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NO LEADERSHIP SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT TAQWA RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FOLLOWERS PROVIDE REAL VIGOR TO LEADERSHIP BE ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR OWN TAQWA AND THAT OF YOUR CHILDREN

(A summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by
Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV on March 13, 1987, at
the Fazal Mosque, London)

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ
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“And those who say: ‘Our Lord, grant us of our
wives and children the delight of our eyes, and make
us a model for the righteous.’” (25:75)

In physical world, a small action sometimes triggers an enormous reaction. This phenomenon, when harnessed, can give extraordinary results. For example, a small flicker of a flame may ignite a great explosion when put to dynamite and a spark may activate the tremendous power latent in gasoline. Similarly, a reminder or a sermon sometimes acts like a flame or a spark in human life. According to the Holy Quran, the real source of energy in human life is *Taqwa*—righteousness. As a flame is useless if the explosive is damp and a spark is powerless without gasoline, similarly, in human life nothing moves despite repeated reminders and speeches if *Taqwa* is missing.

The Holy Quran tells us that *Taqwa* is the real cause of progress, advancement, motion and growth in spiritual matters. The above Quranic Prayer tells that *Taqwa* is essential to make a successful family life. It is a prayer for becoming a model for a righteous family. It is a wonderful prayer. It teaches that no leadership is successful without sincerity of heart, without *Taqwa*. Righteousness of the followers provide real vigor to leadership.

In the Ahmadiyya community there are two types of persons: Firstly, those who are always concerned about their own righteousness. Secondly, those who are busy finding faults with others and they are not concerned at all with anyone’s righteousness. The second type of persons are again subdivided into two categories: (a) A few who make a negative and destructive criticism. They are very small in number and they are decreasing day by day; (b) Some others whose righteousness is very superficial, are in the habit of generalizing their criticism against the entire Jamaat when they find fault in an individual. To them the whole community seems without *Taqwa*. To them everyone in the Jamaat appears to be a cheat and dishonest person. Greater the position of a person in the Jamaat, the bigger hypocrite is that person in their eyes.

But with the grace of God, our community is righteous in the eyes of Allah. Despite bitter opposition and great trials, it is marching forward on the path of *Taqwa*. I swear by God, if this community is not righteous then there is none on the surface of the earth. What indicator is to be used to measure righteousness. The real strength of your leadership is measured by the moral quality of your followers. If the followers are righteous, you are a strong leader. If there is no righteousness in the followers, then the leaders are useless and none of their efforts and their plans bear any fruit.

Our community is advancing in virtue with an amazing spirit of sincerity and devotion. It is offering amazing sacrifices and is unparalleled in this respect. Not only that our community upholds a very high

standard of Taqwa, it always craves for higher criterion. It is always anxious for greater progress. When called to do virtuous acts, the collective reaction of the Jamaat clearly indicates that a tremendous amount of Taqwa exists in the Jamaat as a whole, and that is why it is always overanxious to do good.

In this prayer Allah has taught a great lesson. Do not desire mere leadership, you should rather ask for ability to lead righteous people. If your followers are righteous, there will be a grandeur and impressiveness in your leadership. You could then challenge the entire world with courage and strength to compete with you.

Those who are in the habit of making negative criticism and using biting and sarcastic language and are always looking for some fault to defame the jamaat, should appraise themselves first and examine and analyze their own weaknesses and shortcomings, and should be "cruel" to their own "selves". If this happens, we will win a great part of our struggle in Taqwa. You should look after others with love and compassion in a spirit to help them out. If others have Taqwa in them, try to ignite it by becoming a flame which causes a great spiritual explosion. Do not say or do anything which would dampen their potential growth in Taqwa and disable them in their process of growth.

In reality, we cannot achieve anything unless we raise the standard of Taqwa. No doubt, we as a community are on a high level of Taqwa, but still more progress is needed. Therefore repeated reminders are essential. For us there is no limit in growth of Taqwa. Only the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who had reached the highest possible pinnacle of spiritual growth in Taqwa was an exception. After him, we see many striving in the same direction but no one could touch the heights of the Holy Prophet's Taqwa. We find many a pious person struggling to get closer to and being lost in the love and devotion of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him but no one could be exactly like him.

Taqwa being an extremely deep, vast and intricate subject needs constant and overall supervision. Therefore, whatever level of Taqwa you may have, you always need improvement. In his writings, the Promised Messiah has defined Taqwa as an ongoing, progressing, never-ending phenomenon. If you com-

prehend this point, your concerns and worries will be over. Never be proud of any personal virtue. Humility, modesty, and humbleness should always be in your heart. He says:

"You are the final community of Allah. Therefore, exert your best efforts to reach the highest possible norm of virtue and good. Anyone who becomes lethargic, will be cut assunder and thrown out of the Jamaat."

Allah has taken this responsibility upon Himself. Therefore, it is useless to take it upon yourself what Allah has ultimately taken upon Himself. The Promised Messiah says:

"Allah the Exalted has revealed to me that Allah Himself will remove and discard the filthy in a slow and gradual process. And we are observing this on a daily basis. There were many who apparently were striving for noble end but their hearts were unclean. Allah the Exalted did not allow them to reach the noble end. Such a person is discarded like a filthy thing and shall die in great disappointment and shall be unable to do anything against Allah. Look, I announce with great joy that your God does really exist. Although everything is His creation, yet He selects the one who selects Him, He gets closer to the one who endeavors to get near Him. Whoever honors Him, is honored by Him."

Therefore, be always concerned about your own Taqwa and that of your children. The above verse of the Holy Quran tells us that if you really want to reform your society, you should start this reformation from your children. If you do this, it will prove sincerity of your hearts and it will enable you to guide others as well. If you are unable to guide your own children, and yet you are always critical of others in the Jamaat, then be sure that you are the one who lacks in Taqwa. If you take care of your own children then you will be able to guide others as well in loving and sincere ways. To reform others, you do not need sarcasm, bitterness, and anger. In trying to reform others, you do not hurt their feelings. You rather feel compassion and pain for others as you do feel the same for your own children.

(Translated by Mubasher Ahmad)

TRUE EID

(Sermon of Khalifatul-Masih II (Abridged)
Delivered on May 29, 1922)

Eid consists of inner joy and pleasure of heart. True Eid does not consist of putting on fine clothes, eating delicious food or gathering at a place. What makes Eid a Day of Real Joy is the feeling that one has done one's duty. It was incumbent upon us, during the Month of Ramadhan, to abstain from lawful food, drink and sexual relations, for a fixed time, from dawn to sunset, and to devote ourselves to prayer and devotion. So today is the Day of Eid for those of us who have carried out the Divine injunctions. Those who have not acted upon these Divine Commandments, except for legitimate grounds, have no reason to be happy today.

This Eid contains two great lessons for us. One is that it is not too hard for us to offer Tahajjud Prayer (prayer in the latter part of the night), because, during the month of Ramadhan, even those who could not, throughout the year, offer Tahajjud, got up in the part of the night for 'Sehri' (Meal before dawn) and offered Tahajjud. Thus defaulters in Tahajjud are self-admonished that if they could get up at the latter part of the night during this month, it was not impossible for them to do so in the other months.

The Second Lesson is that motive and resolution gives man strength and enables him to bear hardships and do great deeds. During this month you bore the trouble of hunger, thirst and getting up at night because you had the intention and determination to do so. In Summer, during the Month of Ramadhan, you bear hunger and thirst for about fifteen hours, but on other occasions, you cannot bear hunger or thirst even for two hours, you have then, no motive and resolution to do so. So, take a lesson from the Month of Ramadhan, and resolve that you will not now be slack in the service of your faith, and will not hesitate to undergo hardship for its sake.

