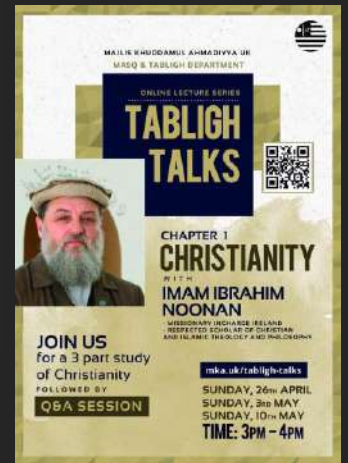


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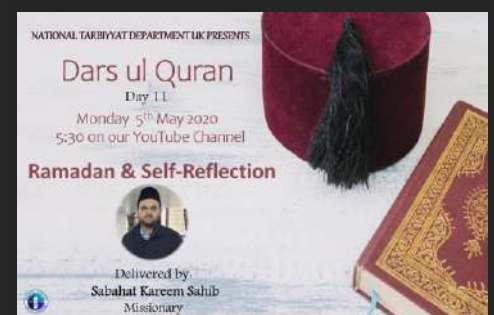
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Quotation from the Holy Qur'an

The example of life on earth is like that of water that We cause to descend from heaven. Then with it mingles the vegetation of the earth of which both the people and the cattle partake. It continues to be so until the earth blossoms forth in full bloom and ripens into loveliness – then while those who possess it deem themselves supreme over it, there suddenly descends Our decree at night or during the day. Then We render it a field that is mown down as if it had not existed the day before. Thus do We expound the Signs for a people who reflect.

(Yunus, 10:25).

إِنَّمَا مَثَلُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا كَمَاءٍ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ
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لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

Sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Abu Sa'id Khudhri relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), said concerning the recitation of Surah Al-Ikhlās (Ch. 112): By Him in Whose hands is my life, it is equal to the recitation of one third of the Qur'an. Another version is: The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) inquired from his Companions: Would any of you find it burdensome to recite one third of the Qur'an in the course of a night? They considered it difficult and said: Which of us would have the strength to do that, Messenger of Allah? He said: Surah Al-Ikhlās is one third of the Qur'an.

(Bukhari, from *Riyadh As-Salihin*, No.1014, p.187)



Writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

A quality of the Qur'anic teaching is that its every commandment is underpinned by purpose and wisdom. And for this reason, there is emphasis throughout the Holy Qur'an to make use of reason, understanding, contemplation, intellect and faith. The clear distinction between the Holy Qur'an and other scriptures is that no other scripture has dared to put its teachings up against the heavy and unrestrained criticism of rationality and reflection. The sly followers of this inarticulate Gospel and its supporters know well that the teaching of the Gospel cannot withstand the test of reason in the least. And so they have cunningly interpolated their teachings to suggest that the Trinity and Atonement are such secrets that their essence cannot be understood by the human intellect. In contrast to this, the teaching of the Holy Qur'an states:



In the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of the night and day there are indeed Signs for men of understanding; those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and ponder over the creation of the heavens and the earth. (Al-e-Imran, 3:191,192).

(Malfuzat, Vol 1, pp 60, 61, Second Address at Jalsa Salana Qadian, 28 December 1897)



FRIDAY SERMONS

Summaries of Khutba Jumuah of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad – Khalifatul Masih V

We present a summary of some of Huzoor's Friday sermons taken with thanks from alislam.org. While every effort has been made to present the salient points as accurately as possible, we take full responsibility for any errors. In order to draw maximum benefit from these sermons, members are advised to listen to them in full on compact disc, audio or video tape.

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Sermon 6 March 2020: *Men of Excellence*

In this sermon Huzoor continued relating the life of Hazrat Mus'ab bin Umair. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) faced intense opposition in his preaching and received many divine signs that he would have to emigrate to a place with wells and date-groves.

During this time, the annual Hajj drew near, and pilgrims from all parts of Arabia arrived in Makkah. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) extended his preaching to a group of men from the Khazraj tribe of Madinah. This tribe was in alliance with the Jews of Madinah. The group became impressed and accepted.

There were, at the time, two Arab (Aws and Khazraj) and three Jewish tribes (Banu Qurayzah, Banu Nadir and Banu Qainuqa) in Madinah. The Aus and the Khazraj were at war. The Qurayzah and the Nadir were in alliance with the Aws and the Qaynuqa' were with the Khazraj. At last, they called truce and agreed for the Khazraj Chief, Abdullah bin Ubayy bin Salul, as King of Madinah. The Jews of Medina used to talk about the advent of a Prophet 'like unto Moses'. People of Madinah wondered if

the prophet in Makkah was the promised one and were interested in his message.

