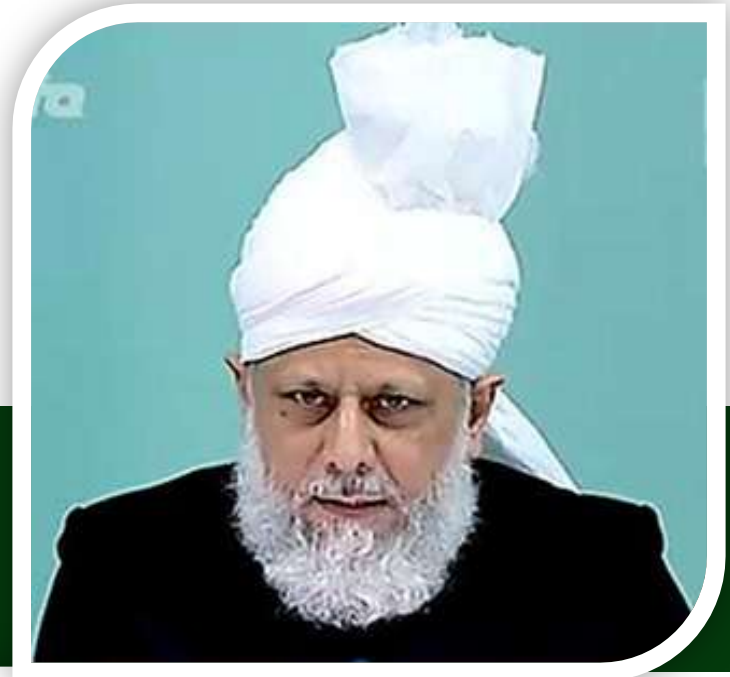


"VIE WITH ONE ANOTHER IN GOOD", AND TEHRIK-E-JADID NEW YEAR

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Summary

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Therefore, every man, woman, child, young and old must strive towards this goal of gaining nearness to Allah Almighty by doing good deeds

Making financial sacrifice helps us to do good deeds and contribute in the services to humanity achieving this goal

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الْخَيْرَاتِ اَيْنَ مَا تَكُونُوا يَأْتِ بِكُمْ
اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا اِنَّ اللّٰهَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ

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In this verse, Allah Almighty has emphasized on a commandment which is absolutely essential for the progress of every individual in gaining nearness to God and becoming a true Muslim



The same commandment is also absolutely necessary for the communal progress of a Jama'at



This commandment relates to the goal that is set out in the verse i.e. Vie with one another in good deeds

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Every human being on this planet has a goal, and he continues to make every effort to achieve it

This is true even for those who have ill intentions of causing harm to others, although the results of their objectives yield nothing but evil consequences

Many others make terrorism and barbarism their goal, for which they spend money, time and many other resources. They brainwash innocent children over long periods of time and use them for the vain purpose of killing innocent people through suicide attacks, etc.

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The word “wajhatun”, which is the root word for “goal” means direction, course, effort, paths, ways, means to attain an objective



What that means is that one must set himself upon that path towards those good deeds, implement them and progress in them



At the same time, one must also be mindful of those companions who are left behind due to their weaknesses and make every effort to ensure the progress of weaker companions

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- The Jamaat that was founded by the most loyal and devoted servants of the Holy Prophet (saw) is associated with this principle which entails the fulfilment of obligations towards the Creator and His creations

- The obligations to the Creator through worship and obligations to fellow human beings through service to mankind

- Service to mankind can be achieved by performing righteous acts and propagating compassion

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The biggest service to humanity of course is by bringing masses under the banner of the Holy Prophet of Islam (saw).

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The mission set forth for Jamaat Ahmadiyya is not an ordinary one and the pledge an Ahmadi performs at the hands of the Imam is not an ordinary pledge

To fulfil it, we must make **our objective** the same as one set out by God Almighty i.e. to tread the paths set forth to achieve the nearness and pleasure of God

Beyond doubt, Satan will attempt to attack us and set obstacles in the pathway, but the prayer emanated from the heart: "Guide us to the right path - The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings" [1:6-7] will be the antidote to these Satanic assaults, Inshaallah.

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One of these ways listed in the Holy Quran is to spend in the way of Allah i.e. to make financial sacrifices which becomes the means to propagate Islam and to serve mankind.