You made a covenant with Allah, through His Messiah of the Age, that you would sacrifice the world at the altar of Religion. So make up your mind to fulfill this Covenant. If you fulfill your covenant, it will really be a great Eid for you. Remember that one who sacrifices one's food, drink, near and dear ones, native land and properties for Allah's sake, is not deprived of any of these things. Whatever one

sacrifices is returned to him by Allah manifold. One is given by Allah much better and greater things in reward for the things sacrificed by him for His sake. The illustrious Companions of the Holy Prophet made great sacrifices, but in comparison with the things they were rewarded with, their sacrifices sink into insignificance. They left their native land in a state of slavery, but they got it back as its rulers. They left their properties, but Allah gave them so much wealth that, it is said about Hazrat Abdur Rahman Bin Auf that when he died, he had three hundred Million Rupees left in his house. Hazrat Abu Huraira, who used to stay always in the Mosque of the Prophet, so that he might not miss any sayings of the Prophet, had to go, on several occasions, without food for several days, and sometimes, oppressed by hunger fell down senseless and people according to the then Arab custom, struck him with shoes thinking that he had an attack of epilepsy, became afterwards the Governor of Persia.

The Holy Companions did not make these sacrifices for any reward, they made them for virtue's sake, for virtue is its own reward. One who saves a drowning man feels a pleasure that is not felt even by the one who conquers a country. Now, the greatest virtue is to help the helpless and the needy, and the most helpless person is the person who is away from Allah. However rich a man may be, if he is away from Allah, he is really poor. You are richer than the richest people of the world because Allah is with you, and you have accepted that Messenger of Allah for whom generations were waiting and tidings of whose advent were given by prophets. So you are really rich and your Eid is real Eid. But you are to take care of those poor ones who are away from Allah and are worshiping man in the place of Allah. Their condition is pitiable, you ought to have pity on them and call them back to Allah.

All of you, young or old, learned or unlearned, should devote yourselves to the service of Allah's cause. Do not consider yourselves ignorant, even if you happen to be uneducated. The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was not educated. An unread man is not necessarily ignorant. Ignorant is he who has no knowledge of his true God. How well did Jesus say, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by the word of God."

You have been blessed with true Divine Knowledge, you have the Divine Treasure, the Holy

Quran. So use this knowledge and treasure and spend it in the path of Allah. Have courage, go out and convey the Message of Allah throughout the world and do not demur from any sacrifice in His Cause. Distribute the Quranic treasure given to you by the Promised Messiah to all the people of the world, all are in need of it, whether kings or millionaires.

No pleasure can be real pleasure unless one's brothers and friends also participate in it. All of the people of the world, whether Christians, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs or Buddhists, are our brothers, because they are all the children of our grandfather, Adam. So how can we rest in peace when our brothers are deprived of the Divine Treasure we possess? I, therefore, exhort you to distribute this Treasure among all of your fellow beings. Do not rest until you have shared this Divine Treasure with all the creatures of Allah. Your responsibility shall not end until you bring all your brothers to your Divine Father. Attack wrong beliefs, diffuse true conception of God, bring home to people the Holiness and Perfection of God, the beauty and excellence of Islam and the greatness and superiority of the Holy Prophet and His Successor, the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on them both.

God is perfect, but people have attributed so many imperfections to Him. So stand up with firm determination, dispell all misconceptions about God and try to save the spiritually poor, needy and drowning fellow biengs from destruction, and be prepared to sacrifice your comfort in His Holy and Noble Cause. May Allah grant us all the capacity to do so! Amen!

HAZRAT NAWAB AMATUL HAFEEZ PASSES AWAY

It is with a very heavy heart that we announce the demise of Hazrat Nawab Amatul Hafeez. She was the last surviving child of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

The Promised Messiah was foretold about the arrival of this daughter and published this glad tiding in *Al-Hakam* and *Al-Badar* newspapers. He has mentioned this event in his book *Haqeeqatul Wahy* (pg. 218). The revelation was: "*Dukht-e-Karaam*".

Hazrat Nawab Amatul Hafeez was born on June 25, 1904 and passed away on May 6, 1987, at Rabwah, Pakistan. She was a sign from the many signs of Allah, given to the Promised Messiah. She leaves behind three sons, six daughters and a large number of grand children and great grand children, thus fulfilling another of the prayers of the Promised Messiah regarding his children: "May they grow from one to a thousand."

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Hazrat Nawab Amatul Hafeez.

HOLY SPIRIT HIGH SCHOOL VISITS THE FAZL MOSQUE

35 students from the Holy Spirit High School, Washington, DC, paid a visit to the American Fazl Mosque on May 7, 1987. This visit was initiated by Miss Farida Sheikh, the daughter of our Amir and Missionary Incharge. Sh. Mubarak Ahmad spoke to the students. His speech was followed by a question answer session. Sister Ayesha Sharif presented a slide show for the students. Afterwards, the students were served a wholesome lunch.

A letter has been received from the school authorities after this visit, which runs as follows:

"In the name of the school community of Holy Spirit High School, I want to thank you for your

kindness and warm hospitality on the occasion of our visit to your Mosque. The students and I were touched by your warmth and learned a great deal of the beauty of your religion. Peace be with you."

Sincerely,

Salvatore Scrimba, ocd
(father Sal)



SYMPOSIUM ON THE IDEAL LIFE AND CONDUCT OF THE PROPHET MOHAMMAD (Peace be upon him)

The Symposium on Holy Prophet Mohammad (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) was held in New York on Sunday, April 19, 1987, at P.S. 165. Alhamdulillah this regional meeting was a grand success. The Hall was completely filled with people attentively listening to the various speakers who spoke on different aspects of the Ideal Life and Conduct of the Holy Prophet. The attendance at this meeting was about 470 people, out of which there were between 120-150 non-Ahmadi guests (both men and women).

The Symposium started at 11:45 a.m. with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a poem recited in praise of the Holy Prophet. The Symposium was moderated by Brother Abid Haneef, NE Regional President. First guest speaker of the day was Mr. M. Shamsheer Ali, Imam of the Long Island Islamic Centre who spoke on "The Ideal Life of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him)". The second subject, "Mohammad, the Liberator of Mankind" was delivered in an inspiring speech by Imam Quasim Bakiriddin of the Muslim Mission Masjid in Queens. He clearly brought out the fact that the Holy Prophet changed the hard hearts of the people by the teachings of the Holy Quran and transformed them with his ideal example. He also emphasized how the Holy Prophet taught his Umma to control anger.

Hafiz Ihsan Sedef, Imam Al-Farah Mosque, addressed the gathering in the Turkish language, which was translated into English simultaneously.

Imam Hafiz Ihsan Sedef spoke on "The Lifesketch of the Holy Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him)". He said that the Holy Prophet gave the best of manners for mankind to follow. His life and the Holy Quran were all miracles and brought out the fact that the whole Universe was created for the sake of the Holy Prophet.

Doctor Mohammad Mehdi, Secretary General of the National Council on Islamic Affairs spoke briefly on "Mohammad, Example in Human Rights & Religious Tolerance" and asked the audience to read more about the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him).

Br. Muzzafar A. Zafr, Naib Amir I, addressed the audience with the last speech of the day "Muhammad (peace be upon him) Love for all Mankind". He detailed how the Holy Prophet taught that all men are equal and there was no superiority of any one man over another in regards to caste, creed, or color. The Holy Prophet's love for mankind was insuprable. He expressed his disappointment about the Muslim world today who have forgotten this love and are involved in fighting with one another. The



meeting concluded with silent prayers. Refreshments were served to all those present. The Symposium was covered by "Good Morning Asia TV" and the complete proceedings of this event was recorded on video by the New York Jamaat. Dr. Shafi Bezar, owner of the "Good Morning Asia" program attended this

Symposium and was greatly impressed and commented if he knew about these programs earlier, he would have definitely attended them. Overall, both the impressions of the guests and Ahmadies were very positive and encouraging. Alhamdulillah.

