

Glorious Financial Sacrifices and Waqf-e-Jadid New Year 2012

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Summary

Hudhur (aba) recited, 'Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well'. Chapter 3, verse 93.

Companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) made huge financial sacrifices because they had the spiritual insight that God greatly blesses what is spend in His cause

It is mandatory to make sacrifice in the cause of Allah as a mean of attaining eternal peace of mind

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said 'This is because a Momin finds eternal happiness and the light of perpetual comfort after temporary difficulty.'

Hudhur (aba) gave many faith-inspiring incidences from Ahmadis of all times and nation and announced the start of 55th year of Waqfe Jadid

Along with others Pakistan, USA and Lajna UK were commended for their contributions



The Arabic word 'Birr' used in the verse means great virtue, perfect virtue

A true Momin (believer) looks out to please God

A true believer searches for the ways to gain nearness of God

Among these is , spending one's wealth and using one's capabilities, in the way of Allah

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

Chapter 3, Verse 93

Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well.

Without doubt, God rewards all virtuous acts that are done to please God

Spending in the way of Allah

The best recompense is given when the best is spent in His way

When the aforementioned verse was revealed one of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that he would give his most favourite garden/orchard in the way of God

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was most pleased by this

His Companions were most enterprising in spending in the way of God

They had the spiritual insight that God greatly blesses what is spend in His cause. Seven-hundred fold, or even more

Spending in the way of Allah

God does not remain indebted to anyone

The title ‘RadhiAllahu Ilaihim’ [may Allah be pleased with them]

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) writes: ‘Did the esteemed Companions arrive at the level that they attained without cost? A lot of expenses and troubles are endured to attain worldly titles and in the end an ordinary title is obtained which cannot give peace of mind and tranquillity. Imagine then, did they easily attain the title of ‘RadhiAllahu Ilaihim’ [may Allah be pleased with them], which is a sign of peace and tranquillity of heart and mind and pleasure of the Noble Lord?’

He also said: ‘Fact of matter is that God’s pleasure is not attained until temporary difficulties are endured. God cannot be cheated. Blessed are those who do not care about difficulties in order to attain God’s pleasure. This is because a Momin finds eternal happiness and the light of perpetual comfort after temporary difficulty.’

Hadhrat Sufi Nabi Bakhsh sahib (may Allah be pleased with him):

He made a heart-felt plea to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in private

He asked for prayers that his financial situation gets better so that he could pay chanda

Soon after his salary was trebled and he was enabled to pay more chanda

He says this is a miracle of acceptance of prayer of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Hadhrat Chaudhry Rustam Ali sahib (may Allah be pleased be him)

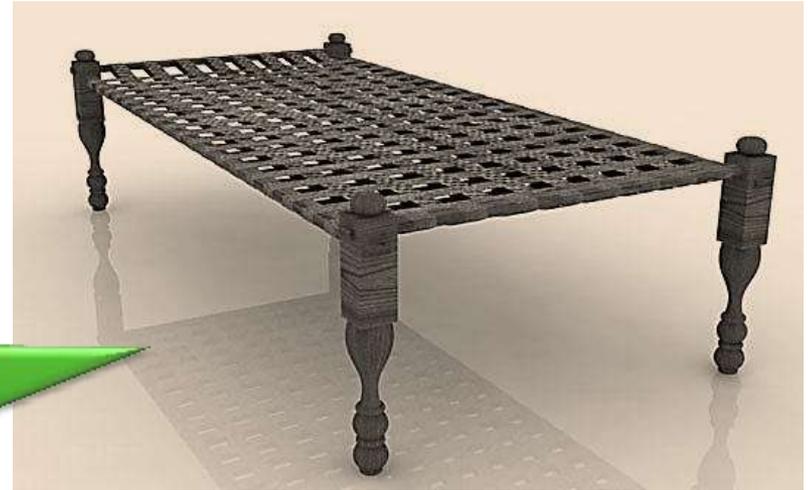
Hadhrat Chaudhry Rustam Ali sahib (may Allah be pleased be him) was an inspector in the railways



His life long routine was to keep 20 Rupees from his salary of 150 Rupees and send the rest to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Sa'in Dewan sahib reguarly walked one hundred miles to render his services in Qadian.

