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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) expressed deep pain and sorrow at the indiscriminate destruction of lives and property in the war in Syria. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the world is fast moving towards disaster, and the war in Syria could cause a massive escalation. If outside powers become part of this war, it would severely harm not only Arab countries but some Asian countries as well. Such a war will then not remain confined to Syria but might become the precursor to a world war. As Ahmadīs, we need to focus on prayers to save the world from disaster. We should pray for the world in general and the Muslims in particular.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) briefly outlined the history of Syria and cited a sermon given by Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ in 1925 in which he spoke about the French occupation of the county, the resistance, and the terrible aerial bombardment of Damascus. Thus the Promised Messiah’s علیہ السلام revelation *Bala-i-Damishq* “Calamity of Damascus” was fulfilled. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that quite often some revelations are fulfilled again and again. In that first instance, the calamity was wrought at the hand of foreigners, whereas in this instance the people have brought a calamity upon themselves for the last two and a half years. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) analysed the situation in Syria and proposed a peaceful and sagacious solution.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some Ahādīth in which the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم has reminded both rulers and subjects of their obligations. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said that on the Day of Judgment the closest and most loved by God will be the fair and just ruler, while the cruel and unjust ruler will be farthest from Him. Once a Companion asked the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, “What should we do if we have a ruler who demands his own right from us but does not give us ours?” The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said that in such a case they must listen and obey their ruler. The rulers will be answerable for what is due to him, and the subjects will be answerable for what is due to them. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that both rulers and subjects should seek the one who was to come from God and hold on to him, only then will they be able to ward off these calamities.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ahmadīs living in any country owe it to their sense of patriotism to warn their rulers of the approaching calamity. May

God open people's eyes and enable them to accept the one He has sent. May He also open the eyes of western governments, so that they act justly and do not transgress. May Allāh safeguard Ahmadīs from all evil. There are many Ahmadīs in Syria who are affected by the war. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may also fulfil the auspicious revelation regarding Syria, which says, "The eminent ones of Syria and the servants of Allāh from among the Arabs are supplicating on thy behalf." May Allāh save the world from the devastation of a war. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Mansoor Ahmad Khan)

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