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“This Jalsa will be devoted to the exposition of such truths and spiritual insight as are necessary for the promotion of faith and certainty and spiritual understanding.”

(The Promised Messiah^{as})





The Purpose of Attending the Jalsa

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) said:

“The purpose for which we are attending the Jalsa is to improve our spiritual, intellectual, and moral condition and also to establish the love of Allah the Almighty and His Messenger [peace and blessings of Allah be upon him] in our hearts. If one adopts this mindset, one will not remain focused on worldly things. And when one’s focus is not on worldly things, then even if there are certain shortcomings in certain arrangements of the Jalsa, the guests will not even feel them.”

(Friday Sermon, July 28, 2023; *Al Hakam*, August 25, 2023, pp. 14 – 15)





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ABBREVIATIONS OF SALUTATIONS

- sa *Sallallahu alaihi wa Sallam* – peace and blessings of Allah be upon him
USAGE: Salutation written after the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)
as *Alaihis Salam / Alaihas Salam* – peace be upon him/her
USAGE: Salutation written after names of Prophets other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} and pious women prior to the era of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}
ra *Radhiallahu anhu / anha / anhum* – may Allah be pleased with him/her/them
USAGE: Salutation written after names of Companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} and Companions of the Promised Messiah^{aa}
rh *Rahimahullah / Rahimahallah* – may Allah have mercy upon him/her
USAGE: Salutation written after the names of deceased, pious Muslims who are not Companions^{aa}
aa *Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala bi Nasrihil Aziz* – may Allah be his Helper!
USAGE: Salutation written after the name of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih V



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PEARLS OF

THE HOLY QUR'AN

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

O ye who believe, be mindful of your duty to Allah
and keep company with the righteous. (9:119)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ
الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

HADITH

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! Bless Muhammad^{sa} and the people of Muhammad^{sa},
and bestow grace and salutations, for verily You are the Praiseworthy, the Majestic.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah^{ra} reported that the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, has mobile (squads) of angels, who have no other work (to attend to but) to follow the assemblies of *zikr* (remembrance) and when they find such assemblies in which there is remembrance (of Allah), they sit in them and some of them surround the others with their wings till the space between them and the sky of the world is fully covered, and when they disperse (after the assembly of remembrance is adjourned), they go upward to heaven and Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, asks them, although He is best informed about them: 'Where have you come from?' They say: 'We come from Your servants upon the earth who had been glorifying You, extolling Your greatness, professing Your oneness, praising You, and begging of You.' He would say: 'What do they beg of Me?' They would say: 'They beg of You Your Paradise.' He would say: 'Have they seen My Paradise?' They would say: 'No, our Lord.' He would say: '(How would they be) if they were to see My Paradise?' They would say: 'They seek Your protection.' He would say: 'Against what do they seek My protection?' They would say: 'Our Lord, from the Hell-Fire.' He would say: 'Have they seen My Fire?' They would say: 'No.' He (the Lord) would say: '(How would they be) if they were to see My Fire?' They would say: 'They beg forgiveness of You.' He would say: 'I grant pardon to them, and confer upon them what they ask for and grant them protection against which they seek protection.' They (the angels) would again say: 'Our Lord, there is one amongst them—such and such sinful servant—who happened to pass by (that assembly) and sat there along with them.' He would say: 'I also grant him pardon, for they are a people whose fellows are in no way unfortunate.'"

(*Sabih Muslim*, no. 2689)

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ إِنَّ لِلَّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى مَلَائِكَةً سَيَّارَةً فَضُلًا يَتَّبِعُونَ مَجَالِسَ الذِّكْرِ فَإِذَا وَجَدُوا مَجْلِسًا فِيهِ ذِكْرٌ قَعَدُوا مَعَهُمْ وَحَفَّ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا بِأَجْنِحَتِهِمْ حَتَّى يَمْلَأُوا مَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا فَإِذَا تَفَرَّقُوا عَرَجُوا وَصَعِدُوا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ. قَالَ فَيَسْأَلُهُمُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِمْ مِنْ أَيْنَ جِئْتُمْ فَيَقُولُونَ جِئْنَا مِنْ عِنْدِ عِبَادِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ يُسَبِّحُونَكَ وَيُكَبِّرُونَكَ وَيُهَلِّلُونَكَ وَيُحَمِّدُونَكَ وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ. قَالَ وَمَاذَا يَسْأَلُونِي قَالُوا يَسْأَلُونَكَ جَنَّتِكَ. قَالَ وَهَلْ رَأَوْا جَنَّتِي قَالُوا لَا أَيْ رَبِّ. قَالَ فَكَيْفَ لَوْ رَأَوْا جَنَّتِي قَالُوا وَيَسْتَجِيرُونَكَ. قَالَ وَمِمَّ يَسْتَجِيرُونِي قَالُوا مِنْ نَارِكَ يَا رَبِّ. قَالَ وَهَلْ رَأَوْا نَارِي قَالُوا لَا. قَالَ فَكَيْفَ لَوْ رَأَوْا نَارِي قَالُوا وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَكَ. قَالَ فَيَقُولُ قَدْ عَفَرْتُ لَهُمْ فَأَعْطَيْتُهُمْ مَا سَأَلُوا وَأَجْرْتُهُمْ مِمَّا اسْتَجَارُوا. قَالَ فَيَقُولُونَ رَبِّ فِيهِمْ فَلَانٌ عَبْدٌ خَطَاءٌ إِنَّمَا مَرَّ فَجَلَسَ مَعَهُمْ قَالَ فَيَقُولُ وَلَهُ عَفَرْتُ هُمُ الْقَوْمُ لَا يَشْفَى بِهِمْ جَلِيسُهُمْ.

(صحيح مسلم، كتاب الذِّكْرِ والدُّعَاءِ وَالْقُرْبَةِ وَالِاسْتِغْفَارِ، بَابُ فَضْلِ مَجَالِسِ الذِّكْرِ)

WISDOM

SO SAID THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

“This gathering will be devoted to the exposition of such truths and spiritual insight as are necessary for the promotion of faith and certainty and spiritual understanding, and there will be special prayers and attention for the participants. And to the best of our ability we shall endeavour to supplicate at the threshold of the Most Merciful that He may draw them towards Him, may accept them and may bring about a pious change in them. An additional benefit of these gatherings will be that each year new entrants to the Jama‘at shall, by being present on the fixed dates, get to know their brethren who had joined earlier. And these meetings will lead to progressive strengthening of the bond of mutual love and affection. Prayers for absolution will be offered for brothers who will have passed away in the interim, and supplications shall be made at the threshold of the Glorious God that He may unite all these brothers in spirit and banish all estrangement, dryness and differences from amongst them. This spiritual convention will have many other spiritual benefits which will become manifest from time to time.”

(The Heavenly Decree [2006], p. 74)

GEMS OF GUIDANCE

from the Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!)

NOTE: Given below are brief, selected points from the Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa}. Readers are encouraged to benefit directly from the complete Friday Sermons of Huzoor^{aa}, available on alislam.org.



AMJ GERMANY

1.

April 5, 2024

THE PHILOSOPHY OF PRAYERS & SUPPLICATIONS FOR PROTECTION

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) continued discussing the importance and philosophy of prayer, as illuminated by the sayings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), and how prayers should be offered.

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) said that when we pray, we should maintain a humble demeanour, entrusting all our concerns solely to Allah, the One Who can deliver us from our trials. From the perspective of the Jama'at, it is crucial to remember that only Allah can rescue us from the challenges faced in Pakistan and some other countries. Even on a personal level, it is Allah alone Who fulfils all our needs and provides for us. We should infuse our prayers with anguish and focus more intently on them.

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) then proceeded to cite some prayers from the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah, and sayings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and instructed that they should be offered regularly. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that the example of those who remember Allah and those who do not is like that of the living and the dead. We should strive to be counted among the living—those who keep themselves busy with the remembrance of Allah.

At the end, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) said: May Allah grant us the ability to pray from our hearts. Let us pray in our own language, and let those prayers come from the depths of our hearts, from a place of genuine longing and desperation. Also, pray to keep the blessings of Ramadan everlasting. Let us seek the blessings of this Friday and all the Fridays to come.

2.

April 12, 2024

REMEMBERING THE MARTYRS OF UHUD

In this Friday Sermon, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) mentioned some faith-inspiring incidents of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his Companions^{ra}, which took place after the Battle of Uhud.

It is reported that the mother of Hazrat Amr bin Mu'adh (may Allah be pleased with him), who was martyred at Uhud, approached the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as he was returning from the battle. Upon seeing her, he expressed his condolences at the martyrdom of her son. But she responded, "Seeing you safe and sound [O Messenger of Allah], all my grief and calamity have vanished." The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Rejoice and share this joyful news with the families of all other martyrs that they are united in Paradise and have interceded and prayed to Allah for their loved ones."

Speaking of the sacrifices made by female Companions, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) addressed Ahmadi women and said, "These are the women who stood shoulder to shoulder with men in spreading and preaching Islam, and these are the women that the Islamic world admires. You also profess faith in the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and acknowledge him as a reflection of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). In that sense, you are reflection of Sahabiyat of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), but let me ask you: Do you possess the same fervour for serving religion that characterized the Sahabiyat?"

In the latter part of the sermon, Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper!) spoke about the following recently deceased members of the Jama'at and announced to lead their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer: (1) Mustafa Ahmad Khan Sahib, youngest maternal grandson of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him); and (2) Dr. Mir Dawud Ahmad Sahib of the USA, former Secretary Jai'dad USA Jama'at.



3.

April 19, 2024

MARTYRS OF UHUD & EXPEDITION OF HAMRA'UL ASAD

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) related further accounts that shed light on the noble life and character of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in the context of the Battle of Uhud.

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that when the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) returned from the Battle of Uhud, he was quite weak due to his injuries, and the Sahaba helped him dismount from his horse. After offering Maghrib prayer, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) went home. The women of Madinah had already received news of the martyrdom of their men and had begun to wail. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was deeply moved by these cries, and his eyes welled up with tears. He said, 'My uncle and foster brother, Hamza, have also been martyred, yet there is no one to cry for him.' When the women heard of this, they gathered at the Holy Prophet's house and started wailing for Hazrat Hamza. After some time had passed, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, 'May Allah have mercy on the women of Madinah, for they have shown sympathy towards me. I know that the Ansar too have great love for me.' However, he said, 'To lament in such a manner is displeasing to Allah.' When it was said that this was the people's custom and that they needed to vent their emotions in this way, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, 'I do not forbid crying, but tell these women not to slap their faces, tear their clothes, or pull out their hair.'