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The annals of the 125-year-long history of Jamaat Ahmadiyya is a witness that members of this community have made colossal financial sacrifices and this has become a distinctive feature of this Jamaat

The Jamaat Ahmadiyya upholds this commandment by making not only financial sacrifices, but sacrifices of one's life, time, honour and in many other ways



I am amazed at those members of the Jamaat, who have grasped the deep philosophy encapsulated in this commandment and make financial sacrifices of the highest standard year after year with a demonstration of great steadfastness and persistence



Every year new converts, and old Ahmadis, members from all economic levels (poor, mediocre, rich), all members make financial sacrifice with great zeal and loyalty

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In many Western countries, Ahmadi members are living a very comfortable life than what they were living in their homelands

It is therefore a matter of great responsibility that they should analyse whether there is any progress in their sacrifice from one year to the next

If not, then it is a dilemma of great proportion that should be a cause for reflection.

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There are many financial schemes in the Jamaat system, some of which are fixed, but others are implemented as required in order to complete certain projects at a local or national level (e.g. construction of mosques, etc.).

It should however be borne in mind that the Tehrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid are solely international schemes which are not left to the discretion of the local or national Jamaat

In some cases, where collections under these schemes are redistributed locally or nationally, it is done so with the approval of international headquarters (Markaz) only

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Sometimes, questions arise, as to why must I participate in these international schemes, when the funds generated will not be spent at local level. Instead, I will participate in the financial schemes that will favour the local projects



Such questions should not arise in the first place because any financial sacrifice, big or small, is made only for one objective and that is to gain the pleasure of God Almighty



The true spirit and essence of the Quranic verse recited at the onset of the sermon is that the weak members of the Jamaat must also be given the opportunity to progress and the privileged members must make certain sacrifices to empower these weak members

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By making financial sacrifice to provide services to humanity,

those who cannot be at the forefront of carrying out these services, also become part of the bigger picture and are also part of reaping the rewards from God Almighty

It is highly commendable that many of the local projects are indeed funded by the financial contributions of local Jamaat members

Ahmadi members living in the affluent countries of the world must therefore not assume that their financial contributions are the sole source of funding for projects in other countries of the world, or that underprivileged countries are dependent on their sponsorship for 100% of these projects.

