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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Expressions of gratitude upon the successful conclusion of Jalsa Sālāna, Germany, and the impressions of the guests.**

**Jalsa Sālāna has countless blessings that are manifested at the Jalsa of every country.**

**The impression of guests and neighbours upon foundation-laying and opening ceremonies of mosques in Germany.**

On 9th September, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitus Subūḥ Mosque, Frankfurt, Germany.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna Germany drew to a successful close last Sunday after three days full of programs. Hundreds of volunteers start preparing for the Jalsa many days beforehand, but when the Jalsa starts it seems that it only lasted one day and the time passes in the twinkling of an eye. Some people may think that there is no work for the volunteers since the Jalsa is held in ready-made halls, but they don't realize that there are still many, many tasks that require a lot of work, such as cooking and serving food, setting up marquees, making seating arrangements, setting up sound systems, and much more. A lot of the work is done by Lajna, Khuddām and Anṣār through *Waqār 'Amal*. The volunteers do everything from cooking, cleaning, parking and security duties, as well as broadcasting MTA programs live. The participants of the Jalsa and those watching from all over the world should be grateful to these volunteers for enabling them to listen to and watch the proceedings of the Jalsa. I personally extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who made the Jalsa a success and used all their abilities in serving the guests of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: While the Jalsa serves as a training for Aḥmadīs, it also becomes a means of guiding others towards the truth. The Jalsa had a very positive effect on non-Aḥmadīs. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some examples in this regard.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: For the past two or three years, the Bai'at ceremony is also held during Jalsa Germany. This year 83 new Aḥmadīs were present from 14 countries. Some of these were converted after watching the Jalsa and being impressed by the conduct of Aḥmadīs. A delegate from Bosnia said that he was most impressed by Ḥuzoor's (May Allāh be his Helper) address. A delegate from Iraq said that the atmosphere of the Jalsa was astonishing for him, for nowhere else can one see such an atmosphere of humanity, service, and brotherhood between people of every colour and race.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Aḥmadīs should be standard-bearers of moral and ethical values. Our Jalsas are a means of silently guiding people towards the truth. Our actions should in effect be the voice of our hearts. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his

Helper) mentioned some countries whose delegates were attending the Jalsa and his meetings with them. A young man from Mauritius said: I am attending the Jalsa for the first time, and would tell every young man to come to the Jalsa because it enhances spirituality. Here everyone greets everyone cordially and the atmosphere is very impressive. A journalist said: Many aspects of the Jalsa have positively impressed me. It is the first time to see a large gathering where there was no anger or hatred, and everyone treated me cordially. I was also astonished by the level of cleanliness.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that some people also come for the purpose of testing us. One man said: I came here with the intention of finding faults and then advertising them. I put my mobile on a table but it stayed there for three days and nobody touched it. I watched carefully but found no faults anywhere.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some people have also drawn attention to some weaknesses. In the light of these Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) instructed that translation devices be improved, food be prepared according to the guests' dispositions, participants avoid going to the guests' marquee, and that ladies cover their heads properly when praying. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also gave instructions about splitting the children's marquee and about the prize giving ceremony. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while we offer gratitude to Allāh, we should also securitize ourselves and take a critical look at our weaknesses and try to correct them. All shortcomings should be entered into a red book so that the system can be improved. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Amīn*.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: During this tour I was able to lay the foundation stone of a one mosque and opened some mosques. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related the impressions of the visitors. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke at length about the shaking of hands between men and women and said: Remember, we are not going to force people to do things our way, but at the same time we are not going to go back on our own teachings. There is no need to be embarrassed when it comes to matters of faith. The teachings of Islām are the most excellent and there is no need for any man or woman to feel inferior. It is our responsibility to act upon the smallest commandment without falling prey to any sense of inferiority. Likewise, ladies should be careful regarding their dress and purdah. Lajna and Khuddām should pay more attention to their own training, and the Anṣār should also not be lax in this regard. May Allāh give us all the strength. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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