SEERATUN NABI DAY IN NEW ORLEANS

The Seeratun Nabi Day Meeting was convened on April 19 at the local Sheraton Inn in Knner. The announcement for this meeting was printed in the Times Picayune for two days to invite the public to attend. Members of the local Jamaat also invited their friends. A group of local African-American Muslims were also invited to attend the meeting along with their Imam, Mr. Nashid Salahuddin.

The meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. with recitation from the Holy Quran by Bashir Shams, followed by translation by him of the Quranic verses. Mr. Masih-Uz-Zaman then read the poem: *Woh Paishwa Hamaara* from Durre Sameen in a very melodious voice. Mr. Masih-uz-Zaman is a non-Ahmadi who has warm feelings towards the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam and has graced previous Jamaat meetings with his melodious rendering of the Promised Messiah's poetry. Dr. Safer Ahmad translated the Urdu verses of the poem into English, emphasizing

the tremendous love that the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement had for the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him.

Zahid Ahmad then addressed the gathering with a speech on the events which the Holy Prophet passed through during his stay in Mecca, from the start of his divine revelations to the Prophet's final triumph. The next speech was by Ismail Nayyar who spoke on religious tolerance of the Holy Prophet. Dr. Saeed Ahmed then spoke on the traditions of the Holy Prophet with explanation of several Ahaadith.

The next speech was by Dr. Safer Ahmad, who spoke on the Holy Prophet as an exemplar. Dr. Safer began with recitation from *Sura Al-Kahf* with translation, and then elaborated on the perfect and shining example of the Holy Prophet, who, as a human being, set a perfect example for all mankind by his great courage, his steadfastness, his complete trust in Allah and by his sublime character of moral excellence.

Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad spoke next on the Prayers of the Holy Prophet, narrating and explaining the miraculous powers of the Holy Prophet's prayers. Examples of some of the Holy Prophet's prayers were the foiling of an attack on the Holy Prophet and his followers when the attackers' horses were bogged down in the sand, the coming of rain when there was drought in the land, and the acceptance of Islam by the non-believing mother of Abu Huraira.

Brother Nashid Salahuddin, Imam of the invited Afro American Muslims, then spoke on the life of the Holy Prophet, from childhood to maturity, the advent of his divine revelations, the preaching of a universal faith which did not discriminate between black Muslims, brown Muslims or white Muslims.

Shaikh Rasheed Ahmad then concluded the largely attended (12 non-Ahmadi invitees) meeting with prayers and thanks to all participants. Refreshments were served.

SEERAT UN NABI DAY CELEBRATED AT HOUSTON

Members of the Jamaat gathered at Cedar Bayon Community Hall on Hwy. 146 in Baytown to celebrate the Seerat Un Nabi day. Five Afro American non Ahmadies also attended the Jalsa.

The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by a poem from Durr-i-Sameen by the Promised Messiah Alahissalam praising the Holy Prophet Muhammad, (S.A.W.)

The first speaker, Br. Muzaffar A. Mirza, spoke on "the evolution of Religion" and presented the Holy Prophet (peace be on Him), as a perfect man and as a perfect prophet.

Br. Abdul Hayee then presented the true concept of Jihad and Martyrdom as propounded in the Holy Quran and as illustrated by the Holy Prophet SAW and the Promised Messiah Alaihissalam: He briefly mentioned that it is not Jihad to entertain rebellious design to overthrow governments or other acts of terrorism. He emphasized on the real sense of Jihad being to propagate the excellences of one God and His chosen one, the Holy Prophet peace and blessing of Allah be on Him. And to strive in upholding the banner of Islam through out the world against its opponents.

Br. Marwin Mohammad an Afro American muslim also shared his feeling for the occasion. He

impressed upon to follow the character of the Holy Prophet (peace be on Him) who is a perfect exemplar for us. He also expressed to promote brotherhood among the muslims.

Br. Kalim Ahmad Chaudhry, President of the Jamaat, emphasized to have such meeting more frequently in which the life sketch of the Chief of all Prophets, Mohammad Mustafa (peace be on Him) be presented as desired by our dear Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul Massih the IV. He also explained how the Holy Prophet SAW attracted non muslims to the fold of Islam through his love for mankind, his sympathy for the poor and the needy, his regard for the young and the old, men and women, his treatment with neighbors, with friends and foes.

The meeting concluded with Ijtemai Dua.

SEERAT UNNABI MEETING OF SOUTH EAST REGION

The Seerat Unnabi Meeting of South East Region of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was held on April 19, 1987 at Sligo Middle School, Silver Spring, MD., with Sahibzada M. M. Ahmad in the chair. Nearly 400 Ahmadi men, women and children of Washington Metropolitan Area, Baltimore, York and Harrisburg, PA were present. A good number of Non-Muslims also joined in commemorating the noble life and moral excellence of the Holy Prophet, may peace be on him.

The function started with the recitation of the Holy Quran, made by Br. M. Abdul Rashid Yahya, Missionary. Br. Mubarik A. Malik recited a poem of the Promised Masseur, peace be on him, commemorating the paying homage to the Holy Prophet (may peace be on him).

The first speaker was Mr. Paul Forsyth, who spoke on "The Holy Prophet in Mecca: Opressed and Victor". He, very eloquently narrated how the Holy Prophet and his followers were persecuted by the Quraish and were compelled to migrate to Medina. Even while in refuge in Medina, they were attacked and dragged into several defensive battles. Finally the Holy Prophet entered Mecca as "Victor". Mr. Forsyth explained with illustrations, how humanely and kindly he treated and forgave some of his own and Islam's deadly enemies.

The next speaker, Br. Alhaj Noor Uddin Alhadith paid homage to the Holy Prophet (may peace be on



Seerat-un-Nabi meeting in Silver Spring, Md. Above: Br. Haroon Asad delivering a speech; Below: A section of the audience at the meeting.



him) by elaborating the unmatched leadership qualities of the Holy Prophet (may peace be on him) as a reformer, as an educator and as a military commander.

The next topic on the agenda was "the Prophet at Home: Exemplary Family Life". Br. Alhaj Munawar A. Saeed made a scholarly presentation on it. He presented the unprecedented excellence and uniqueness of the Holy Prophet's character as a dependent child, a husband and a father. He dealt at length with

the prenuptial piety of the Holy Prophet, the plurality of marriages under Devine guidance and the exemplary equal treatment of different wives.

The next speaker, Mr. Haroon Asad spoke on "The Prophet's Universal Mercy." The learned young speaker gave several examples from the life of the Holy Prophet, depicting his unique benevolence and kindness to his fellow beings. Mr. Asad quoted from the writings of the late Hazrat Ch. Mohammad Zafrullah Khan (may Allah be pleased with him) and

the renowned historian Sir William Muir, depicting the unprecedented affection, love and kindness of the Holy Prophet to the poor, infirm, downtrodden and seemingly unpleasant individuals. He stated that the Holy Prophet was an intercessor for mankind as he attained perfection in heavenly as well as earthly attributes.

Sahilthzada M. M. Ahmad, in his presidential remarks, briefly commented on each topic and

discussed various aspects of the Holy Prophet's noble character. The meeting concluded with collective Dua.

The meeting was followed by dinner presented by the Washington Metropolitan Jamaat. The guests exchanged views with the hosts in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. One native American embraced Islam and pledged his allegiance to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV.

THE PROMSIED MESSIAH DAY CELEBRATED IN LOS ANGELES

By the grace of Allah, Jamaat Los Angeles organized a general meeting to celebrate Hazrat Promised Messiah's Day on March 29 at 2:00 PM at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Culver City.

Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmed, Ameer & Missionary Incharge, U.S.A. honored us with his presence on this special occasion.

Brother Rehmat Jamaal, President, L.A., welcomed the honorable guest and requested him to preside over the meeting. The program started with the recitation of the first 7 verses of surah *Al-Jumma*, recited in a melodeous tone by Mr. Abdul Waheed Khalid. Mr. Zubair Ahmed presented it's English translation.

