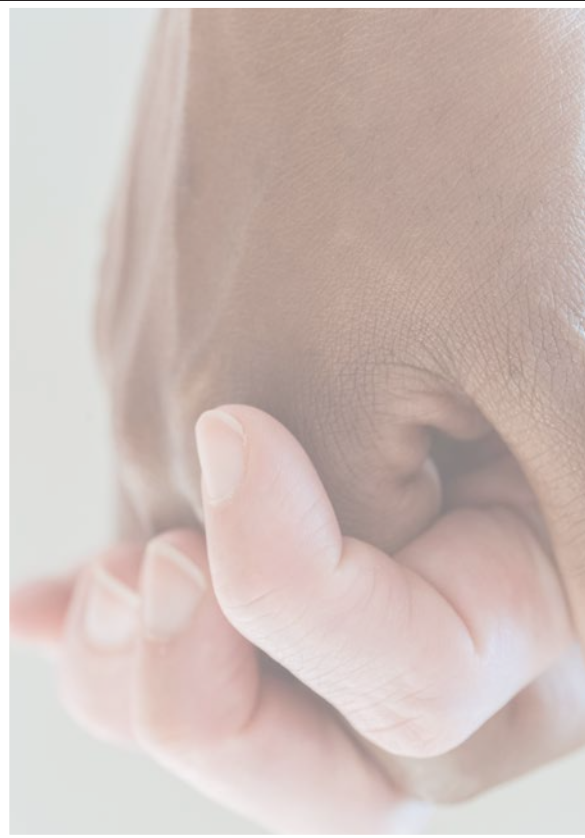


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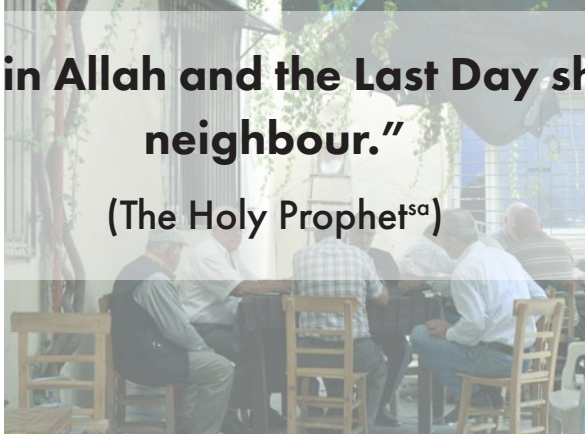
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“One who believes in Allah and the Last Day should not harm his neighbour.”

(The Holy Prophet^{sa})



The standard of good neighbourliness

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

“We are commanded to treat our neighbours with kindness. If one understands the true essence of neighbours and then strives to fulfill their rights, conflicts in the world would cease, and a believer’s true Eid is indeed when conflicts in the world end. ... What is the definition of a neighbour? The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) once explained it. He stated that even those who live up to a hundred miles away are considered your neighbours. ... Hence, this is the standard of good neighbourliness, and this is the standard through which love and affection are established in society.”

(Eid-ul-Fitr Sermon, May 2, 2022; *Al Fazl International*, January 17, 2023)



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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

Worship Allah and associate naught with Him, and be benevolent towards parents, and kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and the neighbour who is a kinsman, and the neighbour who is not related to you, and your associates and the wayfarer, and those who are under your control. Surely, Allah loves not the proud and boastful. (4:37)

وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ ۗ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا ﴿٣٧﴾

HADITH

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

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 (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, “One who believes in Allah and the Last Day should not harm his neighbour, and one who believes in Allah and the Last Day should entertain his guest generously and one who believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak a good word or remain silent.”

(Sabih al-Bukhari, no. 6018)

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلَا يُؤْذِ جَارَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ صَيفَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَصْمُتْ .

(صحيح البخاري، كتاب الأدب، باب من كان يؤمن بالله واليوم الآخر فلا

يؤذ جاره)

WISDOM

SO SAID THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

“There are only two major parts and aspects of Shariah that a person must safeguard. One is the rights of Allah, and the other is the rights of human beings. The right of Allah is to love Him, obey Him, worship Him, [to believe in His] Oneness, and not associate any partners with Him—in His being or attributes. The right of human beings is to not be arrogant, deceitful, or oppressive towards your brothers in any way. In other words, there should be no lapse in moral conduct. These two phrases appear to be simple, but practicing them is very difficult. ...

“Unless a person’s moral state is completely correct, he cannot attain that perfect faith which includes him among those who are Divinely blessed and through which the light of true understanding of God is born. ...

“I observe that many do not have any sympathy for their brothers. If a brother is dying of hunger, another does not pay attention and is not ready to care for him. Or if he is in any other kind of difficulty, they do not even consider spending any part of their wealth on him. The noble Hadith commands us to care for and sympathize with our neighbours, even to the extent that if you cook meat, make more broth so that you can give some to them. Now, what happens is people only feed themselves and do not care about others. Do not think that neighbours are only those who live close by. Rather, your brothers are also your neighbors, even if they are a hundred miles away.”

(*Malfuzat* [2022], vol. 7, pp. 61–62)

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.



1.

May 3, 2024

THE EXPEDITION OF HAMRA'UL ASAD & AN APPEAL FOR PRAYER

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) discussed the night after the Battle of Uhud, highlighting the vigilance of the Companions^{ra} around the Holy Prophet's^{sa} house due to fear of an attack by the Quraish. Intelligence revealed that the Quraish were deliberating a possible attack on Madinah, prompting the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to prepare for a sortie with only those who had participated in Uhud. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his Companions^{ra} set forth, arriving at Hamra'ul Asad where they lit five hundred fires. This instilled fear in the Quraish leaders, causing them to abandon their plans and retreat to Makkah. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) remained in Hamra'ul Asad for a few days before returning to Madinah.

At the end, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) said: "I also wish to request for prayers for myself. Over time, I have experienced issues with my heart valve. Despite doctors repeatedly advising me to undergo a procedure, I kept postponing it. But now, the doctors said that it would not be advisable to wait any longer. Therefore, following their advice, I underwent a valve replacement procedure a few days ago, which is why I have been absent from the mosque for a few days. By the grace of Allah, the medical procedure has been successful. I request for prayers that may Allah blesses me with an active life for however long He has decreed for me. Ameen!"

2.

May 10, 2024

VARIOUS EXPEDITIONS AFTER THE BATTLE OF UHUD

His Holiness Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) discussed some expeditions planned by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in which he did not personally partake. In Islamic terminology, such an expedition is known as a *sariyyah* (pl. *saraya*).

Among the expeditions mentioned by Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) is Sariyyah Abdullah bin Unais. Hazrat Abdullah bin Unais (may Allah be pleased with him) participated in several key battles and was dispatched to eliminate Sufyan bin Khalid, the leader of Banu Lihyan, who was preparing to attack Madinah. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) provided a detailed description of Sufyan to Hazrat Abdullah^{ra}, who successfully infiltrated the enemy camp and killed Sufyan. This action was seen as a necessary measure to ensure the safety of many by taking one life, showcasing the Holy Prophet's^{sa} profound respect for human life and compassion. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) subsequently rewarded Hazrat Abdullah^{ra} with his cane, promising it would help him cross the bridge to Paradise.

3.

May 17, 2024

THE EXPEDITION OF RAJEE

In this Friday Sermon, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) related details of Sariyyah Rajee. In *Sahih Bukhari*, it is recorded that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sent a group of ten men on a *sariyyah* to gather intelligence, led by Hazrat Asim bin Thabit Ansari (may Allah be pleased with him).

These Muslims encountered two hundred archers from Banu Lihyan and took refuge on a hill. Despite promises of safety, Hazrat Asim^{ra} refused to descend, preferring not to place himself under the protection of disbelievers and praying, “O Allah! Convey our situation to Your Messenger.” The disbelievers shot arrows, resulting in the martyrdom of Hazrat Asim^{ra} and seven other Companions^{ra}. Three Companions^{ra} descended and accepted the promise of protection but were betrayed and tied up. One of those three refused to comply and was martyred.

The remaining Companions^{ra}, Hazrat Khubaib and Hazrat Zaid bin Dathinah (may Allah be pleased with them), were taken to Makkah and sold. During captivity, they exhibited exemplary morals which left a deep impression on their captors. However, they both were martyred. Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) highlighted the immense courage and sacrifices of these Companions^{ra}, who laid down their lives for Islam.

4.

May 24, 2024

GOD ALMIGHTY’S SUPPORT FOR KHILAFAT

In his sermon, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) emphasized the immense blessing bestowed upon the followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) for accepting him and the subsequent establishment of Khilafat in the Ahmadiyya Jama’at. This Khilafat, he explained, was prophesied by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as part of the revival of Islam.

Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) reflected on his own election as Khalifa, noting the extraordinary Divine support he received. This support has enabled the Jama’at to expand globally, with new communities being established in numerous countries and cities.

Examples of Almighty Allah’s support for Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya were given, such as the establishment and influence of MTA worldwide, which has brought many to the fold of Ahmadiyyat. Stories from Burkina Faso, Gambia, Germany, Cameroon, Kyrgyzstan, Guinea-Bissau, Belgium, and other places were recounted, demonstrating how people have been guided to Ahmadiyyat through MTA and their interactions with the Jama’at.

The sermon concluded with the mention of Chaudhry Muhammad Idris Nasrullah Khan Sahib and Kanwar Idris Sahib, who had recently passed away, and an announcement to lead their funeral prayers in absentia after the Friday prayer.

5.

May 31, 2024

MARTYRDOM OF HAZRAT KHUBAIB

In this Friday Sermon, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) recounted the martyrdom of Hazrat Khubaib (may Allah be pleased with him), who was the first Companion to be crucified for his faith. Despite being offered release in exchange for renouncing Islam, Khubaib chose martyrdom and prayed to Allah to convey his Salaam to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Before his death, Khubaib performed two *rak’at* of prayer and prayed for the destruction of his oppressors, many of whom met their end within a year. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) later sent Companions^{ra} to retrieve Hazrat Khubaib’s body, which was protected by Allah from desecration.

