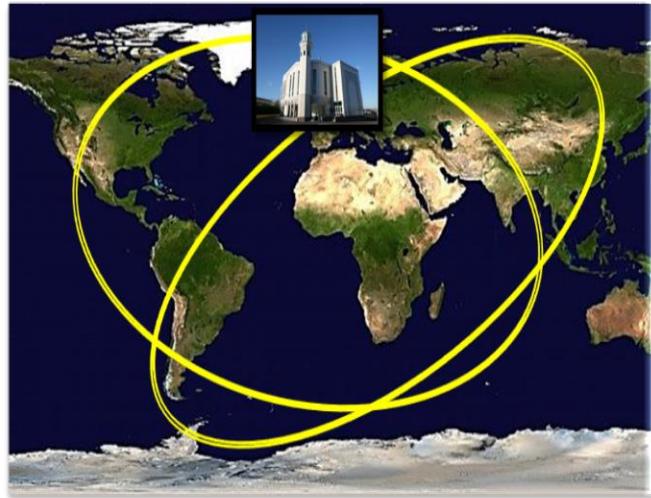


# Blessings of Jalsa Salana UK 2017



**Sermon Delivered by Hadhrat  
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Muslim Community**



**relayed live all across the  
globe**

August 4th 2017

# Summary

## Blessings of Jalsa Salana UK 2017

It is due to the immense Grace of Allah the Almighty that last week the Jalsa Salana UK [Annual Convention] of Ahmadiyya Community concluded safely

True gratitude can only be offered, if we constantly endeavor to seek the pleasure of Allah the Almighty.

Huzoor (aba) presented few guests views, which they expressed after experiencing the atmosphere.

They stated openly that if this is the teaching of Islam then this teaching ought to be spread in the world.

The International Bai'at also has a profound effect on people outside of the community.

The press has given very good coverage.

Huzoor (aba) led three funeral prayers in absentia

# Blessings and Gratitude

Blessings

It is due to the immense Grace and Beneficence of Allah the Almighty that last week the Jalsa Salana UK concluded safely.

Gratitude

During all the three days of Jalsa Salana, we observed scenes of the Grace and blessings of Allah

Comments

Every participant felt that the Help and blessings of Allah were continually being sent down.

Media

Thus, no matter how much we thank Allah for this, it cannot be sufficient.

Funerals

True gratitude can only be offered, if we constantly endeavour to seek the pleasure of Allah the Almighty.

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# True Gratitude

The Holy Prophetsa said that one who is not grateful to people, is not grateful to Allah the Almighty either—

Thus, due to this, all participants should be grateful to the workers who performed Jalsa duty

Likewise, the workers, should also be grateful to Allah, for He enabled them to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah(as),

Everyone from young children to the old served with exceptional sincerity

Likewise, the participants also took part in the Jalsa quietly, without spreading any restlessness or evil

Such a practical example presents a very awe-inspiring sight for a worldly person

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The former foreign minister of Benin, Maryam Boni Jialo Sahiba, currently the advisor of the president and a senior minister : through this Jalsa I was able to understand the Ahmadiyya Jama'at in greater depth. I am greatly impressed by the management of the Jalsa. Everyone sacrificed their own comfort and was ready to provide comfort and ease to others. I will never in my life be able to forget the smiling faces, which found happiness in serving other guests. She says that women have been given a great status and ...

Member of the parliament of Guatemala, Iliena Calles :that participating in the Jalsa was a very unique and astonishing experience. ..the scene of volunteers serving thousands of guests was astonishing. She also mentioned the address to the ladies; the status of women ... She further says that in comparison to the men's marquee, I felt greater comfort, ease and freedom in the ladies' marquee.

Sergio Moya, a professor of the National University of Costa Rica,: "I have witnessed a new picture of Islam through this Jalsa. I have seen a community of Muslims that is exemplary in mutual love and affection who present a practical depiction of their faith."

# Guest Comments

Blessings

**Katrina Celjak sahiba from Croatian delegation:** “Previously I was a nun at a church, but now I am in search of the truth. The Jalsa environment, ..information about the Jama’at has enlightened my mind. I sense that my journey in search of the truth will reach its destination soon.”

Gratitude

**An International Business Management student** from Croatia : that he was very impressed with the love and dedication of the organization of the Jalsa.

Comments

**An elderly couple from Croatia** “last year we attended as normal Muslims and this year we are attending as Ahmadi Muslims.” Hence, there is a great bounty of God in the Jalsa, as people take Bai’ats as well

Media

**Darren Howlett Coventry, the Head of Ireland’s National Police Service:** “this was my first Jalsa Salana. During the Jalsa I had the opportunity to meet the determined, helpful and good-natured people of the Ahmadiyya Community.”

