# JALSA SALANA UK 2013 AND HOSPITALITY



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By the Grace of Allah, the Exalted, Jalsa Salana UK will start from next Friday insha-Allah
Children, men and women, are all infused with the spirit of service during the Jalsa days.
Jalsa guest are the guests of the Promised Messiah (as), so it is incumbent upon us that we respect these guests.
Those on duty should deal with each other, with a smiling happy countenance – even when tired
So the opportunity to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (as) paves the ways to become among the Muflayheen - the successful.
Sad news of another martyrdom in Pakistan

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan By the Grace of Allah, the Exalted, Jalsa Salana UK will start from next Friday insha-Allah. The UK Jalsa has now become the International Jalsa by virtue of the fact that Khilafat is present here.

- The Jalsa preparation starts long before the Jalsa actually begins.
  - Jalsa UK is such an event that for its arrangements a temporary city is set up for a few days.
- Jalsa in Pakistan (when used to take place), Qadian and Germany have permanent or semi-permanent arrangements.
- Till last year all Jalsa arrangements were of a temporary nature.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan This year, the Council was gracious enough to allow us to build a permanent kitchen on site.

A very nice permanent kitchen facility has been built at Hadiqatul Mehdi now. ۲

Insha-Allah this will meet the catering needs of Jalsa.



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By Allah's Grace, a roti plant has also been installed in Hadiqatul Mahdi and is fully functional now.

So now, by the Grace of God, permanent arrangements are in place in Hadeeqatul Mahdi for the cooking of the food and the making of the roti (bread).

We are grateful to the Council for their granting us permission. May Allah reward them also.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan However, apart form cooking, most facilities for Jalsah need to set up on temporary basis.

Such large scale temporary arrangements need maximal effort ....

... and by the Grace of Allah, Ahmadi volunteers discharge these duties with great zeal and passion.

This spirit, that we have; to devote time for the sake of the Jama'at, is the hallmark of an Ahmadi.

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Children, young and old men and women, are all infused with the spirit of service during the Jalsa days.

They can be seen dedicatedly working towards discharging those responsibilities.

And this is as it should be because the guests of the Jalsa are in fact the guests of the Promised Messiah (as).

So this hospitality is a display of their high moral qualities as well as a reflection of their faith.

Here I want also to tell everyone what was the extent to which the Promised Messiah (as) went to discharge his responsibility of hospitality

so we are aware about the level of hospitality expected of us.

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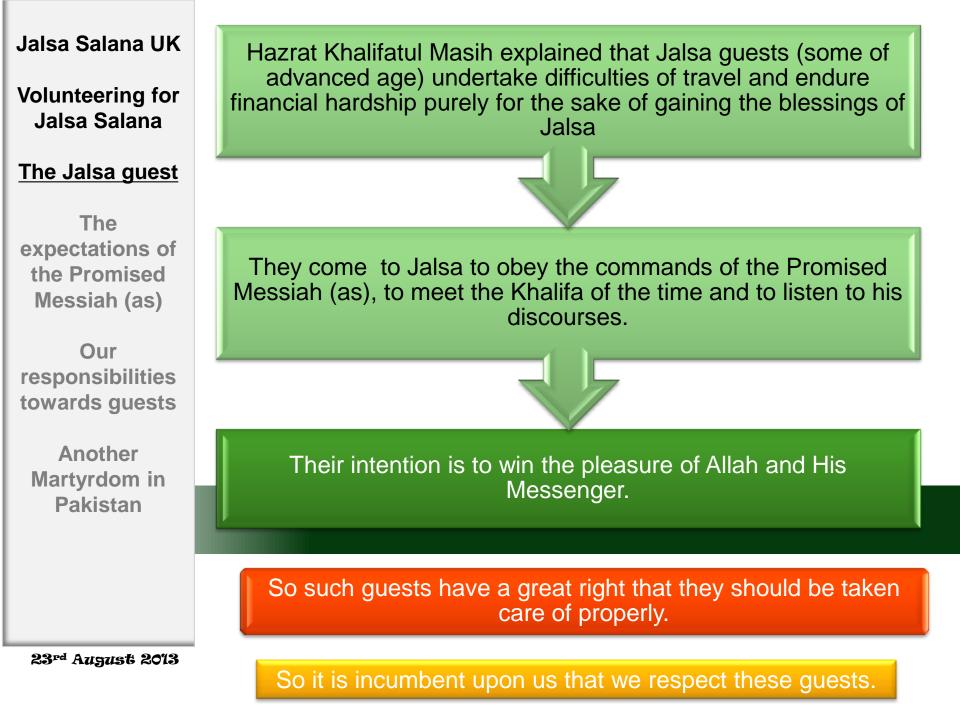
One day the **Promised Messiah** (as) was not feeling well and he was resting. However, when he was told about the arrival of a guest, the **Promised Messiah** (as) came out to greet him saying that the guest has a right to hospitality since he has come after putting himself into great difficulty. So I have come here outside to discharge this duty to the guest.

So today also, this same level of hospitality has to be shown for the <u>guests of the</u> <u>Promised Messiah (as)</u>.

