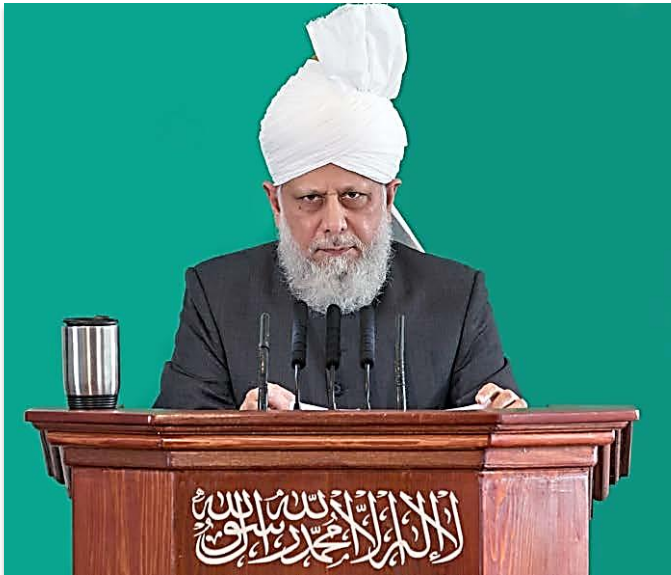
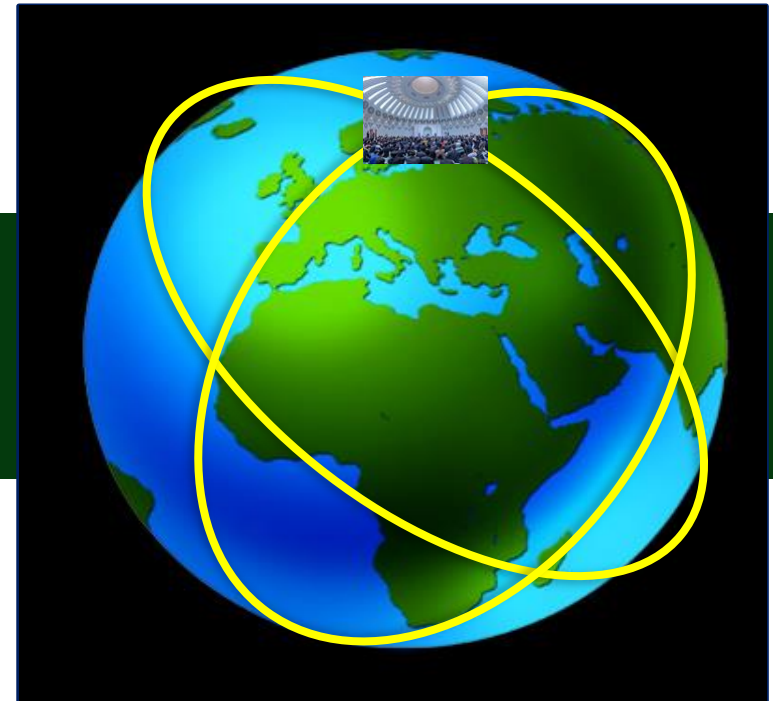


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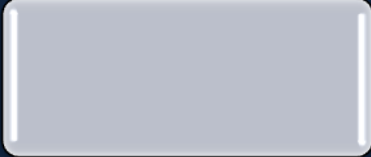
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His Holiness (aba) narrated incidents from the Battle of Yarmuk, in which of the 30,000 Muslims, 100 were companions who took part in the Battle of Badr. A man by the name of George was sent by the Romans to negotiate a treaty with the Muslims. George asked Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) what his view was regarding Jesus (as). In response, Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) recited the following verses of the Holy Qur'an:

‘O People of the Book, exceed not the limits in your religion, and say not of Allah anything but the truth. Verily, the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was only a Messenger of Allah and a fulfilment of His word which He sent down to Mary, and a mercy from Him. So believe in Allah and His Messengers, and say not ‘They are three.’ Desist, it will be better for you. Verily, Allah is the only One God. Far is it from His Holiness that He should have a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And sufficient is Allah as a Guardian.’