Funerals

**Mr Arnaud Van Doorn from Holland**,: “the atmosphere during the Jalsa Salana was very friendly and I have learnt a great deal from this occasion.”

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Doglas Monteroso sahib,  
advisor to the member  
parliament of Costa Rica, says:

“I heard the speeches delivered by the Imam of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community with utmost focus and attention. I was very much impressed by his advice that when one forgives his enemies and prays for them, his heart is cleansed from enmity and malice.”

Zoucomore Sahib, president  
of the human rights  
commission in Burkina Faso,

：“I have heard addresses of many religious leaders. They speak as if they are the only people treading on the right path and play with people’s emotions. However, I heard the address of the Imam of Jama’at-e-Ahmadiyya with utmost attention. The focal point of all the speeches was establishment of world peace. And this indeed is the teaching that can lead to the establishment of world peace...”

Joseph Pierrer Duplan, the representative of the President of Haiti :

Every single person was demonstrating simplicity and patience. There was an aura of brotherhood in the atmosphere.I am not a religious person but after attending this Jalsa and meeting with the Imam of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community my heart concludes that if there is a true religion, then it is Islam and Ahmadiyyat.”

# Guest Comments

Blessings

**Congressman of the Philippines, Salvador Belaro Junior**, :"it was an eye-opening experience.. The most pleasing thing for me was that the members of the community meet each other with utmost love and courtesy and strive to help one another as much as possible

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**Senior Barrister of the Queen's Council, Mr David**

**Martin**,:whatever I am saying is not my words but it is the voice of my heart. ..I have never attended a ceremony like this. The people are so nice and the community is so beautiful. I say with full conviction that never in my life have I witnessed something like the Jalsa Salana

**Abdul Kabba Kargbo from Sierra Leone**, :"I was enthralled with the organization of the Jalsa Salana. If someone had informed me that more than 37,000 had gathered in one place for 3 days, and that there was no estrangement, I would most likely not believe it. However, having seen this all with my own eyes I am amazed that I have not seen a single person complain and that everyone is serving with great humility and modesty."

# Guest Comments

Blessings

Alhaj Mamadu Saleem Ba Sahib is the Vice President of the National Assembly of Guinea Conakry,: that he was very impressed with the organization of the Jalsa and the discipline.

Gratitude

Hassan Gita Sahib of Guinea Conakry,the National Director of the Police, :“after listening to the address of the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community I felt proud to be a Muslim.”

Comments

Member of Parliament of Sierra Leone, Mr Alie Kaloko,: “Ahmadiyyat is the true representation of Islam. The efforts which the Ahmadi Muslims are making to spread peace are much appreciated.

Media

Mr Abdur Rasheed from Turkmenistan,: “Since the day I arrived in London I have been surrounded by love and affection as if I am among my parents and relatives. After attending the Jalsa I came to the understanding that I have been in the search of God all my life but I have only found Him after coming here.

Funerals

Winson Williams, a new convert from Jamaica,: ‘The addresses of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and in particular the International Bai’at was an extremely emotional experience.’

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## Member of National Assembly of the Croatian parliament, Mr

Auch Koik Domango, : 'I was greatly impressed by the International Bai'at. The emotions, sincerity and the resolve to display loyalty to one's faith which I witnessed during the International Bai'at was a totally surreal and astonishing experience which I shall remember all my life.'

## Khalid Belisle mayor of Belmopan, the capital city of Belize

: 'Attending the Jalsa was an excellent experience. It seemed as if each and every member of the community was assigned to only serve me. 'The arrangements of the Jalsa were of a very high standard and ... I shall always be thankful of the fact that you invited me here.'

## Mayor of a city in Ivory Coast, Zrakpa Dopeu Sahib

, : 'When I accepted Islam Ahmadiyyat I had to endure listening to many negative comments from people. I lacked knowledge therefore I would become quite concerned as to how I could determine whether Ahmadis are Muslims or not. I would sometimes think whether I have committed a sin by accepting the Jama'at. I contacted the Jama'at and they invited me to attend the Jalsa Salana in order to observe the Jama'at more closely. When I came here I was able to witness the true image of Islam. ... whether Ahmadis are Muslims or not were answered after observing the atmosphere of the Jalsa. Now I say with great pride that what I did was completely right'

# Media Comments

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The Jalsa attracted a lot of attention from the press and media. Sonia Delesalle French journalist of, Libération, states: 'When I first arrived here I was quite concerned because the men and women had been segregated. However, when I visited the Jalsa arena, I noticed that instead of women the men were preparing food. I then spent some time in the ladies section and I realised that due to their separate arrangements they had more freedom and above all they were completely independent and did everything as they wished.'

