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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 *Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 5th August 2022 at Hadīqatul Mahdi, Alton, Hampshire, UK

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This year, by the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna is being held on a large scale after a gap of two years. The Jalsa this year is mostly for the British Jamā'at and few delegates from abroad have been invited to attend. However, all British Jamā'ats are allowed to attend all three days of the Jalsa. Hopefully, we will have good attendance.

The cases of the pandemic have recently been rising and falling but the government has placed no restrictions on gatherings. Nonetheless, we must observe all the precautions and the attendees should always wear masks. As before, the administration has made arrangements to distribute homoeopathic medicine. May Allāh bless this remedy with greater efficacy.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I usually draw the attention of the Jalsa workers to their duties in my Friday sermon a week before the Jalsa but could not do so this time, therefore, I will say a few words about this today. Since new workers join the Jalsa each year, this is an opportunity for them to learn about their responsibilities. I will also speak to the guests who are attending the Jalsa about their responsibilities.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has said that this Jalsa is not a worldly festival; rather, it is held so that we can listen to the words of Allāh and His Messenger. If we all listen carefully to these words, we will be better able to put them into practice.

All the workers know that they are here to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). The workers come from all levels and sections of society. The arrangements of the Jalsa do not last just a few days; the work starts a whole month in advance. Of course, some companies are employed to carry out some of the tasks, but a lot of manual labour is required in addition to this. Worldly people are always short of volunteers, but in the Ahmadīyya Jamā'at, by the sheer grace of Allāh, volunteers present themselves in numbers greater than expected. Last Sunday there were more volunteers than had been estimated by the management of the Jalsa, which also caused some shortage of food. The Dīyāfat (hospitality) department should take care to always arrange enough food for the volunteers. Similarly, special care should be given to the quality and preservation of meat and other food items.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The workers should serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) without expecting any appreciation or reward

from their superiors or anyone else. They should serve these guests solely for the sake of Allāh. They should keep in mind the example of a companion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him): He and his wife did not have enough food to feed themselves and their guest, so they extinguished the lamp at mealtime and pretended to be eating in darkness so that the guest could eat at ease. They thus remained hungry in order to provide for the guest. Allāh was so pleased with them that He chuckled with pleasure and informed the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) of this incident. Fortunate are those who serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in this manner. Blessed are the volunteers who serve these guests for the sake of Allāh and their faith.

Addressing the workers, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The guests include people with all kinds of temperaments. Some of them may be quick-tempered, but no worker should lose his patience with them. This can be quite challenging at times, but you have to keep your tongues and your behaviour cordial for the sake of Allāh. Similarly, the office-bearers should treat their workers with kindness and respect. If someone makes a mistake, it should be corrected in a loving manner. Under no circumstances should there be any harshness on the part of the workers or the office-bearers. May Allāh enable all the workers to act accordingly.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would now like to say a few words to the guests. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) has said that whatever food is provided to the guest by the host, the guest should eat it with pleasure. Since there is no bazar facility this year, those who have different appetites should be content to eat whatever is available. Demonstrating good morals is not only the duty of the workers, for the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has said to all the participants of the Jalsa that they should show good morals and be considerate of one another. All participants of the Jalsa should bear in mind that they have come here to quench their religious, intellectual, and spiritual thirst. Bearing these words of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in mind, there should be no expression of annoyance over trivial matters. Workers are also mortals and if they happen to make a mistake, it should be overlooked. Remember, we have gathered here for the great purpose of quenching our intellectual and spiritual thirst, increasing our religious knowledge, and learning about our obligations to Allāh and His creatures. For this, it is necessary to sacrifice our personal feelings and emotions.

Remember, we have left our homes and come here on a journey, and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) has taught us that when we are on a journey we should pray, "O Allāh, We seek from You goodness and piety in this journey." Try to fill these days with prayer and remembrance of Allāh. Some people, in their desire to benefit from the blessings of the Jalsa, have left their families behind and may be worried about them. For such people, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) has taught us the prayer, "O Allāh I seek refuge with Thee from the rigours of travel, from unpleasant and disturbing scenes, from adverse outcomes in wealth and family, and from undesirable change." This is a very comprehensive prayer.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today there is a lot of anxiety due to Covid, hence, there should be more focus on prayers. In addition to the general prayers, we should also recite the Durūd during these days. When you come for Prayer, do not waste your time standing around. The workers who are not on duty at Prayer times should try to pray with the congregation.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: While the Jalsa is in progress, everyone should sit in the Jalsa Gāh and listen to the speeches. Speakers put a lot of effort into preparing their speeches, which mainly relate to topics that are the need of the time and, therefore, answer many questions that arise in people's minds. During the breaks, delegates should also try to visit the various exhibitions that have been set up.

Since there has not been much rain this year and there has been better management of the drainage and the tracks, it is hoped that car parking will not be much of a problem. Those who come in their cars should patiently cooperate with the traffic controllers. Also, take care of the cleanliness of the toilets and bathrooms. Do not waste water because, due to the scarcity of rains, the government is urging water conservation. Dry weather is predicted during these days and dry grass catches fire very quickly, therefore, everyone should be careful in this regard. Also, be vigilant from the security point of view. May Allāh protect everyone from harm.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would like to remind you once again to be focused on prayers and worship during the days of the Jalsa. Pray a lot for the progress of the Jamā'at and its protection from the opponents. Pray also for the prisoners who are suffering hardships for the sake of Allāh. May Allāh facilitate their early release. *Amīn*.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) offered the following prayer regarding Jalsa Sālāna: "Everyone who travels for this sacred assembly, may God be with them, and reward them abundantly, and have mercy on them, and ease their difficulties and anxieties for them, and remove their sorrow and grief. May Allāh open the paths for the fulfilment of their desires, and may He raise them alongside His servants on the Last Day. O God of Majesty and Beneficence, O Merciful One, O remover of our difficulties! Accept all our prayers and grant us dominion over our adversaries with clear signs, for all strength and power belong to You."

May Allāh enable every man and woman who attends this Jalsa to reap the blessings of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

Abdul Majid Tahir

Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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