Sa'in sahib used to say, 'as I am poor, I cannot pay chanda. In Qadian I can weave the webbing of the bedsteads of the guest house and thus pay my chanda in lieu.'



Sa'in Dewan sahi (may Allah be pleased be him)

The Community that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) established to bring the world under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) did not cease to have the high standards of sacrifice after the life of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

In fact, with the grace of God, a hundred years later, the keenness and fervour for sacrifice is alive. It appears the new Ahmadis are competing with each other to spend in the way of God.

The Community that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Ahmadi and spending in the way of Allah

In this materialistic age, Ahmadis spend in the way of faith

For them worldly matters are secondary



Such sense of sacrifice alone is sufficient to prove the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

These people try their best to understand the message of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and put it in practice



As long as we give precedence to faith over worldly matters and continue with our endeavours, no enemy can harm us in the slightest. InshAllah

A lady in India who is a teacher and her salary is somewhat limited pledged one month's salary for Waqfe Jadid. When her father came to know he was moved to tears and told his elder daughter about her younger sister's sacrifice and asked her what was she going to do about it. The older sister also pledged greater amount than she had done before.

One furniture businessman pledged to pay 400,000 for Waqfe Jadid and said that he would also give 10% of the profit from his new business. With the grace of God his business did very well. For the next year, he offered to pay 25% of the profit.



Ahmadi and spending in the way of Allah; India



An Ahmadi in Mali received three times the expected income after making sure he attended Jalsa and gave up the worldly job for that time



An Ahmadi from Gambia experienced major improvement in his tight financial situation after he paid chanda with extra-ordinary effort



An Ahmadi from Sierra Leone gave in chanda his last saving by which he was hoping to buy few cups of rice for his family's food the next day, Allah send him a sack of rice that very night



An Ahmadi Khadim from Ivory Coast experienced unusually high profit in his trade while he went to a Tarbiyyati Course



An Ahmadi from Benin made extra-ordinary sacrifice to contribute to the blessed scheme of Waqfe Jadid

Financial sacrifice of new converts



A Nigerian Ahmadi came to work in an international company in Switzerland. He paid in 9000 Swiss Francs as chanda even when he was residing there temporarily

A Pakistani Ahmadi who works in Switzerland pledged 5000 Swiss Francs. He sacrificed his personal needs from a bonus of 500 Swiss Francs to pay chanda. With the grace of God, the bonus he eventually received was 10,000 Swiss Francs.

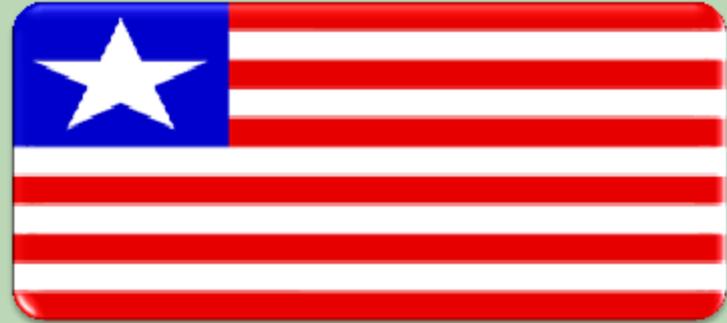


Financial sacrifice of Ahmadis abroad

Financial sacrifice of new converts



In Benin an Ahmadi made an extra-ordinary sacrifice for Tehrike Jadid and God increased his income ten-fold of what he had given in chanda.



In Liberia, an eight year old boy was given five dollars for working for Missionary sahib. Later, after the missionary sahib expounded the merits of Tehrike Jadid, this young boy paid these five dollars in chanda. Seeing this, other children were also motivated to pay chanda.