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) said that the events related to the Battle of Uhud had reached their conclusion and that he would now mention the expedition of Hamra'ul Asad, which took place in the month of Shawwal 3 AH. This expedition is essentially a continuation and culmination of the Battle of Uhud. Due to the results obtained from this expedition, the Battle of Uhud is considered a victory for the Muslims.

In the latter part of the sermon, Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper!) spoke about the following recently deceased members of the Jama'at and announced to lead their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer: (1) Maulana Ghulam Ahmad Nasim Sahib, a dedicated missionary of the Jama'at; and (2) Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar Sahib, former National Amir of Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA.

4.

April 26, 2024

THE EXPEDITION OF HAMRA'UL ASAD

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) said that upon learning of the Quraish's plan to retaliate and attack Madinah, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) summoned Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar (may Allah be pleased with them) for consultation, and both of them said, "O Messenger of Allah! Let us confront the enemy outside the city to prevent harm to our children." After the Fajr prayer, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) summoned the people and had Hazrat Bilal (may Allah be pleased with him) announce that everyone should prepare to meet the enemy, and that only those who had participated in the Battle of Uhud should go out for the battle.

Biographers write that the Holy Prophet's decision to pursue the enemy was extremely wise. The hypocrites believed that going after the enemy with depleted numbers was extremely dangerous, but subsequent events proved the sagacity of the Holy Prophet's decision which resulted in great benefits for the Muslims. This decision elevated the morale of the Muslims, while the hearts of the hypocrites were overawed by the strength and determination of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). On the other hand, when the enemy received the news that the Islamic army was coming after them, they lost their nerve.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper!) spoke about Faraz Ahmad Tahir Sahib, who was martyred in Australia in a knife attack at a shopping centre where he worked as a security guard. Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper!) said that his sacrifice exemplifies his commitment to religious freedom, demonstrating that he did not flee his homeland out of fear of death. May Allah elevate the status of the deceased and grant courage to his grieving relatives. Ameen!

Rays of Light

The Enlightening Words of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!)

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE

A group of 23 Khuddam from Connecticut, USA, travelled to the UK for a meeting with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) on January 14, 2024. During the meeting, a Khadim sought advice on the use of homeopathic medicine while undergoing allopathic treatment. Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) replied:

“We should not rely on and trust only one [type of] medicine. If you think that homeopathy can be useful for the treatment for an ailment, even as a supplement, then you can use it ... Once, Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau’ud (may Allah be pleased with him) was taking some medicine. He took allopathic medicine first, then native Ayurvedic medicine, then after that he took homeopathic medicine. Somebody standing by asked him how he would know which medicine would work after having taken the different medicines. He replied, ‘I don’t trust any of those medicines. I trust in Allah the Almighty. I don’t know which of the medicine has been blessed by Allah the Almighty to work on my ailment. So, this is why I’m using all of them.’”



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ON PALESTINE AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE

On January 7, 2024, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) held a virtual meeting with Majlis Ansarullah from France. The Amila members joined the meeting virtually from Masjid Moubarak in Paris, France.

A Nasir asked Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) what measures need to be taken by international organizations to uphold peace after witnessing continued failures in establishing peace across the world.

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) responded:

“In the First World War, the League of Nations was founded in order to preserve peace in the world, to keep the world united as one and to prevent wars and destruction. They said they would not allow for another war to happen, but what was the outcome? These very institutions in the world failed to uphold justice, which consequently led to the commencement of the Second World War in 1939. Subsequently, they founded the United Nations and granted veto power to a few countries. How could justice be upheld after that?”

He further elaborated:

“This situation will last for as long as there is no equality or fairness (in international relations). Chaos continues to stem from veto power. What is the case now? Israel is committing injustices ... Hamas killed 1,300 of their people, but Israel has killed ten times as many innocents in retaliation ... Nobody has the courage to condemn the Israeli Government... (Historically,) it was the Germans and the Europeans who committed injustices against the Jews—it was not the Palestinians. They are having to pay the price for the fault of others ... In Africa, [the oppressed] are not Muslims, they are Christians or pagans, yet these nations have also looted and usurped them. All their resources and minerals have been looted. African nations have also begun to raise their voices against this. They have started exclaiming that they have been exploited by the Europeans. Sometimes the name of religion is used but in reality, the true reason is geopolitical gain. They do not uphold justice, but still proudly proclaim themselves to be the ‘champions of justice’ and ‘champions of peace.’”

Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper!) concluded:

“True peace will only be established when Allah the Almighty spreads Islam through the Community of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). Thus, we must continue making a personal effort – through prayer and by working hard ... For as long as this solution does not come into fruition, the oppressed will continue to suffer in the same way.”



PEXELS

[SOURCE: <https://www.pressahmadiyya.com/press-releases/2024/01/ansarullah-from-france-have-honour-of-a-virtual-meeting-with-head-of-the-ahmadiyya-muslim-community/>]

INSTILLING LOVE FOR KHILAFAT IN CHILDREN

Another Nasir asked Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) how love for Khilafat can be instilled in the hearts of the youth, particularly their own children.

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) answered:

“Offer financial sacrifices in remembrance of Allah’s favours and offer two voluntary prayers daily. Allah the Almighty says that if one is grateful to Him, He will, surely, bestow more favours upon him. Thus, if you are grateful to Allah the Almighty, He will raise you in your relationship with Allah and will increase you in your wealth and blessings. To establish a relationship with Allah, it is essential you strive for it. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) said that when a person takes one step towards Allah the Almighty, Allah takes two steps towards the person. When a person draws close to Allah



the Almighty by one space of the hand, Allah draws closer to him by two, and when a person walks with pace towards Allah the Almighty, Allah comes running towards him. So, man ought to first make an effort himself, and when you do make an effort, Allah the Almighty will then further develop the relationship.”

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) continued:

“Of foremost importance is establishing a relationship with God Almighty. Build a personal relationship with Allah and pray for your children. The prayers of parents for their children are accepted, and so too are the prayers of children for their parents. Pray that God Almighty grants your children His nearness and brings them closer to their faith and to the Community of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (peace be upon him) which was prophesied by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) according to the Promise of Allah the Almighty, as well as with Khilafat.

“When you reach this threshold and when you supplicate to Allah and lead by example and advise your children with love, they will then begin to develop the connection [with Khilafat]. Do not expect your children to establish this relationship once they are older, rather you should instil this in their hearts from childhood.”

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Kun Fayakoon

كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

by Amatus Salam Riffat Hameed
(Hamilton Mountain)

When I am tensed and woe begone
Ill-tempered and rude with just moan
Then time and time again my Lord has
shown
The power of his words is a clutch to lone
These simple words *kun fayakoon*
Has the power to move the earth and the
moon
I wee human dream plan and pine
Can't help but build sandy shrine
I pray and bow to him, I call out
I recite these verses without a doubt
Kun fayakoon thee whenever God say
It's a verse that makes mountains sway



Significance of Obligatory Financial Donations

All male and female earning members of the Jama'at are reminded to pay their obligatory donations (Chanda Aam or Wasiyyat and Chanda Jalsa Salana) according to the prescribed rates. These donations were stipulated by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) said: "Remember, Allah knows full well what you spend, what you pledge, and whatever is your income. Always try to clear your accounts with Him. To get a reward from Allah the Almighty, you must provide your budget according to your true income and make regular payments according to the prescribed rates, so that your spiritual condition improves and so you may excel in righteousness." (Friday Sermon, May 28, 2004)

Young male and female earning members (Khuddam and Lajna) are also urged to participate in these obligatory donations and pay according to the prescribed rates.

It is not expected from Jama'at members who are the part of system of Wasiyyat—the *musian*—that they are not offering Chanda Wasiyyat as per the prescribed rates. They have promised with Allah that they will at least pay 10% of their take-home income as Chanda Wasiyyat.

So, all *musian* are very humbly requested to ensure that their Chanda Wasiyyat and Chanda Jalsa Salana is according to the prescribed rates.

In a meeting with the National Majlis Amila of Jama'at Germany in 2009, Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) highlighted the importance of obligatory donations over all other donations, saying: "If someone is not paying Chanda Aam, no other Chanda (auxiliary, *tabrikat*, etc.) should be accepted from them."

In other words, Chanda Aam or Wasiyyat and Chanda Jalsa Salana have precedence over all other donations. It is necessary for all earning members to pay obligatory donations regularly as per the prescribed rates.

Therefore, all earning male and female members are requested to please contact your Secretary Finance and check your payments of obligatory donations, and in case of arrears, to pay them as early as possible.

Khalid M. Naeem
National Secretary Finance

Afsaran of Jalsa Salana Canada 2024

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa} has graciously approved the appointment of the following *Afsaran* (officers) for Jalsa Salana Canada:

AFSAR RABITA: Aamir Mahmood Sheikh Sahib

AFSAR JALSA SALANA: Rizwan Masood Mian Sahib

AFSAR JALSA GAH: Sheikh Abdul Wadood Sahib

AFSAR KHIDMAT-E-KHALQ: Tahir Ahmad Sahib

May Allah the Almighty bless their appointment and enable them to serve in the best manner possible. Ameen!



Establishing the True Spirit of Jalsa

Given below are extracts from the Friday Sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) delivered on July 28, 2023 at Hadeeqatul Mahdi, Alton, UK, at the occasion of Jalsa Salana UK. In this sermon, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) imparted valuable guidance and advice to volunteers and attendees of Jalsa Salana. Readers are encouraged to watch the sermon or read the full transcript online at alislam.org.

GUIDANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Carry out duties with hard work and excellent morals

“Each and every person on duty and those in charge must carry out their duties with hard work, excellent morals, prayers while seeking the help of Allah Almighty. When this happens, then Allah the Almighty will shower His blessings. We have presented ourselves to selflessly serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), who have travelled here purely for a religious purpose.”

Uphold your passion to serve

“The passion with which you have presented yourselves to serve, you must continue to uphold this same passion for however long you are serving in your respective duties.”

Fulfil the rights of worshipping Allah

“Where you are fulfilling the rights of serving the guests, never forget this fact that we must also fulfil the rights of worshipping Allah the Almighty; we must safeguard our prayers and we must strive to make ourselves pure by deriving benefit from this atmosphere at every moment.”

“Having done true justice to your duties, you should never think that you have fulfilled your objective. Without worship, our objective cannot be achieved. Thus, those children, youth, men and women that are on duty, should also remember to fulfil this right [due to Allah the Almighty] as well.”