At the end, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) spoke about two recently deceased members of the Jama’at. First, he mentioned Chaudhry Munir Ahmad Sahib, Director of MTA International Teleport USA. He was a dedicated missionary and exemplary life-devotee who played a significant role in the establishment of MTA Teleport and demonstrated remarkable dedication and hard work. He was known for his technical expertise, hospitality, and strong connection with Khilafat. Secondly, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) mentioned the noble qualities of Abdur Rehman Kathi Sahib, a devout member from Kerala, father of Shamsuddin Malabari Sahib, Missionary-in-Charge of Kababir.

Rays of Light

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



ATTAINING WORLD PEACE

On March 9, 2024, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) delivered the keynote address at the National Peace Symposium hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK. He articulately outlined ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine:

“In chapter 42, verse 41 of the Holy Qur’an, Allah the Almighty commands that where a person or nation has been wronged, they must never respond disproportionately or stray into realms of seeking revenge. Furthermore, Allah says that it is better to forgive if it can lead to reformation. Chapter 49, verse 10 of the Holy Qur’an, says that if two nations are at war, neutral parties should mediate between them and strive to establish peace based on the principles of justice and equity.”

Specifically mentioning the desperate situation in Gaza, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) said:

“As for what is happening in Gaza, though both the Israelis and the Palestinians have their supporters, the veto power has only been used in Israel’s favour since the current war

ignited several months ago. For example, in February, 13 out of 15 members of the UN Security Council voted in favour of an immediate ceasefire in Gaza but the United States utilised its veto power and the Resolution was defeated. How can peace be established where the majority view is so easily discarded? That is not justice—instead, it is a rejection of democracy and the principle of equality.”

He said:

“We must all come together, setting aside national, political, and other vested interests for the greater good of humanity and to ensure that we leave behind a prosperous world for our future generations. It is the need of the time that we must focus all our energies and efforts on establishing true peace so that we may live in a world of hope and prosperity, rather than a world defined by inequality, hatred and bloodshed.”

[SOURCE: <https://www.pressahmadiyya.com/press-releases/2024/03/global-muslim-leader-calls-for-ceasefire-in-gaza-and-ukraine-says-privileged-nations-are-wielding-their-veto-like-a-trump-card/>]



A VIEW OF JALSA SALANA GHANA 2024

HOW TO PROTECT ONESELF FROM MATERIALISM

This year, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in Ghana celebrated 100 years of Ahmadiyyat in Ghana at their Jalsa Salana. At this historic occasion, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) delivered the concluding address of Jalsa Salana Ghana on February 24, 2024, from Masroor Hall in Islamabad, UK, and offered many priceless guidelines. Regarding the West and materialism, Huzoor-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper!) said:

“The stark truth is that much of the developed world has become immersed in materialism and has no link with spirituality or justice. Where they claim to be the arbiters of peace and equality, they are perpetrating grave cruelties upon humanity through horrific warfare and injustice. The reality of their deceitful conduct renders their seemingly high-minded statements nothing but hypocritical and empty proclamations ... I pray that instead of your children and future generations being influenced and inspired by the West, may the world come to look towards Ghana and the African nations as beacons of justice, truth and morality.”

“In today’s world, new means and technologies are constantly developing that are pulling people away from morality and pushing them towards vulgarity and depravity. For example, the internet, television, and media are all proving to be gateways to vice and a means of corrupting young and old people alike. To save ourselves from such immorality, it is essential that every Ahmadi regularly offers ‘Istighfar’ [prayer for seeking forgiveness and protection from Allah] and bows down before Allah imploring His help, mercy and protection from all forms of evil.”

[SOURCE: <https://www.pressahmadiyya.com/press-releases/2024/02/100-years-of-islam-ahmadiyyat-in-ghana-historic-jalsa-salana-ghana-2024-concludes-with-faith-in-spiring-address/>]



LANGAR KHANA AT JALSA SALANA CANADA 2024

LANGAR KHANA

The Epitome of Hospitality

(PART 1)

Fazal Masood Malik, PEI

The concept of Langar is old, perhaps as old as communal living itself. In modern terminology, Langar can be described as a public kitchen that serves food to all beings, regardless of caste or religion, as a gesture of equality and goodwill.

In religious literature, the earliest recorded narrative of Langar is perhaps that of Hazrat Lut (peace be upon him), who would invite people to his home and serve them food. He would do so in secrecy as the sodomites were spiteful of his teachings and did not approve of anyone interacting with him.

According to the Old Testament, Hazrat Ibrahim (peace be upon him) invited three wanderers from Mamre to relax while he brought them food and water. He not only provided them with sustenance but welcomed them as if they were

kings, not knowing the news that they had brought with them.

Hinduism stresses the reverence for the guest's service. 'Atithi Devo Bhava is a Sanskrit verse from an ancient Hindu scripture, meaning 'visitor is God.' It is a code of conduct for Hindu society. Some ancient Greeks believed that Zeus himself inspired the duty of hospitality.

In Islam, this extremely desirable quality is part of a Muslim's daily life, exemplified through the guidance and actions of our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The hospitality of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is well-attested; he always insisted that generosity be shown to guests, travelers, and strangers. Not only did he prove through his example that welcoming a guest reflects the love of God and is a way to achieve heaven, but he also taught us that gratitude and generosity shown when serving others are foundational to our emotional well-being. In a moment of distress, his wife Hazrat Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with her) comforted him by saying, "Allah will never disgrace you, for truly, ... you serve your guests generously," emphasising that his hospitable nature was a testament to his noble character and divine favour. (*Sahih al-Bukhari*, no. 3)

This rich tradition of hospitality has been upheld by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at throughout its history, even in times of adversity and change. An example of this commitment is the continuous service to humanity through langar everywhere Jama'at is established.

Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) wisely observed, "A guest reveals and tests the righteousness of the host," highlighting the spiritual significance of welcoming and caring for visitors (Friday Sermon, December 18, 1925, *Khutbat-e-Mahmood*, vol. 9, p. 397). This sentiment is further reinforced by his statement that "hospitality is amongst the qualities of prophethood," elevating the act of hosting to a divine attribute.

The term 'langar' has a rich linguistic heritage, drawing from Urdu, Punjabi, and Persian languages, reflecting the diverse cultural roots of this communal kitchen tradition.

Rooting the Hospitality

Following in the steps of his master, 1300 years later, Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him), the Promised Messiah foretold to bring faith back into this world, established a 'Langar Khana' (public kitchen) under divine guidance. This Langar served thousands upon thousands who visited him regularly to acquire spiritual knowledge.

In 1874, long before Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him) was granted a Jama'at and long before anyone knew of his existence, he had a prophetic vision. He saw an angel in the shape of a boy who sat on a raised platform (*chabutra*), holding a naan. Giving the naan to Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him), he said, "This is for you and the dervishes who are with you." (*Tadhkirah* [3rd English edition, 2018], Revelation 1874, p. 23)

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) held such high regard for his guests that he would leave no stone unturned to ensure that they were well looked after. There were times when a guest would request *paan* (a betel leaf treat), and the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) would send a person to Ludhiana, a town 40 kilometres away, to purchase the required item and return in haste, an arduous task in the 1800s.

His welcoming of guests and treating them equally extended not only to those who accepted him as the Messiah but also to those who were hostile towards him. Once, a maulvi came to Qadian; he was a well-known opponent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). Expecting mischief, the companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) expressed their concern, to which he asked them to open their hearts and show no harshness towards him. The maulvi was assigned a place to reside in Qadian. Not only did he stay in peace, he was treated with respect and welcomed to eat the food from the Langar

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I always bear in mind that the guest should never experience difficulty. They should be extended every comfort, where possible. The heart of a guest is delicate, like a mirror and can break with relative ease.

The Promised Messiah^{as}



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Khana established by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) would make the guest feel so comfortable that when the time to depart arrived, the guest would be saddened by the thought. Once, Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him) mentioned, "I always bear in mind that the guest should never experience difficulty. They should be extended every comfort, where possible. The heart of a guest is delicate, like a mirror and can break with relative ease" (*Mal-fuzat* [2022], vol. 5, p. 11)

One can imagine the size of the Langar Khana during the time of Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him). In his book *Victory of Islam*, Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him) informed us, "... it is somewhat less on certain days, there are other days wherein this activity picks up with the utmost zeal. Accordingly, during the past seven years, a little over 60,000 guests must have come." (*Victory of Islam* [3rd English edition, 2022], p. 13)

The steady tide of guests coming from far and near never tired Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him) or Hazrat Amma Jaan (may Allah be pleased with her). On March 5, 1902, Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him) issued an advertisement, notifying his followers that "... due to increasing number of guests and seekers of truth, the cost of Langar Khana has increased many fold ... after accounting the expenses, I calculate ... the expense has been over 800 rupees per month." (*Majmu'ah Ishtiharat* [2019], announcement no. 250, vol 3, p. 254) It ought to be noted that the equivalent of 800 Indian rupees in 1906 would be approximately 144,149 Indian rupees in 2024.

The First Langar Khana

The very first Langar Khana was set up inside the house of the Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him). The ladies, including Hazrat Amma Jaan (may Allah be pleased with her) made roti in the house kitchen while in a different area, Hazrat Malik Khadim Hussain (may Allah be pleased with him) cooked food for the guests.

As the community grew, so did the Langar Khana. In 1892, a formal Langar Khana was established in Qadian and the suggestion for the menu came from Hazrat Hakeem Noor-ud-Deen (may Allah be pleased with him). The quality of food, however, was entirely under the blessed supervision of Hazrat Amma Jaan (may Allah be pleased with her).

The enormous responsibility of Langar Khana resided with such an esteemed companion as Hazrat Sheikh Yaqub Ali Irfani (may Allah be pleased with him). At the time of Hazrat Ahmad's (peace be upon him) last journey to Lahore in 1908, the day-to-day operation of Langar Khana in Qadian fell upon Maulvi Muhammad Ali Sahib.

The formal organization of Langar Khana

After the demise of Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him), Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) formal-



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The importance of hospitality in Islam is exemplified in the life of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). In a moment of distress, his wife Hazrat Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with him) comforted him by saying, "Allah will never disgrace you [...] you serve your guests generously," emphasizing that his hospitable nature was a testament to his noble character and divine favour.

