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by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the Fourth

Is, he, then, who founded his building on fear of Allah and His pleasure better or he who founded his building on the brink of a tottering waterworn bank which tumbled down with him into the fire of hell? And Allah guides not the wrongdoing people.) - Chap. 9, Verse: 109

After reciting these verses of Sura Tauba, Hazoor said that those who base their actions on righteousness which has been bestowed on them by Allah and the root of their righteousness is essentially on the will of Allah; they are far better than those whose basis is laid entirely upon hatred, jealousy and enmity. People who take refuge against truth and present obstructions in the way of truth these are the ones who face overt misfortune and meet covert destruction.

He further said: In the verses which I have mentioned there is glad tidings for the believers who in the face of hardships reach closer to the shadow of mercy of God. In this way they progress in their spiritual advancement towards their Creator without much effort of their own but only as a grace from God Almighty. On the other hand people who

are at loggerheads with believers, in fact are heading towards destruction of their own making.

Hazoor then shed some light on the recent past when our Jammaat faced heavy odds on many occasions. He said that even in the presence of such odds our Jamaat progressed with bigger strides and is continuing the momentum in all directions. All this is of course due to the blessings of our Creator. This show of Divine bounty towards the Jamaat is universal and is not limited to one region or one country only. For example he mentioned the movement of Waqf-i-Jadid which is a humble and simple program founded by Hazrat Musleh Maud for inculcating discipline and religious education among the Jamaat. Even in this project with the grace of Allah, Jamaat has made great progress. Initially its budget used to be seven hundred thousand rupees; now this has gone up to ten lakh rupees. Its future prospects are even better. Usually we declare the opening year for this project at the beginning of each calendar year, hence I take this opportunity and in this Juma

OBITUARY

MIRZA ZAFAR AHMAD DIES AT 72

Karachi (Pakistan) - Mirza Zafar Ahmad son of Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Sharif Ahmad and a grandson of Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (Peace be on him) died at Karachi on February 23, 1985 at the age of 72 years. He had not been keeping good health lately and succumbed to his old heart ailment.

We express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and the Household of the Promised Messiah.

BIRTH

A son was born to Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary at Los Angeles (USA) Munir Ahmad Choudhary and Begum M.A. Chaudhry in the afternoon of February 16, 1985. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV has graciously named the child "Khalid Bilal Ahmad". May Allah bless him, his elder sister and parents with happy lives. Amen.

this Juma Sermon I declare the opening of the New Year of "Waqfe Jadid". I also congratulate the members of the Jamaat on this occasion for the good work they have done so far in this direction.

After this Hazoor said, that usually on the Second Day of Annual gathering at Rabwah I mention briefly the successes achieved during the past year and bring to the notice of the Jamaat the bounties of the God Almighty. Our present diversity has some pleasant aspects also. A miraculous transformation has taken place among the jamaat as far as the spiritual growth of the members is concerned. In this regard he mentioned the new zeal and zest with which our jamaat is imbued at present and our members are busy in spreading the truth. He also mentioned that new jamats are being formed and organized. Some of the people who appeared lifeless before are revitalized and are now working with force and fervor. This vitality is also discernible in England too. In West Germany we have witnessed an alround awakening. In fact this state of affairs should have been brought about much earlier. But for the progress of nations extraordinary circumstances are a must; to give them a boost. This is also true for spiritual jamaats, like ours, and this had been God's way from the times gone by. The new year should provide us more impetus and determination to achieve greater successes in all directions.

He further said, that although we are faced with difficult times but God the Gracious has granted us with His endless blessings. He mentioned that he had recently been on a tour of Europe. There I noticed that our members were growing fast in numbers and the space in our mosques should be enlarged and in other places new mosques should be constructed. In the face of such needs a new building had been bought at Glasgow, Scotland. Mosque in Holland has become too small for our purpose. Plans to enlarge it and in fact to establish a new mission house is under active consideration at present. In Germany a new mission house is under consideration near Frankfurt. In Hamburg also a large site is under consideration to meet our new requirements. In Switzerland also our mosque appears too small for our needs. We were not very attentive towards France in the past. But presently the situation has changed materially. We have bought a sizeable building in a good locality in Paris and another site is under study for purchasing. In brief we cannot thank sufficiently our God Almighty for His blessings and Grace. Let us bow our heads towards our Creator and start the new year with greater effort

and determination with each breath of our life. Realizing always that the key to all our achievements is in seeking mercy of our Lord.

