prayer, and the Friday Sermon.

Obey the Holy Prophet (sa) fully and sincerely, become virtuous and God-fearing, and spend your time in supplications.

Among the aims of the Jalsa is to foster our religious knowledge, develop our cognition of God, get to know one another, and progress in Taqwa.

On October 7, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa) delivered the Friday Sermon at the International Centre in Mississauga, Canada.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: Today, by the grace of Allāh, is the start of Jalsa Sālāna Canada. By the grace of Allāh, Jamā’ats all over the world hold their own Jalsa Sālāna every year. The Promised Messiah (as), after receiving permission from Allāh, invited his followers to gather in Qādiān for three days every year. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that among the objectives of the Jalsa laid down by the Promised Messiah (as) is expanding religious knowledge, attaining more information, deepening Divine cognition, and getting to know one another. This interaction should not be just temporary, and all Ahmadis should keep strengthening their mutual bonds. Also, growing in piety is one of the objectives of the Jalsa.

Speaking about the 50th anniversary of the Jamā’at’s registration in Canada, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that this will only have a significance if every Ahmadi in Canada strives to live up to the pledge he or she has made and to live

up to the expectations of the Promised Messiah (as). Otherwise, fifty years or a hundred years do not mean anything. Addressing in particular the Ahmadis who had migrated from Pakistan, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: You migrated for the sake of religious freedom, and this country has given you its nationality so that you can exercise that freedom. You should, therefore, try to fulfil the purpose for which you migrated to this country and also tell your children of the circumstances that forced you to come here. The favourable conditions of this country demand that you be grateful to Allāh and become His sincere servants. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: Your purpose of coming to the Jalsa will only be fulfilled when you listen carefully to the sermon and all the other speeches. There are lot of points in these speeches that strengthen our faith, and we should adopt them in our lives.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) cited some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as). The Promised Messiah (as) said that his followers should read *Kashti Nūh* again and again and mould their lives according to the teachings contained in it. In your lives you should follow the example of the Holy Prophet (sa). Become virtuous and God-fearing and bide your time in prayers and supplication. The Holy Qur’ān places faith alongside good conduct. Good conduct means that even the thought of mischief, aggression, pride, egotism, arrogance or usurping rights of others does not cross one’s mind. Offer *Istighfār* particularly during these days of Jalsa. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that in these days we should offer this prayer of Hazrat Adam :

Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost!

We should also recite the prayer:

رب كل شيء خادمك رب فاحفظنا وانصرنا وارحمنا

O our Lord, everything is Your servant. O our Lord, protect us, and help us, and have mercy on us!

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that Allāh does not forbid us from worldly pursuits. Rather, He commands us not to remain idle. But the world should not be our main objective. We should pursue worldly affairs in ways that lead to goodness and betterment. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that the situation of the world today is very troubling. Recently a person asked him, what will happen now that the world is moving fast towards destruction? He replied that the Promised Messiah (as) has answered this question in these Urdu verses:

It is a fire, but all those shall be saved from it

Who love the Lord of wonders and miracles

Speaking about the 50th anniversary of Jamā’at Ahmadiyya Canada, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that only worldly people are pleased by such things. If we are happy because we have progressed in abiding by Allāh’s commandments, then it is right to be thankful. But if we have stopped progressing in every kind of virtue then it is something to reflect on. We should keep the sayings of the Promised Messiah (as) before us and ponder over how far we are acting upon the teachings of Allāh and the Holy Prophet (sa), so that

when we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya in this country we are able to say that we have fully lived up to our pledge of giving precedence to our

faith over the world. May Allāh enable us to do so!

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor Anwar (aa) asked the participants to spend the

three days in prayers and to attend all the Jalsa programs, and prayed that Allāh may enable everyone to do so!

Jalsa Sālāna and Allāh's Grace *Friday Sermon Delivered on October 14, 2016*

Thankfulness on the success of 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada. Instructions on improving arrangements. Impressions of some guests.

I am thankful to all the workers who fulfilled their duties with voluntary zeal.

It is Allāh who motivates the hearts of the volunteers to wholeheartedly serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (as).

On October 14, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Islam Mosque, Toronto, Canada.

participants should be grateful to Allāh, they should also be thankful to the volunteers, some of whom left their jobs as they were unable to secure leave for the Jalsa. They worked diligently to serve in the best manner. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that while I ask the participants to be thankful to the volunteers, I would personally like to thank all the volunteers and guests, whether they are children or girls or women or men, who offered their voluntary services and carried out even minor duties with zeal. In fact, the work of the volunteers is a source of guidance for many.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) cited the example

cited the impressions of a Syrian Arab Ahmadī who was attending the Jalsa for the first time.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) praised the Canadian Media Team for its efforts towards increasing interaction with the media. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: I did not know that our young men were playing such a big role, and I was pleasantly surprised to see them working so diligently in contacting newspapers and TV channels. Allāh is causing the Jamā'at to be known on a wide scale. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: Ahmadīs who are doing voluntary work should work even more diligently and humbly. They should always remember

During the days of Jalsa everyone tries to serve in a selfless manner. It is Allāh who inspires the volunteers with the drive to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (as) merely for the sake of Allāh, setting aside their personal thoughts or desires.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: By the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna Canada was successfully held last week and it brought many blessings. It is only by the grace of Allāh that, in spite of our limited resources, we are able to hold Jalsas in every country, and it is also by His grace that the arrangements are generally good. During the days of Jalsa everyone tries to serve in a selfless manner. It is Allāh who inspires the volunteers with the drive to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (as) merely for the sake of Allāh, setting aside their personal thoughts or desires. Therefore, first and foremost, we should be grateful to Allāh for blessing the Jamā'at with volunteers who work selflessly in every department, such as cleaning washrooms, cooking and serving food, parking, and many others. Even children fulfil their duties with great zeal.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: While the

of a Bengali friend who had come from USA to attend the Jalsa and was deeply impressed by the service of a volunteer. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: A simple service done by the volunteer changed his thinking and became a source of spiritual transformation for him. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: The participants of the Jalsa and all those who watched it across the world should be grateful to the MTA team. And the volunteers themselves should also be grateful to Allāh for enabling them to serve. Allāh says: If you are grateful to Me, I will increase and enhance your capabilities. It is the way of believers to be grateful upon every success and upon receiving everything good; and where they find themselves falling short, they should seek His mercy and forgiveness.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) pointed out some shortcomings in the departments of hospitality, toilets, audio and video, and translation, and gave instructions on how to correct them. Huzoor Anwar (aa)

that everything comes from God's grace, and this is what they need to seek. The news about the Jalsa reached millions of people through newspapers and social media. Huzoor Anwar (aa) praised the role of the media and said that they had conveyed the news honestly.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: We should not rest content with this success. Rather, we should strive to improve our spiritual condition and foster our relationship with Allāh. If God is giving us an opportunity to serve, we should consider it His gift. All office bearers and workers of the Jamā'at should abide by Taqwa and fulfil their obligations. All the participants and viewers of the Jalsa should reflect on their own condition. This is true gratitude as compared to feelings of temporary gratitude, and this is what will invite even greater blessings from Allāh. May Allāh enable every Ahmadī to establish a true relationship with Allāh! Amīn!

True servants of Allāh: Bashir Ahmad Rafiq & Dr. Nusrat Jehan

Friday Sermon Delivered on October 21, 2016

Remembering the late Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Khan Şāhib and the gynaecologist Dr Nusrat Jehan Şāhiba.

Fortunate are those whom Allāh gives the opportunity to serve the faith as well as humanity.

These were pious and devout people who were foremost in their fidelity and love for Khilāfat. They spent their entire lives in exemplary selfless service.

On October 21, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (aa) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Islam, Toronto, Canada.

Huzoor (aa) said: Today I will speak about two devout members of the Jamā'at who passed away recently. One is Mr Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Khan, and the other is Dr Nusrat Jehan, the head of gynaecology department at the Fadle Omar Hospital,

(ra), he joined Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya Rabwah.

Referring to some of the instructions given by Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd (ra) to missionaries, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: Some time ago I also asked missionaries to have their own personal libraries. Huzoor (aa) said: Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Khan had the honour to serve as the deputy Imām of the London Mosque, as editor of *Akhbar Aḥmadiyya* and *Review of Religions*, as Private Secretary to Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III (rh) during his foreign tours, and also as Wakīlul-Tasnīf and Wakīlul-Tabshīr. He also worked in other spheres of life. He served as President of the local Rotary Club. In 1968 he was invited by the President of Liberia and was given the honorary title of Chief. He lived a full and dynamic life. He was also deeply devoted to Khilāfat. He was suffering from heart disease but despite

gone anywhere else after her education, she could have earned a lot of money, but she chose to live in Rabwah to serve humanity and offer services that were much needed by the hospital. All her life she offered exemplary selfless service.

Huzoor (aa) cited the impressions of her daughter, son-in-law, and the doctors and staff she worked with. Huzoor (aa) said that many people had written of their feelings and it was not possible to mention all of them. Huzoor (aa) said: Extreme faith and trust in God, love for the Holy Qur'ān, deep devotion and obedience to Khilāfat, service to humanity and the comfort and healing of her patients, these were her topmost priorities. She was also very careful about spending Jamā'at's money. She used to say, "I have two daughters, one is the daughter I have, and the other is

Dr Nusrat Jehan was also very careful about her pardah and always wore the burka. She was indeed a role model for young women who say they cannot work in pardah.-

Rabwah. Huzoor (aa) said: Everyone who comes into this world has to leave one day, but fortunate are those whom Allāh gives the opportunity to serve the faith as well as humanity.

Huzoor (aa) said: Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Khan was a veteran missionary. He undertook administrative duties very efficiently. He passed away on October 11, 2016 in London at the age of 85 years. He had a BA degree from university and a Shāhid degree from Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya. His mother, Fatima Bibi, was the elder daughter of Hazrat Maulwī Ilyas Khan, a Companion of the Promised Messiah (as). His father Danishmand Khan Şāhib accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1921. He was married in 1956 to Saleema Naheed daughter of Abdur Rahman Khan. He has three sons and two daughters. He devoted himself when an appeal was made for waqf-e-zindagi. He studied in Qādiān until the partition. Then, according to the guidance of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd

his illness wrote to me regularly and did his best to attend any programs where he knew I would be present. May Allāh have mercy on him! And may Allāh enable his children to follow in his footsteps in sincerity and devotion!

Speaking of Dr. Nusrat Jehan Maalik, Huzoor (aa) said that she passed on October 11, 2016 in London from lung infection. She was born in Karachi on October 15, 1951. Her father Maulānā Abdul Maalik Khan was also a veteran servant of the Jamā'at. He was from Bijnor, U.P., India. Her grandfather Hazrat Khan Zulfiqar Ali Khan Gohar pledged Bai'at to the Promised Messiah (as) by letter in 1900 and then personally took Bai'at in 1903. He devoted his son to the service of the Jamā'at at the Promised Messiah's (as) bidding. Maulānā Malik Şāhib, at his father's instructions, resigned from his job and moved to Qādiān. This same spirit of devotion and sacrifice was to be found in Dr. Nusrat Jehan. Had she

gynecology department." She always advised married people to preserve their marriage as much as possible.

