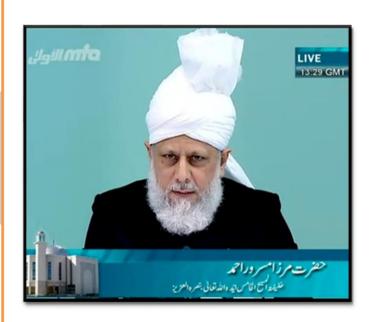
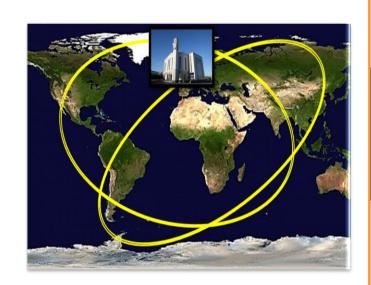
Men of Excellence



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Summary Men of Excellence

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) related the accounts of the Companions, who participated in the Battle of Badr. During the battle of Uhud, the Holy Prophet (SA) appointed Hazrat 'Abdullah bin Jubair as the chief of the fifty archers, who were appointed to protect the pass, located behind the Muslims. The reason why the Muslim army had to endure a momentary loss after their victory was because a few individuals disobeyed a commandment of the Holy Prophet (SA) Nadir Al-Husni Sahib from Canada passed away on 20th December at the age of 85. He was a very righteous, devoted and a noble individual. The centre of his focus was the books of the Promised Messiah (AS) and the Khulafah.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) stated: The first of the badri sahabah that I will mention today is Hazrat Abdullah bin Ar Rabee' Al Ansari.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Ar Rabee

Hazrat Abdullah bin Ar Rabee' belonged to the Banu Abjar clan of the Khazraj tribe. His mother's name was Fatimah bint Amr. He participated in the second bai'at that took place at Agabah.

He also had the honour of participating in the Battles of Badr, Uhud and Mautah. He attained martyrdom during the Battle of Mautah.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Humayyir

Hazrat Abdullah bin Humayyir Al-Ashja'i belonged to Banu Duhman, who had a treaty with the Ansar. He participated in the battle of Badr alongside his brother, Hazrat Kharijah. He also participated in the battle of Uhud. The name of his wife is Hazrat Umm-e-Thabit bin Haritha and she also accepted the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Abdullah bin Humayyir was among the few companions, who firmly remained standing on the mount alongside Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair on the occasion of the battle of Uhud. When the other companions witnessed the scenes of victory and started to descend in order to join the rest of the army, Hazrat Abdullah bin Humayyir stood up in order to advise them.

He first praised Allah the Exalted and then advised them to obey Allah and the Holy Prophet (sa). However, they did not listen to him and descended in such a large number that not more than ten companions remained on the hill alongside Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair.

Meanwhile, Khalid bin Walid and Ikrimah bin Abi Jahl saw the hill empty and attacked the remaining companions. This small group fired arrows at them until eventually they reached them and martyred all of them in an instant.

Hazrat 'Ubaid bin Aus Ansari

Hazrat 'Ubaid bin Aus Ansari, son of Aus bin Malik. Hazrat 'Ubaid bin Aus participated in the battle of Badr.

He captured Hazrat 'Aqeel bin Abi Talib during the battle of Badr. Similarly, it is said that he also captured Hazrat 'Abbas and Hazrat Naufal. When he presented himself before the Holy Prophet (sa) with all three of them tied up in ropes, the Holy Prophet (sa) said "[Arabic] that is, surely, an honourable angel has assisted you in this matter.

On this very premise, the Holy Prophet (sa) gave him the title of Mugarrin i.e. the one who shackles others.

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin Jubair

He was among the seventy Ansar, who participated in the second pledge of initiation at 'Aqaba. He participated in the battles of Badr and Uhud and was martyred during the battle of Uhud.

Hazrat Baraa bin Aazib relates that during one of the days of the Battle of Uhud, the Holy Prophet (sa) appointed Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair to command over 50 foot soldiers.

The Holy Prophet (sa) told them emphatically: Even if you see that vultures are tearing away at our remains, do not move from this place until you receive an orders to leave. Even if you see us defeating the enemy and they begin fleeing, you must not leave this post until I command to do so.

When the Muslims defeated the enemy and drove them away.....the companions of Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair said, "Let us go and collect the spoils of war. Our comrades have been victorious so what are you waiting for?" Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair then said, "Have you forgotten the instructions given to us by the Holy Prophet (sa)? Those who wished to leave their position replied, "By God, we too will go to our companions and partake of the spoils of war. They are taking the loot so we shall take whatever else remains."

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) draws the following conclusion from this incident – and this is something that one should pay close heed to.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) states:
The reason why the Muslim army had to endure a momentary loss after their victory was because a few individuals disobeyed a commandment of the Holy Prophet (sa) and took their own initiative instead of adhering to the Holy Prophet (sa)'s instruction.

