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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 *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Alhamdulillah, after the gap of a year, Jalsa Sālāna UK was held for three days during which we experienced its extraordinary spiritual atmosphere, and it came to its conclusion last Sunday. Since the circumstances were not very favourable due to the Covid situation, the administration assumed that this year also the Jalsa would not be held. When I announced that the Jalsa would be held, they started preparations but without much enthusiasm. At one point I had to say firmly that if they remained half-hearted as to whether the Jalsa would be held or not, I would change the administration. This shook them and they started preparing for the Jalsa in earnest. The volunteers, who are the real manpower, were already eagerly waiting for the announcement and came forward offering their services. However, since the Jalsa was to be held on a smaller scale, a limited number of volunteers had to be selected. I would like to say to those who were not selected that their intention and desire to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has been fulfilled and Allāh Almighty will not deprive them of that reward.

It has been my custom that I thank all the workers and volunteers on the Friday that follows the Jalsa. People from all over the world are also writing to me thanking the volunteers. They saw through MTA, how, in their endeavour to help people get their vehicles out of the mud, the workers themselves became covered with mud. People have expressed great surprise and admiration at such passion and zeal.

Similarly, those working in departments related to cleaning, cooking, serving food, erecting the marquees and laying the tracks have been coming consistently for several weeks, and now they are spending several days in the wind-up process. The MTA team has also worked hard in broadcasting the Jalsa as well as displaying live footage of the audiences who had gathered for the Jalsa all around the world, which presented a beautiful image of a global community. I thank all the workers who worked selflessly in adverse conditions.

I had initially intended to thank the workers and then continue with the ongoing theme of my sermons, but the impressions and emotions expressed by the international audience are so extraordinary that I decided to recount them in today’s sermon.

This year, for the first time, many Jamā‘ats were able to participate in the Jalsa through live streaming. These arrangements were made at five locations in the UK and 37 locations

in 22 other countries, including the USA, Canada, Australia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Kababīr, India, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Nigeria, Gambia, Tanzania, France, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Finland and Netherlands. An estimated thirty-five thousand women also watched and listened to the women's session.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted the impressions of men and women from around the world. Mr Mishima Osamu, a non-Aḥmadī friend who had the honour of hosting Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) during his visit to Japan and also attended the Peace Conference in 2017, said: "When I heard the 6<sup>th</sup> August sermon, I at once recalled the Aḥmadiyya Jamā'at's services for Japan. The Second Khalīfa, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (May Allāh be pleased with him), raised his voice against the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1945, and it was one of the first voices to be raised in favour of Hiroshima. Then the current Khalīfa visited Hiroshima and gave a message of peace and harmony that is very special to me. Seeing the atmosphere of the Jalsa today and the coming together of people from all over the globe makes me realize the important role of Aḥmadiyyat in bringing the world together on one platform and in establishing peace and harmony."

A Christian teacher from Zambia who watched the Jalsa said, "Today I learned that Islām is the true religion." A non-Aḥmadī gentleman from Nigeria, after seeing the workers engaged in their duties, despite torrential rain, said, "This is surely the Jamā'at of true people." A non-Aḥmadī teacher from Zambia said, "Today I have learned from your Khalīfa that Islām is the only religion that emphasizes women's rights." Ms Maryam, a non-Aḥmadī guest from Nigeria said, "Today I have learnt of both the duties and the rights of women." Haji Usman Sahib, the chief of a village near Marwa, Cameroon, said, "After watching the proceedings of the Jalsa today, I have become convinced that this Jamā'at is indeed the Jamā'at of Imām Mahdī." A new Aḥmadī convert from Malaysia said, "Having watched the Jalsa, I am very thankful to God Almighty, and I promise that I will always be loyal and obedient to the Khilāfat."

In Guinea-Bissau, nine new converts and non-Aḥmadīs walked or cycled for 18 to 30 kilometres to watch the Jalsa. 127 people accepted Aḥmadiyyat on this occasion. A Christian gentleman from Congo said to his wife, "We have learned here in three days what we did not learn from Christianity in a lifetime." After hearing Huzoor's (May Allāh be his Helper) address, a non-Aḥmadī friend from Guinea-Bissau said, "Today Islām needs a leader, and he is present in the person of the Khalīfa of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā'at." This gentleman pledged Bai'at at the end of the Jalsa and joined Aḥmadiyyat. Mr Akram Ali from Yemen said, "All the problems of society can be resolved if people listen to the address of the Khalīfa regarding women and act on it."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also cited the impressions given by Aḥmadīs and non-Aḥmadīs from the following countries who watched the Jalsa through MTA or other media: Niger, Zambia, Gabon, Nigeria, Guinea-Bissau, Cameroon, Mali, Tanzania, Malaysia, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Mauritius, Austria, Ivory Coast, Congo, Brazil, Senegal, Yemen, Germany, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Australia, Brazil, Guatemala and Albania. These men and women living in different regions of the world, hailing from

different races and speaking different tongues, were equally impressed by the excellent arrangements of the Jalsa, its spiritual atmosphere, and by the insightful and heart-touching addresses.

On the occasion of the Jalsa, goodwill messages were received from many ministers and political leaders, including the Prime Ministers of the UK and Canada. 109 messages were received from nine other countries, including the USA, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Senegal, Spain, the Netherlands, and Germany.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, besides MTA Africa, Jalsa Sālāna was also broadcast on local TV channels. For the first time, the Jalsa was translated into Hausa, a language spoken by more than 50 million people in Africa. In Africa, 16 TV channels broadcast news about the Jalsa. BBC South aired a documentary about the Jalsa, and BBC World broadcast a report. 16 radio programs were broadcast regarding the Jalsa. Articles about the Jalsa were published in 20 newspapers. 12 TV channels broadcast news of the Jalsa. Aside from these, the message reached an estimated audience of 3.3 million through social media. Ten online Bangladeshi newspapers published news of the Jalsa with pictures. More than 15 million people visited the YouTube channel. Thirty-five thousand people viewed the MTA page on Instagram. More than 100,000 people viewed MTA's page on Twitter. The message also reached more than 555,000 people through Facebook. The MTA website was visited more than a hundred thousand times. Two hundred thousand people also watched the Jalsa through MTA OnDemand.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed: May this Jalsa have long-lasting effects. May good souls be drawn towards Aḥmadiyyat, the true Islām, more than ever before. May Allāh protect the Jamā‘at and all righteous souls from the mischief of the so-called Muslim ulema. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh  
Wassalām,

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