At the next Hajj twelve men from Madinah came to Makkah with the intention to join the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)'s faith. Ten of these belonged to the Khazraj and two to the Aws. They met the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in the valley of Mina and, holding the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)'s hand, solemnly declared their belief in the Oneness of God. This is called Bai'at Aqabah. 'Aqabah' means a valley or a mountain that is difficult to manoeuvre through or a difficult mountainous path. When they returned to Madinah, they spread the message of Islam to their people. There was a keen interest in this message. Therefore the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sent one of his young companions, Mus'ab bin 'Umair to assist them and to teach the faith to the Muslims. When these people returned to Madinah, Islam spread in Medina within a very short period of time. Hence, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sent some more companions, including

Hazrat Umar (Allah be pleased with him). After that, upon receiving the command to migrate, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) also went to Madinah. Upon his arrival, all the idolaters of Madinah accepted Islam within a very short period.

Hazrat Mus'ab bin 'Umair participated at Badr and Uhud. He was martyred at Uhud. He fought valiantly and defended the honour of the flag till the last. When the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) approached the body of Hazrat Mus'ab, it was turned face down. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stood beside it and recited the following verse:

'Among the believers are men who have been true to the covenant they made with Allah. There are some of them who have fulfilled their vow, and some who still wait, and they have not changed their condition in the least.'

Then, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) addressed the companions and said that "you should visit him and send your salutations upon him. By that Being, in Whose hand lies my life, he will answer the salutations of everyone who will send salutations upon him until the day of judgment."

When people informed Hazrat Hamnah bint Jahsh, wife of Hazrat Mus'ab that her husband had also been martyred, she became distressed and cried. At this, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

"A husband holds a special status in the eyes of his wife."

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) also prayed for the children of Hazrat Mus'ab, saying,

'O Allah, be their Guardian and Protector, treat them with kindness and affection and take good care of them.'

God Almighty did indeed take good care of them as the prayer of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was accepted.

Sermon 13 March 2020: Men of Excellence

In this sermon Huzoor related accounts from the life of Hazrat Talha bin Ubaidullah (Allah be pleased with him).

Hazrat Talha belonged to the Taym bin Murrah tribe. His father's name was Ubaidullah bin Usman and his mother's name was Sa'ba. Hazrat Talha's father passed away prior to the advent of Islam, whereas his mother lived to accept Islam. Hazrat Talha was known by the title of Abu Muhammad.

Although Hazrat Talha was not present at Badr. However, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) granted him a share from the spoils. The reason why he did not take part at Badr was because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sent him along with Hazrat Sa'eed bin Zaid (Allah be pleased with him) to gather information about the Makkah Caravan that was returning from Syria. They returned to Medina on the day of the Badr. However, he took part in all the subsequent battles alongside the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Hazrat Talha was among the ten Companions who were given glad tidings of paradise during their lifetime by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Hazrat Talha was among the first eight to accept Islam and also among the five who accepted Islam through Hazrat Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him).

Huzoor then narrated various faith inspiring incidents in the life of Hazrat Talha. Hazrat Talha is famously known for his bravery at Uhud when he stood in front of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and shielded him using his hand from the arrows of the enemy.

Huzoor then quoted a passage from the writings of Hazrat Musleh Maud (Allah be pleased with him) which gives details about this incident. With regards to the Battle of Uhud, Hazrat Musleh Maud (Allah be pleased with him) stated:

"From the hill, the archers sent volleys of arrows. At that time, Talha, one of the Quraysh and the Muhajireen, saw that the enemy arrows were all directed to the face of the Prophet. He stretched out his hand and held it up in front of the Prophet's face. Arrow after arrow struck Talha's hand, yet it did not drop,



although with each shot it was pierced through. Ultimately it was completely mutilated. Talha lost his hand and for the rest of life went about with a stump. In the time of the Fourth Khalifah of Islam when internal dissensions had raised their head, Talha was taunted by an enemy as the handless Talha. A friend of Talha replied, "Handless, yea, but do you know where he lost his hand? At the Battle of Uhud, in which he raised his hand to shield the Prophet's face from the enemy's arrows." Long after the Battle of Uhud friends of Talha asked him, "Did not your hand smart under the arrow shots and the pain make you cry?" Talha replied, "It made me smart, and it almost made me cry, but I resisted both because I knew that if my hand shook but slightly, it would expose the Prophet's face to the volley of enemy arrows."