After this he mentioned the current situation in Pakistan; that how our brothers there are spending their time under excessive hardships with patience. He said that the revival which we see alround us is only due to the steadfastness of our brothers. He said that the path of discipline and reformation is riddled with hardships. Bearing hardships in the cause of Allah is in fact the mean to attain purity and strength in faith. That is why we are seeing numerous signs of saintliness and righteousness among us. Such happenings were unheard of before this. Hazoor read a few letters which reflected the truth of the Quranic verse which he had recited in the beginning of his sermon.

At the end Hazoor, read a few scripts from the writings of the Promised Messiah. These scripts explained to his followers with tenderness and love: "O, my dear ones! who have joined my Jamaat, the blessings which are being showered upon you are all from the God Almighty Who has sent me for your guidance.

"O, Muslims do not invest me with ill-intention and do not disbelieve me in haste."

Afterwards warning the non believers in a harsh tone he says: "no matter how much you oppose me, you cannot harm Ahmadiyah even a bit; on the other hand in fact each step of Ahmadiyah will in spite of your opposition but with the Grace of Allah, will elevate the Ahmadis towards the path of progress." Insha Allah (God willing).

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's Tour of European Countries

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV accompanied by Hazrat Begum Sahiba, all members of his family, Ch Hameedullah Sahib and his staff visited various countries of Europe from 13.12.85 to 31.12.85.

HOLLAND:

Hazoor left Harwich (England) by ferry at about 11:00 am on 13.12.84 having arrived at the Hook von Holland (Holland) at about 7 pm. Hazoor and his entourage were received by the National President, the Missionary Incharge and other members of the community. At about 8 pm Hazrat Sahib reached the Mission House at Hague where members of the community had assembled to receive him.

Majlis-e-Irfan:

Majlis-e-Irfan was held after Maghrib prayers where Hazrat Khalifatul Masih stressed the need to accelerate the speed of Tableegh and preparation of literature according to present requirements. Hazoor appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a bigger "Ahmadiyya Centre" in Holland.

Friday: 14.12.84

In his Friday sermon which was attended by a large number of Ahmadi, Hazoor gave a most inspiring account of the history of previous prophets. He said that the followers of true prophets have to undergo lot of hardships and religious persecutions. Members of the Ahmadiyya Community will bear all this with patience and prayers. God is ours and one day the opponents will be shattered into pieces.

Saturday: 15.12.84:

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih very kindly granted individual interviews to members during the day.

Majlis-e-Irfan was held in the mosque after Maghrib prayers. Hazoor gave necessary instructions in respect of the extension of the mosque and the establishment of a bigger centre. He answered questions put mainly by our Dutch brethren. One person with his wife and six children joined the movement and took "Bai'at" on Hazoor's hand. After 'Isha' prayers Hazrat Khalifatul Masih attended a dinner given in his honour by the Jama'at.

Sunday: 16.12.84:

Hazoor left for West Germany and at the German border Hazoor and his entourage was seen off by the National President, the Missionary incharge and other members of the Community.

WEST GERMANY:

On the German side Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and his party were received by the Missionary incharge, other missionaries and members of the community. Hazoor arrived at the Mission House, Hamburg at about 4:30 pm.

After Maghrib and Isha prayers which were offered together, Hazoor held Majlis-e-Irfan. Hazoor stressed the need of the extension of the present mosque and having a bigger Mission House and appointed a Committee for this purpose. Hazoor answered various questions relating to religion and other matters.

Sunday: 17.12.84:

Members had interview with Hazoor separately starting at 10 am. It continued until 5.15 pm with break for prayers. Majlis-e-Irfan was held after Maghrib prayers. Hazoor answered questions put to him in Urdu which were translated in German language by one of our missionaries.

Monday: 18.12.84:

Hazoor and entourage left Hamburg at 9 am having arrived at Frankfurt Mission House at about 3.30 p.m. He was received by the Ameer, other missionaries and members of the local community.

