

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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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 02nd August 2024 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Alḥamdulillah ! Last week the Jalsa Sālāna UK came to an end after demonstrating for us so many spectacles of Allāh’s grace. The three days of the Jalsa were steeped in blessings and left a positive impact on the Aḥmadīs and non-Aḥmadīs both. I would like to narrate the impressions of a few non-Aḥmadī guests about the Jalsa; however prior to that I would like to thank the volunteers of the Jalsa who, in any way, took part in the arrangements before, during and after the Jalsa, rather they are still helping with the wind-up. By the grace of Allāh, members of the Jamā‘at, be they men, women or children, all show such high morals that even the non-Aḥmadīs commend them. In fact, the service rendered by the volunteers is a kind of silent Tablīgh. All the volunteers of the Jalsa whether they did their duty at the gates, parking, dining halls, kitchen, or in the hygiene department, or whether they were children who provided water to the guests at various places, are included in this group. Hence, all departments worked very actively and deserve our gratitude.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Many people make notable comments about the services provided by the volunteers. Some people send their compliments through letters and some leave written notes. People in various countries of the world are also thankful that through MTA the programs of the Jalsa were broadcast to them in a very good manner. I too would therefore like to thank all the volunteers.

This year, along with the volunteers from the UK, many Khuddām and volunteers came from Mauritius and they worked really well. The Khuddām who came from Canada are helping with the wind-up. Press and media coverage has also been very good this year. The traffic was managed very well. This pleased our neighbours who thought perhaps this year there were less attendees due to which the traffic moved smoothly, while actually this year the number of guests exceeded the number in the previous year by two thousand. When the neighbours were told about this, they were surprised. One councillor in this area is an Aḥmadī missionary who played a very good role in this regard by developing good relations with the neighbours and making a good plan for the traffic. May Allāh reward him for this and may Allāh inspire the hearts of those who have sent their impressions about the Jalsa to understand the true message of Aḥmadīyyat, and may Allāh enable us to achieve the goal set for us through the advent of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). In fact, we should not only spend these three days with this spirit but rather our entire life.

A guest, Ismaīl, who was from French Guiana, said that he did Bai‘at during the Jalsa. He said: I have never attended such an event in my life where most of the major nations and ethnicities of the world have come together. It is my conviction after attending the Jalsa Sālāna, that this is the true Jamā‘at and that this is the Jamā‘at of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

A chief priest of Buddhists from Japan said: ‘We attended all the sessions of the Jalsa. An exemplary aspect of the Jalsa was that from day one to the last few moments, the volunteers worked with the same level of spirit. For us, this was an unforgettable sight of the Jalsa.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The chief priest met me as well. I told him that faith in One God was essential and that he should ponder over this. The priest said that due to being a traditional believer in Buddhism, he did not believe in One God, but his heart testifies that there is a Creator and Master of this universe, that we all are His creation and that we can obtain closeness to Him’.

A guest from Kosovo said that he attended the Jalsa for the first time and felt very happy. Everything was so disciplined. After listening to the speeches of the Khalīfa of the time, he felt a transformation taking

place within him. He said that the atmosphere at the Jalsa filled him with love for Islām Aḥmadiyyat and that he would ask people to study the true teachings of Aḥmadiyyat wherever we would go.

Another guest who attended the Jalsa is working in the Chilean government as the Director of Worship. He said: When I sought the opinion of the Muslim organisations in my country regarding the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at, they all had negative impressions about it, which in a nutshell suggested that the Aḥmadīs are not Muslim. However, I have met your Khalīfa during the Jalsa. I promise that I will play my best role and tell the people working under me that my personal experience is that the Aḥmadīs are not only Muslims but rather the best and exemplary Muslims’.

A lady who came from Holland said: Many people came to attend this Jalsa from various parts of the world and they exhibited a great sense of fraternity. I will remember the event of the International Bai‘at throughout my life.

A guest who represented the National Secretary of Worship of Argentina said: ‘I fervently look up to the Jalsa of your Jamā‘at! I liked the Khalīfa’s speech to the ladies. You continue to stick to your principles despite pressures from society and the western world’.