ADVICE FOR GUESTS

Purpose of Jalsa is to improve our spiritual, intellectual and moral condition

“The purpose for which we are attending the Jalsa is to improve our spiritual, intellectual, and moral condition and also to establish the love of Allah the Almighty and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in our hearts. If one adopts this mindset, one will not remain focused on worldly things. And when one’s focus is not on worldly things, then even if there are certain shortcomings in certain arrangements of the Jalsa, the guests will not even feel them; they will think that even if there is any shortcoming on the part of their hosts or the organizers of the Jalsa, it makes no difference to them. Their purpose is solely to improve their spiritual and intellectual condition, which can be achieved by benefitting from the proceedings and speeches of the Jalsa.”

Do not wander about during the Jalsa

“Every attendee of the Jalsa should ensure that they do not wander about during the Jalsa and instead listen to the entire proceedings of the Jalsa. Then, during the breaks between the Jalsa sessions for food, prayers and meeting with friends, that time should also be used in the most efficient manner.”

Everyone should adopt the mindset of giving preference to their brothers over themselves.



A beautiful atmosphere will be established, which will reflect a true atmosphere of believers.



Do not search for weaknesses in the organization of Jalsa

“Separate yourself entirely from worldly endeavours and strive to improve in your faith and knowledge. When this happens, it will also improve mutual love and relations. Even if there are shortcomings in the administration or the hosts, then they will not be felt. A beautiful atmosphere will be established, which will reflect a true atmosphere of believers. If we do not achieve this, then we cannot create the atmosphere that is the objective of the Jalsa. If people begin searching for weaknesses and start complaining, then in such a large-scale and temporary operation, dozens of complaints can arise, as there cannot be perfection. There may be many shortcomings that can cause restlessness.”

Appreciate the sincerity of volunteers

“The guests should remember that the people cooking the

food or making the flatbread are not professionals in these fields; rather, they are volunteers who come from different professions, and so the sincerity and passion with which they serve should always be appreciated.”

Be kind and greet each other with a smile

“To display a high standard of morals, being kind, meeting each other with a smile and making sacrifices for others is not the sole responsibility of volunteers; rather, the guests should also be especially mindful of this. Without morals, there is nothing. A peaceful atmosphere cannot be established through the good morals of the workers alone; rather, all attendees of the Jalsa must exhibit good morals. Both the ladies and the men should remain mindful of this. Previously, I referenced a Hadith that smiling is a part of faith or that smiling is a form of charity. This should always be remembered.”

Give preference to your brothers over yourselves

“Everyone should adopt the mindset of giving preference to their brothers over themselves. If every one of us adopts this mentality with the thought that the rights of others must be fulfilled in order to attain the pleasure of Allah the Almighty, then society will become one of love and affection. The expression of this love and affection will not only remain limited to the three days of Jalsa; rather, one’s entire life becomes an example of love and affection.”

Overlook each other’s faults

“If we strive to overlook each other’s faults and establish an environment of peace and compassion, then these three days will achieve the purpose for which we have gathered here.”

Cooperate with traffic control volunteers

“Difficulties arise, especially when it comes to traffic, as there is limited space for parking. Parking is made available according to the number of cars, but perhaps this year perhaps there will be more cars, so the space for parking will be limited. If some people are sent to different sites [for parking], then they should show cooperation. Generally, by the grace of Allah the Almighty, people are cooperative because this is how the members of the Jamaat have been trained. However, there are some people who are short-tempered, or who think that they will miss part of the programme of the Jalsa if they are sent to a different site because they will be delayed in getting to the Jalsa site. Such people should remain mindful of the limitations of the organisers. If they are so concerned about attending the Jalsa, then they should arrive ahead of time. Also, those on duty should try to explain things to them in a loving manner instead of arguing with them.”

GUIDELINES FOR ALL ATTENDEES

Make a habit of saying “salaam”

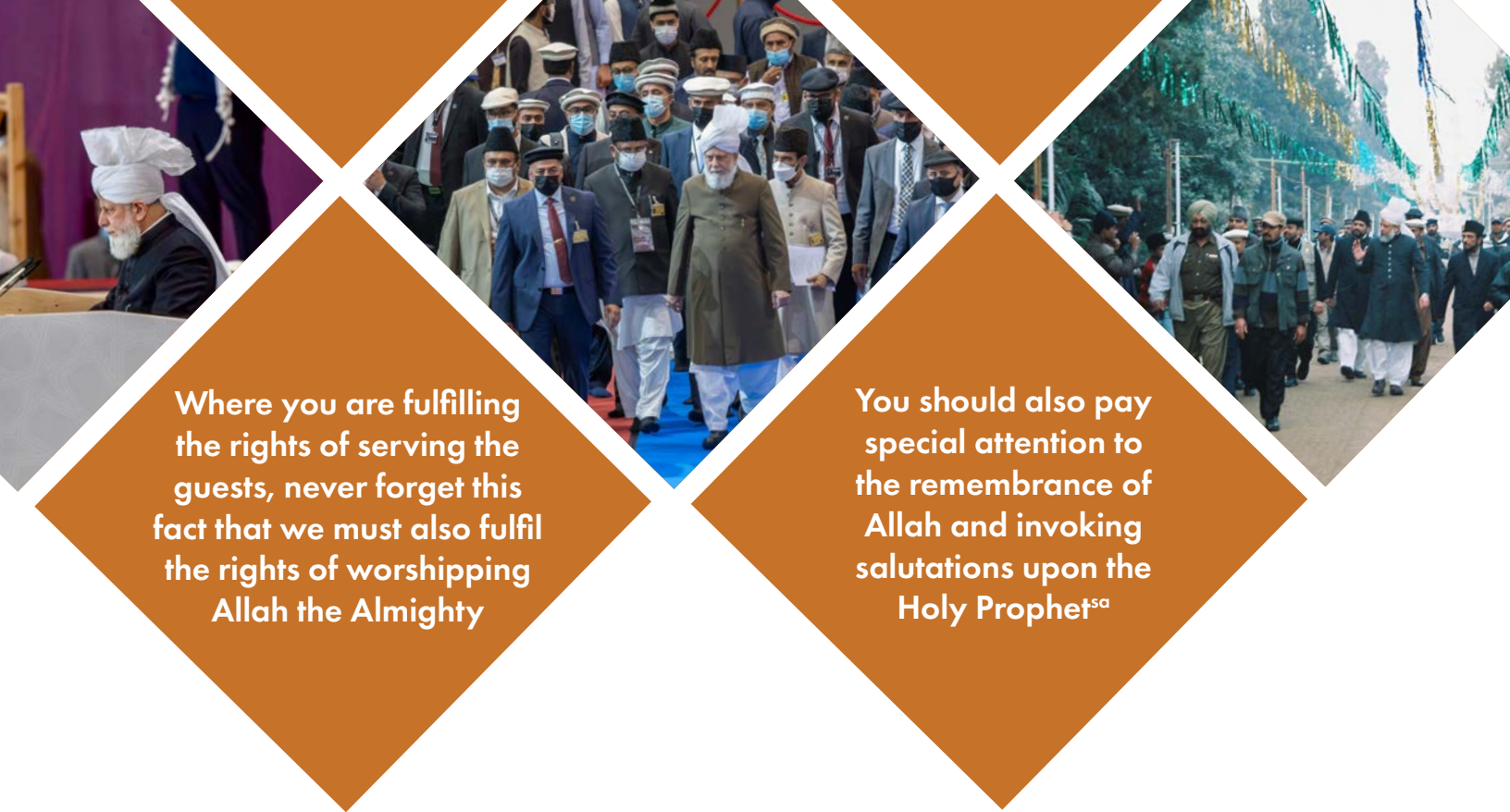
“The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) instructed to make the greeting of “salaam” common in society. Conveying “salaam” is not a mere verbal utterance; rather, when a person says “salaam” from their heart, they also actively think about conveying and spreading peace. Such people also have positive sentiments for one another and they strive and pray to remove others’ dif-

ficulties. Thus, during these days, every Ahmadi should strive to spread the message of peace, make a habit of saying “salaam” and establish mutual sentiments of positivity. People very happily meet and courteously say “salaam” to those who render them some sort of benefit, or they very happily meet those with whom they have a relationship. But true peace and security is established when people who harbour enmity towards one another remove that enmity and the prayer of peace for one another emanates from their hearts. During this Jalsa, such people should endeavour to remove their enmities and convey peace and they should generally spread peace throughout the entire atmosphere. May Allah the Almighty enable everyone to act upon this and may the environment of Jalsa be one of peace and security; may high morals and fulfilling the rights of others become a permanent aspect of our lives.”

Listen to the proceedings of the Jalsa quietly and attentively

“You should try to listen to the proceedings of the Jalsa quietly and attentively. It should not be the case that you listen to some speakers and not others. I have mentioned before as well that you should come and sit [attentively] at the Jalsa. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) has expressed great displeasure over the fact that people lis-





Where you are fulfilling the rights of serving the guests, never forget this fact that we must also fulfil the rights of worshipping Allah the Almighty

You should also pay special attention to the remembrance of Allah and invoking salutations upon the Holy Prophet^{sa}

ten to some speakers because of preferring their passionate oratory, but then they do not listen to others (*Mal'uzat*, vol. 1, pp. 398-401). The speakers prepare their speeches with great effort. All the attendees of Jalsa should participate in the entire programme of the Jalsa and strive to attain spiritual and intellectual benefits.”

Pay attention to the remembrance of Allah and invoking salutations on the Holy Prophet^{sa}

“You should also pay special attention to the remembrance of Allah and invoking salutations upon the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) [durood] during the days of Jalsa ... It should be recited with the thought that Allah the Almighty may continue elevating the status and rank of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him); that He may continue granting his message success and victory; that He may make his Divine Law lasting and grant it supremacy; that we may benefit from the prayers he made for his *ummah* [nation] and that Allah the Almighty may save this ummah from all forms of deterioration. Today, what is there that Muslims are not doing in the name of Allah the Almighty and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). They have defamed Islam. May Allah the Almighty grant them understanding and may they accept the Imam of the Age.”

Ladies should ensure that children sit quietly

“Whilst in the Jalsa marquee, the ladies especially should ensure that they instil in those children who possess some understanding that they should sit quietly during the Jalsa sessions. It is the training that is done at a young age which remains firm in the mind. Those women who sit in the children’s marquee should also try not to speak too much and instead should focus on the proceedings. Sometimes the complaint is received that the children do not make as much noise whereas the women use them as an excuse to converse more amongst themselves. Due attention should be given to this.”

Remain aware of your surroundings

“As it pertains to security, every attendee, both on the men’s and ladies’ sides should remain aware of their surroundings. This is an important method of security.”

