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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMAAT WILL SPREAD WITH LOVE, NOT HATE**

Earlier today, His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, delivered the concluding address to the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Bangladesh Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat. His Holiness spoke live to the thousands of Ahmadis assembled in Dhaka via internet streaming from London. Ahmadis throughout the world watched the broadcast live on the Jamaat's satellite television channel 'MTA International'.

During his one hour address, His Holiness spoke of the continued persecution of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat both in Bangladesh and in other countries. He said that the people of Bangladesh had suffered at the hands of cruel opponents in the very recent past and had borne such trials with great fortitude and forbearance. He said:

***“Amongst you there will be many who will have seen and felt the cruelty of our opponents. And all of you are witness to the fact that their evil plans have all failed. God has caused for the extreme fear that you felt to be replaced by feelings of peace.”***

Continuing with his address, His Holiness spoke about the healing qualities of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. He said the Jamaat would never seek revenge against those who committed atrocities against the Community. He said:

***“If people look at us they will see that we bear no grudge; indeed we even pray for our opponents because we have accepted the Promised Messiah who taught us that we must have love for all and hatred for none.”***

Speaking about the beliefs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, His Holiness stated that all Ahmadis were blessed with full certainty of faith. He said that each Ahmadi bore witness to the truth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the truth of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian.

It was incumbent upon all Ahmadis to realise that the purpose of their creation was to worship God Almighty and to serve their fellow mankind. The Jamaat would always strive to spread its message but through peaceful means, not through the horrific and violent means that are used by those who darken the light of Islam through their misdeeds. His Holiness said:

***“It is our duty to bow before God Almighty who has the ability to change what is in a person’s heart. It is incumbent upon all of you to inform the people of the world that Islam teaches love for God and for His Creation. Inform the world that the followers of the Promised Messiah do not use swords or violence but will change people’s hearts through love and affection.”***

His Holiness spoke of his desire that one day soon he would be able to travel to Bangladesh and other countries which he had not yet visited and meet directly with the local Ahmadis. Upon saying these words the thousands gathered in Dhaka began raising slogans of joy with extreme vigour and emotion.

After concluding his address at 12pm, His Holiness stayed and observed whilst Ahmadis both in London and Dhaka sang poems expressing their love for Khilafat and raised slogans of joy.

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