Waqfe Jadid 2017

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 relayed live all across the globe

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The 59th year ended on 31 December 2016. The chapters all over the world presented sacrifice of £8,020,000 towards Waqf-e-Jadid, £1,129,000 more than last year.

Pakistan again is at the top of the list among all the countries in the world.

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Financial Sacrifice

In today’s world there is no community or group whose members spread in different countries are gathered upon one hand and offer their wealth to be spent for good work.

The purpose for collecting this wealth is also unique, which is to spread the religion of Allah and help humanity.

There is only one Jama’at who is doing this work. It is the Jama’at which is since the last 128 years has been spending its wealth in the way of Allah and for the betterment of humanity.

It is because, the Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) has taught his Jama’at through the teachings of Quran, the correct way to spend their wealth and inculcated the seed for financial sacrifice in the way of Allah.
Promised Messiah (PBUH) says

‘I emphasize upon it regularly to spend in the way of Allah. It is by the commandment of Allah because Islam at this time is at a downfall. It is dissatisfying to realize the internal and external weaknesses that are causing it to be attacked by other opponent religions. When this is the condition, should we not work towards the progress and development of our religion Islam? This is the actual purpose behind the creation of this Jama’at by Allah. Thus working for good by being in this Jama’at is actually following the commandments of Allah.

These promises are from Allah, that who so ever will spend in the way of Allah, Allah will reward him abundantly in this world and will be blessed with a very peaceful life hereafter. Thus, I want to draw your attention towards this cause of spending your wealth for the progress of Islam’.
The Jamaat of the Promised Messiah AS

The companions understood this cause and offered their wealth in the way of Allah. This has been acknowledged and mentioned many a times by the Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him).

The Promised Messiah’s (Peace be on Him) Jama’at has got so used to financial sacrifice that one generation after the other is involved in this duty.

The residents of other countries, who have joined in the Jama’at later, encouraged and show examples that, are very surprising.
Spending wealth for Allah’s pleasure

Apart from the wealthy, the struggling people who are poor are the ones who show exemplary sacrifices. They do not care, if their minimum amount will make the difference or not but they are the ones who understand the commandments of Allah that says

“And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allah and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain suffices. And Allah sees what you do” (2:266)
The service of Islam

These little sacrifices are like dew drops on the garden of Islam that brings in loads of fruit by the grace of Allah.

We see that despite being a poor Jama’at, the work to spread Islam is being done throughout the world.

By the Grace of Allah, we are able to achieve very big goals with limited finances which even surprises the world.

This is because, the people who have made sacrifices try to be among those mentioned in the Quran as ‘the people who spend their wealth to gain the pleasure of Allah’.

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The chapters all over the world presented sacrifice of £8,020,000 towards Waqfe Jadid.
This amount is £1,129,000 more than the last year.

With regard to per person contribution, at the top is US followed by Switzerland, Finland, Australia, Singapore, France, Germany, Trinidad, Belgium and Canada.

This year, by the grace of Allah, 1,340,000 members contributed to the scheme,

105,000 more than the last year.

UK, despite being at the top in total contributions, is much behind in per person contribution
In 2016, in terms of contributions, after Pakistan, the top ten countries in sacrifice are UK, Germany, US, Canada, India, Australia, a country from middle-east, Indonesia, a country from middle east and Ghana, and then are Belgium and Switzerland.

With respect to the local currency, countries that improved significantly over the last year, Ghana, West Africa, is at the top, then is Germany, followed by Pakistan and Canada.
Among African countries, significant sacrifices were made by Mali, Burkina Faso, Liberia, South Africa, Sierra Leone and Benin.
Canada, India and UK led in the increase in the number of contributors, and Guinea Conakry, Cameroon, the Gambia, Senegal, Benin, Niger, Congo Kinshasa, Burkina Faso and Tanzania in Africa.

Nigeria did not make good effort as the number of contributors decreased there. Number of contributors would have reached 1,400,000 if Nigeria had kept to last year’s level of contributors.

All those countries should pay attention towards the number of contributors who show a decrease compared to the last year and identify their weaknesses, not in the members but in the workers.
Lahore is at the top in Pakistan in contributions from adults, followed by Rabwah, Karachi. Islamabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Multan, Umarkot, Hyderabad, Peshawar, Mirpur Khas, Okara and Dera Ghazi Khan.

The first three Jama’ats in Pakistan for Atfal contributions were: Lahore Rabwah, Karachi.
The top ten chapter in UK are Worster Park, Masjid Fazl, Birmigham South, Putney, Reynes Park, Bradford, New Malden, Glasgow, Birmingham West, Gillingham.

The main regions in UK were: London B, London A, Midlands, Northeast, South.
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With respect to collection in Germany, Hamburg is at the top followed by Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Waldorf, Diedsonbad.
The top ten contributing chapters in the US are Silicon Valley, Seattle, Detroit, Silver Spring, Central Virginia, Los Angeles East, Dallas, Houston, Philadelphia and Laurel.
Top contributing regions are Calgary, Peace Village, Vaughan, Vancouver, Mississauga, Durham, Hamilton East, Saskatoon South.

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The main regions were: regions in sequence of top contributions are Kerala, Jammu/Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, Orissa, West Bengal, Punjab, Utter Pradesh, Delhi, Maharashtra.

Ten top chapters in India are Kerala, Kailicut, Hyderabad, Patha Paryam, Qadian, Kanul Town, Calcutta, Kangol, Bangalore, Salore, Pagardi.
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Castle Hills at the top in Australia followed by Brisbane, Logan, Azam Park, Berwick, Azith, Adelaide South, Lampton, Canberra, Longwalk, Adelaide West.

May Allah bless greatly the wealth and persons of the ones who presented sacrifices. May the related workers become more active and try to remedy the deficiencies, especially the number of participants should be increased.

It is true that the total amount is increasing but we also need to have everyone participate even with the payment of a small amount.
Next, funeral Prayers in absentia were announced for:

Asma Tahira who was wife of Respected Mirza Khalil Ahmad. She passed away in Canada on 23 December 2016 at the age of 79. Hadrat Ali Ahmad was her grandfather. He had pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah and was his Companion.

Respected Chaudhri Hameed Nasrullah Khan (former Amir Lahore) passed away on 4 January 2017 in Lahore at the age of 83. Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih (May Allah be his Helper) recounted the description of his services to Ahmadiyyat and prayed for the elevation of the status of the deceased in the Hereafter.