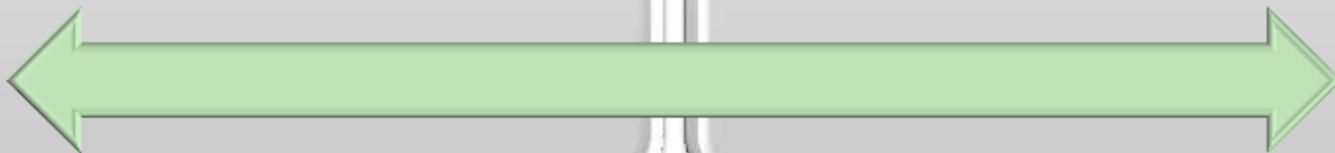
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A new Ahmadi in Kyrgyzstan earned 66 dollars when Khilafat Jubilee was commemorated in 2008 and gave 44 dollars towards Jubilee fund. His financial situation has improved since manifold

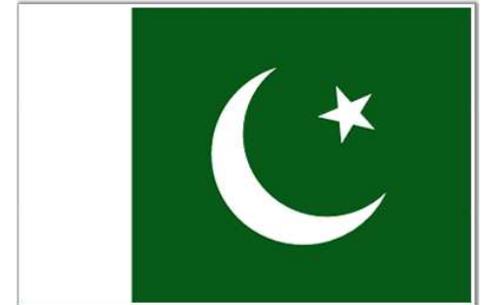


A very sincere new Ahmadi lady from Kyrgyzstan had taken Bai'at for a year but did not paid chanda. When she was informed about this, she, she paid 15,000 in Kyrgyzstan currency. she explained that this covered her year's chanda as well as chanda for other Tehriks



With the grace of God the total contributions according to the reports received so far, given that some African countries are late in sending their reports is £
4,693,000.00

This figure is £510,000 more than last year's contributions



WAQF-E-JADID; New year announced

In spite of the terrible financial situation there, **Pakistan has maintained its first position in Waqfe Jadid contributions**



May God bless them and their wealth and keep them in His protection and refuge from all evil.

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1. Pakistan
2. UK
3. USA
4. Germany
5. Canada
6. India
7. Australia
8. Indonesia
9. Belgium
10. Switzerland



WAQF-E-JADID; TOP RANKING COUNTRIES

May God enhance them in all other virtues as well and likewise all other Jama'ats in the world



Lajna UK has paid a large part in this. Their increase in Tehrike Jadid was huge as is in Waqfe Jadid, may God reward the sisters and the young girls



Hudhur (aba) said it appears USA has reached a point where its position can not be bettered without increasing the number of contributors



Lajna UK Commended



There is room for improvement in the UK and their position can be developed

1. Ghana
2. Nigeria
3. Mauritius
4. Burkina Faso
5. Uganda

This year there was an increase of more than 90 thousand contributors to Waqfe Jadid but there is still room for improvement.

The African countries need to include the new converts in light of the instructions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

