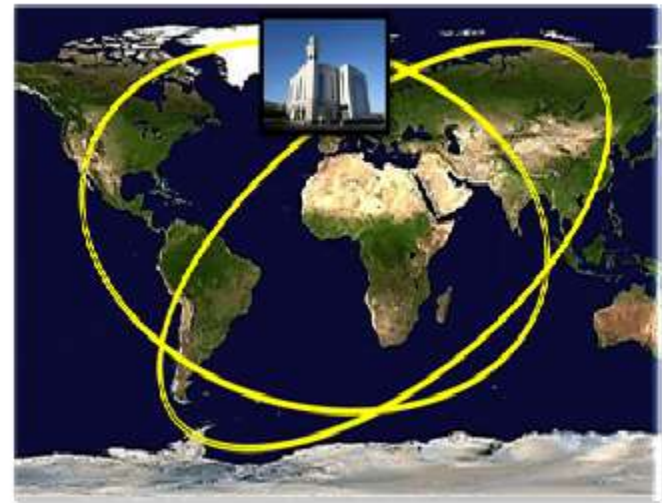


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Summary

Huzoor based today's sermon on his recent tour of Germany and the Jalsa Salana Germany.

Huzoor presented some positive comments of Jalsa guests emphasising that through God's grace, people are inclined to listen to the message of Islam.

Inaugurations as well as laying of foundation stones of mosques took place where the beautiful teaching of Islam was explained to guests.

Through the media coverage, the message reached millions.

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Nowadays our Jalsa are attended by Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi guests. They come to assess our teachings and our actions. When these guests listen to the beautiful teaching of Islam, their doubts and misconceptions about Islam are removed.

Guests commented that they had not come across such a picture of Islam before.

People had come from all over Europe including Estonia, Croatia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Romania, Hungary, Montenegro, Bosnia, Russian countries, Kosovo, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, France and Belgium,

The delegation from Macedonia was 55 strong with 28 Christians, 10 non-Ahmadis and 17 Ahmadis.

Nine people from the Macedonian delegation took Bai'at at Jalsa.

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Jalsa creates a very positive impression of Islam and is a great source of Tabligh

One guest said that his visit had proved to be great in terms of gaining religious knowledge and **Huzoor's addresses had changed his viewpoint on Islam.**

An academic professor said that Huzoor's addresses had enhanced his knowledge of Islam and **he felt his meeting with Huzoor was unique.** Huzoor gave detailed answers to their questions and he felt that he came to know many new things and found that Ahmadis practiced what they preached.

A lady guest said that her opinion on Islam had completely changed after attending the Jalsa and **Huzoor's addresses had altered her thoughts.**

Another guest said that **he was pleased to the core of his being to have come to Jalsa** and was particularly impressed with Huzoor's peaceful message.

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A female student said that she was most impressed and amazed by the Jalsa and meeting **Huzoor was a new experience for her.**

Another guest suggested to Huzoor that all religions should be brought together. Huzoor told him that we already work on these lines and **Huzoor told the guest about our recent Guildhall event in London.**

The Albanian delegation comprised of 10 non-Ahmadis and 10 Ahmadis. An ex-army person among the guests said that he had never before experienced anything like the Jalsa. He found the fervour displayed by Ahmadis very pleasant and was pleased to see even **little children happily serving drinking water.**

A Hungarian teacher commented that the Jama'at was streets ahead others in its love and affection and voluntary work. He found the Bai'at ceremony delightful and was most impressed with congregational Salat. **He found that the members of the Jama'at had extreme love for Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and this love was spontaneous, borne of natural sentiments.**

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A Syrian guest who lives in Romania expressed feelings of extreme dedication and love to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and he said this repeatedly. He felt that Khalifa of Islam was the only person to lead to the right path.

He later asked our missionary Sahib how a Khalifa was elected which he explained to him in detail, i.e God takes the matter in His control and joins those who are electing through concealed revelation.