Mr. Jawaid Malik recited Hazrat Ahmed's poem *Kis Qadar Zaahir Hai Noor Us Mabda'ul Anwaar Ka* in a tunefull voice. Mr. Arshad Mahmood Khan, then related Arabic text of the Hadith *Kusoof-o-Khusoof* of Darqutni and presented three aspects of this Hadith namely, authenticity, content and the actual fulfillment of the prophecy in the time of Hazrat Ahmed Alahissalam.

The first speaker was Brother Rehmat Jamal who described the similarities of the attributes of Hazrat Isa and Hazrat Ahmed Alahissalam. He presented some salient examples to show this similitude, including: the arrogance of the audience for both the Messiahs, that is Jews and Muslims. Both these prophets had to propogate in the land known as India. Both these prophets were not Law-bearing prophets. The teachings of both these messengers tend towards humbleness, forbearance and tenderness.

The next speaker was Anwer Mahmood Khan who talked about the accomplishments of Hazrat Ahmed

Alahissalam. In order to calibrate the height of one's accomplishments, one has to understand the objectives and goals of an individual and in the light of these objectives and goals of an individual the accomplishments can be measured.

Ch. Mahmood Ahmad later recited in a harmoniously sad tone Hazrat's Ahmad's poem *Aae Khuda Aae Karsazo Aib posho Kirdigar*.

The next speaker was Ch. Munir Ahmad, Missionary West Coast. He presented selected events of the sacred life of Hazrat Ahmad, how he related with a variety of people including children, the mentally retarded, guests, and his followers. He factually demonstrated the real Islamic image of human behavior.

Finally, the guest speaker, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Missionary Incharge, U.S.A., addressed the audience. The focus of his scholastic presentation was the status of Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi. In the light of Quranic verse, he indicated that the knowledge of the unseen is bestowed to the prophets in great abundance and Hazrat Ahmad is a living proof of this phenomenon as is exemplified by the voluminous compendium *Tazkira*.

As expected, the audience could not resist but to raise Takbeer—Allaho Akbar—at the presentation of this Divine act... The eloquent speaker was so fluent in his speech that the audience was fully absorbed during his speech. Sheikh Sahib's charisma was greatly enhanced by his elegant dress and charming personality. On several occasions he reached to the hearts and souls of the listeners.

The meeting was concluded with silent prayers. Light refreshments were served for 125 adults and 30 children attending the sacred meeting, *Alhamdo Lillah*. (Anwar Khan, Gen. Secretary, LA Jamaat)



Br. Muhammad Sadiq speaking on "Why he accepted the Promised Messiah" during the Promised Messiah Day function in Philadelphia, PA, on March 29, 1987.

MASIH-E-MAUOOD DAY

Observed in New Orleans, LA

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Bashir Shams. A poem from *Durre Samin* was then read by Ismail Nayyar. Ataur Rab followed with a speech on the predictions of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, Masih-e-Mauood. The special significance of Masih-e-Mauood day dominated the day's speeches. Zahid Ahmad continued with a speech on the life of Hazrat Masih-e-Mauood.

Dr. Safer Ahmad then addressed the gathering with a learned discourse on the importance of *Taqwa* in practical life as expounded by Hazrat Masih-e-Mauood in his various writings. Dr. Safer quoted profusely from the Holy Quran and from the writings of the Promised Messiah to bring home the importance of *Taqwa* in every aspect of one's life. Aslam Farooq spoke next, reading an excerpt from *Rohanee Khazaen* on the bait of Maulvi Nizam-ud-Din. Irfan Saeed then spoke on the life of the Promised Messiah. Ismail Nayyar followed with a speech on the respect which Non-Ahmadies showed the Promised Messiah in his lifetime as well as after his death.

Shaikh Rasheed Ahmad, President, New Orleans chapter, then spoke on the invitation extended by the Promised Messiah to all pure minded people to come and worship the One and True God. Collective prayers (dua) was then held and the Meeting came to an end.

SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT MOSQUE

Fifteen senior citizens from the Arlington Senior Citizens Club visited the American Fazl Mosque, Washington, DC, on May 13, 1987. They were briefed by Sh. Mubarak Ahmad on a variety of topics concerning Islam. On their departure, they commented that they enjoyed their visit very much and learned a lot about Islam.

TWO ATHENS JAMAAT STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS FROM SCHOOL

The Athens, Ohio, Jamaat had two high school students this year. Both of these students were honored at an Award Ceremony at the Athens High School on Sunday, May 17, 1987.

Laeqa Mirza was given an award, naming her as the best (overall) student at the Tri-County Joint Vocational School. Fauzia Mirza was inducted in the National Honor Society and also received a \$500.00 check from the Ohio University Medical College.

Fauzia Mirza is graduating from High school at the age of 16 and has been one of the top students in her class. She intends to study Medicine at Ohio University. All Ahmadi brothers and sisters are requested to pray for both these students. May Allah make them successful in their lives and make them very good Ahmadies. Ameen.

39TH AHMADIYYA MUSLIM CONVENTION, USA

June 26, 27, 28 - 1987

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1987

- 3:00 pm Juma & Asr Prayers
 6:00 pm DINNER
 7:30 pm Professional Associations' Meetings.
 (a) Doctors
 (b) Engineers
 (c) Businessmen
 (d) Writers
 8:45 pm Maghrib & Isha Prayers
 9:00 pm National Secretaries Meeting with
 (a) Secretaries Tarbiyyat
 (b) Secretaries Tabligh
 (c) Secretaries Finance

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1987

- 4:00 am Tahajjud Prayers
 4:30 am Fajr Prayers
 4:45 am Dars-e-Quran Mr. Munir Ahmad Chaudhry, Missionary
 5:00 am Dars-e-Hadith Mr. Abdur Rashid Yahya, Missionary
 7:00 am BREAKFAST

FIRST SESSION

Part I

- 9:30 am Talawat-e-Quran Mr. Abid Hanif, Boston
 9:40 am Poem Mr. Zafar Ahmad Sarwar
 9:50 am Message from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV
 10:20 am Opening Address Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad,
 Amir & Missionary Incharge

Part II: Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar, Naib Amir I, USA, presiding

- 10:40 am Love of Allah Mr. Munir Hamid, Philadelphia
 11:05 am Poem Mr. Nasir Ahmad Vains
 11:15 am The Holy Prophet Muhammad's (s.a.w.s.) Mr. Inamul Haq Kauser,
 Quality of Forbearance Missionary, NE Region
 11:40 am The Truth of the Promised Mesiah
 as Stated in the Holy Quran Dr. Masud Ahmad Qazi, Chicago
 12:05 pm Announcements and Conclusion
 12:30 pm LUNCH
 2:00 pm Zuhr & Asr Prayers

SECOND SESSION

Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad Presiding
 (Concurrent Lajna Session in a different location)

- 2:30 pm Talawat-e-Quran Mr Aziz Ahmad Vains
 2:40 pm Poem Mr. Rashid Ahmad Bhatti
 2:50 pm Distinctive Features of Ahmadiyyat: Mr Syed Saleh Nasir
 The True Islam Barrister at Law, New York

3:15 pm	Khilafat: A Blessing of Allah	Mr. Habib Shafiq, Dayton
3:40 pm	Poem	Mr. Tahir Ahmad Khokhar
3:50 pm	Islam and Science	Prof. Salih Muhammad Aladin Usmania University
4:15 pm	Presidential Remarks and Conclusion	
4:40 pm	Health and Fitness Demonstrations	Mr. Muhammad Sabir, Milwaukee
5:00 pm	Social Hour	
6:00 pm	DINNER	

