Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Umar (ra)

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) continued highlighting incidents from the life of Hazrat Umar (ra).

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His Holiness (aba) led the funeral prayers

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Hazrat Umar’s (ra) daughter said to him that he had been granted victories and wealth, so why did he not eat better foods and wear better clothes?

Hazrat Umar (ra) replied by asking her, ‘Did the Holy Prophet (sa) not endure great hardships during his life?’

He said that he would continue to endure hardships, like the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had before him, so that perhaps he too may reap the same blessings.

Once, Hazrat Umar’s (ra) children and some others said to him, that if he ate better foods, he would be stronger and better able to fulfil his duties.

Hazrat Umar (ra) acknowledged their sentiments, however he said that if he left the path of those before him, i.e. the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), then he would not be able to achieve the same rank.
Adopting a Simple Lifestyle

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Second Caliph (ra), who explained that the Holy Prophet (sa) taught simplicity, and said that while eating, there should not be more than one dish. The companions followed this very staunchly, in fact, once Hazrat Umar (ra) was presented with some vinegar, and salt.

Hazrat Umar (ra) said that these were two separate dishes and that he would only take one. His Holiness (aba) said that although these days people are living more comfortably, they should not be excessive in what they eat.
His Holiness (aba) explained in light of the Holy Qur’an, that true servants of God are those who are not excessive in spending their wealth. If they eat, they do so not simply for enjoyment, but in order to nourish and strengthen themselves. Similarly, when they spend their wealth for certain things, they do so not to show others or in order to exult, rather they do so out of necessity. Once, someone saw Hazrat Umar (ra) carrying a waterskin and asked him why he was carrying it himself? Hazrat Umar (ra) responded that some people had come to see him and had shown the utmost obedience to him. This led him to feel important, and in order to rid himself of this feeling and humble himself, he decided to carry the waterskin on his own.
Once there was a caravan accompanying Hazrat Umar (ra) back to Madinah.

On the way, Hazrat Umar (ra) recalled how his father used to be quite strict, and he had to do a lot of work, bringing wood on the backs of camels, and then bringing shrubbery on the backs of those camels.

He said now, he was the leader of an entire nation and that people came to see him from far and wide.

He then recited a couplet which meant that no matter what he had, it was only God Who is the Almighty and Everlasting.
Once, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Umar (ra) had varying views on a certain matter and they had a disagreement.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) decided that it would be best to leave, however Hazrat Umar (ra) wanted a response from him, so he took hold of his clothes, as a result of which they ripped.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) left, and Hazrat Umar (ra) was afraid that he would complain to the Holy Prophet (sa). So he went to the where the Holy Prophet (sa) was, but did not find Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) there.

As he was already feeling bad for what had happened, Hazrat Umar (ra) informed the Holy Prophet (sa) of the incident himself, and took all the blame for it.
Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was informed of this, and so he too went to the Holy Prophet (sa), and upon seeing that the Holy Prophet (sa) was displeased with the incident, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) sat before the Holy Prophet (sa) and took all the blame upon himself.

His Holiness (aba) said that this signifies true love for the beloved, that upon seeing him in a state of unhappiness, he took all the blame upon himself in order to ease his discomfort.
Once, there were some women of the Quraish sitting by the Holy Prophet (sa) asking him for more money.

At this time, Hazrat Umar (ra) came to the Holy Prophet (sa) and sought permission to enter.

The women immediately moved aside and adopted the veil.

Seeing this brought a smile to the blessed face of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Umar (ra) asked him why he was smiling, and the Holy Prophet (sa) said that the women were so afraid of Hazrat Umar (ra) that they immediately moved aside and adopted the veil.
Hazrat Umar (ra) asked them whether they were afraid of him, rather than the Holy Prophet (sa).

They said they were, because Hazrat Umar (ra) was quite harsh.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that even Satan was afraid of Hazrat Umar (ra) and would adopt a different path when he saw Hazrat Umar (ra) coming.
Once, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that God had bestowed truth in the heart and tongue of Hazrat Umar (ra).

Once, the Holy Prophet (sa) was preparing for a journey.

