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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Those who seek to spread Islām through violence, instead of reason and argument, are disobeying Allāh and His Prophet ﷺ.

In Algeria, Aḥmadīs are being harassed and imprisoned, but they remain steadfast in their faith.

Wherever there is opposition, it causes the Jamā‘at to grow. Aḥmadīs should spread our peaceful teaching with wisdom.

On 17th March 2017, Hazrat *Khalīfatul-Masīḥ* V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These days there is a growing influence of racist and nationalist politicians and communities in the West. Observers say that all this is due to the policies of these governments. Whatever the case may be, their rhetoric all hinges around barring Muslims from coming to these countries. They also say that if Muslims live in these countries, they must adopt the Western ways. They say they are threatened by the minarets and the hijab and when Muslim women do not shake hands with men. Some say that Muslims are a danger because they come from countries where there is extremism. But it is also true that Western countries are supplying weapons surreptitiously both to the governments and the rebels for their own vested interests, thus fuelling these conflicts. If this help is not given by them, these militant activities cannot last for long.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Whenever Islām has suffered setbacks, it has been on account of the Muslims’ own misdeeds, conspiracies, rebellions, prioritizing one’s own interests as against those of the *Ummah*, and forgetting the teachings of Islām. Instead of growing in spirituality, worldly interests became their objective. And the leaders are doing the same in the guise of religion. Instead of seeking the person about whom it was foretold that he would bring back the faith from the Pleiades, they have turned against him and are persecuting his followers.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Aḥmadīs in many countries are facing persecution. They are being harassed and put in jails, but still they remain steadfast in their faith. Those who are responsible for such acts should remember that God is watching and hearing the prayers of the oppressed, and the transgressors will have nothing in this world or the hereafter.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If the people who are giving Islām a bad name had any sympathy for it they would have thought whether Islām can triumph through extremism and bloodshed and destruction. If this is their thinking, then they are disobeying God and the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that politicians are also silent because of their fear of religious leaders and their worldly interests. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his

Helper) said: Whoever rejected the Promised Messiah (a.s) also deviated from God's commandments. They see opposing the Promised Messiah (a.s) as an easy way to make money. In such circumstances Aḥmadīs should also reflect if we become silent out of fear or show weakness by agreeing with our opponents, then what is the use of our Bai'at?

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (a.s) taught us to obey Allāh's commandments, walk in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, and invite people to the path of God with wisdom and the best argument. There is no mention anywhere that Islām should be spread through coercion. Acting with wisdom does not mean showing cowardice, rather it means to say the truth without creating mischief. The truth does not require coercion. Those who think that spreading Islam through violence is a virtuous deed are secretly leading hypocritical lives. One who speaks in anger and fury cannot speak wisdom.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Anyone who is harsh and is easily roused to anger cannot utter words of wisdom. Anger is half madness. However, this is how the maulawis act against us everywhere, and in so doing they only defame Islām. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when spreading our message we should remember the saying of Ḥazrat Ali (r.a) that people have their own dispositions and we should speak to them accordingly. We should speak when we know that someone is ready to listen. Do not indulge in lengthy debates, rather say a few words and then talk again later and keep in touch.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some people in Australia have gone so far in their enmity of Islām that they say that if a Muslim woman refuses to shake hands with a man, she should be deported. Aḥmadīs should counter such things with wisdom within their own sphere of influence. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that along with our regular programs, we should also arrange programs that highlight peaceful nature of Islām. Only Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya can try to stop the anti-Islām euphoria sweeping many countries. The Promised Messiah (a.s) says that when falsehood gains speeds, so does the truth. Places where there is opposition to Aḥmadiyyat are the ones where Aḥmadiyyat spreads. This is also what we are also seeing in Algeria. Therefore, instead of being afraid, we should spread our message with truth and with our own example. May Allāh enable us to become the true exemplars of Islām and may each of us become defender and demonstrate its truth. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Maulana Hakeem Muḥammad Din Sahib of Qādiān, Maulana Fazal Ilahi Anwari Ṣāḥib of Germany, and Ibrahim bin Abdullah Ṣāḥib of Morocco and led their funeral prayer after the Friday prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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