THIRD SESSION

Dr. Ehsanullah Zafar, Naib Amir II, USA, Presiding

7:30 pm	Talawat-e-Quran	Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad
7:35 pm	Poem	Mr. Hamid Ahmad Bhatti
7:40 pm	A Panel Discussion:	
	Dai Ilallah Project, Challenges and Opportunities in America	
	Panelists:	Dr. Masoud Ahmad Malik; Mr. Zulfiqar Yaqoob; Mr. Tariq Sharif; Mr. Abdul Aleem; Ch. Munir Ahmad, Missionary
8:30 pm	Maghrib & Isha Prayers	

FOURTH SESSION

Malik Saifur Rahman, Mufti, Silsila Ahmadiyya, Presiding

9:00 pm	Talawat-e-Quran	Mr. Muhammad Bashir
9:05 pm	Questions and Answers.	
	Panel of Scholars:	Mr. Abid Hanif; Mr. Munawar Ahmad Saeed Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar; Dr. Jafar Ali
10:00 pm	Conclusion	

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1987

4:00 am	Tahajjud Prayers	
4:30 am	Fajr Prayers	
4:45 am	Dars-e-Quran	Mr. Zafar Ahmad Sarwar, Missionary
5:00 am	Dars-e-Hadith	Mr. Munir Ahmad Chaudhry, Missionary
7:00 am	BREAKFAST	

FINAL SESSION

Maulana Sh. Mubarak Ahmad, Amir & Missionary Incharge, Presiding

9:00 am	Talawat-e-Quran	Hafiz Dr. Samiullah
9:10 am	Poem	Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Malik
9:20 am	Muslim Family Life in USA	Dr. Laeq Ahmad, Washington, DC
9:40 am	Our Administration: Duties & Responsibilities	
		Alhaj Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar, Naib Amir I, USA
10:05 am	The Holy Prophet of Islam's Exalted and Unique Status as <i>Khatamun Nabiyyin</i>	Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad
10:30 am	Poem	Mr Zafar Ahmad Sarwar
10:40 am	Closing Address by the Amir & Missionary Incharge	
11:40 am	Conclusion and Dua	
12:30 pm	LUNCH	
2:00 pm	Zuhr & Asr Prayers	

Dear Brother in Islam

Assalamo-Alaikum

As you may know that the 39th Annual Ahmadiyya Convention will, *Insha Allah*, be held on June 26-28, 1987 at University of Maryland, Baltimore campus. Exhibition of books, Jamaat publications and photographs depicting the history of Ahmadiyyat in USA will be arranged on this auspicious occasion.

You are requested to kindly favor us with any of the following items:

1. Photographs of the first Ahmadi brothers in USA.
2. Photographs of the Promised Messiah's successors during their American tours.
3. Photographs of American Jamaat members during their visit to Qadian or Rabwah.
4. Photographs of past conventions, Jamaat gatherings, and Regional, Ansaar or Khuddam Ijtima.
5. Any other photographs or other items of historical significance relative to our Jamaat in USA.

It is assured that your photographs after due exhibition will be returned to you safely. Your name will be written underneath showing your courtesy afforded for the occasion.

It will be appreciated that suitable captions are given of each photograph, giving the names, dates and other information.

Expecting that you will oblige the organizing committee in this respect.

Please mail items to:

Annual Convention—Exhibition
2141 Leroy Place N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

To make display arrangements, items must be received before June 10, 1987.

OUR 39TH JALSA SALANA, USA

By the Grace of Allah, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is holding its 39th Jalsa Salana on June 26-28, 1987, at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Campus, Catonsville, Maryland. The In-charge, Registration & Accommodation, earlier, mailed the registration forms individually at home addresses. Some forms were not delivered because of incorrect addresses. Please deliver the forms to the

proper addresses & also provide us with the new & correct addresses of these members. Ahmadiyya Gazette had also printed the registration form in its March issue. Photocopies of the forms can be made for any additional need.

Please convey the following instructions about Jalsa arrangements to all members of your Jama't:

REGISTRATION

1. Answer all blanks on the registration form.
2. Get the signature of your Jama't president on the form.
3. Inform the headquarter of your special need or handicap.

ACCOMMODATION

1. Be sure to bring your own bed sheets or sleeping bags, pillows, towels etc.
2. Please cooperate with the arrangements made for your residence and stay where you have been assigned. Participants will be accommodated at the University residence halls as well as individual Ahmadi homes in the Washington-Baltimore area. Arrangements in Ahmadi homes are being provided to reduce Jalsa expenses as well as to follow the good tradition of Jalsa Qadian and Rabwah.

MEALS

1. Please choose your meals from the foods available at the university cafeteria. If you have a medical or some other special dietary requirement, make your own arrangements and also let us know. For such a large gathering, facilities at present are only available for traditional American-style food.
2. Please put only as much food on your tray as you can eat. Wastage of food is un-Islamic and reflects badly on the whole community. Please check that your children are also careful in the use of food.
3. Do not take more than one food item from each group of foods. For example, only one entre (1 meat/vegetable dish), only one dessert (1 sweet dish), and only one type of soft drink (Coke, etc.).

Chanda Jalsa Salana:

To meet all the expenses of Jalsa Salana, all earning members are required to pay 1/120 of their annual income. Please make this payment if you have not already done so.

Masoud Ahmad Malik
Chairman, Jalsa Committee

RESOLUTION

We, the Ahmadi Muslims of the South-East Region of the U.S.A. are outraged by the mounting campaign in Pakistan to deprive Ahmadi Muslims of their fundamental human rights by imposing the provisions of the Martial Law Ordinance XX of 1984. The recent incidents intensify our anxiety and concern over the involvement of the Government of Pakistan in repudiating the message of Ahmadiyyat by imprisoning our members and confiscating our publications in an attempt to silence us.

In support of all of our oppressed brethren, we are resolved to call upon the Government of Pakistan, a signatory of the United Nations "Declaration of Human Rights" to reverse its policies of persecution,

thereby ordering the immediate withdrawal of the frivolous charges against Mr. Hamidullah, Mr. Abdul Qadar and Mr. Qazi Munir Ahmad as well as all other Ahmadi Muslims awaiting trial or already put in jails for their religious belief.

We are further resolved to broadcast our appeal for humanitarian consideration to the concerned authorities and the people all over the world who attach high value to the individual human rights.

This resolution was accepted by unanimous affirmation during a public meeting to celebrate and pay homage to the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) held by the South-East Region of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Silver Spring Maryland, on April 19, 1987 and attended by people from all faiths.

CENTRAL YORK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT NOOR MOSQUE





140 Students from the Central York High School paid a visit to our Noor Mosque, in York, PA., on April 22, 1987. Sister Ayesha Sharif entertained them with slides on different topics of Islam. Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary Incharge,

USA, delivered a comprehensive speech which was followed by a question-answer session. The Students asked a variety of questions on topics such as Jihad, the Islamic Purdah and Terrorism. All these questions were answered to their satisfaction.



Ahmadiyya Mosque at Tucson, AZ. Fron view of the building. Photo taken on March 15, 1987

1987 LAJNA-NASIRAT REGIONAL IJTEMA SOUTHEAST REGION

Saturday & Sunday, April 4 & 5

Saturday, April 4: The Lajna-Nasirat program started at 10:30 AM with Talawate Quran followed by translation and the Lajna & Nasirat Pledge. Washington, D.C. Nasirat group recited the poem "La illaha Illallah". The translation of the poem was delivered by Sarah Malik. The inaugural address was given by Apa Safia Sheikh. Nusat Ahmad, President of the Southeast Regional Lajna, welcomed everyone in her Opening Address.

After Zuhr and Asr salat, Hadith game was played in which both Lajna and Nasirats were in teams of groups of 10 individuals. Questions were asked pertaining to Ahadith narration, compilers, and history. A correct reply to the question earned the team points and also unveiled a hadith word by word on a poster board.

We had a Lajna & Nasirat Workshop discussion. The participants were divided in groups of 4-5 and were asked to write a speech on: "What is the best way to use Islam and Ahmadiyyat to change an immoral society to a moral society".