He could not understand the concept but later in the evening he said the matter was resolved for him..... When Huzoor passed in front of him, spontaneously he raised his hand to greet Huzoor and thus understood the concept of Divine control and concealed revelation.

He said he did not raise or wave his hand to greet anyone no matter how eminent a person, but now that he had greeted Huzoor in this manner, he felt it was definitely through Divine control for it was not within his power to do so.

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A female student said that she was most impressed with the peaceful and tolerant atmosphere of Jalsa and felt she had seen the true image of Islam at Jalsa..

Another female student said she is interested in religions and felt that by attending Jalsa she found out about Islam and it also gave her an opportunity to understand herself

A guest from Bulgaria said that it was his first experience of Jalsa. He was an opponent of Ahmadiyyat but seeing the atmosphere of Jalsa and listening to Huzoor's addresses transformed his view.

A Christian guest said he found spiritual food at Jalsa and asked when will he get to have such spiritual food in Bulgaria? Huzoor suggested to him to consult his government.

Students from the Croatian delegation commented that Huzoor responded to their questions extremely well, in detail and most satisfactorily.

A guest said that meeting Huzoor was an honour. He now understood the status of Khalifatul Masih and after listening to his addresses his fear changed into love and respect

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A guest from Kosovo said it was his first visit and he took Bai'at! **He said that even if the state of Germany tried it could not hold a convention like Jalsa.** He felt only Ahmadiyya Jama'at could do this.

Another guest said that he had also come to Jalsa last year and felt a distinct change this year in that now **many indigenous German Ahmadis were present.** He felt only that Ahmadiyya Jama'at presented a true model of Islam.

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A lady guest from Bosnia told Huzoor that she had many questions but had found all the answers in Huzoor's sermon and had no more questions left. She said she felt she was most fortunate and took Bai'at. Huzoor told her that the sermon was addressed to long-term Ahmadis but she remarked that she gained many insights from it. **This is how God opens up hearts!**

Another guest remarked that **Huzoor's speech addressed matters which even the Pope could not have addressed.** He said contrary to how the media portrays Islam, he had found for himself what Islam was about and was impressed with the warm and caring atmosphere of such a large gathering.

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In Germany a special address is organised for German guests. This year about 200 Germans came to it. People from other countries also attended and the total number was approximately 450.

Another guest said that each word of Huzoor's address echoed his sentiments so much so that he felt as if he had written Huzoor's address

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A politician guest commented that It was a very good effort to promote peace. He said it was amazing that such a large gathering was so peaceful. Had Germans gathered in as many numbers there would certainly have been some among them to spoil the proceedings.



A guest remarked that the Islamic teaching of tolerance and equality that was presented by Huzoor was excellent. He said an Ahmadi studies with him at university and his practice shows that there is a distinction between Ahmadis and other Muslims.

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At the foundation-laying ceremony of a mosque in Wiesbaden

The lord mayor's representative said that Ahmadiyya Jama'at played a very active and positive role in the city and always promotes peace.

The plot of land where the mosque will be built was owned by a widow for forty years. She was pleased to hear Huzoor's address and said that she was happy that the property she had once owned will be used to worship God and a house of God will be built there and will remain forever.

A dignitary guest said that he was a witness of 25 years that Ahmadiyya Jama'at played a very positive role in society.

A guest said that he heard Huzoor's address half in its original form in Urdu and half in German. This was because he wanted to directly hear Huzoor's voice and he found the experience very pleasant.

Another comment that reached Huzoor was a remark by an elderly person who said that he did not have long to live but he had concerns about the German nation as nations go through rise and fall. He now felt that if ever such a situation was to develop in Germany, the country would be in the hands of Ahmadiyya Jama'at and would be safe.

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A German politician said that all the politicians were very impressed with Huzoor's address and said that it was extremely sagacious of Huzoor to draw attention to progress of Germany in his address.



Another guest said he was amazed to listen to Huzoor's address and said **Germans should learn from Ahmadis.**

Huzoor said Ahmadis living in Europe should not feel any complex. Today the responsibility of guiding the world has been given to the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). We should understand this responsibility.

