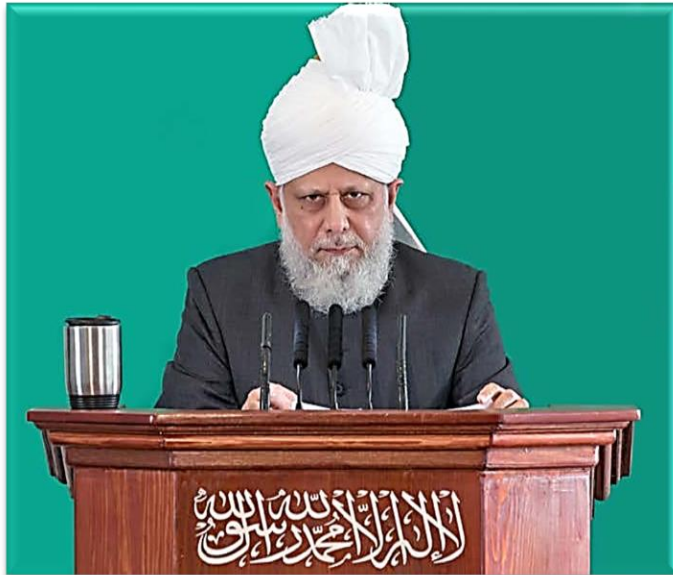
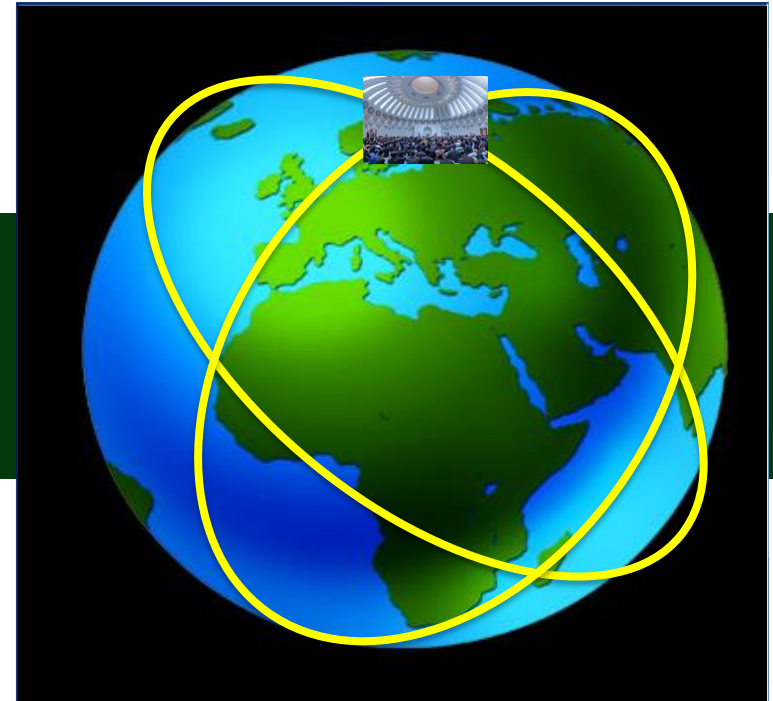


Men of Excellence : Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)



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

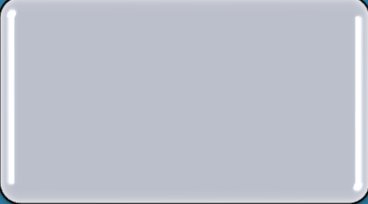


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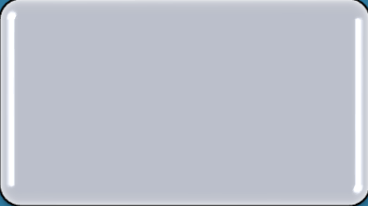
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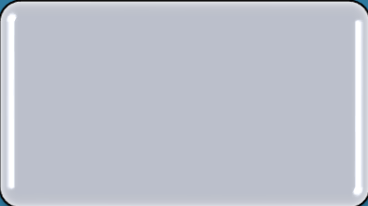
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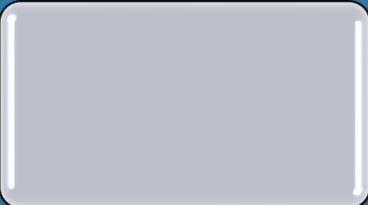
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Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) said that based on the dream, Hazrat Shurahbil (ra) would be among the leaders who would lead the Muslims to victory.



The Companions Pledged to Support Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) in the Campaign in Syria. Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) sent Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed (ra) to Syria. Hazoor (aba) mentioned the battles that ensued in Syria.

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Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra)

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that he would continue mentioning incidents from the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra), particularly regarding advancements towards Syria.

Once the forces of rebellion had been extinguished and Islamic rule was established, Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) thought that he should now turn his attention towards international forces that sought to create difficulties for Islam. He decided that he would first focus on Syria, however, he did not initially inform anyone about this.

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Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

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Dream of Hazrat Shurahbil(ra)

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Shurahbil(ra) once went to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) and asked whether he was intending to advance towards Syria. Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) confirmed this, however he wondered as to how he knew, for he had not yet told anyone.

Hazrat Shurahbil(ra) narrated a dream to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) in which he saw Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) climb atop a high mountain, after which he went to a land full of greenery, streams and fortresses. Then he saw Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) encourage the Muslims to fight, with the assurance of victory.