Majlis-e-Irfan was held after Maghrib prayers. Hazoor gave necessary instructions in respect of what further steps should be taken regarding "Tableegh" and establishment of another "Ahmadiyya European Centre." Hazoor very kindly answered questions put to him by members of the audience in Urdu and were translated into German language simultaneously.

Tuesday 19.12.84:

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih spent most of the time inspecting sites around the city for European Centre.

Majlis-e-Irfan was held after Maghrib prayers where Hazoor answered questions. He also directed that Tableegh cassettes should be prepared in Persian for Persian speaking people.

Thursday: 20.12.84:

Today again Hazoor inspected some more places for European Centre. In the evening a special "Tableegh sitting" was arranged for Germans. Questions were asked on various aspects of Islam. Hazoor replied in English which was translated into German.

Friday: 21.12.84:

There was rather an unusually large congregation for Friday prayers. Hazrat Sahib in his very inspiring sermon explained the concept of Islam when the people will be raised after death under "an Imam", and the meaning of being given the book on their right and on their left. He told the congregation to face the present crises with courage and patience and prayers. Victory is bound to be ours.

Majlis-e-Irfan was held as usual after Maghrib and Isha prayers which were said together, in the form of question and answer session.

Saturday: 22.12.84:

The day was reserved for individual interviews for people coming from outside Frankfurt. It commenced at 10 am and ended at 5:30 pm with break for prayers. 94 families had interviews with Hazoor.

Due to the large number of people, Majlis-e-Irfan was held in a spacious hall of Hotel Frankfurt Hof. Among those present were Turks, Germans, Arabs, Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis. A question answer session lasted for a long time. Hazrat Sahib replied in Urdu which was translated into German. Nearly 800 men and women attended the Majlis.

Sunday: 23.12.84:

The day was spent on individual interviews. In the evening Majlis-e-Irfan was held after Maghrib prayers where Hazoor answered questions on various religious and academic questions.

Monday: 24.12.84:

At 10 am Hazrat Khalifatul Masih with entourage left for Zurich, about 100 members saw him off with prayers.

SWITZERLAND:

At about 5 pm, the Missionary incharge with some members of the Zurich Jama'at received Hazoor and party about 10 klm outside Zurich.

The same evening after Maghrib, Hazoor held Majlis-e-Irfan and among other things he gave instructions to speed up the Tableegh activities.

Tuesday: 25.12.84:

The day was spent on individual interviews. At 5 pm after Maghrib prayers, Majlis-e-Irfan was held which among others was attended by Turks, Afghans, and Pakistani brethren. Questions were asked on religious and academic matters and translated into German language.

After Isha prayers Hazoor attended a dinner which was given by the Jama'at in his honor.

Wednesday: 26.12.84:

At 10 am Hazrat Khalifatul Masih with his entourage left for France and was seen off by the local Jama'at with prayers. The Missionary incharge accompanied him up to Klm.10.

FRANCE:

Hazoor spent night in a hotel at Troys enroute to Paris.

Thursday: 27.12.84:

The convoy left Troys at 10 am and was met by the Missionary Incharge and other office bearers just outside Paris. In Paris Hazoor stayed in a hotel.

Majlis-e-Irfan was held after evening prayers and matters concerning the establishment of another European Centre in France was discussed.

Friday: 28.12.84:

People had come from many parts of France to attend Jumma prayers. In his Friday sermon Hazrat Khalifatul Masih explained that the Holy Quran was full of advice but people fail to follow that good advice. They even do not learn lesson from various examples given therein. He said that there was a conspiracy throughout the world against Islamic countries which was in fact a conspiracy against Islam. But Islam will come out victorious eventually.

In the evening Hazoor visited a building in Dramay in the outskirts of Paris for which the Community has already given its consent to buy for Mission House. He also asked the Jama'at to look after a bigger place for construction of a mosque and a big centre in due course.

Majlis-e-irfan was held after Maghrib prayers, where Hazoor answered various questions on Islam which were translated into French.

Saturday: 29.12.84:

The day was spent on individual interviews and in the evening Majlis-e-Irfan was held as usual after Maghrib prayers. This was followed by a dinner given in his honour by the Jama'at.