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A journalist said that the message of peace given by Huzoor at the occasion had moved the entire hall.

A lady guest said that she could not help being moved when Huzoor mentioned the martyrdom of Dr Mehdi Ali and when Huzoor added that in spite of his martyrdom there will be no change in our service to humanity, the lady said she could not control her emotions any more.

Another lady guest said that she was impressed that the guest list to the occasion did not only comprise of politicians but neighbours were also invited

Huzoor said with the building of a mosque our responsibilities increase.

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On the third day of German Jalsa 83 people of 19 nations, who were present, took Bai'at.

An Albanian guest said that he had read in books of Hadith that Bai'at of Imam Mahdi was obligatory on all Muslims. He took Bai'at and said that he was very impressed with the fact that **people are drawn to Ahmadiyyat after seeing dreams. Which is a proof that this is a Divine community.**

A friend from Morocco said that he was introduced to the Jama'at six years ago. When he visited an Ahmadi Salat centre. **Seeing the spiritual atmosphere of Jalsa and everyone's love and obedience for Khalifatul Masih, he decided to take Bai'at.**

An Iraqi friend who came from Sweden said that he was most impressed with the spiritual atmosphere of Jalsa and **had found the true community he was looking for.** He said Ahmadiyya Jama'at had all the answer to his questions and he took Bai'at at Jalsa.

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A Ghanaian friend who came from Belgium said that he saw a dream in which he is looking at God and God is also looking at Him with His grace. Later, he had the occasion to attend a Tabligh meeting where he saw a photo of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). **He remembered his face to be the same face he had seen in his dream.**

Moved, he wept throughout the meeting. He came to Jalsa this year having decided to take Bai'at. He said that his message to every opponent of Ahmadiyya Jama'at was to come to the Jalsa once. If they experienced Jalsa, he was certain they would stop opposing the Jama'at.

Divine Guidance

Another guest said he had no knowledge of Ahmadiyya Jama'at. He had a dream in which he heard the Adhan being called and he climbed a mountain with a friend. At the summit of the mountain people are pushing each other and are having scuffles. He says to his friend to leave the place those people may kill them. As they move away they come to **a green and verdant valley where people clad in white clothes are offering Salat in a very disciplined way.** **He asks his friend who are those people. The friend replies, they are Ahmadi.** He says he was not even aware of the name of the Jama'at at the time but ultimately this dream became the source of him accepting Ahmadiyyat.

A Moroccan lady from Belgium said that she saw a dream in which Imam Mahdi came resplendent like moonlight and said, glad-tiding, glad-tiding! Later, she saw Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V who says to her in English: Don't worry. The lady had no idea who these people were. **When she saw a photo of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) she realised he was the same holy person she had seen in her dream** and upon visiting Jalsa UK she saw Huzoor and was moved to tears to find him to be the other holy person she had seen in her dream. She was convinced of truthfulness of Ahmadiyyat and took Bai'at.

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The in-charge of the Hungarian delegation said that he was in touch with a family in Germany via the internet and he invited them to Jalsa. The person was not sure because he did not have a good impression of Islam. However, he was assured and thus agreed to come and attended the three days of Jalsa. He was most impressed with the Friday sermon as well as with the atmosphere during Salat. He also had very good impressions of the meeting with Huzoor in the evening. **He said he had spoken to many Christian priests but none had impressed him. However, Huzoor's words moved his heart.** That evening he rang his son and told him he had met Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. **During Saturday night he heard Huzoor's voice in his hotel room, as if Huzoor is leading Salat.** He awakened his wife and told her of his experience. He started off as a detractor of Islam but on Sunday he expressed his desire to take Bai'at and joined in the Bai'at ceremony!

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An indigenous French friend said that he was born in a Christian family but did not practice any faith. When his family asked him to accompany him to church and he saw a statue of Jesus there, he was unsure whether to worship God or the statue. He came into contact with an Ahmadi who gave him the book The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam to read. **He came to Jalsa and Huzoor's address altered the state of his heart and on the third day of Jalsa, he took Bai'at.**

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The media in Germany gave extensive coverage and it is estimated that via electronic and print media the message of Ahmadiyyat reached 37 million people.

