

Friday Sermon Slides

8th JANUARY 2010



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Summary

In context of the new year of Waqf-e-Jadid, Huzur (aba) presented the duties of a Believer in terms of financial sacrifice in view of Quranic teachings.

Waqf-e-Jadid was instigated to spread Islam Ahmadiyyat in rural Pakistan, later it progressed to become a worldwide scheme.

Sacrifice, be it monetary or other, is prescribed for the sake of a person's own spiritual progress so that he/she can gain nearness to Allah

Huzur (aba) explained that financial expenditures on worldly goods are short-lived, only money spent in the way of Allah is ever lasting and beneficial

Huzur (aba) gave figures related to Waqf-e-Jadid and prayed for all the contributors

Huzur (aba) gave the sad news of martyrdom of Professor Muhammad Yusuf in Lahore, Pakistan

Financial sacrifice is a source of progress in one's faith and can only result due to the love and loyalty to God.

Huzur (aba) said a spiritual movement requires funds to carry out its missions and fulfill the obligations to humanity at large.

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The Promised Messiah (as) said that the collection of chanda is not a system that was first introduced by this Jamaat, in fact, financial needs arose at the time of Prophets of God, who would announce new schemes to collect funds as deemed necessary.

The Prophet of God (saw) said that one should contribute to such schemes according to his/her own circumstances. A single person cannot do much.

Even large countries run their administrations on monetary contributions, but their taxes are enforced by law whereas religious organizations and movements collect voluntarily, and rely on the intention and cooperation of the contributor.

Financial contribution Schemes

Mandatory

Zakat
Chanda Aam
Chanda Jalsa Salana
Chanda Wassiyat

Voluntary

Zakat was deemed obligatory on all those who are eligible.

Zakat is one of the pillars of Islam and the Holy Prophet (saw) made special arrangements to collect contributions to this system.

Hadhrat Abu Bakr (May Allah be pleased with him) as the Khalifa, took all necessary measures to collect Zakat.

ZAKAT

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The Promised Messiah (as) inaugurated the divine scheme of Al-Wasiyyat in 1905

The level of contribution for this scheme is between 1/10th to 1/3rd of one's income and assets

The initiate pledges to pay this to the last breath of his life and after his death, should make arrangements for the proper imbursement of his assets

Every Moosi is expected to be honest about his/her income and assets because this is a pledge he/she makes with Allah Almighty.

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CHANDA WASSIYAT

- The standard of Taqwa of Moosies should be elevated
- Their commitment to performing good deeds should be high
- Their level of worship and moral values should be outstanding

May Allah enable every Moosi to meet these standards, Ameen.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) directed his followers to make it obligatory for themselves to pay monthly Chanda even if the contribution is as low as 1 paisa.

Chanda Aam was inaugurated at the rate of $1/16^{\text{th}}$ of one's income by Hadhrat Khalifatul-Massih II (May Allah be pleased with him)

Huzur (aba) explained that rate of $1/16^{\text{th}}$ was determined by the religious need of the time.

The Promised Messiah (as) even said that if you eat 4 pieces of bread, then you should sacrifice one piece in the way of God if it is required, and that amounts to a rate of 25% of sacrifice.

CHANDA AAM

Huzur (aba) stated that there should be no misunderstanding regarding chanda aam: it is not a contribution at a person's own will, but it must be paid at the set rate of $1/16^{\text{th}}$ of one's income.

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Huzur (aba) explained Waqf-e-Jadid

Waqf-e-Jadid was launched (in 1957) to spread Islam Ahmadiyyat in the remote areas of Pakistan, especially in the province of Sindh.

