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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Jalsa Sālāna Germany: impressions of guests; gratitude for the voluntary workers; pointing out of some shortcomings.

Islām is the religion of love. Aḥmadīs are the ambassadors of peace. What we saw here is not to be seen in any other sect. (Guests' impressions)

This tour was marked by the opening of a mosque and a press conference. Overall, the message of Islām reached about 60 million people.

On 1st September 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalifa-tul-Masih V* ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: By the grace of Allāh, Aḥmadīs are being brought together and educated through MTA. Aḥmadīs do not have to wait to learn about the Khalīfa's tours and other news about the Jamā‘at; everything is communicated instantaneously. Feedback and comments are also received at once. Jalsa Sālāna Germany was held recently and many people have written their impressions about it. While we should be grateful that Allāh has united the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام through MTA, we should also be thankful to the volunteers who worked during the Jalsa. May Allāh reward them all. There are thousands of volunteers, including men and women, young and old, who work with such zeal as is only to be seen in Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya. These workers, along with fulfilling their duties, also serve as silent missionaries. Likewise, the participants also leave a good impression on the guests. It is important to highlight the impression of the guests in order to show the world how our actions are serving to bring people closer to Islām.

An Arab guest said: I used to see people criticizing Islām but I could not defend it. But today, having seen your love for the Khalīfa, I can raise my head up proudly. Having seen such a peace-loving community, I can now defend Islām. A German lady who was very much impressed by the International Bai‘at said: All my questions have been answered. I believe it will not be long before I cease to come here as a guest and join the Jamā‘at. A student said: I was amazed at the unity and harmony I saw here. Everyone is so contented. I wish to strengthen my relationships with the Jamā‘at. Some ladies from Macedonia said that they had never seen anything like the Jalsa and would go back and introduce the Jamā‘at to others. A student guest said: I am interested in the study of religions. I read about the Aḥmadiyya community and now I am seeing you in practice. I felt a spiritual fervour among the participants.

Ḥūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: It is now the duty of the participants that their spiritual fervour should not be temporary. Aḥmadīs should not just feel proud of these impressions but should try to improve their practical condition even further.

A professor from the Qartaba University said: This is the first time I have seen such a gathering. I am sure that you are different from other Muslims. A lady from Bosnia said: I was amazed to see these people. I found no fault or shortcoming anywhere. Hūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: It is the attitude of the volunteers that inevitably impresses the visitors. Thus those who visit the Jalsa have also their apprehensions about Khilāfat removed. A nurse from Bosnia who came with her husband and parents said: Everything in the Jalsa was managed so perfectly. A visitor said: When I go back I will tell people that the Jalsa cannot be described, it can only be felt, and that to experience true paradise people should spend time in this blissful environment. Those who are fighting one another should be ashamed of themselves and should live in peace and harmony. A lady from Bulgaria said: This is my first time attending the Jalsa. Everyone greeted me with respect. The two things that are taught here are love for Allāh and love for one another.

Hūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: There is tremendous opposition to the Jamā'at in Bulgaria and even the government is under its influence. Let us pray that Allāh may enable us to spread our message freely and openly in this country.

A Muslim guest said: I was much impressed by the Khalīfa's speech in which he spoke about love for mankind. I loved seeing small children serving water. I didn't see anyone fighting or quarrelling. A student from Portugal said: The security arrangements were excellent. It is difficult to manage such a large gathering, but everyone treated one another with respect and cordiality and I was much impressed by this.

Hūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: A 65-member delegation came from Macedonia including some journalists. They did some recordings during the Jalsa and had an interview with me. They said they would make a documentary of the Jalsa. One of them did Bai'at on the last day.

A lady lawyer said: All the arrangements were excellent. The true meaning of Islām is peace, not war. The teaching regarding women was excellent wherein the woman was described as the carer of the nest while a man is its guardian. The Bai'at had a very positive effect with all the lanes leading in one direction. I will never forget that image. A lady guest said: I have found new avenues of thought and have been introduced to Islām anew. She said she was satisfied with the answers to her questions and had seen the true picture of Islām. A journalist says: This is my first time attending the Jalsa. So many people were gathered at one place and I was honoured to be among them. A lady journalist said: This was a new experience for me. I am lucky that I saw everything first-hand. When I go back, I will make a documentary and spread this message to others. A guest said: I felt like I was in my own home. A guest said: I learned a lot by living so close to the Jamā'at. These teachings help one to become a better person. A lady guest said: I was very much impressed by the fact that there was a solution to every problem and the overall atmosphere was great. I was happy to have met so many people and to have listened to speeches about current affairs. I was particularly impressed by the Khalīfa's final address.

Delegations from Albania and Hungary were also in attendance. A guest said: I moved around in the Jalsa without fear. In contrast to what the media portrays, these people are so disciplined. Children serve water even without being asked. They are truly the ambassadors of peace. A Syrian guest says: Aḥmadīs are very respectful to women. Despite such large attendance, the discipline and service

was excellent. This is something that is not to be seen in other sects. The Imām in his address spoke about the solution to the world's problems and how to bring about peace, and I felt proud to be a Muslim. The Imām said that Islām is not a religion that fosters terrorism, rather it teaches love and harmony.

Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: Bai'at ceremony is being held in Germany for the last 3 years. This year people from 11 countries joined Aḥmadiyyat during Bai'at in Germany. Allāh has opened the hearts of many sincere people. May Allāh continue to spread these blessings. A press conference was also held during this tour. Our message reached about 60 million people. The Jalsa was also broadcast through social media.

Citing some shortcomings, Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said that the sound system was at times faulty. About 400 people were not provided bedding in their accommodations. There were some complaints about shortage of food on the first day which should have been taken care of, but some problems continued and emergency measures had to be taken. These issues should be looked into and planned adequately.

Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: One mosque was inaugurated and the message reached about 1.6 million people. May Allāh enable Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya Germany to spread our message even further as a result of this introduction. *Amīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

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