However, if they followed the Holy Prophet (sa) just like the pulse follows the heart; if they believed that a single commandment of the Holy Prophet (sa) was more important than even if the entire world was to sacrifice their lives;

And if they had not used their own initiative and thereby had not left the mount regarding which the Holy Prophet (sa) had instructed them to not leave irrespective of whether they were in a state of victory or defeat,

Then the enemy would not have had the opportunity to attack again and nor the Holy Prophet (sa) and his Companions would have suffered any loss."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Today, this is precisely the case of the Muslims; **God Almighty's succour** is no longer with them. They have begun to offer all kinds of interpretations to the instruction of the Holy Prophet (sa) which was to accept the Promised Messiah and Mahdi and convey his Salaam to him and hold him as the judge and arbiter.

As a result, the consequences are evident. Here, there is also a lesson and a warning for the Ahmadis that after having accepted the Promised Messiah (as),

It is only through complete obedience that one can attain any kind of success or victory.

Thus, each and every person should asses their conditions in regards to the standards of their obedience.

The account of Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair's martyrdom:

When Khalid bin Waleed and Ikramah bin Abu Jahl came forward to launch an attack,

Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair fired arrows to the point that all his arrows finished. He then fought with a spear until his spear broke.

Thereafter, he began fighting with his sword until he was martyred and fell. He was martyred by Ikramah bin Abu Jahl. When he fell, the enemies dragged his body and despicably mutilated his body.

They pierced his body so many times with their spears that his intestines fell out. Hazrat Khawad bin Jubair dug the grave with the corner of the bow and buried Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair.

Just as Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair and his companions demonstrated complete devotion and were able to understand the true spirit of the commandments given to them, may we also understand this and demonstrate complete obedience.

And may we continue to become the recipients of God Almighty's grace.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

After the prayers, I shall lead a funeral prayer in absentia for Nadir Al-Husni Sahib from Canada.

He passed away on 20th December at the age of 85. The deceased was a very righteous, devoted and a noble individual.

He was the son of Abdul Rauf Al-Husni Sahib, who performed the Bai'at in 1938 after his brother, respected Munir Al-Husni Sahib, did the Bai'at. His financial sacrifices were also of a very high standard and he was a Musi.

He is survived by his wife and a son, both of whom are not Ahmadi.

The deceased's wife, Sumaiyya Sahiba, has written:

May God
Almighty grant
Nadir Al-Husni
Sahib an abode in
heaven.

He was a very truthful, honest, trustworthy and devoted individual for his family and the Jama'at.

He would strive to always help anyone who was in need and would treat them with great compassion.

Without letting anyone know, he helped a poor non-Ahmadi woman as much as he could.

Whenever we would go to visit her, Nadir Sahib would first go to the market and purchase various essential items and then go to her house and he continued this right till his demise.

His nephew, Ammar Al Misqi Sahib, Said:

He had a close bond with Hazrat Chaudhry Zafrullah Khan Sahib. The deceased translated a book of Chaudhry Zafrullah Khan Sahib into Arabic. He had a strong connection with the Jamaat. He would not tolerate any inappropriate comments towards the Promised Messiah (as) or the Khulafa.

During his studies, he never let an opportunity to pass by where he could convey the message of the Promised Messiah (as). He went to the USA to study mechanical engineering. During his final year, he began to debate with a Jewish sect on matters of belief.

They did not have any credible arguments, instead they went to the Principal and told him to expel the deceased from the college, otherwise, they will place such an allegation on him, that it would be impossible for him to continue his studies. The deceased changed colleges himself and left the USA for Canada.

The centre of his focus was the books of the Promised Messiah (as) and the Khulafah. He recorded the Arabic books of the Promised Messiah (as) in his voice.

His nephew, Ammar Al Misqi Sahib, Said:

He wrote books in reply to allegations against Islam by opponents. One of those books – which he derived benefit from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) – is titled: 'The Great Prophet; Ancient Prophecies Regarding the Advent of Muhammad (sa)'.

He was in the process of learning Urdu and would translate the Persian couplets of the Promised Messiah (as) into Arabic.

He would exhaust all his Arabic and English language abilities in translations. He was part of the team who translated the first volume of the Five Volume Commentary into Arabic.

He had a large personal library which contained many books on Islam and as part of his will, he declared that after his demise, the library ought to be given to the Jamaat.

Missionary Shamoor Sahib Said:

After listening to the sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, Nadir Al Husni Sahib would print the sermon and then read it again, after which he would store it in a file. He then says: "I stayed at his house on many occasions. Approximately one hour and a half or two hours prior to the Fajr prayers, I would hear him crying and lamenting in his Tahajjud prayers.

When he would turn on the TV, he would only watch MTA or the News. On one occasion his MTA was not working. He immediately sent a message for it to be fixed, saying it would be difficult to survive without it.

Shamoor Sahib has also written that during the prayers he would recite the prayer: O Allah! Enable us to derive the utmost blessings from Khilafat and whenever he recited this prayer he would begin to cry.

May God Almighty elevate the status of the deceased and may He enable his wife and children to enter into the bai'at of the Promised Messiah (as). May God accept all his supplications that he offered about them.