

Friday Sermon Slides

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Summary

- Jalsa Salana Germany
- Objectives of Jalsa Salana
- Continuity of Jalsa atmosphere
- Thankfulness to Jalsa volunteers
- Ahmadiyyat in Europe
- The Holy Ramadan



Huzur (aba) returned from Germany Jalsa Salana

Early arrival of the Holy Ramadan meant that Jalsa Salana Germany had to be brought forwards

Huzur (aba) explained that

Jalsa Salana UK is followed by a number of appointments with dignitaries, ministers, MPs, Missionaries and Ahmadies coming from all over the world



These commitments continued right up to the day of travelling to Germany



Huzur (aba) said it is a great blessing of God that neither of the two Jalsas nor the post-Jalsa engagements were arduous for him.

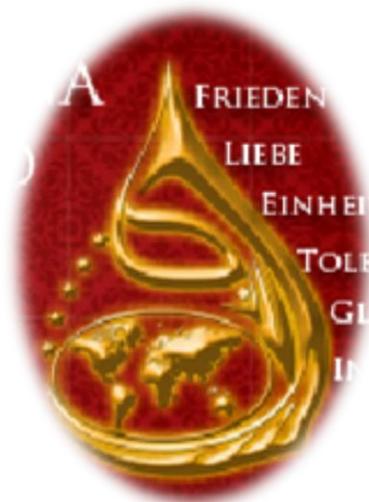
The objective for which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) initiated the Jalsa Salana

The purpose of a believer's life is to seek God's pleasure through worship and bring about pious changes in oneself.

Huzur (aba) said we should not only savour the closeness of two Jalsas, but spiritual continuity should be maintained until the next Jalsa.

When this is attained one may consider one has achieved one's purpose

The objective for the Jalsa Salana is to gather in one place and aspire to train our thoughts on spiritual principle and then to ruminate on the spiritual gains all year around.



What Huzur (aba) had to say about the continuity of the Jalsa Atmosphere

Someone wrote to Huzur (aba) that as they watched Jalsa Salana Germany at home, the appropriate ambiance was created and it seemed as if the UK Jalsa had not finished.

Huzur (aba) said if this feeling of continuity is missing then one is not truly benefitting from the objectives of Jalsa.

Huzur (aba) explained the principle of continuity

Huzur (aba) said the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) explained the concept of continuity when he mentioned that the time between each of the five daily Prayers prevents one from sin, just as one Friday Prayer prevents one from sin till the next Friday Prayer and one Ramadan till the next Ramadan provides atonement.

We are fortunate that by initiating the Jalsa Salana the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has provided us with an additional 'training camp' where attention is drawn to all kinds of virtues and reformation.

Huzur (aba) said that soon after the conclusion of Jalsa he receives letters from sincere people who, having reflected on themselves and brought about pious changes. They write seeking Huzur's (aba) prayers that they may remain steadfast.

Huzur (aba) always speaks about the Jalsa that he graces.

- This he does in thankfulness to God as well as to express his thanks to the volunteers.
- Huzur (aba) said the volunteers also wish to hear about the Jalsa.
- The volunteers do not look for praise.
- It is due to their connection to the Khalifa of the time that they wish to hear his views.
- If they are praised, they are thankful and if they are criticised then they are still grateful to be guided to the high standards by the Khalifa of the time.

- The German volunteer workers did their utmost in serving the guests of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in a satisfactory way and one would be hard pressed to find fault.
- Huzur (aba) said he once again thanked all the men, women, girls and boys who worked at the German Jalsa including MTA Germany and the MTA team that had gone from London.

Huzur (aba) thanked

Huzur (aba) said any previous critiques have been taken on board. Lessons have been learnt from the UK Jalsa Salana; in keeping with the principle that a believer adopts whatever is good, rather than be jealous.



Special commendation for 3 brothers who made the Da'aig washing machine

May God reward them and enhance their ability, Aameen





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Huzur (aba) said that the journey to Jalsa is a journey to attain God's pleasure.

