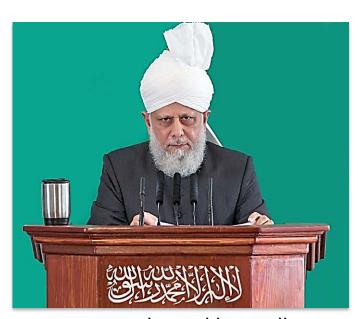
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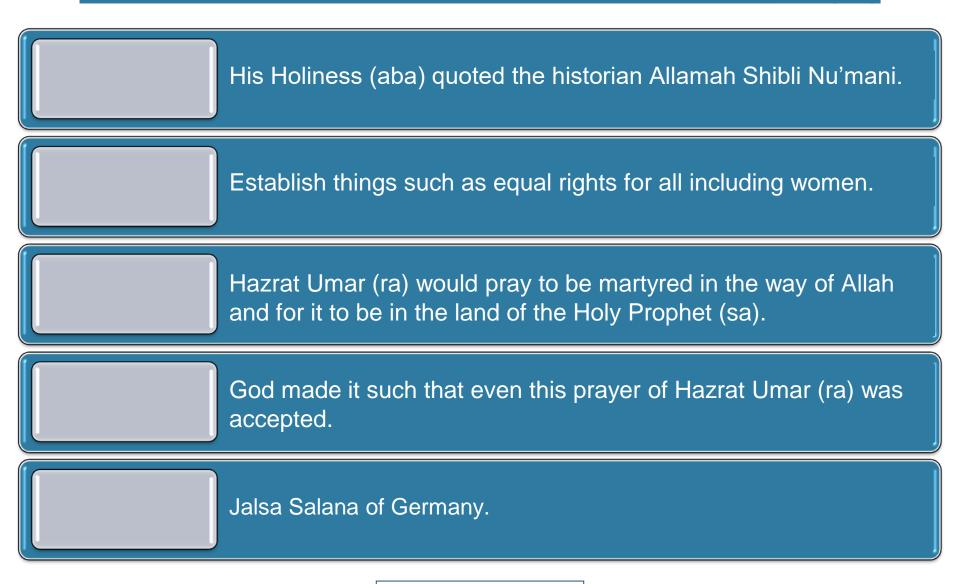


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His Holiness (aba) quoted the historian Allamah Shibli Nu'mani who commented on the various conquests and the expansion of Islamic rule during the era of Hazrat Umar (ra). His Holiness (aba) said that it is important to know about the historical context of these conquests in order to better understand them.

His Holiness (aba) quotes some Western historians who presented various aspects about the Persian and Byzantine rules, which made it inevitable for them to eventually fall to the Muslims. They said that there was a sect which was not accepted but was continuing to grow.

They wished to establish things such as equal rights for all including women. When they realised that Muslims were just and granted freedoms to all, they became their supporters.

Similarly amongst the Christians, there was a similar sect who saw the Muslims as a means of support.

Men of Excellence: Hazrat Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb (ra) His Holiness (aba) said that as for the question of how the Muslims were able to overthrow such empires, Allamah Shibli Nu'mani says that the primary factor was the zeal and fortitude instilled in the Muslims by the Holy Prophet (sa) which was fostered further by Hazrat Umar (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that as for those who say that there are also others in history similar to Hazrat Umar (ra) who have attained such victories,

Furthermore, the Muslims were fair and honest, which would turn even those of different faiths in their favour and support. Furthermore, these empires whose leaders were rooted in injustice could never compete against the Muslims, who were instructed by Hazrat Umar (ra) not only to never kill the innocent, but not even to cut down the trees. of the opposing side.

they should be reminded that there is no other example of the compassion and forgiveness shown by Hazrat Umar (ra) even after having conquered great empires.

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His Holiness (aba) related some narrations in which the Holy Prophet (sa) foretold the martyrdom of Hazrat Umar (ra).

Furthermore, Hazrat Umar (ra) would pray to be martyred in the way of Allah and for it to be in the land of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Although it seemed impossible for a disbeliever to infiltrate Madinah and be able to martyr Hazrat Umar (ra), God made it such that even this prayer of Hazrat Umar (ra) was accepted.

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al-Khaṭṭāb
(ra)

Hazrat Umar (ra) was attacked on 26 Dhul Hijjah 23 A.H., a Wednesday and passed away the next day. He was then buried on the morning of 1 Muharram 24 A.H.

He was leading prayer when he was attacked and struck by a knife. As the attacker was fleeing, he would attack anyone who was in his way and thus killed seven others as well. He was apprehended and upon realising his fate he passed the knife over his own neck. Then, Hazrat Umar (ra) was informed who his attacker was - the slave of Mughirah. Hazrat Umar (ra) gave thanks that his attacker was not someone who was Muslim. Hazrat Umar (ra) was carried to his home. Hazrat Umar (ra) was given something to drink, but when he would swallow it, it would come out from his wound, and as such, the Muslims realised that his demise was drawing near. Hazrat Umar (ra) also realised this, and sent a message to Hazrat A'ishah (ra) requesting that he should be buried by his two friends [i.e. the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)]. She said she had been saving that place for herself, however she gave her consent for him to be buried there.

Hazrat Umar (ra) was to make a will and appoint the next Caliph. Hazrat Umar (ra) gave the names of those whom he saw to have attained the pleasure of the Holy Prophet (sa) and said that the next leader should be chosen from among them.

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His Holiness
(aba) said that
today marks the
beginning of Jalsa
Salana of
Germany. He
prayed for it to be
blessed in every
respect and that
German Ahmadis
may be able to
benefit from it.

His Holiness
(aba) said that
after the Friday
prayer, he
would lead the
funeral prayers
in-absentia of
the following
members:

Kamruddin Sahib

Sabiha Haroon sahiba