Hadhrat Khalifatul-Massih II (May Allah be pleased with him) called for funds, as well as men with sound religious knowledge to volunteer their time for this noble cause

Initially a small number of volunteers were trained for few months as *Muallemeen* (teachers) under direct supervision of the Hadhrat Khalifatul Massih II

As years passed, the number of volunteers increased, and then a proper training system was established

Now, *Madrassa-tul-Hifz*, an institute in Rabwah is responsible for training these *Muallemeen* by certifying them with a three year course

Launch

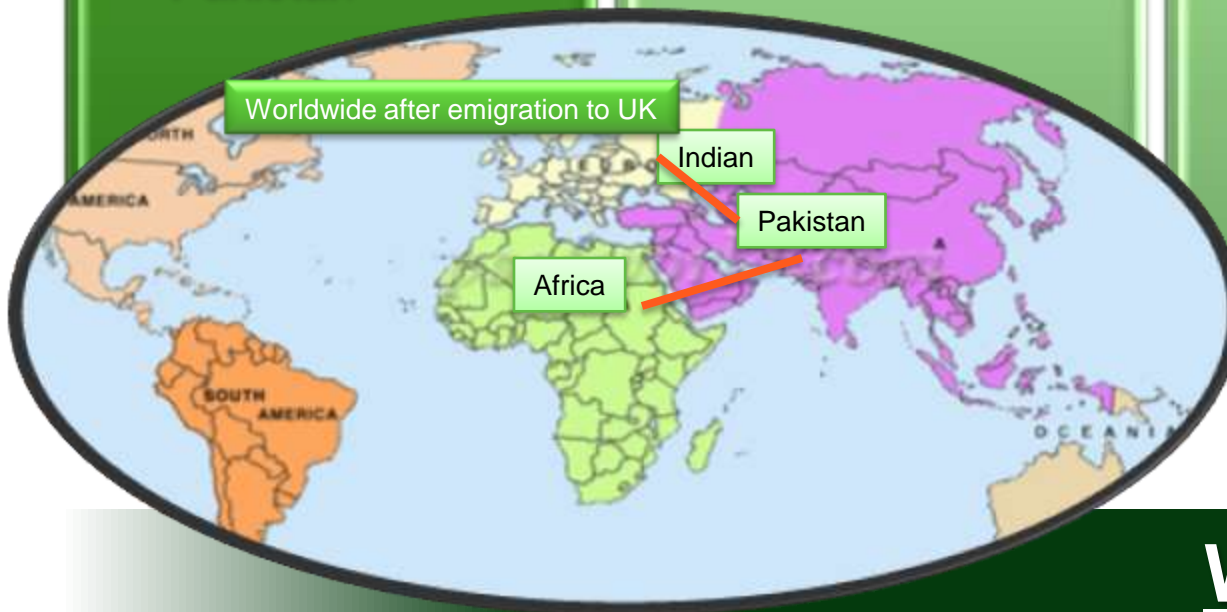
Initially, this scheme was launched to fulfill the needs of remote areas in Pakistan

Expansion

gradually, this was expanded to Africa and India

World wide

After migrating to UK, Hadhrat Khalifatul Massih IV (May Allah have mercy on him) made this scheme worldwide



WAQF-E-JADID

The Jama'at participation and contribution in this scheme has been increasing every year by the grace of God Almighty.

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Chapter 2, Verse 246

Who is it that will lend Allah a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? And Allah receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return

FINANCIAL SACRIFICE

God Almighty has taught the true essence of financial sacrifice to a believer and the philosophy of giving in the way of God results in greater rewards for oneself.

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Religion requires one to excel in all spiritual realms and make progress in every sphere of faith

- Financial sacrifice is a part of spiritual development

When a combination of financial sacrifice and a true effort of excelling in one's spiritual state is offered in the way of Allah with the purest of intentions,

- then Allah supplements the reward of such a person manifold

Sacrifice, be it monetary or other, is prescribed for the sake of a person's own spiritual progress

- so that he may gain nearness to Allah Almighty.