Sunday: 30.12.84:

Hazoor and party left for LILLE where he stayed in a hotel. He was received by local Ahmadis. In the evening Hazoor met the members of the local Community at the residence of the local President where Majlis-e-Irfan was held. Hazoor laid special stress on the need of the publication of literature in French language. He answered questions which were translated into French by the Missionary incharge.

Hazrat Sahib then attended a dinner given in his honour by the Community. He instructed the local office bearers to look for a suitable piece of land around LILLE for another Centre for France.

Monday: 31.12.84:

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih with his entourage left for England via Calais at 10 am and arrived at Dover by Hoovercraft at about 3 pm the same afternoon. He was welcomed by the Ameer UK, the Missionary Incharge and other office bearers. The Party arrived at the Mission House London at about 8 pm having called at Gillingham enroute.

Audience (Mulakat):

Members from the following countries had an audience with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih:

Nigeria	West Germany
Canada	Tanzania
Siera Leone	Pakistan
Trieste (Greece)	Saudi Arabia
Kenya	Kuwait
Singapore	Bangladesh
USA	Libya
United Kingdom	Zimbabwe
Indonesia	Spain

Sahiwal Incident:

All the accused persons have now been transferred to the Central Prison, Sahiwal. They were again put in leg-irons and solitary confinement. A protest was lodged with the Pirson authorities and they have now been allowed to live together. Food is being provided by the Jama'at. Their morale is very high indeed.

Inspite of the fact that the Police privately admitted that the evidence of the defence witnesses was true and correct, yet they have charged our members before the Martial Law Court. A delegation of our opponents called upon the Deputy Martial Law Adminstrator and urged him to hear the case as soon as possible and pass the "judgment". The DMLA replied that according to his informaiton only one person was guilty of the offence therefore how could MLA punish innocent persons. Our opponents then accused their own solicitor for making a mess of the case by including the names of innocent persons in the charge. The case is still pending.

REMOVAL OF KALIMA FROM AHMADIYYA MOSQUES AND PREMISES, ETC.**Rawalpindi:**

The District Magistrate Rawalpindin on 31.12.84 issued a notice on the Ameer Jama'at Ahmadiyya, Rawalpindi, which stated that it had been observed that Ahmadis have inscribed Kalima Tayyabba on their place of worship (i.e. mosque) situated in Muree Road. Such inscription on a Qadianee place of worship was a cognizable offence. The Ameer was therefore called upon to erase Kalima Tayyabba inscribed on their place of worship (i.e. mosque) within a week failing which legal action will be instituted according to law. This notice was served on the Ameer Jama'at Ahmadiyya by the Senior Superintendent of Police Rawalpindi.

There is nothing in the Ordinance forbidding the members the Ahmadiyya Community in writing Kalima on their places of worship or any other premises. This notice is in itself in violation of the law of Pakistan.

Lahore:

The Government of Punjab has sent a circular to all Commissioners and Police Officers instructing them to keep a close watch on the activities of Ahmidis as they have been directed by (Hazrat) Mirza Tahir Ahmad (Sahib) to rewrite Kalima wherever the authorities erased it.

Jhang:

On 9.1.85 the Assistant Commissioner and the DSP called our office bearers to their office and instructed them to remove Kalima from our mosque. Our office bearers refused to do so. They said they would make a start from the District Headquarters and continue to other places, meaning Rabwah. Nothing has happened since.

AHMADIS PERSECUTION IN PAKISTAN

32 Ahmadi Muslims Arrested in Pakistan

According to the latest reports, 32 members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community have been arrested in Pakistan for writing Kalima (The Declaration of Faith) 'There is no one worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger'; and wearing badges with the same written on them.

Thirty one of these arrests were made in Faisalabad alone.

In the past few months the Kalima was erased from the Ahmadiyya Mosques and homes by Pakistan Police authorities forcibly.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Associations all over the world deplore the situation and protest very strongly against this barbaric act of the government against a peaceful religious Community and request all freedom loving nations of the world to condemn yet another grave violation of human rights.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF AMEER JAMAAT AHMADIYYA SUKKHAR-PAKISTAN

It has been reported that on 28th January, 1985, at about 9. pm. Mr. Najmul Haq, Ameer Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Sukkhar, who is a senior advocate, was on his way from his office to his house. As he reached a dark spot on the road someone shot at him. Mr. Haq struggled with and overpowered his assailant. At this another unknown person stabbed him with a knife and both of them made good their escape. Mr. Najmul Haq was immediately taken to the hospital where he was operated upon and bullets were removed from his body. The matter was immediately reported to the Police but no arrests have been made so far.