Huzoor stated that Hazrat Talha was martyred on 10 Jumad II, 36 AH, during the Battle of the Camel. At the time of his martyrdom, Hazrat Talha was 64 years old, whilst according to another narration he was 62. Huzoor then stated that in future sermons, he will give a detailed account of Jang-e-Jamal in order to dispel many questions surrounding this period of history.

In the end Huzoor stated that as he mentioned in the previous sermon, that one must continue adhering to the precautionary measures against the current Coronavirus pandemic. One should be cautious whilst attending the mosque. If one is suffering from a slight fever or suffering from aches and pains, one ought to refrain from attending. Protect themselves and others. Huzoor then stated

to pay particular attention towards prayers. May Allah the Almighty safeguard the world from this affliction.

Sermon 20 March: *Claims and Teachings: The Promised Messiah and Mahdi (Peace be upon him)*

In this sermon Huzoor stated that on 23rd March, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) formally took the bai'at and established the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Huzoor said this day is commemorated in the Jama'at as the '*Promised Messiah Day*' and various gatherings are held in various Jama'ats around the world. Owing to the current pandemic, perhaps these gatherings will not be held, therefore, in addition to this sermon, various other programmes will be shown on MTA, which all Ahmadis should try to watch.

Huzoor stated that the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) came in complete subservience to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in order to further his mission and to propagate the message of Islam around the world.

Huzoor then presented extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) which expound upon the purpose and objectives of his advent.

In one gathering the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) stated,

"Finally, let it be clear that my advent in the present age is not for the reformation of the Muslims alone, but I have come to reform the people of all the three religions: Muslims, Christians and Hindus. Just as God has appointed me the Promised Messiah for the Muslims and Christians, so am I the Avatar for the Hindus."

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) also

wrote,

“For the past twenty years or so, I have been proclaiming that just as I have appeared in the spirit of the Messiah son of Mary (peace be upon him) for the purpose of removing sins which have filled the earth, so have I come as Raja Krishna—one of the greatest Avatars of the Hindu faith. In other words, I am the same person by virtue of spiritual reality. This is no fancy or speculation on my part. The God of heaven and earth has revealed to me, not once but a number of times, that for the Hindus I am Krishna and for the Muslims and Christians I am the Promised Messiah.”

Huzoor said that the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) warned that one should not oppose the one who has been commissioned by God Almighty and quoted the following words,

“A Warner came unto the world, but the world accepted him not; yet God shall accept him and demonstrate his truthfulness with powerful signs.”

In the end Huzoor stated that the spread of the community in over 200 countries of the world is testimony to the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). Huzoor prayed may Allah enable everyone to contribute towards fulfilling the mission of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and fulfil our responsibilities.

In light of the recent pandemic, Huzoor presented some opinions of the secular world on this outbreak. Philip Johnston published a column in *The Telegraph* and mentioned that one of the most popular movies currently being streamed on Netflix is *Contagion*, which revolves around the spread of a virus and desperate attempts are made to control the disease, loss of social order and ultimately finding a vaccine to halt its spread. The journalist further stated that it is extraordinary to think that within the space of two weeks, the world has been turned completely upside down. In his article the journalist concluded: *“How many times have we heard people say: ‘Everything will be OK because scientists will work something out’, whether it be global warming or the pandemic? We are about to find out whether such optimism is justified. If it isn’t then I might be heading back to*

church.” Huzoor quoted several other journalists..

Huzoor stated that the virus has compelled the world to turn towards God. However, it is Islam alone that presents a True and Living God.

Huzoor said that the government has now issued stricter measures. One must adhere to this guidance. The elderly and those who are vulnerable with underlying conditions should be particularly careful. The elderly must not leave the house as advised by the Government. Huzoor stated that *Juma* should be offered in one’s local area. Doctors have advised that to strengthen the immune system one should rest and adequate sleep. It should not be the case that one is awake until late watching films etc and consequently missing the morning prayer. Likewise, they would leave for work with insufficient sleep, leading to weakness.

Huzoor advised to avoid eating from outside and also foods containing preservatives such as crisps. Doctors are also advising to drink plenty of water, and to wash one’s hands regularly. Huzoor stated that he previously reminded members regarding cleanliness and hygiene.

Huzoor said that ultimately the solution is prayer. One should pray for Ahmadi and the world in general. May Allah cure those who are suffering. May Allah enable every Ahmadi to increase in their faith and conviction.

