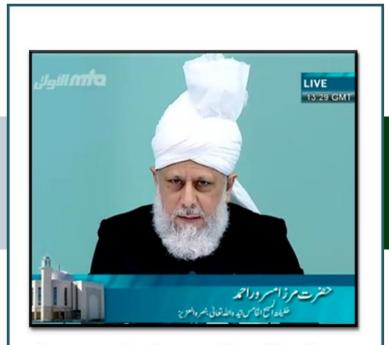
<u>'Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat</u> <u>Uthman (ra)'</u>



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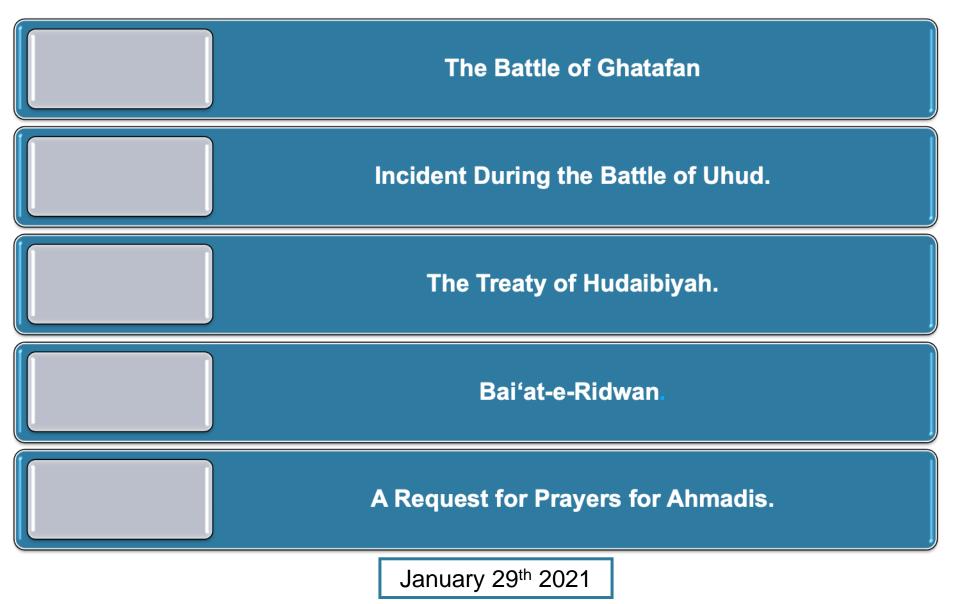
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Summary

<u>'Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Uthman (ra)'</u>





His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Uthman (ra) was unable to physically take part in the Battle of Badr as his wife Hazrat Ruqayyah (ra) was ill.

Thus Hazrat Uthman (ra) was instructed by the Holy Prophet (sa) to remain behind and care for her.

Later, the Holy Prophet (sa) included him in the distribution of the spoils of war, and so he was able to be a part in this way.

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Hazrat Uthman bin Affan (ra)

The Battle of Ghatafan

His Holiness (aba) related the background of this battle, and how some tribes of the Banu Ghatafan had intended to attack Madinah. When the Holy Prophet (sa) set out towards Ghatafan, he appointed Hazrat Uthman (ra) as his deputy in Madinah, and thus Hazrat Uthman (ra) did not physically take part in the Battle of Ghatafan either.

he Holy Prophet (sa) learned of their plans, and so in order to neutralise the threat, the Holy Prophet (sa) set out with an army towards the Banu Ghatafan. Upon learning of the Holy Prophet's (sa) arrival, the various tribes ran towards the mountains where they hid. Though a battle would not ensue, the threat of an attack on Madinah was neutralised.

Incident During the Battle of Uhud

'Those of you who turned their backs on the day when the two hosts met, surely it was Satan who sought to make them slip because of certain doings of theirs. But certainly Allah has already pardoned them. Verily, Allah is Most Forgiving, Forbearing.' [3:156]

It is recorded that Hazrat Uthman (ra) was part of the second group who did not return to Madinah, but moved to one side of the battlefield.

