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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 21 December 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Our Imam, *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper), said:

Sahibzadah Mirzā Anas Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, the eldest son of Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him), passed away at the age of 81, a few days ago in Rabwah انالله وانا اليه راجعون.

He was the eldest grandson of Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) and was a maternal grandson of Hadrat *Nawab* Muhammad Ali Khan Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him) and Hadrat *Nawab* Mubarakah Begum Ṣāḥiba (May Allāh be pleased with her). Thus he was also my first cousin, being the son of my maternal uncle.

He got his early education from Qādiān and then completed it from Rabwah. Afterwards he completed his Master’s degree from Punjab University and then served in Ta‘līmul Islām College Rabwah. After that he came to England and studied at the Oxford University and did his Masters from here. By the grace of Allāh he devoted his life in 1955 and started his practical services in 1962. He served in various departments diligently. He used to perform his responsibilities wholeheartedly and diligently. He had deep knowledge of Hadīth, Philosophy and English literature. He had a very keen interest in Ahādīth. He got primary education in Hadīth from respected Maulvi Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib.

When he devoted his life in 1955, Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) mentioned him in his Friday sermon the following words: “I have received three applications after I launched the movement of dedication. One of these is from my grandson Mirzā Anas Aḥmad who is son of Mirzā Nāsir Aḥmad. May Allāh the Almighty enable him to fulfil his intention. Anas Aḥmad wrote “I had wished to devote my life after studying law but now you may appoint me wherever you please. I am ready for any service.”

By the grace of Allah he was able to serve for fifty six years in various capacities.

Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrated a historical incident of the time when the community migrated from Qādiān after the partition. This incident is in fact about the sacrifice of Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) but there is also mention of Mirzā Anas Ahmad Sahib that is why I am narrating it.

Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates: when we migrated from Qādiān to Lahore due to financial constraints I had instructed in

those days that only one loaf of bread would be given to everyone. I also told this to my family that everyone would get only one loaf. One day my grandson Mirzā Anas Ahmad came to me weeping. I was told that he says that he is not satiated with one loaf. I said that I would allow only one loaf if he was not satiated with one loaf then you should give me half loaf and give the other half loaf to him. Thus I would manage with a half loaf and he would be able to get one and a half loaf. When the condition of one loaf would be abolished for guests, I would increase the number of loafs for my family members as well. But as long as the condition of one loaf for guests is not removed, give him half of my loaf.

Doctor Noori Şāhib writes that he had an excellent memory. He was a true lover of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), and his Ahādīth. He used to narrate the incidents about the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) and his Khulafā so vehemently and enthusiastically and in such an inspiring way that the listener was totally enthralled. His eyes would brim with tears while narrating the incidents. He was immensely patient and always demonstrated patience and courage and bore every hardship courageously.

Shamim Pervaiz Şāhib Nā'ib Wakīl Waqfe Nau writes that one incident of his passionate love for Khilāfat is engraved on my heart. He writes that at the time of the election of the fourth Khalīfa, I was District *Qaid* of Jhang and was on duty outside the *mehrab* of Mubarak Mosque Rabwah. As soon as Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) was announced as the next Khalīfa, I saw Mirzā Anas Aḥmad Şāhib fall in prostration on the scorching floor of bricks despite the extreme heat of June.

Doctor Iftikhar Aḥmad Ayyaz Şāhib from London writes that he was a true devotee. He did not stop coming to the office and kept doing his publication services and performed other tasks for the Jamā'at till his last breath. He further writes that he used to translate assiduously and at times would search for appropriate idioms for days. His obedience to his elders was exemplary.

Khalid Aḥmad Şāhib from Russian Desk London writes that whenever I think of Mian Şāhib I feel that he was perfect example of the following hadith of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) peace be upon him اطلبوا العلم من

المهد إلى الكهل.

Ayyaz Mahmood Khan Şāhib *Murabbī Silsila* Additional Wakālat Tasnīf UK writes that I learnt a lot from him with regard to the translation work. Since he used to translate the books of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) enthusiastically, he would tell me about difficult parts and their solution and would also share his experiences with me. One thing he particularly stressed was that while translating we should not only consider the literal meanings of a word, rather we must also keep in mind that the used word should not undermine the status of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) in any way. And if the literal translation is not appropriate then we should employ a word which conveys the true sense of the subject.

There is no exaggeration in what some people have written about his relationship with Khilāfat, rather his relationship was much deeper than that. He demonstrated his relationship from his every act and practice. Rather when Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) appointed me as *Amīr Muqāmi* and *Nazir Aala* he obeyed me perfectly in every manner due to his obedience of Khilāfat. He was very considerate of me despite being fourteen years older than me. He truly obeyed me and always displayed the example of perfect faithfulness. Even after I became Khalīfa he displayed same kind of complete obedience.

May Allāh treat him with mercy and forgiveness. May Allāh grant him the grace he desired for and keep him with his beloved ones and keep his progeny faithful to Khilāfat.

When respected Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Ṣāḥib passed away he saw a dream which I had mentioned in my sermon. He wrote to me that the night previous to the last night when Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Ṣāḥib passed away I saw in a dream that Mian Khurshid and Mian Aḥmad have gone to God and they are meeting with the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). At that time I wished may Allāh also bless me with His nearness. Upon this, God told me to come forth.

Thus Allāh Almighty blessed him with His nearness as well. Allāh Almighty had given him glad tiding of His forgiveness and mercy. May Allāh keep increasing his rank and also make his progeny pious and righteous. *Amīn*

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

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