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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 12th March 2021 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that about a year before Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān*’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) demise, when the rebels had just started the revolt, Ḥaḍrat *Amīr Mu‘āwiyah* accompanied Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to Medina after performing Hajj and asked Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to accompany him to Syria, lest there should be a sudden uprising with no means to counter it. Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) replied that under no circumstances would he leave the proximity of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). Ḥaḍrat *Amīr Mu‘āwiyah* then suggested that he could send a detachment of the Syrian troops to protect him, but Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that he could not put such a heavy burden on the treasury just to protect his own life. Ḥaḍrat *Amīr Mu‘āwiyah* then made a third suggestion. He said that in the presence of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), the miscreants could choose any one of them to take the place of Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him); therefore, the Companions should be spread to different countries. To this, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "How can it be that I scatter the people whom the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) had gathered?" Ḥaḍrat *Amīr Mu‘āwiyah* wept upon hearing this and asked Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to at least declare that if any harm was done to him, *Amīr Mu‘āwiyah* would have the right to seek retribution, so that people may refrain from any mischief. But Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “*Mu‘āwiyah!* What must happen shall happen. I cannot do as you ask because you are of a fierce nature and you might be harsh to the Muslims.” Upon this, Ḥaḍrat *Amīr Mu‘āwiyah* got up with tears in his eyes and said that this might be their last meeting.

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) summoned ‘*Abdullah bin Salām*. When ‘*Abdullah* asked him about the *fitna*, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "Refrain from fighting. This will be stronger in your favour." Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Thabit Ansāri* presented himself before Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and said, “*Ansār* are present at the door. If you like, we are ready to become *Ansār* (Helpers) of Allāh for the second time.” But Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “There must be no fighting!”

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) had appointed Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdullah bin Zubair* to guard the door of his house. He told him, “No one should put his own life at risk

for me.” Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) wrote: Prior to Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān's (May Allāh be pleased with him) martyrdom, the miscreants knew that they had the upper hand. Therefore, as a last resort, they sent someone to Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) to persuade him to renounce his Khilāfat. Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) categorically refused to do so. When this person returned, he said to his people that they had no option but to kill Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) but it was not at all lawful for them to do so.

When the miscreants were planning to assassinate Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin Salām exhorted them not to commit this crime. He said, “Remember! The guardians of Medina at this time are the angels. If you kill 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him), the angels will leave Medina.” Instead of taking heed from this exhortation, the vicious people taunted him for being the son of a Jew. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that these people had forgotten that their own leader, 'Abdullah bin Saba, was not only the son of a Jew but was himself a Jew and only pretended to be a Muslim.

The miscreants, having realized that someone always stood guard at Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān's (May Allāh be pleased with him) door, broke into his house by climbing the wall of a neighbour's house. At that time Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) was reciting the Holy Qur'ān. At first, *Muhammad bin Abu Bakr* grabbed Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān's (May Allāh be pleased with him) beard and shook it violently. Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) said to him: “O, son of my brother! If your father were alive, you would have never done such a thing.” Hearing this, *Muhammad bin Abu Bakr* withdrew in embarrassment. Then another man hit Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) on the head with an iron rod and kicked away the Holy Qur'ān that was in front of Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him). The Holy Qur'ān landed close to Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) and drops of blood fell on it. The verse on which his blood was spread contained a mighty prophecy;

[2:138]. فَسَيَكْفِيكَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

Allāh will surely take your revenge from them, for He is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

Then a man named *Sodān* struck him with a sword and severed his hand. Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "By God! This hand was the first one to write the Holy Qur'ān." When *Sodān* struck a second blow, Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān's (May Allāh be pleased with him) wife *Naila* tried to intervene and the blow severed some of her fingers. The third blow caused Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) to lose consciousness, after which the miscreant strangled him until his soul departed the body.

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that these people did not stand for any noble cause. Some of them were enamoured with the bizarre and un-Islāmic teachings of 'Abdullah bin Saba, the Jew. Some were fascinated with extreme socialism and even Bolshevism. Others were convicted criminals, looters and pillagers. Even when Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) lay in pain, they uttered obscenities about his wife and about Ḥaḍrat 'Ayesha. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: Had I been there at that time, I would have cut these people into pieces. He said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) is like other Prophets, and the chain

of Khilāfat after him is like the chain of Khilāfat after earlier Prophets. Khilāfat is a precious institution, and it doesn't matter if ten thousand generations have to be sacrificed to protect it. When I look at the troubles that befell Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him), and then at the spiritual light that Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) had bestowed on him, I say that if I had ten thousand descendents and they were all to be sacrificed so that the *fitna* could have been avoided, I would have done so without any hesitation, for it would amount to buying an elephant by giving a lice.

Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) was martyred on Friday 17th or 18th or, 12th *Zul-Hijjah*, 35 AH, at the age of 82 years. According to another account, he was 75 years old at the time of his martyrdom. He was fasting on the day that he was martyred. The rebels and miscreants did not allow his body to be buried for three days. Eventually, upon Ḥaḍrat 'Ali's (May Allāh be pleased with him) intervention, the burial was allowed. The miscreants sat outside and threw stones at the body as it was taken out. Ḥaḍrat *Jubair bin Mut'im* led his funeral prayer. His burial was attended by 4, or according to another account 16 people.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said he would continue with the mention of Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him), *Insha'Allāh*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at about the sad demise of some members of the Jamā'at:

1. *Maulvi Muhammad Idrees Tiero Sahib*, Ahmadiyya Missionary, from Ivory Coast, passed away on the night of 27-28 February. He was very devout and sincere Aḥmadī. He was a great preacher, orator and scholar.
2. *Amina Naiga Kaire Sahiba*, wife of *Muhammad Ali Kaire Sahib*, Amīr and Missionary-in-Charge Uganda, passed away on 20th February. She was a brave, faithful and devout lady. She was punctual in prayers and fasting and served as a model for others.
3. *Noohi Kazak Sahib* of Syria passed away on 10th December at the age of 48.
4. *Farhat Naseem Sahiba*, wife of *Muhammad Ibrahim Hanif Sahib* of Rabwah, passed away on 26th December at the age of 86 years.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that may Allāh have mercy on all the deceased and elevate their spiritual station in heaven. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

Dated: 17 March 2021