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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 Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 12th July 2019 at Mubarak Mosque, Islamabad, Tilford UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Jalsa Sālāna Germany, having partaken of Allāh’s immense blessings, concluded a few days ago. This year the attendance exceeded 40,000 and we will continue to see this progresses every year. It is only the grace of Allāh that He blesses us far in excess of our own efforts. Thus, after offering thanks to Allāh, we all must try to put in more and more effort. Many guests, including non-Ahmadīs and non-Muslims, said that they had experienced an extraordinary spiritual atmosphere and influence. Thus, our Jalsas are also a very important means of *Tabligh* and our own *Tarbiyyat*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would like to extend my gratitude to the volunteers, men and women, who worked hard day and night to make the Jalsa successful in every way. The volunteers set aside their own priorities and their jobs for the sake of the Jalsa and spent every moment in the service of the guests of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). By the grace of Allāh, Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya Germany has excelled in terms of sincerity, devotion and spirit of sacrifice as compared to other Jamā‘ats. If there is any shortcoming, it is due to the behaviour of some office-bearers or their way to get the work done by the volunteers. At the individual level, however, the members are very devoted and ever willing to sacrifice their selves, money and time. May Allāh continue to increase them in sincerity and devotion. *Amīn*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In view of the increase in the number of participants this year, the management and *Amīr* Sahib are seriously considering to acquire a piece of land for Jalsa Gah. This time there were also some problems in parking, etc. These issues draw our attention to the fact that the arrangements should be more expansive. *Amīr* Sahib told me that they have looked at a new site and are trying to acquire it. If that site is indeed beneficial for the Jamā‘at, may Allāh help us make the necessary arrangements to acquire it and facilitate the whole process. Seeing the devotion and sincerity and spirit of sacrifice in the German Jamā‘at, I am confident that if there is need for financial sacrifice, they will be forthcoming with their offerings. May Allāh increase their capacity. *Amīn*.

Jalsa Sālāna Germany too has become an international Jalsa. In this respect too, the arrangements of the Jalsa require expansion.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Tabligh session was attended by 1179 guests, including 502 from Germany, 341 from European countries, 157 from Arab countries, 104 from Asia, and 75 from Africa. A total of 67 nations were represented at this event.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the feedback of foreign guests who attended the Jalsa. They said that the address by the Imām of Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya had been very inspiring and motivating. To foresee the dangers of war at the time of peace is no small matter. Imām Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya did not only foresee future dangers but also warned the world about them. It is a hot cake for any leader to talk about world peace, but nowhere else have we felt it expressed so forcefully as in the words of Imām Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya. Not only from the religious point of view, but even from social and economic vantage point, the Imām has made it clear upon world leaders that world peace depends on the fear of God. If necessary steps are not taken, then we will be responsible for the terrible destruction resulting from a nuclear war. The message given is so clear that, if there are no intervening prejudices, then this warning should be enough. This message should reach the decision makers and it needs to be recognized widely at a global level for the greater good of mankind. Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya has a deep concern for the world. The address of Imām Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya was full of new angles and novel points. His viewpoint with regard to migrants and host countries will help settle issues between them in a dignified manner, and the institutions that host the migrants will treat them with more respect. Every word of his speech was about peace, forbearance and the human values. If we bring together peace and forbearance and humanity, it will become possible to create a harmonious society. The most impressive thing was that, after detailing all the problems, Imām Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya presented religious solutions and said that the solution to every problem lies in recognizing God. He proved that religion is not the problem, it is the solution. Many politicians say similar things, but they carry no weight, whereas this address was completely different. The Imām talked about real issues, such as dangers of atomic warfare, environmental challenges and immigration, and he offered their solutions. He said that, instead of placing curbs on religion, it should be promoted. He invited people to come to God. He said in clear words that the wars being fought today have nothing to do with religion. He also shed light on political issues. Many guests said that they were very much impressed with the Jalsa, the friendly faces, and the atmosphere of cordiality, unity and love.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The 170-member delegation from Macedonia consisted of 8 journalists some of whom interviewed me after the Question and Answer Session. 15 Christians, 23 non-Ahmadīs and 24 Ahmadīs were part of this delegation. Five non-Ahmadīs pledged Bai'at after attending the Jalsa.

A lady who was part of this delegation said that Ahmadīs spread and teach peace and promote moral values. Ahmadiyyat is bringing people together and inspiring them with love for worship. Ahmadiyyat desires to promote spirituality, unity and nearness to God. I met many good people in the Jalsa with smiling faces all

around, who were sure that life can be lived with good moral values. She said, I can bear witness with feelings of gratitude that the people I saw have strong faith in God. She said, If you continue with this mission with keen dedication and love, a time will come when people will realize what the true values are.

A TV journalist who was part of the Macedonian delegation said that he was greatly inspired by my address. Every word bore a lesson for humanity. Referring to my press conference, he said that the answers I gave to the journalists expressed basic human values. He said he hoped that more and more people would accept Ahmadiyyat and work towards the betterment of humanity. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The world can see that Islām is going to spread through Ahmadiyyat. The journalist also said that he had studied the message of Ahmadiyyat Islām in depth as well as the similar teachings of different religions, and had come to the realization that the basis of religion is love for God and for humankind. This is the message that the world needs today.