Huzoor (aa) said: Dr Nusrat Jehan was also very careful about her pardah and always wore the burka. She was indeed a role model for young women who say they cannot work in pardah. She said to her daughter that her advice to her was the same that her own father had given her: One, to have full trust in God, and, two, to be attached to Khilāfat. May Allāh grant comfort and solace to her only daughter and enable her to live up to her mother's expectations! Huzoor (aa) prayed that Allāh may bless Fadle Omar Hospital with more doctors who serve diligently and are fully devoted to the Jamā'at and to Khilāfat! And may Allāh foster these qualities among those who are already serving! Amin! Huzoor (aa) led the funeral prayer of the deceased after the Friday prayer.

The Essence of Waqf Nau

Friday Sermon Delivered on October 28, 2016

A reminder to Waqifin Nau, their parents, and the administration to realize their responsibilities.

If all Waqifin Nau fulfill their pledge with sincerity, we can bring about a revolution in the world.

If Waqifin Nau are at a higher standard in terms of worship, morals, and obedience to Khilāfat, then they are indeed special.

On October 28, 2016, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (aa) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Islam, Toronto, Canada.

Huzoor (aa) said: By the grace of Allāh, the number of Waqifin Nau is increasing in the Jamā'at. Sometimes I receive up to 25 letters in a single day in which parents pledge to devote their expected child to the scheme of Waqf Nau. About 12 or 13 years ago our attention was

the parents did not, from the beginning, instil in the hearts of these children that they are entrusted to them (parents) on behalf of the Jamā'at. I would also like to remind the parents of Waqf Nau children that it is not enough just to get the label of Waqf Nau. Rather, it is a responsibility that they have to fulfill until the children come of age, and then it becomes their own responsibility.

Huzoor (aa) said: Always remember the saying of the Holy Prophet (sa) that in matters of the world look at those below you, but in matters of faith look at those above you. Citing the Promised Messiah's (as) saying about Waqf Zindagi (Life Devotion), Huzoor (aa) said that Waqifin Nau should strive to attain this status more than other Ahmadīs. Waqifin Nau should raise their standards of sacrifice and contentment. If every Waqf Nau boy

along with the obligatory prayers, setting higher moral standards, giving preference to faith over the world, being exemplary in purdah (in case of girls), modesty and lowering of gaze (in case of boys), gaining religious knowledge, rather than wasting it on internet and other frivolities, reciting the Holy Qur'ān and reflecting upon its commandments, participating in programs of Jamā'at and auxiliary organization with greater zeal than others, being kind to parents, having greater tolerance and forbearance, being foremost in Da'wat Ilallāh, obedience to Khilāfat, resilience, humility, selflessness, shunning arrogance and carrying out a Jihad against it, listening to my sermons and other programs on MTA, and doing everything Allāh loves and shunning all He hates. If you do all these things then you are, indeed, distinguished and

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drawn towards fostering this scheme. The number then was around 28,000, and today it is more than 61,000. And the trend is increasing with time.

Huzoor (aa) said: Always remember that every child, and particularly Waqifin Nau children are entrusted to the parents on behalf of the Jamā'at. It is the parents' responsibility to make them the best members of the Jamā'at and society as a whole. Huzoor (aa) cited Hazrat Maryam's (as) prayer and said that this prayer has not been related merely as a tale of the past. Rather, God loves it so much that He desires all mothers to pray likewise, and devote their children for extraordinary service of their faith.

Huzoor (aa) instructed the administration that the pledge of Waqf Nau should be reaffirmed at every stage. And the Waqifin-Nau should never think of how they will make ends meet if they offered themselves for Waqf. Huzoor (aa) said that raising this question shows that

and girl fulfils their pledge with sincerity, then we can bring about a revolution in the world.

Speaking about the sacrifice of Hazrat Ibrahim, Huzoor (aa) said that when man becomes willing to suffer hardship for the sake of God, God does not put him through hardship. This is the criteria for winning Allāh's love, and both Waqifin Nau and Waqifin Zindagi should keep it in mind. Huzoor (aa) prayed that Allāh may enable all Waqifin Nau and their parents to realize the essence of Waqf, fulfill their pledges, and raise their standards of devotion!

Referring to some administrative matters, Huzoor (aa) said that some people keep telling Waqifin Nau children of how special they are, and they grow up with this mind-set of being superior to others. Huzoor (aa) said that in order to be truly special and distinguished, they have to excel in: their relationship with Allāh, their worship, their Nawafil

special. Otherwise, there is no difference between you and others.

Huzoor (aa) urged members to offer their services to work in the Jamā'at's various departments. Huzoor (aa) said first priority of Waqifin Nau boys should be to get admission in Jāmi'as and become missionaries. Then there is a dire need of specialist doctors for our hospitals in Rabwah, Qādiān and Africa, etc. Likewise we also need teachers for our schools in different countries. The job of doctors and teachers can be done by both Waqifin Nau boys and girls. Similarly, we need architects and engineers for constructing Jamā'at buildings. Citing guidelines of the Promised Messiah (as), Huzoor Anwar (aa) prayed that may Allāh enable us to follow them and that may our future generations also tread on the path of Taqwa, and fulfill the mission of the Promised Messiah (as)! Amīn!

Report of the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada

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International Centre, Mississauga



A Glimpse of Jalsa Sālāna - Proceedings, Coverage and Attendance

Proceedings of Jalsa Sālāna Canada 2016

By grace of Allāh Almighty, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Canada was extremely fortunate and honoured to have the blessed presence of His Holiness, Hazrat Amīr al-Mu'minīn, Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his Helper), at the occasion of the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada. The highlight of the Jalsa Sālāna was the blessed guidance delivered by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa) through the faith-inspiring and illuminating Addresses on each day of the Jalsa: the Friday Sermon (Day 1), the Address at Lajna Jalsa Gāh (Day 2), and the Concluding Address (Day 3). Other speeches were also delivered by speakers on various relevant topics. As per tradition, sessions began with beautiful recitations of the Holy Qur'ān and poems. The Jalsa also included brief speeches by invited representatives from various levels of government. During the proceedings, simultaneous translations were provided in English, Urdu, Arabic and French. All attendees, guests and members, enjoyed the blessed event and listened very attentively to all the proceedings.

Live Coverage on MTA International

Another very special feature of this year's Jalsa Sālāna Canada was that the entire program, from Friday to Sunday, was broadcast live on MTA International. Members from the MTA team, including members from MTA International Markaz London, worked day and night to bring this historic Jalsa into homes of millions of members across the globe. In addition to the actual proceedings of Jalsa,

MTA studios interviewed many guests, representatives and dignitaries, adding another very interesting dimension to the coverage for the viewers.

Coverage in Media Outlets

Through the sheer blessings of Khilāfat, another prominent and unique aspect of this year's Jalsa was the scale of coverage given to the Jalsa Sālāna and the blessed visit of Huzoor Anwar (aa), by mainstream and ethnic media outlets, including newspapers, websites and TV channels. In his Friday Sermon on October 18, 2016, Huzoor Anwar (aa) commended the work of the National Media Relations Team. Huzoor Anwar (aa) encouraged the young team, and instructed them to keep working hard with humility and prayers. Al-Ḥamdu lillāh!

Attendance

In this blessed Jalsa Sālāna, the total attendance over the three days was 25,960 (13,251 men, 12,709 women). Al-Ḥamdu lillāh! This year's attendance included guests and members representing 32 countries around the world. Guest attending from outside Canada numbered 4,319, representing the following countries: USA, England, Ireland, Finland, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Syria, Iraq, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Norway, Bangladesh, Sweden, Swaziland, South Africa, St. Lucia, Australia, Denmark, Guyana, Trinidad, Belize, Jamaica, India, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Mauritius, and Switzerland.

Detail Report of Jalsa Sālāna Canada 2016

The following is a detail report of the Jalsa Sālāna program over the course of the three blessed days.

DAY 1 – Friday August 28, 2015 Flag Hoisting and Friday Sermon

Prior to the Friday Sermon, His Holiness Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa) led the flag hoisting ceremony. Huzoor Anwar (aa) hoisted the flag of Lawā'i Ahmadiyyat, while Respected Lal Khan Malik Šāḥib, Amīr Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Canada, hoisted the Canadian flag. Next, Huzoor Anwar (aa) led the silent prayer.

Immediately following this, Huzoor Anwar (aa) inaugurated the Jalsa Sālāna Canada with the Friday Sermon. **(Please see p. 4 for an English Summary of the Friday Sermon).** After the Sermon, Huzoor Anwar (aa) led the Friday Prayers, followed by 'Asr Prayers.

This was followed by lunch break. After having lunch, attendees visited the Exhibition, Book stalls and various other stalls. Members also visited a unique part of this year's Exhibition - the Al-Qalam project launched by *Review of Religions*, under the guidance of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa). Members participated in very large numbers in this historical and blessed project during the breaks of the Jalsa.

Remarks by a Dignitary

Before the First Session, the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Kathleen Wyne was invited to the stage. After recitation of the Holy Qur'ān by Sheikh Abdul Hadi Šāḥib, Hon. Kathleen Wyne addressed the gathering and made some thoughtful remarks, and congratulated the community on holding the conference.

First Session

The first session was presided by Abdullah Uwe Wagishauer Šāḥib, Amīr Jamā'at Germany. It began with recitation of the

Holy Qur'an by Syed Mubashar Ahmad Sahib, followed by English Translation presented by Faraz Ilahi Sahib. Next, a poem was recited by Farrukh Tahir Sahib, followed by English translation by Labeeb A. Manaheen Sahib.

The first speech of the session was presented by Maulana Mubarak Ahmad Nazir Sahib, Missionary Incharge Canada, on the topic of "Remembrance of Allah and its Blessing."

The second speech of the session was delivered by Maulana Tariq Azeem Sahib, Missionary Lloyminster, on the topic of "Khalifat Ahmadiyya - In the Service of the Holy Qur'an."

Remarks by a Dignitary

Following this, an old friend of the community, Councillor Jim Karygiannis of the Toronto City Council, was introduced and invited to say a few words. He also read a message on behalf of His Worship John Tory, Mayor of the city of Toronto, and presented it to Respected Maulana Mubarak Ahmad Nazir, Missionary Incharge Canada.

The third speech of the session was delivered by Tariq Naseem Sahib, Student Jami'a Ahmadiyya Canada, on the topic of "Keeping Muslim Identity in the West."

This concluded Day 1 of the Jalsa proceedings. Attendees had dinner at the Jalsa Gah, after which they flocked to the Baitul Islam Mosque to offer Maghrib and 'Isha Prayers behind their beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (aa).

DAY 2 - Saturday, August 29, 2015 Second Session

The second session was in Urdu with simultaneous translations in English, French and Arabic. The session was presided by Hibatunnoer Lodewijk Verhangen Sahib, Amir Jama'at Holland. It began with recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Fateen Ahmad Riaz Sahib, followed by Urdu translation by Nasir Ahmad Sahib. Next, a poem was recited by Jehanzaib Asif Sahib.

The first speech of the session was delivered by Maulana Hadi Ali Chaudhary Sahib, Principal Jami'a Ahmadiyya, on the topic of "Blessed Life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa)."

The second speech of the session was delivered by Maulana Abdul Majid Tahir Sahib, Additional Wakilut Tabshir

London, UK, on the topic of "Blessings of Khalifat."

Arrival of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (aa) at the Ladies Jalsa Gah

The next part of the session began with the blessed arrival of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (aa) and Hazrat Begum Sahiba at the Ladies Jalsa Gah. The proceedings of this part of the session were also broadcasted to the Men's Jalsa Gah.