Sermon” 3 April 2020: Men of Excellence

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta’awwuz*, and *Surah Al-Fatihah*, Huzoor stated that because of the current circumstances, and in accordance with the law of the land, it was not possible to deliver the Friday sermon in the mosque with people in attendance.

Huzoor said that two Fridays ago, he had been explaining the life of Hazrat Talha bin Ubaidullah, a companion of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), who took part at Badr. Hazrat Talha also took part in the Battle of Jamal.

After Hazrat Uthman’s (Allah be pleased with him) selection as Khalifah, Hazrat Talha took the *Bai’at* at his hand. After the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) was elected as the Khalifah. Along with Hazrat Zubair and Hazrat Aishah, Hazrat Talha also took the *Bai’at* of Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him). Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V elucidated this in great detail from the writings of

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (Allah be pleased with him). Hazrat Talha and Hazrat Zubair were *Ashra Mubashra* [among the ten companions who were given the glad tidings that they were heaven bound].

After the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) accepted the *Bai'at* after approval from the committee comprising of those companions who had taken part at Badr. Some of the cunning hypocrites, who were a part of the group led by Abdullah Bin Saba, conspired against and killed Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him). They also took *Bai'at*. This made some object that Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) was complicit in Hazrat Uthman's (Allah be pleased with him) murder. Some went to Makkah to see Hazrat Aishah. They advised that the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him) should be avenged and so jihad should be declared. Hazrat Aisha agreed and called the companions for the jihad.

Hazrat Talha and Hazrat Zubair took the *Bai'at* on the understanding that the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him) would be avenged soon. However, Hazrat Talha and Hazrat Zubair had interpreted "soon" differently from Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) who wanted to quell the disorder, the rule of the law and then take the rebels on to minimise further bloodshed. While Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) was not suspicious of some mischievous hypocrites who had been involved in martyring Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him), some of the other companions had become so. This made Hazrat Talha and Hazrat Zubair think that Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) was reneging on his promise. They joined with Hazrat Aishah and travelled to Basra, where some of the public joined as well. At this Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) also gathered troops and travelled to Basra.

Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) sent an ambassador first to Hazrat Aishah and then to Hazrat Zubair and Hazrat Talha to seek their opinion. They said that they wanted the situation to be corrected. After mutual discussion, it was agreed that it would be best to contain any further unrest and to let the rule of law be established so that the offenders could be brought to justice. When the news of this agreement spread to the hypocrites in both camps, who were the followers of Abdullah Bin Saba, who had masterminded Hazrat Uthman's (Allah be pleased with him) martyrdom, they held a secret meeting and agreed that reconciliation between the two parties of Muslims would mean that they would be held to

account for the murder of Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him). Hence they planned to make sure that this battle between Muslims continued.

Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) categorically denied any involvement in the murder of Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him) and cursed the people who were involved reminding Hazrat Zubair that the Holy Prophet (Allah be pleased with him) had foretold them of a major disagreement between the two of them in the future when Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) would be right. Hazrat Zubair readily accepted his mistake and withdrew from the battle. The hypocrites in the two camps, who were the followers of Abdullah Bin Saba, attacked Muslims in the other camp and a battle ensued. Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) called out for Hazrat Aishah to help contain the unrest. Hypocrites killed Hazrat Zubair while he was praying and one killed Hazrat Talha. Hypocrites attacked Hazrat Aishah's camel and the battle only came to an end when her camel was injured.

The companions had nothing to do with this war. It was a ploy and the action of the hypocrites, who created unrest, confusion and bloodshed. These were the people who killed Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him). Both Hazrat Zubair and Hazrat Talha were martyred while being under the *Bai'at* of Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him). Hazrat Ali (Allah be pleased with him) was very saddened at the martyrdom of Hazrat Talah and Hazrat Zubair. He safeguarded all the belongings of Hazrat Talha and gave them to his son.

Sermon: 10 April 2020: *The Corona Pandemic: Our Duties and Responsibilities*

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Huzoor stated that owing to corona virus situation, everyone in the world is anxious. Huzoor said that concerned people have been writing to him requesting for prayers. People are worried about their relatives and loved ones with pre-existing conditions as they are more susceptible. Huzoor said that in reality people are confused. Moreover, referring to these very conditions that are prevalent today, God Almighty states in the Holy Qur'an,

وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا

"And man says, 'What is the matter with her [i.e. the earth]?' (Ch.99:V.4)

Referring to an address of Hazrat Musleh Maud (Allah be pleased with him) in 1920, Huzoor explained that after the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) there has been a significant increase in epidemics, earthquakes, famine and storms in the world. This signifies that the world is being admonished to fulfil the rights of their God and fulfil the rights of God's creations. The days of disasters and epidemics remind us to raise our commitment to God and invite the world to recognise and worship their Creator.

