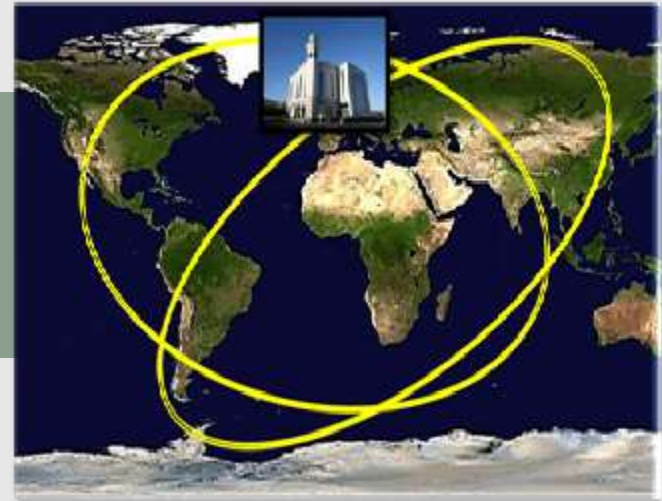


MAHMOOD AHMAD BENGALI: A TRUE AHMADI PASSES AWAY



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Summary

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih devoted the entire sermon today to pay tribute to Mahmood Ahmad Bengali Sahib, Ameer Jama'at Australia who passed away two days ago.

He offered unquestioning and complete obedience to Khilafat; he followed the directives of Khulafa just as pulse follows the beat of the heart.

Mahmood Sahib was a quiet, accomplished servant of the Jama'at who undertook his obligations with complete loyalty and sincerity.

Although his passing has left a vacuum in the Australian Jama'at but Allah the Exalted Himself looks after Divine communities.

May Allah the Exalted be the Protector and Helper of his wife and children

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'I wish to pay tribute here to a very dear personality who had a special station owing to his absolute loyalty. He was utterly devoted to serve the Jama'at and passed away two days ago. *Inna lillahe wa inna illaihe raji'oon.*

Each person has to leave and will one day depart from this world. Most fortunate are those who try to spend their lives according to the wishes of Allah the Exalted, they try their utmost to honour the pledges they make. Along with serving faith, they are ever keen to serve humanity.

These people are praised by the world praises and according to the saying of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) they are granted the Paradise after their death.

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Our dear brother Mahmood Ahmad Shahid, also known as Mahmood Bengali Sahib, who was serving as the Ameer Jama'at Australia passed away on 23 April.



Inna lillahe wa inna illaihe raji'oon.



He was a servant of the Jama'at and an excellent helper of the Khulafa.



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Mahmood Ahmad Sahib was born on 19 November 1948 in a Bangladeshi village Char Dukhiya in Chandpur district.



His father accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1943; Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) gave him the name MuhibUllah.



Mahmood Ahmad Sahib's father was very keen on Tabligh and through his Tabligh efforts his own father accepted Ahmadiyyat.



MuhibUllah Sahib was the first Ahmadi of his region and was a great scholar.

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Ahmad Shahid
Sahib's father
dedicated him
to the service
of Ahmadiyyat
Islam in 1954.



Mahmood
Shahid Sahib
joined Jamia
Ahmadiyya,
Rabwah in
1962 at the
age of 14.

He qualified as a trained missionary by attaining his *Shahid* degree in 1974.

He was married to Hijira Sahiba, daughter of late Maulawi Muhammad Sahib, Ameer Jama'at Bangladesh in 1977.
They had three daughters and one son.

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Mahmood Shahid Sahib was really young when he joined Jamia Ahmadiyya, Rabwah.

Once he was injured while playing football in Rabwah and went home back to East Bengal.

He was young and missed his parents; in those days Rabwah was a hard place to live, facilities were limited and even drinking water was in scare supply. Initially, he was not keen to return to Rabwah.

However, the principal of Jamia Rabwah at the time Syed Mir Daud Ahmad Sahib persuaded him to return to Jamia by writing many letters to him.

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Settling back in Rabwah was not easy for him. The unfamiliar surroundings made him feel sad and lonely.

Once he wrote to his father saying that the weather was harsh and hot, and food and drink was not to his taste.

His father counselled him explaining that times in Mecca were also very harsh quoting the verse 38 of Surah Ibrahim: **'Our 'Lord, I have settled some of my children in an uncultivable valley...'(14:38)**

His father explained to him the blessings associated with of living in the town set up by the Khalifa of the time.

