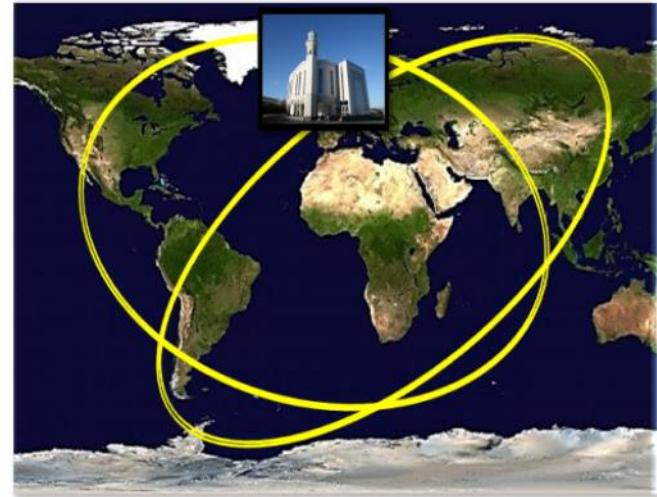


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Funeral prayer of Sister Aaliya Shaheed Sahiba

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Hazrat Khallad Bin 'Amr Bin Jamu' Ansari was a *sahabi*, one of a companion of the Holy Prophet (as) who participated in the Battle of Badr.

The mother of Hazrat Khallad was Hazrat Hind bint Amr... On the occasion of the battle of Uhud, she carried her husband, her son and her brother on a camel after they were martyred.

It was the Will of God the Exalted that the martyrs of Uhud should be buried in Uhud... Hazrat Ayesha (ra) left her home with some women of Medina in order to acquire information about the battle of Uhud...

When Hazrat Ayesha (ra) reached Harra, she encountered Hind bint Amr, who was the sister Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr. Hazrat Hind was ushering her camel forwards.

The bodies of her husband, Hazrat Amr bin Jamuh, her son, Hazrat Khallad bin Amr and her brother, Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr were placed on this camel.

Hazrat Ayesha (ra) inquired:
'do you have any information
of the circumstances in which
you have left the people
behind?'...

Hazrat Hind replied 'the Holy
Prophet (sa) was fine and
after him, all difficulties are
easy'

Following this,
Hazrat Hind recited the
following verse: '*And Allah
turned back the disbelievers in
their rage; they gained no good.
And Allah sufficed the believers in
their fight. And Allah is
Powerful, Mighty.*'

Hazrat Ayesha (ra) inquired who was on the camel...
Hazrat Ayesha (ra) asked "where are you taking them?"
She replied, "I am taking them in order to bury them in
Medina." However. Camel would not go towards Medina
but walk fast in the opposite direction toward Uhud.

At this, Hazrat Hind went to the Holy Prophet (sa) and related this incident to him. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the camel had been assigned [its task].

That is Allah the Exalted had appointed it for the very task of not returning to Medina and turning back to Uhud.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said: “Did your husband say anything before he went to war.” She replied: “When Amr was about to set off for Uhud,...

...he turned towards the Qibla [direction of prayer- towards the Kaba in Mecca] and said ‘O Allah! Do not bring me back to my family in a state of disgrace and grant me martyrdom.’”

Upon this, the Holy Prophet (sa) said: “this was the very reason the camel was not moving.”

Then he stated: “O Hind! Amr bin Jumu, your son Khalad and your brother Abdullah have been gathered together in paradise.”

Hind requested: “O Messenger of Allah! Please pray for me that may God Almighty also grant me their companionship.”

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Hazrat Uqba bin Aamir was amongst the first six companions who accepted Islam in Mecca and took the pledge of allegiance during the first Bai'at that took place at Aqabah.

In the 11th year of prophethood, the Holy Prophet (sa) met with the people of Yathrab in Mecca.