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



ly appointed Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya the responsibility of Langar Khana and set the annual budget at 12,767 rupees (approximately 2,106,583 Indian rupees in 2024). Hazrat Hakeem Fazl Deen Sahib, Hazrat Hakeem Muhammad Umar Sahib and Hazrat Qazi Khawaja Ali Sahib (may Allah be pleased with them) held the office of Muhtamim Langar Khana at various times. (*Tarkib-e-Ahmadiyyat* [2007], vol. 3, p. 220)

During Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I's^{ra} last Jalsa Salana, Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Bashir-ud-Deen Mahmood Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) was responsible for Langar Khana. He personally oversaw the cooking and distribution of food at every meal, ensuring that the thousands of guests were fed on time.

In 1916, five thousand guests were expected at Jalsa Salana Qadian and the budget for Langar during Jalsa was set at 1 rupee per person.

The expansion of the Langar Khana started in 1920 and was completed over two years. Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ishaq Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) was appointed the officer in charge of Langar Khana, a position he held until his demise in 1943.

The cooking of food for thousands of guests, ensuring timeliness and quality, requires many components to work in sync. One key component of this enormous task is the utensils required for cooking, known as the *daig* (large cooking pot).

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Nabi Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) would rent and transport a large number of *daigs* from Amritsar to Qadian every year at Jalsa. Seeing the expense that could be put to better use, he suggested to Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ishaq Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) that every Jama'at should be asked to donate a *daig*; this way, Jama'at will build the inventory and reduce the needless expense encountered every year. His suggestion was welcomed, and Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Nabi Sahib^{ra} had the good fortune of donating the first *daig*.

From 1922 onwards, Hazrat Syeda Umm-e-Daud^{ra} Sahiba, the wife of Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ishaq Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him), formally took over the responsibility of looking after all the female guests.

In the speech of 1933 at Jalsa Salana Qadian, Hazrat Muslehe-Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) expressed his happiness at the number of guests and expressed his gratitude, remembering the time when the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) would have to feed his own meals to guests in order to accommodate them. (*Al-Fazl*, December 31, 1933).

By 1942, Langar Khana was established at three locations in Qadian, with 85 *tandoors* (clay ovens) working round the clock to feed the guests of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

After the partition of the subcontinent, the Langar Khana was established immediately in Lahore. It was set up next to the offices of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan in Ratan Bagh. Due to the extremely volatile political climate and inability to move freely between Qadian and Lahore, only 8 *daigs* and minor cooking utensils could be moved to Lahore (*Tarikh-e-Ahmadiyyat* [2007], vol. 10, p. 26). This temporary setup in Lahore operated until May 1949.

Langar Khana Rabwah

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Langar Khana in Rabwah took place on December 7, 1948. Historical on many fronts, its foundation stones were laid by many Companions^{ra}, including Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him). Upon completion in April 1949, there were seven rooms in this Langar Khana. In addition, a temporary kitchen was set up by the railway station with 45 *tandoors*. The food was brought from the Langar Khana via trucks, a practice that is in use even in 2024 in many countries, like the United Kingdom and Canada. At the Jalsa Salana in Rabwah, from April 13 to 16, 1949, an astounding 77,371 people were fed from the Langar of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

In 1958, a more structured facility was established in Dar-ur-Rahmat. This building included six concrete rooms dedicated to meal preparation, such as cleaning meat and vegetables. Prior to 1960, none of the three tandoors had a roof, which caused much grief at times. By the grace of Allah, this situation was rectified in 1961.

The basis of permanent Langar Khana was set on the evening of October 16, 1964. The foundation stone of a permanent Langar Khana in Rabwah was laid by Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (may Allah have mercy upon him), as well as other companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). This event took place on the evening of October 16, 1964. This structure is approximately 16,000 square feet in size.

In 1968, the Langar Khana was upgraded, allowing for burners that ran on natural gas rather than wood. This was a massive undertaking involving close to 200 volunteers. In 1969, two new roti machines were set up. The larger of the two had a capacity to produce 2,000 rotis per hour.

Over time, the increase in the number of guests was staggering, drawing the attention of any pious person toward humility and gratitude. In 1976, an average of 78,000 people were served at the Langar, a number that almost doubled to 150,000 in merely two years. By 1981, there were seven Langar locations in Rabwah, operating 24 hours a day during Jalsa Salana.

In 1983, Jalsa Salana in Rabwah had 11 kitchens and 80 roti plants, serving a staggering 464,635 guests.

For general information, see *Al-Mibrab's* Jalsa Salana Centenary edition, 1991.

Continuous fulfilment of a grand prophecy: Langar in the United Kingdom

Owing to the declining political situation in Pakistan, where hostility against Ahmadi Muslims was increasing by the day, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah have mercy upon him) migrated to London in 1984. At the time, there was one roti plant with four burners located in the Fazl Mosque. Modest upgrades were made to this kitchen over time until the purchase of a large property in Islamabad (Tilford) in the mid-1980s. In addition to serving as a residence for various life devotees, a Langar was set up in Islamabad.

In 2003, when Baitul Futuh opened its doors to worshippers, a much-needed Langar Khana formed part of its architecture. Over the years, these two Langars fulfilled the growing demands of the guests of Hazrat Ahmad (peace be upon him) up until the time when a much larger property was purchased in Alton for the purpose of Jalsa Salana. This area is known as Hadeeqatul Mahdi.

Initially, the Langar in Islamabad supplied food for Hadeeqatul Mahdi, while the food cooked at Baitul Futuh was given to Jalsa guests at Fazl Mosque and Baitul Futuh. In 2011, food preparation during Jalsa Salana shifted from Islamabad to Hadeeqatul Mahdi. An estimated 40,000 litres of propane was used to prepare food and serve guests who came to increase their spirituality. As of 2019, the two roti plants between Islamabad and Hadeeqatul Mahdi produce an average of 40,000 rotis per hour at their peak.

[SOURCE: Interview with Dr. Vali Shah Sahib, December 13 – 14, 2019 at Islamabad, UK]

Langar Khana Canada

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, with Allah's blessings, organizes Jalsa Salana in various countries worldwide. In Canada, this auspicious gathering takes place three times a year at different locations: the Jalsa Salana in Toronto, Ontario; Jalsa Salana Western Canada in Calgary, Alberta; and the Jalsa Salana Francophone in Montreal, Quebec.

The preparations for Jalsa Salana are extensive and meticulous, especially when it comes to the Langar arrangements. The menu is carefully planned in advance, taking into consideration the expected number of attendees, and grocery lists are prepared accordingly. Separate teams are assigned to various tasks, such as chopping onions, cutting meat, and preparing spices.

The cooking process takes place in large tents, each measuring 40 feet by 100 feet and equipped with 40 burners (in Toronto). The *daigs* are the backbone of the Langar setup. These stainless-steel pots can cook 40 pounds of meat and 15 pounds of potatoes, serving around 110 people. For *daal* (lentil soup), a single *daig* can cook 32 pounds of various lentils, which is sufficient for 250 people. The Langar team, a dedicated group, also includes a team that prepares tea and a group responsible for transporting the cooked food from the stoves to the distribution centre. Efficient storage and inventory management are critical aspects of the Langar operation, with designated teams constantly updating the head chef about stock levels.

During the Jalsa Salana held in Toronto, separate food serving tents are set up for men and women, each measuring 60 feet wide by 100 feet long. The dining areas are equipped with approximately 130 rectangular tables and 300 chairs. Smaller tents house the Langar Khana office, security, and electrical arrangements. Currently, the Diyafat Department (hospitality) has two full-time employees and two permanent weekend volunteers dedicated to the Langar Khana, ensuring the smooth running of the event. Additionally, three National Assistant Secretaries help coordinate the Jalsa Salana events across Canada.

An interesting aspect of Langar at Jalsa Salana is food transportation. As one can imagine, transporting large cooking pots weighing over 100 pounds each to locations 25 kilometres or further can be a logistical challenge. Initially, when the Jama'at was young and numbered in the low hundreds, this challenge was accomplished by transporting cooked food via cars and taxis. Later, as the Jama'at expanded, flat-bed trucks were employed. Eventually, they too became insufficient, requiring the use of larger 26 feet or longer vehicles to transport the food. This is true today as well. The logistical planning, time planning, and care required to do so are well worthy of mention.

The Jalsa Salana in Canada has made remarkable progress since its humble beginnings in 1977. Initially, the gatherings were small-scale events, with food provided for approximately 350 attendees at the first two conventions in 1977 and 1978. Interestingly, at the 1978 Jalsa, which was held under the esteemed patronage of Hazrat Chaudhry Zafrulla Khan (may Allah be



JALSA SALANA CANADA 1978

Alongside traditional Langar menu items, attendees were also served KFC.

Hazrat Sir Zafrulla Khan^{ra} is seen here, seated second from the right, engaged in conversation.

ABDUL HALEEM QURESHI

pleased with him), Kentucky Fried Chicken was also served to the attendees who were seated on long tables to enjoy the Langar food.

The third Jalsa in 1979 marked a shift. The late, respected Nasir Soofi Sahib and his family took charge of food preparation for the same number of participants, ushering in a more hands-on approach.

From the 4th to the 9th Jalsa (1980 to 1985), a resourceful phase emerged as food preparation took place in various home garages to accommodate the growing attendance of up to 450 people. This exemplified the community's hospitality and paved the way for a new era.

The Baitul Islam property was purchased on December 31, 1985, for \$525,000. The farmhouse, featuring 22 rooms, two large halls, and a double garage, underwent renovations to create a suitable space for prayers and offices. The 10th Jalsa in 1986 witnessed the transition of the food operation to the Baitul Islam location, reflecting the growth and stability of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in Canada. From 1986 to 1990, the underground garage on the property served as the staging ground for food preparation during Jalsa Salana. As attendance steadily rose from 300 to 3,000 by the 15th Jalsa in 1991, the organization evolved, introducing a proper duty chart and budget for the 16th Jalsa in 1992, which anticipated 6,000 attendees.