• They come to Jalsa to

- hear the talks about Allah and His Messenger the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa)
- Improve their spiritual and moral condition
- establish and strengthen the mutual bonds of love and friendship and brotherhood

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Advising us regarding this same subject, on another occasion the Promised Messiah (as) said:

Look, many guests have arrived. Some you know and recognize and others you do not. So the proper thing for you is to show humility and consider everyone worthy of respect and honor. I am positively inclined towards you all and trust that you provide every comfort for the guests. Do serve them all to the best of you abilities.

So all these are the guests of the Promised Messiah (as) and have come here for the purpose of the faith.

So we need to pay attention to the directive of the Promised Messiah (as) and do justice to his high expectation from us.

Our hearts should be full of passion and zeal to serve to the best of our abilities every guest.

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The objective to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (as) must be in the hearts and minds of every worker and duty holder so that we may fulfill the good expectations that the Promised Messiah (as) has from us.

 So that we may be able to say that, "O Messiah sent by God, and O True Lover of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa), we are devoted to fulfilling your every direction and advice even today."

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Indeed this is precisely what ought to be expected from an Ahmadi.

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### Tabshir guests (guests from abroad)

This time there is need to especially take care of the guests of Tabshir, both men and women

We need to pray to God that His Grace should descend upon us and we are enabled to work in such a manner as God desires from us

And pray also that no such occasion should develop or occur that should give rise to any misunderstandings.

So regardless of whether an Ahmadi of the UK has been assigned any duty or not he or she should take care that every person who is here from abroad is also their guest.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan Naturally, an Ahmadi of the UK, who is not on duty, is a guest at the Jalsa.

BUT a visitor from abroad must be considered by a UK Ahmadi to be his guest

Saying it in another way, guests from abroad must be given priority over those Ahmadis from the UK

... and the Ahmadis living here in the UK must make sacrifices for these guests from abroad.

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So always remember that all UK Ahmadis are hosts.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan According to one hadith, being a host is also a sign of a momin, a true believer.

*"the one who believes in Allah and the Day of Judgment should respect and honor the guest."* 

In other words the one who does not honor and respect the guest is weak in his belief in Allah and the Day of Judgment.

Then in another hadith the Holy Prophet (sa) has said that dealing with our brothers with a smiling, happy countenance is a lofty act of righteousness.

So these three days of the Jalsa in which a variety of good righteous actions are undertaken, this act of dealing with one another with a smiling, happy countenance is also a great deed of goodness.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan I would especially counsel those on duty that they should deal with each other, with a smiling happy countenance – even when tired



Those officers who are in charge of people, should deal with those under their authority in a smiling, happy, manner

If during Jalsa we will interact with each other with good manners and happy smiling countenances, this will create an ambiance which is congenial, pleasant and agreeable.

And this will also leave a good righteous impression on the non Jama'at guests who will have come to participate in the Jalsa.

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And we will also be increasing our own righteous conduct by demonstrating these good manners and morals and becoming those who win the pleasure of Allah.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan It is stated in a hadith that the Angels of God send their salams and pray for those sitting in a gathering where mention is being made of Allah, the Exalted, and His Messenger.

Our Jalsa also, by the Grace of Allah, the Exalted, is just such a gathering. So those attending Jalsa have a very lofty station, because the angles are praying for them.

So very fortunate are those who discharge their obligations of hosting such travellers.

So, as I said in the beginning, everyone devoted to serving, needs to understand the spirit of service and make this their absolute priority.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aba) reminded us of a beautiful incidence of hospitality by the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa)

Once a traveller came to the Holy Prophet (sa) and one Ansari offered hospitality for this guest. He only had enough food for the children in the house, however the Ansari and his wife made a huge effort to show hospitality to their guest.

They put the children to sleep hungry and the wife prepared the food. Then she put the lamp out as if she was fixing it. Then both of them sat with the guest and pretended to be eating with the guest.

So the whole family went hungry that night to extend their hospitality to the guest of the Holy Prophet (sa).

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So look, how big a sacrifice it is to put the children to sleep hungry and feed the guest!

Apparently this seems like an excess that the children were forcefully kept hungry ... but in fact a very lofty example of sacrifice and service has been established in this way in which the whole family joined in Most certainly Allah must have bountifully rewarded these children

Allah, the Exalted, calls such people the Muflayhoon - the successful. Muflayhoon are those who flourish and bloom, who are blessed with success, who attain their righteous and lofty desires and thus achieve happiness and every goodness. Muflayhoon attain peace, tranquility, safety and security.

So by sacrificing one meal for the sake of hospitality, they became deserving of the pleasure of God and this took them to such a lofty station.

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Another Martyrdom in Pakistan So we must remember that by granting us the opportunity to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (as) Allah, the Exalted, is opening for us the ways to become among the muflayheen - the successful.

So always remember that muflayheen are those who discharge the obligation of hosting a guest.

This is that station that we must try and attain by serving our guests.

This is that standard which by granting us the nearness of God will set right our affairs of this world and the Hereafter

May Allah make it so that all devotees and all officeholders and workers become those who attain to this bounty. And may Allah facilitate all the arrangements for the Jalsa.

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## Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat

Noorul Haq Sahib, his non-Ahmadi neighbor also was martyred. May Allah have mercy and forgiveness on him also.