(*Al Hakam*, August 25, 2023, pp. 14 – 16)

Jalsa Salana Canada and Our Responsibilities

Lal Khan Malik, Amir Jama'at Canada

By the grace of Allah, the 46th Jalsa Salana Canada will be held July 5–7, 2024, at Hadiqa Ahmad in Bradford, Ontario, *Insha'Allah*. All Canadian Ahmadi—men, women and children—are eagerly anticipating this Jalsa.

Under the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!), the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada is organizing the Jalsa Salana at our own property, Hadiqa Ahmad, Bradford. By the grace of Allah the Almighty, the organizers have made every possible effort to fulfill all needs and ensure the convenience of guests. However, it is possible that not all the facilities that were available at the International Centre, Mississauga, are available at the property in Bradford. *Insha'Allah*, we will continue to make every possible effort to improve all arrangements, nevertheless, we should be prepared to endure everything for the sake of Allah the Almighty's pleasure.

By the grace of Allah, the system of Jalsa Salana established by the Promised Messiah^{as} in 1891 has spread across the globe. It has been established in Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, and the Americas. There is no part of the world in which the Jalsa Salana is not being held. As a result of the sheer grace, mercy and unlimited bounties of Allah, the objectives for which the Promised Messiah^{as} established this system are being fulfilled in a most magnificent manner. *Al-hamdu lillah!*

Members of the Jama'at wait an entire year and look forward to attending the Jalsa. They participate with full zeal and enthusiasm, and try to gain maximum benefits from Jalsa so that they can be recipients of the blessed prayers of Promised Messiah^{as} which he rendered for those who attend the Jalsa. I would like to draw the attention of Jama'at members towards the responsibilities, which fall upon them in regards to the Jalsa Salana.

The Objectives of Jalsa Salana

Members of the Jama'at should not forget the first and foremost purpose of attending and participating in the Jalsa Salana. The Promised Messiah^{as} established the institution of Jalsa Salana for the following reason: "This gathering will be devoted to the exposition of such truths and spiritual insight as are necessary for the promotion of faith and certainty and spiritual understanding." (*The Heavenly Decree* [2006], p. 74)

He further said: "The primary purpose of this Convention is to enable every sincere individual to personally experience religious benefits; that they may enhance their knowledge and, through the grace and ability bestowed upon them by Allah the Exalted, their understanding of Allah may progress." (*Majmu'ah Ishtiharat* [2019], p. 360)

As such, members of the Jama'at should remember these objectives of Jalsa, and try their utmost to absorb the blessings and mercy of Allah in these days. The speeches that are delivered by the speakers at Jalsa are a crucial means of acquiring its blessings. To listen attentively and act upon their presented teachings is the responsibility of every Ahmadi man, woman and child.

Official Representative

This year, Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) has graciously appointed Maulana Nasir Ahmad Shams Sahib, Wakilut Tabshir, as the official representative of Markaz.

Theme & Speeches of Jalsa Salana

The central theme of Jalsa Salana Canada 2024 is the revelation of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), "All goodness lies in the Qur'an." Scholars of the Jama'at will be speaking on an array of important topics, including:

- Qur'an's Blueprint for a Fulfilling Life
- "What is the pleasure of life if He is not found?"
- The Leader of World Peace: The Holy Prophet Muhammadsa
- The Impact of the Holy Qur'an in our Daily Lives
- Expectations of the Promised Messiah^{as} from his Jama'at
- The Khalifa is Appointed by God
- The Universal Quest for a Saviour: Exploring Messianic Expectations in World Religions
- Exploring Gender Identity through an Islamic Lens
- Navigating Life as an Ahmadi Muslim in Canada
- The Power of Prayer in our Age
- Ahmadiyyat's Services to the Cause of the Muslim Ummah
- Attaining Excellence: Identity of Ahmadi Muslims

Members are also requested to listen to all of the speeches attentively and sincerely, and act upon the true teachings of Islam Ahmadiyyat that will be imparted in them.

Bring About a Pious Change

The Promised Messiah^{as} has said, “And to the best of our ability we shall endeavour to supplicate at the threshold of the Most Merciful that He may draw them towards Him, may accept them and may bring about a pious change in them.” (*The Heavenly Decree* [2006], p. 74).

To undergo this pious change and transformation of our inner condition, we need to make special arrangements to offer Salat regularly during the days of Jalsa Salana, and to keep reciting invoking blessings on the Holy Prophet^{sa}, as well as other prayers, to enhance our level of righteousness and create this positive transformation within ourselves.

We should carefully examine the guidelines given by the Khulafa-e-Ahmadiyyat at the occasion of Jalsa, and particularly those given by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa}. Try to act upon and implement these guidelines as best as possible. The Promised Messiah^{as} has said, “Do not consider this convention to be like ordinary human assemblies.” (*Majmu’ah Isbtiharat* [2019], vol. 1, p. 361,)

The Jalsa is thus an excellent opportunity to undergo a pious and righteous change. As such, it does not behove an Ahmadi to waste time or engage in ordinary, worldly conversations instead of listening to the programs and speeches of Jalsa. I hope that we will all attend the Jalsa Salana in large numbers while keeping in mind these objectives of Jalsa and reap its full benefits, *Insha’Allah!*

Important Guidelines for Jalsa Salana

We also have the instructions of Huzoor-e-Anwar^{aa} before us regarding steps to be taken for security, “Always keep close watch of your surroundings, to your right, left and on your friends and those whom you know. This will itself be an effective means of security for the Jama’at.” Members of the Jama’at should especially keep this in mind.

Similarly, bring your Jama’at ID cards along with you and cooperate fully with the volunteers, even if you have to endure some difficulty. All these arrangements are made for your own safety and security, and can only be effective with your cooperation.

Likewise, give your full cooperation to the volunteers of all departments. It is a great distinction of the Ahmadiyya Jama’at that even if a child is on duty, everyone cooperates with him/her. This is the beauty of our system and also the secret to our success.

Sometimes, it is natural that in such large-scale arrangements, there may be certain shortcomings, weaknesses and mistakes. If this is the case, do not get angry or argue with the volunteers of Jalsa.

This is not only the Jalsa of volunteers and workers, rather it is the Jalsa of every member of the Jama’at. It is our collective responsibility to make the Jalsa a success. If you *can* fix a shortcoming in an appropriate manner, then you should do so; otherwise, draw the attention of the relevant volunteers in an appropriate and respectful manner.

If you have a good suggestion for the future, then please send it to me after the Jalsa.

We also have a large number of non-Ahmadi guests at the Jalsa and they should take back a good impression of us in every respect—be it of our morals, our dress, our character, our attendance at Jalsa, our manner of walking, or our manner of sitting. In all aspects, we must demonstrate dignity and respect.

Women should fully observe *pardah*, keeping in view the Islamic teachings and sayings of the Khulafa.

During the days of Jalsa Salana, offer Salat in congregation at the Jalsa Gah, Baitul Islam Mosque and local Salat centres.

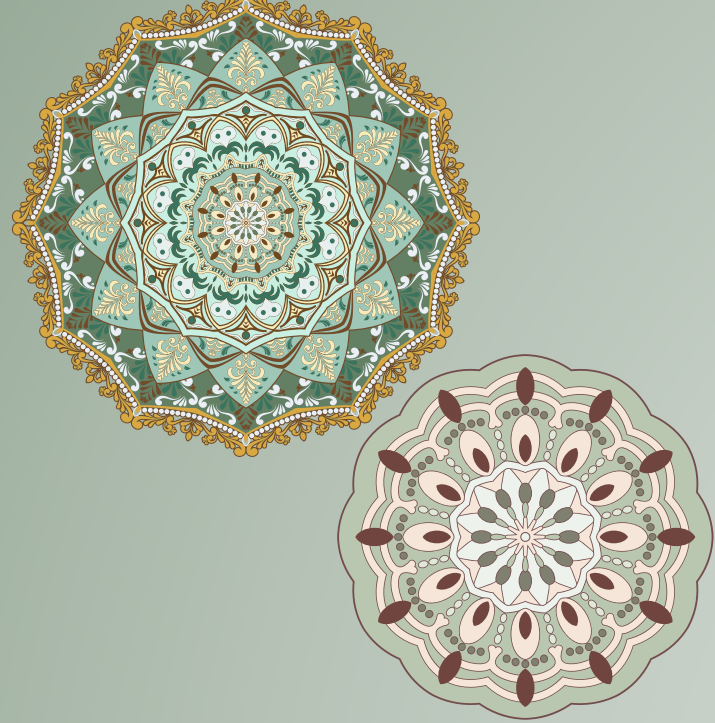
General Responsibilities

During the days of Jalsa Salana, the number of visitors coming to Peace Village to offer Salat and to attend other programs increases significantly. As such, the following are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- Do not create any difficulties for the surrounding residents.
- Obey the traffic laws. Park only in designated areas and do not become a source of difficulty for anyone. Pedestrians should also obey traffic signals and not impede the traffic.
- Take extra care when it comes to cleanliness. If you see any garbage on the way, make sure to dispose of it.

May Allah enable all of us to fulfill our responsibilities in the best possible manner and render such services as are acceptable to Allah!

May our every action be for the sake of Allah and for the pleasure of His Khalifa! And may Jama’at Ahmadiyya Canada become a distinct Jama’at, which becomes a delight of eyes for the Khalifa of the time! Ameen!



THE GREAT MUGHAL EMPEROR **Aurangzeb**

Dr. Shahab Ahmad, Edmonton



PRINCE AURANGZEB

This portrait of Aurangzeb dates back to when he was a prince, most likely during one of his terms as viceroy of the Deccan, circa 1653–55.

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Abul Muzaffar Mohyuddin Aurangzeb, commonly known as Aurangzeb, was the seventh child of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal. Born in Dohad, Gujarat, on October 24, 1618 C.E., he ruled India from 1658 until his death in 1707. The birth order of Shah Jahan's sons is as follows: (1) Dara Shikoh, (2) Shuja, (3) Aurangzeb, and (4) Murad.

Aurangzeb had a thorough knowledge of the Holy Qur'an and was proficient in Arabic, Persian, and Hindi. He led a simple life, disliked flattery, and, unlike other kings, did not take money from the public treasury. His income came from the books he wrote and his tailoring.

He had four wives: Dilras Bano, Rahmatun-Nisa, Aurangabadi, and Udaipuri, a Hindu lady.

Aurangzeb was known for his calm temperament and immense courage. At the age of 15, he faced an out-of-control elephant alone; at 87, he fought bravely as a soldier in the army surrounding Baganghera.

POWER STRUGGLE

Shah Jahan wanted Dara Shikoh to succeed him as king, but Aurangzeb's extraordinary abilities posed a significant obstacle. To eliminate this obstacle, Shah Jahan frequently sent Aurangzeb on dangerous missions, hoping he would be killed. Contrary to Shah Jahan's wishes, Aurangzeb survived these missions, and his abilities only increased.

