

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

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 Ḥadrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 7th August 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verses 9-10 of Surah *Al-Saff*, which are as follows:

يُرِيدُونَ لِيُظْفِقُوا نُورَ اللّٰهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللّٰهُ مُتِمِّمٌ نُّورِهِ وَاُولَٰئِكَ اَكْفَارُونَ. هُوَ الَّذِي اَرْسَلَ رَسُوْلَهُ بِالْهُدٰى وَدِيْنِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ
عَلَى الدِّيْنِ كُلِّهِ وَاُولَٰئِكَ اَكْفَارُ الْمَشْرِكُوْنَ

‘They desire to extinguish the light of Allāh with the breath of their mouths, but Allāh will perfect His light, even if the disbelievers hate it. He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners with God hate it.’ [61:9-10]

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today is the 7th of August and, according to the calendar of the UK Jamā‘at, it is the first day of Jalsa Sālāna UK. This year, however, the Jalsa could not be held on account of the pandemic. May things get back to normal and may Allāh enable us to hold our Jalsa with all its traditions.

MTA has planned to try to fill the void to some extent. In this context, they will broadcast some of my Jalsa speeches from last year and there will also be some live programs. Aḥmadīs all over the world should watch these three days of programs from their homes. I have decided to make use of this occasion to present the report regarding the progress of the Jamā‘at during the past year. In this Friday sermon and in my live address which I will deliver on Sunday evening, I will also relate some faith-inspiring incidents.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Despite the circumstances prevailing during the past six months, the Jamā‘at has continued to progress, and there has been specific improvement with regard to Tarbiyyat.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) read out some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in which he categorically says that the revival of Islām and its progress is now linked to his advent. God has promised that this Jamā‘at will grow and spread and prosper regardless of all kinds of opposition. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that in this age the above verse (*He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of truth*) applies to him and that Islām’s superiority over all other religions will be established through him. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “Allāh has established this Jamā‘at in this age so that it may bear witness to Islām as a living religion and so that people grow in their knowledge of God and attain such certainty as will consume all sin and evil and foster virtue and piety.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, aside from Pakistan, 288 new Jamā'ats have been established all over the world, and Aḥmadiyyat reached 1040 places for the first time. Sierra Leone is foremost in this, having established 40 new Jamā'ats, followed by Congo Kinshasa and Ghana. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also cited some extraordinary and faith-inspiring incidents that took place in Congo Kinshasa, Gambia, Liberia and other countries.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: 23 people accepted Aḥmadiyyat in a region of the Philippines known for Muslim extremists. In Senegal, a whole village in the Tambacounda region entered the fold of Aḥmadiyyat. Seed of Aḥmadiyyat were sown in 20 villages through radio programs.

The message of Aḥmadiyyat reached the Guatemalan city of Cobán for the first time and three people accepted Aḥmadiyyat. The Jamā'at has been formally established in the historical Palestinian city of Al-Khalil and an Aḥmadī has given a portion of his home to serve as a mosque.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: During the last year, Allāh blessed the Jamā'at with 217 new mosques. 124 of these were built by the Jamā'at and 93 were already built. In Guatemala we were able to build the second mosque after 31 years. In one place Norway, the construction of our mosque had been facing delays for two years because of opposition from the locals and local church. But God's decree prevailed and it so happened that the Christian congregation could no longer afford to run the church, whereupon the Jamā'at bought it and converted it into a mosque. The mosque has been named Masjid Maryam.

In Malawi, the Jamā'at was able to build its first mosque and one thousand people from three villages entered the Jamā'at. In Mexico City, the ground floor of a three-storey building has been prepared to be used as a mosque. It has been named Masjid Baitul 'Āfiyat.

In Mali, the construction of our mosque had been delayed for three years because of opposition from opponents and hurdles created by government officials. But, by the grace of Allāh, it has now been completed and prayers are being offered. In one region of Tanzania we have been able to build two new mosques.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In Burkina Faso, two elderly people offered two hens and some eggs as Chanda, and the Mu'allim Sahib gave them a receipt for these offerings. This is reminiscent of the old days in Qādiān. Anyone who looks at these expressions of devotion with an open eye will be forced to admit that this is indeed the truth.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the Iringa region of Tanzania, a 72-year-old lady gave the papers of her land to the Jamā'at to build a mosque. Members of the Jamā'at are now building the mosque through Waqar-e-Amal and the old lady's sons are also taking part in it.

A lady from Burkina Faso had long been trying to find admission in a nursing course but without success. One day she gave all her saving, which she had been setting aside for her studies, towards the construction of the mosque. Within two weeks she was informed by the health department that she has been selected directly and that the government would bear all the expenditure for her education.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, 97 new mission houses were established during this year. Ghana was prominent in this regard. In the Simiyu region of Tanzania, where Jamā'at had been established last year, a mission house and mosque have now been built.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Waqar-e-Amal is a distinctive feature of the Jamā‘at. According to reports received from 114 countries, 41,111 sessions of Waqar-e-Amal were held, thus saving the Jamā‘at about 5,213,000 US dollars.

Central representatives toured many countries of the world and these visits bore fruitful results.

At the moment, eight printing presses are functioning in Africa under supervision from UK. They have printed 612,000 books and more than 9,485,000 leaflets and other literature. This year the Farnham press printed 360,240 books in addition to many periodicals, booklets and office stationary, etc.

Under Nazarat Ishā‘at Qādiān, a beautiful printing of the Holy Qur‘ān has been done in the Khat-e-Manzoor font. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said, as more restrictions are placed on Aḥmadīs in Pakistan barring them from reading and publishing the Holy Qur‘ān, Allāh continues to open new avenues for us.

According to the report of Wakālat Ishā‘at collected from 93 countries, 4,256,659 copies of 407 books and other publications were published in 42 languages. All over the world, 94 newspapers are being published in 29 languages. More than 190,000 books in 24 languages were dispatched from UK to different countries.

Under Wakālat Taṣnīf, the work of proof-reading the Italian translation of the Holy Qur‘ān was completed. Eleven volumes of the translation and commentary on *Sahīh Bukhāri* have been completed. The English translation of the Promised Messiah’s book *I‘jāz-e-Aḥmadī* has been published. Other than the tenth volume, 22 volumes of *Ruhani Khazain* are being printed in the UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some comments by scholars from Ukraine, Nepal, India and Kiribati which highlight the miraculous effect of the teachings of Aḥmadiyyat and the books of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

Under the leaflet scheme, 9,357,000 leaflets were distributed in 111 countries.

7540 exhibitions of the Holy Qur‘ān and literature of the Jamā‘at were held across the world and through them message of Islām reached 343,000 people.

1580 copies of the Holy Qur‘ān in different language were given as gifts to guests and dignitaries. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) especially lauded the efforts of the Nurul Islām department in India.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These reports are usually presented on the second day of the Jalsa, but since the Jalsa is not being held this year, I have decided to present this report in two parts. This was the first part and the second I will present on Sunday evening from the hall. Thus the whole world will learn through MTA of the blessings that Allāh has showered upon the Jamā‘at during this year.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 12 August 2020