In May 1984 the then Ameer of Sukkhar, the late Mr. Qureshi Abdul Rahman, aged 73 was martyred. He was attacked and stabbed 14 times as he left the mosque after offering his 'Maghrib' prayers. Qureshi Sahib died immediately.

Since the promulgation of the Ordinance the lives of the members of the Ahmadiyya community are in grave danger. They have been discriminated against, dismissed from their jobs, attacked and murdered. Some of their places of worship have either been destroyed or forcibly occupied. So far 'Kalima

Tayyabba' has been forcibly obliterated by the authorities from outside 53 mosques.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, RAWALPINDI "NOTICE" FOR ERASING 'KALIMA'

Notice

It has been observed that you have inscribed Kalima Tayyabba on your place of worship situated on Murree Road, Rawalpindi (Raza Shah Pahlvi Road). The inscription of Kalima Tayyabba on a *Qadiani* place of worship is a cognizable offence. You are therefore called upon to erase Kalima Tayyabba inscribed on your place of worship Bait-ul-Hamd, Murree Road, Rawalpindi within a week from the date of issue of this notice failing which legal action will be initiated according to law.

District Magistrate
Rawalpindi

Sh. Mujib-ur-Rehman,
Amir Jamat Ahmidia,
Bait-ul-Hamd,
Raza Shah Pehlvi Road (Murree Road),
Rawalpindi.

No. 497 /GHC Dated 31-12-1984.

A copy is forwarded to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rawalpindi for immediate service upon Sh. Mujib-ur-Rehman, Amir Jamat Ahmidia, Bait-ul-Hamd, Raza Shah Pehlvi Road (Murree Road), Rawalpindi.

District Magistrate
Rawalpindi

DAWN

Kalima to be erased from Qadianis' places of worship

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb. 11: The Provincial Home Department has directed all the Commissioners in Punjab to make necessary arrangements for erasing the Holy Kalima from the places of worship of Qadianis.

The Department further directed them that in case of any obstruction from Qadianis, cases by initiated against them under Section 298, C, which provides three years' imprisonment under the April 1984 Ordinance.

Under this directive, the local administrators in Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Sahiwal, Okara and some other places have already erased the Kalima from Qadanis' place of worship.

It is learnt that at some places the government functionaries have refused to erase the Kalima.

When 'Dawn' contacted the Jamaat-i-Ahmadya, a spokesman said the Jamaat would not put up any resistance to the officials, implementing the government's directive, but would ensure that Kalima-i-Tayyaba, was rewritten later.

He declared under no circumstances the members of the community would dissociate themselves with Kalima, "which is the cornerstone of their belief." He further said if government used force to erase Kalima from their places of worship they would inscribe the Kalima on their chests.

The spokesman further said the community had struggled for the creation of Pakistan and opted for Pakistan only because it was created on the basis of the Kalima.

PAKISTANI COURT JAILED AN AHMADI MUSLIM FOR SAYING HIS PRAYERS

Local Magistrate of Mansehra in Pakistan Jailed an Ahmadi Muslim Mohammad Yusuf for one year and fined him RS. 500/-. He was accused of having called the Azan, lead the congregational prayers and observed "Itikaf" (A form of Worship where one is engaged fully in prayer and meditation during the last ten days of Ramazan) in the privacy of his own home.

The judge giving his verdict remarked that according to the presidential decree promulgated on 26th April, 1984, Ahmadis were debarred from calling Azan, offering daily prayers, observing fast and Itikaf.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association U.K. condemns this act of grave violation of human rights and freedom of worship.

VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN PAKISTAN

We urge the free press in the West to take strong exception and note of the grave violation of freedom of expression levelled against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan.

The publication of six journals published by the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Pakistan was stopped by the Secretary of the Government of Punjab in Pakistan. This action of the Pakistani Administration demonstrates their disregard of the freedom of the Press in that country.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a peace-loving religious community dedicated to enhancement of spiritual enlightenment all the world over. Headquartered in Rabwah, Pakistan, the movement publishes its newspapers, including its official organ called the Daily Al Fazl from there. This paper contains simple religious statements and community notices.

