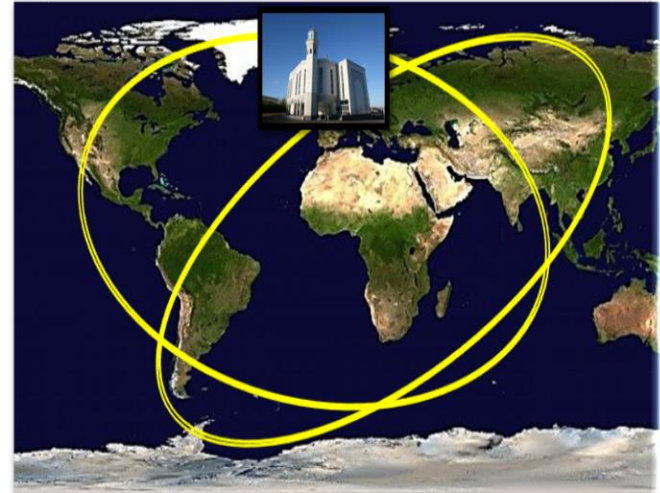


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Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba);
Head of the Ahmadiyya
Muslim Community**

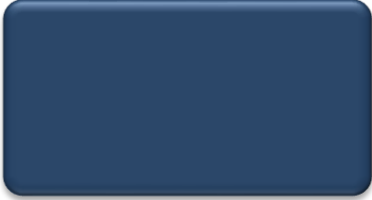


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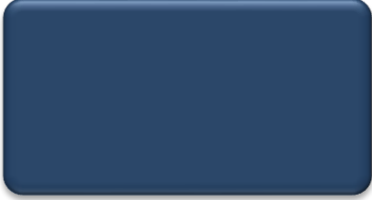
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Summary

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Huzur (aba) continued with the subject of high status of the companions of Holy Prophet (peace be upon him)



Huzur (aba) explained the sacrifices of Hazrat 'Umair Bin Abi Waqqas, Hazrat Qutbah Bin Amir, Hazrat Shuja' bin Wahab, Hazrat Shammas bin Usman, Hazrat Abu Abas bin Jabr, and Hazrat Abu Aqeel bin Abdullah.



Huzur (aba) prayed that May God Almighty continue to exalt the status of the Companions.



Huzur (aba) lead funeral prayers in absentia of respected Maulana Abdul Aziz Sadiq sahib and Muhammad Zafrullah Sahib Shaheed.

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Hazrat 'Umair Bin Abi Waqqas

He was sixteen years old when he was martyred in the Battle of Badr.

His father was Abu Waqqas Malik Bin Wuhaib. Hazrat Umair (ra) was the younger brother of Hazrat Sa'ad Bin Abi Waqqas

His mother's name was Hamnah Bint Sufyan. He belonged to the Banu Zuhrah clan of the Quraish tribe

He was a minor at the time of battle of Badr; when he was told to go back to Medinah, Umair (ra) started to cry.

Upon witnessing his extraordinary eagerness, the Holy Prophet (sa) allowed him to remain with the fighters. The Holy Prophet (sa) secured the sheath to his sword with his own blessed hands.

Hazrat Qutbah Bin Amir

He was the son of Amir Bin Hadeedah. His mother's name is Zainab Bint 'Amr. His wife's name is Hazrat Umm Amr. He had one daughter with her, whose name is Umm Jameel.

He is among those six companions from among the Ansar, who believed in the Holy Prophet (sa) while he was still in Mecca.

He participated alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in the battles of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq as well as all other battles.

Hazrat Qutba passed away during the Khilafat of Hazrat Umar.

Hazrat Shuja' bin Wahab

He was the son of Wahab bin Rabi'ah. He was also called Shuja' bin Abi Wahab.

Hazrat Shuja' is counted among those noble companions, who accepted the Holy Prophet (sa) in the very early stages.

The Holy Prophet (sa) declared Hazrat Aus bin Khauli to be the religious brother of Hazrat Shuja' in accordance with the bonds of brotherhood he established.

Including [the battles of] Badr, Uhud and Khandaq, Hazrat Shuja' participated in all battles alongside the Holy Prophet (sa).

He lived for just over forty years and was martyred during the battle of Yamama.

Hazrat Shuja' bin Wahab

After returning from the treaty of Hdaybiyyah, the Holy Prophet (sa) sent Hazrat Shuja' to the chief of Ghouta near Damascus, as his ambassador.

When the letter (message of Islam) was delivered to the governor, he became furious and ordered his administration to prepare the army to retaliate for this message.

The governor sent the Caesar of Rome all the details of the Holy Prophet's (sa) letter in writing. Caesar read the letter of Harith and ordered him to abandon any thought of advancing to him to attack and to not clash with him.

Hazrat Shuja' states, "When I reached the Holy Prophet (sa) I reported everything to him regarding the governor Harith. When he had heard all the proceedings he said, 'he will be destroyed', i.e. his rule will come to an end.

