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The National Amīr/ President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

### **Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 04<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at *Baitul Futūḥ* Mosque, Morden, London, UK**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, the annual Jalsa of the Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at UK was successfully held from Friday to Sunday. Attendance this year was significantly higher compared to the previous year. No matter how much gratitude we express to Allāh, it will still be insufficient. Allāh, by His grace, filled our Jalsa with boundless blessings, and this was felt by both Aḥmadīs and non-Aḥmadīs guests from various countries.

We, on our own, are powerless; all our achievements are due to the grace of Allāh. The Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at always stands witness to Allāh's words that:

وَإِنْ تَعَدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

*And if you try to count the favours of Allāh, you will not be able to number them. Surely, Allāh is Most Forgiving, Merciful. (16:19)*

Therefore, expressing gratitude is our duty, and as long as we continue to do so, we will keep moving forward. The organizers and attendees of the Jalsa should express gratitude to Allāh. It is by Allāh's grace that, despite the fear of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, He has kept everyone safe at such a large gathering.

I would now like to express my gratitude to the workers. All the workers fulfilled their responsibilities splendidly and performed their duties with exceptional enthusiasm. Both the Lajna and the men showed great skill in managing the arrangements. The complaints that are usually raised by the Lajna regarding the food arrangements were almost non-existent this time.

Similarly, I would like to express my gratitude to the workers who were involved in traffic management, food preparation, the bread plant, security, cleanliness, and above all, the IT department, which this year connected the whole world to the Jalsa in a new manner. They all deserve special appreciation. To all departments, whether I mention them or not, I am truly thankful. I will now present some of the feedback given by non-Aḥmadī guests.

A renowned ophthalmologist from Burkina Faso said that he was amazed by the vastness of arrangements as thousands of people gathered around a religious leader for a common purpose in one place.

A well-known law professor from the United States mentioned that he has organized events around the world where registrations are required, but he found the registration process at the annual Jalsa to be truly astonishing.

A mayor from Belize remarked that in his entire life, he has never seen such peaceful people. He said that the spiritual and brotherly atmosphere that I have witnessed here is truly astounding to me.

When a friend from Ghana arrived at the Jalsa venue, he was deeply moved by the work that was being done and expressed that it could not be done without God's grace.

The Minister of Information from Gambia, who attended the Jalsa, expressed his deep appreciation for all the arrangements. Despite the large gathering, he did not witness a single incident of clamour, chaos, or conflict. Another thing he felt was the unique bond of love between the members of the community and their Imām, which is unparalleled in the world.

A delegate from Brazil said that gathering people from 118 countries and having such unity, amity, and respect for each other is truly exceptional. He was delighted to see the excellent arrangements for transportation for the guests.

A gentleman from Spain, who is a historian, mentioned that in the present era, the Aḥmadīyya community has established a practical model of determination, courage, and effort.

A journalist from Italy said that he had read about the Jalsa previously, but being part of it was a unique experience. The most significant aspect he observed at the Jalsa was the prayers, which held special significance for every individual.

The governor of a region in Senegal stated that he has travelled extensively as a governor, but he has never seen such mutual love and affection anywhere else. The quotes from the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) had a profound impact on him. At the Jalsa, every person prioritized others over themselves.

A guest from Colombia expressed that witnessing the peaceful environment, brotherhood, love, and the Khalīfa's inspiring speeches deeply moved him.

The Argentinian Ambassador in the UK participated in the proceedings on the first day of the Jalsa and later organized an event related to the Jalsa at the embassy. At this event, delegates from Latin American countries were also invited, and he introduced them to the Jalsa.

Three individuals came from Chile, representing a Christian organization. One of them said that your community is like a single body, with the Khalīfa as the head and brain of that body, and the rest of the members are like the organs of that body, functioning under the signals and commands of the brain.

A member of parliament from Canada said that attending the Jalsa was a prestigious occasion for him. This Jalsa teaches the lesson of loyalty and being content with the will of Allāh. He also mentioned the injustices faced by the Aḥmadīyya community and called upon the whole world to raise their voices in this regard.

Some printing press owners from Turkey attended the Jalsa. One of them said that he was amazed at how efficiently such a massive gathering is being organized. He further expressed surprise that he did not see anyone smoking during the entire event.

A social worker from Latvia said that the Jalsa provided her with an opportunity to learn about Islām. She plans to go back and study the Holy Qur'ān and expand her knowledge.

Some of the viewers watching the Jalsa on television were also deeply impacted. Our missionary from Congo-Brazzaville writes that a Christian friend was invited to the Jalsa. After listening to the concluding address, he remarked that if every government in the world starts implementing these teachings, even if poverty doesn't completely vanish from the world, at least no one will go to bed hungry. He believes that if our leaders also adopt such care, as the Caliphs of Islām for their subjects, our world would become like a paradise.

An emissary for global peace from Iceland said that all the members of the Aḥmadīyya community he met were gentle, courteous, always ready for service, and excellent hosts. The accommodation arrangements were excellent.

A representative from the Haitian judiciary police shared that attending the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community's Jalsa, despite being a Christian, provided him with a profound opportunity to learn about the religion. After the Jalsa, he contemplated the possibility of hypocrisy in Aḥmadīs, but his heart reassured him of the genuine mutual harmony and love they displayed.

A new convert from Australia expressed that the love and brotherhood he witnessed among Aḥmadīs during the event were unforgettable. Taking part in the international *Bai'at* was truly a unique and transformative experience for him.

The Jalsa has had a profound impact, with individuals in Guinea-Bissau and Tanzania who embraced Aḥmadīyyat after witnessing its impressiveness. Moreover, I am continually receiving news of many more instances of people being positively affected. The feedback has been overwhelming, and it is impossible to adequately express the extent of its impact.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I pray that this Jalsa fosters a lasting and profound connection between Aḥmadīs and Allāh the Almighty. May it bring about a significant increase in faith and conviction, enabling them to fulfil the purpose of the mission of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). I also hope that the Jalsa's effects resonate with others, leading them to open their eyes to the truth and embrace its message.

The proceedings of the Jalsa were also seen and heard through the media. Twenty-four TV channels in Africa broadcasted my complete address, reaching over forty million individuals. A media centre was set up for journalists, where twenty-three representatives and reporters listened to the Jalsa and prepared their reports. In total, 72 media reports were prepared, reaching fifty million people. News articles were published on eighteen websites, and fourteen news reports were aired on various TV channels. Additionally, thirty-seven news reports were broadcasted on radio stations. Allāh thus blessed this Jalsa in every aspect. May Allāh always make us humble and grateful servants, continually striving for self-improvement. *Āmīn*

*Wassalām,*

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