

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 27th January, 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Citing a saying of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that we have been taught to recall the good qualities of those who have passed away. This helps in fostering goodness and motivates us to pray for them. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: All people have good qualities and weaknesses, but there are some whose goodness outshines all other aspects. Ravil Bukharaey Sahib of Russia was one such person whose goodness was acknowledged by everyone. He died of a heart attack on 24th January 2012 at the age of 61. He was among the first handful of people to accept the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام in Russia. Such was his knowledge and insight and devotion, selflessness and love for Khilāfat that he shone bright like a guiding star.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Ravil Sahib did his utmost to serve the Jama'at. After he retired from the BBC Russian Service, he devoted himself completely to the Jama'at and spent every moment in its service. He was from Tataristan. He learnt of the Jama'at in 1990 and became an Ahmadī as a result of meetings with Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh IV رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ. He was a true ambassador of Ahmadiyyat and invited people to the Jama'at with great wisdom. He was also a renowned poet, writer, journalist and translator. He was also a good *Dai Ialallah*. He was currently working with the Jama'at's Russian Desk in London and took his duties very seriously. He did the dubbing of translation of my Friday Sermons into the Russian language with great care and supervised it personally. His zeal and hard work regarding interpretation of Jalsa programmes into the Russian language during the days of the Jalsa was exemplary. He translated many books including the Holy Qur'ān, three editions of which have been published through his efforts.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Ravil Sahib was given several awards for his service to his nation. He was also a member of many prominent societies. BBC Russian service dedicated a half-hour long programme in his memory, in which he was hailed as a truthful person, a great poet, a religious scholar and a man of diverse qualities. He always did his work on time and was never seen to be late. He set an enviable example for us to follow.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: He was a kind, compassionate, forgiving person who always placed his needs before God and helped everyone. He had the

honour to be the first Russian to convey the message of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to Russian speaking people. He was truly a servant of Khilāfat. May Allāh bless the Jama'at with many more such persons. *Āmīn.*

At the end of the Sermon, Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the sad martyrdom of Sahibzada Dawood Ahmad Sahib, son of Sahibzada Muhammad Shafi' Sahib of Sarai Naurang, who was a great grandson of Hadrat Sahibzada Abdul Latif Sahib Shahid; and the sad demise of Mirzā Naseer Ahmad, Advocate, of Lahore; and that of Rabia Begum Sahiba, wife of Master Mashriq Ali Sahib, of Assam, India. Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led the funeral prayer of Ravil Sahib and *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* of the other deceased after the Jumu'a prayers.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 31 January 2012