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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 *Ḥadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 11th August 2023 at *Masjid Mubārak*, Islamabad, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In fulfilment of the promises of Allāh, His blessings are continuously being showered upon the followers of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) who is the true servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The report I presented on the occasion of Jalsa detailed some of these instances. Today, I will present further examples of how Allāh showers His grace, opens the hearts of people and strengthens the faith of believers. These instances help to strengthen the faith of Aḥmadīs.

Our local missionary from Kinshasa writes that *Isā Ṣāḥib*, a local Imām, contacted the Jamā‘at after listening to our programme on the radio. He came to the Mission House, learned about the message of the Jamā‘at, and accepted Aḥmadīyyat. He then went back to his village and started preaching. As a result, twenty-four individuals accepted Aḥmadīyyat. Later, our missionary visited that village and eight more individuals joined the Jamā‘at. A new Jamā‘at was thus established. It is unfortunate to see that the clerics in Pakistan only seem to be open to opposition.

A *Mu‘allim* was sent to a village in the Mai-Ndombe province of the Congo to preach. While distributing pamphlets, some miscreants threw stones at him and created disturbance. Despite the stone-throwing, the *Mu‘allim* continued to preach, and people were greatly impressed by his patience and perseverance. He then went to the local mosque and provided satisfactory answers to people's questions. Some men tried to cause trouble, but they left when people rebuked them. The Imām of the mosque then took the Aḥmadī delegation to his house. About 40 people accepted Aḥmadīyyat, and a new Jamā‘at was formed.

A non-Aḥmadī Imām from a village in Guinea-Bissau says: "Until now we had only been told negative things about the Jamā‘at, such as that Aḥmadīs don't believe in the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) or the Holy Qur’ān and *Ḥadīth*. But when I heard your Khalīfa's speech at the Jalsa, he only talked in the light of the Holy Qur’ān and *Ḥadīth*. And so I became convinced that false propaganda was being spread against the Jamā‘at, and I know that false propaganda has always been directed against divine communities. Therefore, from today onwards, I am joining the Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at." By the grace of Allāh, he is now preaching to others and new Jamā‘ats are being established.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Our opponents, such as in Pakistan, should not oppose just for the sake of opposition. They should take the time to read and listen to our teachings, and then raise their objections. This is exactly what the Promised Messiah(as) has stated on various occasions, addressing the opponents.

The Amīr of Liberia Jamā‘at reports that two years ago, in a town in Nimba County, some people accepted Aḥmadīyyat who were previously Christians or non-religious. After taking the *Bai‘at*, arrangements were made for their prayers and training on the veranda of a house. One day, after prayer, the missionary appealed to members to pray that Allāh may grant them a suitable piece of land to build a mosque. Soon afterwards, a non-religious person offered to donate a part of his land for the construction of the mosque. Some days later, he also accepted Aḥmadīyyat. Although people complained to the Chief, the mosque was completed. This is the first mosque in

the area. In this way, non-Muslims and even atheists are coming to believe in the existence of God and the truth of Islām.

The Imām of a Sunni mosque in a village in Burundi tried his best to get our Jamā‘at's mosque closed but failed in all his attempts. He held a debate with our *Mu‘allim* about Jesus' death and was unable to refute the evidence provided by our *Mu‘allim*, so he issued a *Fatwa* of disbelief against the Jamā‘at. One person from their side admitted that the Jamā‘at's message of Islām made more sense than their own. This resulted in them fighting among themselves, and the government closed their mosque for three months. Like in Pakistan, the so-called scholars are trying to close down our mosques, but, God-willing, they will meet their end one day.

While in Pakistan there is a ban on the publication of our translation of the Holy Qur‘ān, Allāh is opening for us new avenues all over the world. A *Mu‘allim* from Tanzania reported that he received a call from a person thirty kilometres away who wanted to buy our Swahili translation of the Holy Qur‘ān. He was told that it was available in his area, but he said that he preferred the Jamā‘at's translation and commentary.