FINANCIAL SACRIFICE; PHILOSOPHY

Financial sacrifice should be made without any resentment

Financial sacrifice should be made happily

No reward should be sought for this from human beings or from *Nizaam-e-Jamaat*

The contributor should understand that they have done no one a favour by contributing to the financial system of Jama'at

FINANCIAL SACRIFICE; PHILOSOPHY

They should remember that by contributing in the way of Allah, they have entered an agreement with God Almighty Himself Who shall bestow His favours in this world and the next

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Financial sacrifice; Hadith

The Holy Prophet (saw) is reported to have said (after reciting Surah Al-Takathur)

“The son of Adam says, ‘My money, my money!’ Yet, what is your money except that which you eat and use up, wear and tear, and spend in charity and thus keep (in your record). Other than that, it will go away and will be left for the people (the inheritors).”

- Huzur (aba) explained that financial expenditures on worldly goods are short-lived.
- Only money spent in the way of Allah is ever lasting and forever beneficial

Financial sacrifice; Hadith

The Holy Prophet (saw) inquired regarding what remained of an animal slaughtered. When he was told that all the meat was distributed except one leg, he said that what was distributed actually remained i.e. only that which is given in the way of God is what shall reap any reward.

Thus, spending in the way of Allah with an intention to seek Allah's blessings benefits one in this world as well as next.

A contributor must comprehend

- That he/she is giving in the name of Allah Creator of Heavens and Earth
- Allah does not ask for money for Himself

A contributor must realise that

- Allah directs one to make financial sacrifice for the benefit of the giver

A contributor must aim to

- Give the best in the cause of Allah and for progress of His Jama'at
- Give without hesitation or dishonesty and settle the promises or obligations in preference to personal needs

FINANCIAL SACRIFICE; PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY

The duty of a believer does not end by making financial sacrifice while abiding by the above philosophy, he/she also need to focus on his/her deed and keep close ties with *Nizaam-e-Jama'at* comprehending that all this is for his/her benefit.

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The Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
has said that an
unwise person takes
the verse recited in a
literal way thinking
that God actually
needs a loan.

The wise man knows
however that
whatever he spends in
the way of God will
reap him abundant
rewards from God.

By loan, it is meant that
this will be given back

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FINANCIAL SACRIFICE

Chapter 2, Verse 246

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Total number of participants worldwide are 573 000

The total collections from last year as £3 531 000.

36, 323 new members contributed to the scheme

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WAQF-E-JADID; New year announced

The expansion of this blessed scheme world wide has enhanced the financial sacrifice of the European and American countries

Huzur (aba) specifically mentioned Africa and India that they are making great strides in meeting their own expenses, more specifically in the past two years, where an increased awareness has led to higher participation in these schemes.

Progress

- New mosques are being built
- New Jama'ats are being established

Training

- New Imams/ Muallimeens are being trained
- people are coming into the fold of Islam-Ahmadiyyat

Development

- heightened awakening is taking place in the hearts and minds of people to make even more sacrifices, monetarily and in many other ways.

