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**AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMAAT HAS NO INTEREST IN SEEKING GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS**

**Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat will always continue to serve humanity – Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad**

The Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has categorically rebuked the false notion that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat has any interest in seeking political power or leadership of any kind. He said the sole purpose of the community was to seek the pleasure of God Almighty and as a means to achieve this, the Jamaat was involved with humanitarian relief throughout the world.

His Holiness said that despite the ongoing persecution that it faced the Jamaat sought nothing from the Government of Pakistan or from its politics. He said:

***“It is the foolish belief of those motivated by material interests that because the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is a well organised and coherent community it may one day seek to overthrow the government. Let it be clear that we have no interest in seeking to enter the politics of Pakistan or for that matter that politics of any other country.”***

As private citizens every Ahmadi Muslim, in his personal capacity, had the right to take part in local politics or become affiliated to a particular party. However the Jamaat collectively had no interest in the politics of any State. He said:

***“The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat and its institution of Khilafat has absolutely no interest or desire to overthrow any government. That is not our purpose.”***

Despite the decades of cruelty faced by the Jamaat in Pakistan, His Holiness said that the Jamaat felt great pain at seeing the country and its people in its current turmoil. The pain felt was not out of sympathy for the government but out of sympathy for the country itself and its people. Thus the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat would always be ready to offer any sacrifice for the sake of the nation. He said:

***“Anywhere in the world where there are problems we utilise all our capabilities in an effort to try and relieve the situation. We do this simply because this is what we were taught by our master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad. It was he who taught that a person should forget his own suffering and instead serve mankind.”***

In response to the recent floods in Pakistan the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat had raised vast sums in various countries which were then sent to Pakistan through a number of official channels. Furthermore teams of volunteers were sent to assist on the ground. This led to the head of a well known charitable trust in Pakistan to remark that Ahmadis were always the first on the scene to offer assistance.

His Holiness continued:

***“Our aid in Pakistan is extended irrespective of religious or sectarian differences. Humanity First has also undertaken much work for the flood relief and indeed it has earmarked a further \$1million to rehabilitate the flooded areas. Without any regard for religion we will continue to carry out such efforts.”***

His Holiness said that when undertaking relief effort the Ahmadi Muslim teams did not even mention that they were Ahmadi lest it lead to any form of confrontation with those opposed to the Jamaat and thus denying aid to those poverty stricken people who needed our help.

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