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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 06th March 2020 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will continue to speak about the life of Ḥaḍrat *Mus‘ab bin ‘Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that the Jewish people of Medina used to talk about the coming of a Prophet. Therefore, when the people of Medina heard about the claim of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), they believed that it was the same Prophet whose coming had been foretold, and some young men accepted the Holy Prophet’s (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) call. 12 men from Medina travelled to Mecca with the intention of entering the new faith. Ten of these were from *Khazraj* and two were from *Aus* tribe and they made a pledge to worship none but Allāh. When they went back to Medina, they started to spread the message with greater zeal. They were not ready to worship anyone but Allāh. When they were asked questions about their new faith, they requested the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) to send someone who could teach them. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), therefore, sent Ḥaḍrat *Mus‘ab bin ‘Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to Medina to educate the Muslims about their faith.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the battle of *Badr*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) handed Ḥaḍrat *Mus‘ab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) the banner of *Muhajirīn*. Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that the banner of the *Muhajirīn* was carried by Ḥaḍrat *Mus‘ab bin ‘Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in the battle of *Uhud* as well. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) organized the Muslim ranks and appointed *Amīrs* over different groups. On this occasion the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) was told that the banner of *Quraish* was in the hands of *Talha* who belonged to the family which, under the system devised by the superior ancestor of *Quraish*, was entitled to carry *Quraish* banner. Hearing this, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said, “We are even more entitled to show communal fidelity.” He then took the banner of *Muhajirīn* from Ḥaḍrat *‘Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and handed it to Ḥaḍrat *Mus‘ab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) who belonged to the same family as *Talha*. Ḥaḍrat *Mus‘ab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was martyred in the battle of *Uhud* while defending the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). Describing this incident, Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that the enemy had almost encircled the Muslims from all sides and continued to push forward, and yet the Muslims might have

recovered after a while had not *Ibn-e-Qami'ah*, a valiant fighter from among Quraish, attacked Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab bin 'Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and cut off his right hand. Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) at once took up the banner in his left hand and moved to attack *Ibn-e-Qami'ah*, but the latter cut off his other hand as well. Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) then held the banner close to his chest between his two hands that had been cut off, whereupon *Ibn-e-Qami'ah* attacked him a third time and Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab bin 'Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was martyred. The banner was then taken up by another Muslim. However, since Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) body structure resembled that of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), *Ibn-e-Qami'ah* thought that he had killed Muhammad, or it might just have been a ploy to dishearten the Muslims, but he at once started shouting that he had killed Muhammad. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) saw Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) body, he recited the verse:

مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ قَطَّ يَدَيْهِمْ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَنْتَظِرُ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا

“Among the believers are men who have been true to the covenant they made with Allāh. There are some of them who have fulfilled their vow, and some who still wait, and they have not changed their condition in the least.” [33:24]

Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was laid in the grave by his brother Ḥaḍrat *Abu Rūm bin 'Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat *Suwaibat bin Sa'ad* and Ḥaḍrat *'Amir bin Rabi'ah* (May Allāh be pleased with them). He was 40 years old at the time of his martyrdom.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was martyred in the battle of *Uhud*, there was not enough cloth to cover his body. If his head was covered, his feet would become bare. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) ordered his head to be covered with the cloth and his feet to be covered with grass.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) returned from the battle of *Uhud*, he met Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) wife Ḥaḍrat *Hamnah bint Jahsh* (May Allāh be pleased with her). People told her about the martyrdom of her brother *'Abdullah bin Jahsh*, whereupon she recited, “*To Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return*,”. Then they told of the martyrdom of her uncle Ḥaḍrat *Hamza* (May Allāh be pleased with him), whereupon she again recited, “*To Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return*,”. Then they told her about the martyrdom of her husband *Mus'ab bin 'Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him), whereupon she started weeping, lamented and was distressed. Hearing her lament, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said to her that a husband indeed has a special place for the wife, but why had she uttered those words? She said, “O' Prophet of Allāh, I thought of the children who had become orphans and became distressed and the words slipped off my tongue.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) then prayed for *Mus'ab's* children, “O Allāh, may their guardians and elders be kind and compassionate towards them.” The Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him)

