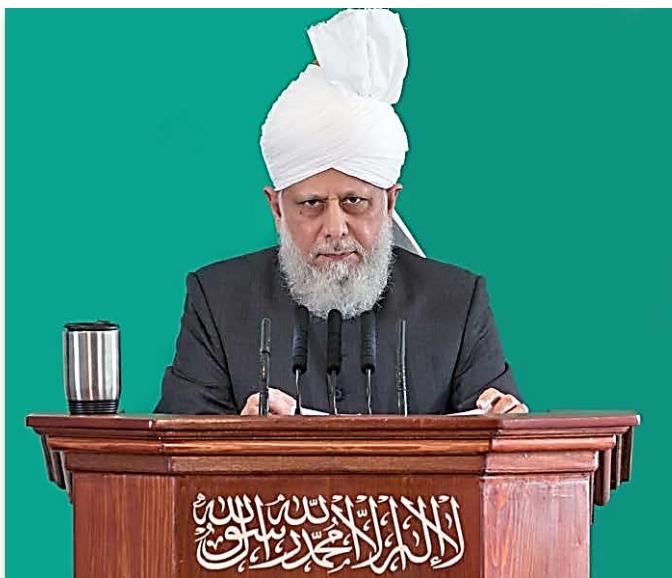
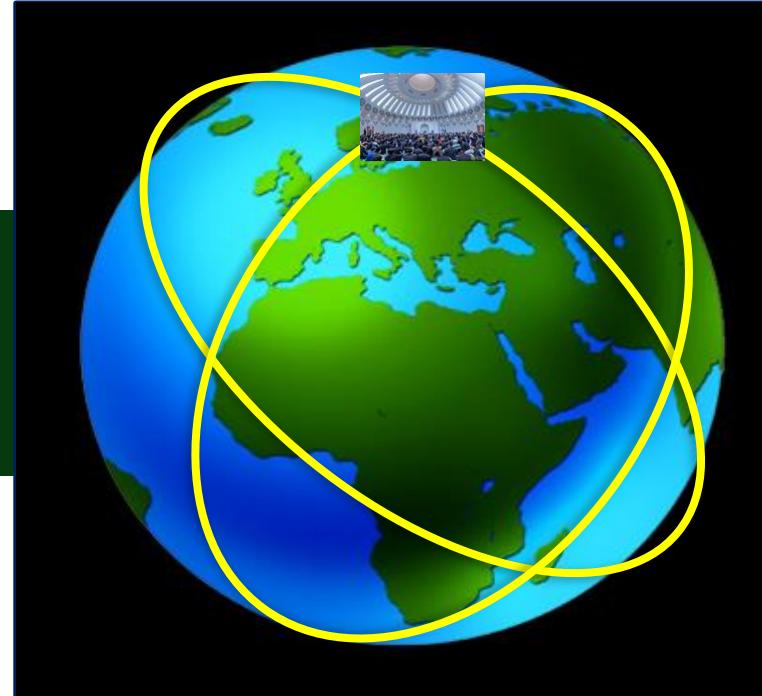


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Hazrat Uthman (ra) performed his last Hajj about a year before his demise. At the time, the rebels had already started creating their disorder.

Amir Mu‘awiyyah had accompanied Hazrat Uthman (ra), and suggested that Hazrat Uthman (ra) should go to Syria with him, as the disorder was rising.

Hazrat Uthman (ra) replied that under no circumstance would he leave the proximity of the Holy Prophet (sa). Then Amir Mu‘awiyyah suggested that he would send a Syrian army for Hazrat Uthman’s (ra) protection.

Hazrat Uthman (ra) replied that he would not allow for such an expense to be incurred by the treasury simply for his protection.

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Then Amir Mu‘awiyyah replied that the only reason this disorder could rise was that senior companions were present in Madinah and the rebels could think that if they did away with Hazrat Uthman (ra) then one of them could take care of matters after him.