The session began with recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Talat Sadiq Sahiba, followed by Urdu Translation presented by Mansoor Rauf Sahiba. Next, a poem was recited by Safiyya Hashmi Sahiba.

This was followed by distribution of educational awards granted to selected students on academic merit. Each student was conferred with, both, a certificate at the blessed hands of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (aa), and a medal by Hazrat Begum Sahiba. A total of 61 awards were conferred.

After this, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (aa) delivered an Address to the Lajna. **(Please see p. 12 for a translated summary of this Address)**

Following the address, our Beloved Imam (aa) lead silent prayers. After presentations of some poems by Lajna and Nasirat, Huzoor Anwar (aa) went to the Men's Jalsa Gah, where he lead Zuhr and 'Asr Prayers.

This was followed by lunch break. After having lunch, attendees visited the Exhibition, Book stalls and various other stalls, including the Al-Qalam project.

Meetings of Professional Associations

During the lunch break, various Professional Associations of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada also held their annual meetings.

Third Session

The third session was presided by Respected Lal Khan Malik Sahib, Amir Jama'at Canada. It began with recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Basil Raza Butt Sahib, followed by English translation by Jaleese Dar Sahib. Next, a poem was recited by Sarmad Naveed Sahib, followed by English translation by Fatir Ahmad Sahib.

The first speech of the session was delivered by Maulana Mirza Afzal Sahib,

Missionary, Mississauga Jama'at, on the topic of "Beautiful Teachings of Islam as exemplified by Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at."

Prayers of Forgiveness for the Deceased

Next, Respected Amir Sahib recounted that one of purposes of Jalsa Salana as described by the Promised Messiah (as) was to offer supplications for the deceased who have passed away: "Prayers of Forgiveness will be offered for brothers have passed away in the period since" (Asmani Faisla, Ruhani Khazain Vol. 4, p. 352). Amir Sahib announced that a total of 53 members passed away in the course of this year, and requested everyone to pray for the forgiveness of the deceased and their spiritual elevation in Heaven.

The second speech of the session was by presented Maulana Farhan Iqbal, Missionary Peace Village, on the topic of "Dedicating Life in Service of Islam and Ahmadiyyat."

Introduction of New Books

Next, Respected Amir Sahib announced the latest published books that have become available for the Jama'at. He announced that by the grace of Allah, 50 new titles are available in the bookstore, and 2 new books in Urdu are also available. He advised members to purchase these books and benefit from them.

This was followed by a poem recited by Nasir Vance Sahib and translation by Adnan Mirza Sahib.

The third speech of the session was delivered by Maulana Imtiaz Sraa, Missionary Ottawa, on the topic of "Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat."

The final speech of the session was presented by Respected Lal Khan Malik Sahib, Amir Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada, on the topic of "Mission of the Promised Messiah (as) as foretold by the Holy Prophet (sa) of Islam."

Ladies Session

As per tradition, an independent session was also held by the Lajna in the Ladies Jalsa Gah. This session was held in parallel with Session Three in Men's Jalsa Gah, on Saturday evening. It was presided by Respected Sahibzadi Amatul Musawir Sahiba, wife of Respected Sahibzada Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad Sahib, Amir

Jamā'at USA. It began with recitation of the Holy Qur'ān by Hafiza Amatul Salam Şāhibā and translation by Asia Nisar Şāhibā. Next, a poem was recited by Khaula Mian Şāhibā.

The first speech of the session was by Amtul Rafiq Zafar Şāhibā (in Urdu) on the topic of "Blessings of the Remembrance of Allāh."

The second speech of the session was by Dr. Nighat Mahmood Şāhibā (in English) on the topic of "Khilāfat – The Rope of Allāh."

This was followed by a poem by Madeeha Mubarak Şāhibā.

The third speech of the session was delivered by Dr Amtul Qudoos Farhat Şāhibā (in Urdu) on the topic of "Life of Hazrat Amman Jan (ra)."

This was followed by the recitation of another poem by Mutahira Aziz Şāhibā.

The final speech of the session was presented by Amatul Salam Malik Şāhibā, National President Lajna Imā'illāh Canada (in Urdu) on the topic of "Commandments of Allāh - Gateway to Salvation."

This concluded Day 2 of the Jalsa proceedings. After these parallel sessions were over, Dinner was served, after which members proceeded to Baitul Islam Mosque to offer Maghrib and 'Ishā Prayers in the blessed Imāmat of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masiḥ V (aa).

DAY 3 – Sunday August 30, 2015 Fourth Session

The first part of the fourth session was presided by Maulānā Mubarak Aḥmad Nazir Şāhib, Missionary Incharge Canada. It began with recitation of the Holy Qur'ān by Sabahat Ali Rajput Şāhib, followed by translation by Zeeshan Iqbal Şāhib. Next, a poem was recited by Qadeer Mirzā Şāhib, followed by translation by Saghir Bajwa Şāhib.

The main speech of this session was delivered by Maulānā Aizaz Aḥmad Khan Şāhib, on the topic of "Which, then, of the favours of your Lord will you twain deny?"

Sir Zafrulla Khan Award for Distinguished Public Service

Next, an introduction of the Annual Sir Zafrulla Khan Award for Distinguished Public Service was read out by Asif Khan Şāhib, National Secretary

Umūr Khārijīyya (External Affairs). He explained that the award is given annually to one who exemplifies quality of sincere dedication to the service of society and greater good of the world at large. Following introduction of the award, the achievements and exceptional qualities of the winner were described, and her name announced. The winner of the 2016 Sir Zafrulla Khan Award for Distinguished Public Service was announced to be Hon. Louise Arbor, Supreme Court of Justice, for her long and distinguished service. While her name was announced, the actual award was given the following week in Ottawa.

Speeches by Dignitaries

The Jalsa Sālāna was also attended by representatives from the Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments, as well as from representatives from other countries. Some of them were also invited to say a few words and address the gathering. The following is a list of dignitaries who addressed the gathering in this part of the session.

1. Patrick Brown,
Leader of Ontario PC Party
2. Andrea Horwath,
Leader of NDP Ontario
3. Gurpreet Dhillon,
Councillor, City of Brampton
4. His Worship, Darrell Bradley,
Mayor Belize City
5. Sharon Webster,
Senior Advisor to Education
Minister, Jamaica
6. Hon. Kirsty Duncan,
Minister of Science, Canada
7. Hon. Mitzie Hunter,
Minister of Education, Ontario
8. Hon. Laura Albanese,
Minister of Immigration &
Citizenship, Ontario
9. Indira Naidoo-Harris,
Associate Minister of Education,
Ontario
10. Hon. Lisa Raitt,
Member of Parliament
11. Hon. Amarjeet Sohi,
Minister of Infrastructure, Canada
12. Hon. Steven Del Duca,
Minister of Transportation, Ontario

Arrival of His Holiness, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masiḥ V (aa) in the Jalsa Gāh

With permission of Huzoor Anwar (aa), Asif Khan Şāhib, National Secretary Umur Kharijiyya (External Affairs) introduced the following few dignitaries, who addressed the gathering. Below are some of their prominent remarks:

Muhammad Fiaz, Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan (First Aḥmadī elected member):

"It is a great privilege and honour to stand here and welcome all attendees of 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada and 50 successful years of Jamā'at in Canada, being great ambassadors of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat, promoting real teachings of Islām and real voice of Holy Prophet (sa) – the message of peace and harmony . . ."

Hon. Andrew Leslie, Chief Government Whip:

As a soldier who wore the Canadian Army uniform proudly for over 35 years . . . wherever I was, whatever I did, I saw around me members of the Aḥmadiyya Community, whose grace, community spirit and willingness to help, peaceful intentions and all around good spiritness was something to be absolutely amazed about. From the bottom of my heart and my deepest thanks and appreciation for all that you do, not only as Canadians, but as citizens of the world. And you are blessed to have a man of such wisdom, grace and dignity as your leader . . .

Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development:

As you can see from the representation from all elected offices and members of community . . . it really is a testament to the Aḥmadiyya Community. It shows how much you mean to us and how much you mean to Canada . . . I also have the privilege and honor of bringing the official greeting on behalf of the Rt. Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and he looks forward to receiving pyaray Huzoor Ji when he visits Ottawa.

His Worship, John Tory, Mayor, City of Toronto:

I am honoured to be here today again with my friends and with the presence of His Holiness it is a

special opportunity for us to promote spirituality, and to acknowledge deep historical roots of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, indeed here in Toronto, throughout Ontario and throughout Canada . . . His Holiness has selflessly served as the spiritual leader of a community which has tens of millions of members, many of which we are very happy and very lucky to have here in Toronto and the surrounding region. And today, I would like to acknowledge and thank his holiness for his work in launching the Annual National Peace Symposium. His Holiness has been a strong leader and a powerful voice in the promotion of peace and harmony around the world. And I thank you sir for advocating for peace and for prayer as recently as yesterday, as you have told us many times . . . we should have love for all and hatred for none and this is a message we take to heart in the most diverse city in the face of the planet. And we take to heart your words . . . as well your Holiness, ‘be kind to fellow human being regardless of faith’ . . .

The next part of the session began with recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Mazen Khabbaz Ṣāhib, followed by English Translation by Ishaque Fonseca Ṣāhib. Next, a poem was recited by Towfiq Aḥmad Ṣāhib.

Award Ceremonies

As per tradition, an awards ceremony is also held as part of the Jalsa to present awards to winners of Auxilliary Organizations, winners of Ta’limī Awards, as well as Graduates of Hifzul Qur’an school. This year, another special award was granted to a Canadian Aḥmadi for winning an International Essay Competition. All the recipients were blessed with the honour of receiving the Awards at the blessed hands of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masiḥ (aa).

‘Alam In’āmī of Auxilliary Organizations

For the year 2014-2015, the winners of best Majalis and Regions were announced and called upon to receive the awards in the respective auxilliary organization.

Majlis Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya Canada: The ‘Alam In’āmī was awarded to Majlis Khuddāmulul Aḥmadiyya Mississauga East. Majlis Edmonton and Maple stood second and third place, respectively.



Likewise, the Best Regional Award was given to GTA Centre, while Prairie and York stood second and third place, respectively.

Majlis Atfālul Aḥmadiyya Canada: The ‘Alam In’āmī was awarded to Majlis Atfālul Aḥmadiyya Maple. Majlis Saskaton North and Weston South stood second and third place, respectively. Likewise, the Best Regional Award was given to Prairie Region, while GTA Centre and York stood second and third place, respectively.

Majlis Ansārullāh Canada: The Award of ‘Alam In’āmī was awarded to Majlis Ansārullāh Calgary North East. Majlis Peace Village East and Peace Village Centre stood second and third place, respectively. Likewise, the Best Regional Award was given to Peace Village, while Calgary and Prairie stood second and third place, respectively.

Ta’limī Awards

This was followed by distribution of Educational Awards granted to selected students on academic merit. A total of 28 Awards were conferred by Huzoor Anwar (aa).

International Thesis Competition Winner (At Centenary of Al-Fazl Daily)

Under the guidance of Huzoor Anwar (aa), an International Thesis Competition (2013) was held on the topic of “History of Al-Fazl and its Contributions.” Al-Ḥamdu lillāh, Abdul Basit Qamar Baqapuri Ṣāhib

(of Canada), son of Maulānā Mohammad Hafiz Baqapuri Ṣāhib (Darwaish Qadian) placed 1st in this competition. He was graced with this honour at the blessed hands of Huzoor Anwar (aa).