We were very fortunate to have with us Begum Drs. Abdus Salam. She advised the Lajna and Nasirat in a very inspiring way. She stressed that we should follow the teachings of Islam and make the religion of the true Islam prosper. We should become Dae Ilallah and try our utmost to spread Islam through our good actions and examples.

At 6:00 PM we held speech competition. The first place winners will deliver their speeches on Jalsa Salana America. Winners are Amina Saeed, Shaima Ahmad, Zoonah Ahmad and Nusrat Johan Bashir in different groups of wasisat and Lajna.

At 8:30 Lajan and Nasirat held the Islamic Talent Show in which members shared poems, talawat-e-Quran, hadith, stories, skits, and cheers. There was a demonstration on the art of decoupage. Techniques to use when eating out in public under the veil were demonstrated.

Sunday, April 5: At 9:00 AM the program started with recitation of Holy Quran, Psalms of Ahmad by York Nasirat Group and a hadith. Then Sister Shakura Nooriah talked about the Ahmadi men who were taken as prisoners and explained how they are

being ill treated. The main province of this torture is going on is Sindh. After her touching introduction all Nasirat and Lajna members wrote letters from the bottom of their hearts to the prisoners and their families. While we wrote, a poem was played that was written by a prisoner.

At 11:30 we listened to words of wisdom from Respected and Honored Sisters:

Apa Safia Sheikh (translation by Bushra Salik)

Tahira Rashid (wife of our missionary Abdur Rashid Yahya)

Nusrat Al-Hadith — she spoke on the ceremony of Hajj and shared her personal experiences.

Naseema Kaleem (translation by Fatima Majid)

Sahibzadi Amtul Qayum — spoke about Pakistani and American sisters living in harmony with one another.

After that handicraft competition was held.

At 2:30 Religious Knowledge game for Nasirats and Lajna was held. Nasirats were divided into 2 groups. Lajna members were divided into 5 groups. Questions were asked in various topics such as History of Ahmadiyyat, Holy Quran, and Claims and Teachings of the Promised Messiah. This activity was conducted by Sister Ayesha Sharif.

At 5:00 PM Awards and prizes were distributed and at 5:30 Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib gave his closing remarks.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, the Ijtema was a great success. All the guests were accommodated and their stay was made comfortable. There was a total of about 100 Nasirats and Lajna members who participated in this gathering from Washington, DC, Baltimore, and York/Harrisburg. A special thanks is given to Farida Malik (chairperson of Entertainment Committee) and Mubarika Shah (Nasirat Coordinator) who were constantly at work in making this Ijtema successful.

The entire setting of the Ijtema was very pleasant. Not a minute was wasted. Every moment was spent in the remembrance of Allah. There was an aura of spirituality throughout the gathering where talawats, poems, Ahadith, and speeches were going on. In his closing remarks, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib said that this Ijtema was "An inspiring, motivating and educational gathering". May Allah always guide us on the path to righteousness. (Ameen)

TARIQ

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MAJLIS ATFALUL AHMADIYYA, USA

EDUCATIONAL/PHYSICAL COMPETITIONS FOR THE 1987 ANNUAL IJTEMA

# Competitions	atfal I (7-11)	Atfal II (12-15)
1 AZAN	Calling only	Calling and Translation
2 SALAT	Arabic Text and Basic Description	Arabic Text & Translation Description and Issues
3 HOLY QURAN Recitation	Chapter 105	Chapter 2, Verse 287
4 HOLY QURAN Memorization	Open	Open
5 QURANIC PRAYERS	Open	Open
6 HADITH of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.)	Memorization only	Memorization & Translation
7 ILHAMAT OF THE Promised Messiah, (a.s.)	Memorization	Memorization
8 RELIGIOUS Knowledge	Written Test	Written Test
9 PREPARED SPEECH	Time: 3 minutes Topics: Salaat; Fasting A Good Tifl Discipline	Time: 4 minutes Topics: Truth of the Holy Prophet (saw); Truth of the Promised Messiah (as); Seerat (Life) of the Holy Prophet (saw); Seerat of the Promised Messiah (as)
10 Observation & Recall	Individual	Individual
11 MESSAGE RELAY	Team of Four	Team of Four
12 SHORT RACE	Individual	Individual
13 LONG RACE	Individual	Individual
14 TUG OF WAR	---	Team of Eight
15 RELAY RACE	---	Team of Four

Syllabus for Educational Competitions: Book of Religious Knowledge, and
Lessons on Islam - Books 1 thru 4

Physical Competitions depend on the availability of facilities and weather conditions.

A LETTER FROM THE SADR

I have received a letter from Mr. Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Markaziyya, Rabwah, written by him on February 9, 1987. The translation is my responsibility.

"...Pay consistent attention to education and training and to Islah o Irshad (tabligh/propagation). In this respect, the basic activity is that the (audio) cassettes of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (may Allah be his support) be listened to in every household. If this activity is initiated and is continued persistently, it will be beneficial in every respect..."

...(Publication of the set of) books (for children by the US mission) and (arrangements for children's) classes are positive steps. Separate (national) ijtema for atfal is plausible. It is being held first time (at the national level), therefore, keep the program light and make it interesting...

...Allah the Almighty be with you...

READING SYLLABUS

Following is the syllabus, regarding the books of the Promised Messiah, defined for Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, U.S.A., for the remaining months of the year 1986-1987. Khuddam are urged to obtain the necessary books immediately either by contacting their Quaid or 2141 Leroy Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008 (202) 232-3737. The Quaid is advised to ensure compliance with this program by individual contact, arranging study groups and reviewing the prescribed material on a regular basis. Based on this syllabus, a written test will be given at the annual Ijtema this year.

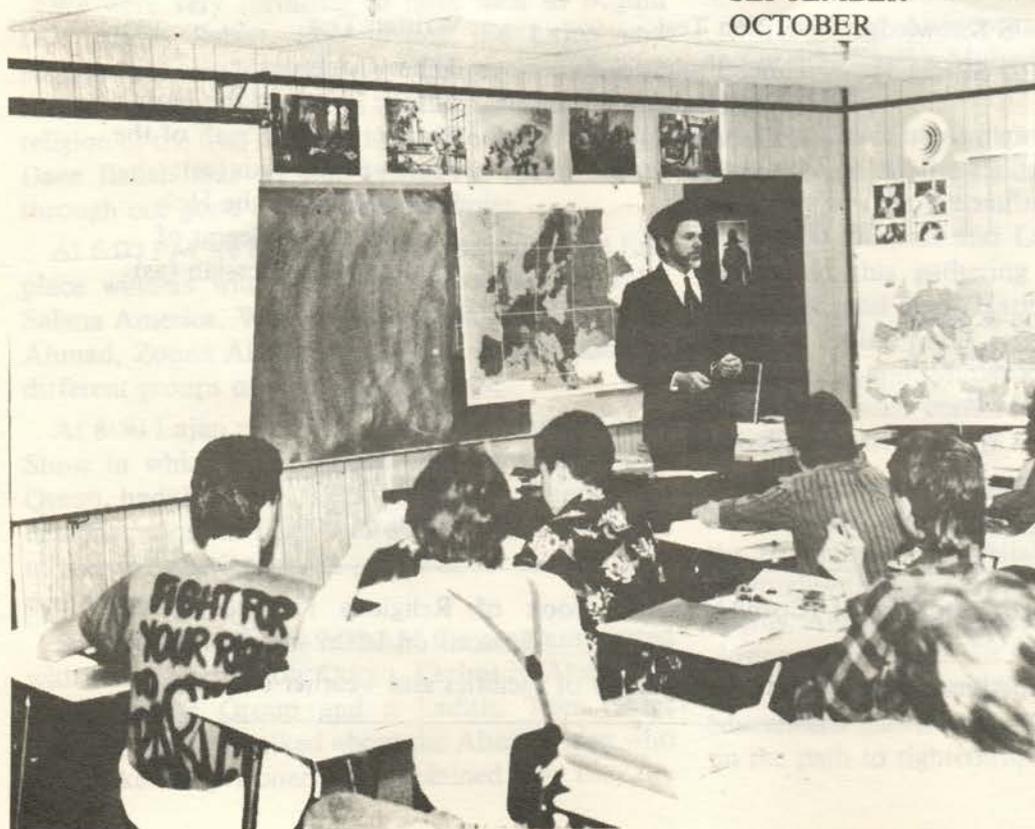
ENGLISH SPEAKING KHUDDAM

The Essence of Islam. Volume II

MAY-Ch.7; JUNE-Ch.1 & 3; JULY-Ch.4 & 6
 AUGUST Ch.10,11,12,13 & 14
 SEPTEMBER Ch. 15 & 16; OCTOBER Ch.17 & 18

URDU SPEAKING KHUDDAM

MAY	Lecture Ludhiana
JUNE	Chashma-e-Masihee
JULY	Masih Hindustan mein
AUGUST	Masih Hindustan mein
SEPTEMBER	Dafe ul Balaa
OCTOBER	Alwasiyyat



