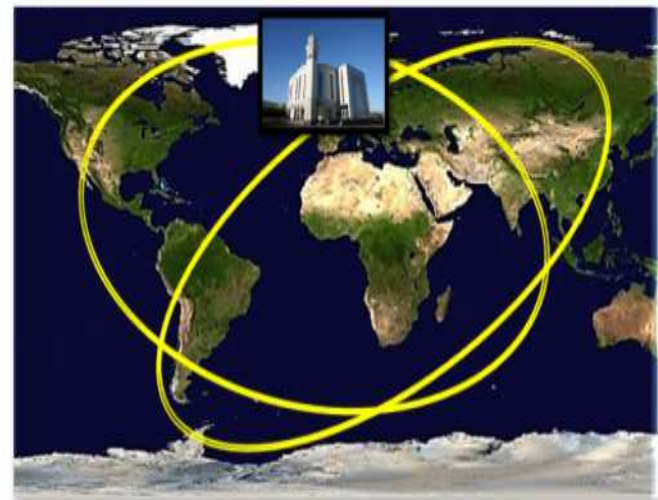


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**Sermon Delivered by Hadhrat
Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba);
Head of the Ahmadiyya
Muslim Community**




**relayed live all across the
globe**

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Respected Sahibzadi Amatul Wahid Begum Sahiba

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The Friday Prayers could not be held at Baitus Subuh because the space would have been too constricted. Further, no other hall or place could be hired at a suitable price.

However, Huzur said that he felt that a hall could have been located if the arrangements had been made on time.

Our people have a habit of starting work at the very last minute and think wishfully that the work will get done at the end of the day.

With the Grace of Allah the way we are able to complete such tasks is more or less unmatched by anyone else.

However this does not mean we should abandon pre-planning altogether.

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Huzur then said that for today's Friday Sermon he had initially selected a different topic. However as he was going to lead the funerals of some deceased, some of their accounts have come to light and therefore decided to say some things about them.

They include a martyr, a missionary and a granddaughter of the Promised Messiah (as). Some of the qualities they possessed are examples of piety for all people in the Community and they are role models for many of us to derive lessons from.

And so Huzur said he deemed it appropriate to speak in detail about these deceased individuals rather than mention them briefly.

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Our
martyred brother, Retired
Professor Dr Ashfaq
Ahmad Sahib,
who was martyred
last Friday.

He was the son of Sheikh Sultan Ahmad Sahib of Lahore and was 68 years old. Last Friday he sat in his car to head towards Baitul Tauheed for the Friday Prayers.

On the way an opponent of Ahmadiyyat on a motorcycle shot him and he was thus martyred. Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we shall return.

Ahmadiyyat began in his family through the martyrs paternal grandfather, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Sahib, when the Promised Messiah (as) was in Ludhiana.

His family originated from Sangroor, Eastern Punjab, India.

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With the Grace of Allah he deceased was a *Moosi*. He had immense love for Khilafat. He was regular in offering *Tahajjud*. He was very hospitable and helped in service to humanity. He was a very pious and sincere individual. He was always at the forefront of serving the Community and possessed a very high moral standard. He was enthusiastic about calling others towards God.

He would often invite his fellow professors home for dinner where he would introduce the Ahmadiyya Community very effectively.

The martyr's brother relates that the martyred saw a dream in the time of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh). In the dream I see that an announcement is being made in a mosque in the area belonging to non-Ahmadis, that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh) has passed away. I see there is a knife in the letter box in the house. He interpreted this at the time to mean that seeing the knife inferred sacrifices will have to be made by the Community. The announcing of passing away of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh) in his dream could mean that the Community would progress to such a degree during his time that his passing would be specially announced on speakers.

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The second deceased is respected H. Nasir-ul-din Sahib, Missionary in-charge of East Godavari, India.

