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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 1st November 2019 at Mubarak Mosque, Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about his recent tour of Holland, France and Germany.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The remarks of the participants in the various gatherings show that they were able to understand the true teachings of Islām and many of their misconceptions about Islām were removed. On the second day of Jalsa Sālāna Holland, I addressed Dutch delegates, which included 125 non-Muslims.

A Councillor from Nunspeet remarked, “I am greatly impressed by everything you have said, because it seems like a deep connection has been born between us. You are a very active part of our society.”

A delegate from Rotterdam said, “What I liked about your speech was that you spoke with great courage, while the Pope only spoke in general terms, the Khalīfa had openly addressed the powerful nations.”

A Dutch couple who attended the Jalsa remarked, “The atmosphere was wonderful and everyone was so cordial. The Khalīfa’s speech had a great impact on us. We were also impressed by the quality of the translation.”

Another delegate remarked, “I am very pleased to have come here. The Khalīfa speaks about peace and mutual harmony. I am a Christian but I can see that your Community is accommodating not only of your own members but also of people of all religions. You spoke about the disharmony prevalent in the world and the need for establishing peace. We live in this world together and we should strive together to bring about peace.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Thereafter Baitul Afīyat mosque was inaugurated in Almere, Holland.

The Chairman of the Almere Church remarked, “The message of your community is of peace. Your Khalīfa has made an excellent speech about peace and religious freedom.”

An Arab delegate Mr Zakaria said, “I loved this program. I heard the speech of the Khalīfa and if we want peace we should follow what he said. As an Arab, I want to say that I was impressed by the fact that your program started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān, which in these countries was surprising for me and I was very much impressed by this.”

A local lady delegate remarked, “The program was very well organised and the Khalīfa’s address was wonderful. The arrangements for the ladies were also excellent. I have come here for the first time but I will keep coming and meet the ladies and get to know them.”

Another local lady said, “It is sad that the world is not shown this image of Islām. The people of your community are very hardworking and hospitable. I have seen this mosque for the first time and I will come again because I feel peaceful here.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This was followed by my visit to France where I attended the Jalsa Sālāna and had a meeting with Non-Ahmadī and Non-Muslim guests. This program was attended by 75 guests.

A lady guest who is an anthropologist by profession said, “The fact that the Khalīfa condemned the attacks that took place in France shows that Islām has nothing to do with such things. The image of the true Islām that has been presented by the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community shows that Muslims can easily integrate into Western society. It is wrong to think that there is no place in the West for Muslims or that they cannot coexist with others. People who think in this way should have listened to this address.”

A non-Ahmadī delegate of Iranian origin remarked, “Today for the first time I have learnt about the true status of the Ahmadiyya Community. There is a lot of propaganda against this community in the Islāmic world. Your Khalīfa has refuted all that in this speech. The state of the Muslims is such that they are unaware of their own beliefs and their own faith. They should learn Islām from your Khalīfa. The truth is that we can only learn about true Islām by siding with the Imām of the age and the Promised Mahdī (May peace be upon him).” Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: As long as these Muslims remain unaware of the fact that they have to pledge Bai'at to the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), they cannot learn about true Islām. The Iranian guest further remarked: “Today the Khalīfa has made clear the true meaning of Jihād and how it is being misinterpreted. The Khalīfa cited episodes from early Islām which show that Islām is a peace loving religion. This is the first time in my life that I have heard the message of Islām being presented with such wisdom.”

Mr Jacob, a Christian delegate, said, “The world is in need of such programs. The Khalīfa is reducing the distance between various nations and religions. He has explained to us how the terrorist have political motives and that religion is good and not something to be afraid of. This is new to the French people who have an opposite concept of Islām.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: On 8th October an event was organized at the UNESCO headquarters. This was attended by 91 delegates, including the Ambassador of Mali to UNESCO, officials from French Internal and External Affairs ministries, the Advisor of Religious Affairs Ministry in France, the Director of the Department of Religions, the President of the NATO Memorial, Members of Parliament, Counsellors, Mayors, officials and dignitaries related to various government institutions.

Mali’s ambassador to UNESCO said, “The Imām of the Ahmadiyya Community is spreading peace. I congratulate you on this message of peace. UNESCO is the ideal place to be talking about peace and harmony.” The ambassador, who is not a Muslim, spoke about all the new things he learnt from the address and said that Muslims need to become aware of these teachings.

Another delegate Mr Bernard said, “The image of Islām presented to us today completely negates the propaganda we see on TV. Today I learnt about how the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) established an excellent model of society in Medina. I learnt how the world owes a lot of knowledge to Islām.”