prayer was accepted. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This ends the narrations regarding Ḥadrat *Mus'ab bin 'Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would now like to draw the attention of the Jama'at to the coronavirus epidemic. I have already suggested some homoeopathic medicines as precautions. May Allāh bless this medicine with efficacy. At the same time, it is important to adopt all the precautionary measures. The mosque has its rights, therefore people who are experiencing high temperatures or coughing or sneezing should not come to the mosque lest others are affected. Try to keep a handkerchief so that when you sneeze other people are not affected. Also try not to touch your face if your hands are not clean. If someone prays five times a day and performs the ablution properly, this is quite an adequate precaution. Those who come to the mosque, particularly in winter, should regularly wash and change their socks, otherwise smell will disturb others. Also try to wear perfume before coming to the mosque and look after your personal hygiene that is essential for a worshipper.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: People are also being advised against shaking hands. Even though shaking hands fosters mutual relationship, it is best to avoid it in these circumstances. Even those who previously raised an outcry that we Muslims do not shake hands with people of the opposite sex have started thinking otherwise.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Only Allāh knows how far this epidemic is going to spread. However, if it is a result of Allāh's displeasure, then we need to turn to Him to be saved from its adverse consequences. Every Ahmadī should pray and strive to improve their spiritual condition and should also pray for the world. May Allāh enable the world to recognize their Creator.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will lead some funeral prayers after the Friday prayer. The first is of *Tanzeel Ahmad Butt*, son of *Aqil Ahmad Butt Sahib*, who passed away on 27th February 2020 at the age of 11. I consider this to be a martyrdom. *Tanzeel* was an active member of Atfāl-ul-Ahmadiyya. He was a very intelligent and obedient child. He watched MTA regularly and offered the prayers in the mosque. May Allāh grant peace and patience to his parents.

The second funeral prayer is of Brigadier (retired) *Bashir Ahmad Sahib* who passed away on 16th February 2020 at the age of 87 in Rawalpindi. He received a commission from the Pakistan Military Academy in 1952 and retired as Brigadier in 1982. Then for many years he served as head of the Policy Institute in Islamabad. He served the country for 66 years. As for his services for the Jamā'at, I appointed him as *Amīr Jama'at* Rawalpindi and he remained in that position until 9th February 2020. After he was transferred to Rawalpindi in 1979, he serves as *Naib Amīr* and Secretary *Ta'lim* of Jama'at Rawalpindi for 16 years. He was a Director of *Faql 'Umar* Foundation. He was a sincere and devoted Ahmadī and had great love for Khilāfat. He was a convivial, kind, soft spoken, prayerful person and loved to serve humanity. He retained a sharp memory to the end. He loved to read the books of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and was generally well read. He helped the poor and needy quietly, and was particularly caring about the needs of widows. His special quality was the devotion and fervour with which he offered his prayer. May Allāh have mercy on him and raise his spiritual status and enable his progeny to carry on his virtues.

The third funeral prayer is of Dr. *Hameed-ud-Dīn Sahib* of Gokhowal, Faisalabad, who passed away on 29th February 2020. He was born in Qādiān. His mother's paternal uncle *Maulana Muhammad Ibrahim Qādiāni* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was a Companion of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). After the partition of India, the family moved to Faisalabad. He ran a medical dispensary and was of service to all the people in his area. He treated poor people free of charge. He was a simple and devout person and offered his prayers regularly right from childhood. He loved Khilāfat and was very kind and trusting in Allāh. He was an honest and upright person and served the Jamā'at in various capacities. His son *Karim-ud-Dīn Shams* is serving as a missionary in Tanzania. May Allāh have mercy on the deceased and raise his spiritual status. May his virtues continue in his progeny. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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