Hifzul Qur’ān School

After this, boys who completed memorization of the Holy Qur’ān from Hifzul Qur’ān school were awarded certificates by Huzoor Anwar (aa). This year a total of 9 new Ḥufāz graduated from the school. Since its inception, the Hifz School has produced a total of 22 Ḥufāz. Al-Ḥamdu lillāh!

This was followed by the Concluding Address of His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā M’Asr oor Aḥmad Khalīfatul-Masiḥ V (aa). **(Please see p. 14 for a translated summary of this Address)**

After the Address, Huzoor Anwar (aa) concluded the Jalsa Sālāna Canada with silent prayers.

After recitation of poems by various groups, Huzoor Anwar (aa) led Zuhr and ‘Asr Prayers.

Reception for Dignitaries

The final program of the Jalsa Sālāna was a special reception for Dignitaries and invited guests. It was attended by over 1,000 people, who had the honour and pleasure of being in the blessed company of Huzoor Anwar (aa).

This concluded the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada. Al-Ḥamdu lillāh!

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Address at Lajna Jalsa Gāh (Day 2)

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad, Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa)

Giving precedence to faith over the world, being good to one another, making homes a paradise, upbringing children, and doing purdah.

Virtuous and moral upbringing of children is a big challenge and essential responsibility of every Aḥmadī woman.

Through Purdah, faith grants chastity and protection to a woman. Haya (Shame) is a part of every believer's faith. One who lacks Haya (shame), does not have faith.

On October 8, 2016, His Holiness Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered an address at the ladies Jalsa Gāh during the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada. A summary of the Address is presented here for the benefit of the readers. This summary is a translation of the Urdu Summary published in *Al-Fazl Daily* (October 14, 2016, p. 1).

In the beginning Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated: In this advanced technological age, religion and its teachings are considered a burden. Religion and Morality is perpetually declining in the name of freedom. Such actions, as have destroyed past nations according to religious history, are considered the distinguishing features of this free and advanced society. Promotion of evil is considered a sign of progress. In short, a departure from religion, in the name of freedom, is work of satan; where man is increasingly distanced from religion, abandoning God, and dominated by material superficialities.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) further stated: However, we also see that whenever materialism dominated an age and mankind fell complete prey to satan,

God Almighty sent His commissioned ones to resuscitate mankind from these pits of fire. Where advancements and inventions have brightened the human intellect, they have simultaneously destroyed faith and spirituality.

In short, it was in the age of such disorder and spiritual decline that Allāh Almighty sent the Promised Messiah and Imām Mahdi (as). We are extremely fortunate to have accepted him by taking the Ba'at, and announcing that with the Help of God, we shall fight satanic powers; we shall continue to protect ourselves, by seeking the Grace of God against satan; that we shall give precedence to faith over worldly objects. It is for this reason that we must understand and remember our responsibilities.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that this responsibility is the greatest upon women and girls. Because, not only do they have to protect themselves from the attacks of satan, but also their generations. It is the woman who gives birth to a child; it is she, who rears a child; it is she, who protects her child from external influences. From the start, she can upbringing a child in such manner that he/she is fully cognizant of good and evil. The real Aḥmadī woman teaches her child good morals of faith and the purpose of being an Aḥmadī.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that in this corrupt society, good upbringing of a child is a real challenge, and a mother's essential responsibility. Mothers, who become a good example for their child from the start, use wisdom to closely monitor their child. As a result, the child will naturally share everything (good and bad) with the mother after returning home. These mothers answer questions of their children with wisdom. Children

of such mothers are protected from the evil influences of society, even in the age of youth and adolescence. On the contrary, mothers who take no interest in their children and/or deal harshly with them, their children are pulled into the society's influence and incline towards the world, rather than faith.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) explained: I do not free the fathers from this important and essential responsibility of moral upbringing. Indeed, fathers are also responsible. Sometimes, despite good upbringing of the mother, children are spoiled because of the father. Thus, fathers must also understand that they have to fulfill this responsibility. However, because children spend most of the time with mothers, Islām places this responsibility upon the women. In fact, the Tarbiyat done by a mother with such dedication and hard work is nothing short of Jihād. Thus, it is the woman who strengthen the nation through Tarbiyat of the children. Nations, which do not give attention to the moral upbringing of the children, experience steep decline.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that in this time of disorder, God Almighty sent the Promised Messiah (as), who drew attention of both men and women towards their respective responsibilities. The Promised Messiah (as) said that you should bring up your girls in such a way that mothers of successive generations continuously and strongly inculcate, among the children, the commandment of giving precedence to faith over the world; and that you should bring up your boys in such a way that fathers of successive generations continuously and strongly act upon the real teachings of Islām, and become excellent models

whenever a person makes progress in worldly or religious affairs, it is the mother that has a big role in it.

for their children. Thus, every Aḥmadī woman and girl needs to understand this responsibility, so that our generations never give preference to worldly things; rather, they give preference to faith.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) presented a narration of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd (ra) regarding the time of Promised Messiah (as) and a woman who was very concerned about the faith and moral upbringing of her child. In reference to this narration Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that such women, who want to see their children become righteous, not only benefit themselves and secure next life for themselves and their children, but also benefit the nation and the Jamā'at. He further stated that many Waqf Nau children are in the lap of mothers; their moral upbringing is their responsibility. Many children grow up to abandon their Waqf. Had they been given a proper religious upbringing, they would not have developed such thoughts in the first place. It is for this reason that great efforts must be made in this regard. Merely pledging is not enough. Huzoor Anwar (aa) also said that whenever a person makes progress in worldly or religious affairs, it is the mother that has a big role in it.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) elaborated that our thinking should be to attain the pleasure of Allāh in every matter and work. Indeed, higher education has great value, but even of greater value is the production of a force of Aḥmadī children - secular and religious - that can protect its successive generations from satanic attacks of the corrupt age; a force that has such mothers as are the best wives, best mother in-laws, and the best sister in-laws, and produces such boys as are the best husbands, best fathers, best father in-laws and best sons. If this takes effect, no girl would ever be victimized among her in-laws. Huzoor Anwar (aa) further stated that a major reason of this victimization is ignorance. If children are brought up properly, no girl would be victimized by the in-laws, nor would any wife be kept aloof from her husband's love, nor would any mother in-law have any complaints against her daughter in-law. This is the condition under which

the world would become a paradise, and all disorder would be removed. Huzoor Anwar (aa) advised mother in-laws and daughter in-laws to understand one another, and treat each other in the best manner. If we want paradise (in homes), it can only be created by mothers; if we want to eliminate disorder, it can only be done by mothers ... it has to be done by the woman or girl, and this is exactly what is expected of a believing Aḥmadī woman.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated: Allāh the Almighty has said in the Holy Qur'ān that believing men and believing women are such that when they are told of the matters pertaining to God, they do not act as if they are deaf and blind. Rather, they immediately take steps and act upon those matters. Huzoor (aa) stated that certain commandments given in the Holy Qur'ān are particularly for women and work to establish their respect and honour. Every girl and woman should do self-analysis. For example, the regarding the commandment of Purdah. God Almighty has described its importance and wisdom in great depth. In reality, Islām seeks to establish both respect and chastity of women. To establish that respect and chastity, the Holy Qur'ān first commands Muslim men to lower their gaze. Then, in the next verse it commands woman to lower their gaze and maintain their grace, in order to be protected from every evil. The Holy Prophet (sa) has said that shame [haya] is a part of every man and woman's faith. Thus, one who does not have shame, does not have faith. Then, Allāh Almighty states that you must hide your beauty. In this way, Huzoor Anwar (aa) shed light on Purdah and said that the minimum Purdah as described by the Promised Messiah (as) is that the forehead should be covered, while the hair should not be visible at all, front or back. Chin and cheeks should also be covered. However, with the condition that there is no makeup. If you want to leave face uncovered, then it should be kept simple and without makeup. In speaking of the modern Burka and fashionable garments, Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that complaints are

received. The Aḥmadī woman and girl must refrain from these useless things, and advised that the correct, appropriate and balanced form of Purdah should be observed. He said that some of our girls have an inferiority complex and think that if they observe Purdah, people will consider them ignorant and backwards. Such girls should decide if they want to please God Almighty, or please people. Do you want to obey commandments of God Almighty, or pass over them ignorantly? As such, the Lajna's auxiliary organization needs to focus on this matter; and every Aḥmadī girl and woman should conduct self-analysis. Otherwise, this fashion and carelessness will result in shamelessness.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated: Our faith is the best of all faiths, and has been sent to spread across the globe. In order to spread it, every Aḥmadī woman and man must act upon its teachings. Where an Aḥmadī woman and girl must strengthen her belief and faith, she must also strengthen herself practically. If woman and girls have reservations regarding Purdah in this society, then mothers must remove their concerns. In these societies, where shameless matters are also taught in school, Aḥmadī mothers will need to make greater efforts to educate their girls on Islāmic way of life and Qur'ānic teachings. They must inculcate the importance of shame from the start. The target of every Aḥmadī is to excel in goodness, and this is what the Holy Qur'ān teaches us. We have to lead the way for the world to follow us. Thus, do not give consideration to worldly fashions. Rather, ensure that you are within the boundaries established by God. Fashion is not prohibited, if it is done within limits. Establish such models that, the world follows you.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that every Aḥmadī woman must elevate her relationship with God so that, with the help of supplications, she can bring up her children in an excellent manner. May Allāh enable everyone to do so!



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Concluding Address (Day 3)

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad, Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (aa)

The Holy Qurʾān gives guidance on establishing rights of Mankind through justice and never avoiding the truth.

Religion played a fundamental role in the establishment of true morals .

The League of Nations failed because of abandoning true Justice and Now U.N.O has also failed.

On October 9, 2016, His Holiness Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the concluding address during the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada. A summary of the Address is presented here for the benefit of the readers. This summary is a translation of the Urdu Summary published in *Al-Fazl Daily* (October 15, 2016, p. 1).

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that in today's world, religion takes a secondary place. The world thinks that all the progress it has made has been the result of discarding religion, and therefore, religion is obsolete. They also consider that the bloodshed and disorder rampant in the world is the result of religion. Nevertheless, they are also compelled to admit that basic moral teachings were derived from religion; that it was not philosophers who elevated mankind to become moral beings. This was done by people commissioned by God (i.e. Prophets). Therefore, real moral teachings were taught by religion.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that this shows that God sent prophets to every nation and that their respective prophets worked to elevate their spiritual, moral and cultural values. However, over time, the followers adopted selected moral principles, but abandoned spiritual principles, as a result of personal inclinations or for secular

reasons. Among scholars and believers, this abandonment gradually resulted in overall moral decline. Thus, moral decay and disorder in the world was a natural consequence of abandoning religious teachings and spirituality. As such, disorder spread as a result of abandoning religion, and not because of religion. Therefore, if it is accepted that religion teaches morality, then by extension it follows that there is, indeed, a dire need for religion.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that all prophets brought the same teaching: to worship God, and improve relations with fellow beings. This is also the summary of the Qurʾānic teachings. The Promised Messiah (as) stated that he has been sent with the teaching, to fulfill the rights of God and fulfill rights of mankind with love and kindness; this is the greatest teaching. If this teaching were implemented, disorder would no longer exist in the world. Abandoning this very teaching is the reason for the spread of unrest in the world.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) elaborated that disorder spreads in the world, because of the mindset of leaders and of worldly greed, not because of religion. The world witnessed two world wars, in both of which religion had no role. Disorder spreads as a result of giving preference to greed and selfish interests. Even today, successful and powerful nations create and sell weapons with no regard, whatsoever, as to where those weapons are used; whether they will be used by a government against their poor population, or by one government to defeat an enemy government, they do not care, and only focus on selling their weapons. If asked, they say it is a

legal business. So rather than blaming religion, they should examine their own actions and adopt good works.

