

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: With the help and grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna UK will be starting from next Friday. Aḥmadīs should put more and more efforts in their prayers and *Ṣadaqāt* for the success of this Jalsa.

Reminding the volunteers of their duties and obligations, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The duty of Jalsa Sālāna is not an ordinary duty. You have been given the opportunity to serve the guests who come here in answer to the call of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام in order to quench their spiritual thirst. Volunteers in every department should exhibit the highest moral standards. They should hold their responsibilities above everything else and should bear even harsh words from the guests with equanimity. They should care for the sentiments of the guests and serve them with kindness. In this context, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ gave detailed instructions to volunteers of every department.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Residents of UK should also show hospitality to their relatives who may be coming for the Jalsa from abroad. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Non-Aḥmadīs and non-religious people who come to our Jalsa take great note of the conduct of our volunteers and, for the most part, take away a favourable impression. In this way these volunteers are also silently fulfilling the duty of Da‘wat Ilallāh. They win double rewards by serving the guests of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and demonstrating the beautiful model of Islām for the benefit of outsiders who, if they are fortunate, are able to recognize the true faith. In this manner, all the volunteers, men and women, are able to win Allāh’s pleasure.

Referring to security issues, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: We should not overlook even the slightest flaw in our system. The security checking should be thorough as was done in Jalsa Sālāna Germany. Young volunteers on security should be accompanied by at least member of a mature disposition. At the same time we must remember that our real trust lies in Allāh and we must keep praying to Him all the time. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ also gave instructions regarding the safeguarding of provisions such as food and water.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم himself presented the best example of hospitality and he said that a believer is known by three things: (1) He always says what is good; (2) he always respects his neighbour; (3) and he always honours his guest. In other words, hospitality is also a means of strengthening our faith and drawing us closer to Allāh.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم was also very generous and consistent in his hospitality. According to the account related by the Companions, he was very pleased at the arrival of guests and instructed the Langar Khāna to cater for the needs of visitors and provide them with food according to their custom. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام would make personal sacrifices for the guests and would accord them honour according to their status. In serving the guests, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام had also before him the aim of Da‘wat Ilallāh and this is something all the departments of Jalsa Sālāna should bear in mind. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام did not differentiate between friend or foe when serving his guests. Even if opponents came to him as guests, he would order his followers to serve them to their best ability. May Allāh enable us to emulate the example of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and fulfil our duties to our guests to the best of our ability.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of Mubarka Begum Şāhibā, wife of Sufi Nadhir Aḥmad Şāhib and mother of Muḥammad Jalal Shams Şāhib, Incharge of the Turkish desk, and Munir Javed Şāhib, Private Secretary, London. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led her *Namāz Janāzah Ghā‘ib* after the Jumu‘a prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Shabbir Aḥmad)

Acting Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 30 July, 2010.