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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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will speak about some members of the Jamā‘at who passed away recently. They hailed from diverse professions and had varying levels of education, however, the thing common among them was that they all tried their best to live up to the pledge they made in their *Bai'at* that they would give preference to their faith over the world and fulfil their obligations to their fellow human beings.

The first brother about whom I will speak is *Zulfiqar Ahmad Damanik*, regional missionary from Indonesia, who passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> April at the age of 42. He was born in North Sumatra on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1978. His family embraced Ahmadiyyat through his grandfather *Shahnor Damanik* who accepted *Bai'at* in 1944. *Zulfiqar Sahib* studied in Jāmi‘a Ahmadiyya Indonesia from 1997 to 2002 and then served as missionary at various places for 18 years. He left behind his wife *Maryam Siddiqa* and four children who are part of the *Waqf Nau* scheme.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: *Zulfiqar Sahib* was a very hardworking and successful missionary. He carried out *tabligh* and *tarbiyat* with great diligence. He was soft-spoken and friendly and greeted everyone with a smiling face. He never demanded anything and always stressed the importance of prayer. This quality is the true hallmark of a missionary: if they need anything they should ask God for it and not make any demands. He was among the missionaries who were able to convert people to Ahmadiyyat in large numbers. In 2018 he came to attend Jalsa Sālāna UK. He was pious and devoted and obedient. Even during his illness he gave priority to the work of the Jamā‘at. On several occasions he was invited to give lectures at universities. He also contacted many people from the lost generation in his province and introduced them to the Jamā‘at. He was able to revive a local Jamā‘at Sangini after 20 years.

During his illness he was receiving dialysis at the hospital but he still came to attend a meeting of the local Jamā‘at. When asked why he had taken so much trouble, he said: As long as I have life in me, I will continue to attend all the programs of the Jamā‘at. Even though I am ill, I wish to always remain busy in the service of the faith.

He fulfilled his pledge of *Waqf* with great perseverance. May Allāh raise his status in heaven and be the Protector and take care of his wife and children. *Amīn*.

The second brother I want to mention is Dr. *Pīr Naqi-ud-Din Sahib* of Islamabad, Pakistan, who passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020. He developed symptoms of the coronavirus about

ten days before he passed away. He left behind his wife, a son and four daughters. His paternal grandfather Ḥaḍrat *Pīr Mazhar-ul-Haq Sahib* and his maternal grandfather *Master Nazir Hussain Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with them) were both Companions of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

*Doctor Naqi Sahib* was born in 1946 and died at the age of 74. After the migration, his family first moved to Lahore and then to Melsi in Wehari District. In 1970 he completed his MBBS degree from Nishtar Medical College. In 1975 he shifted to Islamabad and got a job at a government hospital and worked there for many years. He then left the job and went to work in Iran. From there he returned after 3 years to Islamabad and opened his own clinic which he had been running for the last 25 years.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: *Dr. Naqi-ud-Din Sahib* had been serving as Qādi in Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Islamabad for the last 12 years. He was good-humoured, warm, friendly and kind-hearted person. He helped the poor and was loved by everyone he met. He greeted everyone with a smile. As a doctor, he was always ready to serve. His clinic was always open for the poor and needy patients and he would treat them for free. He had a large circle of acquaintances, including many non-Ahmadīs. Allāh had blessed him with eloquence and he never wasted an opportunity to convey the message of truth to his non-Ahmadī friends, even under the current circumstances. Doctor Sahib used to say: Aside from charging my patients little money and treating them with kindness, I also offer to two *rak'at* of *nafl* prayer for them every day.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Doctor *Naqi-ud-Din Sahib* was an obedient son, exemplary husband, and a kind and loving father. He looked after his siblings and friends and was of service to everyone. He had a true relationship with God and was extremely devout. Even in difficult times, he always adhered to the commandments of Allāh and His Prophet. He always told his family members that it is not sufficient only to belong to the family of a Companion of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), rather it is important to have a personal relationship with God. He loved to preach and mostly used arguments from the Holy Qur'ān. He would invite non-Ahmadīs to his house to listen to the Jalsa and would serve them food, thus also opening the way to *tablīgh*.

The incident of how he became punctual in offering his prayers is very interesting. He says that one day his mother asked him whether he offered his prayer before going to sleep, and he muttered in his sleep that he had. But at around midnight his mother woke him up again. She was crying and she said, "You lied to me about the prayer, and God has told me about it through a vision." Doctor Sahib says that after that day he never missed a prayer.

Doctor Sahib used to say that if we do not establish a living relationship with God then we cannot do justice to our pledge of *Bai'at* to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), because this was the purpose of the Promised Messiah's (Peace be upon him) advent. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that: May Allāh raise his spiritual status. *Amīn*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Next I will speak about *Ghulam Mustafa Sahib* who lived in London and later shifted to Tilford. He was a volunteer worker at the Private Secretary Office in UK. He passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> April at the age of 69. He pledged *Bai'at* in 1983. In 1986 he moved to London and immediately gave an application to devote his

life. However, his application was not accepted probably because of his lack of education. But he still continued to work like a life-devotee in the kitchen and then in the office. He said he always considered himself a life-devotee. In 1993 Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh IV gave him a duty in the Private Secretary's office which he fulfilled diligently until the end. He was a Mūsī and left behind a wife, two daughters and a son.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Every step he took was for the sake of God. He had many excellent qualities. He was a devoted husband, father, brother and friend. He fulfilled his obligations to his relatives. He was far-sighted and was always eager to help everyone. He was a brave and courageous man and was ready to sacrifice everything for Khilāfat.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: *Mustafa Sahib* was the only Ahmadī in his family. After pledging *Bai'at*, he decided that he would not receive any inheritance from his father. And he prayed, "O Allāh. If your Messiah is indeed true, then provide for me from Thy own self." Allāh fulfilled his desire and thus proved that he was true in what he had pledged. He built a large mosque in his village hoping that one day there would be many Ahmadīs to pray in it. The purpose of his life was to love Allāh and the Jamā'at established by Him. He had full faith and trust in Allāh.

*Mustafa Sahib* gave his children the best education and upbringing, but never compromised on his obligations to Allāh. Whether it was Eid or a wedding or any other obligation, he never missed a prayer because he had full faith in God. He was a very hospitable person. During the days of Jalsa his house would be full of guests. He gave priority to the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and said that his doors were always open for them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh bless all the deceased. May Allāh shower His love upon them on account of their fidelity to the faith and to their *Bai'at*. As the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, such people are among the *Shuhadā'*. May Allāh protect their progeny and enable them to carry on the good deeds of their parents. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

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