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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Remembering the late Bashir Aḥmad Rafiq Khan Ṣāhib and the gynaecologist Dr Nuṣrat Jehan Ṣāhiba.

Fortunate are those whom Allāh gives the opportunity to serve the faith as well as humanity.

These were pious and devout people who were foremost in their fidelity and love for Khilāfat. They spent their entire lives in exemplary selfless service.

On 21st October, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baituz Zikr, Toronto, Canada.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will speak about two devout members of the Jamā‘at who passed away recently. One is Mr Bashir Aḥmad Rafiq Khan, and the other is Dr Nusrat Jehan, the head of gynaecology department at the Faḍle Omar Hospital, Rabwah. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Everyone who comes into this world has to leave one day, but fortunate are those whom Allāh gives the opportunity to serve the faith as well as humanity.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Bashir Aḥmad Rafiq Khan was a veteran missionary. He undertook administrative duties very efficiently. He passed away on 11 October 2016 in London at the age of 85 years. He had a BA degree from the university and a Shāhid degree from Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya. His mother Fatima Bibi was the elder daughter of Ḥazrat Maulawi Ilyas Khan a Companion of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. His father Danishmand Khan Ṣāhib accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1921. He was married in 1956 to Saleema Naheed daughter of Abdur Rahman Khan. He has three sons and two daughters. He devoted himself when an appeal was made for *waqf-e-zindagi*. He studied in Qādiān until the partition. Then, according to the guidance of Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ, he joined Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Rabwah.

Referring to some of the instructions given by Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ to missionaries, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some time ago I also asked missionaries to have their own personal libraries. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Khan had the honour to serve as the deputy Imam of the London Mosque, as editor of Akhbar Aḥmadiyya and The Review of Religions, as Private Secretary to Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ III (May Allāh’s mercy be upon him) during his foreign tours, and also as Wakīlut-Tasneef and Wakīlut-Tabshīr. He also worked in other spheres of life. He served as President of the local Rotary Club. In 1968 he was invited by the President of Liberia and was given the honorary title of Chief. He lived a full and dynamic life. He was also deeply devoted to Khilāfat. He was suffering from heart disease but despite his illness wrote to me regularly and did his best

to attend any programs where he knew I would be present. May Allāh have mercy and compassion on him. And may Allāh enable his children to follow in the same footsteps in terms of sincerity and devotion.

Speaking of Dr. Nuṣrat Jehan Maalik, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that she died on 11 October 2016 in London of a lung infection. She was born in Karachi on 15 October 1951. Her father Maulana Abdul Maalik Khan was also a veteran servant of the Jamā‘at. He was from Bijnor, U.P., India. Her grandfather Ḥazrat Khan Zulfiqar Ali Khan Gohar pledged Bai‘at to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام by letter in 1900 and then personally took Bai‘at in 1903. He devoted his son to the service of the Jamā‘at at the Promised Messiah’s عليه السلام bidding. Maulana Malik Sahib, at his father’s instructions, resigned from his job and moved to Qādiān. This same spirit of devotion and sacrifice was to be found in Dr. Nusrat Jehan. Had she gone anywhere else after her education she could have earned a lot of money, but she chose to live in Rabwah to serve humanity and offer services that were much needed by the hospital. All her life she offered exemplary selfless service.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the impressions of her daughter, son-in-law, and the doctors and staff she worked with. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that many people had written of their feelings and it was not possible to mention all of them. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Extreme faith and trust in God, love for the Holy Qur’ān, deep devotion and obedience to Khilāfat, service to humanity and the comfort and healing of her patients, these were her topmost priorities. She was also very careful about spending Jamā‘at’s money. She used to say, “I have two daughters, one is the daughter I have, and the other is gynecology department.” She always advised married people to preserve their marriage as much as possible.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Dr Nuṣrat Jehan was also very careful about her *pardah* and always wore the burka. She was indeed a role model for young women who say they cannot work in *pardah*. She said to her daughter that her advice to her was the same that her own father had given her: One, to have full trust in God, and, two, to be attached to Khilāfat. May Allāh grant comfort and solace to her only daughter and enable her to live up to her mother’s expectations. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may bless Faḍle Omar Hospital with more doctors who serve diligently and are fully devoted to the Jamā‘at and to Khilāfat. And may Allāh foster these qualities among those who are already serving. *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,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 26 October 2016