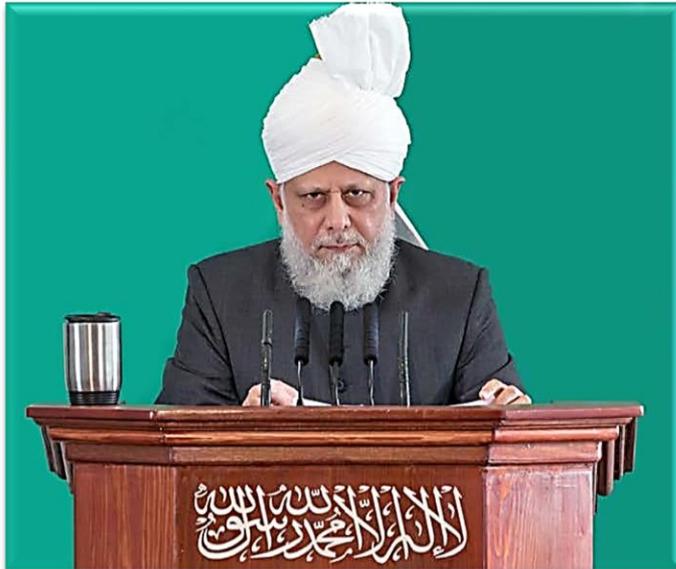
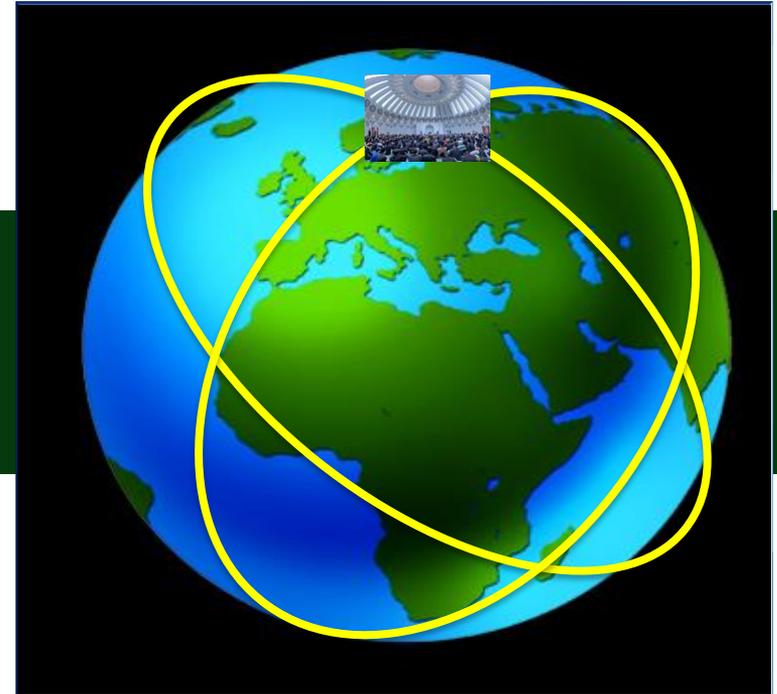


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Summary

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Those who opposed Zakat also considered attacking Madinah because they thought that they could cause the fall of Islam.

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) ordered guards to be stationed in Madinah and advised Muslims to prepare to defend themselves.

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) prepared the Muslim army, the opposers of Zakat were defeated and fled. The Muslims were victorious and those who had rebelled returned to Islam.

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Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) & Prayers for the World to Recognise Its Creator

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Reaction of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) to Those Who Refused to Give Zakat

Various tribes who opposed Zakat had gathered, and then sent envoys to Madinah. They were taken to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) on the condition that they would continue offering prayer, but they said they would not offer Zakat. Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) said that he would not tolerate the withholding of even a rope which was due in Zakat. When these envoys saw Hazrat Abu Bakr's(ra) conviction, they left Madinah realising that Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) would not change his stance on Zakat. They also considered attacking Madinah because they thought that they could cause the fall of Islam.

Thus, when they returned to their tribes, they said that there were fewer people in Madinah and thus they should attack. However when these envoys had left Madinah, Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) ordered for there to be guards stationed at every part of Madinah and also advised Muslims to be prepared to defend themselves.

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Failed Attempt to Attack Madinah

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) was correct in his anticipation and only three nights after the envoys had left, they attacked Madinah. Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) prepared the Muslim army and set out and before dawn, the Muslims and opposers of Zakat came face to face. By the time the sun had come up, the opposers of Zakat had been defeated and fled. This was the first battle during the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra).

This battle has been likened to the first battle in Islam, the Battle of Badr.

Upon seeing the defeat of those tribes which were considered to be strong, the weaker tribes who opposed Zakat began returning to Madinah and offered their due Zakat. It was also during this time that Hazrat Usama's(ra) army victoriously returned to Madinah.

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Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) Upholds Islamic Teachings In Relation to the Opposers of Zakat

The defeated tribes had realised the strength of Islam. Hazrat Umar(ra) had even suggested to show leniency, however Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) said that he must follow the commandments of the Holy Prophet(sa), and even if these people did not give a rope that they used to give in Zakat during the time of the Holy Prophet(sa), he would combat them until they began offering Zakat. Even if no one else stood by him, he would combat them on his own. **His Holiness(aba) said that thus, one of the duties of a Caliphate is to uphold the *Shari'ah* (Islamic law).**

Those who opposed Zakat were of the opinion that this commandment was limited to the time of the Holy Prophet (sa). However, just as prayers and fasting were continuous commandments meant to continue even after the demise of the Holy Prophet(sa), so too was the commandment of Zakat, and these commandments were to be upheld by the Holy Prophet's (sa) successors.

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) displayed true faith. If we also adopt the same faith, then we will become successful in all facets of life.

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Opposers of Zakat Return to Islam

Hazrat Abu Bakr's(ra) conviction proved fruitful. The Companions had advised him against sending the army of Hazrat Usama (ra), however Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) still sent that army as it had been commanded by the Holy Prophet (sa) to be sent. After 40 days, the army returned victorious. Similarly, the companions had advised against fighting the false claimants of prophethood and those who opposed Zakat.

However, Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) said that he must uphold the Islamic teachings, and as a result, the Muslims were victorious and those who had rebelled returned to Islam.

Hazoor (aba) said that he would continue highlighting these incidents in future sermons.

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Prayers for the World to Recognise its Creator

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His Holiness(aba) urged members to not decrease their prayers in light of the current situation of the world. We should especially pray that the world recognises its Creator as this is the one true way for the world to be saved from destruction. May God have mercy and accept our prayers.

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Funeral prayers (in absentia)

1. **Maulana Mubarak Ahmad Nazir Sahib** - who was the former Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada and the former Missionary In-charge Canada.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un

[Surely To Allah do we belong and to Him do we return].

Hazoor (aba) prayed that may Allah elevate his station, enable his progeny to follow in his footsteps and reap the blessings of his prayers. May Allah continue to bless the Community with such people. The students of Jamia Canada have written many incidents of how Mubarak Nazir Sahib taught them and guided them. His Holiness(aba) said that they should not merely recount these incidents but should strive to practically embody the lessons they have learned.