Huzoor then said that some people say that this epidemic is a Divine sign and we do not need to take precautions or seek treatment. Huzoor said that although heavenly and earthly disasters have increased after the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), we do not know if this is a specific sign. In terms of being a Divine sign, Huzoor said that this epidemic is not like the plague which was a Divine sign vouchsafed to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) as a proof of his truthfulness.

Huzoor explained that it is the law of nature that during afflictions such as epidemics and famines, divine communities are not entirely exempt. Believers pass through these with prayers while seeking God's mercy. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said that he prayed for all his community, but it is a law of nature that pious people will also be affected by epidemics and God Almighty will judge them according to their deeds. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) further explained this by giving the example that during Jihad in the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his Khulafah, though Muslims were granted victories, some Muslims were also martyred.

Huzoor explained that at the time of natural disasters, we should do our utmost to fulfil the rights of God and His people. We must pray with anguish and passion in order to seek the mercy of God. Huzoor advised that one should adhere to the recommended precautions, show kindness and compassion to those affected by the epidemic, but one should not take any unnecessary risks. Huzoor advised that people should not go to each other's homes unnecessarily, sit idly in parks, and any exercise should be done close to home. Huzoor added that one must be cautious against taking unnecessary risks as anything contrary would be

ignorant, not bravery.

Huzoor reiterated the message of maintaining scrupulous cleanliness in homes, observing hygienic practices and keeping clothes clean. Along with physical cleanliness, cleansing and purification of the heart is also required. One ought to bring their deeds in total accordance with the wishes of God.

Huzoor further advised the need for prayers, saying one should remember that prayer is the most powerful of means. One must pray with the belief and conviction that God listens to prayers. Pray for yourself, your family, the community and the whole of humanity.

Huzoor said there are people, who are adversely affected by this epidemic; they lack food, protective equipment and treatment of the disease. Ahmadi help people with providing food and medical aid, but unfortunately for doing this humanitarian work, opponents make false accusations against Ahmadi claiming that they only carry out these works for vested interests. Huzoor stated that one should not be concerned about these allegations as only God knows one's intentions. Huzoor advised to focus greatly on prayers; he said to pray that God enables everyone to witness the acceptance of their prayers.

Huzoor cautioned Ahmadi businessmen to desist from overcharging during this epidemic. He explained that this goes against the teachings of Islam which are empathy for humanity. One should seek Allah's mercy by serving humanity.

Huzoor mentioned the demise of Respected Nasir Ahmed Saeed Sahib – a longstanding and sincere servant of the Jamaat – who passed away on 5th April 2020. *'Surely to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.'* He served under the Khilafats of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III and Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on them both) and the current Khilafat. He was a proud servant of Ahmadiyyat. He leaves behind his wife, son and grandchildren. He was a true and faithful life-devotee.

Huzoor granted him the honour of being a martyr and said that he will lead his funeral prayers in absentia in due course. In the end, Huzoor prayed for God's mercy and forgiveness for everyone.

SERMON: 17th April 2020: Men of Excellence

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Huzoor continued on the lives of the *Badri* companions.

Hazrat Mu`az bin Harith belonged to the Khazraj of Banu Malik bin Najjar. His father's name was Harith bin Rifa`a and his mother's name was Afra' bint `Ubaid. Hazrat Mu`awwiz and Hazrat `Auf were his brothers. Along with being recognised by their father's name, all three brothers were also recognised by their mother's name, hence they were also known as Banu Afra'. All three brothers took part at Badr. Hazrat Mu`awwiz and Hazrat `Auf) were martyred in this battle while Hazrat Mu`az would go on to take part in all subsequent battles alongside the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Hazrat Mu`az was one of the first *Ansari* companions to accept Islam in Makkah. He was of 8 companions who took part in both *Bai`at-e-Aqabah*.