The deceased's father, respected A. Shahil Hameed, was the first Ahmadi in his area of Kavishri Kerala and the Ahmadiyya Jama'at was established through him in that area while his mother, respected Chila Kerobi Sahiba, was also among the pioneer Ahmadis [in that area].

The deceased graduated in 2000 from [Jamia Ahmadiyya] Qadian and served in various areas of the Telangana and Andhra province as a very successful missionary... At the time of his demise, he was serving as the Missionary-in-Charge of East Godavari district.

His wife says that they had to live in certain places where there was only a Jama'at centre and therefore he would take his wife and children and lead the prayer and also deliver a *Dars* [Quranic lecture] and he continued this practise right till the day before his demise.

Despite severe opposition, he remained loyal to his Waqf & never wrote to the center to be transferred. His simplicity was such that his wife states that he never bought any furniture and they had no furniture of their own in the house.

He was transferred to Amla Porum & there he was so committed to teaching the children Holy Quran that he would travel 1km everyday either by foot or cycle & would teach them the Holy Quran and then return back. This is also an example for the missionaries.

He used to say that he often saw Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud^{ra} & his father in his dreams & his father would be signalling & calling him. Thus he attained martyrdom from this point of view that he was away serving his faith passed away during that.

A *Mualim* says that he was regular in the *Tahujjud* prayer, offered his prayers with extreme humility & fervency, recited the Holy Quran daily, he was extremely good-natured & exemplary person. He had a special love for Khilafat & took great care in offering the prayers in congregation. He was extremely hospitable, liked simplicity and refrained from spending extravagantly. May Allah the Almighty elevate his status and grant patience and steadfastness to his children.

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Sahibzadi
Amatul Wahid
Beghum
Sahiba

She died at the age of 82- – **‘Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’** She was the youngest daughter of Hazrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad Sahib and was also my paternal aunt. She was the paternal granddaughter of the Promised Messiah^{as} and she was the maternal granddaughter of Hazrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan Sahib. She has been buried in *Bahishti Maqbrah*, Rabwah. Dr Nuri Sahib writes that she endured these illnesses with great patience and strength.

Right up until the last days of her illness, she continued with the household chores and also looked after her husband. Her relationship with her husband was exemplary.

Huzur said that she had met him after his Khilafat for the first time in Qadian and twice in London. Despite being more senior in relation and age, she always met with great humility.

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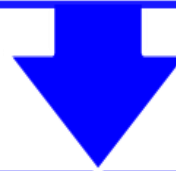
Huzur said although she was my mother's sister-in-law and was the youngest daughter of Hazrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad Sahib and therefore she was almost the same age as my eldest sister.

Therefore, my mother always treated her as one of her own children and she too never considered her as her sister-in-law,



in fact I saw that she always showed my mother great respect and held her in great esteem and this was an exemplary relationship.

Her marriage ceremony took place on 26th December 1955 and was led by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra).



Through the grace of Allah the Almighty she was blessed with six sons, four of whom are devotees of life.

She was extremely obedient to her superior office-bearer, irrespective of a difference in age or family ties.

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She always worked passionately with great humility and obedience. Her husband states: “She did justice to her responsibilities of being the wife of a life devotee. She never demanded anything from me...”

She also looked after the children of the workers at home, with great care and attention. If any of them had not had the opportunity to learn to read the Holy Quran, she would teach the children of the workers alongside her own...

...She ensured a good upbringing for the children and it is the result of her good moral training that by the grace of Allah, from six sons, four of them have devoted their lives...”

...There is a number of children of a certain age that learnt to recite the Holy Quran and also the translation from her.”

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She was very regular in her prayers and would consistently recite the Holy Quran... She would look after the poor as well as those that worked for her and would ensure their comfort.

She brought up many girls of less fortunate backgrounds and provided the means for their education as well as ensuring for their moral training. She also brought up the daughter of one of her workers.

May Allah the Almighty enable her children to adopt these attributes and may they always maintain a bond of loyalty with Khilafat. May Allah elevate her status.