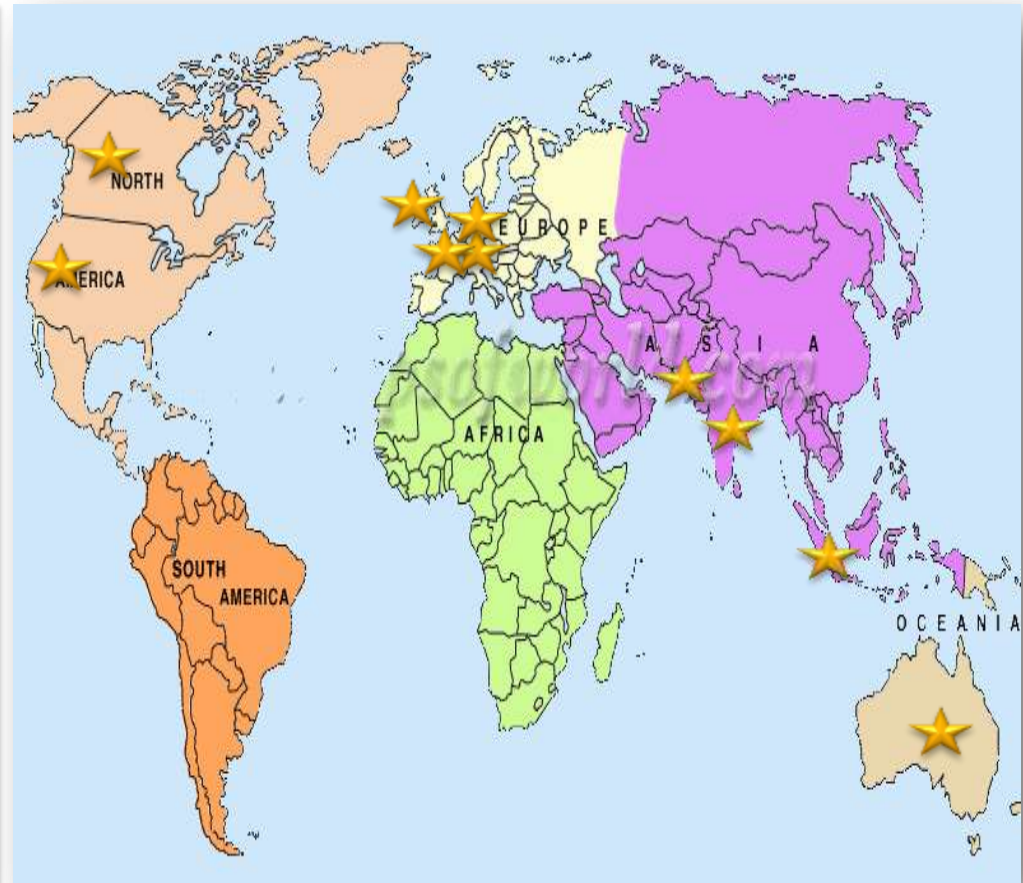


WAQF-E-JADID IN AFRICA

Huzur (aba) also updated on some activities that have taken place in Africa under the auspices of Waqf-e-Jadid

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1. Pakistan
(8000 new participants)
2. USA
3. Britain
(2000 new participants)
4. Germany
5. Canada
6. India
(great increase in standards of financial sacrifice)
7. Indonesia
8. Australia
(up from 10th position last year)
9. Belgium
10. France and Switzerland