God gives glad-tidings to people who make such a journey.

Huzur (aba) said God blesses any journey that is taken for Him in line with all that the verse states.

Huzur (aba) said people like to hear about his travels.

They are the ones ---

who turn *to*
God in
repentance

who worship
Him

who praise
Him

who go about
in the land
serving Him

who bow down
to God

who prostrate
themselves *in*
prayer

who enjoin
good and
forbid evil

and who watch
the limits *set*
by Allah

And give glad tidings to those who believe.

Stay in Belgium



- Huzur (aba) said en route to Germany, he stopped over at Belgium for one night.
- There is no mosque in Belgium but there is a mission house and two small halls that are used for Prayers.
- Huzur (aba) said he has now instructed the Jama'at to plan for a mosque in Brussels.
- **Huzur (aba) said may God fulfil his wish to have a mosque in every European country in the next five to six years.**

Jalsa Salana Germany

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Huzur (aba) said that with the grace of God the German Jalsa was successful and exceeded the provisional estimates of attendance.

Huzur (aba) said that the spiritual and academic gains made at the Jalsa should become part and parcel of our lives. In doing so, may we adopt all the virtues the aforementioned verse states.



Huzur said one highlight of the German Jalsa was that ten European countries were represented

- Huzur (aba) met all the Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi delegates from different countries
- Huzur (aba) said they all expressed amazement at the arrangement of the Jalsa.
 - Management of huge crowds
 - Peaceful and affectionate atmosphere
 - Catering for such a large number of people
 - The sense of sacrifice for each other was amazing.
- Huzur (aba) said this is the silent Tabligh that each person attending the Jalsa does. Where powerful arguments do not work, such a practical example does.



Acceptance of Ahmadiyyat by Germans after Jalsa Salana

- Two ladies did their Bai'at, one was an indigenous German and the other Egyptian.
- The German lady was overwhelmed with emotion and kept bursting into tears. Huzur (aba) said the new Ahmadi lady will soon leave her current job in a shop where pork and alcohol is sold.
- Huzur (aba) said he told her that if she was not directly involved with the sale of these products there would be no restrictions but otherwise no chanda (financial contribution) could be accepted from her earnings.
- A German and a Hungarian man also did Bai'at in an emotional atmosphere.



Ahmadiyyat in Lithuania

- Huzur (aba) said he wished to clarify that during the UK Jalsa he had mentioned Lithuania among the new countries where Ahmadiyyat has blossomed.
- This was received with some criticism that Lithuania had joined during the period of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may God have mercy on him).
- Huzur (aba) said Lithuania had first joined Ahmadiyyat in 1992 but after some opposition those who had accepted Ahmadiyyat withdrew.
- We had to have our missionary taken out of the country.
- In 1995 Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may God have mercy on him) struck off Lithuania from the list of the countries with Ahmadiyyat.
- The task to take Ahmadiyyat there was given to German Jama'at.
- Now, after fourteen years, Ahmadiyyat has been re-introduced there. A Lithuanian lady has accepted Ahmadiyyat.



Ramadhan

the holiest month of Islam

• [More about Ramadhan](#)

Huzur said, Insha Allah, Ramadan starts in two days time to help us enhance our spirituality.

We try and specifically focus with our God-given abilities to attain His pleasure. May God enable us so.

HOLY RAMADAN

Holy Ramadan; Huzur (aba) prayed



- May God continue to facilitate our spiritual development and may He make the changes we bring about permanent due to the special ambiance.
- May He enable us to comprehend this point and pray for ourselves that may this Ramadan be the source to bring about a permanent pious change in us. Huzur urged us to pray for the Pakistani Ahmadis.
- He said that onset of Ramadan heightens the persecution in Pakistan. He said prayers should be made for all the places that face opposition that may God keep each Ahmadi there in His refuge.
- May this Ramadan bring countless blessings for the Community and may we benefit from it in the real sense.
Aameen