A lady who was part of the delegation said: I participated in the Jalsa for the first time and I found everything perfect. The arrangements were excellent and the volunteers were friendly. Everyone walked around with a smiling face and worked in a cordial manner.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The delegation from Bulgaria consisted of 49 members, including 15 Ahmadīs and 34 non-Ahmadīs and Christians. A Christian lady said: I liked your address. Your prayers were very inspiring. I also liked the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān and the translation. She also praised the giving of awards to students and prayed that our prayers be accepted.

The delegation from Hungary consisted of 8 non-Ahmadī guests and 11 Ahmadīs. One guest from the Roma community said that in the course of his work he has to meet all kinds of people, and that he had attended all kinds of Jewish, Christian and Muslim gatherings, and yet he had never experienced such an atmosphere of love, respect for humanity and brotherhood as in this Jalsa. He thanked the Jamā‘at for giving him the opportunity to come here and see the practical manifestation of “Love for all, Hatred for none.”

An Ahmadī brother, who had belonged to an atheistic society, got into contact with the Jamā‘at a few years ago. He was impressed by the Jamā‘at’s arguments with regard to religion and Islām in particular. Prior to that he had become disillusioned with religion because of the stories that non-Ahmadī clerics tell. A few years ago he pledged Bai'at and started slowly adopting Islāmic principles. He says that he was very impressed with the Jalsa and the hospitality and was deeply moved by my address to Lajna Imāillāh and the concluding address. He said that every man should remember the message it conveyed.

The delegation from Georgia consisted of 85 people. This was the largest delegation to come from the Russian states. One member said that he had the opportunity to talk to many people and he tried to gauge how far this Jamā‘at was tolerant of other religions. While talking to people, he would suddenly tell them that he was not a

Muslim but a Christian so that he could see whether their attitude towards him would change, but he was surprised that Ahmadīs continued to talk to him in the same cordial manner and did not show any prejudice.

The delegation from Kosovo consisted of 45 people, including 30 Ahmadīs and 15 non-Ahmadīs. One member who is a teacher of Albanian language and literature said that he had the honour to pledge Bai'at this year. He said that despite his scrutiny he could not find any faults in the arrangements of the Jalsa. The speeches were of high quality and he was particularly impressed with my address. He says that to pledge Bai'at is an honour that we all cherish. To come together in unity in such an atmosphere is the key to success.

Three ladies from Malta who participated in the Jalsa said that when they went to the ladies' marquee they were cordially welcomed. It was like a family atmosphere and we felt like we had known each other for centuries even though we were meeting for the first time.

One lady from Malta who recently got married said that she had been very much impressed by my address to the ladies in which I had drawn attention to the responsibilities of men and women, and that she would always benefit from my guidance about issues that arise in households. She said that the Islāmic teachings regarding preserving chastity before marriage are full of wisdom and very important. She said that if she had the opportunity to participate in the Jalsa again, she would spend her whole time in the ladies' marquee whose atmosphere she had found to be very spiritual.

The delegation from Bosnia consisted of 74 people. One lady said: I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Jamā'at for inviting me to participate in this great Jalsa. I was amazed at all the arrangements and the hospitality, and I spent the weekend among people who were always smiling.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the Bai'at ceremony, 37 people from 16 countries pledged Bai'at . They include people from Albania, Serbia, Holland, Germany, Chechnya, Romania, Kosovo, Belgium, Syria, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Lebanon, Senegal, Ghana, Gambia and Guinea Conakry.

One brother from Kosovo who had participated for the first time said: I am unable to express my feelings and my emotions. It had always been my desire to meet someone who cares for the world and after meeting the Imām of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya all my problems and troubles are solved. My participation in this Jalsa was by the will of God. While pledging the Bai'at I felt that I had drawn very close to God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh is also opening the hearts of young people. A young Kurd lady said: My mother had accepted Ahmadiyyat but I was not yet ready for it. But after seeing the love between Ahmadīs and hearing your address, all my doubts have disappeared. My mother will be very happy because I now realize that I should accept Ahmadiyyat.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh continue to increase the new Ahmadīs in their sincerity and devotion, and may each of us benefit from the

blessings of Jalsa and may the payers of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) be heard in our favour. *Amīn*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: 13 German media outlets covered the Jalsa. News of the Jalsa was published in Italian, Chinese and Slovakian newspapers. According to estimates, the message reached 22,600,000 people. The programs were also conveyed through *The Review of Religions* which will continue for a week and likely to reach a billion people. The programs have also been conveyed through the social media. They have also been broadcast to Africa through MTA Africa. Reports about the Jalsa have been broadcast in National televisions in Ghana, Gambia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Uganda. By the grace of Allāh, the Jamā'at has been introduced to a very wide audience with reference to this Jalsa. May Allāh continue to bless us in every way. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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