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The Treaty of Hudaibiyah The Holy Prophet (sa) had seen a dream in which he was circling the Ka'bah, so the Holy Prophet (sa) set out towards Makkah with over fourteen hundred companions.

The Holy Prophet (sa) and his companions stopped by the valley of Hudaibiyah. Here, a Makkan informed him that the chieftains would never allow him to enter Makkah and would surely fight against him.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that he had no intention of fighting with them, and was even willing to form a pact with them. Then chieftain, Urwah bin Mas'ud went to the Holy Prophet (sa) on behalf of the Makkans

Upon returning to Makkah, he said that he had visited many kings and leaders, but he had never seen anyone be honoured and respected, as much as the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa) honoured and respected him.

The Treaty of Hudaibiyah

The Quraish sent representatives to the Holy Prophet (sa) in order to negotiate a deal. The Holy Prophet (sa) also decided that a Muslim representative should also be sent to Makkah, to explain the Muslim viewpoint on the matter

While he was on route, his camel was attacked and injured, and made him return back to the Muslim camp.

The Quraish then decided to send some troops to encircle the Muslim camp in secret, and upon finding an opportunity, to attack the Muslims. However, the Holy Prophet (sa) came to learn of this plot, and despite them having done so in a sacred month, the Holy Prophet (sa) forgave them.

His Holiness (aba) said that from these incidents, one is able to see the extreme level of patience displayed by the Holy Prophet (sa) and his undying desire to establish peace.

The Treaty of Hudaibiyah

The Holy Prophet (sa) then decided that an influential person who was originally from the Makkans to help the Makkans understand the true intentions of the Muslims...

Thus, Hazrat Uthman (ra) was sent to Makkah on behalf of the Muslims, along with a message from the Holy Prophet (sa) addressed to the Makkans.

The Makkans remained stubborn and said that they would allow Hazrat Uthman (ra) to circle the Ka'bah. Hazrat Uthman (ra) said how could he do this, when the Holy Prophet (sa) was being stopped from entering Makkah.

Thus, Hazrat Uthman (ra) began making preparations to return to the Muslim camp, however the Makkans stopped him from leaving.

The false news spread that Hazrat Uthman (ra) had been martyred.

After hearing this, the Holy Prophet (sa) gathered all the companions and took an oath from them, that now they would advance forth and would never turn back, even if it meant giving up their lives. The Holy Prophet (sa) extended his hand and the companions placed their hands over his. Then, the Holy Prophet (sa) placed his other hand over theirs, and said that this represented Hazrat Uthman's (ra) hand, for if he had been present, he would surely have taken part in this oath.

Upon hearing of this oath, the Makkans became fearful, and immediately said that a treaty should be made, however the Muslims should not be allowed to enter until the following year :

January 29th 2021 Thus, a treaty was formed, which is known as **The Treaty of Hudaibiyah**

The Treaty of Hudaibiyah

This oath is known as <u>Bai'at-e-Ridwan</u>. It has also been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an:

'Surely, Allah was well pleased with the believers when they were swearing allegiance to thee under the Tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, and He sent down tranquillity on them, and He rewarded them with a victory near at hand.' [48:19]

A Request for Prayers for Ahmadis

His Holiness (aba) again drew the Community's attention towards prayer especially for the conditions prevailing in Pakistan, where

- Ahmadis are not even safe within the walls of their own homes.
 - The police are under the influence of the *maulvis* (clerics).

His Holiness (aba) said that there are some well-natured policemen who say that they are compelled to act in such a manner as they have been instructed to by their superiors.

A Request for Prayers for Ahmadis

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may the Ahmadis be kept safe from such people and enable them to live with ease. His Holiness (aba) said that God-willing, if we continue to pray, then we will soon see the unfortunate fate of these people.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may we have the ability to continue our prayers in this regard.