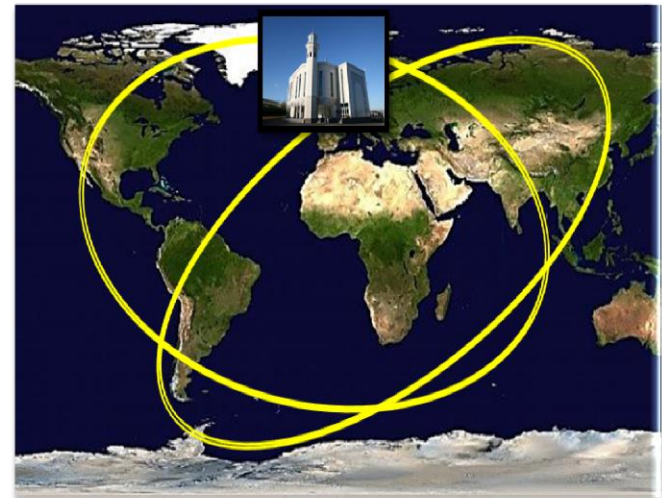


# 2015 NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS FOR AHMADIS



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## SUMMARY




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The expected levels for Ahmadis have been explained in the conditions of Bai'at.



Difference between an honest and dishonest person becomes evident during trials and tribulations



We pledge in particular not to cause undue harm to Muslims due to our passions and we will forgive as much as possible



Luqman Shehzad Sahib Shaheed was martyred in district Gujranwala, Pakistan early in the morning after Fajr Prayer on 27 December 2014.

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Today is the first Friday of 2015 and greetings are being received from various people by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih for the New Year both in person and via fax and Huzoor himself sent his greetings to everyone.

- Mutual New Year greetings would only be beneficial when we reflect to see how much we fulfilled our obligations of being an Ahmadi last year and how much we will try to do in the New Year.
- This Friday onwards resolutions which would create alertness and effort in the New Year should be made.

- It is obvious that the tasks we are expected to do as Ahmadis can only be done through virtue and piety.
- It should be clear to everyone who joins Ahmadiyyat or is an Ahmadi that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) ascertained these levels for us.

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**The first pledge we make [in conditions of Bai'at] is to  
avoid shirk (associating partners with Allah).**



- When a true believer believes in God and due to this belief accepts the Imam of the age, he has nothing to do with shirk.



- The shirk referred to by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is not just obvious idolatry. Rather he refers to that imperceptible shirk which weakens a believer's faith.



- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that Unity of God does not simply mean verbally professing there is none worthy of worship except Allah while having thousands of polytheist thoughts in the heart.



- In fact everything, every word, every practice which is given the same reliance and significance which is only due to God is an idol in the eyes of God.

Then, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) took pledge from us that we would keep away from falsehood.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that unless a selfish motive spurs, no one wants to tell lies. Thus, selfish motives and interests drive one to tell lies.

Difference between an honest and dishonest person becomes evident during trials and tribulations when an honest person speaks truth even when his personal interests are at stake.

Currently people seeking asylum here and in Europe indulge in falsehood on the behest of lawyers in spite Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's repeated admonishment in this regard.

Lies were told for worldly benefits without thinking that God has mentioned shirk and falsehood in conjunction. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that falsehood is like idolatry and one who relies on it abandons reliance on God.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also took pledge to keep away from fornication.

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There is need to reflect over this with due concern.

He said do not go near fornication. That is, stay away from such functions which could even trigger the thought of it

These days lewd films can be seen or accessed on television and internet.

This is fornication of the eyes and thoughts.

These are a source of getting embroiled in bad practices. Leading to khula or divorce. These films also lead people to behave worse than beasts.

However, if an all-out effort is not made to safeguard oneself while living in this environment no guarantee of chastity can be given.

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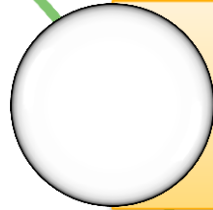
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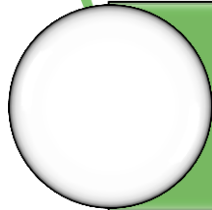
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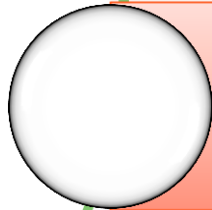
**Another pledge sought by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is to stay away from trespasses of the eye.**



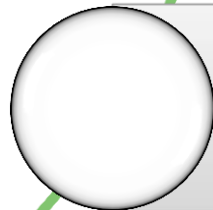
The Holy Qur'an commands **غض بصر** (ghadd e basar) restraining of the eye and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that Fire is forbidden to that eye which restrains from looking at what God has forbidden.