While presenting verse 136 of Surah An-Nisā, Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that the Qurʾānic principle for reformation, establishment of peace, and elimination of disorder is to implement the highest standard of justice. Justice should always be upheld, whether it means going against yourself, your relatives, your parents, or it is against the rich or the poor; truthful testimony should always prevail and never be compromised. This is the standard, which teaches how to establish true justice and equity, and how to rise beyond the level of selfish interests. This standard will have to be adopted at all levels: from the home to the highest international levels; then will peace be established. If you disregard this teaching, disorder would persist in the world. Even today, one of the greatest reasons for disorder in the world is abandonment of truth, justice and equality at the expense of selfish motives. Despite failing to uphold justice, it is religion which is held responsible for the present disorders.

While presenting verse 9 of Surah Al-Ma'idah, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that another principle which the Holy Qurʾān has deemed important for the establishing peace and eliminating disorder is that, even enmity for another nation should never incline you to act with injustice. Rather, even with an enemy state, you should always deal with justice and equity. It should not be that apparently you are making peace but secretly planning an attack on that very nation, as is the case today with certain world powers; apparently making peace

If true peace is to be established, then all requirements of justice must be upheld, and everyone's rights must be discharged. If this is not implemented, an atomic war will break out, and if this happens, it will leave a gross number of our children disabled.

with certain nations, but secretly helping enemies of those nations to create disorder. You must fulfill your oaths. Other times, a peace treaty is made but secretly broken. True peace will only be established if truth and justice will prevail.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that in explanation of this verse, the Promised Messiah (as) has said that enemies can be approached with morality. However, safeguarding the rights of the enemy is a very difficult matter. The Holy Qur'an has taught to safeguard the rights of enemies. Despite enmity, their rights must be given. In this age, this teaching is not being implemented. When there is a conflict with some nations, good conduct is apparently demonstrated, but then, economic restrictions are placed upon the enemy, resulting in severe infringement upon rights of the weak, elderly, sick, women and children of that nation. They are dying because of hunger and the absence of treatment.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that after First World War, the League of Nations was established. However, as it did not uphold justice, the Second World War broke out. Then, UNO was established. This, too, has practically failed. In fact, they also accept that they have failed in establishing peace and acting with justice. They have destroyed Iraq. Yet, they now accept that it was their fault. However, they did not learn any lessons from it. The condition of Syria has become dire, and they have acknowledged that a dangerous war is lurking. If people do not desist from wrongdoing and injustice, a war will break-out, because of their own actions. If true peace is to be established, then all requirements of justice must be upheld, and everyone's rights must be discharged. If this is not implemented, an atomic war will break out, and if this happens, it will leave a gross number of our children disabled. For this reason, rather than blaming a person or religion, attention should be given towards establishing true justice and equity.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that the Holy Qur'an not only teaches to act with justice,

but it teaches to act with benevolence and spread this benevolence in the world. It states that in doing of good, you should never seek anything in return. If you seek return for your acts of goodness, your deeds will be wasted. Furthermore, the Holy Qur'an also teaches to feed the orphans, the prisoners and the poor out of love for God. This is not a favour upon them. Rather, you would be fulfilling their rights as a result of what God has granted you. Thus, you are to serve them out of gratitude to God. Today, this is not being implemented in any part of the world. On the contrary, the rights of people are being snatched; rather than discharging rights of the weak and poor, the powerful are usurping their rights. The result of this is the current state of unrest, disorder and lack of peace in the world.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that when some people are presented the Qur'anic teaching of justice, equality and benevolence, they raise an objection as to why wars were fought in early stages of Islām; why did the Holy Prophet (sa) fight battles? They have not studied the conditions under which these battles were fought. The Holy Prophet (sa) endured 13 years of severe oppression and persecution; then he migrated from his home and city. However, his friends, family and dear ones were forced to face extreme persecution and even martyred. Even after migration, they were not left in peace and were under hostile attacks by an army, who sought to annihilate his community. It was at this point that God gave permission to fight against the oppressors in order to put an end to this long and harsh oppression and persecution. Indeed, this was only a defensive war, waged to put an end to the oppression and threat against Muslims. Yet, even these wars were fought to establish the rights of humanity.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that in Surah Al-Hajj, God the Almighty has given permission to fight. God has stated that this permission of fighting is given for the purpose of establishing rights of all humankind, and He has commanded to safeguard all places of worship, whether

of the Jews, Christians or other faiths. In addition, when those who were slaughtered like animals, were given permission to fight, God stated that He has the power to help you and He will grant you victory; however, justice, equality and the rights of humankind will have to be established. Huzoor Anwar (aa) presented various excerpts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) explaining the details surrounding this Qur'anic injunction; in short, the Promised Messiah (as) has said that those wars were only waged to stop oppression and establish peace and equality.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that the Holy Qur'an permitted fighting in order to eliminate disorder. Once disorder ended, the commandment of patience and cease war came into application. Likewise, the Holy Qur'an also commanded that the oppressor should only be dealt with in accordance with how much he has oppressed (and not more); the purpose of punishment is reformation. If someone is reformed, there is no more fight or punishment. You should treat each other with love. Remember, God greatly dislikes those who exceed bounds.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that the Holy Prophet (sa) would instruct his armies not to touch monks, women, children and anyone not taking up arms. He would instruct that even trees should not be cut down, nor should homes be destroyed. Huzoor (aa) stated that in the present day, even homes are destroyed; sometimes dead bodies of children are later found in the ruins.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) stated that it is the responsibility of every Aḥmadī to inform the world that, true religion teaches love, affection and brotherhood. If anyone acts against this teaching, they are wrong. If peace is to be established in the world, this Qur'anic injunction will have to be accepted and implemented. Only with this teaching can true faith continue to exist. This teaching must be implemented with efforts and prayers. It is necessary to establish justice in your homes, towns and cities. May Allāh, the Almighty, enable you all to do this! Amin!

Jalsa Sālāna Canada 2016

The Mission of the Promised Messiah (as) as Foretold by the Holy Prophet (sa)

Lal Khan Malik, Amir Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Canada

The following speech was delivered by Respected Lal Khan Malik Ṣāhib, Amīr Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Canada at the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada.

He it is Who has raised among the Unlettered *people* a Messenger from among themselves who recites unto them His Signs, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom, although they had been, before, in manifest misguidance; And *among* others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise. (62:3-4)

Need of the Age and Advent of the Promised Messiah (as)

It is a sheer grace and bounty of God Almighty that He has commissioned the Promised Messiah & Mahdi as prophesized by the Holy Prophet (sa) for this latter age in the person of Hazrat Mīrzā Ghulam Aḥmad Qadiani (as). His advent took place at a time when a majority of Muslims had become weary of religion, and those who had any concern for Islām, were deeply distressed. The Hindu Aryas and Christians in the Indian Sub-continent were attacking Islām viciously. Muslim scholars were helpless and unable to respond to their attacks. So much so, that Muslims, including clergies, were joining Christianity. This was an age of Islām that cried for a champion, who could defend Islām against the attacks hurled from every direction, revive the beautiful teachings of Islām, and illustrate to the world why Islām is the perfect and final religion for the entire world. In speaking of this dire need of the age, the Promised Messiah (as) said in a poetic couplet:

It was the time of the Messiah, not

the time of anyone else

Had I not appeared, someone else
would have surely come

That is to say, the day and age anxiously awaited the arrival of that spiritual son of the Holy Prophet (sa), who was destined not only to herald the renaissance of Islām, but also to lay the foundation of that spiritual revolution, which would complete the propagation of Islām to the entire world. Indeed, this was an ambitious and grand task that could only find fulfillment through Divine ordinance as was prophesized by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) 1400 years ago.

Studying the Ahadith of the Holy Prophet (sa), it is astonishing to note that the Holy Prophet (sa) not only spoke of the advent of the Promised Messiah and Imām Mahdi, but he also went into great depth to describe his task and mission.

What were the major tasks to be carried out by the Promised Messiah, as foretold by the Holy Prophet (sa), and in what ways did Hazrat Mīrzā Ghulam Aḥmad Qadiani (as), the Promised Messiah, fulfill these tasks?

Revival of Faith and Recognition of a Living God

The foremost task in the mission was to re-establish true faith and belief in the Unity of God. A very famous narration describes this task:

Hazrat Abu Hurairah^{ra} relates that we were sitting with the Holy Prophet (sa) when Sūrah Jumu'ah was revealed. When the Holy Prophet (sa) recited, "And *among* others from among them who have not yet joined them," a man asked: 'O Messenger of Allāh! Who are these people?'(to

whom do these words refer to?) The Holy Prophet (sa) did not respond to the question, until the man repeated it a second or third time. He says, 'Hazrat Salman, the Farsi (Persian)^{ra} was sitting among us' and that, 'The Holy Prophet (sa) put his hand on the shoulder of Hazrat Salman^{ra} and said: 'Even if faith were to ascend to the Pleiades (star clusters), it shall be brought back (revived), by men (or man) from among them.' (Saḥīḥ Bukhārī, Kitābut-Tafsīr, Sūrah Jumu'ah)

The Promised Messiah (as) elaborates on this point saying:

Because the characteristic given exclusively to the Promised Messiah and Mahdi – that he would fill the earth with true faith and unity after it has been completely devoid of them – has been attributed here to a Persian man; that Persian man would, therefore be, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi; and that is me! . . . And the words of this prophecy clearly indicate the person will appear in the last age when faith will disappear and will be of Persian descent, and through him faith will be restored in the world. (*Tohfah Golarhviah, Ruḥānī Khazā'in*, vol. 17, pp. 114-115)

Therefore, the Holy Prophet (sa) declared revival of faith to be the most crucial and primary task in the mission of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi. Through revival of faith, the superiority of Islām was to be re-established, as this is the only living faith, acting upon which a person experiences the sweetness of faith, the heart is penetrated with Divine light, and is able to meet God in this very

life. And through the revival of faith, he would bring about a spiritual revolution that enables people to believe firmly in the Unity of Allāh with true sincerity and loyalty. This was the mission of the Promised Messiah (as).

In explaining this further, the Promised Messiah (as) said:

The main purpose of the advent of Prophets (as) in this world and the grand objective of their teaching and preaching is that mankind should recognize God Almighty and should be delivered from the life, which leads to hell and ruin and which is known as the life of sin. In fact, this is the most important objective before them. (*Malfūzāt*, Vol. 3, p.11)

In another place, while commenting on the purpose of his Advent, He (as) writes:

I have been sent to strengthen the faith and to prove the existence of

Islām to the entire world, and herald the ultimately victory of Islām.

The Holy Prophet (sa) has also said in a famous hadith that the Promised Messiah (as) will descend near the white minaret. This hadith explains the mission of the Promised Messiah in symbolic language.