[The Holy Qur'an, 4:172]

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Upon hearing these verses, George proclaimed that this was certainly true, and attested to the truth of the Holy Prophet (sa). After this, he did not wish to return to the Romans, however Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) advised that he return so as not to raise any suspicion.

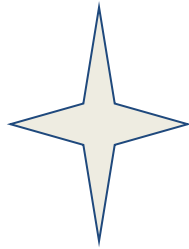
‘Surely, the Messiah will never disdain to be a servant of Allah, nor will the angels near unto God; and whoso disdains to worship Him and feels proud, He will gather them all to Himself.’
[The Holy Qur’an, 4:173]

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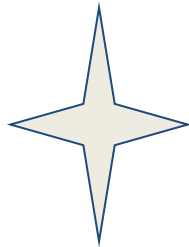
His Holiness (aba) related that there were many divisions within Syrian people, and Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) played a great role in uniting the Syrian people, establishing justice and peace.

He preached to them, that they were all the children of Adam and should all live in harmony. Thus he established religious freedom and encouraged all to live together.

Seeing this esteemed example, many Syrian Christians accepted Islam. His Holiness (aba) highlighted the fact that this was a result of preaching, not force.



A few days before the victory of Yarmuk, Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) received word of the demise of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and the election of Hazrat Umar (ra) as the Second Caliph in Islam.

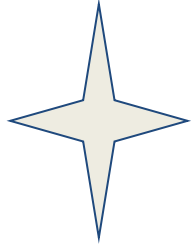


Since they were in the middle of a battle and Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) did not wish to dishearten the troops, he did not disclose this information right away. After the battle, Khalid bin Walid (ra) asked why he had not told him, and Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) replied by saying that he did not wish to dishearten anyone during the battle.

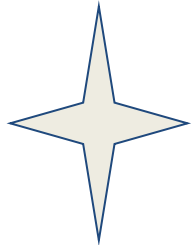


As Khalid bin Walid's (ra) army was setting out to return to Iraq, he said that they were very fortunate to have the Amin (trustee) of this nation as a guardian over them. Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) said to them that he had heard the Holy Prophet (sa) say that Khalid bin Walid (ra) was one of the swords of Allah. His Holiness (aba) commented that these are the traits of a true believer.

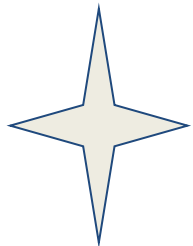
When Hazrat Umar (ra) set out and reached a place near Damascus where the Muslim army was residing. Hazrat Umar (ra) asked where his brother was. When asked who he was referring to, he said Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra).



Then, Hazrat Umar (ra) accompanied Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) to his home. Upon reaching there, Hazrat Umar (ra) said that Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) had nothing except his sword, shield and a couple of other possessions.



Hazrat Umar (ra) remarked that Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) should have furnished his home with other things as well. Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) said that he had not done so, for it would only have inclined him towards ease.



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When Hazrat Ubaidah (ra) was in the final moments of his life, he advised those around him to always offer their prayers, pay the Zakat, fast in Ramadan, give alms, perform Hajj and Umrah, enjoin one another to good, be honest and not deceitful, etc.

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) passed away in 18 Hijri (Islamic Calendar). His Holiness (aba) said that how fortunate were these people who attained the pleasure of God in this world, and continue to attain it in the hereafter.

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His Holiness (aba) said that he would offer the funeral prayers in absentia of the following deceased members of the Community:

Prof. Naeemuddin Khattak who was martyred on 5 October.

Usama Sadiq who passed away a few days ago at the age of 20 as a result of drowning.

Saleem Ahmad Malik who passed away on 24 September.

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