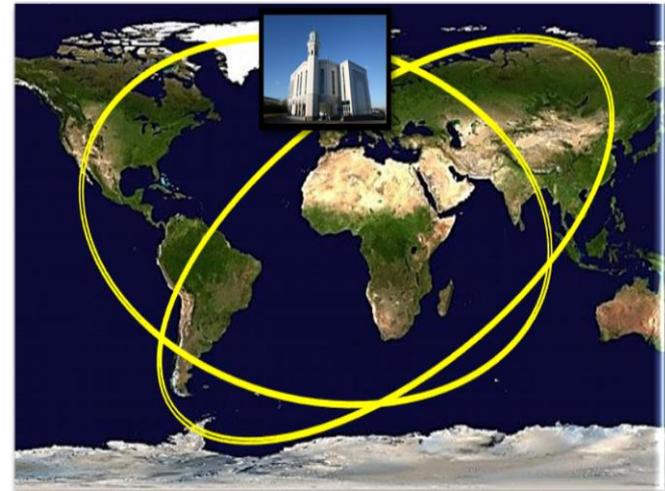


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Summary

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) related the accounts of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).



Huzoor mentioned Hazrat Sabit bin Khalid Ansari, Hazrat Abdullah Bin Urfatah Hazrat, Hazrat Utbah bin Abdullah, Hazrat Qais Bin Abi Sa'Sa and Hazrat Abdullah 'Ubaida bin Harith.



Huzoor also mentioned Missionary of Indonessia, Suyuti Aziz Ahmad Sahib



May God Almighty continue to elevate the status of them all..

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Companions of Holy Prophet (PBUH)

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Hazrat Sabit bin Khalid Ansari belonged to the tribe of Banu Maalik and came from the clan of Najjar. He participated in the Battles of Badr, Uhud and Yamamah. According to some, he attained martyrdom during the incident at Bi'r-e-Mau'unah.

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Urfatah. He migrated to Abyssinia along with Hazrat Ja'far bin Abi Talib. Hazrat Abdullah bin 'Urfatah participated in the Battle of Badr.

Hazrat Utbah bin Abdullah. His mother's name was Busrah bint Zaid. He participated in the *bai'at* that took place at Aqabah as well as the Battles of Badr and Uhud.

The father of Hazrat Qais was Amr bin Zaid. However, he was known by the title of Abu Sa'sa'. Hazrat Qais' mother's name was Shaibah bint Asim..

Hazrat Qais bin Abi Sa'sa

He had the honour of participating in the Battles of Badr and Uhud. During the Battle of Badr, the Holy Prophet (sa) appointed him as the leader of the *Saaqah*. *Saaqah* is the part of the army that remains behind for protection

Hazrat Qais participated in the *bai'at* that took place at Aqabah along with seventy Ansar.

Hazrat Qais bin Abi Sa'sa

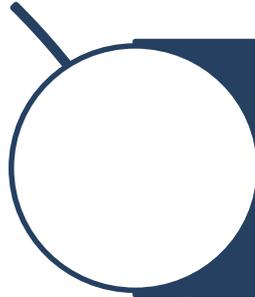
On one occasion, he said to the Holy Prophet (sa): 'O Prophet of Allah (sa)! In how many days should I complete the recitation of the entire Qur'an?'

The Holy Prophet (sa) replied, 'In fifteen nights.' Hazrat Qais said 'I find myself capable of doing more than this.' Upon this, the Holy Prophet (sa) said 'You may complete it within the period of two Fridays.'

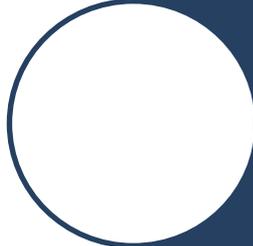
To this, he said 'I find myself capable of doing even more than this.' Following this, he recited the Holy Qur'an in this very manner for a long time.

This continued to the extent that when he grew old and had to cover his eyes with a piece of cloth, he began to complete the recitation of the entire Qur'an in fifteen days. At that time, he used to say 'if only I had complied with the concession of the Holy Prophet (sa).'

Hazrat 'Ubaida bin Harith



He belonged to Banu Muttalib. He was a close relative of the Holy Prophet (sa).



His title was Abu Harith, whereas, according to some, it was Abu Mu'awiyah. The name of his mother was Sukhaila bint Khuza'i.



He became a Muslim before the Holy Prophet (sa) entered *Dar-ul-Arqam* [House of Arqam – first designated place, where Muslims could meet and worship in secrecy].

The Holy Prophet (sa) held Hazrat Ubaida in great honour and esteem.