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: We have been positively commanded not to look at women outside the prohibited degrees.



He said unrestrained looks always end up in stumbling. God has sent this excellent teaching because God wills our eyes, hearts and intentions to remain pure.



Islam has enjoined these boundaries on both men and women. Just as women are commanded to observe purdah, men are commanded to observe **غض بصر**

**We should reflect as to how much we practice this!**

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**The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) took pledge  
that we would stay away from all manner of wickedness  
and debauchery.**

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) once counted abusive language as wickedness/debauchery.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once said that it is proven from the Holy Qur'an that a wicked and debauch person should be punished before a pagan.

When Muslims exceeded in debauchery and wickedness and they disrespected and reviled commandments of God then God also destroyed them through the likes of Halagu Khan and Genghis Khan.



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Another pledge sought from one taking Bai'at is that he will stay away from cruelty. Cruelty is indeed a big sin.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) : If a person usurps even a hand span of land from his brother, the entire land underneath even a small pebble of the land usurped will be placed as a millstone around his neck on the Day of Judgement.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also took pledge that we will stay away from خیانت (khiyanat) dishonesty/breach of trust.

The standard of how to practice this was thus set by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him): do not even practice خیانت with someone who has done خیانت with you. Therefore no excuse is warrantable to commit خیانت

If Ahmadis usurp you, consult the Qadha Board and if anyone outside the Jama'at usurps you or the Jama'at advises you, take legal action.

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**Another pledge taken from us is that we will stay away from mischief and disorder.**

While there is no question of mischief and disorder with our own, the teaching of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) even regarding others who are oppressing us is:

Do not clash and confront those who leave you and abandon you because you have joined the community established by God. Rather, pray for them privately.

Be steadfast when verbally abused and respond to badness with goodness. It is best if you move away from a place where someone is inclined to create disorder and mischief and respond gently.

**The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also took pledge that we would keep away from rebellion. Be this against an ordinary Jama'at worker or government of the day**

**We are also enjoined not to get carried away by passions. There are many chances to get carried away by passions through television and internet**

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**The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that  
after joining Ahmadiyyat we pledge to offer five daily  
Prayers/Salat with all their requisites.**

**The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said if a man  
wishes to forego Salat then he has not achieved much more  
than animals.**

Salat is  
obligatory  
on a ten  
year old  
child and  
parents  
should  
supervise  
in this  
regard.

Some  
children  
say their  
parents do  
not offer  
Salat or  
wives say  
husbands  
do not  
offer Salat.

For men  
'offering  
Salat with  
its  
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means to  
go to the  
mosque  
five times  
a day  
unless  
when not  
feeling  
well

If only the  
office-  
holders  
started  
following  
this it  
would  
make a  
huge  
difference.

Effort is  
required in  
this matter  
and the  
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**Pledge is also taken from us to offer Tahajjud Salat.**

Tahajjud should be organised because it was the way of the earlier righteous ones and it is a source of gaining closeness to God. This practice keeps one away from sin and removes bad habits and also keeps one away from physical ailments.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said our Jama'at should offer Tahajjud. Our Jama'at should be regular in Tahajjud. If not much they should offer two units of Prayer.

**Attention  
need to be  
given to  
this matter!**

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**The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) took pledge to invoke درود Durud (salutations and blessings) on the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).**

*The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: Allah will send mercy ten-fold on one who invokes Durud on me.*

**Another pledge we make at Bai'at is that we will be regular in استغفار Istighfar (seeking forgiveness) for our sins.**

*The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that God makes a way out of adversity and into prosperity for a person who engages abundantly in استغفار and provides for him from means that are beyond his imagination.*

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: Some people are aware of sin while some people are not aware of sin. This is why Allah the Exalted has always prescribed to seek استغفار. So that man says استغفار for every sin whether it is apparent or hidden and whether he is aware of it or is unaware of it.

