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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Inauguration of Jalsa Sālāna UK. Instructions regarding hospitality and other management issues.

Participants of the Jalsa should keep their attention focused on seeking religious knowledge and spiritual growth.

Guests should be grateful to the volunteers who work day and night to serve them.

On 12th August, 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Hadiqatul Maḥdī, UK.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna UK is starting from today. May Allāh enable all the participants to live up to the expectations of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and may He accept the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام prayers in their favour. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has said that participating in the Jalsa is not like attending a worldly gathering; those who participate in the Jalsa should focus all their attention towards religious knowledge and spiritual growth.

After explaining how the subjects for the various speeches are selected, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the speakers spend many days preparing their speeches and present them in a limited time so that the participants receive the best material available for their religious and intellectual progress. The participants should make sure that they attend all the programs in the Jalsa venue. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) addressed some complaints that come from men and more often women. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that infants should be taken to the children's marquee. It is wrong to sit in groups and talk in the main marquees. I believe that if the audience pay attention even to 50% of what is said, this can raise their intellectual, religious and spiritual standards manifold. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: Listen carefully, for this is a matter of faith. Laxity and inattentiveness results in undesirable outcomes. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) instructed those who sit at the end of the marquees not to make noise during the programs.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Listen to the speech not just for temporary pleasure but to benefit from them permanently. Do not listen only to the speakers you like. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that worldly speakers only crave applause and the listeners too do not come with any sincerity. Sincerity creates positive results. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has drawn our attention even to minor things so that the weakness in a few may not affect the thoughts of the majority.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If the Jalsa does not enhance us intellectually and spiritually, we should feel concerned. May Allāh bless the words of the speakers so that they become embedded in the minds of the listeners. Every participant should

forget all worldly affairs during these three days and focus on raising their spiritual levels.

Addressing the participants Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) asked them to be mindful of the feelings of the volunteers and keep their emotions in check, while the volunteers should also show patience and forbearance. Wrong attitudes can discourage people from attending in the future. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the participants should not seek to live like guests, rather if they have to face some difficulty they should accept it openheartedly. There are bound to be difficulties in providing temporary amenities. Some arrangements cannot be made on permanent basis. Be grateful to the volunteers who work day and night and strive to do full justice to your hospitality. Spend the three days thinking how you can please God. The Holy Prophet ﷺ taught us to say this prayer when we come to temporary dwellings: “I seek refuge in all the Divine words, from every evil.”

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the difficulty faced by some guests the previous night and instructed the organisers to quickly make provisions. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that there are people who bear hardships just to be able to benefit from the atmosphere of the Jalsa and also train their children to be resilient.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Participants should make sure they offer the five daily prayers punctually. Both the guests and the Tarbiyat Department should make sure of this. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the improved mobile phone services and asked participants to turn off their mobiles or at least keep them silent during the Jalsa programs. Participants should cooperate with the transport and scanning departments. Remain vigilant, especially in the parking, scanning areas and food marquees and watch for any unusual behaviour. Also benefit from the exhibitions set up by the History department and the Review of Religions.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) urged the participants to spend their time in prayers, Ṣalāt, Nawafil, remembrance of God and Durood. May Allāh bless this Jalsa and protect us from all evil. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Khalid Mahmoodul Hassan)

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