Hazrat 'Ubaida bin Harith

During the Battle of Badr, he fought on behalf of the Muslims in the combat duel against Waleed bin Utbah. Further details of this combat duel have thus been provided in Sunan Abu Dawud:

Hazrat Ali (ra) relates: "Utbah bin Rabee'ah, followed by his son and brother came forward and announced, 'Who is it that will come to face us?'

Thereupon, many of the youth from among the Ansar answered him..

Utbah asked 'Who are you?' They replied, 'We are the Ansar'. TheUtbah then said, 'We have no dispute with you, we only wish to fight our cousins'.

Holy Prophet (sa) then said, 'O Hamza rise, o Ali rise and o Ubaidah bin Harith rise and go forth.'"

Hazrat 'Ubaida bin Harith

Hazrat Ali (ra) narrates: "As soon as we heard the call of the Holy Prophet (sa) Hazrat Hamza advanced to Utbah, I advanced to Shaybah and there was a skirmish between Ubaidah bin Harith and Waleed.

During the duel Utbah had struck the calf of Hazrat Ubaidah bin Harith and left it completely severed. The Holy Prophet (sa) ordered for him to be removed from the battlefield.

After the Battle of Badr had ended he passed away in Safra, a place near Badr, and he was also buried there. At the time of his demise, Hazrat Ubaidah bin Harith was 63 years of age.

Huzoor (aba) said that, 'after mentioned these Companions, I wish to mention a long-serving life devotee missionary of ours from Indonesia, who passed away on 19th November. His name was

Suyuti Aziz Ahmad Sahib

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

Suyuti Sahib was suffering from a severe heart illness. He underwent major heart surgery in the Tahir Heart Institute in Rabwah.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters and ten grandchildren. Among them six are part of the Waqf-e-Nau scheme.

Suyuti Aziz Ahmad Sahib was born on 17th August 1944 in Bone, South Sulawesi. He studied in Jamia Rabwah between September 1966 and October 1971. He was awarded Shahid degree in 1985.

He served as missionary, teacher for the Mu'allimeen, assistant director of Mu'llieen and Mubaligheen, Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya Indonesia. He remained head of Tabligh for 20 years,

Suyuti Aziz Ahmad Sahib

Regarding the spread of Ahmadiyyat in his family, in an interview with MTA, he said, “ My grandfather instructed us that in the latter days the Imam Mahdi will appear so you must all accept him. To honour this instruction of his my family migrated twice.

He says, “On 13th February 1963, at the age of 19, I and 40 members of my family took the oath of allegiance through Maulana Zaini Dehlan Sahib.”

He says that names of three young men were recommended for admission in jamia Ahmadiyya. Suyuti sahib was one of them.

He continues: “I arrived in Karachi and from there I travelled to Rawah by train.” He says: “A lot of Jamia students welcomed me upon my arrival. The environment was new so it was quite difficult to get accustomed to at first, however, I managed to adjust accordingly.

He further says: “During my stay in Rabwah. I would always seek an opportunity to meet with companions of the Promised Messiah (as) and would press their feet while conversing with them.”

Suyuti Aziz Ahmad Sahib

While sharing a pleasant experience of an audience with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (rh), he states: “When Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (rh) was elected as the Caliph of the Community, we met with him and embraced him.

Huzoor (rh) patted me lovingly on my face and stated: ‘They have come from Indonesia.’

Huzoor (rh) had instructed: ‘You can come to me when facing any difficulty.’”

There were other foreign students there. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (rh) continued: ‘All of you have come from afar, you are all my children.’

The spiritual light of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (rh) always remained amongst us and for this reason all of our difficulties became easy.

Before I left, Huzoor (rh) embraced me lovingly and said in my ear: ***“Never be unfaithful to your master. This is my advice to you.”***

Suyuti Aziz Ahmad Sahib

He writes about an incident: “In 1992, Shareef Ahmad Baugis, Ameer sahib Indonesia, sent me to the Philippines to ensure success in the International Bai’at that was taking place there and said to me: **“This is as per instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh).**

I said to him: “I am very weak and I do not know even the local language” He responded: “I have full faith in you.” I said, “but if these are the instructions then I am ready.”

‘I left jamaat headquarters but contracted cholera and became very weak. In this condition, I prayed: ‘O Allah! If I die here then there are no Muslims here who would offer my funeral prayers.’” He says: ‘At night I saw in a dream that a nurse wearing a uniform visits me and whilst patting me on my forehead she blows some air on me. I had completely recovered in the morning for Tawi-Tawi.

By the Grace of Allah Almighty one hundred and thirty people took the Oath of Allegiance and joined the Jama’at within three months.”