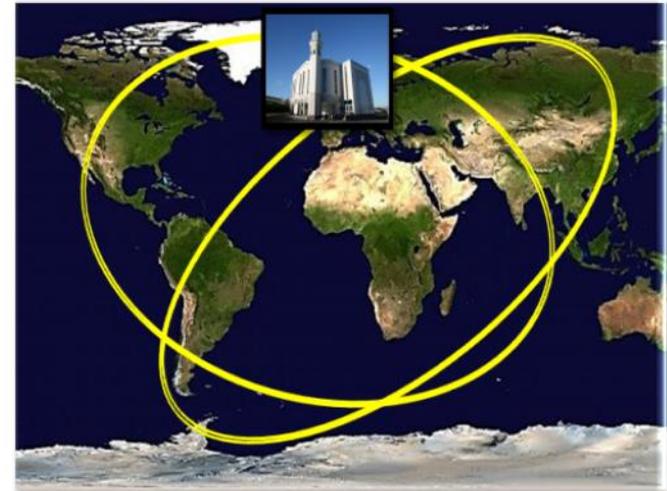


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His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>(aba)</sup> said that recently, a very dear life-devotee, Syed Taalay Ahmad was martyred in Ghana, Africa.

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that on the night between the 23rd and 24th of August, the MTA team which was filming a documentary was travelling when they were attacked by robbers who fired at them, injuring two people, Umar Farooq and Syed Taalay Ahmad.

On the way to the hospital, Syed Taalay Ahmad passed away.

انا لله وانا اليه راجعون

*Indeed we are for Allah and it is to Him that we return.*

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> also requested prayers for Umar Farooq who was injured during the incident and is still recovering.

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His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that he was the great grandson of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad<sup>(ra)</sup> and Mir Muhammad Ismail<sup>(ra)</sup>.

In this way, he was related to both the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup> as well as his wife Hazrat Nusrat Jahan Begum Sahiba.

He was also the son-in-law of Ghulam Qadir Shaheed.

There may have been previous martyrdoms of workers in MTA International from other parts of the world, but this was the first from the UK.

Perhaps, this was the first martyrdom from Waqfe Nau UK.

  
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## Services to the Ahmadiyya Community

Syed Taalay Ahmad had been active in serving the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association UK in various capacities, both in Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya and Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.



He also served the Community in his local chapter of Hartlepool, UK.

He was appointed to the MTA News team full-time in 2016, before which he served *The Review of Religions* as head of the indexing and tagging department. He had the opportunity of making various documentaries for MTA.

He was also the one to initiate the very popular *This Week With Huzoor* programme which features on MTA.

## Incident Leading to His Martyrdom

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that Syed Taalay Ahmad was very passionate about his work. His main focus was always to ensure that the work was carried out. This was evident from the incident of his martyrdom.

He was worried about the video files that he had recorded and wanted to ensure that the files would not be corrupted, thus he began working on his laptop while on the journey.

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> detailed the incidents leading up to the martyrdom of Syed Taalay Ahmad. Robbers had begun firing at the vehicle after which they approached the vehicle and took whatever valuables they had.

Syed Taalay Ahmad had been struck in the back and lost a great deal of blood. As the robbery was happening, he quickly hid the laptop and other equipment under the seats so that the robbers would not be able to find it.

Along the way to the hospital, he said,

**‘Tell Huzoor that I love him and tell my family that I love them.’**

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## A Gem Which Has Departed Us

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that this was a beautiful gem which has left us. He understood his oath of life-devotion and fulfilled it to the utmost degree. His level of love and devotion for Khilafat was such that even some who have deep-rooted knowledge of faith do not possess it.

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that a few years ago, Syed Taalay Ahmad wrote a poem in which he expressed his love for Khilafat. He started the poem by saying that he loved His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> the most, and he ended by saying that perhaps His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> would never know how much he loved him.