Br. Fazal Ahmad, National Qaid, Ansarullah, delivering a speech at Whitman Han-son High School at Whitman, MA, on Monday, April 6, 1987.

FROM THE PRESS:*Asian Times*, April 10, 1987**Ahmadis Arrested in Sangarh**

Four Ahmadis, including the Divisional President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, were arrested in Sangarh, Sind Province in Pakistan at a sports program organized by Ahmadi youths. The Ahmadis, Bashir Ahmed, Dr. Fazlur Rehman, Abdul Rehman, and Ahmed Ali, were charged on a complaint by one Ahmad Hamadi, known to be a member of General Zia's coterie and an active anti-Ahmadi Mullah. He reported to the police that the Ahmadis have recited some sayings of the Holy Prophet of Islam, during their program.

According to reports, the Mullah also tried to incite the resident population against the Ahmadis for creating hatred against the latter. The Mullah is said to be notoriously influential in the area; even the Magistrate refused to bail out the accused for fear of earning General Zia's displeasure.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (UK), strongly condemns the attitude of the Pakistani regime, who connive with the Mullahs in utilizing the slightest excuse, in their favor to oppress the innocent members of this community.

Asian Times, May 15, 1987**Pakistan Condemned for Imprisonment Procedures**

A high level commission has been called to investigate torture cases in Sind jails. Iqbal Haider, general secretary of the National Liberation Front and Rafiq Safi, convenor of the Committee for Human Rights to the Political Prisoners, have expressed concern in a joint statement over the fact that during the first quarter of 1987, there have already been reports of torture, threat of death, beatings and injuries. They say that there is a rising trend of physical torture incidents in the Sukkur central jail, demanding the release of political prisoners like Professor Nasir Qureshi and Rafi Qureshi. The two were sentenced to death by the Martial Law Courts in 1986.

Dawn, Karachi, Pakistan, February 19, 1987**LHC Directs AG to seek Govt. Instructions**

February 18: A division bench of the Lahore High

Court has directed the Advocate-General, Punjab, to seek instructions on a writ petition filed by six Ahmadis, two of whom were sentenced to death, and four to life imprisonment, by a Special Military Court.

The court also directed the Advocate General that the petitioners should not be executed till the decision of the writ.

Petitioners, Mohammad Ilyas, Mr. Naemuddin, Abdul Qadir, Mohammad Nasir, Muhammad Haziq Rafique and Mohammad Din, in their petition, challenged the validity of the order of the Special Military Court.

Brief facts of the case are that a case was registered against the petitioners on October 26, 1984, under Section 302 PPC for opening fire on a mob that was removing *Kalima Tayyaba* and other Quranic inscriptions from the Ahmadi Mosque. The First Information Report said that the deceased, Qari Bashir Ahmad and complainant, Abdul Latif, discussed that Ahmadis were violating the Ahmadi Ordinance inasmuch as their Centre in Sahiwal was still being called a mosque and they were calling *Azan*. On October 26 they went with a group to Ahmadi Mosque where they heard *Azan* being called from inside the Centre. Petitioners submitted that on the day of occurrence about half an hour before the morning prayers a mob comprising about 25-30 persons including Qari Bashir Ahmad and Azhar Rafiq, deceased, raided Baitul Hamd (Ahmadi place of worship). The mob, first of all, wiped off *Kalima Tayyaba* inscribed on the outer main gate of the Baitul Hamd with blue paint. They then entered the premises and started wiping off the other Quranic verses written above the doors inside the Baitul Hamd. On this desecration of the Quranic verses and the *Kalima* and defiling of the place of worship, Naemuddin, who was present inside, was highly provoked and by using his 12-bore licensed gun fired in the air to scare away the trespassers. The raiding party did not desist, and instead advanced towards Naemuddin in a hostile and violent manner creating grave apprehension in his mind that children and women living in the quarters of Baitul Hamd may also be harmed by the group. Naemuddin, therefore, fired a second shot from his gun in the exercise of his right of self-defence. Qari Bashir Ahmad, deceased, was hit by this gunshot while he was inside the premises of Baitul Hamd. The said Qari Bashir Ahmad staggered across the premises leaving behind a trail of blood and fell a few paces

outside the main gate. The mob seemed to be infuriated and instead of withdrawing adamantly went ahead which obliged Naeemuddin to fire from his gun again thereby hitting Azhar Rafiq who fell within the compound of Baitul Hamd.

TRIAL BY SMC: The petitioners were tried in a Special Military Court which on June 16, 1985, found all the petitioners guilty of all the charges and awarded death sentence to Naeemuddin and Ilyas, while seven years' imprisonment to remaining four petitioners.

The matter was referred to Martial Law Administrator, Punjab, who declined to confirm the sentences with the direction that the court reassemble for the purpose of revising its findings and sentence in the light of the observations made by him in his order. The order of the Martial Law Administrator pointed out the deficiencies and inadequacies in the prosecution evidence and observed that findings and sentence of all the convicted persons required to be reconsidered on all the charges.

It was also observed that in view of the circumstances emerging from the evidence, petitioner No. 2, Naeemuddin, was not guilty of offence under Section 302 PPC but only under Section 304 PPC and he was required to be dealt with under that Section. Further the Martial Law Administrator observed that the conviction of all the petitioners under Section 148 PPC was not sustainable.

In pursuance of the direction of the MLA, Punjab, the court reassembled on October 21, 1985, and instead of reducing the sentence as observed by the MLA, maintained the death sentence of two petitioners and enhanced the sentence of four petitioners from seven years to life imprisonment.

The petitioners submitted that they had reasons to believe that after the Martial Law Administrator, Zone "A" had declined to confirm the original findings and sentence and had asked the court to revise its finding, pressure was brought to bear upon all concerned from quarters actively opposed to the Ahmadi sect. When the Martial Law Administrator, Zone "A" did not approve of the so-called revised findings and sentence the case was kept back and ultimately sent to the President, who had met delegations of the religious groups opposing the Ahmadis and asking for their death purely on religious grounds.

The petitioner, therefore, submitted that if the record of the entire case and the proceedings after the

court trial are brought before this learned court, the mala fides of the respondent Government and its functionaries dealing with this case shall become apparent. They prayed the court to declare the sentence and conviction unlawful.

Mr. Abid Hasan Minto, Mr. A. Waheed Salim and Mr. Mukhtar Butt appeared for the petitioners.

New Life, London, March 3, 1987

UN Appeal to Zia

Geneva: Dr. Karen Parker, the spokesman for the Human Rights Advocates, Inc., an organization with consultative status to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, has urged the Pakistan Government to refrain from executing the two Ahmadis sentenced to death.

Speaking in the 43rd session of the Commission here, she observed that "unfortunately, within the last few days, General Zia has personally denied the final appeal of the two Ahmadis. Their speedy execution has been urged and it is likely that it will be carried out while we are here debating this agenda item unless appropriate urgent action is taken."