This action of the Pakistani Administration came after they refused to give a hearing to the Ahmadiyya Community for the show cause notice (copy attached) delivered to the latter in August 1984. In that notice the Administration asked the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to explain why their publication containing simple religious statements and notices should not be forfeited.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community submitted a full explanation and yet its pleadings went unheard. On the 12th of December 1984 the Government of the Punjab, acting under the military regime of General Zia, the Pakistani military ruler since 1977, sealed the Press which printed the daily Al Fazl. On the 12th of January 1985 annulled the declaration of this official paper of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

The Western Press should condemn this violation of the freedom of Press in Pakistan.

USA JAMAATS NEWS BULLETIN

TUCSON

Regular, Jumah and Sunday prayer meetings are held. We listen to Hazur's tapes. The tapes are passed around to brothers of the Jamaat. During

the month of December from 26th to 28th our Jamaat arranged to have daily prayers at our Masjid.

Sister Rasheeda, wife of the President, teaches prayers to all brothers and sisters who do not know.

One thousand pamphlets (Mercedes de Islam), in Spanish, were printed for distribution to the Spanish speaking community in Tucson and Mexico.

Brother Ishaq Qureshi, President of Jamaat, attended the annual gathering held at New York. He brought back important information and impetus for having a vigorous Jamaat full of enthusiasm for Tabligh.

Recitation and reading of Quran and other literature, from the teachings of the Promised Messiah are carried out by brothers.

- Report by Mohammad Ishaq Qureshi, President

ROCHESTER

Monthly meeting took place in Rochester at the Bicentennial Hall. After the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mirza Naseer Ahmad and Naveed Ahmad, a poem of Khalifatul Misah II was read by Dr. Abdul Hakeem Sahib Nasar.

As Jamaat was celebrating Musleh Maud Day, there were 3 speeches. Naveed Ahmad Sahib mentioned briefly about Hazrat Musleh e Maud's journey to Hoshiarpur and his prayers for 40 days and how this sign of blessing was given to him by Allah the Exalted.

Sardar Rafiq Ahmad mentioned Hazrat Musleh Maud's various qualities by giving examples from his life and that how Hazoor's had organized every portion of the Jamaat, his literary achievements and their acknowledgments by non-Ahmadi scholars of that time.

Lastly our revered brother Abdur Rahim sahib (father of Dr. Abdul Hakeem Nasar) explained the prophecy of Musleh e Maud. He said that Hazoor did not proclaim himself as the 'Musleh-e-Maud' till the time Allah revealed this to him by revelation. Up till that time although his services for Jamaat and Islam were so outstanding that the companions of the Promised Messiah mentioned this fact to him that he was the Musleh-e-Maud and that he should proclaim himself to the Jamaat, Hazoor always refrained from doing this and waited till the moment when Allah Himself told him to do this.

- Report by Sardar Rafiq Ahmad, General Secretary

NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans Jamaat has been conducting weekly classes for our Atfal and Nasirat on a weekly

basis. These classes have emphasized the learning of Namaz, Azan, Ahadith, the revelations of the Promised Messiah, reading of the Holy Quran and other religious knowledge. Sisters Rehana Nayyar, Rashida Saeed and Brother Arshad Farooq have all given freely of their time and organized and conducted these classes.

In order to determine the progress of the children, it was decided to hold an examination of all the Atfal and Nasirat. Three groups were made as follows:

ATFAL AND NASIRAT

(Ages 5 to 6 years) - Group I

Farhan Ahmad - 6 years

Noshin Saeed - 6 years

Javaid Nayyar - 5 years

Maliha Ahmad - 5 years

ATFAL AND NASIRAT

(Ages 7 to 12 years) - Group II

Irfan Saeed - 11 years

Balal Nayyar - 8 years

ATFAL AND NASIRAT

(Ages 13 to 16 years) - Group III

Ataur Rab Ahmad - 14 years

Saira Saeed - 13 years

The syllabus for the above groups was prescribed by the Centre, and was closely adhered to. The examination was held at the residence of Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad, President, New Orleans Jamaat on December 30, 1984. Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad, Dr. Safer Ahmad and Brother Basheer Shams officiated as judges. The Atfal and Nasirat were called one by one before the judges and demonstrated their knowledge of Namaz, Azan, Ahadith and the revelations of the Promised Messiah. The older Atfal and Nasirat in Group III were also asked to explain the difference between Christians and Muslims and also the difference between Ahmadi Muslims and other muslims. The results of the tests are as follows:

GROUP I - Javaid Nayyar was judged First in the group, followed by Farhan Ahmad in Second and Noshin Saeed in Third Place.