An Arab Ahmadi who came from France related an old dream. He said just before the passing away of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) he saw a dream in which it was said: '*And thou, O soul at peace! Return to thy Lord well pleased with Him and He well pleased with thee. So enter thou among My chosen servants, [89:31] And enter thou My Garden.*' (89:28-31) He then saw a young man and someone said, this is your new Khalifa. After sometime Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) passed away and when this Arab Ahmadi saw a photograph of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, **he found him to be exactly the same person he was shown in the dream.**

A new Ahmadi of Moroccan origin who had come from Mercia, Spain said that he worked with a Moroccan Ahmadi and was very impressed with his moral and religious ways. He once saw other Moroccans deriding him. This led him to look into who 'Qadianis' were. **He saw MTA and felt that the faces on the screen were not of liars.** He did further research and took Bai'at.

He saw a dream in which he visits Huzoor's place with his wife and Huzoor offers him hospitality and they observe Salat. For four years he was the only Ahmadi in the area and was often derided by people. He wrote to Huzoor seeking help and Huzoor advised him to say the prayer: '*...My Lord, leave me not childless, and Thou art the Best of inheritors.*' (21:90) Through the miracle of the prayer gradually Ahmadis came to the area and now there is a Jama'at.

Another friend wrote from Italy that he used to lead Salat but after he took Bai'at people mocked him and he wrote to Huzoor saying he was worried. Huzoor told him not to worry. **God had chosen him to lead Salat of true believers.**

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Self-reflection and room for improvement

God's extraordinary grace and succour should make us aware that none of us may be deprived of Divine grace owing to our mistakes

We should ever be aware of our failings and mistakes and should look to remove them, in particular the office-holders among us and even more particularly those office-holders who serve on national level.

Amir Sahib Germany wrote and apologised for any failings in their Jama'at [during Jalsa]

Apology cannot avail without reformation and practical steps taken in this regard

Progressive communities ever improve themselves to get better and better.

We cannot assume from a few commendations that we have achieved what we had to achieve.

Apparent weaknesses cannot be ignored, indeed, they should not be ignored

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**The failing in the sound system happened two or three times during
Huzoor's programmes**

It is true that 100% perfection is not possible; however, **we should continually improve our standards**

The failing in the sound system happened purely due to negligence. Huzoor had told the workers the day before Jalsa that if there was going to be any fault it was going to be due to negligence and had asked them **not to consider even the smallest of jobs trivial**

Enquiry into the matter has revealed that this happened due to carelessness and negligence and could have been the cause of a big mishap

Electric points were left unsupervised and someone unplugged the sound system. This is not a trivial matter. Jalsa management should be aware of how much load their system can take and whether they can plug in extra things or not.

Huzoor said he repeatedly draws attention to care and vigilance as regards security matters. **Fuse boxes and power points are the biggest security hazard.** UK Jalsa is forthcoming, they should be mindful to first of all have **24 hour security around the power supply to the main marquee and tea making facilities should be in other areas and tea should be brought in for workers.**

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The sound was also lost during Bai'at

Huzoor had drawn attention of German management towards food.

Errors which have come to surface should be put in the red book and Jalsa workers should be asked if there are any further points that need noting down in the red book.

These points should be pondered over and improvements should be made for next year

Only practical improvement will put this right and mere words will not avail

Unless complete obedience is not instilled in every matter and things are not put in place after instructions are given, things like this will continue to happen and mistakes and small errors will continue to surface.

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The national office-holders need to come out of their shells. They should not consider themselves officers; rather they should think themselves as servers and serve others. They should instil this view. May God enable them to do so!

Whatever success the Jama'at is garnering should be attributed to God's grace and we should try and enhance in humility, meekness and gratefulness. May this be instilled in all office-holders so that we may absorb greater Divine blessings!

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