Explaining the meaning of this hadith, the Promised Messiah (as) states:

Islāmīc success will reach extreme heights the way a minaret is very high. Islām will prevail over all other religions, just as the voice of a person calling Adhan from top of a minaret dominates all other voices. So this was destined to occur in the age of the Promised Messiah. (*Khutba Ilhāmīa, Ruḥānī Khazāʾīn*, Vol 16, p. 18)

So this is the towering minaret established at the head of the fourteenth century for the victory of Islām. The spiritual light projected from this blessed

of Muhammad will distribute (spiritual) wealth so abundantly, that nobody will be able to accept it. These treasures, which were to surface at the time of the Promised Messiah (as) were the spiritual treasures of knowledge.

Breaking the Cross, Killing the Swine and Destroying the Anti Christ

Our beloved Master, the Holy Prophet (sa) mentioned other crucial tasks of the Promised Messiah, and said that he would break the cross and kill the swine. (Bukhāri, *Kitabul Iman*). This obviously has a figurative connotation. It means that he would bring about an end to those Christian beliefs, which were based on false dogmas and had taken strong hold in the world. In addition, he would eliminate forces possessing the qualities of the Anti-Christ, as well as Gog and Magog. This was also a part of the Grand Mission of The Promised Messiah (as). He

The day and age anxiously awaited the arrival of that spiritual son of the Holy Prophet (sa), who was destined not only to herald the renaissance of Islām, but also to lay the foundation of that spiritual revolution, which would complete the propagation of Islām to the entire world. Indeed, this was an ambitious and grand task that could only find fulfillment through Divine ordinance as was prophesized by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) 1400 years ago.

God Almighty to the people, for their faith has become weak, and they take life after death no more seriously than a fable . . . I have been sent so that truth and faith may be revived and righteousness may inspire the hearts. This is the purpose of my advent. (*Kitābul Bariyyah, Ruḥānī Khazāʾīn*, Vol. 13, pp. 291-294, footnote)

Complete the Propagation of Faith and the Victory of Islām

Allāh states in the Holy Qurʾān:

“He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners with God hate it” (61:10).

Another grand aspect of his mission was to lay the foundation of propagating

minaret continuous to attract pure and righteous souls right up to this day, as it did before, and it shall continue to do so until the end of time. InshaʾAllāh!

The Promised Messiah (as) also had a revelation of the same verse (61:10), and he explains its meaning in the following manner:

I have been sent by God so that, through my hands, God grants victory to Islām over the entire world . . . this verse of the Qurʾān holds a grand prophecy, regarding which scholars have agreed that it would be fulfilled in the time of the Promised Messiah. (*Tiryāqul Qulūb, Ruḥānī Khazāʾīn*, Vol. 15, pp 231-232)

Indeed, the fast pace with which the propagation of faith is being completed in this era of the Promised Messiah (as) has never been witnessed earlier. This is in accordance with the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (sa) that the Messiah

states:

The Ahadith set forth that the principal purpose of the Promised Messiah would be to wipe out the wiles of the Christians and he would demolish their doctrine of the cross. God Almighty has so brought it about that the doctrine of the Christian faith has been shattered at my hands. Having been bestowed perfect inner sight by God Almighty, I have established that the accursed death that is attributed, God forbid, to the Messiah (as) and which is the very basis of salvation through the cross, can on no account be attributed to him. The connotation of the word laʾnat (curse) can in no way be rightly applicable to a righteous person. Christian clergymen have been so frustrated by this novel point of view, which breaks their doctrine into pieces that all those who have

learnt of it have realized, that it has demolished the religion of the cross. (*Kitābul Bariyyah, Ruḥānī Khazā'in*, Vol. 13, pp. 262-263, footnote)

The ways in which the Promised Messiah (as) stood up in support of Islām are unparalleled. He challenged all other faiths and proved that none of them are a match against the beautiful qualities and teachings of Islām. Undoubtedly, he proved to the world that in the field of religion, it is only the flag of Islām that flies high and above all other faiths.

Besides breaking the cross, the Ahadith also mention the destruction of the Anti-Christ as well as Gog and Magog. These are all metaphors, which show that during the time of the Promised Messiah (as), the dominance of Christianity will come to an end; the forces of the Anti-Christ will be annihilated, which will result in the true teachings of Islām to be manifested. And this will result in the establishment of peace and harmony.

Regarding this aspect of the mission, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (aa) stated in his Friday sermon on March 23, 2007:

Under the fierce attacks on Islām by Christians and other faiths, if there was one person to challenge them, it was the lion of God - Hazrat Mirzā Ghulam Aḥmad (as). He wrote his momentous four-volume book 'Brahīn Aḥmadiyya' through which he convincingly and credibly silenced all the opponents of Islām . . . He announced that if anyone could respond to even one-fifth of the arguments he had presented in the book, he would present them Rupee 10,000; an enormous sum of money at the time.

The Re-establishment of True Islāmic Teachings

The Holy Prophet (sa) also prophesied regarding the Promised Messiah and Imām Mahdi (as) stating: The Promised Messiah will descend among you as the Hakam & Adal. (*Bukhārī*, Kitābul Ahadithul Al-Anbiya). This means that one of the tasks of the Imām Mahdi would be to revive the original teachings of Islām and remove any innovations. As the Imām Mahdi, he will be the Judge in deciding what is right and what is not. With all the different sects and divisions among Muslims, as predicted by the Holy Prophet (sa), he will come to unite the

entire body of Muslims in the world.

The Promised Messiah (as) has explicated the true beauties of Islām to the world. Before the advent of the Promised Messiah, the Muslim world was at the height of division. It was constantly targeted from all sides. Although Islām has one God, one Book, one Qibla, yet, due to minor internal disputes, Muslims were divided into 72 sects. Severe disagreements had taken place in matters of jurisprudence and everyone stuck to their own beliefs. Therefore, the Promised Messiah (as) came in this time of division and rectified the discord that had taken place in the Muslim dispensation.

The Promised Messiah (as) was bestowed the following Divine Revelation:

He will revive faith and establish the Shariah. (*Haqīqatul Wahī, Ruḥānī Khazā'in*, Vol. 22, p. 79)

The message that has been conveyed in this revelation is that faith will be rejuvenated through the Promised Messiah (as), and that Shariah (or Islāmic law) will be re-established in its original form.

Similarly, the Promised Messiah (as) stated in one of his writings:

This humble one is a Mujaddid in both Islāmic Law and Practice. *Tajdīd* does not mean to reduce or make additions; that is called *Nasakh*. Rather, *Tajdīd* means to emphatically revive the original teachings where beliefs have been distorted or supplemented; where righteous deeds have been ignored; and where procedures and rules of how to attain the nearness of God have been lost. (*Al-Ḥakam*, June 24, 1900, p. 3)

Conclusion

In the course of this speech, I have illustrated how the prophecies of the advent of the Promised Messiah (as) as mentioned in both the Holy Qur'ān and saying of the Holy Prophet (sa) have been unquestionably fulfilled. I have illustrated that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) has mentioned four major tasks which were to be part of the grand mission of the Promised Messiah and that Hazrat Mirzā Ghulam Aḥmad (as) has fulfilled all these tasks.

Likewise, in another place he summarizes the purpose of his advent and states:

God has sent me into the world so that, through gentleness, love, and kindness, I should draw towards God and His holy guidance, people who have gone astray, and should enable them to tread the right path with the Divine light that has been bestowed upon me . . . There is no clearer and easier way to believe in the existence of God than through the understanding that He reveals to His close servants, matters of the unseen and prophecies regarding future events. . . Therefore, God has bestowed His beneficence upon me and has chosen me out of the whole world so that, through the manifestation of His signs, He may bring back to the right path those who have gone astray. (*Tiryāqul Qulūb, Ruḥānī Khazā'in*, Vol. 15, pp. 143-144)

This is the Grand Mission for which The Promised Messiah (as) was sent into the world. However, if we leave this discussion here, it would merely be an academic exercise; we would not have gained much substantially from it.

The Holy Prophet (sa) has strongly urged all Muslims to convey his greetings to the Messiah and Mahdi, when he appears, even if one has to crawl over ice-clad mountains! This means that those who have accepted the Promised Messiah (as) must also obey him in spirit and form.

My dear brothers and sisters! The question we must all ask is, how are we fulfilling these objectives in our own person? How have we tried to become the true followers of the Promised Messiah (as)?

This is the greatest challenge for us and one we have to meet! In describing this grand challenge, Hazrat Mirzā Bashir Aḥmad (ra) has written a poem, from which two couplets are translated as follows:

Aḥmad! If you want to resemble the companions of the Holy Prophet (ra)

Develop the hands and arms,
heart and mind,

and resolve possessed by them

Establish, once again, the glory of Islām

they established in the world map

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HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY ARRIVES IN CANADA

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} greeted by thousands of Aḥmadi Muslims in emotional scenes in Peace Village

On October 3, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} arrived in Canada, where he was greeted by thousands of Aḥmadi Muslims as he returned to 'Peace Village' in Maple, Ontario after a period of more than four years.

His Holiness^{aa} was welcomed to Canada at Toronto Pearson Airport by the National President of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada, Mr. Lal Khan Malik and various other officials who then escorted His Holiness to the Baitul Islām Mosque in Maple, the national headquarters of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada.

As Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} arrived, he was welcomed by thousands of Aḥmadi Muslims, who raised slogans of joy and love and expressing their gratitude to Allāh the Almighty.

The Mayor of Vaughan, Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, Ontario's Minister of Transportation, Honourable Steven Del Duca, and National Member of Parliament,

Honourable Deb Schulte were also present to welcome His Holiness^{aa}.

Moments after arriving, His Holiness^{aa} led the *Zuhr* and *'Aṣr* prayers at the Baitul Islām Mosque.

His Holiness^{aa} has travelled from London, to attend the 40th Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community that will take place on October 7-9, 2016 in Mississauga, Ontario.

His visit also coincides with the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community in Canada.

“UTILISE POTENTIAL OF REFUGEES” – HEAD OF AḤMADĪYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} makes comments during a meeting with Chairman of Torstar

On October 5, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalīfa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} was visited by Mr. John Honderich, Chairman of the Board at Torstar Corporation (media group) at the Baitul Islām Mosque in Maple, Ontario, Canada.

During the meeting, Mr. Honderich expressed his regret that the Toronto Star newspaper (a Torstar publication) had recently published an article about a new study that suggested extremist literature was prevalent in Canadian Mosques, and had mistakenly included a photo of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community’s Baitul Islām Mosque.

Mr. Honderich informed His Holiness^{aa}, that the Toronto Star had immediately removed the photograph when notified of the error and published an official apology that stated:

The Baitul Islām Mosque has no connection whatsoever to the content of the study – which, has itself come under question – so the image of this specific mosque should never have been linked to this article . . . Linking this specific mosque to any report of Islāmic extremism was an unacceptable error and the Star apologizes to the Baitul Islām Mosque and the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Jamā’at.

His Holiness^{aa} thanked Mr. Honderich for the immediate action taken by the Toronto Star to rectify the error, and said that he considered the incident to be a “blessing in disguise” as it had been a means for Mr. Honderich and the writers at the Toronto Star to become further acquainted with the true and peaceful teachings of Islām, and with the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community itself.

During the meeting, His Holiness^{aa} and Mr. Honderich also discussed the impact of the refugee crisis in the Western world. His Holiness^{aa} said that he considered Canada to be a “tolerant nation who was ready to absorb immigrants better than many others.”