Shah Jahan fell ill in Delhi on September 6, 1657, and was moved to Agra on October 26. Dara Shikoh began to rule in his father's name, making many unjust decisions with Shah Jahan's blind support. This created suspicion among Dara's brothers.

Shah Jahan wrote to Murad, promising him the throne if he killed Aurangzeb. Although Shah Jahan failed in this attempt, the letter reveals his enmity towards Aurangzeb.

Observing Dara Shikoh's high-handedness, Shuja, Aurangzeb, and Murad united against him and Shah Jahan. After a great struggle, Aurangzeb entered Agra Fort, where Shah Jahan was living. Shah Jahan was not moved elsewhere.

Led by wrong advisers, Murad rebelled against Aurangzeb. After defeating Murad, Aurangzeb imprisoned him in Gwalior Fort. Three years later, on December 4, 1661, two servants killed Murad.

On June 5, Dara Shikoh moved from Agra to Delhi and resumed fighting against Aurangzeb. Ultimately, Aurangzeb was victorious, and Dara was imprisoned. Aurangzeb consulted his advisers about Dara's fate. Danishmand Khan recommended sparing him, but Shaista Khan, Bahadur Khan, and Raushan Ara (their sister) recommended the death penalty for the kingdom's stability. Muslim divines supported the latter recommendation, which was accepted.

Had the war between Dara and Aurangzeb continued, it would have led to significant loss of life. The death penalty for Dara, taking only one life, was deemed justified for the kingdom's peace and stability.

During this period, Shuja organized an army against Aurangzeb to claim the throne. Ultimately, in January 1659, he was defeated and sought asylum in Burma. There, he joined rebels against the king who gave him asylum. The king executed his family, and Shuja fled to the jungle, where he was killed by the Maghs.

AURANGZEB AS A KING

After these successes, Aurangzeb became the king of India, ruling the country for 50 years (1658–1707).

The true worth of a person is revealed when they are in power. Therefore, it is important to examine how he ruled as a king.

“Aurangzeb built the Bal Sundri Temple in Kashipur. He not only financed the temple's construction but also sent Muslim masons for the work, which is why Mughal architecture is evi-

dent in the temple. His support for temple construction and financing non-Muslim institutions is a significant accomplishment. It is baseless to say that Muslim kings were anti-Hindu.” (*Daily Utam Hindu Jullundhar* as quoted in *Weekly Badr*, Qadian, August 8, 1996, p. 11)

During Aurangzeb's reign, two temples were constructed in Weshalpre, Bengal, in 1681, and a third one in 1690. He donated land for a temple in Gaya, Bihar.



EMPEROR AURANGZEB CARRIED ON A PALANQUIN

The emperor Aurangzeb and his royal hunting party are shown here in one of the final grand imperial images of the Mughal era.

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In 1659, he stopped inscribing the *kalima* [Islamic creed] on Indian coins because both Hindus and Muslims used the coins, and they should be non-denominational.

He was very interested in learning Indian languages. For this purpose, he asked scholars to compile a dictionary so that a person who knows Persian could easily learn Hindi. Under his patronage, scholars compiled a book discussing Hindi and Sanskrit poetry. A manuscript of this book is available in Khuda Baksh Library, Patna, Bihar.

Instead of building large mosques, he renovated old mosques in need of repair.

JUSTICE

The following incident illustrates his standard of justice.

A state functionary

submitted an application to Emperor Aurangzeb suggesting that two of his assistants, who were fire-worshipping Parsis [Zoroastrians], be dismissed because they were disbelievers, quoting the Qur'an: 'O ye who believe! Take not My enemy and your enemy for friends, offering them love.' (60:2)

The Emperor noted on the file: "No fire-worshipper or Hindu can be deprived of his state position because he is an unbeliever.

You have quoted only half of the verse. The full verse is: ‘O ye who believe! Take not My enemy and your enemy for friends, offering them love, while they disbelieve in the truth which has come to you and drive out the Messenger and yourselves from your homes merely because you believe in Allah, your Lord.’ (60:2) Thus, a Muslim is enjoined not to take as friend only those unbelievers who transgressed against the Muslims and expelled the Prophet and the Community from Makkah. In fact, if you had read on, quite contrary to what you infer, Allah explicitly commands the Muslims in the same chapter: ‘Allah forbids you not, respecting those who have not fought against you on account of your religion, and who have not driven you from homes, that you may be kind to them; and act equitably towards them: surely Allah loves those who are equitable.’ (60:9) Your request is forthwith rejected.

(*Al-Nabl*, Fall 1997, pp. 91 – 92)

Another example of his justice is demonstrated in the incident regarding the rebels’ attack on Sitara Fort. Thirteen rebels attacked the fort and were subsequently arrested. Some were Hindus, and others were Muslims. Emperor Aurangzeb asked the court Qazi [judge], Akram, about their punishment. The Qazi replied that the Hindu rebels should be forced to accept Islam, and the Muslim rebels should be imprisoned for three years. Aurangzeb rejected this recommendation and asked other Qazis and Muftis for their punishment according to Islamic Sharia. The second group of Qazis recommended the death penalty for all rebels, regardless of their religion. Aurangzeb accepted this recommendation. While punishing criminals, he never differentiated between them based on their religion.

AURANGZEB AND GURU TEGH BAHADUR

The first mention of the execution of Guru Tegh Bahadur, a Sikh Guru, is found in *History of the Sikhs* by an English officer, Matcliff, in which he wrote that Aurangzeb executed the Guru. However, it is worthy of note that earlier history books did not mention such an incident.

Bhai Muni Singh’s book, *Bhagat Ratnawali*, published in 1892, mentions that a Sikh, with the Guru’s permission, cut his head. Joseph Cunningham (1812–1851) writes that to show his miracle to Aurangzeb, he told him that he had wrapped a mantra around his neck so no sword could harm him. He then signaled one of his disciples to strike his neck with a sword, and the Guru’s neck was severed. This incident is narrated by the Guru’s close associates. In the second edition of this book, this incident was eliminated because Matcliff’s book was published during this period.

Panth Prakash, a book written by Giani Singh, was first published in 1879 and a second time in 1883. Neither edition mentions that the Guru was executed on Aurangzeb’s orders for refusing to accept Islam.

There is no doubt that Aurangzeb became cautious because of Guru Gobind Singh’s ill plans, but there is no evidence that he

ordered the execution of the Guru’s two sons. Guru Gobind Singh was killed by a Pathan because the Guru had killed his two sons. Aurangzeb was willing and trying to control the situation, but it did not materialize due to his death in 1707.

There is a misunderstanding that Aurangzeb forced non-Muslims to accept Islam. Here is a historical incident that reveals Aurangzeb’s high standard of thinking. As a result of disobedience, Shah Jahan imprisoned Indraman, King of Bandhera. During his tenure as governor, Aurangzeb recommended Indraman’s release. Shah Jahan replied that Indraman could only be released if he accepted Islam. Aurangzeb strongly opposed this condition, writing that such an action reflects narrow-mindedness. A manuscript of this letter is still available in Khuda Bakhsh Library, Patna.

WILL OF AURANGZEB

Aurangzeb was a very hard-working king. He never used eye-glasses. Even at the age of 90, his senses were perfect. His memory was extraordinary; he never forgot a person he met, even if only once. In the very last days of his life, he was a bit hard of hearing and started limping due to the wrong treatment of a wounded knee.

The will he wrote before his death also shows that he valued simplicity and economy. He did not want a large amount of money spent on his funeral.

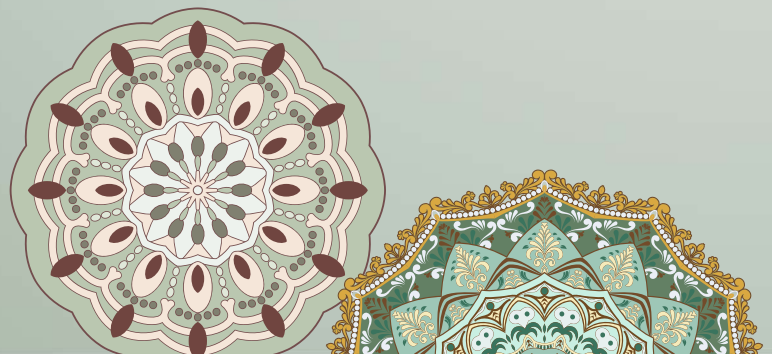
Humble by nature, he always lived like a Sufi (mystic). For these reasons, he is also called ‘Alamgir Zinda Peer,’ or ‘Alamgir, the living saint.’

AURANGZEB THE REFORMER

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) stated:

“The importance of the Mujaddids [reformers] who appeared in India lies in the fact that they appeared in the country where the Promised Messiah was destined to appear. Thus, they served as forerunners of the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace and blessings be upon him) ... Every person who works to revive the Faith through divine revelation is a spiritual Mujaddid. Every person who performs any act for the revival of Islam and the Muslims is a Mujaddid [reformer], even if he is not a spiritual Mujaddid. For instance, as I have mentioned several times, the Promised Messiah (peace and blessings be upon him) once said that Aurangzeb was also a Mujaddid, even though Aurangzeb himself did not claim to receive divine revelations.”

(*Tafsir-e-Kabir* [1986], vol. 7, p. 199)





EQUESTRIAN PORTRAIT OF AURANGZEB

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ADVANCE TO THE BELOVED WITH ALL YOUR HEART

English translation of selected Farsi couplets of the
Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

اگر خواهی که یابی در دو عالم جاه و دولت را
خدا را باش و از دل پیشه خود گیر طاعت را

Should you desire honour and wealth in both worlds,
Then give yourself to God and obey Him with all
your heart.

غلام درگهش باش و بعالم بادشاهی کن
نباشد بیم از غیرے پرستاران حضرت را

Become His slave and rule the world!
For, those who worship God fear no one else.

تو از دل سوئے یار خود بیا تا نیز یار آید
مجت مے کشد با جذب روحانی محبت را

Advance to the Beloved with all your heart, and He
will advance to you;
Such is the magnetism of spirituality that one love
draws another.

خدا در نصرت آئین بود کو ناصر دین است
همین افتاد آئین از ازل درگاه عزت را

God helps those who help His faith;
Such has been the way of His magnificent court since
eternity.

هر آن کو یابد از درگاه از خدمت همی یابد
که غفلت را سزائے هست و اجرے هست خدمت را

Whoever gains something from His threshold does so
through serving Him;
He who is heedless is punished, and he who serves is
rewarded.