The 26th Jalsa in 2002 presented new challenges due to parking and logistical constraints, necessitating the relocation of the main event to the International Centre in Mississauga while food preparation remained at Baitul Islam. In 2016, His Holiness Khalifatul-Masih V's^{sa} visit marked an extraordinary milestone, with food being prepared for 22,000 people daily over

a span of more than a month. For a single meal, an impressive 170 pots of rice and 128 pots of meat were prepared. Over 250 volunteers accomplished this culinary feat, a significant contrast to the solitary *daig* used in 1988. Presently, by the grace of God, the number of large cooking pots has exceeded 300.

Throughout the years, Jalsa Salana Canada has been held at various venues, including the David & Mary Thompson Collegiate Institute in Scarborough (1976 – 1988), the John A. MacDonald Secondary School in Scarborough (1977 & 1989), the Canadian Exposition & Conference Centre in Etobicoke (1990 – 1991), the Baitul Islam property (1992 – 2001), and the International Centre (2002 – 2019 and 2023).

In an exciting development for 2024, under the guidance of His Holiness Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!), Jalsa Salana Canada found a new home at Hadiqa Ahmad, a 247-acre property purchased by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada in Bradford, Ontario. While auxiliary organizations have previously held their national gatherings at this location, 2024 marked the first time a full Jalsa event took place on these grounds. In 2022, during the COVID-19 pandemic, a much smaller, invite-only Jalsa occurred here.

Langar-e-Masih at Bradford West Gwillimbury,

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: The second part of this article, which includes details on the Langar Khana at Hadiqa Ahmad and Jalsa Salana Western Canada, will be published in our next publication. *Insha'Allah!*

FROM COAST TO COAST

Reports from Jama'ats Across Canada

April 2024

Iftar Dinner at Legislative Assembly in Victoria, BC

*Umar Farooq Chaudhry, Secretary Umur Kharijiyya,
Vancouver Jama'at*

By the grace of Allah, on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 Vancouver Jama'at organized the 2nd Annual Break A Fast (Iftar) dinner reception at the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Victoria.

Last year, it was an honour for Vancouver Jama'at to pioneer this project at the provincial level for the first time across Canada and the first ever Iftar dinner reception was held on April 17, 2023 at the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Victoria.

This year's event brought together a diverse group of individuals to celebrate unity, diversity, and understanding. This report will highlight the importance of such events in fostering interfaith dialogue, promoting cultural exchange, and building bridges between different communities.

The key aspects of the event was the diverse representation from various sectors of society. Government officials, including the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of BC, Hon. Raj Chohan, along with government ministers, NDP MLAs, and staff were in attendance. This demonstrated the British Columbia government's commitment to inclusivity and diversity. The presence of the official opposition, BC United Party, represented by Mr. Michael Lee, MLA Vancouver, Langara who serves as shadow minister for Attorney General and Indigenous Relations and

Reconciliation further emphasized the bipartisan support for such unique initiatives.

Local municipal leaders, including Her Worship Marianne Alto, Mayor of Victoria, and Councillors Karen Harper and Richard Novek from the cities of Saanich and Sydney respectively also attended the Iftar. Their presence highlighted the importance of community engagement and collaboration in promoting harmony and understanding among different communities. Furthermore, the presence of Chief Constable Dean Duthie, Police Chief of Saanich city and his team underscored the importance of building positive relationships between law enforcement agencies and diverse communities. This interaction



Some attendees of the Iftar Dinner at Legislative Assembly in
Victoria, BC



Members living in Canada over 30 years

Muhammad Afzal Choudhary (37y) | Fezan Khalil (32y) | Shahzad Shariff (35y) | Ali Raza Missionary Brampton West (30y) | Adeel Ahmad Farooqi (36y) | Sohail Ahmad Farooqi (32y) | Gulam Rasool (34y) | Umair Khan (Missionary Brampton West) | Usama Choudhary (43y) | Rashid Choudhary (38y) | Zohaib Jawed (38y) | Ashfaq Ahmad (32y) | Salman Majid (32y) | Zafar ul Haq (32y) | Hakeem Badmus (30y) | Sheikh Naseer Ahmad (31y) | Abdul Hannan Qureshi (34y) | Muhammad Islam Zafar (34y) | Mubashar Rajput (30y)

Manzoor Ahmad (34y) | Rafi Farooqi (33y) | Muhammad Akram Khokhar (31y) | Lutfur Rehman Mirza (43y) | Viqas Malik (49y) | Momin Malik (50y) | Abdul Jabbar Zafar (Local Amir Brampton West Jamaat) | Khalid Iqbal Qureshi (52y) | Osman Lufur Rehman (41y) | Saqib Maqsood (40y) | Tayyab Kahlon (37y) | Iftikharul Haq (32y)

Fraz Malik (49y) | Tariq Rashiduddin (31y) | Haroon Rashid Khokhar (36y) | Manzoor Hussain (33y) | Atif Ahmad Khan (33y) | Nadeem Khan (35y) | Waseem Rashid (35y) | Umer Khalid Chaudhary (30y) | Abdul Wahab Rashid (35y) | Naveed Akhtar Ali (44y)

can help in fostering trust and cooperation between different groups, leading to a safer and more inclusive society.

The event also featured faith leaders representing all major religions, who shared their perspectives on the importance of unity, compassion, and understanding. This interfaith dialogue was crucial in promoting mutual respect and appreciation for different beliefs and traditions, ultimately contributing to a more harmonious society.

In conclusion, the 2nd Annual Break A Fast (Iftar) Dinner Reception at the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia was a resounding success, bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds to celebrate unity and diversity. A total of 100 guests, along with 11 members from Vancouver Imarat and 7 members of Victoria Jama'at, participated. Respected Asif Khan Sahib, National Secretary Umur-e-Kharijiyya graced the occasion from national markaz. The event organized by Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at played a pivotal role in building bridges between Jama'at and all levels of governments, fostering interfaith dialogue, promoting cultural exchange and harmony across communities to promote our motto of "love for all, hatred for none."

The session took place at the Mubarak Mosque, Brampton, immediately following the Eidul Fitr prayer. Each group was organized and photographed in the order they stood, with the pictures named accordingly. The photographs were then framed, preserving the memory of the event. Pictures were labeled with the names and standing order of the participants. The photos will be distributed as tokens of appreciation, serving as lasting reminders of the community's togetherness and the special Eidul Fitr celebration.

Respected Mansoor Nasir Sahib (Secretary Ta'lim Brampton West) and Khalid Iqbal Qureshi Sahib (Secretary Rishta Nata, Brampton West) organized the event. May Allah bless all the volunteers for their efforts.



Members living in Canada over 40 years

Lutfur Rehman Mirza (43y) | Viqas Malik (49y) | Momin Malik (50y) | Abdul Jabbar Zafar (Local Amir, Brampton West Jamaat) | Khalid Iqbal Qureshi (52y) | Osman Lufur Rehman (41y) | Saqib Maqsood (40y)

Photo Session of Pioneer Ahmadi Brothers in Canada

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

In recognition and appreciation of the Ahmadi brothers living in Canada for over 30 years and helping in the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in Canada, Brampton West Jama'at arranged a photo session. The participants were divided into two groups: members living in Canada for over 30 years and members living in Canada for over 40 years. The photo session aimed to recognize and celebrate community members, fostering unity and inclusion.

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

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

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!*

May 2024

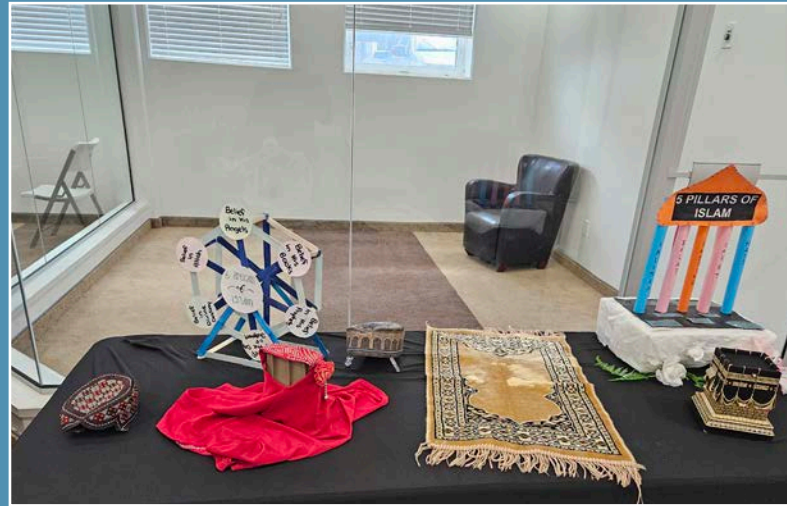
School Field Trips to Mahmood Mosque, Regina

Shahida Riffat, Secretary Tabligh, Lajna Ima'illah Regina



Setup at the Mahmood Mosque, Regina

On May 2, 2024, grade 5 and 6 classes and then on May 3, 2024, grade 4 and 5 classes from Jack Mackenzie School had a field trip to the Mahmood Mosque, Regina. There were around 110 students and 4 teachers in attendance. Upon arrival, the students were taken to the prayer hall where they were given a basic



Setup at the Mahmood Mosque, Regina

introduction of Islam. During the presentation, the *adhan* (call to prayer) was also made and students were shown how Muslims pray. During the presentations, the students asked many questions. After the mosque tour, the children were taken to Lajna hall where the Holy Qur'an, Islamic artifacts and many other items were displayed. They were introduced to each item. Afterwards, the students played a game of Islamic-themed Bingo, followed by a quick quiz. The students really enjoyed both of these. They were given a small prize. The teachers were given a small gift by Jama'at. Everyone was served refreshments. The principal provided feedback that students really did enjoy the field trip and greatly appreciated us reaching out to them. The teachers said "this was a great opportunity to open up to different faiths. The students now know that it is ok to visit other worship places and would be more comfortable around people as they grow up."

The Fourth Annual Run for Windsor

Dr. Nauman Iftikhar, Director, Run for Windsor 2024

By the grace of Allah, Majlis Ansarullah Windsor organized the 4th annual *Run for Windsor* on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Maldan Park, Windsor. The event was a resounding success, with over 500 participants (including around 300 non-Ahmadis), from diverse backgrounds and walks of life. Over \$30,000 were raised to support Windsor Regional Hospital.