A member of the City Council said, “You spoke about the need for providing women with equal education opportunities and the need for inter-faith harmony, which are

both very important issues. You also spoke about the health and education initiatives of your community in the backward areas of Africa. It was good to hear positive things about Islām in a society that is said to be in the grip of Islamophobia.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Thereafter, *Baitul Mahdī* mosque in Strasbourg was inaugurated. Approximately 191 guests attended the ceremony, including a Member of Parliament, five mayors of various localities, representatives of different religions, heads of several associations, and people from all walks of life including some who came from neighbouring villages. Many of them previously had strong reservations about Islām, but after attending this ceremony their perceptions changed.

Mr Martin, MP, said, “I am very pleased that you have given a comprehensive message of peace and brotherhood for the whole world. Ahmadīs are very active and are passionate about achieving their goals. Their motto is reflected in their actions. The Khalīfa spoke about peace and tolerance, and this is an important message for the people of France. They need to know that Islām is different from what they watch in the media and that we need to know about the true Islām.”

A couple who attended the program remarked, “After receiving the invitation for this ceremony, we searched on the internet to learn about the Ahmadiyya community. We were pleased to know about the activities of the Jamā’at and were happy to accept the invitation. We are pleased most of all by the fact that you are fostering inter-faith harmony and the address was related to human rights and particularly the rights of neighbours.

Mr Justin, the President of the District Council said, “When I first heard that a mosque was going to be built here, I had many reservations. Then I heard your slogan, “Love for all, hatred for none,” and thought how could one not accept such a beautiful slogan. The Ahmadiyya community can serve as a sword against terrorism and extremism and can play an important role in this regard.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: On 14th October we travelled to Germany. There the inauguration ceremony of Mubarak Mosque took place in Wiesbaden. This ceremony was attended by 370 delegates, including the Lord Mayor, provincial Member of Parliament, representatives of various ministries and directors of departments, police officers, priests, professors, doctors, lawyers, and others.

A representative of the Catholic Church said, “You have presented all the major tenets in your address and I agree with them. Being kind to others and fulfilling one’s obligations to God are teachings that are shared by my own religion. I have never heard such a comprehensive commentary on Islām which describes God as One and as the Sustainer of all mankind and all countries and does not discriminate between them.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Thereafter, *Baitul Hameed* mosque was inaugurated in Fulda. This ceremony was attended by 330 delegates.

One of them said, “We should come together upon what is common between us and thus lay the foundation for unity and world peace. The line of action you have described is practical and the world is in need of it. I now realize that what we had been told about Islām before this was not correct, and so this ceremony has brought me a positive message.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The topic of my address in Berlin was Islām and Europe, or the comparison of civilization and culture. It was attended by 27 Members of Parliament, three representatives from the Foreign Office, including the directors for religion and politics; five professors, including the vice-president of Berlin University and Professor Steinbach who is considered an authority on Middle

East affairs; political officers from French and US embassies; as well as representatives of various governments, religions, churches and communities. Members of the media and representatives of Amnesty International were also present.

Mr Alexander, Member of Parliament, remarked, “You have cited the Holy Qur’ān as the source of your message of peace and harmony. Even though the topic was related to modern-day issues, the Khalīfa cited original Islāmīc texts to support his thesis, which shows that from the very first day Islām was based on peace and human sympathy. I think that this address should be publicised widely so that the common man becomes aware of this as well.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: After this, *Baitul Basīr* Mosque Madi Abād, Nahe, was inaugurated. This ceremony was attended by a member of the German national parliament, the Lord Mayors of the area, Member of the Provincial Assembly, Speaker and Deputy-Speaker of the Provincial Assembly, as well as five mayors of the area and five chairmen of the parliament. About 170 delegates were in attendance.

A lady Vice-Mayor said, “When I go back I will tell people about the Khalīfa’s message and if anyone attacks Islām I will defend it. The Khalīfa told his followers that their first duty after building the mosque is to serve humanity.”

Regarding the media coverage of the tour Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In Holland, two TV channels, RTV Nunspeet and Euro Times, broadcast reports, reaching an audience of 75,000. A channel aired a report regarding the opening of the mosque in Almere, which reached to an audience of 1.5 million. Thousands of people received the news through various social media platforms also. The national news agency of France published an article about the address delivered in UNESCO at the end of which it expressed astonishment that the Khalīfa did not speak about the persecution faced by Ahmadīs.

In relation to the Mahdi Mosque opening in Strasbourg, the DNA newspaper published a report and was also covered by a radio channel. Through these various media outlets, the news reached to millions of people.

The programs in Wiesbaden, Fulda, Berlin and Mahdī Abād are said to have been covered by 13 newspapers, 4 TV channels, 1 radio channel and 12 reports through electronic media, reaching around 49 million people according to the Secretary of External Affairs Jamā’at Ahmadiyya Germany. Similarly, *The Review of Religions* conveyed the message to approximately 1.5 million people. May Allāh enable people to understand this message. *Amīn*.

At the end of the Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā’at about the sad demise of *Maulwi Mahmood Ahmad Sahib*, Ahmadiyya Missionary from Palakkad, Kerala, India. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about his services for the Jamā’at and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A’lā,

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