A Journalist from national news channel in Bolivia : 'According to the West, Islam holds women back and they are considered to be given no importance. However, I saw that the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community was giving awards to women who had achieved notable success and each person was individually being called up by their names.

Thus, some of the young girls living here who in the name of education or freedom claim that they are being treated unjustly need to ponder over this that even those outside of the community appreciate our atmosphere.

# Guest and Media Comments

Blessings

**An Egyptian, Dr Hany Rashwan Sahib**, said that he arrived at the Jalsa Gah around the time of the international Bai'at. Upon witnessing the human chain, he was visibly moved and amazed.

Gratitude

**Another journalist began to repeat the words during the International Bai'at.** Upon being asked she said: 'I don't know what happened to me at the time and never in my life have I ever experienced such feelings and emotions and instinctively I began to repeat the words.'

Comments

Media

**Another journalist from Bolivia, Carlos Jamie Orias Sb**, : 'The one thing that impressed me the most ..is their passion and efforts to establish peace. It was also very delightful to see the Ahmadi women acquire notable achievements and success and this proves that it is incumbent upon both men and women to strive to achieve peace in the world by starting at a family level and progressing to community, country and then on an international level.'

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Thus, the atmosphere of the Jalsa and the atmosphere created by those giving duty impresses every fair-minded person. May Allah the Almighty reward all those who offered duties and also the attendees who were part of the silent preaching of the Islamic values.

**We must remember the thousands of male and female volunteers including boys, girls, men and women in our prayers**

I would also like to say to the administration that all of the complaints or matters that require attention which I am sending to them should be noted in their Red Books and they should seek to make further improvements for the future.

# Media Coverage

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Through the media outlets, 358 news reports have been published about the Jalsa Salana and this is still increasing

The message [of Islam] was conveyed to 36 million through online media

Concluding address was aired on MTA Live stream and around 250,000 people watched via live streaming.

A conservative estimate is; message was conveyed to over 128 million people

Some of the more prominent media outlets which gave coverage include: BBC TV, BBC Radio, ITV, The Independent, The Times, Sunday Express, London Evening Standard, New York Times, Facebook Live, Associated Press, Press Association, Special News Agency EFE, an Indian news agency called PTI and French news agencies included Libération and UNILET.

# Media Coverage

Blessings

Jalsa Salana was also given coverage in Africa.

Gratitude

Apart from MTA Africa ten other channels showed the proceedings of the Jalsa Salana and in total the coverage from across different countries was over 150 hours.

Comments

BBC Uganda covered the Jalsa Salana in Swahili language, which is viewed by a large audience

Media

Thus, we should express our gratitude to Allah the Almighty for this extensive coverage of the message of the Ahmadiyya Community and the true message of Islam

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For our part in this I am very grateful to our Press & Media section,

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As well as the Press & Media section of other countries who also made an effort. May God Almighty reward them

## Blessings

Just like last year, this year again, Khuddam from Canada came and took part in the work and clear up [of the Jalsa site]. May Allah the Almighty reward all of them.

## Gratitude

The Khuddam of Canada who arrived before Jalsa, I hope they listened to all of the Jalsa proceedings.

## Comments

If they have not then this is absolutely wrong.

Therefore, if they wish to come in future, then they should listen to the Jalsa proceedings throughout the three days,

and then they should partake in the clear up program.

May He grant us the opportunity to adopt all the teachings that we learnt during the Jalsa Salana and include them in our lives..

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### Some funeral prayers in absentia

Mrs Sahibzadi Zakia Begum Sahiba, wife of Col Mirza Daud Ahmad Sahib. She was the daughter of Nawab Amatul Hafeez Begum Sahiba and Nawab Abdullah Khan Sahib. She passed away in Tahir Heart Institute on 23rd July 2017, at the age of 94.

Mr Tariq Masood Sahib, missionary serving in the Nazarat Islah-o-Irshad Marakazia, the son of Mr Masood Ahmad Tahir Sahib. He passed away in Rabwah on 24th July at the age of 27, after being electrocuted by a high voltage wire.

Respected Shakil Ahmad Munir Sahib, former missionary in-charge of Australia, currently residing in Karachi. He passed away on the 31st of July at the age of 85.

**To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.**