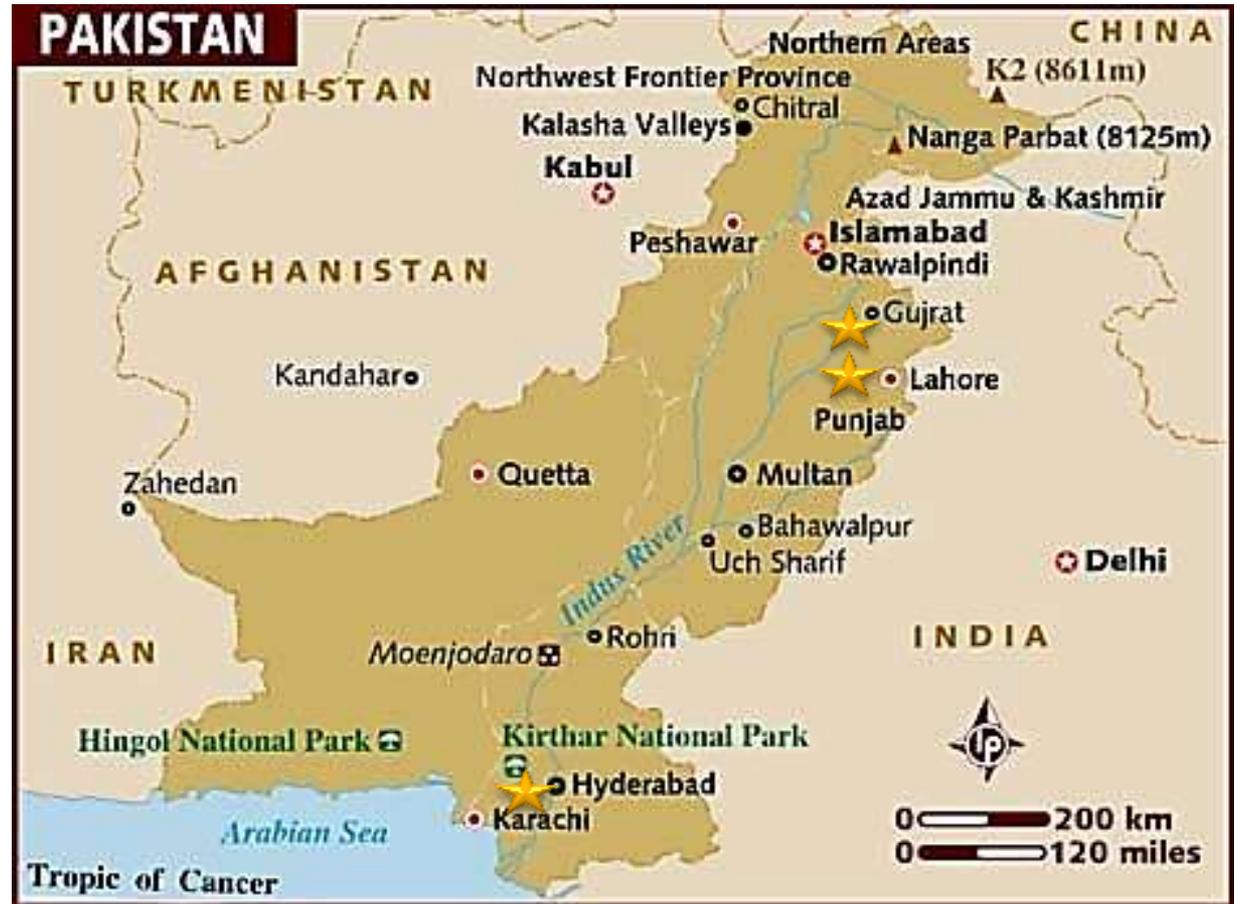


The top-ranking african nations

Hudhur (aba) said Ghana needs to try harder in terms of more contributors as Hudhur had instructed them before

The top-ranking Pakistani positions

1. Lahore
2. Rabwah
3. Karachi



Hudhur (aba) prayed

Hudhur prayed that may God bless those who had eagerly participated in Waqfe Jadid and may He bless their wealth. May God enable everyone to make bigger sacrifices in future and may He also bless the sacrifices. May God also immensely bless the funds of Jama'at.

Given the global financial situation, it is mere grace of God that Jama'at is making financial sacrifice.

Therefore Hudhur (aba) said a lot of prayers should be made for Jama'at funds to be blessed



Hudhur announced the sad passing away of a notable poet of the Jama'at, Abdul Mannan Naheed sahib

Hudhur said he was a renowned poet who wrote profound poems and ghazals

He was a gentle, humble and courteous person. He encouraged young poets

He had visited UK many times to participate in Moshā'ira [poetic sitting].

He was a devout person, regular at his Tahajjud

His obedience to Khilafat was of the first order. May God elevate his station

He had no children but he is survived by a foster son. May God enable the foster son to continue to serve the Community