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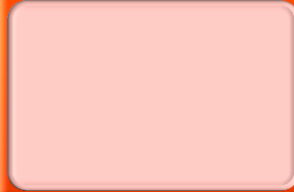
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**Another pledge is that we will always remember God's  
bounties.**



The greatest bounty is that He enabled us to accept the Imam of the age.



If we are mindful of this bounty we will be drawn to forge a sincere connection with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and will be drawn to practice his teachings.

**We also pledge to praise and glorify God.**

*The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that any important task that is begun without praise and glorification of God is not blessed and is not effective. And a person who is not grateful for receiving a little is also not grateful for receiving in abundance and one who is not grateful to people is also not grateful to Allah.*

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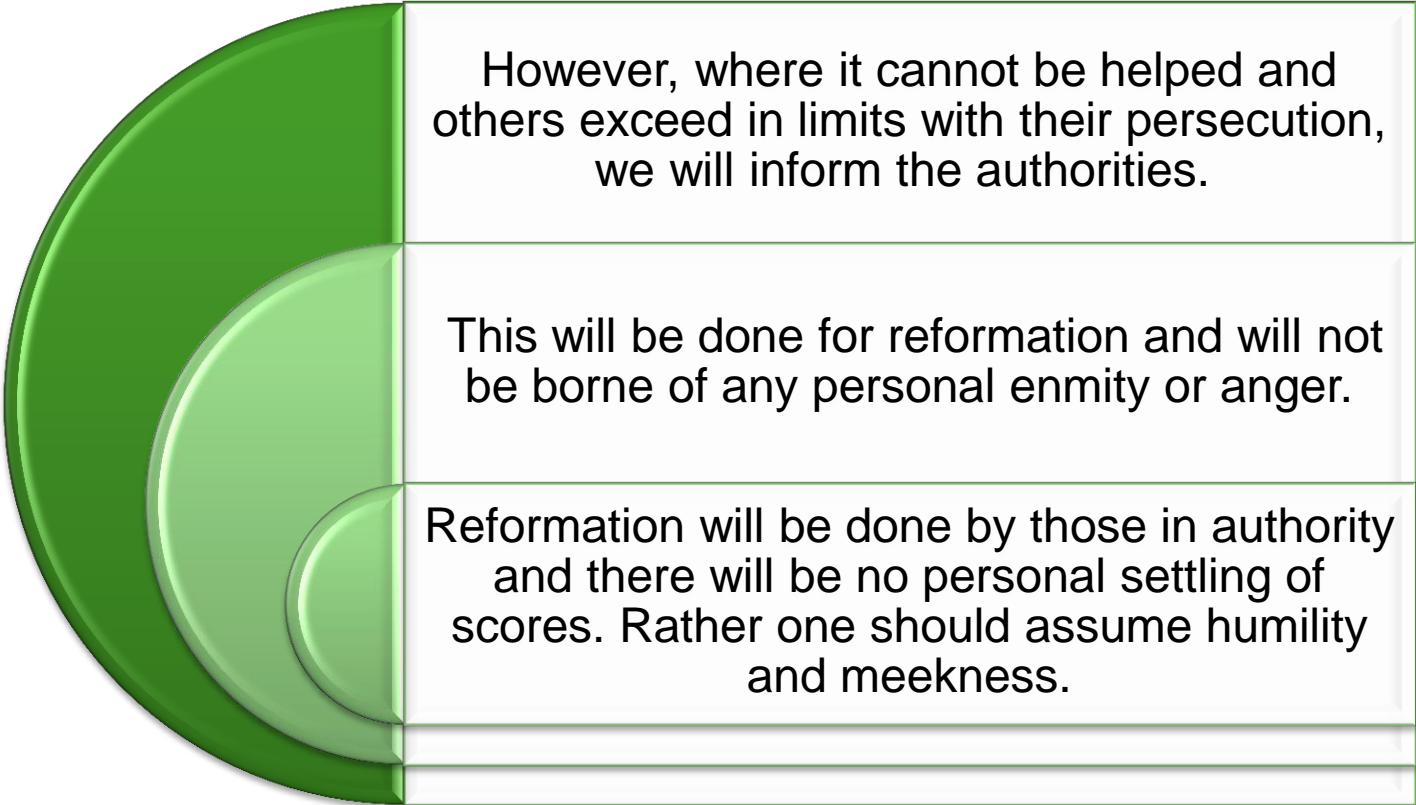
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**We also pledge not to cause harm to God's creatures.**

**We also pledge in particular not to cause undue harm to  
Muslims due to our passions and that we will forgive as  
much as possible.**



However, where it cannot be helped and others exceed in limits with their persecution, we will inform the authorities.