In some Western countries, such as Sweden and Denmark, where there have been instances of disrespect towards the Holy Qur‘ān, the attitudes of opponents have been transformed when they are introduced to the teachings of Islām by the Jamā‘at. Today, the Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at alone is dedicated to elevating the status of the Holy Qur‘ān and spreading its teachings.

There have been 139 new converts to Aḥmadīyyat on an island in the Philippines. So far, four mosque Imāms have accepted Aḥmadīyyat. One Imām said that the mosque now belongs to the Jamā‘at. A gentleman has gifted us a piece of land adjacent to the mosque where we intend to build a mission house.

Our missionary from the Sikasso region of Mali writes that a person came to the Mission House and expressed his desire to take *Bai‘at*. He said that one day while listening to the Jamā‘at's radio broadcast, he fell asleep and had a dream where he saw two portraits and children were excitedly shouting that *Imām Mahdī* had come. When he saw the portraits of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and myself, he immediately recognised them as the people from his dream.

Mr *Nāṣir S‘aīd* of Mahdiabad relates: When the majority of our village had accepted Aḥmadīyyat, a relative of mine invited us to Saudi Arabia and took us to visit the *Ka‘aba*, urging us to adopt Wahhabism and abandon Aḥmadīyyat. I stood in the sacred place and prayed that I may never encounter a situation in my life where I have to leave Aḥmadīyyat. May Allāh grant me death before such a time comes. When the relative later returned to Burkina Faso, *AlḤāj Ibrahīm Ṣāhib* preached to him, and he also became an Aḥmadī. Thus, the one who was urging us to leave Aḥmadīyyat himself accepted Aḥmadīyyat.

A gentleman from Nigeria, who had previously been an active member of an anti-Aḥmadīyya group, was blessed with the opportunity to accept Aḥmadīyyat, whereupon he faced intense opposition. One day, while working in the fields, a severe storm arose, and he remembered the words of the opponents that one day, when he returned from work, he would find his house in ruins. He, therefore, prayed, "O Allāh! If this Jamā‘at is Your Jamā‘at and *Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad* is indeed the Promised Messiah and *Mahdī* prophesied by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), then do not let my house collapse." Upon returning, he found that every room of his house was safe and undamaged, while the surrounding houses had been destroyed. He thus became convinced that this was indeed a divine Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that throughout the world we are witnessing Allāh's support for the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), who gave the true teachings of Islām. These occurrences serve as evidence of the truth of Aḥmadīyyat and strengthen people's faith. May Allāh continue to open the eyes of the world and grant them faith and conviction.

Citing the resurgence of the COVID pandemic, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) urged members to take all the necessary precautions.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the following recently deceased members of the Jamā'at and announced to lead their funeral prayer after the Friday Sermon. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also prayed for their lofty station in *Jannah*.

- *Amatul Hādi Şāhibā*, wife of *Pīr Ziauddīn Şāhib*. She was the daughter of Dr *Mīr Muḥammad Ismaīl Şāhib*. Her son is the Vice *Amīr* of Islamabad, another son works as an administrator at the Fazle Umar Hospital. She was regular in offering prayers, offering alms, and being active in the Community.
- *Sāqib Kāmṛān Şāhib*, who was a life-devotee and had been serving as *Nā'ib Wakīl Samī wa Basrī*. Doctors believe that his demise was due to food poisoning. Another tragedy is that about 45 minutes prior, his son also passed away, having eaten the same food. He is survived by a daughter and a son. The entire family fell ill, however, Allāh saved the others. He served in various departments and capacities for 18 years.
- Professor Doctor *Muḥammad Ishāq Dawuda Şāhib* of Benin, who recently passed away. He was a student when he accepted Aḥmadīyyat. Thereafter, he preached the message to his parents, as a result of which they also accepted Aḥmadīyyat. He obtained his PhD from Senegal in Zoology. He served as President of the National Aḥmadīyya Muslim Youth Association in Benin.

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