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The Amīr/National President

Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited the first twelve verses of *Sūrah Al-Buruj* and gave their translation. The translation is as follows:

“By the heaven having mansions of stars, And by the Promised Day, By the testifier and the one who is testified, Cursed be the people of the trenches – The fire fed with fuel – As they sat by it, And they witnessed what they did to the believers.

And they hated them not but because they believed in Allah, the Almighty, the Praiseworthy, To Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth; and Allah is Witness over all things. Those who persecute the believing men and the believing women and then repent not, for them is surely the punishment of Hell, and for them is the punishment of burning. But those who believe and do good works, for them are Gardens through which streams flow. That is the great triumph.” (85: 2-12)

Thereafter, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Almighty God says that faith will undoubtedly be revived in the time of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام but the followers of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام will have to offer great sacrifices for it. The verses I have recited illustrate how the disbelievers will persecute the believers, but the former will ultimately come to a bad end. In any case, the believers will be persecuted and oppressed for a long time. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that the progress of faith demands of us a great sacrifice and the sacrifice is to lay down our very lives in this path. The verses inform us that strong fires which will be repeatedly fuelled will be kindled and its perpetrators will sit around it watching the spectacle. However, the Almighty God has already stated that although the believers will have to endure the torment of these fires, but ultimately those who torched the believers will themselves be destroyed.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Regarding the persecution of the Jamā‘at at the hands of the opponents, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام reassured the Jamā‘at of Divine mercy saying: ‘Do not think that God will allow you to go to waste. You are the seed sown in the earth by the hand of God. God states that this seed will develop and flourish and its branches will grow in every direction and it will become a large tree. Fortunate is he who believes in God’s word and is not afraid of the intervening trials’.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The 125- year-old history and progress of the Jamā‘at shows that the Jamā‘at is not a man-made enterprise, rather it is the work of God and by meddling in a Divine endeavour and trying to curtail it the opponents are only incurring the displeasure of God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We are accused that, God forbid, we do not consider the Holy Prophet ﷺ to be the last law-bearing Prophet or that, God forbid, we are disrespectful to him. This baseless allegation is extremely heart- rendering for us who are actively involved in upholding the respect and honour of the Holy Prophet ﷺ throughout the world. Ahmadīs are the first to respond when the honour of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is attacked. So, we are the ones who can accept death but cannot tolerate even trivial words of insult against our beloved Prophet ﷺ. Indeed, this is what the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has taught us.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ahmadīs in Gujranwala had offered great sacrifices during the 1974 anti-Ahmadiyya riots and today, again, they have established another great example of sacrifice. A girl of only six or seven months old, a girl of eight, a 55-year- old woman and a 7 month old baby who was still within the womb of its mother and had not yet come into the world, gave their lives in the way of Allāh.

However, we have always happily submitted ourselves to the will of the Almighty God in the face of every persecution perpetrated against us, and today, once again, we submit ourselves to His will.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The ones who sacrificed their lives for God are Bushra Begum Sahiba, wife of late Munir Ahmad Sahib; and two girls, Hira Tabassum and Kainat Tabassum, who were daughters of Muhammad Boota Sahib and the granddaughters of Bushra Begum Sahiba.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave the details of the incident that took place at the Kachi Pumpwali, Gujranwala, and said: There were houses of about eighteen Ahmadī families in the area. It is sad that though the local police had been notified on time, they did nothing to save the Ahmadīs; instead they stood by watching the incident like silent spectators. The details of the incident are as follows:

On 27 July 2014, two days before Eid, a 400 – 500 strong crowd attacked Ahmadī homes in the area of Kachi Pumpwali. The extremists falsely accused an Ahmadī young boy, Aqib Salim Sahib son of Muhammad Salim Ahmad Sahib, of posting some objectionable material on Facebook, as a result of which a huge mob gathered around Ahmadī homes and began raising extremist slogans and also started firing. The frenzied mob first looted Ahmadī homes and shops, and then set them ablaze. The three people who were martyred lost their lives due to suffocation resulting from the fire set by the mob in front of the room they had taken refuge in.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ahmadiyyat came in the family of the martyred Bushra Begum Sahiba through her grandfather Mian Shahabuddin Sahib of Lodhi Nangal, who had accepted Ahmadiyyat during the time of Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ. The family then migrated to Sialkot. Bushra Begum Sahiba was married to Munir Ahmad Sahib of

Gujranwala, hence she moved to Gujranwala in 1976. Her husband passed away six months ago. By the grace of God, she regularly offered Prayer and also offered *Tahajjud*. Her entire family is very decent and sincere Ahmadīs who have a great sense of honour for the Jamā‘at. They were at the forefront of paying Chanda and ever ready to serve the Jamā‘at in whatever way it was possible for them. Bushra Begum Sahiba is survived by three sons and two daughters. One of her sons is Muhammad Boota Sahib, whose two daughters have been martyred. The martyred sisters leave behind their mother and father, a five year old brother named Ataul Wasay, and a three year old sister named Sidra tun Nur.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Among the injured are Muhammad Boota Sahib’s brother, Fazal Ahmad Sahib, along with his wife Humaira Afzal Sahiba, her three year old daughter who is a Waqifa e Nau, a one year old son and a one-month-old baby as well as Muhammad Boota Sahib’s sister, Mubashara Jari Sahiba wife of Jari Ullah Sahib, who was seven months pregnant and is now undergoing treatment at the Tāhir Heart Institute Rabwah. Others injured include 33-year-old Muneeb Lodhi Sahib, Khalil Ahmad Sahib, Muhammad Boota Sahib’s wife Ruqaiyya Begum and her two children, Ata ul Wasay and Sidra tun Noor.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The attackers completely burned down six Ahmadī homes which belonged to Muhammad Ahsan Sahib, Muhammad Ashraf Sahib, Muhammad Boota Sahib, Muhammad Salim Sahib, Khalil Ahmad Sahib and Feroz Din Sahib. The mob ransacked two homes and burnt down their contents. These homes belonged to Master Bashir Ahmad Sahib and Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib. The attackers also looted and burned down shops of five Ahmadī businessmen and then targeted the Salāt Centre of the Jamā‘at and burnt copies of the Holy Qur’ān and Jamā‘at literature in the Salāt Centre and then reduced the Centre to rubble.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May God elevate the status of the martyrs. May Allāh also grant steadfastness and patience to the bereaved, especially to those who have lost innocent daughters and sisters. May God grant perfect healing to the injured and may He make good their financial loss and grant them more than before. *Āmīn*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that he would lead funeral prayer in absentia of all the martyrs of this incident after the Jumu‘a.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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