He called Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Umar (ra) to ask their opinion, because there was a tribe who had broken their treaty with the Muslims, something which the Holy Prophet (sa) had already been given prior knowledge of.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) advised that they should not be attacked, but Hazrat Umar’s (ra) opinion was that they should be as they had broken their oath.

Thus, the Holy Prophet (sa) instructed that preparations should be made for the journey.
When the Holy Prophet (sa) would come out to see the Muslims, no one would look directly at him, except Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Umar (ra).

They would smile at the Holy Prophet (sa), and the Holy Prophet (sa) would smile at them.
The Holy Prophet (sa) also said that he did not know how long he would remain on this earth, and that after him, the people should follow Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Umar (ra).

His two ministers in the heavens were Gabriel and Mikael and the two on earth were Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Umar (ra).

The Holy Prophet (sa) also once said that every prophet has two ministers in the heavens and two in the earth.

They should not enter one’s home.

Then again, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that a heavenly person was approaching, and at that time, Hazrat Umar (ra) arrived.

Once, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to the people, that a heavenly person was approaching, and at that time Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) arrived.
Kamran Ahmad Shaheed Sahib of Peshawar who was martyred in his office by opponents on 9 November.

He was struck by four bullets and passed away on the scene, while the attacker fled.

He had faced much opposition on account of being an Ahmadi, and had to empty two stores he had obtained, due to being driven out by opponents.

He possessed many great qualities. Once, he arrived home late, and when asked why he was late, he said that one of the opponents who was very staunch in opposition had a family member who needed blood. They were not well-off, and so he gave his own blood to help them.

He was very regular in offering financial contributions. A few days before his martyrdom, he had a dream in which the Fourth Caliph (rh) came to his home and said that they would stay together.
Kamran Ahmad Shaheed Sahib

He is survived by his parents, his wife and three children.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that his family may be granted patience to bear this loss. His mother is ill with cancer, and His Holiness (aba) prayed for her as well.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah treat the deceased with forgiveness and mercy.

Kamran Ahmad Shaheed Sahib of Peshawar who was martyred in his office by opponents on 9 November.
Dr Mirza Nubair Ahmad Sahib & Aisha Amber Syed Sahiba

Both of whom passed away in an accident in Milwaukee, USA.

Dr Mirza Nubair Ahmad sahib was a Musi and serving as the local Qaid Majlis.

Of the members in the local community, he had presented the largest donation for purchasing a property for a new mosque.

He is survived by His parents, a sister and two brothers.

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Funeral Prayers

Dr Mirza Nubair Ahmad Sahib & Aisha Amber Syed Sahiba

Both of whom passed away in an accident in Milwaukee, USA.

Aisha Amber Syed sahiba was the sister of a missionary in Japan, Syed Ibrahim sahib. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and a sister.

She too passed away two days after her husband due to the same accident. She was an active member of MTA International and would translate the Friday Sermon into Japanese.

She helped her brother in his Jama‘at work, and was an excellent translator. She had a diary in which she wrote about two things, her worldly life, and her spiritual life.

She would propagate the message of Islam to her friends. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah treat both with forgiveness and mercy and elevate their station.

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Chaudhary Naseer Ahmad Sahib from Karachi.

He was leading prayers, and was in prostration when he passed away.

His Holiness (aba) said that the Promised Messiah (as) has stated that passing away during prayer is a very honourable demise.

He served the Community in various capacities.

He is survived by his wife. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah treat him with forgiveness and mercy.

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Her family is Shia, and did not accept Ahmadiyyat, however she accepted Ahmadiyyat along with her husband.

Despite her family's opposition, she told them that since becoming an Ahmadi, she had become a better Muslim. Even upon meeting her parents after 14 years, their demeanour towards her was the same.

She loved the Community and Khilafat and possessed many great qualities.

She is survived by three sons and four daughters. One of her sons served as a doctor in Sierra Leone for five years and another son is serving as a Missionary in Cameroon. His Holiness (aba) prayed for the family and prayed that may Allah elevate the deceased's station.

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