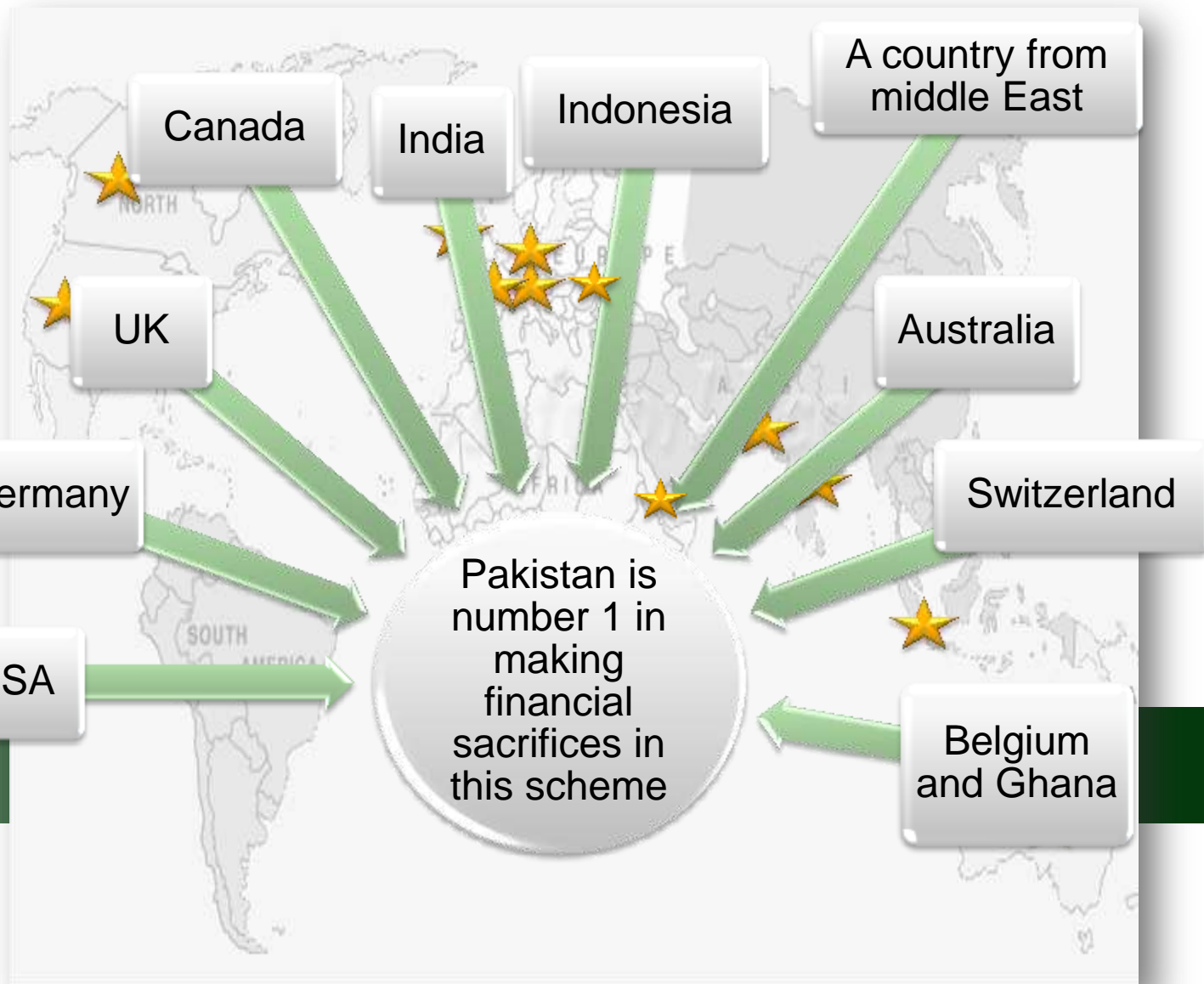
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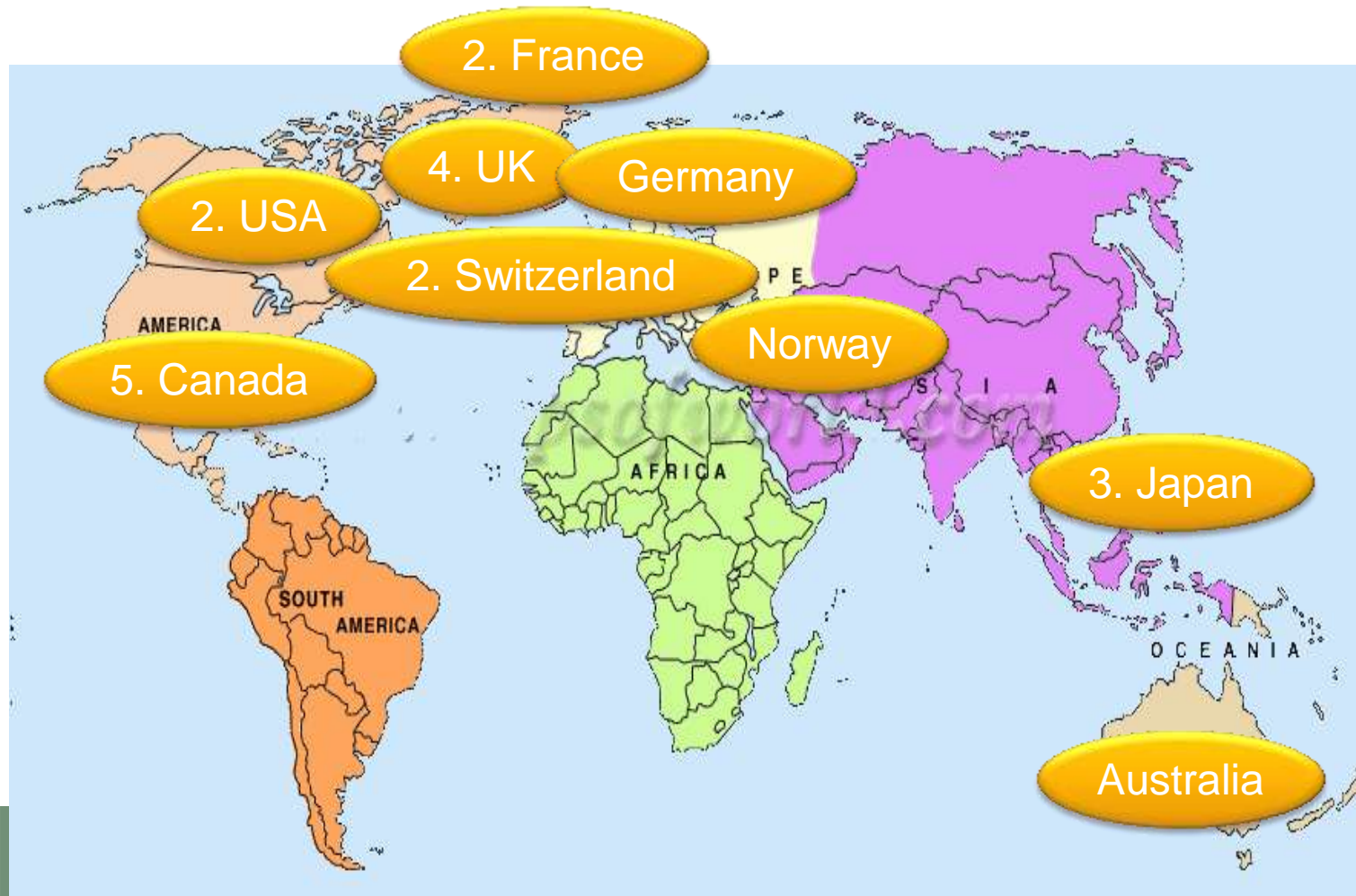
The number of contributors has also increases by 180,000 to a grand total of 911,000 in comparison to last year.