GROUP II - Balal Nayyar was judged First in this group, followed by Irfan Saeed in Second Place

GROUP III - Ataur Rab Ahmad was judged First in this group, followed by Saira Saeed in Second Place.

The overall performance of all children was above average according to the judges. Prizes were awarded to the winners, with special cash prizes by Sheikh

Rasheed Ahmad to the children who stood First in their Group. Each participating child received a prize to encourage the children to acquire further religious knowledge. Based on the satisfactory results of this exam, examinations will also be conducted in the future, Inshallah, in accordance with a new syllabus received from the Centre.

Report by Ismail K Nayyar, Secretary

BOSTON

PLEDGES FOR NATIONAL MOSQUE FUND

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Br. Mohammad Afzal	100
Br. Mohammad Akmal	50
Br. Mohammad Ajmal	10
Br. Anwar Saeed	1,000
Br. Naveed Ashraf	100
Sis. Razia Haneef	1,000
Sis. Amtul Latif Khaliq	3,000
Sis. Surraya Haneef	500
TOTAL	35,460

RELIGION BEING CRIMINALIZED IN PAKISTAN

RECITATION OF KALIMA BANNED

The *Kalima* is simply an affirmation that:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

*There is no God but Allah,
Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah*

General Zia's military regime is putting behind bars Ahmadi Muslims for reciting and exhibiting the Kalima, the fundamental creed of all sects in Islam. His agents are desecrating the sacred Kalima from Mosques and other places.

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Govt. urged to reconsider 'Kalima' issue

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LAHORE, Feb 16: Syed Afzal Haider, member, Pakistan Bar Council, in a statement issued here on Saturday has urged the government to withdraw its circular directing divisional commissioners to erase the *Kalima* from the Ahmadis' places of worship.

He has also urged the immediate withdrawal of cases against those who had been arrested for wearing *Kalima* badges on their chests.

He demanded the release of Liaquat Husain warraich and condemned his transfer from Lahore to Sahiwal jail.

He said Warraich was working for the release and relief of political prisoners and was urging the jail authorities to provide facilities to the prisoners as provided in the jail manual.

Sheikh Shaukat slates erasure of 'Kalima'

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb 14: The former President of the Lahore High Court Bar Association, Sheikh Shaukat Ali, has criticised the Home Department circular, directing officials to erase the "Kalima" from the places of worship of Ahmadis.

He said that the display of the "Kalima" whether it was in mosque, temple, church or on any other place propagated the cause of Islam. "Those who have issued the erasure orders have done no service to Islam", he said.

He said, the Ahmadis, by reciting, displaying or wearing the "Kalima" had publicly affirmed their faith in the finality of prophethood. "I think the constitutional amendment declaring the Ahmadis a minority should now be deleted", he concluded.

Ramay for generosity towards Ahmadis

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb. 12: Mohammad Hanif Ramay has criticised what he called the unjust treatment being meted out to Ahmadis and called upon the people to reconsider their attitude towards that community and show generosity in religious matters.

In a press statement, Ramay, who heads the (defunct) Pakistan Musawat Party, said that removing the '*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*' from the Ahmadis' places of worship and snatching '*Kalima*' badges off the chests of the members of that community amounted to opposition to the '*Kalima*' itself and "belies our own claim that Islam is a universal faith."

Ramay, clarifying that he was not an Ahmadi criticised the religious leadership in the country and said that instead of spreading the message of the '*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*' and proving that Islam was a complete

code of life they were, in deep prejudice and with narrow-mindedness, trying to curb the religious rights of a community which was being subjected to all manner to excesses on the national level.