من اندر کار خود حیرانم و رازش نئے دانم
که من بے خدمتے دیدم چنین نعماء و حشمت را

In my case, however, I am totally wonder struck,
For I have been granted favour and honour without
any service on my part.

(Barabn-e-Ahmadiyya: Part V [English, 2018], pp. 99–100)

The Promised Messiah
(peace and blessings be
upon him) once said that
Aurangzeb was also a
Mujaddid, even though
Aurangzeb himself did
not claim to receive divine
revelations.

— Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau'ud^{ra}

FROM COAST TO COAST

Reports from Jama'ats Across Canada

March 2024

Ramadan Celebration Event in Innisfil *Hassaan Shabid, Secretary Isba'at, Innisfil Jama'at*

By the grace of Allah, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Innisfil had the opportunity to hold its 2nd Annual Ramadan Celebration Event at Innisfil Town Hall on March 6, 2024.

The event was attended by approximately 130 people, including the Mayor of Innisfil, Lynn Dollin; Member of Parliament for Barrie-Innisfil, John Brassard; Deputy Mayor of Innisfil, Kenneth Fowler; several Town Councillors and members of the South Simcoe Police.

Dozens of members of the local Innisfil community also attended to learn about Ramadan and fasting.

Leaders from both the Christian and Hindu communities attended and spoke about the concept of fasting in their respective traditions.

Respected Sohail Mubarak Sharma Sahib, Na'ib Amir Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, delivered the keynote address on the topic of "Islam and Compassion," relating to Ramadan.

The event was featured on the news, with a live TV interview with CTV News Barrie and several local news media published articles about the event.

The event was very well-received by the community members. Several *tabligh* contacts attended the event and by the grace of

Allah, one member did *bai'at* a few days following the event. A book stall was set up with literature of the Jama'at and many community members were interested in learning more about Islam and the Jama'at. The event concluded with dinner and refreshments.



A view of the Ramadan event in Innisfil, Ontario

Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day Celebrated by Bradford East Jama'at

Mobiuddin Chughtai, General Secretary, Brampton East Jama'at

With the blessings of Allah Almighty, Bradford East Jama'at organized Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day on March 22, 2024.

Arrangements were made for Lajna and Nasirat to listen to the event at Baitul Khabeer Mosque, Bradford, while arrangements for Khuddam, Ansar, and Atfal were made at the Bradford Community Center.

A delicious Iftar dinner was served to attendees before the program began, followed by the Maghrib prayer.

The formal program began with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Kashif Ahmad Awan Sahib who recited verses 1 to 5 of Surah Al-Jumu'ah and presented their English translation. This was followed by their Urdu translation by Aamer Rahim Sahib.

A poem of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was recited by Abdul Nasir Sahib followed by the English translation by Mohib Tahir Sahib.

Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day Celebrated by Barrie South Jama'at

Touseef Ahmad Rehan, Secretary Isha'at, Bradford East Jama'at



Jalsa Promised Messiah^{as} Day in Barrie, Ontario

The Barrie South Jama'at held a Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day on March 23, 2024, at Maryam Mosque, Barrie, Ontario. The Jalsa was presided over by Maulana Abdul Rashid Anwar Sahib, Missionary-in-Charge Canada.

The Jalsa commenced with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an along with its English and Urdu translations, followed by an Urdu poem and its English translation.

The first presentation was delivered by Bilal Ahmad Bhatti Sahib, Missionary Barrie Jama'at, on "The Promised Messiah's^{as} Love for the Holy Qur'an," in which he highlighted various quotes from the Promised Messiah's^{as} poetry, writings, and incidents from his life.

The second speech, presented by Waseem Ahmad Tahir Choudhry Sahib, Sadr Barrie South Jama'at, focused on "The Great and Grand Testimonies of Acceptance of the Prayers of the Promised Messiah^{as}". Through captivating narratives drawn from the illustrious life of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), he enraptured the audience.

The concluding address by Missionary-in-Charge Sahib emphasized "Why We Accept the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) as a Prophet," focusing on our youth and providing various examples from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith. The Jalsa concluded with a silent prayer and was attended by over 295 members in person. *Al-Hamdu lillah!*



Jalsa Promised Messiah^{as} Day in Bradford, Ontario

The keynote speech at the event was delivered by Respected Qasim Ghuman Sahib, Missionary Bradford East Jama'at. His speech was on the topic "The Promised Messiah's^{as} love for the Holy Qur'an."

The event concluded with silent prayers followed by Isha and Taravah prayers.

A total of 42 Ansar, 41 Khuddam, 28 Atfal, 95 Lajna/Nasirat and 22 children attended the event in person. The event was also live-streamed on YouTube and had approximately 60 views.

Prayers are requested that such events have a long-lasting spiritual effect on members of the Jama'at.



Jalsa Promised Messiah^{as} Day in Barrie, Ontario

Brampton West Jama'at Celebrates Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day

Fakhar Chughtai, Secretary Isha'at, Brampton West Jama'at



Jalsa Promised Messiah^{as} Day in Mubarak Mosque, Brampton

Brampton West Jama'at held Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day on March 23, 2024, at the Mubarak Mosque in Brampton. Respected Farhan Khokhar Sahib, Na'ib Amir Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, presided over the event.

The program commenced with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an, followed by its Urdu and English translations. A poem from *Durr-e-Sameen*, written by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was also recited, along with its English translation.

In his opening remarks, respected Abdul Jabbar Zafar Sahib, Local Amir Brampton West Jama'at, provided a concise introduction to the Jalsa, underscoring its significance and purpose. Next, Umair Khan Sahib and Ali Raza Sahib, Missionaries Brampton West Jama'at, gave a compelling presentation on the revelation "I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth." They eloquently highlighted the historical journey of the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat, tracing its dissemination from its humble beginnings to its widespread reach today. Both Missionaries also elucidated the importance of *tabligh* and encouraged members of the Jama'at to actively participate in *tabligh* activities.

A group of Atfal then presented an Arabic Qaseeda (ode) in praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

The program culminated with the keynote speech by Na'ib Amir Sahib, in which he also focused on the importance of *tabligh* and our responsibilities in this regard.

There was a question and answer session at the end which was very well-received by members.

Approximately 825 members attended the event, contributing to its success and spiritual ambiance. The event concluded with silent prayer, followed by Maghrib prayer and *iftar*.

Brampton East Jama'at Holds Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day

Mobiuddin Chughtai, General Secretary Brampton East Jama'at

Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day was held on March 24, 2024, at the Mubarak Mosque, Brampton, for the members of Brampton East Jama'at.

Jalsa preparation started three weeks before the program by writing a letter to Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) for prayers. It was the focus to inform members about the blessing of attending Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day along with family members. A flyer with the details of the Jalsa was prepared and shared with members of the Jama'at.

On the day of Jalsa, the food preparation team started their work early in the morning at Baitul Hamd Mosque in Mississauga. The setup team arrived at Masjid Mubarak, Brampton two hours before the start of the program. The arrangements of an overflow of members were made in the gym of Mubarak Mosque. Two TV displays were set up for men and women separately. Respected Farukh Mansoor Sahib, Secretary Sami wa Basari, Brampton East Jama'at, displayed the content of the program and some shots of the audience on the screens. Respected Iftikhar Ahmad Sahib served as a photographer to take pictures of the Jalsa Proceedings.

The program started at 6:00 PM with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an from the Surah Al-Jumu'ah, chapter 62, verses 1-5, by Imran Muhammad Sahib (Brampton Centre) followed by the English and the Urdu translations presented by Safeer Mirza Sahib (Springdale West) and Toseef Ahmad Sahib (McVean) respectively. After the recitation, a poem from the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was recited by Waqar Hashmi Sahib (Castlemore) followed by the English translation by Lubeeb Warriach Sahib (Clarkway).

The next item of the agenda was a presentation on prophecies about the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) which was beautifully delivered by respected Taha Ahmed Sahib (Castlemore). The next speech, on the exemplary life of



Jalsa Promised Messiah^{as} Day in Mubarak Mosque, Brampton



Jalsa Promised Messiah^{as} Day in Mubarak Mosque, Brampton

the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), was delivered by respected Asif Ahmed Arif Sahib, Missionary Brampton East Jama'at, who elaborated on the Promised Messiah's^{as} passion for *tabligh*. After this speech, an MTA International video documentary on the life of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was shown to attendees.

The keynote speech of this Jalsa was delivered by Asfand Suleman Ahmed Sahib, Missionary Brampton East, on the topic of the need for an Imam considering the current world situation. Towards the end, announcements were made by Mohiuddin Chughtai, General Secretary Brampton East Jama'at, and the event concluded with silent prayers led by Missionary Asfand Suleman Sahib. After the Maghrib prayer, members were served an *iftar* dinner consisting of *aloo gosht* (meat and potatoes stew), rice, and *zarda* (sweet rice) packed in boxes. Arrangements were also made to eat dinner in the gym area for men and ladies.

By the grace of Allah the Almighty, the Jalsa was attended by over 700 members in person and 110 members online. Thus, a total of 810 members from Brampton East Jama'at partook in the blessed Jalsa.

All volunteers worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Readers are requested to remember all volunteers in their prayers especially Secretary Tarbiyat, Secretary Ziyafat, Secretary Sami wa Basari, General Secretary, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Majlis Ansarullah, Lajna Imaillah and Missionaries for their assistance and guidance on every step of the Jalsa organization.

“Experience Breaking Fast with Muslims”

Event in Regina

Nauman Ahmad, Secretary Umur-e-Kharijiyya, Regina Jama'at

An event titled “Experience breaking fast with Muslims” was held on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the Mahmood Mosque in Regina. A total of 73 non-Ahmadi guests attended the event. Lajna Ima'illah Regina actively participated in this outreach event and organized a separate *tabligh* program as well. After a recitation from the Holy Qur'an, an introduction to



"Break Fast with Muslims" event in Mahmood Mosque, Regina

Islam Ahmadiyyat was given to guests. Afterwards, a presentation on Ramadan was given. Next, dignitaries including Honourable Christene Tell (Minister of Environment), MLA Nicole Sarauer (NDP), Councillor Andrew Stevens (from City of Regina), and Councillor Shanon Zachidniak (from the City of Regina) were invited to say a few words.

Following the remarks from dignitaries, a question and answer session was held which guests found very enlightening.

In the men's congregation 53 guests and 60 Jama'at members were in attendance whereas in the Lajna congregation 20 guests and 40 Jama'at members attended.