Thus, Hazrat Uthman (ra) should send them away and spread them out in various places.

Hazrat Uthman (ra) replied that he could not spread out those whom the Holy Prophet (sa) had gathered. Upon this, Amir Mu‘awiyyah was in tears, and said that Hazrat Uthman (ra) should at least announce that should anything happen to him, Amir Mu‘awiyyah had permission to take retribution. Hazrat Uthman (ra) replied that whatever was destined to happen would come to pass, and he could not do this either.

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When Hazrat Uthman's (ra) home was besieged, some companions had gathered at his home, and insisted that a group of believers were present to help protect Hazrat Uthman (ra) against the rebels.

However, Hazrat Uthman (ra) said that no one's blood should be shed simply for his sake, nor should anyone shed the blood of anyone else for his sake either.

His Holiness (aba) said that in this way, until the very end, Hazrat Uthman (ra) did not give the rebels even the slightest opportunity to justify their heinous actions or to justify fighting against him and the believers.

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When they entered Hazrat Uthman's (ra) home, they found him **reciting the Holy Qur'an**. Hazrat Uthman (ra) had known from before that this was the day he would be martyred,

and so he had assigned two people to stand guard at the treasury, so that no matter what happened, no one could steal from the treasury.

His Holiness (aba) said that first, Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) son advanced, and harshly pulled Hazrat Uthman (ra) by the beard.

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Upon this, Hazrat Uthman (ra) said to him that had his father (Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)) been alive, then he would never have acted in this way. Upon hearing this, he moved away and left.



However the other rebels advanced, and one of them struck Hazrat Uthman (ra) on the head with an iron rod, and blood began to drip from his head.



The rebels, without any regard, kicked the copy of the Holy Qur'an which Hazrat Uthman (ra) had been reciting. Incidentally, the blood of Hazrat Uthman (ra) fell onto the following verse:



‘and Allah will surely avenge thee against them, for He is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.’ [2:138]



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Then the rebels continued to attack him. They began striking with their swords.

Hazrat Uthman (ra) tried blocking the strike which cut his hand. At this moment, Hazrat Uthman (ra) said that this was the hand which first wrote down verses the Holy Qur'an.

At this time, Hazrat Uthman's (ra) wife came forward and stood before him,

but those rebels did not even hesitate in attacking a woman, as a result of which her fingers were cut. Then they continued attacking Hazrat Uthman (ra) until finally, they martyred him.

'Surely to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.'

As the rebels were attacking Hazrat Uthman (ra), they were using foul language about his wife, and even further, about Hazrat A'ishah (ra).

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Yet despite it all, Hazrat Uthman (ra) never feared martyrdom.

Even before, when he knew that this disorder was brewing, he would go to the mosque on his own in order to pray.

Even when he was imprisoned in his own home, he instructed the Companions (ra) to go back home, rather than staying with him in order to protect him.

Thus, all the incidents leading up to his **martyrdom** clearly show that Hazrat Uthman (ra) did not have even the slightest bit of fear.

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His Holiness (aba) went on to explain the extraordinary virtues possessed by Hazrat Uthman (ra). His Holiness (aba) explained his esteemed rank, and that even the Holy Prophet (sa) respected him a great deal.

Hazrat Uthman (ra) was one of those six people to whom the Holy Prophet (sa) gave the glad tiding of a lofty status, and he was of those ten companions to whom the Holy Prophet (sa) gave the glad tiding of Paradise.

His Holiness (aba) said that he would continue highlighting incidents from the life of Hazrat Uthman (ra) in the future.

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His Holiness (aba) said that he would offer the funeral prayers in-absentia of the following:

- Maulvi Muhammad Idrees Sahib
- Amina Nayga Kare Sahiba
- Noohi Kazak Sahib
- Farhat Naseem Sahiba

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah treat all the deceased with mercy and forgiveness and elevate their station in Paradise.