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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**In the face worldly difficulties and persecution aḥmadīs do not lose patience nor they retract from their faith.**

**The Promised Messiah (a.s) has taught us to persevere in the face of abuse and not to respond to abuse with abuse, but in response to treat evil with goodness and kindness.**

**An account of oppression faced by Aḥmadīs in Algeria, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Pakistan, and guidelines regarding Tablīgh on social media.**

On 12th May 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul-Masīḥ* V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 154 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

**“O ye who believe! seek help with patience and Prayer; surely, Allāh is with the steadfast.” (2:154)**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: There are many occasions in a person’s life when one can do nothing other than show patience. Worldly people sometimes go mad when they suffer a loss. Men of God, however, also have to suffer loss and injury only because they have believed in the one sent by God, and they suffer all hardships without lament and only pray that God may give them the strength to pass through these trials with steadfastness. Aḥmadīs are facing persecution by opponents only because we have believed in the Promised Messiah (a.s) who is the true servant of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. We follow the path of believers and instead of taking the law into our own hands we prostrate before God and seek His help. We Aḥmadīs neither forsake patience on account of these tribulations, nor do we retract from our faith. Only God has the remedy for our sorrow. He is our emancipator and surely He will deliver us from these tribulations. He will reward those who make sacrifices for the Jamā‘at that He has established.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: There is glad tidings for those who persevere and submit before God. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم says that God loves nothing more than a drop of blood shed in His path and a tear shed in His remembrance in the dead of night. God likes that person very much who shows perseverance in the face of sorrow. In another tradition it is written that God has great honour for His servants and when God takes something into His own hands, why should man try to take it into his. In view of the opposition faced by the Jamā‘at today, it is our duty to seek God’s help through patience and prayer, for He has the ultimate power to protect us.

The history of the Jamā‘at shows that the enemy, with all his power, has always been frustrated. Having pledged bai‘at to the Promised Messiah (a.s) who came as a servant of the Holy Prophet ﷺ to unite this ummah, we will have to face opposition from Muslims as well as non-Muslims. When our message starts to reach non-Muslim countries, there too we will face opposition, and there have already been some such instances. Muslims know that the true message of Islām can only be spread through Aḥmadiyyat, but for fear of losing their pulpits they are at the forefront in opposing us and are persecuting us like in the ancient times. Politicians also follow these clerics for the sake of votes and cheap publicity. There is a resolution under consideration in the Azad Kashmir Assembly for declaring Aḥmadīs to be non-Muslims. What did the Pakistan’s national assembly achieve by declaring us non-Muslims, could they stop our progress?

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Aḥmadīs should pray to God with patience and be regular in observing their prayers. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave an account of how Aḥmadīs are persecuted in Algeria, Indonesia and described how recently an Aḥmadiyya missionary in Bangladesh, Mustafizur-Rahman, was attacked with knives and daggers and critically wounded. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) appealed to the Jamā‘at to pray for his quick and full recovery.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) has already told us that our Jamā‘at is destined to face the same kind of opposition as was faced by Muslims at the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The Promised Messiah (a.s) says, I know that there are some people of weak constitution who are easily perturbed, but you should remember that it is necessary for us to undergo these difficulties. You are not superior to the Prophets and Messengers who faced such tribulations, whose purpose is to strengthen our faith in God and enable us to transform ourselves. Thus, it is important that you follow the footsteps of prophets and messengers and remain patient. You should not fight those who leave you because you have joined the Jamā‘at established by God, but should pray that God may grant them the same insight that He has granted you. And you should show with your good example that the path you have chosen is the right one i.e Aḥmadiyyat. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we do resort to legal means, but we should never let go of patience.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have received reports that some Aḥmadīs use harsh language on social media, which is not worthy of an Aḥmadī. Such reports are very disturbing. I don’t know how far it is true that the opponents use softer language than the Aḥmadīs. If such is the case, then I would say to such Aḥmadīs that they should not engage in tabligh, because such tabligh will not bring them closer to Allāh but lead them away from Him. It is our belief that the people who become angry are the ones who have no argument on their side.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says, I have been commissioned to admonish you time and again that you should stay away from any occasion of disturbance and disorder, and show patience even on being subjected to foul language. Respond to evil with goodness and if anyone is about to create disorder then it is better that you quietly leave that place and respond with kindness. I truly say that you must not let go of patience. Patience is a weapon more powerful than canons. It pains me when I hear that some person while being an Aḥmadī quarreled with

another. I do not at all condone such behavior. A person who does not act with patience and forbearance is not part of this Jamā‘at.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says, the thing that can cause the greatest fury is when vile abuse is leveled against me, but I say that you should leave this matter to God, for you are in no position to judge. Leave my case with God and show patience in the face of such abuse. You do not even know how much abuse I hear from them. I regularly receive letters filled with filthy abuses. And when I show patience, you too should do the same. Their abuse and their mischief and their schemes can never tire me. Had I not been from God, I would undoubtedly have been frightened by their abuses, but I know for certainty that God has sent me, why then should I care about such small things. Reflect, whom has their abuse harmed, them or me? Their numbers have dwindled while mine have grown. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today, by the grace of Allāh, the Jamā‘at is established in 209 countries.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Remember that it is wrong for Aḥmadīs to respond with harsh words, because they would be driving away the new generation too. Such people need to immediately change their behavior. The Promised Messiah (a.s) says, “I admonish my Jamā‘at to hear abuse and bear them patiently and never respond to abuse with abuse, for in this way we are deprived of God’s blessings. Remember that there is a dangerous rivalry between reason and fury. Reason cannot exist where there is anger and fury. Those who act with patience and forbearance are given a spiritual light that illuminates their mind and their powers of reflection. In order to increase our power of reason and reflection, we need to suppress our anger and fury.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Always remember to repent and seek forgiveness. The faculties that we employ most are the strongest. The weapons through which we will be victorious are seeking forgiveness, repentance, attaining religious knowledge, keeping in mind God’ greatness, and observing the five daily prayers. Ṣalāt is the key to the acceptance of prayers. Observe prayers and avoid every evil whether it is related to our obligations towards God or towards His creatures. May Allāh enable us to walk the path of patience and the path of His pleasure.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at of the tragic death of P. P. Nāẓim-ud-Din Ṣāḥib of Kerala, India, in a train accident and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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