The attendees also included Saskatchewan Party Standing Candidate, Rahul Singh, NDP Party Standing Candidate Jacqueline Roy, who are both from the Mahmood Mosque area. Members from the Church of Jesus Crist of Latter-Day Saints, Lakeview United Lutheran Partnership, Living Hope Alliance Church, Holy Child Parish, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina, First Presbyterian Church, the president and members of the local Sikh community and Sri Lankan community, members from Beth Jacob Synagogue, members from Regina Public Library and members from Regina Immigrant Women Center also attended.

Al-Hamdu lillah, we had a one-to-one conversation with all guests; some discussions were an hour long. They all visited the book stall, some ordered and took books, and over 80 brochures were taken. All attendees were sent ‘thank you’ emails with an option to provide feedback about the event anonymously using Google Forms. A few comments from the guests are as follows: “We, Lucille and Orest, had a great experience which caused us to have an hour-long conversation about it all after we got home. We were very impressed with how it was organized, in-

itations and welcome at the door, the meal was exceptional. I appreciated the overall information and the clear explanations to the questions.” (Lucille Nawrocki)

“It was a wonderful event all around! I appreciated the interfaith dialogue approach and the opportunity to break the fast with the community afterwards. Thanks for being such wonderful members of the community!” (Anonymous)

“Thank you so much for the wonderful experience, the explanation of Ahmadiyya Muslims’ interpretations, and the delicious food. I can’t wait to attend any future events!” (Anonymous)

Majlis Ansarullah Muqami Host *Iftar* with York Region Police

Ahmed Aziz, Nazim Umumi, Muqami (Peace Village)

The York Regional Police (YRP) and Majlis Ansarullah Muqami (Peace Village), in collaboration with various community partners, organized an *iftar* dinner at the York Regional Police Headquarters on March 27, 2024, to commemorate the holy month of Ramadan. The event aimed to foster interfaith dialogue, promote understanding, and celebrate diversity within the community.

The *iftar* witnessed an impressive turnout, with over 250 individuals in attendance, including faith leaders, community members, and representatives from sects in Islam. The diverse gathering reflected the inclusive nature of the event, emphasizing the importance of unity and solidarity.

The program featured a variety of engaging activities and speeches, contributing to the overall success of the event. Notably, different imams delivered speeches, offering spiritual insights and reflections on the significance of Ramadan and the importance of community cohesion.

Maulana Imtiaz Ahmed Sra Sahib, Missionary Peace Village, had the privilege of representing both the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at and serving as a YRP Chaplain at the event. As a representative of these esteemed organizations, Maulana Imtiaz Ahmed Sra Sahib had the opportunity to speak on behalf of



A view of the Iftar at YRP Headquarters

the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at and share our message of peace, tolerance, and compassion. Additionally, in his role as a YRP Chaplain, he emphasized the importance of building bridges between law enforcement agencies and diverse communities, promoting mutual respect and understanding.

Murabbi Sahib was heavily involved in preparing the formal program and its execution. York Regional Police Chief had appreciated and recognized our efforts. The event was attended by more than 30 members of the Jama’at and Amila members of Majlis Ansarullah Muqami.

The *iftar* dinner provided a platform for meaningful interfaith dialogue, fostering open discussions and exchanges of ideas among individuals from different religious backgrounds. It offered an invaluable opportunity to learn from one another, celebrate shared values, and promote harmony within the community.

Activities of Toronto West Jama’at During the Month of Ramadan

Fabeem Khan, Secretary Tarbiyat, Toronto West Jama’at

By the grace of Allah, we were blessed to see another holy month of Ramadan in our lives, and, like other Jama’ats, Toronto West Jama’at was able to fulfill the obligations of this month. Toronto West Jama’at consists of 8 *halqas*: (1) Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace, (2) Emery Village, (3) Rexdale North, (4) Rexdale South, (5) Weston Islington, (6) Weston North East, (7) Weston North West, and (8) Weston South.

There are 7 Salat Centers in this Jama’at, each *halqa* has its separate center except Rexdale North and South which share a center. By the grace of Allah, all *halqas* were able to hold the following programs:

Tarawih and Darsul-Qur’an

Tarawih prayer was offered in every center. Similarly, Darsul-Qur’an was arranged in every center 45 minutes before Maghrib prayer. Rexdale North and South arranged Darsul-Quran 30 minutes before Isha prayer. The following Mis-



Organizers and attendees of the Iftar at YRP Headquarters



Ameen Ceremony at Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace, Toronto

sionaries delivered Darsul-Qur'an:

- Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace: Mubashar Ahmad Badar Sahib
- Emery Village: Usman Shahid Sahib
- Rexdale North & South: Chaudhry Mansoor Azeem Sahib
- Weston Islington: Shahrukh Rizwan Abid Sahib and Aatir Khan Sahib
- Weston North East: Sohail Ahmad Saqib Sahib
- Weston North West: Muslehuddin Shanboor Sahib
- Weston South: Tahir Mahmood Sahib

Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day

Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day was held in each *halqa* separately. All *halqas* held their Jalsa on March 23, while Weston South Jama'at's Jalsa was held on March 30. The main speakers of the Jalsas were as follows:

- Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace: Mubashar Ahmad Badar Sahib
- Emery Village: Usman Shahid Sahib
- Rexdale North & South: Chaudhry Mansoor Azeem Sahib
- Weston Islington: Muhammad Musa Sahib
- Weston North East: Sohail Ahmad Saqib Sahib
- Weston North West: Muslehuddin Shanboor Sahib
- Weston South: Mubashar Ahmad Badar Sahib

Ameen Ceremony

One of the main programs in the month of Ramadan is the Ameen Ceremony. Toronto West Jama'at held this program on April 7, 2024. Respected Muslehuddin Shanboor Sahib, National Secretary Ta'limul Quran and Waqf-e-Arzi accepted our request to preside the session. The following 14 children completed the Holy Qur'an for the first time and were awarded certificates: Tooba Hashir (Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace), La-beena Sajjad (Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace), Zaroon Khan (Weston North West), Zarnab Khan (Weston North West), Jazib Ahmad (Weston North West), Khaqan Asif (Weston South), Parsa Najia (Weston North East), Syeda Kaainat Bukhari (Weston North East), Syed Aman Hussain (Weston North East), Arham Malik (Weston North East), Samar Ahmad (Weston North East), Eshan Razzaq (Rexdale North), Adil Arhaan Asim (Rexdale North), Alina Amir (Rexdale North).

Salatul Khusoof (prayer during a solar eclipse)

On Monday, April 8, a solar eclipse occurred in some parts of North America. This eclipse also passed over the city of Toronto. Salatul Khusoof was offered on this occasion fulfilling the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Respected Muslehuddin Shanboor Sahib led this special prayer in multipurpose hall of Ahmadiyya Abode of Peace, right after Zuhr prayer. Before prayer he briefly explained the way this prayers is offered and after the prayer he delivered the sermon in the light of the sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and a passage from Noorul Haq, an Arabic book written by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

Eid Prayer

Toronto West Jama'at offered Eid prayer at the International Center in Mississauga, Ontario, on April 10. At this occasion, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya GTA region was assigned the duties of security and parking. May Allah accept our humble prayers and services during this month and forgive our shortcomings.

“Break a Fast” Event at Baitun Nusrat Mosque, Hamilton

Umur-e-Kharijiyya Department, Hamilton Mountain Jama'at

On April 5, 2024, the Indigenous Desk collaborated with the Umur-e-Kharijia Department to organize a “Break a Fast” event at the Baitun Nusrat Mosque in Hamilton. The event was aimed to foster community engagement, promote inter-faith dialogue, and introduce guests to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at and its global and local humanitarian endeavors. There were many guests who attended this event including Chief Claire Sault Mississaugas of The Credit First Nation, accompanied by her husband; the Mayor of Hamilton, Andrea Horwath; Members of Parliament Lisa Hefpner and Dan Muys; Monique Taylor, Member of the Provincial Parliament and some local councilors. The Indigenous Desk in-charge, Luqman Chattha Sahib also joined the event. There was a total



"Break a Fast" event at Baitun Nusrat Mosque, Hamilton



"Break a Fast" event at Baitun Nusrat Mosque, Hamilton

of 48 non-Ahmadi guests who attended the event.

A recitation of the Holy Qur'an was done by Abdul Basit Bansu Sahib after which the local Qa'id Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Hamilton Mountain, Fawad Khan Sahib, did a presentation to introduce the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at. After the Jamaat's introduction, an introductory presentation was done for Humanity First by Awais Sandhu Sahib. Aurangzeb Agosh Sahib (Regional Indigenous Coordinator) then highlighted some local community work. He spoke about the food drives organized by Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Hamilton for local Hamilton food banks. He also highlighted food drives that were done for some Indigenous communities which were done by Majlis Ansarullah Hamilton Niagara. Then he talked about blood drives which were organized by Khuddam and Ansar of the Hamilton area. The "Ahmadiyya Kitchen" (part of the "Feed the Hungry" campaign) was also described in his presentation, as this campaign was specially done for downtown Hamilton's homeless population. Done on biweekly basis since May 2023, this campaign is organized by Majlis Ansarullah Hamilton Niagara. He further detailed the efforts of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Hamilton Niagara towards New Year's cleanup activities in downtown Hamilton.

The Chief Claire Sault from Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation then gave her remarks on the event, expressing gratitude for the invitation and thanking the Jama'at for their hospitality. The Mayor of Hamilton then thanked the Ahmadiyya Jama'at for their contributions to the city and offered her support for their endeavors.

Attaul Ghalib Sahib, Missionary Hamilton Jama'at, delivered the keynote speech, elucidating the concept of fasting in different faiths and expounding on Islam's injunction of fasting as outlined in the Holy Qur'an. His speech aimed to promote understanding and appreciation of diverse religious practices. The final remarks were given by Luqman Chattha Sahib, Indigenous Desk in-charge, who highlighted the Jama'at's services to Indigenous communities.

The event provided an opportunity for guests to engage with members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at and learn about their faith and services to the local community. The program

concluded with an *iftar* dinner, where guests enjoyed a meal together, further strengthening bonds of friendship and camaraderie.

The "Break a Fast" event at Baitun Nusrat Mosque was a resounding success, characterized by meaningful dialogue, cultural exchange, and community solidarity. It provided a platform for building bridges between different segments of society and promoting harmony and understanding.

High School Students Visit Baitul Islam Mosque

Mohammad Dawood Ajmal, Zaeem-e-Ala, Muqami (Peace Village)



High school students at the Baitul Islam Mosque with Murabbi Intiaz Ahmed Sra Sahib

By the grace of Allah, Majlis Ansarullah Muqami was able to host 80 students of a high school and 5 staff members for a mosque tour on April 9, 2024. We gave them a tour of Baitul Islam Mosque, a detailed introduction of Islam and the Ahmadiyya Jama'at and explained our beliefs.

