

# Blessed and Successful European Tour



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# SUMMARY

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Hudhur commended the Tabligh efforts of German Jama'at and praised the Norway Jama'at for their efforts for building a great Mosque

Hudhur (aba) also gave highlights of his visit to Holland, Denmark and Belgium.

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# Progress of Ahmadiyyat

As the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that God has made tremendous promises regarding our Community. He said: 'I know that God has established this mission and it is growing and developing with His grace alone. The fact is that unless it is God's will, a body of people cannot progress nor can it grow and develop. However, when God wills for it to be, a body of people is like seeds. Just as no one can comprehend the potential of growth in a seed and its effects before time, the progress of a nation can also be deemed impossible.'

However, as the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) informed us, it is God's will that the Community will progress, the animosity of others will be in vain and each pious-natured person will come in the fold of Ahmadiyyat, Islam

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Hudhur (aba) said our Community benefits from Hudhur's tours anyway, but the outsiders who are drawn towards Islam also benefit from them

Hudhur (aba) feels that in most places people want to hear it from him personally what Ahmadiyyat is about

Hudhur (aba) said he has mentioned before that the German Jama'at is making a special effort in Tabligh and interacting

## German Jama'at commended

As a result, our introduction and message is spreading in the German nation on a large scale. The youth in Germany are greatly inclined towards Tabligh

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In Frankfurt young Ahmadis had organised for two university professors to meet Hudhur. They knew Arabic and taught Islamic history

Hudhur suggested to them to widen their reading to historians and they should look into Arabic historians and study Ahadith.

Hudhur also recommended them to read the translation of the first volume of the book on the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) by Mirza Bashir Ahmad sahib

Hudhur has asked for the Five Volume Commentary of the Holy Qur'an as well as the first volume of the aforementioned book to be placed in the university library.

Hudhur recommended MTA viewing to the professors in that many pious-natured people are finding out the true teaching of Islam through it

Hudhur said the discussion with the professors was lengthy and they took a positive impression.

Aside from being a biography, the book also answers many objections that are raised against Islam. Hudhur prayed that the entire book is soon translated

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# Foundation stones of two mosques in Frankfurt

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The mayor was represented by his deputy in one of the inaugurations.



Such is the measure of misinformation about Islam that the deputy mayor asked Hudhur that he had heard that it is a sin for a non-Muslim to see or read the Qur'an.



Hudhur explained to him that he had just then heard recitation of the Qur'an and that the Holy Prophet of Islam (pbuh) had come for the entire world. The Holy Qur'an is a healing for each pious-natured soul



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Hudhur  
(aba)  
reiterated  
the principle  
that to use  
every  
permissible  
thing in  
moderation  
and  
completely  
stay away  
from  
prohibited  
things

When in Germany, Hudhur (aba) also attended the Ijtimas of Atfal, Khuddam and Lajna

This proved to very blessed and letters from the Atfal vowed to improved their use of their electronic advices such as mobile phones, the internet and television

Hudhur (aba) said Khuddam also demonstrated a positive reaction to Hudhur's advice and promptly responded, affirming their obedience

If this rule is followed our future would be secure and the Community would progress as a whole

## Ijtimas in Germany

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A Lajna wrote to Hudhur that while those in the main hall listen to the proceedings most attentively, the situation in the area provided for mothers and children is not the same.

Hudhur said he would draw the attention of Lajna in Germany as well as Lajna all over the world to something

- Hudhur said Lajna is provided with a separate hall for mothers and children and they should try their best to keep the children quiet.
  - They should do this without speaking, rather with gestures.
  - **The mothers should pay attention to the programme and speeches.**
  - **The separate area is not for chatting.**

Hudhur counselled Lajna to be careful about this in future and said that the administration should especially look into this.

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# The mosque in Norway

The Jama'at in Norway is quite small and not very rich but they have been enabled to make a great mosque.



The site of the mosque was purchased in the time of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) and a hall was built with the help of the centre contributing three to four million Krone.



Hudhur said that there was significant inertia to progress the project



In 2005, during his visit to Norway in 2005, Hudhur explained to the Jama'at that many mosques will be built in Norway.



However, the future generation of the Jama'at will remember their forefathers as those who obtained a good site for the mosque but lost it.

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# The mosque in Norway

Hudhur (aba) said it is the beauty of the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that they try and listen to the words of the Khalifa of the time.

Once the eyes of the Norwegian Jama'at opened and they decided to move onwards, the account of their financial sacrifices is a narrative in itself.

