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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 9th August 2019 at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would like to thank all the men and women who worked in any department and in any capacity in the Jalsa. All workers, from helpers to officers, men, women, children, young and old, everyone performed their duties diligently and selflessly. They presented the true picture of Islām for the non-Muslim guests. Particular gratitude is due to the workers who volunteered in large numbers to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), and they are the ones who do the real work. May Allāh bless them all.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the feedback of foreign guests who attended the Jalsa. *Malay Yaqoob Sahib*, President of the Muslim Community in Benin participated in the Jalsa for the first time and gave his impressions as follows: "I have performed *Hajj* more than twenty times but I have never seen such excellent arrangements as at this Jalsa. The atmosphere of the Jalsa was such that I have never experienced it anywhere else. From the airport to the residence, everything was so well taken care of that it seemed like home. In the Jalsa, I met people from every walk of life, doctors, professors, eminent scholars, and yet everyone served us with humility. The Khalīfa gave us the true message of Islām, and this is the message that the Muslim world needs so that people’s misperceptions about Islām can be corrected. I have learnt much by coming here that Aḥmadiyyat is the true Islām. When I go back to Benin, I will tell people not to listen to anyone else and only study Ahmadiyyat. It is only Aḥmadīs who are making the true status of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) known to the world."

Mr. Simeon Sawadogo, Minister of State and Religious affairs from Burkina Faso, said: "As a minister for religious affairs, I honour all religions. I found answers to many of my questions with my participation in the Jalsa. I even got answers for the questions I did not ask. I was given every assistance. It is the first time I have participated in the Jalsa and the holy thoughts and pure atmosphere have spiritually uplifted me. It is only by following the principles of love and morality that we can live together in harmony. I saw volunteers in the Jalsa cleaning toilets and washing dishes, and I saw small children serving drinking water, and all this is not possible without selfless devotion. The zeal to serve others was extraordinary. I also went to visit the Fazl Mosque. It is a small mosque and the first mosque of Aḥmadiyyat in

UK, and I found it attractive and beautiful even in its simplicity. The *Bai'at* was like a chain of sincerity, devotion and obedience. It should serve as an example for the world to follow. People do not try to understand what the Khalīfa is saying and are instead running after materialism and are suffering consequently. The Khalīfa in his address gave guidelines for the betterment of society.”

Mr. Yoshida Nichiko, Chief Priest of a Buddhist Temple in Japan, visited the Jalsa. He said, “I found true peace in the atmosphere of the Jalsa. Everyone is checked and body searched by security and yet I did not see anyone quarrelling. All arrangements, from food to the speeches, were very well organised. The Khalīfa’s address with regard to religion was very timely. It is indeed necessary to tell the world today that the high moral standards taught by religion can help us fulfil our obligations to one another. The Japanese society is also facing the problem of estrangement between parents and children and we are unable to deal with it despite all efforts. We can use your guidance for the betterment of our society as well. I did not have a negative impression of Islām even prior to this, but, having witnessed the atmosphere of the Jalsa, when it came time for the *Bai'at*, I could not hold back and decided that I have to offer my hand to yours for the establishment of peace in the world and for a harmonious and loving society. So I participated in the *Bai'at*. I accept your leadership and promise to be with you in all your efforts to bring peace to the world.” Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This does not mean that he has pledged the *Bai'at* but that he is with us in our aim of establishing peace in the world.

A lady guest from Argentina attended the Jalsa. Her husband accepted Aḥmadiyyat ten months ago but she is a Christian. She says, “I am a lawyer by profession. My favourite speech of the Jalsa was the address of the Imām of Jamā’at Ahmadiyya in which he beautifully and comprehensively shed light on how the teachings of Islām uphold human rights. Prior to coming to the Jalsa, I was a bit apprehensive. I thought that when so many people are gathered, there is bound to be some unpleasantness. But your gathering was very different from our gatherings. Despite the crowding and the huge number of people, the atmosphere was full of love and harmony and there were smiles everywhere. I was apprehensive that I might be pressurised to conform to the Islāmic veil while I was here, but from beginning to end I remained comfortably without veil and men and women treated me with great courtesy.