An engaging question and answer session was held towards the end of the tour.

Both teachers and students appreciated the tour and were grateful to us for sharing knowledge of our faith with them.



High school students at Baitul Islam Mosque

Birth Announcement

We are pleased to announce that on March 31, 2024, Allah Almighty blessed Waleed Naeem Sahib and Khuzaima Zafar Sahiba of Woodbridge North with a son, Qaseem Mahmood.

The newborn is the paternal grandson of Khalid Mahmood Naeem Sahib, National Secretary Finance, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, and Shahida Tasneem Tabassum Naeem Sahiba of Woodbridge North; and the maternal grandson of Zafar Ahmad Sahib and Samina Zafar Sahiba of Peace Village Centre West Jama'at.

The editorial staff of the Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada extends heartiest congratulations to the family at this happy occasion. May Allah Almighty grant Qaseem Mahmood a long, healthy and pious life and make him the delight of his family's eyes. Ameen!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **Ahad Ali Hashmat**

We are sad to announce the demise of Respected Ahad Ali Hashmat Sahib, son of Hashmat Masood Bhatti Sahib and Sadia Hashmat Sahiba of Windsor Jama'at, who passed away on April 28, 2024, at the age of 19 years. *Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return!*

Ahad Ali Hashmat Sahib was the grandson of the late Hamid Latif Bhatti Sahib of Peace Village and nephew of Azmat Bhatti Sahib of Milton East Jama'at. Hamid Lateef Bhatti Sahib was a very dedicated volunteer member of the Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada staff for many years. He also served as Mu'tamid of Majlis Ansarullah Canada and Nazim Langar Khana at Jalsa Salana Canada.

Ahad Ali Hashmat Sahib was known as "the youngest male real estate agent" in Windsor, Ontario. He had a pure and gentle heart. He lived 19 years. from June 28, 2004 to April 28, 2024.

He was kind to everyone he met and left an impact on every relationship. He loved this family dearly and he was an extremely hardworking, compassionate, and caring individual. He loved sports and motorbikes and he used to serve the Jama'at in many ways. His dream was to gather Muslims from all sects and bring them to the Windsor Mosque, which many witnessed at his funeral prayer.

He was a devoted Ahmadi who lived his life by treating all those around him with kindness and compassion. He was active in Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and had just participated in the local Ijtima earlier the day he passed away. Ahad Sahib was dedicated to his family and was a pillar of strength for his parents and siblings. He possessed

a charming and charismatic personality and was a student of business and law at the University of Windsor.

By the grace of Almighty Allah, Ahad Sahib's uncle, Tariq Bhatti Sahib of Germany, Nazim Tarbiyat Baden region, and Former Regional Amir, Hessen

Nord, Germany was able to organize his funeral prayer in absentia at as many locations as possible. Thus, following Friday prayers, Ahad Sahib's funeral prayer in absentia was offered in over 30 cities across Germany Jama'at. The funeral prayer was also performed in Belgium, Sweden, Luxemburg, Dubai and London.

More than 7,000 members of the Jama'at participated in the funeral prayer, praying for the forgiveness of Ahad Ali Hashmat Bhatti Sahib.

May Allah Almighty accept this humble effort, shower His pleasure and blessings on the deceased and elevate his status in Paradise. May Allah grant peace and solace to the bereaved family. Ameen!

The editors of the Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada offer their deepest condolences to the family and pray for the forgiveness of the departed and the solace of the grieving family.



KIDS ZONE



The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) once related the following story about the reward of good deeds:

We should only worship that Almighty God, who rewards even for a little work.

A story goes that once three men were trapped in a mountain. They had taken refuge in a cave when a rock fell in front of the cave, blocking the exit.

Upon this, they said, 'Now only our virtuous deeds will rescue us'.

One of them said, 'Once I hired a few workmen. One of them left before the payment was made. I searched for him, but he could not be found. I bought a goat from his wages that multiplied into a herd in a few years' time. One day that person appeared and said that he had worked for me and that it will be my kindness to pay for his labour. I handed over the whole herd to him. O Allah! If You liked my virtuous act, then ease my difficulty for me'. The rock elevated slightly.

The second person then narrated his story and said, 'O Allah! Ease my difficulty if You liked my virtuous act'. The rock elevated a little more.

The third person described his story, 'My mother was old. One night she asked for a glass of water. By the time I brought the water, she was already asleep. I did not wake her fearing that she would be uncomfortable. I stood the whole night with the glass of water. I gave her the water when she woke up in the morning. O Allah! Remove my difficulty if You liked my virtuous act'.

The rock then moved enough to let them escape. The Almighty Allah rewarded all of them for their virtuous deeds.

(Pleasant Stories and Anecdotes [2021], pp. 3–4)

MEMORIZE THIS PRAYER

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ

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2. The first Jalsa Salana Canada was held in the year _____.
3. Since 2002, Jalsa Salana Canada has been regularly held at _____ in Mississauga, Ontario.
4. This year Jalsa Salana Canada will be held at _____ in Bradford, Ontario.
5. This will be the _____ Jalsa Salana in Canada.

ANSWERS
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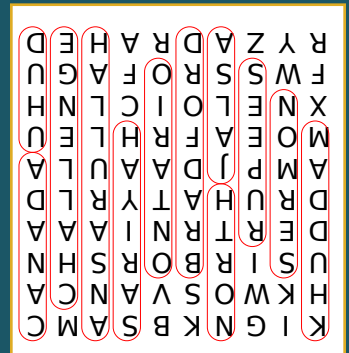
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* A 'Sariyah' was an expedition in which the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not participate in himself.

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ہمارے پیارے آقا حضرت خلیفۃ المسیح الخامس ایدہ اللہ
تعالیٰ بنصرہ العزیز فرماتے ہیں:

الفاظ تلاش کریں:

جلسہ، لنگر، ضیافت، نظامت، جھنڈا، حدیقہ احمد

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جلسے پر آنے والے بہت سے ایسے ہیں جو دور دور کا سفر کر کے آتے ہیں اور مسافروں کی خدمت کا حق ادا کرنا بھی اللہ تعالیٰ نے مومنوں پر فرض قرار دیا اور ان کا شیوہ قرار دیا۔... ہمیں اللہ تعالیٰ نے نبی کی مثال دے کر قرآن شریف میں جو توجہ دلائی ہے کہ مہمان کو کس طرح سنبھالنا ہے۔ مہمان کے سلام کے جواب میں اس سے زیادہ بھرپور طریق پر اسے سلام کا جواب دینا ہے۔ اس کے لیے نیک جذبات کا اظہار کرنا ہے۔ اسے امن اور تحفظ دینا ہے۔ خوشی کا اظہار کرنا ہے۔

(خطبہ جمعہ 22/ اگست 2014ء)

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پر دل کو پہنچے غم جب یاد آئے وقت رخصت
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There is none worthy of worship except Allah;
Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah

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“اس جلسہ کو معمولی انسانی جلسوں کی طرح خیال نہ کریں۔ یہ وہ امر ہے جس کی خالص تائید حق اور اعلیٰ کلمہ اسلام پر بنیاد ہے۔“
(حضرت اقدس مسیح موعود علیہ الصلوٰۃ والسلام)

“Do not consider this convention to be like ordinary human assemblies.
This is a matter that is purely founded upon Divine assistance and the propagation of Islam.”
The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

Guidance of the Khulafa for the attendees of Jalsa Salana

شاملین جلسہ سالانہ کے لیے خلفائے کرام کی ہدایات

The Power of Prayer in our Age

دورِ حاضر میں دعا کی طاقت کے نظارے

The Impact of the Holy Qur'an on our Daily Lives

قرآن کریم کا ہماری زندگیوں پر اثر

The Universal Quest for a Savior: Exploring Messianic Expectations in World Religions

مذہبِ عالم کو نجات دہندہ کی تلاش

Expectations of the Promised Messiah^{as} from his Jama'at

حضرت مسیح موعود علیہ السلام کی اپنی جماعت سے توقعات

Attaining Excellence: Identity of Ahmadi Muslims

عظمت کا حصول۔ احمدی مسلمانوں کی شناخت

The Khalifa is appointed by God

خليفة خدا بناتا ہے

Exploring Gender Identity through an Islamic Lens

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Ahmadiyyat in Service of the Muslim Ummah

مسلم اُمت کے لیے جماعت احمدیہ کی خدمات

The Quran's Blueprint for a Fulfilling Life

پرسکون زندگی کے لیے قرآنی راہنمائی

Navigating Life as an Ahmadi Muslim in Canada

کنینڈین معاشرہ میں ایک احمدی مسلمان کی طرز زندگی

The Leader of the World Peace: The Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}

راہبر امن عالم۔ حضرت محمد مصطفیٰ ﷺ

“What is the pleasure of life if He is not found?”

کیا زندگی کا ذوق اگر وہ نہیں ملا

Alam-e-Inami & Awards Ceremony

Awards for Huffaz from Hifzul Qur'an School Canada



Jalsasalana
JULY 5, 6 & 7, 2024

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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO ENTER JALSA GAH?

1.

**SHOW YOUR
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MEMBER ID CARD**



2.

**SHOW YOUR
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3.

**TELL US YOUR AMJ CANADA
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Security volunteers will verify your identity
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4.

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5.

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6.

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REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Registration is only required if you do not have AMJ Canada Member Code and/or it is under process and if you are Non-Canadian member of Jama'at attending Jalsa Salana Canada.

Date	Time	Mens	Ladies
Saturday June 22 Sunday June 23	11am - 5pm	Aiwan Tahir First Floor North Entrance	Bait-e-Maryam 96 Ahmadiyya Ave.
Saturday June 29 to Sunday July 4	11am - 5pm	Aiwan Tahir First Floor North Entrance	Bait-e-Maryam 96 Ahmadiyya Ave.
Friday July 5 to Sunday July 7	From 9am	Hadiqa Ahmad Jalsa Gah Bradford	Hadiqa Ahmad Jalsa Gah Bradford



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Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad
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**THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD^{SA}
AND WORLD PEACE**

*By Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih V
(may Allah be his Helper!)*

On August 21, 2022, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) delivered his concluding address at Jalsa Salana Germany 2022. This address sheds light on the blessed character of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his teachings about world peace.

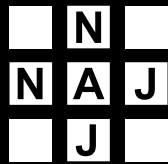
In this era when wars are tearing apart many countries around the globe, it is the responsibility of every Ahmadi Muslim to inform the world of the means of establishing true peace.

This book brings together the English translation of the address as well as the original Urdu transcript.

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