In an extremely loving tone, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to them, “Can you people listen to a few things I have to say?” They said, “Yes, what do you say?” The Holy Prophet (sa) took a seat and invited them to Islam, recited a few verses of the Holy Qur'an and informed them of his mission.

These people looked at each other and said, “This is our opportunity, lest the Jews excel us,” and saying this, they all became Muslim. Hazrat Uqbah bin Aamir (ra) was one of those six people, who accepted Islam at this occasion.

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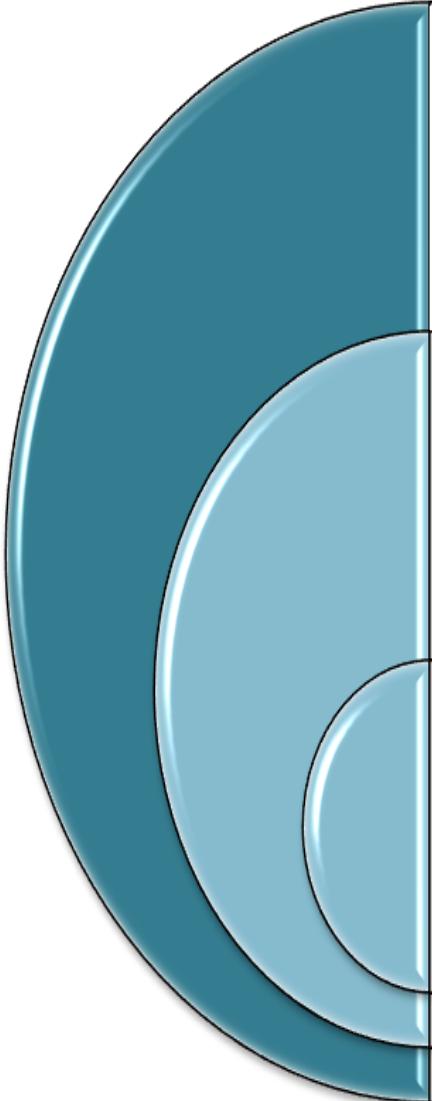
When the occasion of *Hajj* came the Holy Prophet (sa) very avidly left his home and reached Aqabah, near Mina, and looked here and there.

The Holy Prophet (sa) noticed a small group of the people of Yathrab, who immediately recognized the Holy Prophet (sa).

This time there were twelve people, among whom five were converts of the previous year and seven were new.

They belonged to both the Aus and the Khazraj tribes. They informed him as to the state of affairs in Yathrab and this time they all took Bai‘at at his hand.

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Hazrat Uqba bin Aamir was martyred in 12 Hijri during the battle of Yamama which took place during the Caliphate of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). Hazrat Uqba bin Aamir states:

"I came before the Holy Prophet (sa) with my son who was very young. I said to the Holy Prophet (sa): 'May my parents be sacrificed for your sake, please teach my son those prayers which he can recite before God & bless him.'"

The Holy Prophet (sa) stated: "O child! Recite [arabic] which means 'O Allah! I seek health from You in the state of being a believer and sincerely pray for compassion and pray for success after attaining virtue.'

May Allah Almighty continuously elevate the ranks of the Companions.

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I will now mention about a pioneering noble Ahmadi woman from America and will also lead her funeral prayers after the Friday prayers. Her name was Sister Aaliya Shaheed sahiba, wife of the late Ahmad Shaheed sahib.

She passed away on 26 December. God Almighty had bestowed her with a long life and enabled her to serve [the Jamaat] and also protected her from any handicap. She was 105 years old. May Allah Almighty exalt her rank.

There was one verse of the Holy Qur'an which she used to often repeat. That is, *Verily, Allah loves those who fight in His cause arrayed in solid ranks, as though they were a strong structure cemented with molten lead.*

May God Almighty elevate her status. And, the spirit and passion she had to serve the Jama'at – which her son also mentioned – may God Almighty instil that in her progeny as well.