A lady doctor who was from Tanzania said: I have never seen such a large gathering being looked after entirely by volunteers. During the Khalīfa’s speech to the ladies, one could see that the Aḥmadi girls and the youth have great love for their Khalīfa.

Another guest from Taiwan was Dr Frank. He said: ‘We are leaving this Jalsa with a promise to ourselves that we will tell the people of our country that the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at is peaceful, organized and well-mannered’.

Yāsīn Aḥmadi, a guest from Canada, said: ‘I have found the Jalsa Salana of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at to be an event based on Faith and full of wisdom and knowledge. Aḥmadīs’ character, sense of respect for each other, patience, and a moderate interpretation of Islāmic teachings are all vitalizing and inspirational after centuries of religious bloodshed and violence’.

A Belizean guest said: ‘This was the most important spiritual experience of my life. I feel that my heart and spirit have been filled with spirituality after attending the International Bai‘at. I have become a true Aḥmadi’.

A non-Aḥmadi lady who came from Uruguay said: ‘Attending this Jalsa has left a positive spiritual impact on me. The most memorable moments were those when the Aḥmadiyya pledge was recited, that is, the Bai‘at, where all prayed together and shed tears. I have never seen a strong demonstration of faith before’.

Another female guest who came from Costa Rica said: ‘Attending this Jalsa has provided me personal experience and therefore I can affirm that this Jamā‘at acts upon what it preaches.’

A secretary of the Ministry of National Unification, Social Affairs and Human Rights from Burundi said: ‘I will always remember the selfless love of the Aḥmadiyya Community, and the security they provided, and the hospitality that did not take into account religion, nation, colour or ethnicity. The speeches made at the Jalsa provided answers to the misperceptions of some people regarding the Aḥmadi beliefs’.

A guest from Iceland said: ‘The efforts of the Jamā‘at to spread knowledge have deeply impacted my heart. Despite a large number of people attending the Jalsa, people were still observing Pardah, which is not an ordinary matter’.

The ambassador of Argentina in the UK attended the Jalsa for the first time. She was so impressed by the ambience of the Jalsa that she held a reception in honour of Latin American attendees of the Jalsa. She said: ‘Your community has not hidden anything from us, i.e., the non-Aḥmadi guests. This means that you have no hidden agenda; instead all your teachings are open and exactly the same as your beliefs’.

The editor of a Brazilian newspaper attended the Jalsa. She said: ‘The wise words of the Imām of the Jamā‘at touched my heart and broadened my intellect. I felt a sense of love and respect every moment of the Jalsa’.

Another journalist from Brazil said: ‘This was an extraordinary Jalsa. My respect and good wishes for the Jamā‘at have only increased’. An Italian guest said: What has impressed me is that despite facing

difficulties and persecution in Pakistan, the Jamā‘at has not responded with hatred. This testifies to the truth of your faith’.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also narrated the impressions of some guests from Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Spain, Poland, and a few other countries.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then told about the Bai‘ats that happened in the wake of the Jalsa Salana. Eighty-five people accepted Aḥmadīyyat along with their chief in a village in Guinea-Bissau. In Tanzania, the Imām of a local mosque, and in Niger a female teacher of a local school accepted Aḥmadīyyat. In Congo, twelve people accepted Aḥmadīyyat during the Jalsa. According to the Tabligh Department UK, twenty two people from Britain accepted Aḥmadīyyat during the Jalsa. Among them two were British, two Nigerians, eleven Pakistanis, one Romanian, five Arabs and one from Bangladesh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The report about online coverage is that this year it was covered on 49 websites, which have the viewership of 15 million people approximately.

Fourteen articles have been published about the Jalsa in various newspapers and the readership of these newspapers expand to 5 million.

19 reports were relayed via television and radio, it is reported that the viewership is ten million.

By the grace of Allāh, close to 46 million people have watched the news about the Jalsa so far and more people will be watching it in the next few days.

While this Jalsa has been instrumental in providing spiritual training to the Aḥmadīs, it has also helped people of other faiths in knowing about Islāmic teachings and coming closer to Allāh. Hence, we should bow before Allāh more than before and express our gratitude to Him. We should also try to abide by our pledge that we will further strive to convey the message of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) to the world. May Allāh the Almighty enable us to do so!

Wassalām,

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