His Holiness^{aa} also said that he believed that Canada should “utilise the potential of refugees” by encouraging them to enter the work force as soon as possible.

HEAD OF AḤMADĪYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY ADDRESSES VOLUNTEERS OF 40TH JALSA SĀLĀNA CANADA

3-Day Annual Convention begins later today in Mississauga, Ontario

On October 6, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalīfa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} addressed the thousands of volunteer workers tasked with organising the 40th Annual Convention (Jalsa Sālāna) of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community in Canada.

During his address at the Baitul Islām Mosque in Maple, Ontario, His Holiness^{aa} reminded the 5,100 volunteers that it was their duty to display the highest moral standards and etiquettes.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

Every Aḥmadī Muslim volunteer must always remember that he or she must display the very best etiquettes at all times and remain calm, considerate and kind throughout.

His Holiness^{aa} said that each worker should remember that his or her service was offered voluntarily and ought to be conducted with humility and a spirit of selflessness. Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad said^{aa}:

Keep in mind the fact that no one has forced any of you to offer your services for duty. Rather you have all voluntarily chosen to put yourself forward with the intention of serving the guests of the Promised Messiah^{as} and attaining the blessings of God Almighty. Thus, you should conduct yourselves in the best manner at all times and try to keep a smile on your face no matter what.

Concluding, His Holiness^{aa} said:

Most importantly, remember that the success of the Jalsa Sālāna is based upon prayer and so every person must continually pray for its success. May Allāh bless the Jalsa Sālāna Canada in all respects and enable all of the volunteers to fulfill their duties in the very best fashion.

His Holiness^{aa} spoke individually to the leaders of a number of Jalsa departments and offered guidance on various matters. Afterwards, His Holiness^{aa} led the *Maghrib* and *'Ishā'* prayers.

Earlier, His Holiness^{aa} also inspected the *Langhar Khana* (kitchen) where meals for over 20,000 guests will be prepared throughout the event.

The 3-day Jalsa Sālāna begins later today at the International Centre in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

His Holiness^{aa}, who has travelled from London will address each day of the Convention and will also meet with various dignitaries and guests.



“ONE DAY WE WILL WIN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE” - HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} interviewed by Canadian Media at Jalsa Sālāna Canada

On October 7, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} held a Press Conference with representatives of the Canadian print, broadcast and ethnic media. Media outlets present included CTV and the *Toronto Star*.

The Press Conference took place at the International Centre in Mississauga, Ontario on the first day of the 40th Annual Convention (Jalsa Sālāna) of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada.

During the 35 minute Press Conference, His Holiness^{aa} was asked his views on establishing peace in the world, the continued threat of terrorism and extremism and the purpose of his visit to Canada.

Speaking about his current tour of Canada, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

This year the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and so the local Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community requested me to come and address their Annual Convention.

Upon being asked how the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community is spreading peace in the world, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

Islām prohibits all forms of extremism and terrorism and so suicide bombings, beheadings, the killing of innocent people are all opposed to Islām’s teachings. This is the message we are propagating and spreading far and wide.

In response to a question about the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community’s slogan of ‘Love for All, Hatred for None’, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad said:

The importance and significant of this message is obvious in today’s world given that violence and disorder has spread to so many parts of the world. Hence, the message of ‘Love for All, Hatred for None’ is not only something for Muslims to follow but for all people. In today’s society we need to show kindness, compassion and must discharge the rights of one another.

During the Press Conference, His Holiness^{aa} condemned the role of extremist Muslim clerics in the spread of extremism and the radicalisation of some Muslims. His Holiness^{aa} said that such clerics had completely “misconstrued the true teachings of Islām,” and he advised authorities to take firm measures against any cleric found to promote extremism.

Asked about his views on Canadian values, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad said:

I am pleased that Canada is a multicultural society in which freedom of religion and freedom of expression exists. I enjoy visiting Canada whenever I have the opportunity to travel here.

Regarding the efforts of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community to curb extremism, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad said:

We have no worldly power and so all we can do is to continue to peacefully preach Islām’s true teachings. It is a slow process but one day we shall win the hearts of people and the brutalities witnessed in the world today will stop. We are very determined and so we will never give up our tasks.

40th JALSA SĀLĀNA CANADA CONCLUDES IN MISSISSAUGA

Head of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community delivers faith-inspiring address calling for justice in all countries

October 10, 2016 - The 40th Jalsa Sālāna (Annual Convention) of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada concluded on Sunday, October 9, 2016 with a powerful and faith-inspiring address by the World Head the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa}.

More than 25,000 people, from 32 countries, attended the Jalsa Sālāna, which took place at the International Centre in Mississauga, Ontario.

Apart from the thousands of Aḥmadi Muslims who participated, many non-Aḥmadi and non-Muslim guests also attended. The entire event was also broadcast live on MTA International and streamed online.

In his concluding address, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said Islām laid the foundation for peace by promoting true equality between peoples and nations.

His Holiness^{aa} said that whilst its opponents claimed Islām to be an extremist religion, the reality was that Islāmic teachings were a source of universal peace and tolerance that guaranteed freedom of belief and conscience for all people.

Speaking about how religion was viewed in the modern world, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

Today much of the world considers religion to be of secondary importance and believes that to progress there is a need to step away from religious beliefs and practices. In fact, increasingly, people living in developed nations now view religion as the root cause of the conflict and disorder that we see in the world. Yet at the same time they admit that human beings learnt basic morals and virtues through religion.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

Moral decline and an increasing of lack of interest in religion in the world has been caused by the fact that the leaders of countries and their religious clerics have given precedence to their own interests over teachings of religion. True religious teachings and values have been corrupted and this has led people away from religion.

His Holiness^{aa} said that fundamental to Islāmic teaching was the need to recognise God Almighty and to serve His Creation.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

The Promised Messiah^{as} has summarized the teachings of Islām in just two lines by saying that Islām requires Muslims to fulfill the rights of God Almighty, and to be devoted to Him and secondly to fulfill the rights of God's Creation and to treat others with love and compassion. Indeed, each religion in its original form has taught this, and so how can it be said that religion is the cause of the disorder that is prevalent in the world.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

Was religion the cause of either of the two world wars that took place in the 20th Century? Or were those abhorrent wars based upon a desire for power, conquering lands, geo-political gains and greed?"

His Holiness^{aa} said that both Muslim nations and the major powers had played a role in undermining the world's peace. His Holiness^{aa} said that a prime example of this was the arms trade.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

No Muslim nation has the ability to produce the state of the art weapons that they possess. Rather, it is the developed nations and economic powers who are producing such destructive weapons and selling them to Muslim nations. Some countries sell to the Governments and some countries send arms to the rebel elements in those same nations. For example, Saudi Arabia is using weapons purchased from the West to destroy Yemen, which is a small and weak nation.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

Certain non-Muslim powers are also acting unjustly in order to pursue their own vested interests and ambitions and this is causing frustrations and restlessness to develop in different countries. Thus, injustice is the true root cause of today's conflicts and wars.

The *Jalsa Sālāna* was concluded with a silent prayer led by His Holiness^{aa}.

Later, His Holiness^{aa} joined dignitaries and guests of the *Jalsa Sālāna* at a lunch hosted by the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada.

His Holiness^{aa} also addressed the *Jalsa Sālāna* on its first two days. On Friday he inaugurated the *Jalsa Sālāna* by raising the *Liwa'i Aḥmadiyyat* (Flag of Aḥmadiyyat) and then delivering his weekly Friday Sermon.

On Saturday, His Holiness^{aa} addressed members of *Lajna Imā'illāh* (Ladies Auxiliary Organization) about the role of women in Islām. He stated that no Aḥmadi Muslim woman should have any complex or sense of inferiority.

A range of other speeches were also delivered during the *Jalsa Sālāna* by various members of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim

Community.

Various guest speakers, including the Mayor of Toronto, Honourable John Tory also addressed the event.



HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY INAUGURATES BAITUL AFIYAT MOSQUE IN SCARBOROUGH

New Mosque majority funded by Aḥmadi Muslim Ladies

October 12, 2016 - The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community is pleased to announce that on October 11, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} inaugurated the Baitul Afiyat Mosque (House of Peace and Security) in Scarborough, Ontario Province, Canada.

His Holiness arrived at the new Mosque at 1.30pm where hundreds of members of the local Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community greeted him.

Upon arrival, His Holiness unveiled a plaque to commemorate the event before leading a silent prayer in thanks to God Almighty.

Thereafter, His Holiness inaugurated the Mosque by leading the Zuhr and Asr prayers.

Following the prayers, His Holiness met local Aḥmadi Muslims and distributed sweets to children.

Whilst speaking to Aḥmadi Muslims in the Mosque, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

It is not just enough to build this Mosque and to remain satisfied. Rather, now it is your duty to ensure that this Mosque remains full at all times.

The Baitul Afiyat Mosque was purchased in 2008 and over the next few years it was re-developed into a Mosque.

A special distinction of this Mosque was that the vast majority of the cost was funded by Lajna Imā'illāh Canada (Aḥmadiyya Ladies Auxiliary Organisation).

In total, Lajna Imā'illāh contributed \$1 million dollars to this project, whilst the rest of the cost was paid by local Aḥmadi Muslims.

PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA RECEIVES HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN OTTAWA

Prime Minister Trudeau welcomes Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} to Ottawa

On October 17, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Aḥmad was received by the Prime Minister of Canada, Rt Hon, Justin Trudeau at the Prime Minister's Office in Ottawa.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Trudeau expressed his pleasure at welcoming His Holiness to Canada.

The Prime Minister thanked His Holiness for his continued efforts to promote peace worldwide and stated that his Government greatly appreciated the efforts of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada and considered it to be an integral part of the nation.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} thanked the Prime Minister for his words and said that he wished to personally congratulate the Prime Minister on his election last year.

His Holiness also said that he had listened to Question Period in the House of Commons earlier in the day and he had noted that a number of the “burning issues of today” had been discussed and debated.

Later, Prime Minister Trudeau said:

Your Holiness, your friendship and leadership is very important to Canada and we appreciate the way the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community condemns all forms of extremism.

Thereafter, His Holiness attended a meeting with the Prime Minister and 6 Federal Ministers. In the meeting, the Prime Minister again appreciated the efforts of Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} to spread peace in the world. The Prime Minister also congratulated the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada on its 50th anniversary.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} recalled his previous meeting with the Prime Minister in 2012, which took place in Peace Village. At the time, Mr Trudeau was not leader of the Liberal Party.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

“When I first met you in 2012 I prayed for you and said that I believed that one day you will be Prime Minister.”

Further discussions then took place about the need for inter-faith dialogue amongst different communities, the importance of education for all people and of religious freedom.

Regarding religious freedom, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

All people should be granted true religious freedom and all people should have the right to peacefully practice their faiths and beliefs. Governments should not seek to interfere or legislate against peacefully held religious beliefs.

His Holiness expressed his concerns about the continued rise

of extremism and terrorism in different parts of the world and the associated risks in the Western world. He said that he considered the 2008 global financial crash to be a major cause of the terrorism witnessed in the world today.

His Holiness said high unemployment and a state of financial desperation and hopelessness had led certain Muslim youths to becoming vulnerable to extremism. Thus, he said that providing job opportunities and helping people stand upon their own feet was a means of ensuring national security.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} reiterated that all forms of terrorism and extremism were not linked to Islām.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

If all Muslims followed the true teachings of their religion then no Muslim would ever be radicalised because the Founder of Islām, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said that to love one's nation was a part of Islāmic faith. Thus, it is the duty of every Muslim to love his nation, to strive for its betterment and to serve it faithfully. That is why Aḥmadi Muslims do not get radicalised because we follow the true teachings of Islām.



HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY MAKES HISTORIC ADDRESS AT CANADA'S NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} delivers address calling for equality and justice

The Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community welcomed to Canada by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Aḥmad officially recognised during Question Period in House of Commons

Dozens of Ministers, Senators, MPs and policy makers receive Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} in Parliament

His Holiness presents Louise Arbour with Sir Zafrulla Khan Award for Public Service

On October 17, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} was welcomed to Canada's Houses of Parliament by Prime Minister, Rt Hon. Justin Trudeau, Cabinet



Ministers and over 50 MPs and Senators.

Later in the day, His Holiness delivered an historic keynote address entitled “Human values – the foundation for a peaceful world” to an audience of more than 225 people at a special reception held at the Sir John A. Macdonald Building at the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa.

More than 110 guests attended, including over 50 Members of Parliament. The event was also attended by a number of Government Ministers including Hon. Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and the official representative of the Prime Minister and Hon. John McCallum, Minister for Integration, Refugees and Citizenship.

Also in attendance were Senators, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, including 11 Ambassadors of State, media representatives, academics, NGO leaders, religious leaders and prominent figures from various other sectors of society.

During his keynote address, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} addressed various issues of global importance, including the risk of a global war, religious freedom, increasing radicalisation and extremism and international relations.

His Holiness called on the world’s governments to display true justice and equity in all matters. His Holiness also presented Islāmic teachings and offered solutions to the world’s problems based on the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān.

Reflecting upon the need for unity in society, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

Irrespective of differences of background, I believe that on the basis of humanity, we are all joined together, and should therefore be united. All people and all organisations, must collectively endeavour to uphold human values, and strive to make the world in which we live, a better and far more harmonious place.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

If human values and human rights are not upheld in one country or region, it has a knock-on effect upon other parts of the world and such wrongdoing can spread further afield.

Conversely, if there is goodness, humanity and prosperity in one part of the world, it will have a positive effect on other societies and other people.

Speaking about the increasing conflict in the world, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

As a result of modern forms of communication and transport, we are all now much closer together and are no longer confined or bound by geography. Yet, it is a strange and tragic paradox that even though we are more connected than ever before, we are actually growing more distant by the day. It is extremely regrettable, and a source of grief, that instead of uniting and spreading love amongst mankind, the world has paid far greater heed towards spreading hatred, cruelty and injustice.

His Holiness admitted that fear of Islām was growing in much of the world. However, he said that fear of the religion itself was completely unnecessary.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

Let me reassure all of you that Islām is not what you commonly see or hear portrayed in the media. As far as my knowledge of Islām is concerned, I only know of that Islām whose teachings are based on its name. The literal meaning of the word ‘Islām’ is peace, love, and harmony and all of its teachings are based upon these noble values.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

Unfortunately, it cannot be denied that there are some Muslim groups, whose beliefs and actions are in total contrast to Islām’s teachings. In complete violation of Islām’s fundamental teachings, they are perpetrating the most horrific violence and terrorism in its name.

His Holiness said that universal religious freedom was a pre-requisite for any successful and tolerant society.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

The Holy Qur’ān categorically states in chapter 2, verse 257 that ‘there should be no compulsion in religion.’ What a clear, comprehensive and unequivocal statement that enshrines freedom of thought, freedom of religion and freedom of conscience. Thus, my belief and my teaching, is that every person, in every village, town, city or country has the undisputed right to choose his or her religion and to practice it.

His Holiness said it was a cause of regret that governments in the Muslim world and also some Western Governments had sought to restrict the religious rights of some communities within their nations.

His Holiness said that any attempt to curb religious freedom was dangerous.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

Every individual has the right to peacefully preach and propagate his or her teaching to others. These freedoms ought to be guaranteed as basic human rights, and so legislative assemblies or governments should not unduly involve themselves in such matters.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:



It is not wise for governments or parliaments to place restrictions on the basic religious practices or beliefs of people. For example, governments should not concern themselves with what type of clothing a woman chooses to wear. They should not issue decrees stating what a place of worship should look like. If they overreach in this way, it will be a means of restlessness and heightening frustrations amongst their people. Such grievances will continue to exacerbate if they are not checked and ultimately will threaten the peace of society.

Speaking about the role of Government according to Islāmic teachings, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

It is the task of the government and parliamentarians, as guardians of their nations, to legislate in a way that gives rights to their citizens rather than takes their rights away.

His Holiness said that though religious freedom was a principle of vital importance, wherever there was a risk of extremism or incitement to hatred, it was the task of Governments to intervene and take firm action in order to protect their people.

His Holiness also spoke of the need for justice both in domestic affairs and international relations.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

To be handed the keys to government is a huge trust and so we often see heads of state pledge to serve their nations faithfully and with absolute justice. Sadly, in many cases such honourable pledges prove to be hollow words.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

In some countries, there are dictatorships or unjust governments, yet the major powers turn a blind eye to their cruelties, because those governments happen to support them and facilitate the procurement of their interests. Yet,

in countries where the leaders or governments do not bend to the whim of the major powers, they are quite happy to support rebel elements or to demand regime change. In truth, there is no difference in the way the respective governments are treating their own people. The material difference is only that in some cases the governments cooperate with the major powers, whilst in others they do not.

His Holiness^{aa} criticised certain Governments for selling weapons to some Muslim nations “without considering the potential consequences.” He said such weapons often end up in the wrong hands or are used in order to kill innocent civilians.

Citing Saudi Arabia’s war in Yemen as a prime example of injustice and reflecting upon its potential consequences, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

It is well known that Saudi Arabia is using weapons purchased from the West in its war in Yemen, in which thousands of innocent civilians, including women and children, are being killed and so much destruction is being wrought. What will be the ultimate result of such arms trading? The people of Yemen, whose lives and futures are being destroyed, will not only bear hatred and seek revenge from Saudi Arabia but will also bear hate towards Saudi’s arms suppliers and the West in general.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

With no hope or future prospects left, and having witnessed the most horrific brutality, members of their youth will be prone to radicalisation and in this way a new vicious cycle of terrorism and extremism will arise. Are such destructive and devastating consequences worth a few billion dollars?

His Holiness also said that international institutions such as the United Nations needed to ensure fairness and equity between members states.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

If only the major powers and the international institutions, such as the United Nations, had truly acted upon their founding principles, under all circumstances, then we would not have seen the toxic plague of terrorism infect so many parts of the world. We would not have seen the world's peace and security repeatedly undermined and destroyed. And we certainly would not have witnessed the huge refugee crisis, which now confounds and frightens the people of Europe and other developed countries.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued, "The United Nations must also play its role in establishing peace in the world, unencumbered by politics, injustice or favouritism."

Concluding, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} said:

I hope and pray that Allah the Almighty enables the United Nations and the world's governments to act in this way so that true and long-lasting peace may be established. The alternative does not bear thinking about, because if we continue as we are then the world is charging madly towards a huge catastrophe in the shape of another world war.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} continued:

May Allah grant wisdom to the world's leaders and policy makers so that the world we leave behind for our children and future generations is a world of peace and prosperity.

During the event, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa} presented Hon. Louise Arbour, the former High Commissioner for Human Rights at the United Nations and a former Canadian Supreme Court Judge with the Sir Zafrulla Khan Award for Public Service. This award recognised her outstanding public service during her long and distinguished career.

Upon receipt of the award, Hon. Louise Arbour said:

I am deeply honoured to receive this very prestigious award that is named after a great jurist, lawyer, judge and a great diplomat. I am particularly honoured to be associated with Sir Zafrulla Khan, as he was a Chief Judge and President of the International Court of Justice . . . I have also always been deeply impressed by the promotion of the culture of peace that the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community has stood for and continues to stand for.

A number of guest speakers also took to the stage.

Hon. Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and official representative of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said:

"It is an honour and privilege to be here tonight to welcome His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Aḥmad, the Fifth Caliph and leader of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community to Parliament Hill. All of Parliament Hill has come together today to join His Holiness, to celebrate with the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community and to demonstrate our strong support . . . The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community makes an enormous difference here in Canada and always demonstrates Love for All, Hatred for None."

Dr. James J. Zogby, Vice-Chair of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom said:

Your Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa}, on behalf of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom I am honoured to be with you tonight. What has always impressed



us about the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community is how, despite being all too often victims of persecution, you remain champions for the rights of others who are being persecuted. In a world where intolerance seems to be increasing the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community remains a strong advocate of tolerance and goodwill.

Earlier in the day, His Holiness held a range of meetings with Federal Ministers of Canada's Government, Senators and MPs. His Holiness also held a meeting with Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau.

The Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community was also officially recognised by the Speaker of Parliament during a session of Question Period, in which all present members of the House of Commons, including the Prime Minister, stood and gave His Holiness a standing ovation.

Further, Hon. Judy Sgro MP, read out a Members Statement in the House of Commons that stated:

Mr. Speaker, earlier today the global spiritual leader of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community arrived in Ottawa for a formal visit to Parliament Hill.

During his time with us, he will meet with Cabinet Ministers, Senators, Members of Parliament, and the Prime Minister in an effort to further underscore his peaceful message of love for all and hatred for none.

This work is part of an ongoing effort undertaken by His Holiness to showcase the peaceful nature and beauty of the faith (of Islām) and while calling on global powers to advance an agenda of peace, religious freedom, and the advancement of human rights in Canada and around the world.

I applaud His Holiness and members of the global Aḥmadiyya faith for their work, and I extend a hand of friendship on behalf of my constituents and the people of Canada.

The special reception concluded with a silent prayer led by Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad^{aa}. Following dinner Parliamentarians and guests were able to meet personally with His Holiness.



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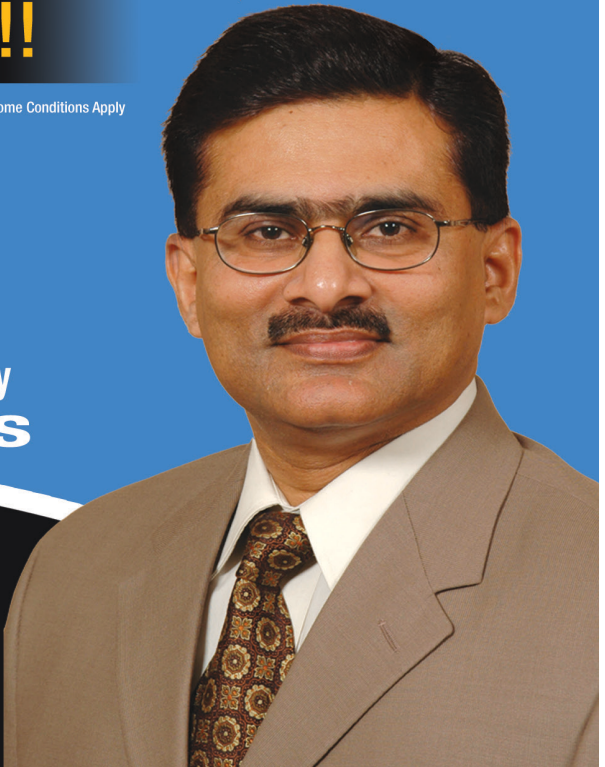
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