"Allah is *Rahbul Aalameen* and His last Prophet (peace be upon him) '*Rehmanullil Aalameen*' and Islam is the common heritage of all nations, groups and peoples in the world."

Deploing "our collective attitude towards the Ahmadis," Hanif Ramay said: "In a State which came into being in the name of Allah and the '*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*' no one has the right to curb the religious freedom of any community, particularly the minorities. This amounts to creating the impression that Islam was spread at the sword-point and not as a result of its benevolence and universal appeal."

Directive on 'Kalima' deplored

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb 13: The religion of Islam preaches peace, tolerance towards minorities and communities which hold the "*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*," as the cornerstone of their beliefs and towards those who participated in the struggle for Pakistan under the leadership of Quad-i-Azam.

This was stated by Malik Navid Ahmad, Chairman, Pakistan Solidarity Front, here on Wednesday. He said vested interests in order to divert the people's attention from the struggle for the restoration of democracy and the 1973 Constitution were trying to use the '*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*' to achieve their evil designs.

He urged the Government to release everyone arrested for displaying the "*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*" in their places of worship. He also appealed that the Home Secretary's directive of all divisional commissioners in the Punjab to have the "*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*" removed from non-Muslims places of worship be immediately withdrawn.

Mian Ehsanul Haq, a local leader, has criticised the Home Department's circular about erasing the '*Kalima*' from the Ahmadis' places of worship.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday Mian Ehsan said erasing the '*Kalima*' was against the spirit of Islam and the law of the land.

He demanded that those who had been arrested for wearing the '*Kalima*' badges should be released and those responsible for erasing the '*Kalima*' punished.

'Kalima' badges: 22 persons granted bail

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb 13: The Session Court, Faisalabad, has granted bail to 22 persons charged with wearing '*Kalima-i-Tayyaba*' badges on their chests.

The petitioners, Mr. Samiullah, Mr. Rafi Karim, Dr. Fazal Karim and others, were arrested under Section 298-C of the PPC.

Counsel for the petitioners submitted that the '*Kalima*' was the cornerstone of their faith, and Section 298-C was not applicable to them. They submitted that no reasonable man could be provoked by the display of the '*Kalima*' badge.

The court, after hearing the counsel granted bail after arrest on the security of Rs 10,000 and one surety each in the same amount.

According to a Press release of the Ahmadiyya Free Legal Aid Committee, six more persons were arrested by the Faisalabad police today for wearing '*Kalima*' badges.

Ahmadis

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb 19: About 1 Ahmadis have been arrested in various districts of the Punjab wearing the '*Kalima*' badges.

Court told Home Secretary wants assurance

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb 16: During the hearing of a writ petition in the Lahore High Court filed by the Jamaat-i-Ahmadiyya against the cancellation of the declaration of the daily *Al-Fazal*, the Advocate-General, Punjab, informed the court that he had received instruction from the provincial Home Secretary that if the petitioners approached him or gave him some assurance about the material to be published by their press and newspaper then he might consider to recall his order.

The Court, after hearing the Advocate-General, observed that the petitioners might approach the Home Secretary and give him their point of view.

The petitioner had in two writ petitions, challenged the order of the Home Secretary closing the Ziaul Islam Press for three months, and cancelling the declaration of the daily *Al-Fazal* and other publications of the Jamaat-i-Ahmadiyya. Mr Abid Hasan Minto, advocate appeared for the petitioners.

Erasure of 'Kalima' opposed

Dawn Lahore Bureau

LAHORE, Feb. 12: Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan, Member, Pakistan Bar Council, has said that "it would be most reprehensible for any Muslim to erase the "*Kalima Tayyiba*" from any place whatsoever.

Apart from being contrary to the tenets of Islam, any action based on the recent directive of the Punjab Home Department "violates the constitutional guarantees on equality and freedom of worship for all citizens of Pakistan." He said that narrow-minded religious zealots and fanaticism must be avoided at all cost and the government must not become party to "this frenzy."

According to a Press release Lahore Ahmadiyya Legal Aid Committee, following a directive of Punjab Home Department to Divisional Commissioners if they should take steps to erase '*Kalima*' from Ahmadi places of worship, more than 50 Ahmadis have been arrested in Faisalabad while in the last two days 29 arrests have been made in Okara and 23 in Sahiwal.