Mahmood Sahib said a profound change came in his life after this.

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Mahmood Sahib was a quiet, accomplished servant of the Jama'at who undertook his obligations with complete loyalty and sincerity.

His service to Jama'at began with Ziamat of Nasir Hostel (accommodation officer), Mohtamim (In charge) of local Khuddamul Ahmadiyya in Rabwah from 1977 to 1979.

He was given the high responsibility of Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Central at the annual Ijtima 1979 for 10 years.

He served in the department of Islah O Irshad, Tehrik e Jadid and as Amir Australia.

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In 1979 the election of Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya took place at Shura, he attained 5th place in voting.

At Fajr time after the elections Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) beckoned him and told him to engage in Istighfar abundantly and to recite Durud.

Soon after, Huzoor gave approval of his name as Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.

He was overwhelmed by this appointment and was most apprehensive.

Therein is a lesson for all office-holders that when they are appointed they need to engage in Istighfar and Durud so that they are enabled by Allah the Exalted to serve with humility in a proper way.

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Mahmood Sahib related that two to three days after becoming Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya that he was very anxious; ...

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... he most apologetically sought to be excused from this responsibility while sitting at the feet of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him).

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) said in response: When Khalifa of the time makes a decision and makes it after prayers, he does not alter it. My prayers are with you.

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Mahmood Sahib used to say that he experience that prayers of Khulafa were always with him.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) appreciated his services by saying that he served with hard work, dedication and commitment.

The attendance of Khuddam Ijtema increased manifold when he was Sadr; this can be attributed to his ability to make a close bond of friendship with Khuddams.

He established 'Aseeraan Trust' for the welfare of Ahmadi imprisoned under the draconian anti-Ahmadiyya laws in Pakistan.

Khuddam made valuable financial contributions towards an ambulance, to Boyootul Hamd Society, to build quarters for workers of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and towards translation of the Holy Qur'an.

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Mahmood Ahmad Sahib visited many countries outside Pakistan to organise Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.



The most thorough of these tours was his tour of three continents, Europe, America and Western Africa in which he visited eleven countries.



He visited Holland, Belgium, Germany, UK, USA, Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Ivory Coast etc.



In 1989 he visited Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

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He was a successful Sadr in extremely challenging times during the years 1984, 85 and 86.



If a martyrdom took place anywhere in Sindh, Mahmood Sahib or his representative would arrive promptly for support.



Mahmood Sahib would undertake very difficult matters in troubled times with great courage and wisdom.



He adored Khilafat and had a great sense of sacrifice for it and did not tolerate the slightest of negligence in terms of security.

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He regularly toured Jama'at in Pakistan. He gave a different address in every majlis.



He had memorised Quranic verses, blessed Ahadith and pronouncements of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and sayings of the Khulafa with complete references.



He was a very meticulous and sagacious person who was extremely humble.



He was extremely loving and affectionate who worked hard himself and also expected his team to work hard.

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During his tenure the upper story of the Khuddam guest house was built and Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Mahmood Hall was refurbished after some fire damage.



Khuddamul Ahmadiyya were enabled to serve during the election of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him), election of the fifth Khilafat.



Khuddam also served during the sensitive time of the migration of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) from Pakistan.



Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) appreciated his work in a letter saying, "MashaAllah, you have accomplished a great deal during your tenure and have worked with wisdom at a very difficult time. May Allah bless you!"

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Mahmood Bengali Sahib, in accordance to the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) helped settle Ahmadis in all the big cities of Australia.

Now there is a strong Jama'at in the capital city of every state and large beautiful mosques and mission houses are established.

In Sydney there is Baitul Mahdi mosque as well as Khilafat Centenary Hall and mission house and a guest house is under construction.

Mosques have been built in Brisbane and Melbourne and there is a centre in Adelaide. Efforts are being made to obtain land for a mosque in Canberra.

He fully partook in the progress of the Australian Jama'at.

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Good contacts with both the political parties in the federal government of Australia were maintained during his tenure which facilitated processing of immigration matters.

He formulated the auxiliary organisations in Australian Jama'at on the central model.

Mahmood Sahib created an air of brotherhood among many ethnic groups in Australian Jama'at, including Fijians, Australians, Pakistani and Africans.


