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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 10 August 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Our Imām, *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper), says:

By the grace of Allāh, *Jalsa Salana* UK came to a successful conclusion last Sunday after spreading its blessings and demonstrating signs of Divine grace. These three days were indeed blessed. The volunteers start their work before the *Jalsa*, but it reaches its peak during the *Jalsa*. Men, women, young and old, all volunteer for this purpose. Guests who have never seen the *Jalsa* before are greatly impressed by these volunteers. Thus, while the *Jalsa* serves to strengthen the faith of Aḥmadīs and fosters brotherhood among them, it is also a means of spreading the message of Islām to others. It is the norm that the address on the second day of the *Jalsa* revolves around the extraordinary blessings of God experienced by the Jamā‘at during the year and offering gratitude for God’s immense grace. This also includes the impressions of the non-Aḥmadī dignitaries. I will relate some of these briefly to show how the blessings of the *Jalsa* impact these visitors.

A guest from Benin said: What I acquired from the *Jalsa* could not have been acquired even after spending lots of money. It was an organized gathering of 40,000 people belonging to different nations and races, and yet it was so peaceful, there was no fighting or quarrelling. Everyone was busy serving others. Children, elderly people, women were all working to provide facilities to the guests. It was surprising for me to see that, despite such a large gathering, there was no sign of police or military, and I only saw Aḥmadī volunteers working everywhere. How is it possible for people to work so selflessly in this age? I reached the conclusion that it was only possible under the leadership of Khilāfat in Aḥmadiyyat, which has trained men, women and children in this manner, and that children are taught regarding the duties of the *Jalsa* from their very childhood. Considering what the Jamā‘at is presenting before the world and the manner in which it trains its volunteers, I can say with certainty that soon the world will enter the fold of Aḥmadiyyat.

The representative of the President of Haiti said: The *Jalsa* was a unique experience for me which I can never forget. The unparalleled attitude of the volunteers opened my eyes and totally changed my perception about Islām.

A Supreme Court judge from Ivory Coast said: The manner in which the volunteers fulfil their duties shows that Aḥmadīs love Khilāfat and it is because of this love that they show such obedience, love one another and are united. This is why they are serving Islām in the right way, and no one else has such a leadership or such unity.

A lady journalist said: I have met many, many people before, but I have never met people like Aḥmadīs. I found Aḥmadiyyat to be a great community and I witnessed tremendous examples of humility and love.

A Catholic missionary from Italy said: I noticed three things in particular in this *Jalsa*. One is the coming together of people of different nations in peace and harmony without any disharmony. This was really strange for me and I have never witnessed this anywhere else. The second point is that I experienced a lot of peace, and there was no unease or anxiety whatsoever. The third is that the addresses of the Khalīfa contain clear messages and practical guidelines.

A lady delegate from Japan said: I learnt from the Khalīfa's address to the ladies that his words are the protection under which the Community is making progress. We were wondering that in this age, when people are growing alienated from religion, what is it that is keeping this spirit alive in the members of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya? This question was in our minds, but on the very first day of the *Jalsa* when we participated in the prayer and listened to the words of the Khalīfa, we realized that prayer was the power that distinguished Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya in the world. She said: The weather was warm, but I did not find people getting tired or weary because of it. The volunteers always had a smile on their faces, and the discipline during meal times was exemplary. I learnt that all the volunteers, whether they were children serving water or workers cleaning toilets, were all doing so with personal zeal and joy.

Another gentleman said: I was much impressed by the timely start of the *Jalsa*. The subjects of the speeches were in keeping with the demand of the age and I found it personally beneficial. The *Jalsa* was organized like a running machine, with everything in its place, and the workers were running it in the most excellent manner. The various exhibitions were also very useful, particularly the images archive and the Review of Religions exhibition, which enriched my knowledge of the Jamā'at's history.

A non-Aḥmadī scholar from Indonesia said: The Khalīfa in his address presented the teachings of Islām in a beautiful manner in the light of the Holy Qur'ān, Ḥadīth and Sunnah.

A lady journalist from Guatemala said: Participating in *Jalsa Salana* UK has dispelled many false notions I had regarding Islām and I have learnt of its true teachings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This time also about 140 Khuddam came from Canada to help with the wind up and they did an excellent job. We owe them gratitude as well as to the UK Khuddam. The *Jalsa* was covered widely through various means of media. About 862,000 people visited the Jamā'at's website and 218,000 people watched the videos. 53 online and print newspapers published news regarding the *Jalsa*. 20 radio stations broadcasted news about the *Jalsa*. The total number of reports is about 70, these news reached an audience of more than 26 million people. In Africa, 15 TV channels broadcasted the programs of the *Jalsa*. These were in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Benin, Uganda, Mali, Congo-Brazzaville. For the first time Burundi Television channel broadcasted the *Jalsa* programme as well. Thus the programs of the *Jalsa* were broadcasted to about 50 million people in Africa. I have received feedback from hundreds of people which shows that these programs were watched by many people.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: All participants should be grateful to Allāh and also to the volunteers who served them. May Allāh enable them to continue to serve in future too. I personally thank all the volunteers and workers. May Allāh reward them and enable them to serve even more and to remain steadfast helpers of Khilāfat. All volunteers should thank Allāh for giving them the opportunity to serve, because no one can have this opportunity without His grace.

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,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

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