To defend Muslims, the Holy Prophet (sa) appointed twenty four Mujahideen to Hazrat Shuja' to gain intelligence about those preparing to attack Medina.

Hazrat Shuja' would travel by night along with the Mujahideen and keep in hiding during the day, until they fell upon the people of Banu Amir preparing for war. they fled leaving everything behind.

Hazrat Shammās bin Usman

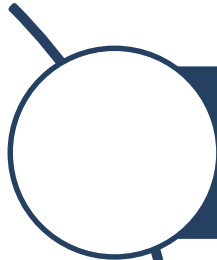
His name is Usman and his title is Shammās, which is what he was known by.

Hazrat Shammās bin Usman took part in the Battle of Badr and Uhad.

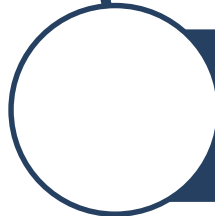
He fought very courageously during the Battle of Uhad. The Holy Prophet (sa) stated that he found Hazrat Shammās bin Usman to be like a shield. Wherever the Holy Prophet (sa) would turn, whether to his right or left, he would find Shammās defending with his sword until the point where the Holy Prophet (sa) fell unconscious due to a rock that was thrown at him.

Hazrat Shammās stood in front of the Holy Prophet (sa) and shielded him with his body and as a result sustained a serious injury. He still had some life left in him and he was carried back to Medina, where he eventually breathed his last after one day and passed away at the age of 34.

Hazrat Abu Abas bin Jabr



His pre-Islam name was Abdul Uzza, however the Holy Prophet (sa) changed his name to Abdul Rahman because Uzza was the name of their idol. His title was Abu Abas



He took part in the Battle of Badr and all the other battles along with the Holy Prophet (sa).



He was a fast walker, very honest in his dealings when serving his finance duties and was very trustworthy.

He passed away in 34 AH at the age of 70. Hazrat Usman led his funeral prayers and he was buried in Janatul Baqee.

Hazrat Abu Aqeel bin Abdullah

He was one of the companions who would work all night when the Holy Prophet (sa) would instruct [everyone] to offer sadqa [charity] and he would offer whatever he could collect.

He fought alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in the battle of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq.

He was martyred during the Khilafat of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (ra) during the battle of Yumama..

Hazrat Abu Aqeel sustained fourteen wounds, each of which was fatal.

Fallen in the battlefield, Hazrat Abu Aqeel praised God, then raised his finger towards the sky and passed away. May Allah have mercy on him.

May God Almighty continue to exalt the status of the Companions.

Funeral Prayer in Absentia of
Respected Maulana Abdul Aziz Sadiq sahib

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1. Maulana Abdul Aziz Sadiq sahib who was a Missionary in Bangladesh; he passed away on 26 July 2018.

To Allah we belong and to Him do we return.

Whilst he was still in class 4, he left to study in Qadian where he had the opportunity to grow up amongst the Companions of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

He studied in Jamia Ahmadiyya for 6 years and thereafter completed another 3 years in Jamia-tul-Mubashireen. He obtained the Shahid Degree and then studied at Punjab University and Peshawar University; obtaining a Maulwi Fazil degree.

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Funeral Prayer in Absentia of
Respected Maulana Abdul Aziz Sadiq sahib

- He served in various Jamaats in Pakistan and Bangladesh.
- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (rh) formed a board to oversee the translation of the Holy Quran into Bangla and included Maulana Abdul Aziz sahib amongst the board members.
- On many occasions he had to bear physical torment from opponents of Jamaat Ahmadiyya. He was also blessed with the opportunity of being an Aseer Rahe Maula (Prisoner in the path of Allah).
- May God Almighty elevate the status of the deceased and enable his progeny to continue his virtuous deeds.

Funeral Prayer in Absentia of
Muhammad Zafrullah Sahib Shaheed

- On 29th August he was martyred in the district of Nankana at the time of Maghrib [sunset] prayer when two armed robbers opened fire at his shop.
 - *To Allah we belong and to Him do we return.*
- Six men, armed with the latest weaponry, arrived on motorcycle to his Jewellery shop. Having looted the entire shop they opened fire targeted Zafrullah Sahib, with the mind-set that 'since he is an Ahmadi, it does not matter [if we kill him], in this way we will receive double the reward.'

Funeral Prayer in Absentia of
Muhammad Zafrullah Sahib Shaheed

- The deceased was a civilised and hospitable gentleman.
- The deceased had a special love for Khilafat and would respond to every initiative launched by the Community.
- By the Grace of Allah, he was a Moosi [part of the Institution of Al-Wasiyyat] and an individual who was brave and courageous.
- Zafruallah Sahib was 30 years old [at the time of his demise]. He was married and has one son, Muhammad Talha, who is one and a half years old.
- May Allah the Almighty elevate the status of the deceased and grant steadfastness to all his family member that he leaves behind and also enable them to continue the virtuous deeds of the deceased.