In a telegram flashed to the President, General Zia, Prime Minister Junejo, and the Chief Justice of the Punjab High Court, the Human Rights advocates expressed "profound concern over the reported imminent executions of Ilyas Munir and Naeem-ud-Din in the Sahiwal case".

They said they "are shocked, especially now that Martial Law has been lifted officially, that sentences rendered by a special military court should be carried out without review by a court of ordinary jurisdiction. Such executions would be summary and arbitrary in violation of internationally recognized law".

The Human Rights advocates urged an "immediate stay of execution and review by competent civilian courts".

New Life, London, March 6, 1987

Ahmadi Leader Refused Bail

Local Ahmadi leader in Dera Ghazi Khan, Pakistan, Mr. Khan Mohammad Khan, was arrested on February 2, for expressing loyalty to the Kalima Tayyaba (the basic tenet of Islam), according to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (UK).

The bail application of this "elderly and physically indisposed" community leader was turned down on the grounds that the majority (orthodox Muslim)

population of the city "feels agitated" by the Kalima and other Quranic verses inscribed in the local Ahmadiyya Mosque, and this could lead to "sectarian agitation".

The AMA (UK) point out that previously an Ahmadi tailor, Mr. Mohammed Idrees, in Mardan, was sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for displaying Quranic verses in his shop as "a crowd of mullahs chanted slogans outside the court demanding a still heavier sentence".

The AMA (UK) add that, an Ahmadi shopkeeper, Mr. Ghulam Zaheer of Shawa, Jehlum, was shot dead outside his house on February 25. According to the news reaching here, Mr. Zaheer went out to find the cause of electric supply interruption when his house suddenly plunged into darkness. The moment he came out of his house, he was struck by a bullet in his neck. He had become an Ahmadi three years ago, after which he had received several death threats.

AMA (UK) press secretary Mr. Rashid Ahmad Chaudhry claims that as many as 19 Ahmadi Muslims "have been ruthlessly murdered in Pakistan, and not a single culprit has ever been brought to book".

The Huddersfield Daily Examiner, March 16, 1987

Muslims Hold Seminar

About 100 members of a nationwide Muslim group met in Huddersfield at the weekend. The Huddersfield branch of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association hosted the two-day seminar at its headquarters in Fitzwilliam Street. The seminar was for delegates from the northern region, which stretches from Birmingham to Scotland. It included lectures, discussions and workshops on all aspects of the Ahmadiyya movement.

Star, Liberia, March 3, 1987

Ahmadis Deprived of Freedom of Worship

The Ahmadiyya Muslims of Pakistan have been denied the freedom to assemble and to worship by the Pakistani government.

This came about when a government directive barred the Ahmadiyya Muslims from holding their traditional annual conference (or Jalsa-Salana) at the headquarters of the worldwide Islamic movement in Rabwah, Pakistan, a few days to the date of the conference last December.

Disclosing this to newsmen, the General Secretary

of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, Mr. Muhammad Yartey, said this deprivation of the Ahmadis on their legitimate right is a violation of both the Human Rights Charter of the UN and the Pakistani constitution.

He said bands of hooligans and unruly elements who so far have always gone scot-free, have attacked worshippers and places of worship at various places in Pakistan.

Mr. Yartey observed that this wanton act of barbarism is contrary to a statement from Pakistani President, Zia-ul-Haq, in November 1986 calling for a freedom of worship.

The president is quoted as reiterating the provisions of the Pakistani constitution, which among others, state that every person in the country was free to worship according to his faith, and there were no restrictions in this regards.

The conference is said to have been an annual affair in a peaceful and religious atmosphere without any complaint since 1891, until the promulgation of the Ordinance Number 20 by President Zia-ul-Haq which deprives the Ahmadis from religious worship as Muslims in Pakistan.

Since then the Orthodox Muslim clergies (or Mullahs and Maulvis), have been acting as the custodians of the law by setting a vigorous campaign of Islamization and vindictiveness thereby depriving the Ahmadis which have their headquarters in the country, their inalienable rights as citizens to assemble and to worship freely.

The entire Ahmadiyya Muslim community of Liberia have thus sent a resolution to the Pakistani government urging it to stop this act of deprivation, mal-treatment, and victimization of the Pakistani Ahmadis due to their religious convictions, he revealed.

The resolution said that the action which was taken in the name of Islam, is contrary to the lifestyle of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) who have always treated his people with great kindness and graciousness so much that even Christians were at one time allowed by him to worship in his mosque, according to the Hadith.

New Shaft, Sieralome, May 3, 1987

Religious Persecution Mounts in Pakistan

The issue of religious persecution has never been so distressing in Pakistan before than today, when the

country is ruled by the military dictator, General Zia-Ul-Haq.

Religious persecution in Pakistan is not a matter of some Islamic sects trying to gain supremacy over the others by means of constant persecution and suppression of others.

In November last year, General Zia, who is the son of an orthodox "Mullah", declared that "every person in Pakistan was free to worship according to his faith and there were no restrictions in this regard."

President Zia further stated that "members of all the minority communities were enjoying equal rights and that they were not being treated as second citizens".

But the Ahmadiyya Muslim sect, one of the minority religious communities in Pakistan, has sharply reacted to this statement from the President. The Ahmadis said this is far from the truth, especially so when a few months ago a Christian church was ransacked, Hindu temples set on fire and scores of Ahmadis are being prosecuted for their faith.

Pakistan was originally founded in 1947 as an Islamic country where the freedom of religion under the constitution was to blossom, after the partition of the Indian sub-continent which was predominantly Hindu. The Ahmadis, an Islamic sect, believes that their founder is the "Promised Messiah", found themselves mostly in Pakistan.

Today, the orthodox Muslim clergy of Pakistan, known as the "Mullahs" seem to be waging an Islamization struggle against the Ahmadis through blasphemies and the like. They have accused the Ahmadis of being improper in their religion by professing belief in their founder.

To promote this objective President Zia of Pakistan on April 26, 1984, made a drastic move to liquidate the Ahmadis sect from the midst of Pakistani Muslims by the promulgation of the infamous Ordinance Number 20.

According to the ordinance, any person of the Ahmadiyya sect calling himself a Muslim or referring to his faith as Islam by words either written or spoken, or in any manner outrageous to religious feelings of Muslim, shall be punished with imprisonment or fines.

This ordinance has resulted in the arrests and detentions of scores of the adherents of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islamabad, demolition of mosques and other forms of witch hunting. In 1986

alone, 54 cases were registered throughout Pakistan involving about 500 Ahmadis for offences ranging from assembly within Ahmadiyya mosque, to the wearing of Islamic inscriptions such as badges.

The Kalima, for instance, that is the notion that there is none worthy of worship but Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, is one of the principal pillars of Islamic belief. Because of reciting the Kalima or inscribing it on badges, etc. scores of Ahmadis have been arbitrarily jailed and fined huge sums of money.

Another irony of President Zia's speech is that in the same month that it was uttered, that is November 1986, a speaker on the State-controlled Pakistani Television declared that belief in any kind of Prophethood after Muhammad is equal to apostasy. The speaker further said apostasy is tantamount to death.

The Ahmadis contend that their views are deliberately being distorted by their opponents for their selfish end. And inasmuch as the Ahmadis also have belief in the finality of Muhammad as law bearing prophet, there is in no law barring the appearance of subordinate prophets. Such was predicted for the Promised Messiah by Prophet Muhammad himself. According to the Ahmadiyya belief, Islam is being misrepresented which as a religion of peace gives complete freedom to every individual to hold any faith of his choice.

The Ahmadis view the distortion of their belief as a further means to persecute them, and to fulfill the evil designs of General Zia's torturing regime.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim in Sierra Leone strongly appeals to the conscience of the international community by expressing their views against General Zia's inhumane and evil plans for suppressing a minority Community in Pakistan.