

Spending for the cause of God

Friday Sermon
November 5TH , 2010



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Summary

Hudhur (aba) announced the commencement of the new Tehrike Jadid year and presented details of how our Community endeavours to enhance and vie with one another in sacrifice and good works

When spending in the name of God, a true believer is always primarily mindful of seeking God's pleasure.

If this point is understood, it leads to communal as well as spiritual development

Ahmadiyya Community does not have billions, rather, it has a never-ending treasure of seeking God's pleasure, which gushes forth from sincere hearts.

The contribution of the Ahmadiyya Community worldwide for the year has increased to £ 5, 468,500.00 so far

Pakistan maintained fist position and Hudhur (aba) specially commended Ahmadis from flood-hit regions who successfully reached their target

UK jama'at and Lajna UK received special praise and encouragement from Hudhur (aba)

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا
وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Chapter 2, Verse 275

Those who spend their wealth by night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; on them *shall come* no fear, nor shall they grieve.

Hudhur (aba) said today he will announce the commencement of the new Tehrike Jadid year and will present all the details of how our Community endeavours to enhance and vie with one another in sacrifice and good works.

Hudhur (aba) said the 'giving by night and day' also signifies the globalisation aspect which the Muhammadan Messiah was to establish through one body of people. The propagation of guidance that was entrusted to the Muhammadan Messiah is not a trivial task.

Our resources are almost negligible compared to worldly resources, yet God has given the responsibility of accomplishing this task to us and if we will work at it night and day, it is up to God to bless it and indeed He will bless it.

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وَمَا تُنْفِقُونَ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ اللَّهِ

Chapter 2, Verse 273

-- while you spend not but to seek the favour of Allah.

When spending in the name of God, a true believer is always primarily mindful of seeking God's pleasure.

If this point is understood, it leads to communal as well as spiritual development; in addition it removes domestic problems and complaints between husbands and wives.



Hudhur (aba) gave examples of many Ahmadis all over the world both new comers and those from established backgrounds, who make major financial sacrifices and the delight and the humility with which they make their donations makes their eagerness to please God most evident.

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Hudhur (aba) said when Tehrike Jadid was started Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) he advised that people practiced austerity.



Outsiders think the Community has billions because it implements all its projects. Hudhur said for one, what we have is hugely blessed by God, so much so that it is beyond the comprehension of a worldly person.



The Community does not have billions, rather, it has a never-ending treasure of seeking God's pleasure, which gushes forth from sincere hearts.



Hudhur (aba) explained that although people of the Community give privately, the Community announces some of the giving and in some cases lists are made to be presented to the Khalifa of the time for prayers.

Tehrike Jadid

The objective here is good and there is no ostentation involved. The Khalifa of the time is informed about the giving so that he may pray to God to bless those who make the sacrifices and their wealth.

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The contributions of the Ahmadiyya Community worldwide for the year stand at £ 5, 468,500.00 so far

The current figure has an increase of £ 522,000 from last year's total

Hudhur (aba) announced the start of the 77th Tehrike Jadid year and prayed that may God bless it

First; Pakistan

Second; UK

Third; USA

Fourth; Germany

Followed by Canada, India, Indonesia, Australia, An Arab country that Hudhur chose not to name, Switzerland and Belgium

Strong commendation to UK Ahmadis and Lajna

Need to focus

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Hudhur (aba) said for the past many years it has been stressed that the number of participants of Tehrike Jadid should increase and new comers as well as children should be included in the scheme, regardless of the amount they contributed.

Ahmadis from African countries should join in this scheme even if they paid a few pennies each.

New comers to Tehrike Jadid

The number of new contributors to Tehrike Jadid was in excess of 622,000, and there is an increase of 30,000 from last year

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Tehrik-e-Jadid and Sacrifices of Our Elders

November 1934 to October 1953

Under Divine guidance in 1934, Hadhrat Musleh Maud, Khalifatul Masih II introduced a scheme called 'Tehrik-i-Jadid' (New Scheme). The primary purpose of this scheme is to open new missions and construct mosques around the world.