This will be done for reformation and will not be borne of any personal enmity or anger.

Reformation will be done by those in authority and there will be no personal settling of scores. Rather one should assume humility and meekness.

We have also pledged that we shall remain faithful to God under all circumstances.

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah) said: Matters of a true believer are amazing. Everything he does is full of blessing. This grace is exclusive to true believers.

When he receives special happiness, joy or propensity he thanks God and his gratefulness garners him further blessings.

When he receives pain, hardship or loss, he is steadfast and this stance also becomes a source of grace and blessings for him because he is rewarded for his steadfastness.

Indeed, a true believer runs to God in every situation and this way the pledge of accepting pain and indignity in the path of God is also fulfilled.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: Those who are mine cannot be separated from me; neither due to problems and persecution by people nor heavenly trials and tribulations.



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**We also pledge during Bai'at not to follow un-Islamic  
customs.**

**We should be very  
vigilant in this regard.  
Many erroneous  
wedding customs  
have been created  
which should be  
avoided by Ahmadis**

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that if a person initiates a custom in the name of religion which has nothing to do with religion, that custom is accursed and unacceptable.

**Another pledge is to refrain from lustful inclinations.**

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:  
'Paradise is the station for a person who fears standing before his Lord and suppresses his desires. Suppressing one's lustful inclinations is completely devoting oneself to Allah.'

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**Another pledge is to completely submit to the authority  
of the Holy Qur'an.**



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: Stay alert and do not even take one step contrary to the teaching of God and the Holy Qur'an. I say to you most truthfully that a person who evades even one commandment from the seven hundred commandments of the Holy Qur'an closes the door to salvation with his own hands.

**We pledge that we will make every Word of God and  
the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on  
him) our guiding principles.**

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: We have only one Prophet and only one Qur'an which was revealed to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and by following which we can find God.

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**We also pledge to entirely give up pride and  
arrogance.**

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'I say truthfully that on the Day of Judgement after shirk there will not be a bigger blight than arrogance. It is such blight that it disgraces man in both the worlds.' He also said: 'I advise my Jama'at to avoid arrogance because arrogance is extremely abhorrent in the eyes of God.'

**Another pledge we take is to  
adopt humbleness.**

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: Whoever adopts humbleness and meekness for the sake of God is exalted by God so much so that he is given place in the highest station of Paradise.

**We also pledge to always remain cheerful. This should  
always be kept in view by everyone.**

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**We also pledge to spend our life in forbearance and  
meekness**

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: If you wish to find Allah the Exalted look near the hearts of the meek.

**The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) took our pledge  
that we will hold faith and the cause of Islam dearer than our  
own life, property and honour.**

**Another pledge is to always be of  
service to God's creatures for  
His sake.**

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: Remember, Allah the Exalted loves piety and wishes that His creation is cared for. Those of you who are connected to me should remember to care for every person regardless of which religion he follows and should be good to everyone without distinction because this is what the Holy Qur'an teaches.

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**Another pledge is to endeavour to benefit mankind to  
the best of our God-given abilities and powers.**



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that mankind has many needs and due to various reasons some are dependent on others. Purely for the sake of God one should try most sincerely, selflessly and with true compassion to benefit mankind as much as one can. One should help anyone in need of help with one's God-given capacities and try one's utmost to make better their life in the world and the Hereafter

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) took pledge that for the sake of God we will enter into a close bond with him.

These matters are to establish Shariah and are based on the words of the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his blessed model. Without this neither can we progress nor remain united.

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## Funeral Prayer of Shaheed Luqman Shehzad Sahib

He started viewing MTA in general and Friday sermons in particular which led him to become Ahmadi.

He faced intense opposition and huge efforts were made to dissuade him from Ahmadiyyat but he remained steadfast.

He also performed Hajj while in Saudi Arabia. He returned to Pakistan after three years and started working on land.

Once his uncle took him to a local mosque where Maulawis tried to persuade him to renounce Ahmadiyyat. On their insistence Shaheed said if they could come up with reasoning and proofs he would reject Ahmadiyyat. The Maulawi replied: this is no time for argument, just reject it. Shaheed did not agree.

