

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

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Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 28th October 2022 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) continued with the series of sermons regarding Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We find the following accounts regarding the status of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him): The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) used to visit Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*'s house once or twice every day. Ḥaḍrat *Salamah bin Akwa'* (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, *Abu Bakr* is the best of the *Ummah*, unless there be a Prophet. Ḥaḍrat *Anas* (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, *Abu Bakr* is the most compassionate towards my *Ummah*. In his final illness, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, none among the people has been more generous to me in terms of life and property than *Abu Bakr*. *Abu Bakr* is my brother in this world and the Hereafter. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) gave Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) the glad tidings of Paradise.

One day, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) climbed mount *Uḥud* along with Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, Ḥaḍrat *'Umar* and Ḥaḍrat *'Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them). When suddenly the mountain started to shake, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, Stay still, O, *'Uhud*, for you have a Prophet, a *Ṣiddīque*, and two martyrs upon you. According to a Ḥadīth related in *Tirmidhī* on the authority of Ḥaḍrat *Sa'īd bin Zaid* (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was the foremost of the ten Companions to whom, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) gave the glad tidings of Paradise in their lives. These Companions are known as *'Asharah Mubasharah*. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) once said, O, *Abu Bakr*! You will be the first among my *Ummah* to enter Paradise.

Ḥaḍrat *Muṣliḥ Ma'ud* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said that one who does such and such good deed will enter Paradise through one door, and one who does such and such good deed will enter through another door. He mentioned various virtues and said that those who fully act upon each of these virtues will enter Paradise through one of the seven gates designated for it. On this, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: O Messenger of Allāh! What about the person who fully acts upon all the virtues? The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, that person will be called from every gate of Paradise, and I hope that you, O, *Abu Bakr*, will be one of them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that he would continue with the accounts regarding Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in future.

In the second part of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about some recently deceased members of the *Jamā'at*.

Abdul Bāsiṭ ṣāḥib, Amīr of Aḥmadiyya Jamā'at Indonesia, passed away on October 8 at the age of 71. He was the son of *Maulawī Abdul Wāḥid Samāṭri ṣāḥib*. In 1972, after attaining the intermediate degree, he joined *Jāmia Aḥmadiyya Rabwah* at the age of twenty-one. In 1981, he received the *Shāhid* degree and returned to his country. In 1987, he was appointed as a missionary in Thailand. After completing his service there, he returned to Indonesia and served actively until the end. His service spans forty years. Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons and two daughters.

His wife says that he had a deep regard for the *Jamā'at* and gave it preference over everything else. *Tāḥir ṣāḥib*, a nephew of the deceased, says: *Amīr ṣāḥib* followed every instruction from the Centre. Once, he was planning to go to Malaysia to meet his family and had already bought a plane ticket. About a week later I met him and asked why he had not gone to Malaysia, to

which he said that he did not go because the Centre had not given him permission. He followed the Centre's directive and did not care about the air ticket he had bought.

An office-bearer writes that *Amīr ṣāhib* used to teach and train us with great kindness. He preferred simplicity. He respected the missionaries. He was dignified but humble. He revered the *Jamā'at* and *Khilāfat*. He was very careful about the *Jamā'at*'s property and money. He was like a spiritual father to the Indonesian *Jamā'at*. Even when reprimanding someone, he aimed to bring about transformation. He had been ill for about a year but continued to do his duties.

Mahmūd Vardī ṣāhib of the Indonesian Desk, UK, says: The most prominent aspect of *Bāsiṭ ṣāhib*'s personality was the vastness of his knowledge. He always strived to learn more and could hold a discussion on any topic. Aside from the knowledge of the *Jamā'at*, he was also adept at general knowledge and current affairs. His addresses would be short but comprehensive. Everyone could understand him.

Saiḡullāh Mubārak ṣāhib, a teacher at *Jāmia Aḡmadiyya* Indonesia, says: *Amīr ṣāhib* was a great example for life-devotees. He spoke to everyone politely and courteously. He brought life to every gathering that he attended. When I was studying in *Jāmia Aḡmadiyya*, he would sit with us after *Maghrib* and hold a light discussion.

Nūruddīn ṣāhib, a missionary, says: When the late *Amīr ṣāhib* laid the foundation stone of our mosque in 2018, we only had six hundred million rupees while the required amount to complete the mosque was about one and a half billion. *Amīr ṣāhib* instructed us to start the construction with the money we had and we would see the signs of *Allāh*'s help. He made some personal contributions towards the construction of the mosque and members of the *Jamā'at* also started to make significant sacrifices. Eighty per cent of the construction of the mosque was completed within two years. However, after the outbreak of Covid, the construction stopped. We went to *Amīr ṣāhib* and told him that another 150 million were still needed. We thought that the Centre would help us but *Amīr ṣāhib* said that we could collect the amount without asking anyone else for help. He asked how many members were in the *Jamā'at*. We told him that there were 160 *Aḡmadīs*. Hearing this, he smiled and said that we should ask each one to contribute ten million. We thought this would not be possible, but when we started following his advice, *Allāh* inspired the members of the *Jamā'at* with the zeal to contribute and *Amīr ṣāhib* himself contributed a large sum. Thus, within three years, the mosque was completed.

A former minister who is not an *Aḡmadī* described the deceased as a national figure. The Tunisian ambassador in Indonesia said that he learned the love of the Holy Prophet (May *Allāh*'s blessings be upon him) and *Ahle- Bai'at* from *Amīr ṣāhib*.

Zainab Ramaḡān Saif ṣāhiba, wife of *Yūsuf 'Uthmān Kāmbālāiyah ṣāhib*, Tanzanian missionary, passed away recently, at the age of seventy. The deceased was a good-natured, hospitable and kind-hearted woman.

Ḥalīmah Begum ṣāhiba, wife of *Sheikh Abdul Qadīr ṣāhib*, a *Darwaish* of *Qādiān*, passed away last month.

Maily Anīsa ṣāhiba of Kiribati passed away recently at the age of 71 years. She was the first *Aḡmadī* Muslim and the first *Aḡmadī* woman in Kiribati. She somehow came across a copy of the translation of the Holy *Qur'ān* and, after reading it, immediately accepted *Aḡmadiyyat* and started to practice *pardah*. In this way, when the first *Aḡmadī* missionary arrived there, *Allāh* had already prepared a helper for the *Jamā'at*. She was a virtuous, brave, and respectable *Aḡmadī* lady.

Huzoor (May *Allāh* be his Helper) prayed that *Allāh* may forgive all the deceased and grant them a lofty station in heaven. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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