Hazrat Shurahbil(ra) saw that he was given a flag of the Muslim army and he fought, until the people sought peace and security from him which he granted. Then he saw Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) become victorious and sit on a throne in one of the fortresses.

In the dream, there was also a man who came to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) and recited *Surah Al-Nasr* to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra).

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Dream of Hazrat Shurahbil(ra) - Cont'd

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) heard this dream, he was pleased and said it was a good dream. He said that the part of the dream in which he was walking through a rocky terrain to the top of the mountain meant that they would have to face difficulties. Then, the green land with streams meant that there would be ease.

He said that based on the dream, Hazrat Shurahbil(ra) would be among the leaders who would lead the Muslims to victory. Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) said that this dream was also a foretelling of his demise, for the same chapter of the Holy Qur'an that was recited in the dream was also shown in a dream to the Holy Prophet(sa) from which he knew his demise was drawing near.

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Companions Pledge to Support Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) in the Campaign in Syria

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) gathered the senior Companions and informed them of his intention to send the Muslims army towards Syria and consulted with them regarding the matter.

Hazrat Umar(ra) said that he had been intending to discuss this very matter with Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) and agreed with the idea.

Subsequently, the other senior Companions from both the *Muhajireen* and the *Ansar* all agreed with Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) and pledged to follow and obey him wholeheartedly.

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Companions Pledge to Support Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) in the Campaign in Syria – Cont'd

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) asked Hazrat Bilal(ra) to call out and tell the Muslims to set out towards Syria, under the leadership of Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra), who was the first to be sent to Syria.

According to some narrations, when Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) deployed the 11 battalions to combat the rebellions that had arisen, Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) also sent Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra) to Syria.

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) also sent a letter to the Muslims of Yemen encouraging them to come forward and fight for the sake of Allah. Hazrat Anas(ra) was sent with this letter, and returned to Madinah with the good news of their imminent arrival.

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Hazrat Abu Bakr's(ra) Instructions to Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra)

Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra) reached Taima, the Syrians learned of the large Muslim army that was forming, and thus began making their own preparations as well.

He wrote about this to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra), who replied saying that he should remain steadfast and continue forwards, whilst seeking help from Allah.

Thus, Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra) advanced, but when the Syrians saw him they scattered and those closeby accepted Islam. He informed Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra), who replied saying that he should continue advancing, but not so much that he could easily be attacked from behind.

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Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

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Hazrat Abu Bakr's(ra) Instructions to Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra) – Cont'd

Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra) advanced, he wrote to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) for further reinforcements, upon which Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) formed another army of those from Yemen and from between Makkah and Madinah and sent them to join Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra).

Upon hearing this, Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra) was overjoyed, and in this joy he sought to attack a large Syrian army, and in doing so, forgot the advice of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) not to advance to the degree that he could easily be attacked from behind. Bahan and the Syrian army encircled Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra), however he did not realise.

At this time, a battalion comprising Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed's(ra) son who had gone out to find water was attacked and martyred by the Bahan from the Syrian army. When Hazrat Khalid(ra) learned this, he left the area, causing many others to disperse as well.

Hazrat Ikrimah(ra) who had arrived stayed firm and ensured that the Syrians did not follow behind Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra). When Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) learned of this, he was very displeased. Later, Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed(ra) sought forgiveness from Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra).

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

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Clear Instructions on Who the Muslims Should Target in Battle

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) was not deterred and began preparing more armies to go to Syria. As such, four large armies were prepared, the first of which was under the leadership of Yazid bin Abi Sufyan.

According to various narrations, these were certain Christian people who incited and fought in wars against Muslims.

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Clear Instructions on Who the Muslims Should Target in Battle – Cont'd

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) further advised Yazid to remain careful in his manoeuvres. He advised him to be kind to his army, and to set his own example which the rest of the army would follow. He instructed him to ensure the offering of prayers with great fervour. He said that his advisors should be kept aware of all matters so that they could give appropriate and informed advice. Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) advised on various other matters which served as a complete guide for any leader.

As such, thereafter, Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) specifically prayed for the success of this army.

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Army Sent under Leadership of Hazrat Shurahbil bin Hasanah(ra)

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

The second of the four armies was led by Hazrat Shurahbil bin Hasanah (ra), who was among the foremost Muslims. He was deployed by Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) three days after the departure of Hazrat Yazid.

Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) said that he should remember the same advice which he had given to Hazrat Yazid, and additionally gave further guidance, such as ensuring to offer prayers on time and to offer funeral prayers, among other things. Hazrat Shurahbil(ra) was sent to ultimately reach Busra in Syria.

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Army Sent under Leadership of Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah(ra)

The third of the four armies was sent under Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah(ra), who was among the ten Companions who had been given the glad tidings of Paradise by the Holy Prophet(sa).

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah(ra) was sent towards Hims, which was near Damascus in Syria. Along the way, he passed by a tent city in Balqa, with whom he reached a treaty of peace.

Hazoor (aba) said would continue to of these incidents in future sermons.

Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

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Men of
Excellence :
Hazrat Abu
Bakr (ra)

Funeral prayers (in absentia)

1. **Naseer Ahmad Sahib** - martyred on 12th August after being stabbed by an opponent of Ahmadiyyat.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un

[Surely To Allah do we belong and to Him do we return].

Hazoor (aba) prayed that may Allah grant them all patience. He would always be ready to donate blood, thus helping to save many lives. His Holiness(aba) prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy and elevate his station in Paradise.

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