They contributed 100 million Krone, which is equivalent to **12 million pound** sterling.

Almost 900 members of Norway Jama'at are not exceptionally rich, but when their attention was drawn to what were they going to leave for the next generation, they reacted.

There were times when the administration became anxious and wrote to Hudhur with concerns, but his words helped them carry on.

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Our Norway Jama'at now wishes to make another mosque in a city called Kristiansand. The Jama'at there is quite small. The projected expenses of the second mosque are quite high, Norway is an expensive country

- Even when Hudhur pointed this out to Norway Jama'at, the amila and others said to Hudhur that InshaAllah they will build this mosque

**Hudhur said if the intentions are good, all impediments are removed.**

Hudhur explained that all this is not due to the excellence of a person or a few persons. It is with the grace of God, Who changes hearts and places blessings in action

As God revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)  
'Men whom We shall direct from heaven will help you.'  
[Tadhkirah, p. 876]

## Norway Jama'at commended

Hudhur said he found the Norwegian Jama'at enhanced in their faith and sincerity during this tour, may God continue to enhance them.

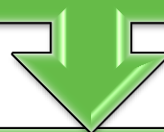
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Hudhur (aba) thanked the Norwegian government for providing security arrangements for Hudhur



A member of parliament had organised a visit to the parliament house for Hudhur where a small reception was held which was attended by a few parliamentarians



Hudhur also met the president of parliament (speaker of a parliament) there and spoke with him in detail about the Ahmadiyya Community, including the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). Different newspapers, radio and television networks interviewed Hudhur.



In our reception following the inauguration of the mosque 120 Norwegians came, 11 of these were parliamentarians. The defence minister came as a representative of the prime minister and read his message

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In his address at the reception Hudhur said that we build mosques to worship One God, and when a person comes to a mosque to worship God, it is out of the question that any extremism should be involved

Hudhur explained to them that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) used to wake up in the middle of the night and pray anxiously for people

The inauguration of the mosque was covered by a newspaper and website entitled World Architecture News, with its readership in millions.

It gave information that Hudhur had travelled to Norway for the inauguration for the largest mosque in northern Europe. It called the mosque a national landmark and a symbol of peace



On the way back at a stopover at Hamburg, Germany, two parliamentarians who are working on human rights issues came to see Hudhur

Hudhur told them how peace can be achieved in the world, about the peaceful teachings of the Qur'an and what some Western countries are doing

They later told the Ahmadi friends who had brought them that Hudhur had given them new perspectives to think regarding bringing about peace in the world

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Hamburg, Germany

Hudhur said he had openly told them how the same powers are proclaiming peace yet providing weapons to others, as in Libya. Whereas the Qur'an teaches that once peace is established one should move away

The next stop was a city in Denmark which has a small Jama'at comprising of Albanian and Bosnian Ahmadis only and perhaps no Pakistani

The Jama'at is most sincere with some families excelling others in sincerity

A centre has been acquired by the Jama'at there

A representative of the mayor and other educated people came

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Denmark

Hudhur said if a site for mosque was found we could build a mosque. A promise was made on the premise that they know Ahmadis are peaceful people.

Hudhur said we faced some opposition at this place a while ago but the police was supportive.

Next, foundation stone was laid for a mosque Baitul Mujeeb in Brussels, Belgium

It is hoped it will be completed in a year. It will be the first mosque in Belgium

Hudhur met with the local mayor at our mission house there as well as some parliamentarians. Good sentiments were expressed by them

In fact the mayor asked for photos and DVD of the entire proceeding. He said he wished to show Hudhur's viewpoints to his council and others

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Belgium

There had been slight opposition to the building of the mosque in Belgium a couple of days earlier and a rally was planned but very few people attended it. Hudhur said the administration was concerned but God altered the situation, it is all His grace

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that our efforts are like child's play and it is God Who accomplishes everything. The Qur'an states: **'And He has put affection between their hearts. If thou hadst expended all that is in the earth, thou couldst not have put affection between their hearts, but Allah has put affection between them. Surely, He is Mighty, Wise.'**  
(8:64)

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May God enable us to make our meagre efforts so that we can partake in this meritorious task

May He bless our efforts

May He let us experience the progress

Ameen

Hudhur announced that he would lead the funeral Prayer in absentia of Khurshid Begum sahiba after Friday Prayer, who passed away on 4 October. She had served Lajna for a long period and was a devout worshipper, regular at Tahajjud. She was a Moosia. Her son Muhammad Iqbal sahib is a missionary in Madagascar. May God elevate the status of the deceased.