The day commenced with on-site registration starting at 9:00 AM, followed by an inspiring opening ceremony featuring recitation of the Holy Qur'an accompanied by English translation. The event was graced by the presence of Regional Amir sahib, Asif Shaikh Sahib, representing Markaz; the Mayor of the City of Windsor, Drew Dilkins; Mr. Andrew Dowie, Member of Provincial Parliament; Mr Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament; and city councillors, who remained actively engaged throughout the day's proceedings.



The Mayor of Windsor (center), organizers and attendees of the Run for Windsor

In a special pre-run ceremony, Mayor Drew Dilkens said: “Thanks to the Ahmadiyya group for putting this event together each year and for their ongoing work to help build a more welcoming, diverse and inclusive Windsor for all. Thanks, also, to the organizers, volunteers, participants and spectators who came out to support health and well-being, while also celebrating Windsor’s amazing green spaces, parks and trails.”

Extending recognition to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at, MPP Andrew Dowie said:

“Thank you to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association for organizing another great event this year. Your ongoing dedication has raised substantial funds for Windsor Regional Hospital and has brought our community closer together.”

The run/walk commenced at 10:00 AM. Pre-race warm up was led by Khadija Braddy, certified personal trainer.

Over 175 runners participated as timed run for 5k while remaining participated as walking for 1.5 K. Timed run services provided by Jeff Tuck from WRACE.

Prizes were distributed by Mr Irek Kusmierczyk, MP. Addressing the audience he said:

“Its indeed my honour to support the amazing Run For



Participants of the Run for Windsor

Windsor 5k walk, jog & run fundraiser in support of the new Regional Acute Care Hospital! Thank you to the Ahmadiyya Community and all volunteers and sponsors for a wonderful community event! LOVE FOR ALL”

Councillor Angelo Marignani while expressing his sentiments said:

“Run for Windsor represent Celebrating Diversity and Giving Back. I felt honoured to participate in the fourth run for Windsor at Malden Park, supporting the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation, organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at of Windsor, fostering unity and hope.”

Highlights of the run included the presence of dignitaries as mentioned above and as well as Windsor Police, Fire, and EMS services on site. Tim Horton’s generously provided complimentary coffee and donuts throughout the day. Fun activities, including a bouncy castle for children, were organized. A free lunch was also provided to all attendees.

Alongside 12 stalls showcasing various businesses that included Brain Injury Association of Windsor and Essex County, Alzheimer Society Windsor & Essex County (ASWE), Lifetimes on Riverside Retirement, Devonshire Retirement, Therapeutic Touch Biryani House, Furnish 4 Less, and M & M Design.

This year, we were delighted to welcome a group of runners from the Chinese community that represented Essex County Chinese Canadian Association (ECCCA) and Chinese Association of Greater Windsor (CAGW).

This year sponsors included Seiko Homes, Tim Horton’s, Ottawa Medical centre, Nauman Iftikhar MPC, Karahi point, Indian Swan, Perciballi pools and spas, Ottawa street Pharmacy, Osmows Shwarma, M & M Design, AA truck driving school, CIBC Bank, TD bank, Biryani House Amex Freight, Khadija Braddy realtors, Omer Shaid relator, Waseem Kaleem Realtor and HTS inc.

The event garnered numerous positive reviews from the local community, with everyone appreciating our message of ‘Love for All, Hatred for None.’ For more information, visit www.runforwindsor.ca



Participants of the Run for Windsor

Jalsa Khilafat Day Held in Bradford

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



Head table at the Jalsa Khilafat in Bradford

With the blessings of Allah Almighty, Bradford East, Bradford West and Hadiqa Ahmad Jama'at of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada organized Jalsa Khilafat on May 27, 2024.

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

Asr prayers were offered before the start of the program.

The formal program started with recitation of the Holy Qur'an. Hafiz Munsif Inam Sahib from Bradford West Jama'at recited verses 55 – 58 of Surah an-Nur. The Urdu translation was read out by Inamullah Rajput Sahib of Bradford West Jama'at followed by the English translation by Ayaz Warraich Sahib of Hadiqa Ahmad Jama'at.

Next, the poem, "Hamara Khilafat Pey Iman Hai," was recited by Waqas Ahmad Sahib of Bradford East followed by English translation by Touseef Ahmad Rehan Sahib.

The first speech at the event was by Respected Qasim Ghuman Sahib, a Missionary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, assigned to the Bradford East Jama'at. His speech was on the topic "Khilafat an eternal promise."

This was followed by a 'tarana' by the Atfal team from three Jama'ats of Bradford, Ontario. The English translation was presented by Aryan Warraich Sahib of Hadiqa Ahmad Jama'at.

The second speech at the event was by Respected Khalid Minhas Sahib, a Missionary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, assigned to the Bradford West Jama'at. His speech was on the topic "Fruits of Khilafat."

A documentary on Khilafat was shown to the attendees after the second speech.

The event concluded with announcements followed by silent



A view of the gathering at Jalsa Khilafat in Bradford

prayers. Maghrib and Isha prayers were offered at the end.

A delicious dinner was served to the attendees in takeaway boxes upon conclusion of the event.

A total of 190 men and 242 Lajna attended the event from the three Jama'ats. The event was live streamed on YouTube which was watched by approximately 40 people.

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

BE MINDFUL OF THE SUBTLEST PATHS OF PIETY

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said:

"So my dear brethren! make every effort that you may become righteous. Without action, everything is vain and without sincerity no action is acceptable. Righteousness means that, avoiding all these harmful ways, you should march forward towards God Almighty, and be mindful of the subtlest paths of piety. First, cultivate humility, straightforwardness and sincerity, and become truly meek and submissive and lowly, for every seed of good and ill first sprouts in the heart. If your heart is empty of evil, your tongue will also be empty of evil and so will be your eyes and all your limbs. Every light and darkness takes birth initially in the heart and gradually envelops the whole body. So keep your hearts under constant scrutiny."

(The Essence of Islam, vol. 4, p. 245; Izala-e-Auham, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 3, p. 547)

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Arusha Maryam Kahloon

It is with immense joy that we announce that on March 14, 2024, Telal Kahloon Sahib, Missionary serving in the Tabligh Department of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, and his wife Amna Jaryullah Sahiba were blessed with a baby girl. Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) has named her Arusha Maryam Kahloon.

By the grace of Allah, Arusha is part of the Waqf-e-Nau scheme. Her great-great-grandfather Hazrat Rahim Baksh Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) was a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). Her great-grandfather Maulvi Atta Ullah Fazil Sahib was the first missionary in France.

Arusha is the paternal granddaughter of Najib Kahloon Sahib and Shazia Kahloon Sahiba of Brampton West Jama'at and the maternal granddaughter of Shuaib Jaryullah Sahib and Badar Jaryullah Sahiba of Germany.

The *Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada* extends a heartfelt congratulations to the parents, grandparents and family of Arusha. May Allah the Exalted bless Arusha with a long, healthy, happy and successful life in the service of Islam Ahmadiyyat. Ameen!

YOU ARE ALL I NEED

English translation of selected Urdu couplets of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in praise of Allah the Almighty.

اے خدا اے کارساز و عیب پوش و کردگار
اے مرے پیارے مرے محسن مرے پروردگار

O God, O Helper in exigencies, Overlooker of faults and All-Powerful!

O my Beloved, my Benefactor, my Sustainer!

کس طرح تیرا کروں اے ذوالمنن شکر و سپاس
وہ زباں لاؤں کہاں سے جس سے ہو یہ کاروبار

How should I—O Beneficent Lord—express my gratitude to You?

From where should I acquire the tongue that would enable me to do this task?

اے مرے یارِ یگانہ اے مری جاں کی پنہ
بس ہے تو میرے لئے مجھ کو نہیں تجھ بن بکار

O my Friend, the Unique! O Refuge of my life! You are all I need and I cannot do without You.

نسلِ انساں میں نہیں دیکھی وفا جو تجھ میں ہے
تیرے بن دیکھا نہیں کوئی بھی یارِ غمگسار

In the progeny of man, I did not find the fidelity that You possess,

Apart from You, I have not seen any sympathetic friend.

اس قدر مجھ پر ہوئیں تیری عنایات و کرم
جن کا مشکل ہے کہ تا روزِ قیامت ہو شمار

So numerous were Your favours and blessings upon me,

That even till Doomsday it would be hard to count them.

(*Barab-in-e-Ahmadiyya: Part V* [English, 2018], pp. 156–7)





JAMIA AHMADIYYA CANADA Extracurricular Activity Report

JANUARY – JUNE 2024

Raiyan Ahmad Pal (Thaniyah), Asad Malik (Ula), Mirza Ghulam Haseeb (Thalithah), Sarmad Ahmed (Rabi'ah), Masroor Ahmad (Ula), Abdal Mangat (Thaniyah) & Kamran Aslam (Thalithah)

The first semester exams took place from January 27 to February 8, 2024. After the completion of exams, the second semester began on February 12, 2024. At the conclusion of the second semester, exams were held from June 18 to 27, 2024, after which students reported for Jalsa Salana Canada duties.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Jalsa Prophecy of Musleh-e-Mau'ud^{ra} Day

On February 20, Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada held Jalsa Musleh-e-Mau'ud Day, by the grace of Allah. The program, which was presided by Prof. Tariq Ahmad Muhsin Sahib, began with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Mirza Ghulam Haseeb (Thalithah), followed by an Urdu poem by Noor ud-Din (Mumahhidah), as well as a reading of the prophecy regarding Musleh-e-Mau'ud by Usman Ali (Mumahhidah).

The first speech of the Jalsa was in English by Tahir Wadood (Khamisah) on 'The Early Life of Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him).' Tahir narrated various incidents from Huzoor's^{ra} early life that shed light on his particular interest and passion in religious matters over secular affairs.

After this, an Urdu speech was delivered by Sohaib Kaleem (Khamisah) on 'He will be filled with secular and religious knowledge.' For instance, the speaker related that during the first public address of Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) after attaining the mantle of Khilafat, he discussed such deep topics such as angels and the existence of God, that people were left speechless.