He entrusted them with duties and made them responsible and availed of their capacities

He presided over Australian Jalsa recently and gave an address on the topic of gratefulness for the Being of Allah the Exalted.


This indeed is the quality of a good leader and should be practiced by others as well.

His achievements as Amir Australia


He was widely regarded as someone with sagacity, ability to guide effectively, perception, insight and foresight.



Ameer Sahib kept an old car for himself and always provided other missionaries with good cars. He was very careful about Jama'at expenses.



He had a very good memory. He remembered members of Jama'at by their names and had the God-given ability to utilise their skills to the best.



He used to explain matters in Majlis e Amila and Shura by giving references of Khalifa of the time.

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He especially cared for overseas students and gave preference to matters regarding families of the martyrs over all else.



He found it hard when he had to take disciplinary actions against those who make serious mistakes and was quick to forgive.



Ameer Sahib's personality was like a rock for Jama'at e Ahmadiyya Australia and his work was like that of a foundation in the establishment of Australian Jama'at.



He would especially entrust youngsters with tasks as if he was training them to be leaders.

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Some people hurt him and made false accusation against him; on investigation, he was found to be in the clear.

There were one or two cases where allegations were made against him but the blame laid with those made the complaints!

He was also extremely humble in nature and regardless of his knowledge and experience had no qualms in taking his advice from experts.

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May Allah the Exalted have mercy on him and continue to elevate his station.

No doubt he was a selfless elder who served the Jama'at with all his capacities.

He neither cared for his health nor any other matter in the way of Jama'at work.

Although he was in great pain during my last tour of Australia he supervised everything himself.

He ensured that the team travelling with Khalifatul Masih is well looked after, so that the Khalifa of the time is not inconvenienced at all.

His personal attributes

He was simple, sincere, friendly and sociable.

- Everyone who met him, remembered him for his kindness.
- He was a devoted Ahmadi who was wholly dedicated to Khilafat.
 - He always supported people if they face a grief.
 - He was the confidant of Khulafa.
 - He always used qawl e sadeed (the right word).
- He had no airs and graces about him; once his team forgot to save food for him, this did not upset him
- He took Huzoor's displeasure seriously and was ever keen on reformation.
 - He always sought guidance from Khulafa for future.
 - He prayed and asked for prayers.

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Mahmood Ahmad Sahib was extremely simple in nature and was ever present in mosque at Salat time.

He was very caring and looked after younger overseas missionaries in training with love and affection. He would give them valuable advice and prayers.

- He was an intelligent person who was extremely skilled in making contacts and honouring them and used this for the benefit of the Jama'at.
- He carried out all his duties whole-heartedly and gave it his all to obey the Khulafa of the time.
- He was a simple natured and unpretentious person, who never used to make fuss over shoes and clothes.
- He was extremely hospitable and made big personal and financial sacrifice to make his guests feel welcome.

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There would be very few who are sincere, humble, righteous, dervish-natured, compassionate and utterly devoted to Khilafat like he was!

He was most concerned that people make mistakes and then become source of worry for the Khalifa of the time!

If reprimanded by Khalifa of the time for any mistake, he would always explain the whole matter honestly.

He would often say to youngsters, we are mere pawns; this is God's Jama'at and He Himself takes care of matters. If you are getting the opportunity, avail it to serve Jama'at.

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The personal testimony of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that he has also worked under him in Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.

He was very generous with his workers as regards their tasks.

He gave them opportunities to work and then appreciated their work.

He was an excellent helper of Khilafat of the rare kind.

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He left Sydney mission house on 22 April to offer Asr Salat at the mosque but had to return home as did not feel well.



He suffered severe brain haemorrhage and was known to have diabetes and high blood pressure.



After 24 hours on the life support machine, he passed away as soon as machines were switched off.



Inna lillahe wa inna illaihe raji'oon.

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Although his passing has left a vacuum in the Australian Jama'at but Allah the Exalted Himself looks after Divine communities. Allah the Exalted fills such vacuums Himself.

May Allah the Exalted bless and always grant such excellent helpers who are loyal and dedicated to fulfil their pledge to Khilafat.

May Allah the Exalted be the Protector and Helper of his wife and children and also enables them to be strong in faith like their father and have strong bond with Khilafat. May Allah the Exalted enable his children to pay the dues of their mother!