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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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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 13th March 2020 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Companion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) about whom I will speak today is Ḥaḍrat *Talha bin ‘Ubaidullāh* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) belonged to *Taim bin Murrah* tribe. His father’s name was *‘Ubaidullāh bin Uthmān* and his mother was *Sa‘abah*. He was known by the title of *Abu Muhammad*. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) appointed him as the Governor of Bahrain and he remained in that position until he passed away in 14 AH during the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat *Talha*’s ancestry coincides with the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) in the seventh generation through *Murrah bin Ka‘ab*. His father *‘Ubaidullāh* did not witness the era of Islām, but his mother had the honour of being among the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). She had accepted Islām prior to the migration from Mecca to Medina.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat *Talha bin ‘Ubaidullāh* (May Allāh be pleased with him) did not participate in the battle of *Badr* but the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) allotted him a portion from the spoils of the war. The reason for his not participating in the battle of *Badr* was that ten days prior to the battle the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) had sent Ḥaḍrat *Talha bin ‘Ubaidullāh* and Ḥaḍrat *Saeed bin Zaid* (May Allāh be pleased with them) on a reconnaissance mission to bring news of the whereabouts of *Quraish* caravan that was coming from Syria. When the two Companions reached *Haurā’* they stayed there until the caravan passed by them. However, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) had already learnt of the caravan’s departure and so he called together his Companions and proceeded to stop the caravan. The two Companions arrived back in Medina the same day that the battle of *Badr* was fought. They then departed from Medina to meet the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) but encountered met him at *Turbān* as he was returning from the battle.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) participated in all the battles, including *Uhud*, and was present during the Treaty of *Hudaibiyyah*. He was among the 10 fortunate Companions whom the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) gave the glad tiding of paradise during their lifetime. He was among the first eight people to have converted to Islām, and was among the five who were converted through Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him). He was also one of the six members of the *Shūrā* Committee set up by Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Ḥaḍrat *Talha bin 'Ubaidullāh* (May Allāh be pleased with them) relates: I was in Busra (a major city in Syria) on a trade journey along with my uncle. One day I was walking about when I heard a rabbi asking people in his synagogue who amongst you had come from the Haram (Mecca). I told him that I had come from Mecca. He asked me, "Has Ahmad appeared?" I asked who Ahmad was, and he said, "The son of '*Abdullah bin Abdul Muttalib*. This is the month during which he was to appear, and he would be the Prophet of the latter days. The Haram is the place of his coming and he will migrate to a rocky, barren land full of date-palm trees. Do not ever leave hold of him." His words deeply affected me and I quickly returned to Mecca and asked if anything new had transpired. The people told me that *Muhammad bin 'Abdullah* had claimed Prophethood and *Ibne Abi Qahāfah* (Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*) had accepted him. I then went to see Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and asked him if he had indeed become a follower of Muhammad. He said that he had, and he told me to follow him too because he called towards the truth. He then took me to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). I told him of what the rabbi had said and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was pleased.

On account of Ḥaḍrat *Talha's* generous nature, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) gave him the title of '*Fayyāz*'. *Musa bin Talha* cites his father as saying that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) named his father *Talha-tul-Khair* in the Battle of *Uhud*, *Talha-tul-Fayyāz* in the Battle of *Zī-Qarad*, and *Talha-tul-Jūd* in the Battle of *Hunain*.

Qais bin Abu Hāzim is reported as saying: On the day of *Uhud* I saw that Ḥaḍrat *Talha bin 'Ubaidullāh's* hand was badly injured on account of the arrows that he took upon it in defence of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). According to one account, he became unconscious due to the loss of blood and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) sprinkled water on him until he revived. Immediately after regaining consciousness he asked about the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) told him that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was fine and was the one who had sent him. Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "All praise belongs to Allāh. All calamities are minor if the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) is well."

Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates: On the day of *Uhud*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was wearing two pieces of armour. He wanted to climb on a rock but could not do so on account of the blood he had lost from wounds and the weight of the armour. He then asked Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to bend down and stepped on him to climb onto the rock. Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that he heard the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) say, "*Talha* has made paradise incumbent upon himself."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: On the day of *Uhud*, *Khalid bin Walīd* suddenly attacked the Muslims and they were dispersed. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd's* description of this event is a wonderful testament to Ḥaḍrat *Talha's* resilience and willingness to make any sacrifice. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that on this

occasion some of the Companions quickly gathered in defence of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and they numbered no more than 30. *Quraish* made a ferocious attack on the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and the Companions defending him continued to be martyred one after the other. In addition to the swordsmen, there were archers who were shooting arrows towards the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) from elevated ground. Seeing that all the enemy's arrows were aimed at the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) placed his hand in front of the Holy Prophet's face so that the arrows may hit his hand instead of the Holy Prophet's face. Despite being hit by the arrows, this valiant and devoted Companion did not move his hand. His hand became completely paralysed and he could only use one hand thereafter. After the Battle of *Uhud*, someone asked Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) whether he felt any pain or wanted to cry out when the arrows hit his hand. Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "I did not cry lest in crying out my hand may move away and the arrow might hit the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him)."

On the occasion of the Battle of *Tabūk*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) learnt that the hypocrites were gathering at the house of a Jewish man named *Suwailam* near *Jāsūm* and that he was dissuading people from accompanying the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) to *Tabūk*. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) sent Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) with some other Companions and ordered them to burn down his house. Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) did as he was commanded. Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates: I heard the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) say; "*Talha* and *Zubair* will be my two neighbours in paradise."

Ḥaḍrat *Talha bin 'Ubaidullāh* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that he heard the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) say that one day a Bedouin came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and asked who is meant by:

مَنْ قَطَىٰ نَجْبَهُ

who have fulfilled their vow.[33:24]

. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) did not answer him. He asked this question three times but the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) did not answer him. A little while later, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) saw me and I was wearing a green dress. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) then asked where was the man who was asking about the meaning of مَنْ قَطَىٰ نَجْبَهُ? The man said, "Here I am, O Prophet of Allāh." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) then pointed towards me (Ḥaḍrat *Talha*) and said, "He is one to whom the words مَنْ قَطَىٰ نَجْبَهُ apply."

Ḥaḍrat *Talha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was martyred during the Battle of *Jamal* on 10 *Jamādi-ul-Thāni* in 36 AH. He was 64 years of age at that time, while according to another account he was 62 years old.

'Ali bin Zaid relates on the authority of his father that someone saw Ḥaḍrat Talha (May Allāh be pleased with him) in a dream and he asked that his grave be moved because he is in pain due to the wetness of land. He continued to appear in the dream and say the same thing until the man came to Ḥaḍrat Ibn-e-Abbās (May Allāh be pleased with him) and related his dream to him. When people went to see the grave, they saw that the earth had become green because of water. Ḥaḍrat Talha's body was then removed and buried elsewhere. The narrator says that his face had not changed at all, only his hair was a bit disturbed. One of Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr's houses was bought for 10,000 dirham and Ḥaḍrat Talha (May Allāh be pleased with him) was buried therein.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will continue to relate the accounts regarding the martyrdom of Ḥaḍrat Talha (May Allāh be pleased with him) next time, *Insha'Allāh*.

At the end of Friday Sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Like I said in the previous sermon, it is important to take preventive measures because of the coronavirus pandemic. Take all precautions when coming to the mosque. If you feel even a little bit of fever or such symptoms, do not go to any public places. Protect yourselves and others. Pay a lot of attention to prayers. May Allāh save the world from all calamities. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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