Following both speeches, an Urdu poem was presented by Fezaan Haq (Ula). The concluding remarks were given by Prof. Tariq Muhsin Sahib on Hazrat Musleh-e-Mau'ud's^{ra} advice for missionaries.

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

By the grace of Allah the Almighty, Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada held its annual Jalsa Masih-e-Mau'ud^{as} Day on March 23, 2024. The Jalsa was presided by Respected Maulana Daud Ahmed Hanif Sahib, Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada. The recitation of the Holy Qur'an was done by Talha Ahmed (Rabi'ah), and its translation was read out by Mahid Nasir (Khamisah). Following this, a Hadith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was presented by Mohammad Muffeh (Khamisah), and an Urdu poem presented by Anas Mahmood (Rabi'ah).

The first speaker of this Jalsa was Atif Arif (Khamisah), who delivered an English speech on the qualities of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). The second speech was delivered by Sadeed Bajwa (Khamisah) in the Urdu language, on last few days of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). In this speech, he highlighted how much the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) remembered God Almighty in his final days.

The closing remarks were delivered by Respected Principal Sahib, who reminded students about the purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and his message for the world. The session concluded with silent prayers led by Respected Principal Sahib.

Jalsa Khilafat Day

Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada's annual Jalsa Khilafat Day was held on May 27, 2024, chaired by Prof. Hafiz Hibbatur Rahman Sahib. The Jalsa commenced with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Hafiz Talha Bajwa (Rabi'ah) and the Urdu translation by Masawar Elahi (Khamisah). After this, a Hadith presented by Mahir Mahmood (Khamisah) and an Urdu poem was recited by Humza Abaidullah (Khamisah) and Anas Mahmood (Rabi'ah).

First, an Urdu speech titled "Khilafat: Spiritual Light in the Darkness of Ignorance" was delivered by Umar Chaudhry (Khamisah). Then, an Urdu poem was recited by Mirza Ghulam Haseeb (Thalithah), following which was an English speech delivered by Rastagar Chohan (Khamisah) titled, "Love of the Khalifa for the Members of the Community."

After these two speeches, Respected Principal Sahib addressed the Jamia students, and then concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. Hafiz Hibbatur Rahman Sahib. The session ended with silent prayers.

EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Ruhani Khaza'in Competition

Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada held its annual Ruhani Khaza'in competition on May 10, 2024. This competition was based on the book Lecture Sialkot by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). After the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Anas Mahmood (Rabi'ah), questions of varying levels of difficulty were posed to each of the four tutorial groups. Murabbi Hafiz Ali Murtaza Sahib conducted the competition.



Ruhani Khaza'in quiz competition

The results of the competition are as follows:

1ST PLACE: Amanat Group

2ND PLACE: Shuja'at Group

3RD PLACE: Rafaqat Group

Urdu Speech Competition

By the grace of Allah, Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada held its annual Urdu speech competition on May 17, 2024. The judges were Maulana Abdul Sami Khan Sahib (Professor, Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada), Maulana Sohail Ahmed Sharma Sahib (Na'ib Amir Jama'at Canada), and Respected Syed Muhammad Ahsan Gardezi Sahib.

The competition began after the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Bashir Odeh (Mumahhidah). A total of 12 speeches were delivered, by three members from each tutorial group.

The results of the competition were as follows:

1ST PLACE: Sohaib Kaleem (Khamisah) of Shuja'at group

2ND PLACE: Nouman Ahmed (Rabi'ah) of Shuja'at group

3RD PLACE: Samar Khawaja (Ula) of Amanat group

English Speech Competition

The annual English speech competition took place on May 24, 2024. The judges were Respected Dr. Bashir Ahmad Khan Sahib (Vice Principal, Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada), Respected Zakaria Virk Sahib, and Respected Pir Waheed Ahmad Sahib.

To start off the competition, Hazqeel Ahmad (Mumahhidah) recited a portion of the Holy Qur'an. A total of 12 speeches were delivered, by three members from each tutorial group.

The results were as follows:

1ST PLACE: Faaran Muhammad (Thaniyah) of Shuja'at group

2ND PLACE: Hisham Malik (Thalithah) of Amanat group

3RD PLACE (TIE): Munassar Alam (Thaniyah) of Amanat group & Hashir Ahmad (Mumahhidah) of Rafaqat group

STUDENT SEMINARS

To foster the spirit and passion to research, students of the Khamisah class are required to present seminars on various topics. The following seminars were held in the second semester:

STUDENT	TOPIC
Abdul Muqtadir	Al-Fazl
Atif Arif	History of Jama'at Ahmadiyya Australia
Humza Abaidullah	Biography of Hazrat Hafiz Maulana Abaidullah Sahib
Mahid Nasir	Court cases of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)
Masawar Elahi	Women's rights
Danyal Choudry	The military leadership and strategies of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)
Sadeed Bajwa	History of Jama'at Ahmadiyya Australia
Haseeb Mirza	Destruction of Zia-ul-Haq: A sign of the living God
Waleed Mangla	Introduction to the Mayan civilization
Hazame Ahmad	Response to the LGBTQ community's agenda
Umer Choudhary	Introduction to the Nation of Islam
Rastagar Chohan	Introduction to Pakistan's blasphemy laws
Sohaib Kaleem	Mental health: Its causes and solutions

Mashood Ahmad	"When the ten-month pregnant she-camel will be abandoned"
Samar Ahmad	Ancient nations mentioned in the Holy Qur'an (Aad, Thamud and Midianites)
Mohammad Mufleh	Was the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at planted by the British government?

GUEST LECTURES

The Department of Majlis-e-Irshad regularly arranges guest lectures to introduce students to a variety of subjects and to learn from the experiences of missionaries and devotees who have been fortunate to serve in different capacities for the cause of Islam Ahmadiyyat. The following guest lectures were arranged by Majlis-e-Irshad in the second semester:

DATE	NAME OF GUEST	TOPIC
March 5, 2024	Murabbi Yousaf Khan Sahib (Missionary Uruguay)	Advice on serving in the field
May 1, 2024	Mirza Usman Ahmad Sahib (International Human Rights Committee)	Persecution of Ahmadiis around the world
May 7, 2024	Asif Mahmood Basit Sahib (Director Programs, MTA International)	Guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) for Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada students
May 23, 2024	Maulana Abdul Majid Tahir Sahib (Additional Wakilut Tabshir UK)	Guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) for missionaries and faith-inspiring incidents from the lives of pioneer missionaries

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY OF JAMIA AHMADIYYA CANADA AND HIFZUL QUR'AN SCHOOL

Report by Professor Abdul Samee Khan & Faaran Muhammad (Thaniyah)



Respected Amir Sahib (right) and Respected Principal Sahib (left) at the Annual Awards Ceremony

On June 13, 2024, the Annual Awards Ceremony of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada and Hifzul Qur'an School Canada was held in Aiwan-e-Tahir at 6 PM. The event was presided over by the respected Lal Khan Malik Sahib, Amir Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada. The ceremony was attended by students of Jamia, their parents, students of the Hifzul Qur'an School, the faculty of Jamia, their families, as well as many central and local officials of the Canada Jama'at.

After the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and its translation by Hafiz Masroor Ahmad (Hifzul Qur'an School), Nazm and its translation by Fezaan Masroor Haq (Ula), and Qaseedah by Muran Khattab (Ula) along with its English translation by Munassar Alam (Thaniyah), the report on the activities of Majlis-e-Ilmi (educational committee) was presented by Rastagar Chohan, the assistant to in-charge of Majlis-e-Ilmi. This report briefly highlighted the history of Jamia along with its curricular and extracurricular activities. It was mentioned that Jamia was established in 2003 and its first batch graduated in 2010. By June 2023, 143 missionaries had entered the field, and currently, there are 123 students from 12 countries studying here. Detailing the extracurricular activities of Jamia during the year, it was mentioned that the Jamia sports team had the honor of participating in the Masroor International Soccer Tournament held in Canada. Additionally, this year, the Jamia team secured the first position in Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada's Ahmadiyya Soccer League (ASL), *Al-hamdu lillah!* Furthermore, picnics and Arabic and Urdu language camps were organized. Throughout the year, various important events and sessions were held, and guests were invited to deliver lectures at Jamia on various topics.

The students of Jamia had the opportunity to participate in various Jama'at Tarbiyat- and Tabligh-related events. Along with this, they were given the honour of diligently serving at

important Jama'at events such as Tarbiyati camps, Majlis-e-Shura, and Jalsa Salana.

During the holidays, Jamia students travelled to Islamabad, UK, where they had the privilege of offering prayers behind Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) and the blessed opportunity of meeting him. Additionally, they have the opportunity to perform Waqf-e-Arzi while residing in the blessed environment of Islamabad, which enhanced their spirituality.

To elevate the spiritual standards of the students, several elders of the Jama'at were invited to the Jamia hostel throughout the year. These elders shared their efforts while serving in the field and recounted instances of divine support, which the students benefited from. Similarly, the students of the final year (Sadisah class) had the privilege of performing *aitekaf* during the holy month of Ramadan.

In addition to the regular academic activities this year, lectures were arranged by fifteen experts from various fields of know-



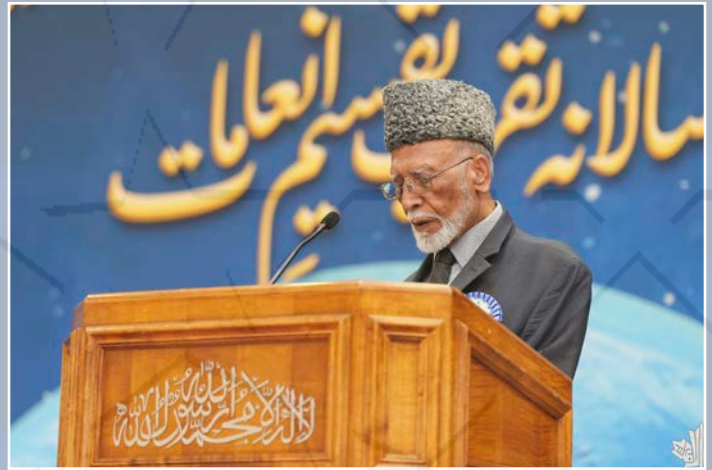
Respected Amir Sahib addressing the Annual Awards Ceremony

ledge. Furthermore, nineteen students of Khamisah presented their research on different topics. Throughout the year, various student delegations had the opportunity to undertake study-related trips to important sites in Canada and the USA. In accordance with the recent guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!), a cycling club has also been initiated at Jamia Canada.