TEHRIK-E-JADID; 79th blessed year announced

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In per capita contributions, a country from Middle East tops the list with a contribution of approximately £157 per person

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The top-ranking African nations in terms of financial contributions

1. Ghana

2. Nigeria

3. Mauritius

4. Burkina Faso

5. Kenya



★ Nigeria has come first according to the number of new participants in the scheme; because of this extra-ordinary rise in the number of new participants, Nigeria is now only second to Pakistan in terms of numbers of participants

Ghana must try to make progress in this sphere

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The screenshot shows the website 'AL ISLAM' with the tagline 'The Official Website of the Ahle-Sunnat Muslim Community'. The article title is 'Tehrik-e-Jadid and Sacrifices of Our Elders', dated 'November 1954 to October 1955'. The text describes the 'Tehrik-e-Jadid' (New Scheme) introduced in 1954 by Hadhrat Musleh Maud, Khalifatul Masih II. It mentions that in his November 9th 2004 Friday Sermon, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V said:

In light of a discourse by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, رحمۃ اللہ علیہ urged the families of the five thousand individuals who made immense sacrifices in the first year of the scheme to continue to pay on their behalf and to never let their 'accounts' close. Huzur رحمۃ اللہ علیہ explained that Allah has subsequently greatly endowed these families and it should be fairly easy for them to continue to pay on behalf of their elders. Huzur رحمۃ اللہ علیہ said Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمۃ اللہ علیہ created 3,400 such accounts but some have since fallen behind. He urged families to pay directly to Rabwah so that a record can be maintained. Huzur رحمۃ اللہ علیہ also said that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمۃ اللہ علیہ taken personal responsibility of 1,000 old accounts at the rate of Rupees 5 each, and had pledged that his family would continue the tradition. Huzur رحمۃ اللہ علیہ directed that he was given details of the remainder acclaimed 'old accounts' and that he would take responsibility of these and hoped that in future his family is enabled to carry it on.

Below the article, there is a section titled 'Tehrik-e-Jadid Searchable List & downloadable pdf'. It includes a link to download the list of the first five thousand (5000) contributors to Tehrik-e-Jadid (Daftar Awal) in English or Urdu. A 'Searchable List' section is also visible with a form to display all records where.

In Daftar Awal*, there are 5927 participants, of whom 285 are alive.

* The very first group of people who took part in Tehrike Jadid

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In Pakistan, the top contributing cities are Lahore, Rabwah and Karachi, following by Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Sialkot, Qetta, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Mirpur Khas, Nawabshah, Peshawar and Bahawalpur

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Then Hudhur (aba) related some faith-inspiring incidents from all over the world, about Jamaat members who possess the fervour to progress in their financial sacrifices

May Allah Almighty bless all the participants who make great financial sacrifices, and enable the members living in affluent countries to uphold the spirit of sacrifice so that the propagation of Islam continues throughout the world.

May the Muslim Ummah recognize the truth about the advent of Imam of this age and unite to form one brotherhood to establish peace in the world, Ameen.