Luqman Shehzad Sahib Shaheed was martyred in district Gujranwala, Pakistan early in the morning after Fajr Prayer on 27 December 2014.

They all beat him up injuring his back bone and threw him in a vehicle and imprisoned him in an animal shed.

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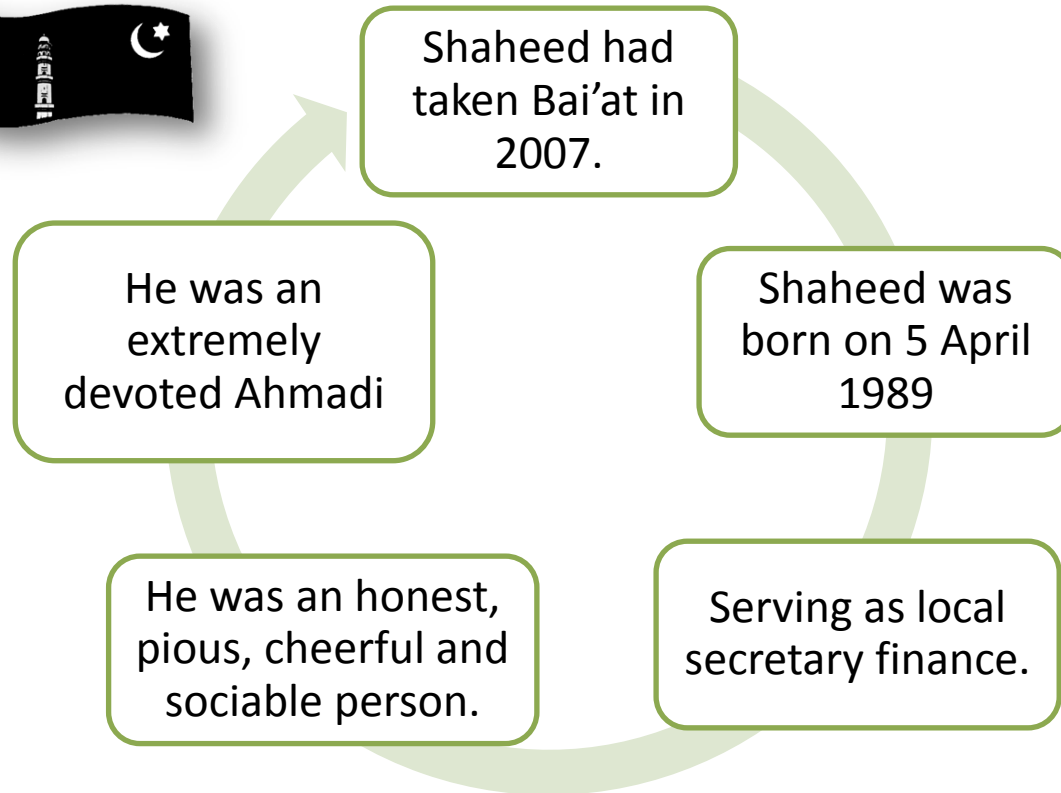
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On 26 Nov 2014 a Khatm e Nabuwat Conference was held in his area which was attended by so-called Maulawis who passed edicts of Ahmadis being 'liable to be killed' and particularly incited people against Luqman Shaheed.



On 27 Dec 2014 as he was returning after Fajr Salat opponents attacked him. He was rushed to hospital but was martyred on the way.

He was very keen on Tabligh and said that he would be content after all his family became Ahmadi. May God elevate the station of Shaheed and grant him an excellent place in Paradise and enable his family to accept Ahmadiyyat.

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**Funeral Prayer of  
Shehzade Satanos from Macedonia passed away on 19  
Nov 2014**

She accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1996. a few months after her husband.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) prayed for them and God granted them a son.

They experienced a lot of opposition after accepting Ahmadiyyat but Shehzade Satanos remained steadfast.

She did not know Salat before accepting Ahmadiyyat but gradually became a very active Muslim and eagerly participated in Lajna programmes and read Ahmadi books in local language.

We do not have a centre in Macedonia therefore her body was taken to a non-Ahmadi establishment for washing. They seized her body and created uproar over returning it. Ahmadis offered her funeral Prayer in absentia.

May God forgive her and elevate her station and continue to increase her family in their sincerity.

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