Hafiz Mujeeb Ahmad Sahib then presented the report for the Hifzul Qur'an School and mentioned that the school was established in 2011. To date, 66 students have completed the memorization of the Holy Qur'an from this school, and currently, 25 students are enrolled. Awards were given to those who achieved notable success in the academic and other competitions held during the year. Respected Hafiz Rahat Ahmed Cheema Sahib is serving as the Coordinator of the Hifzul Qur'an School.

Following these reports, respected Amir Sahib of Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada awarded prizes to the students of the Hifz-ul-Quran School and Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada who had achieved notable positions in various individual and group academic and sports competitions held throughout the year. Similarly, awards were given to students who secured top positions in their classes. Additionally, plaques of appreciation were presented in recognition of the exceptional services of the Jamia kitchen staff and the longest-serving teachers of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada.

After this, Maulana Daud Ahmed Hanif Sahib, Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada, thanked the guests, and respected Amir Sahib Canada delivered a brief address and led the silent prayer, after which dinner was served to the attendees. This was followed by a photo session with Amir Sahib. The entire ceremony was broadcasted via live streaming, with over 800 viewers watching.



Respected Principal Sahib giving a vote of thanks at the Annual Awards Ceremony

Educational Competitions

There were nine individual competitions: Tilawat; Nazm; prepared speeches in English, Urdu, and Arabic; impromptu speeches in English, Urdu, and Arabic; article publication competition.

There were five group competitions: Ruhani Khaza'in quiz, Khutbat-e-Imam quiz, Kasauti, Hifz-e-Qaseedah, *The Final Word* (an MTA quiz competition based on the commentary of the Holy Qur'an).

In the academic competitions, the Amanat group achieved the highest score and secured the first position. The supervising teacher, Prof. Tariq Muhsin Sahib, received the trophy along with the students of the group. The best student award went to Sarmad Ahmed (Rabi'ah) of the Amanat group.

The Annual Sports Rally

Throughout the year, individual and group competitions are organized among the groups. This year, the annual Sports Rally was held from May 28 – 30, 2024. These games took



A view of the stage of the Annual Awards Ceremony



Hifzul Qur'an students at the Annual Awards Ceremony



A view of the attendees of the Annual Awards Ceremony

place at various locations including Aiwan-e-Tahir, Faizia Mehdi Park, Mackenzie Glen Park, Teston Village School, and Downsview Track.

There were a total of 10 group sports, which included: cricket, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, badminton doubles, table tennis doubles, European handball, flag football, and relay race.

Additionally, there were 7 individual sports: badminton, table tennis, 100-meter race, 400-meter race, 1 600-meter race, long jump and obstacle course.

Jamia's four tutorial groups—Diyanat, Amanat, Shuja'at, and Rafaqat—participated in these games. This year, the Shuja'at group secured the first position overall.

The final event of the sports competitions was the obstacle race, which involved overcoming around 20 obstacles to reach the finish line. The closing ceremony of the Sports Rally was held on May 30, 2024, at 6 PM. The special guest was Dr. Bashir Ahmad Khan Sahib, Vice Principal of Jamia, who watched the obstacle race.

After the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, Sarmed Ahmed, the student sports in-charge, presented the sports report. Dr. Bashir Ahmad Khan Sahib gave a brief address and led the silent prayer, after which dinner was served to the attendees. This year, the sports supervisors were Prof. Abdul Razzaq Faraz Sahib from the teachers and respected Sarmed Ahmed from the students.

In the sports competitions, the Shuja'at group achieved the highest score. The supervising teacher, Prof. Hafiz Hibbatur Rahman Sahib, received the trophy along with the students of the group.

Shahid Farewell Ceremony

On June 12, 2024, at 11:30 AM, Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada held a farewell ceremony in honor of the students of the Shahid class. The event was presided over by the Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada, Maulana Daud Hanif Sahib. After the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and Nazm, Rastagar Ahmad Chohan (Khamisah) presented a farewell address. He humorously highlighted the students' abilities and shared fond memories of their time together.

Representing the Shahid students, Haris Ahmad Sahib thanked the teachers and students. A video presentation showcasing visual highlights of his class's seven-year journey was also shown. At the end, respected Principal Sahib gave advice to the students, and after a concluding prayer, lunch was served to all attendees.

Prayers are requested that Allah the Almighty may bless these students and grant them the ability to serve the faith in the best manner. Ameen!



Attendees of the Annual Awards Ceremony during silent prayer



AMANAT GROUP
Winners of the 2023–2024 Educational Competitions Cup



SHUJA'AT GROUP
Winners of the 2023–2024 Sports Rally Cup



Jamia mess team (academic year 2023–2024)



Students, faculty and staff of Hifzul Qur'an School Canada



Students, faculty and staff of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada (academic year 2023–2024)

In Memoriam

AMTUL MAJIDA SAHIBA

We are sad to announce the demise of Respected Amtul Majida Sahiba, wife of Respected Khadim Hussain Sahib, of Toronto Jama'at, Halqa Scarborough North, who passed away on May 25, 2024, at the age of 72.

Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.

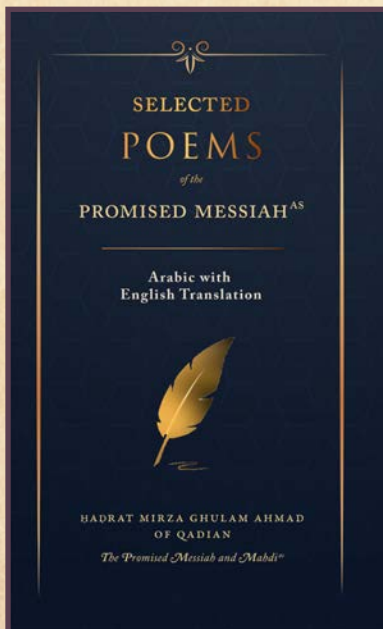
Respected Amtul Majida Sahiba was the granddaughter of Hadrat Sufi Ali Muhammad Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him), who was a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). She was a devout Ahmadi Muslim who was regular in her daily prayers and recitation of the Holy Qur'an. She held deep regard and love for Khilafat and instilled the same quality in her children. She understood the importance and role of Khilafat in the life of an Ahmadi and always instructed her children to remain loyal to Khilafat. Respected Amtul Majida Sahiba was dedicated in her service and had the opportunity to serve as Secretary Ziyafat for Lajna Ima'illah in Scarborough for several years.

Respected Amtul Majida Sahiba's spirit of service to the Jama'at continues in her children, with her son Respected Mubashir Khalid Sahib serving in various capacities including as Na'ib Afsar Jalsa Salana Canada, in the National Majlis Amila of Majlis Ansarullah Canada, a member

of the Board of Directors of Humanity First Canada for over twenty years and a member of the Board of Directors Ahmadiyya Funeral Services. He also has the distinction of serving as the manager of the Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada. Her daughter-in-law, Respected Reena Khalid Sahiba, is serving as Sadr Lajna in Melville Halqa, Vaughan Jama'at.

Her close relatives include her husband, Khadim Hussain Sahib (Toronto); her sons Mubashir Khalid Sahib (Vaughan), Atta ul Minan Sahib (Toronto), Hamid Hussain Sahib (Toronto), Hashir Hussain Sahib (Vaughan); her daughter Amtul Naseer Sahiba (Durham West); her son-in-law Dr. Abdul Salam Sahib (Durham West); and her daughters-in-law Shumaila Hussain Sahiba (Vaughan) and Reena Khalid Sahiba (Vaughan). Her siblings include: Rafique Bhatti Sahib (UK), Rafique Bhatti Sahib (Germany), Naseer Bhatti Sahib (Germany), Karim Bhatti Sahib (USA), Shafique Bhatti Sahib (Germany), Hameeda Rafique Sahiba (London), and Aziza Basit Sahiba (Germany).

The editors of the *Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada* offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved family and pray that Allah the Exalted may shower His mercy upon the departed soul and enable her loved ones to bear this loss with fortitude. Ameen!



SELECTED ARABIC POEMS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) penned poetic compositions in Arabic, Urdu, and Persian to voice his passionate and persistent desire to please the Lord and to glorify His blessed name at a time when disbelief was running rampant throughout the world. His poems stand as a remarkable testimony of his Divinely inspired eloquence and his burning desire to guide humanity to the One True God.

This book contains a collection of some of his Arabic poems, along with their English translation.

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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE

The 7th Annual Jalsa Salana Canada Francophone

Mohammed Latif, Afsar Jalsa Salana Francophone

Insha'Allah, the 7th Annual Jalsa Salana Francophone will be held in Montreal, Quebec, on September 14 and 15, 2024.

The Jalsa Salana is a significant event serving as a platform for spiritual rejuvenation, knowledge sharing, and fostering unity among members. As the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him), stated, "The primary purpose of this Convention is to enable every sincere individual to personally experience religious benefits; they may enhance their knowledge and—due to their being blessed and enabled by Allah, the Exalted—their perception [of Allah] may progress." (*Majmu'ah Ishtiharat* [1989], vol. 1, p. 340)

In line with this vision, the Jalsa Francophone was initiated in 2018 with the blessings of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper!) to cater to the needs of French-speaking members of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada. Held annually in Montreal, it serves the largest French community in Canada, providing an opportunity for spiritual growth and connection with fellow believers.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) emphasized the importance of such gatherings, saying, "It is essential for all those who can afford to undertake the journey, that they must come to attend this Convention which embodies many blessed objectives." (*Majmu'ah Ishtiharat* [1989], vol. 1, p. 341)



Attending the Jalsa Francophone is an invitation to strengthen one's faith, engage in French programs, and contribute to the success of this blessed event.

