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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**The demise of Raza Saleem, student of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya UK, and the impressions of parents, siblings, teachers and fellow students.**

**We should submit to the will of God at every adversity, hardship, sorrow and grief.**

**Humility, amiability, sensitivity for the honour of Islām, love for Khilāfat, hospitality, and caring for others were some of the distinct qualities of the deceased.**

On 16th September, 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Every soul that comes into the world has to leave one day. Nothing lasts forever. However, there are some people whose death leaves a lot of people in sorrow. And if such cherished people happen to be young and leave the world suddenly, this further increases the pain and sorrow. But God has taught us to submit to God’s will in every adversity, sorrow and grief, and has taught us to pray *انا لله وانا اليه راجعون* [To Allāh we belong, and to Him shall we return]. A few days ago a very dear young man by the name of Raza Saleem, a student of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya UK, passed away at the age of 20 years. His mother said: “He was my beloved son, but the one Who has taken him is more Beloved.” This is the high character of a believer that the Promised Messiah *عليه السلام* has taught us. There is no crying and wailing. Who would be more pained by the death of a young son than the parents. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the father received the news and after a while he recited *انا لله وانا اليه راجعون* and became peaceful. This is the greatness of a believer.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that I was in Germany when I received the news, and throughout the journey I could remember his face and had occasion to pray for him. He was a very dear young man. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The last time I met him he was very happy that he had received a detailed answer to his question in the 16-minute meeting. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Love for Khilāfat always shone from his eyes. When he entered Jāmi‘a I thought that he would be more interested in sports and would have an ordinary level of devotion, but he proved me wrong and turned out to be excellent in his studies despite his interest in sports, and well as being full of devotion and fidelity. He had a passion to become a defender of Khilāfat and Islām, and, from the accounts that I have heard, he lived up to this passion. Everyone who wrote about him has listed humility, amiability, sensitivity for the honour of Islām, love for Khilāfat, hospitality, and being mindful of the feelings of others as his peculiar characteristics.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Raza Saleem died on 10 September 2016 in an accident in Italy. He was a member of the Waqf-e-Nau scheme. His

family entered Aḥmadiyyat through his great-grandfather Allāh-Din Sahib who pledged Bai'at at the hand of Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II رضى الله عنه. Raza Saleem entered Jāmi'a in 2012 and was preparing to become the first missionary in his family. He had already passed the third grade. He was a Mūṣī. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Hafiz Ijaz Aḥmad, teacher of Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya UK, and in charge of hiking wrote: We were on the return journey all walking together when at once his foot slipped and he fell on his head. Even though he was wearing a helmet, he suffered head injuries. His breathing stopped or he became unconscious during the fall. Efforts to catch him were futile. The emergency services helicopter arrived in 20 minutes and confirmed the death.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that those who are making negative comments about the incident should abstain from doing so and should instead express their feelings of sympathy. The organizers were not at fault, nor was anyone else, it was God's will, and God had only ordained so much life for him. All his other friends are also in a state of shock. May Allāh enable them to return to normal life. Memories cannot be forgotten.

Citing the impressions of parents, siblings, teachers and fellow students, Ḥuzoor said: He had a loving relationship with his siblings. He had great love for Khilāfat. His face would become flushed with emotion if anyone said anything against Khilāfat. He was also very patient. He would help his classmates with their studies. He was very punctual in his prayers. He would carry the audiobooks of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in USB drive with him. He was very compassionate. He would remember a lot of things from the Friday Sermons. He would read a new book every week. He also tried to offer tahajjud prayers punctually. Apart from the Jāmi'a studies, he was also keen at gaining general knowledge and also loved poetry.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh grant him a lofty station in heaven, and may Allāh enable all the students in all the Jāmi'as to grow in devotion and fulfil their duties.

Addressing the friends of the deceased, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The best way to do justice to your friendship is to adopt the excellent qualities of the deceased and use them for the service of Islām, so that both me and future Khulafā' will always have the best helpers available to them. May Allāh grant his parents and siblings peace of heart. *Amīn*. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led the funeral prayer of the deceased after the Friday prayer.

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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