بسم التدالرحمن الرحيم

The Amīr/National President Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة التدوبر كايتذ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh* V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 21 September 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Our Imam, Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper), said:

By the grace of Allāh, I was able to attend the Jalsas Šālāna in Germany and Belgium. Germany has a large Aḥmadiyya community and many participants came from other countries also. As with all our Jalsas, the non-Aḥmadī visitors who came to attend the Jalsa in Germany and Belgium formed a very positive impression which they expressed in their statements. They praised the way the Jalsa was managed, as well as its overall atmosphere. They said that after coming to the Jalsa they learned the true teachings of Islām. Similar feelings were expressed at the Jalsa in Belgium which was a blessed and successful Jalsa. Despite Belgium being a small Jamā'at, everything was managed very well. The non-Aḥmadī dignitaries who attended the Jalsa praised the way it was managed, the overall work the Jamā'at was doing in the country, and its efforts to spread peace in the world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today the annual Ijtimā' of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya UK is also starting. In this context I would like to remind the participants that their behaviour should be such as to leave a positive impression on the people of the area.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) thanked the volunteers who helped in the management of the *Jalsas* in Germany and Belgium and said that they had served the guests of the *Jalsa* to the best of their abilities. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) thanked the participants of these *Jalsas* too. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the volunteers should be grateful to God for having given them this opportunity. They should prepare themselves for the future and should reflect on the shortcomings so that things can be improved in coming years. The management and officers should particularly review their schemes and should note any shortcomings into the red book so that they are not repeated in future.

Pointing out one particular mistake, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the way a poem was recited in one of the sessions during the *Jalsa* Sālāna Germany: was not appropriate. Our stage is not a stage for acting where such tones should be adopted. We should always remember our traditions and should not adopt ways that are contrary to them. Moreover, those who prepare the programs for the *Jalsa* should always remember that only the poems of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) and the *Khulafā* should be recited in the *Jalsas*. No other poem should be included. This requires special attention.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted some impressions of some of the guests. A non-Aḥmadī Imām of a mosque from Bosnia said: Having spent some time with Aḥmadīs, I have reached the conclusion that you are the ones who are spreading the true teachings of Islām in true sense. While on the one hand I saw the Imām of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya giving medals to those had exceled in worldly fields, on the other hand I saw during the tour of Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya how the community is striving to spread the message of Islām in a very organized manner. Thus I saw an amazing balance between the two aspects.

A guest from Montenegro said: Although I suffer from weak eyesight, in this *Jalsa* I saw everything with the eye of the heart and I am going back after having satiated my soul. During the *Jalsa* I felt the presence of God and I felt His blessings descending in the form of peace and tranquillity, of which I also partook.

A lady delegate from Bulgaria said: The *Jalsa* had a spiritual and peaceful aura, which shall remain with me as a source of peace to the end of my life. The people had only love and respect for us. Their faith was reflected in their eyes. The speeches of the Khalīfa impacted me deeply. I cried as I listened to them and felt as if my life was just beginning. I will try to lead the rest of my life in the light of these teachings.

A Christian lady said: I have never seen such a well-organized hospitality before. I have learned much about the respect for parents and the proper upbringing of the children, which I will adopt in my life. I was surprised to see the respect men were giving to women, because such respect is not given to women in Christianity. I am thankful to you and pray for you.

A delegate Mr Yusuf said: This is my first time attending the *Jalsa*. Having witnessed the atmosphere of the *Jalsa*, my heart is now cleansed of all the things that I had heard against the Jamā'at. I saw goodness and the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and Ḥadīth implemented everywhere. I was deeply impressed by the slogan "Love for all, Hatred for none". I experienced a lot of peace during the Khalīfa's speeches. During the *Jalsa* I decided to enter the fold of Aḥmadiyyat. I had many problems, but after participating in the *Jalsa* my problems vanished by themselves.

A lawyer from Kosovo says: Seeing the management of the *Jalsa*, I felt as if everyone was working wholeheartedly in obedience to the Khalīfa. All this obedience was due to their love for the one person who Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya is blessed to have as their Khalīfa.

Speaking about the media coverage of *Jalsa Sālāna* Germany, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The message reached 6,28,57,000

people through four TV channels, two radio channels, and 46 newspapers. More articles are still being published. *Jalsa Sālāna* Belgium was covered by a Belgian TV channel and three newspapers, and the message reached around two million people. Coverage was given to the Jalsa by TV channels and newspapers. The *Jalsa* was also broadcasted by various African channels through MTA Africa. The Review of Religions had an online program through which the coverage of the *Jalsa* reached 1.98 million people. Countless people have recorded their impressions. The coverage of newspapers and other media helps to present the true picture of Islām to the world. May the good effects of these *Jalsas* continue to become manifest for a long time.

At the end of his sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Sayyad Hasnāt Ahmad Ṣāḥib of Canada; Mubaraka Shauqat Ṣāḥiba, wife of Hāfiz Qudratullah Ṣāḥib, ex-missionary of Holland and Indonesia; and Chaudhary Khalid Saifullah Ṣāḥib, Vice Amīr of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya Australia. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of their services for the Jamā'at and led their funeral prayers in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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