By participating in the Jalsa Francophone, members of Jama'at Ahmadiyya can deepen their understanding of Islam, forge stronger bonds with their fellow members, and reaffirm their commitment to the teachings of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

We invite you to seize this precious opportunity to attend the Jalsa Francophone, a gathering that holds immense spiritual significance. By participating in this blessed event, we not only strengthen our own faith but also contribute to the propagation of Islam and the unity of our beloved Jama'at Ahmadiyya.

ساتویں جلسہ سالانہ فرینکوفون میں شمولیت کی دعوت

JALSA SĀLĀNA CANADA FRANCOPHONE 2024

14 et 15 septembre 2024
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۱۴ تا ۱۵ ستمبر، ۲۰۲۴ء

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ہم آپ کو دعوت دیتے ہیں کہ جلسہ سالانہ فرینکوفون جیسے قیمتی موقع سے فائدہ اٹھائیں جو ایک روحانی اہمیت کا حامل ہے۔ اس باہرکت جلسہ میں شمولیت کر کے ہم اپنے ایمان کو مضبوط کرنے والے ہوں گے اور اسلام کی تبلیغ میں حصہ لینے والے ہوں گے۔ ان شاء اللہ العزیز

والسلام

خاکسار

محمد لطیف

افسر جلسہ سالانہ فرینکوفون 2024ء

ساتواں جلسہ سالانہ فرینکوفون ان شاء اللہ 14 اور 15 ستمبر 2024ء کو منٹریال میں منعقد ہو گا۔

جلسہ سالانہ کے اغراض و مقاصد کو بیان کرتے ہوئے حضرت اقدس مسیح موعود علیہ الصلوٰۃ والسلام فرماتے ہیں:

“اس جلسہ کے اغراض میں سے بڑی غرض تو یہ ہے کہ تاہر ایک مخلص کو بالمواجہ دینی فائدہ اٹھانے کا موقع ملے اور ان کے معلومات وسیع ہوں اور خدا تعالیٰ کے فضل و توفیق سے ان کی معرفت ترقی پذیر ہو۔ پھر اس کے ضمن میں بھی فوائد ہیں کہ اس ملاقات سے تمام بھائیوں کا تعارف بڑھے گا اور اس جماعت کے تعلقات اخوت استحکام پذیر ہوں گے۔” (مجموعہ اشتہارات، جلد اول، صفحہ 340)

اس مقصد کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے اور فریچ بولنے والے احباب جماعت کی ضرورت کو سمجھتے ہوئے حضرت خلیفۃ المسیح الخامس ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ بنصرہ العزیز کی اجازت سے جلسہ سالانہ فرینکوفون 2018ء سے منعقد ہونا شروع ہوا۔

جلسہ سالانہ فرینکوفون میں شمولیت اپنے ایمان کو تازہ کرنے کی طرف ایک دعوت ہے جس کے ذریعہ آپ فریچ پروگراموں میں حصہ لے کر اس جلسہ کو کامیاب بنانے میں مددگار ثابت ہوں گے۔

جلسہ سالانہ فرینکوفون میں شمولیت اختیار کر کے خاص طور پر فریچ بولنے والے احمدی احباب اسلام کو گہری نظر سے سمجھنے، اپنے ساتھیوں کے ساتھ مضبوط تعلق قائم کرنے اور اسلام احمدیت کے ساتھ اپنی وابستگی کو ایک نئی جہت دینے کی سعادت حاصل کریں گے۔

حضرت مسیح موعود علیہ الصلوٰۃ والسلام فرماتے ہیں: “اس جلسہ کو معمولی انسانی جلسوں کی طرح خیال نہ کریں۔ یہ وہ امر ہے جس کی خالص تائید حق اور اعلائے کلمہ اسلام پر بنیاد ہے۔” (مجموعہ اشتہارات، جلد اول، صفحہ 341)

KIDS ZONE

REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) once related the following story about the remembrance of Allah:

A person who remembers the Almighty God with love and true devotion does not count [how many times he remembers God]. He remembers Him without counting.

The story of a woman is well known. She loved someone. She saw a mendicant carrying a rosary passing it over his hand. The woman asked him, 'What are you doing?' He said, 'I am remembering my Friend'. The woman exclaimed, 'Remembering a friend, and that too while counting it?'

In fact, it is very true. Why count when remembering a Friend? In reality, unless the remembrance of God is abundant, the pleasure and devotion that results from remembrance cannot be achieved.

(Pleasant Stories and Anecdotes [2021], p. 20)

TRIVIA

1. What is a Mujaddid?
2. What is the name of the prayer offered during a solar eclipse?
3. Which attributes of Allah the Almighty are mentioned in Surah al-Fatiha?
4. What is the best time to recite the Holy Qur'an?
5. Which is the shortest Surah (chapter) of the Holy Qur'an?

ANSWERS

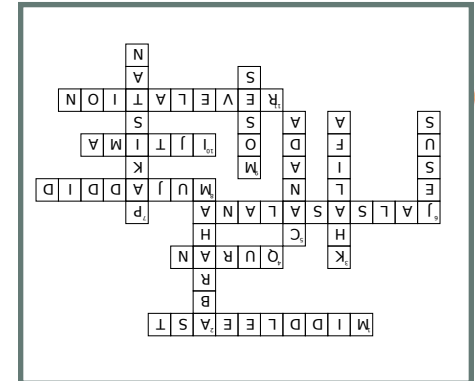
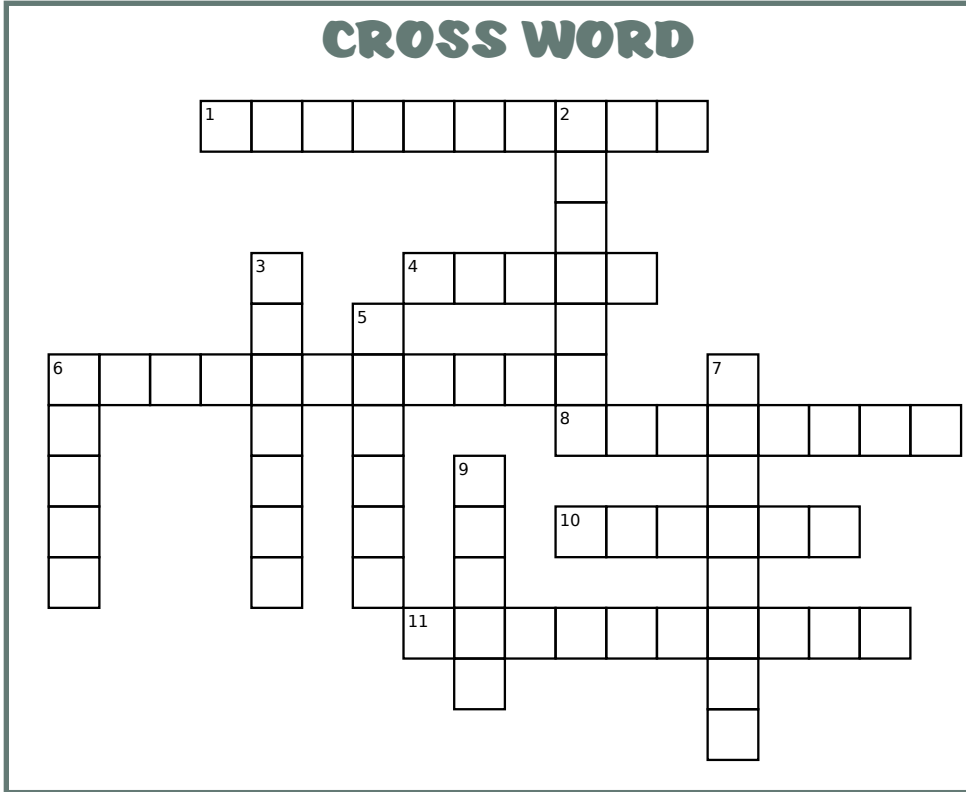
1. A spiritual reformer
2. Salat-ul-Kusoof
3. Rabbul Alameen, Ar-Rahman, Ar-Raheem, Malik Yaum-
id-Deen (Lord of all the worlds, the Gracious, the Merciful, Master of the Day of Judgement)
4. At dawn
5. Surah al-Kauthar

MEMORIZE THIS PRAYER

رَبِّ اِنِّي لِمَا اَنْزَلْتَ اِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيْرٌ

“My Lord, I am in need of whatever good You may send down to me.”
(Prayer of the Holy Qur’an)

CROSS WORD



DOWN

2. Prophet who was saved from fire
3. Appointee of Allah
5. First Jamia in Western hemisphere was established here
6. Prophet who migrated thousands of kilometers
7. Rabwah is located in this country
9. Prophet who crossed the sea

ACROSS

1. Region in the world where Makkah is located
4. The holy book of Islam
6. Annual Ahmadiyya Convention
8. Spiritual reformer
10. Annual auxiliary convention
11. Archangel Gabriel is responsible for this

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(خطبہ جمعہ ۲۳ اپریل ۲۰۰۳ء)

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(ملفوظات، جلد اول، صفحہ ۲۳۰ تا ۲۳۱، مطبوعہ ۲۰۲۲ء)

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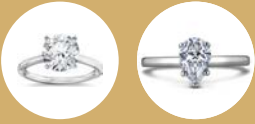
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THE RIGHTS OF NEIGHBOURS IN ISLAM

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

"I have mentioned on various occasions and will mention to you as well, that rights of neighbours have been outlined to such an extent that the Founder of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that one owes so many rights to others that if they do not fulfil them they will fall into sin.

In fact, the Companions used to say that the rights of neighbours were enjoined to them so much so that they thought perhaps their neighbours would be given a share in their inheritance.

"The Holy Qur'an teaches to care for one's neighbours. It also gives a vast definition of who neighbours are; those who live beside your home are your neighbours, those who accompany you in journeys are your neighbours, your work colleagues are your neighbours and your subordinates also fall under this category. Hence, all of them should be given their due rights. As for homes, not only are those living beside

the home neighbours, in fact the next 40 homes are also neighbours.

When this is how vast the scope of neighbours are, then it is not even possible for any sort of disorder or misconduct to arise. It is the duty of every Ahmadi, wherever they may be, to go to these lengths in fulfilling the rights of neighbours."

(Keynote address at the Inauguration of the Noor Mosque in Frankenthal, Germany, on September 9, 2023)

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