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that even before Syed Taalay Ahmad's last words, he knew – he knew how much Syed Taalay Ahmad loved him when he was filming with his camera, and even when he met him without his camera.

He could tell from the sparkle in his eyes and the light on his face, indeed from his every action, His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> was aware of the love that Syed Taalay Ahmad had for him.

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## Extraordinary Obedience and Love for the Khalifa of the Time

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that from among the youth of the Promised Messiah's<sup>(as)</sup> family, there was no one who loved Khilafat as much as Syed Taalay Ahmad, in fact there are few elders even who love Khilafat as much as him.

**His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that he himself bears testament to the fact that Syed Taalay Ahmad fulfilled his oath of life-devotion.**

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> addressed members of the Promised Messiah's<sup>(as)</sup> family to learn from the example of Syed Taalay Ahmad, and increase in their devotion.

**There is no honour in being from the progeny of a revered person, unless one's own actions are worthy of honour.**

# Syed Taalay Ahmad An Exemplary Life-Devotee

## Testimony of Syed Taalay Ahmad's Excellent Qualities

Amer Safir, the Editor for *The Review of Religions*, said that Syed Taalay Ahmad was head of the indexing and tagging team which worked to organise almost a 100-year's worth of material from *The Review of Religions*, which was a great task.

Everything that he did revolved around Khilafat. His standard of work was amazing, as there were times when he would be working on two documentaries at the same time.

Abdul Quddoos Arif, Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK, said that at a young age Taalay Ahmad had been reading the Five-Volume Commentary of the Holy Qur'an in great detail, leaving notes and highlights throughout, and he completed the entire commentary within a few days.

Once someone raised an objection on social media to the title of one of his documentaries, to which he responded. He said that he only defended the title because it had been approved by His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup>.

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His wife Satwat Sahiba, who said that Syed Taalay was very kind, caring and loving. He always trusted in Allah to always fulfil his needs. He never held any enmity towards anyone.

His father Syed Hashim Akbar. He said that he had seen a dream about his own martyrdom. His soul was devoted to the Holy Prophet<sup>(sa)</sup>, and he lived and breathed for the sake of Khilafat.

His mother Amatul Shakoor said that he was inclined towards religion from a young age. He was very good at his studies and would obtain good grades.

His sister Nudrat Sahiba said that he would often return home late from his work. He would often watch various programmes and documentaries in order to improve his own documentary-making skills. She also shared two dreams which seem to have been indicative of his martyrdom.

His sister who said that he was an excellent role model and she was able to learn a great deal from him.

## Testimony of Syed Taalay Ahmad's Excellent Qualities

Adam Walker noticed that he worked very meticulously and would always think of new ways to convey the message of the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup>.

Naseem Bajwa mentioned that whilst he was the missionary in Bradford, noticed the young Syed Taalay Ahmad was passionate about preaching the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

Nosherwan Rasheed, a missionary and colleague of Taalay Ahmad said that he was like a brother to him, he was regular in offering prayers, fasting and giving alms.

Abid Khan, Press Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Community who was also Syed Taalay Ahmad's maternal uncle. He said that Syed Taalay Ahmad possessed a profound love for the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup>, Though he was extremely proud to be from the progeny of the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup>, he never openly shared this fact nor did he ever use it to receive any sort of favourable treatment.

**His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that Syed Taalay Ahmad fulfilled his due in being the spiritual and physical progeny of the Holy Prophet<sup>(sa)</sup> as well as the Promised Messiah<sup>(as)</sup>.**

# Syed Taalay Ahmad

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> prayed that may Allah Almighty continue to elevate the station of Syed Taalay Ahmad. Surely, he would have been given a place in Paradise near the Holy Prophet<sup>(sa)</sup>.

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that thus, it is fitting that Allah Almighty chose the (Islamic) month of *Muharram* for Syed Taalay Ahmad to be able to present this sacrifice.

His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> also prayed that his family may be able to bear this loss with patience.