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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: I am sometimes asked why some of us pray for martyrdom; should we not instead be praying for victory? Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: There is no doubt that Divine dispensations are destined for victory, and in our case Allāh has already informed the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام of the victory of our Jama'at, and today we are increasingly witnessing the signs of that victory, but every great objective requires sacrifice, even the sacrifice of one's life.

The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم is reported to have said that God will count them among the martyrs who truly desire martyrdom. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The objective of a true believer is not to sacrifice his life once but to continue to strive for Allāh's pleasure and to be ever ready to make sacrifices. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that a true martyr, or *Shahid*, is one who continuously receives strength and peace from God and is not moved by the greatest of calamities. He remains steadfast in the face of the greatest tribulations. He experiences such pleasure in sacrificing his life that every cut of the sword brings him new life and solace.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The word *shahid* is also derived from *Shehed* or honey. This means that those who bear every hardship for God and endure every bitterness and enmity, are granted sweetness like that of honey, and those who come into contact with them are cured of many ailments. A person attains the stage of *shahid* when he bears every suffering for God, worships Him and sacrifices every worldly comfort for this objective. Seeking Allāh's pleasure will not only stop a believer from sin but will also turn his attention towards virtue. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that *shahadat* is the state of one's heart that comes from full faith and certainty about God.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Ahmadiyyat is the truth and because of it Ahmadīs are being persecuted in many countries. But Ahmadīs remain firm in their faith. Addressing Ahmadī asylum-seekers, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ urged them to state their cases truthfully. Truth is greatly valued in the West. Citing some verses of the Holy Qur'ān, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said these are the qualities that are found in a *shahid*, whether he dies a natural death or is martyred.

At the end of the sermon, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the tragic martyrdom of Maqsood Ahmad Sahib son of Nawab Khan Sahib of Quetta, and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Mansoor Ahmad Khan)

Acting Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 20 December, 2012