A minister from Liberia attended the Jalsa. He said, “All the programs were so beautifully organized that I did not find any flaw. Various departments such as the kitchen, public relations and all others were working in coordination. What is most surprising is that all this work was being done by teams of volunteers who worked with each other in a brotherly atmosphere. Never in my life have I seen such commitment to one’s duty as I did among these volunteers. The participants treated each other with respect and affection. It was astonishing for me that a program catering for 39,000 went smoothly without any unpleasantness.

A lady guest from Uruguay said: “For over thirty years I have been studying Islāmic countries and organisations. There are two distinctive features of this Jalsa that I

have not witnessed anywhere else. The first is your being united under one leader that is something unparalleled. Each and every individual has an extraordinary relationship of sincerity and devotion with the Khalīfa.” Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is what causes envy among our opponents and they try to create hurdles for us, and it is this that we have to safeguard through prayers and through our actions. She continued, “The other distinction of your community is that there is no racial or national prejudice among you.” Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is not something that we should demonstrate for a few days, rather we should always uphold this principle. That was the last message the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) gave us that: “The white person has no superiority over black, nor any black over white; and no Arab has any superiority over non-Arab, nor any Non-Arab over an Arab.” Thus as humans, all are equal.

The former Prime Minister of Gabon also attended the Jalsa. He said: “To witness thousands of people from over a hundred different countries in one place was a unique experience for me. The volunteers worked day and night and there was no unpleasantness whatsoever. I got to know a lot from various speeches during the Jalsa about Islām and Ahmadiyyat in particular.”

An advisor to the President of the Central African Republic said: “The arrangements were excellent. All the volunteers of Jamā’at Ahmadiyya, including children, young and old, made the best arrangements with obedience to their Khalīfa.”

A retired judge from Bangladesh attended the Jalsa. He said, “I am not an Aḥmadī but I know that Aḥmadīs are Muslims. Aḥmadīs have been persecuted in many countries for a long time. Being a human rights activist, I support Aḥmadīs on the basis of humanity. Everyone has the right to propagate their beliefs. I was impressed by the discipline of Aḥmadīs and their love for the Khalīfa and their thirst for knowledge. I listened to all the speeches attentively and many of my misconceptions were removed. Aḥmadīs should speak up more so that the misunderstandings about them are corrected. I had previously thought that Aḥmadīs do not believe the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) to be *Khatam-un-Nabiyyin* (seal of prophets), but after coming here I have found that this is not so. In short, I have learnt a lot from this Jalsa. I thank you all and particularly the Imām of Jamā’at Ahmadiyya.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Now I will present a report regarding press and media coverage. 183 media reports have been published so far which have conveyed our message to more than 173 million people. Many TV channels covered the Jalsa. 19 channels covered the event through MTA Africa. According to the impressions of non-Aḥmadīs, they were very much impressed by what they saw and heard. May Allāh make this Jalsa a source of spiritual progress for all the participants. May we be able to act upon what we have learnt and may people’s hearts be inspired by what they have heard. *Amīn*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: After the prayers I will lead a funeral prayer in absentia of *Mujeeb-ur-Rahman Sahib*, who passed away on 30th July 2019 at Tahir Heart Institute in Rabwah at the age of 85. He was a Mūṣī by the grace of Allāh

and his father had been a missionary. His father sent him and his mother to live in Qādiān while he was still young. His father had the honour of serving in the Bengal for 36 years. *Mujeeb-ur-Rahman Sahib* was a lawyer by profession and his services for the Jamā'at are numerous. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masih III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) appointed him *Amīr* Jamā'at Rawalpindi in 1980 and he worked in that position until 1998. He offered vital services in the Murree Road Mosque lawsuit in 1974. There are countless other lawsuits related to the Jamā'at that he took up and pursued with full diligence. In 1978 he was appointed as a member of the standing committee of *Majlis-e-Mushāwarat*. He also had the opportunity to put together the rules and regulations of Ṣadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya. As a member of the *Fiqah* committee, he had the honour of compiling the first part of *Fiqah Ahmadiyya*. He had deep knowledge, both religious and secular, and was a good orator. He made full use of these abilities and Allāh gave him the opportunity to serve the Jamā'at. He left behind three sons. May Allāh grant him forgiveness and treat him with mercy and give him a place with those he loved. *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,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

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