In his November 5th 2004 Friday Sermon, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V ^{aba} said:

Hudhur (aba) explained that the original number of Dafter I, people who joined the scheme 76 years ago was 5,937.

Among this number, by the grace of God over three hundred are living and paying their own contributions.

The rest of the Dafter I records have either been reinstated by their families or members of the Community and all the records are receiving contributions.

Tehrike Jadid

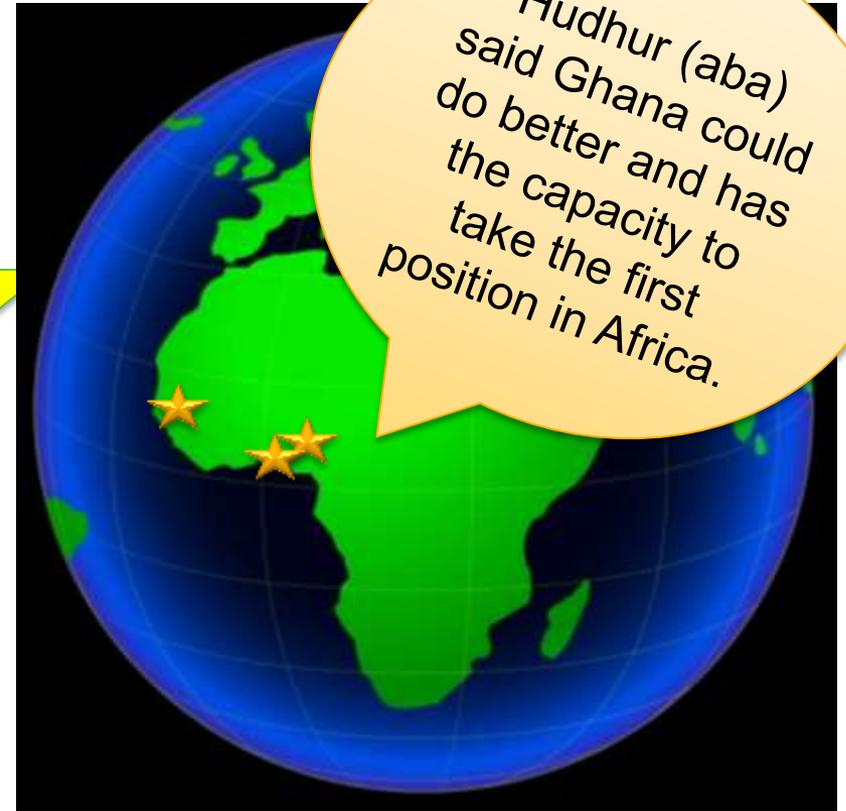
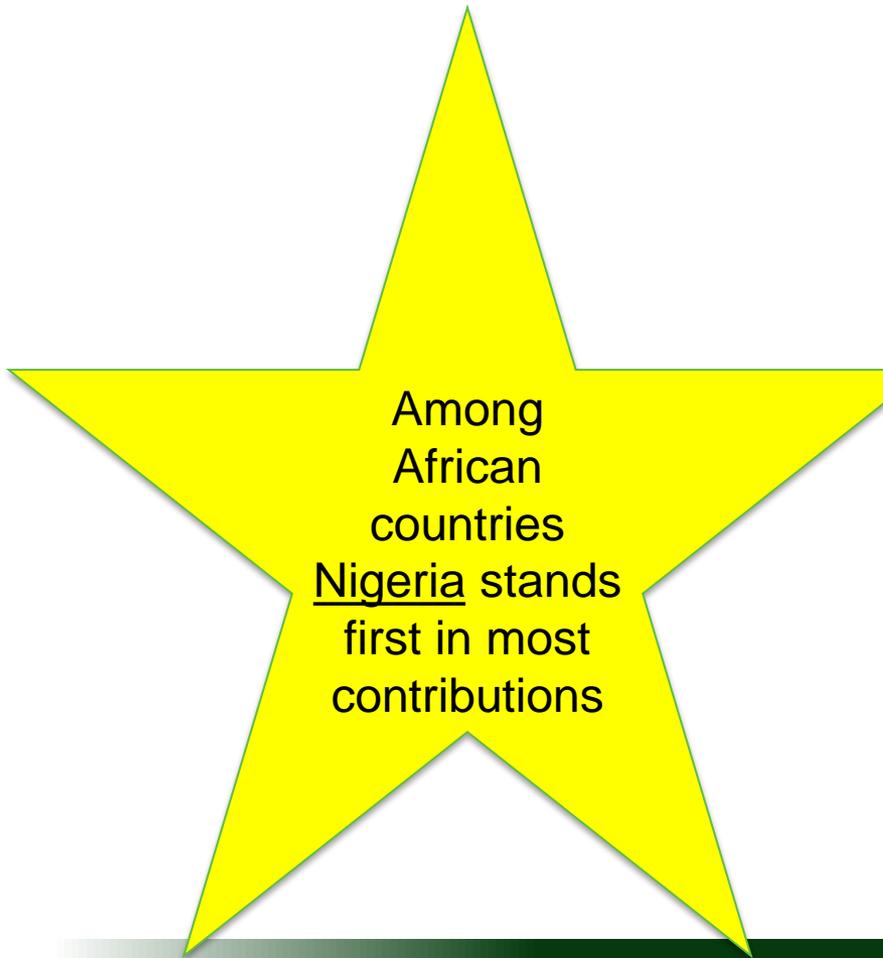
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Dafter V of Tehrike Jadid

