

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Gratitude to Allāh for the successful conclusion of Jalsa Sālāna UK, acknowledgment of services of volunteers, and the good impressions of guests.**

**Guests said that the motto of Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya is the only way to bring about peace and harmony in the world.**

**The message of true Islām reached about 128 million people through newspapers, TV channels, social media and live streaming.**

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalifatul-Masih V* ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: By the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna UK concluded successfully and we witnessed God’s blessings. Every participant felt God’s help coming down. We cannot thank God enough for this. We can only be truly grateful to Him if we always strive for His pleasure. The participants should also be grateful so that they can absorb Allāh’s blessings, and they should also be thankful to the volunteers who served them. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم says that he who is not grateful to others is not grateful to God. One of the aims of the Jalsa is to foster brotherhood. This is what impresses the guests who come to the Jalsa. Along with the religious and intellectual programs, the practical example also impresses the visitors. Many guests have said that in attending the Jalsa they have seen a practical example of Islām.

Ḥūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ cited some impressions recorded by guests. An advisor from Benin said that he was deeply impressed by the standard of the Jalsa and was amazed at the sincerity of the volunteers. He could not find any fault in the organisation of the Jalsa. Every department was up to standard. Men, women, young and old, people of all categories strived to provide comfort to the guests. She said that while other people see women as slaves, the Imām of the Jamā‘at described them as teachers and accorded them a high status. An MP from Guatemala said that in the Jalsa he saw the peaceful picture of Islām and that the Jamā‘at’s motto is the way to achieve world peace and harmony. The way the guests were served was an amazing scene. She says that she felt more at ease in the women’s marquee.

A university professor said that Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya practically demonstrates the teachings of Islām. A dignitary from Australia said that he listened carefully to the sermons and was much impressed by the Khalīfa’s words that if one forgives one’s enemy one’s heart become free of malice. The representative of Haiti’s President said that attending the Jalsa removed all his misgivings about Islām and that he can now say that Aḥmadiyyat is the true Islām. A delegate from Burkina Faso said that in the Jalsa he saw respect for everyone irrespective of race and colour.

A lady from Croatia said that she used to be a Christian nun and now she is in search of the truth. She was much impressed by the Jalsa and that the speech of the Imām left a deep impression on her. She was deeply moved by the sight of children serving water and the standard of cleanliness. A friend from the Philippines said that he learned a lot from the Jalsa and the love shown by the participants.

Hūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: We need to keep up these traits at all times and not just in the few days of the Jalsa. A delegate from Ireland said that this was his first Jalsa and he met pure-natured people. A delegate from Holland said that the programs and the atmosphere of the Jalsa was amazing. He was much impressed by the young volunteers. David Martin from UK says that he has never witnessed such a gathering. You are the beautiful picture of Islām. A delegate from Sierra Leone says that despite a gathering of thousands of people, there was no unpleasantness of any kind and that he could not have believed it if he had not seen it with his own eyes.

Al-Haaj Ṣāhib says that in such a large gathering he saw no fighting or quarrelling and the organization was excellent. People had gathered from various countries and everyone greeted each other like brothers. You are ahead of others and I am certain that God's help is with you. A delegate from Guinea said that he is associated with the police and was much impressed by the management of the Jalsa and could find no fault. An MP from Sierra Leone says that Aḥmadiyyat is the true picture of Islām and that its efforts to promote peace are commendable. Today Islām is being associated with terrorism but Aḥmadīs are refuting this notion. This alone is enough to prove the truth of Aḥmadiyyat.

A dignitary from Ivory Coast says that in the Jalsa he saw the true picture of Islām. The Khalīfa's speech started and ended with the name of Allāh and His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. An MP from Croatia said that he was much impressed by the International Bai'at. He says that nowhere else has he ever witnessed the sincere emotions that were demonstrated during the international Bai'at. A news representative from France said that in the Jalsa the women were totally independent and taking part in every activity. Another media representative said that while the West is pushing women back, here women are being given medals for their high achievements.

Hūzoor أيده الله تعالى prayed that Allāh may reward all the volunteers and the participants who were part of this silent propagation of Islām. We should remember the men and women volunteers in our prayers. They are all worthy of our gratitude.

Hūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: 358 news items regarding the Jalsa were published through the media. The message reached 36 million people through the internet, 31 million through TV, and 58 million through the social media. MTA's live coverage was watched by 250,000 people. In total the message reached about 128 million people. We should also be grateful to Allāh for conveying the message of true Islām to such a vast audience. Apart from MTA Africa, ten other channels broadcast the proceedings which reached an audience of 60 million. For the first time the Jalsa was shown on the Gambian National TV. BBC Uganda also broadcast the news. All this is by the grace of God. Hūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: I also thank the press section. May Allāh reward them all. And may Allāh enable us to always fulfil our responsibilities.

Ḥūzoor said: This year too about 350 young Aḥmadīs chartered a plane from Canada to perform wind up duties for the Jalsa. I hope they also attended the Jalsa, otherwise they should always see to it that they first attend the Jalsa and then do the wind up. May Allāh bless all the workers. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of Sahibzadi Zakiya Begum Sahiba, granddaughter of Promised Messiah عليه السلام and wife of Sahibzada Mirzā Daud Aḥmad Ṣāḥib (late); and of Tariq Masood Ṣāḥib Murabbī Silsila Nazārat Iṣlāḥ-o-Irshād Markazia Rabwah; and of Shakeel Aḥmad Munir Ṣāḥib, former Amīr Jamā‘at Australia. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Juma’a prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥūzoor to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 10 August 2017