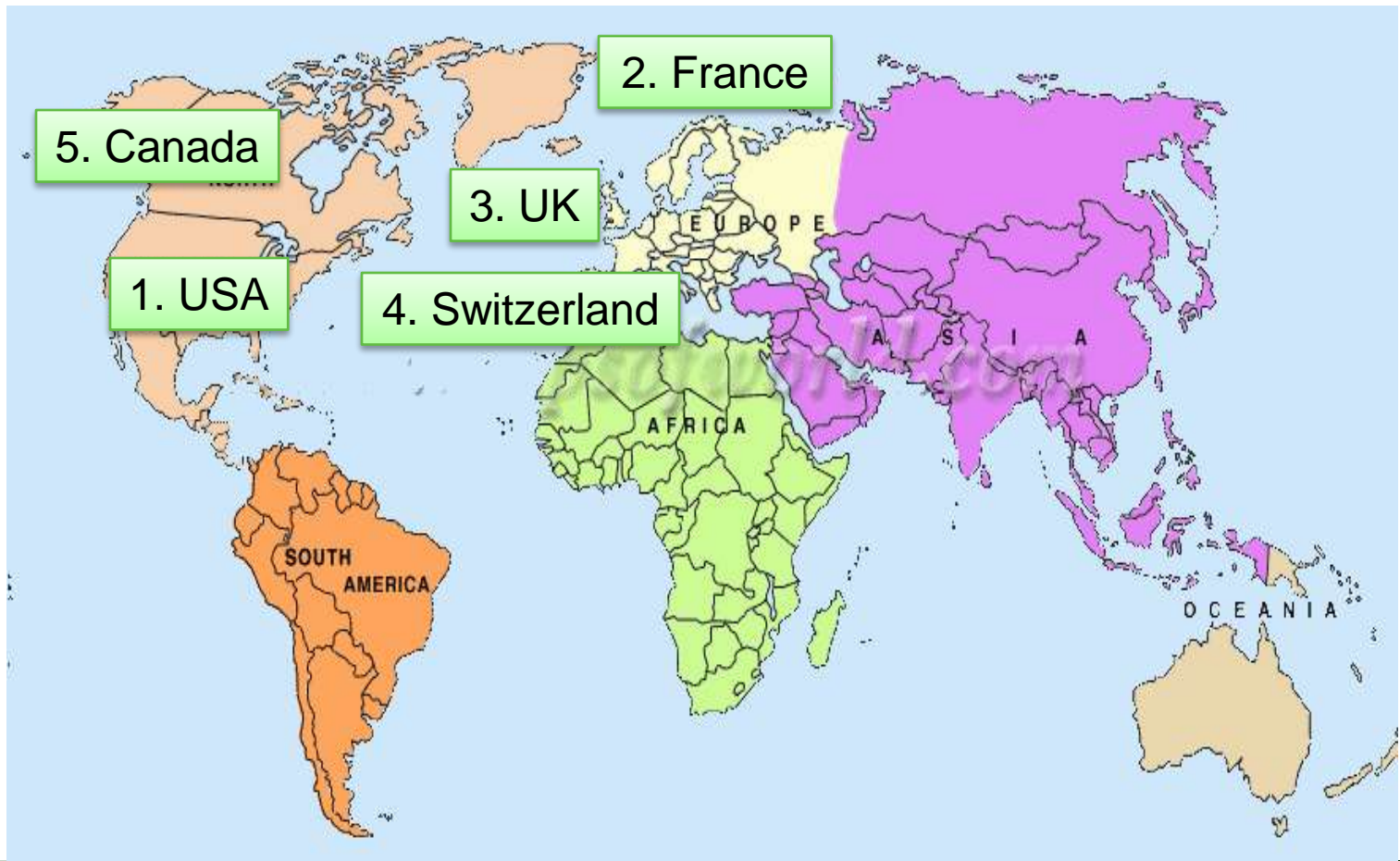


WAQF-E-JADID; TOP RANKING COUNTRIES

Huzur (aba) elaborated that although Britain secured 3rd position, he feels that in a way it merits the 2nd position.

UK focused on increasing the number of people contributing.

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TOP-RANKING COUNTRIES; FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS/ CAPITA

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The top-ranking African nations in terms of financial contributions are as follows:

1. Ghana
2. Nigeria
3. Mauritius
4. Burkina Faso
5. Benin



THE TOP-RANKING AFRICAN NATIONS

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لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّىٰ
تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تَحِبُّونَ
وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

Chapter 3, Verse 93

Never shall you attain to
righteousness unless you
spend out of that which you
love; and whatever you
spend, Allah surely knows it
well

FINANCIAL SACRIFICE

Huzur (aba) reminded that the real objective of financial sacrifice for a believer is to attain Allah's pleasure

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After presenting another extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as), Huzur (aba) prayed

May Allah cause the wealth of all those who made these financial sacrifices to increase

May Allah enable every Ahmadi to increase in good deeds and gain in His nearness

May Allah enable us to forward the mission of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Ameen



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Huzur (aba) gave the sad news and confirmed the martyrdom of another member of the community, Retired Professor Muhammad Yusuf, who was killed on 5th January 2010 by two masked gunmen in Lahore, while he was tending his son's grocery shop. The wounds were indeed fatal and Professor Yusuf died on route to the local hospital

Professor Yusuf was a greatly loved and well known personality of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat; he served the Jamaat in various capacities, had the honor twice of being an "aseer" (Jail for being a practicing Ahmadi) and was a Moosi. He is survived by his widow, four sons and one daughter. All his family is Moosi.

THE SAD NEWS OF MARTYRDOM

Huzur (aba) prayed for him and his family and said that he will lead the funeral prayer in absentia

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