Hudhur (aba) reminded that newborn babies and those who started contributing after 2005 should be included in Dafter V.

Hudhur (aba) said this categorisation is maintained in Pakistan and it should be maintained elsewhere as well.

This is extra work for officers but can be done



The top-ranking African nations

The Gambia and Ghana have also improved their contributions

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Hudhur (aba) said in Pakistan the first three Jama'ats are Lahore, Rabwah and Karachi.

Since May, young men and Ansar are giving duties in places which are deemed very dangerous.

They are fulfilling their pledge of sacrificing life, property and time in a most excellent manner.

The Jama'at of Lahore has given sacrifice of life of the highest order and has maintained its distinction of financial sacrifice.

Hudhur (aba) said the adverse situation of Pakistan is common knowledge; this includes the financial situation as well as the persecution faced by Ahmadis.

Tehrike Jadid and Pakistan

This year the floods made the financial situation much worse in particular certain areas and many landowners were badly affected. Yet, amazingly Jama'ats from the effected areas have reached their contribution targets.

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In USA, the following majalis were the biggest contributors: Silicon Valley, Inland Empire, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles.

In Canada the following majalis were at the forefront of contributions: Peace Village East, Edmonton, Peace Village Centre, Peace Village West, Calgary North West and Peace Village South.

In the UK the first ten Majalis are London Mosque, New Malden, Worcester Park, Surbiton, West Hill, Mosque West Hill, Cheam, Manchester South, Raynes Park and Gillingham

Among the smaller majalis the positions were as follows: Scunthorpe, Cambridge, Bournemouth, Wolverhampton, Lewisham, Leamington Spa, Hartlepool, Bristol and North Wales.

Tehrike Jadid

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Hudhur (aba) said it is the view of Vakalat e Maal that some countries do not make their best efforts towards Tehrike Jadid contributions, in particular those who are perhaps working on mosque building projects etc.

Hudhur (aba) said such administrations not only think ill of their members, but worse than this

They appear to be thinking ill of God

Hudhur (aba) said that a large portion of Tehrike Jadid goes towards underdeveloped countries.

Thus if you open your hearts for others, God too will bless your projects and plans.

Tehrike Jadid; caution

When contributions will help the underprivileged countries and they will have mosques built, which are essential, you too will be the recipients of the prayers of people there.

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After presenting another extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), Hudhur (aba) prayed

May God immensely bless all those who contributed to Tehrike Jadid and thus participated in the accomplishment of propagation of guidance, Ameen



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