Although it had been mentioned before, it was important to recall the incident of Abu Jahl's death during Badr in reference to Hazrat Mu`az. Huzoor read out the narration from Bukhari by Hazrat `Abdur Rahman bin `Auf detailing the incident in which two youngsters from the *Ansar* asked him to point out who Abu Jahl was, and as soon as he did, they both attacked him, inflicting fatal injuries. Huzoor read the following narration by Hazrat Anas,

'The Prophe) said, "Who will go and see what has happened to Abu Jahl?" Ibn Mas`ud went and found that the two sons of Afra' had struck him fatally (and he was in his last breaths). `Abdullah bin Mas`ud said, "Are you Abu Jahl?" And took him by the beard. Abu Jahl said, "Can there be a man superior to one you have killed or one whom his own folk have killed?"' (Bukhari Kitabul Maghazi)

Huzoor presented various narrations wherein it has been mentioned that it was the two sons of Afra' who attacked Abu Jahl, but also presented narrations wherein it is mentioned that Mu`az bin `Amr bin Jammu also attacked Abu Jahl. Huzoor stated that the narration of Hazrat Anas bin Malik would have to be deemed most accurate in which he says that there was one son of Afra' who attacked Abu Jahl, while



Mu`az bin `Amr bin Jammu was mistaken to also be Mu`az bin Afra'. It could also have been that Mu`az bin `Amr bin Jammu was Mu`az bin Afra''s brother in suckling. Hence Mu`az bin Afra' and Mu`az bin `Amr bin Jammu were the two who attacked Abu Jahl.

With regards to the killing of Abu Jahl, Huzoor) presented an excerpt from Hazrat Musleh Mau`ud (Allah be pleased with him) in which he wrote that when Abu Jahl was born, scores of camels were slaughtered and drums were beaten in merriment, yet his death was brought about by two youngsters, fifteen years of age. Even his last wish of being beheaded with his neck extended was not fulfilled, as `Abdullah bin Mas`ud^(ra) beheaded him close to the chin.

Hazrat Mu`az bin Afra had four wives and children from each which suggests he lived a long life.

Guidance from Huzoor Aqdas on the Current Pandemic



Since the start of the Covid-19 crisis, Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih V has instructed members all around the globe to take necessary precautions and to follow all instructions or guidance received from their respective Governments.

In light of the current situation, Huzoor Aqdas advised members in the UK as follows:

Ahmadi Muslims must follow all directions of the Government and public health authorities pertaining to Covid-19.

In terms of social distancing, Huzoor has instructed members to avoid all unnecessary travel, as per the instructions of the UK Government, and to maintain proper social distancing rules during essential travel.

Congregational prayers and any other services in Mosques or centres should be suspended until deemed safe by the authorities. Similarly, all forthcoming Mosque events are to be postponed or cancelled until deemed safe by the authorities.

Members should offer daily prayers and the weekly Friday prayers within their home with members of their household only.

All members must practise good hygiene at all times to minimise the risk of spreading the virus i.e. regular handwashing and the use of sanitiser where water is not available. Further, all surfaces they come into contact with should be kept clean and wiped down with anti-bacterial wipes.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen also instructed all members to do whatever they can to remain well. For example, he has advised they maintain a healthy diet and rest as much as possible in order to keep their immune system resilient. In terms of mental wellness, His Holiness has advised members to use their time at home productively, to keep a routine, keep themselves intellectually stimulated by reading and learning and to take benefit of the increased opportunity to spend quality time with their families.

Huzoor instructed the Jama'at in the UK and in other countries to serve their country and vulnerable members of society, according to the rules and regulations of society. For example, many members of the Jama'at in the UK have joined the NHS Volunteer scheme set up by the UK Government in response to Covid-19. Furthermore, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyy UK has contacted all local councils offering its assistance in delivering medicines, groceries etc to vulnerable people or assisting in any other way required.

Friday Sermons

STRONG ADVICE ON WATCHING FRIDAY SERMONS ON MTA

**BY HADHRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V
(May Allah be his Helper)**

Regarding the MTA, I want to say that according to the survey the practice of watching MTA is not as much as it should be. Or at least members do not listen to my sermons directly. The Jama'at spends a lot on it for the training of the members. A lot of outsiders listen to it and then write to me that they are outsiders but they listen to the sermons. MTA is made a medium to connect the Jama'at with Khilafat. If in your home you will not pay attention towards this, then slowly your children will drift away. God Almighty will surely fulfil His promises that He had given to Promised Messiah (peace be on him), Insha'Allah – sincere people will join also.

Hudhur (May Allah be his Helper) said that you have seen the height of the sincerity in new comers, lest it should so happen that new comers get all the blessings and the old may find refuge in the pride that their fathers and forefathers were Sahaba (companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and that they are the original Ahmadis. God Almighty does not have any personal relationship with anybody. If the old Ahmadis keep themselves away then it will not matter that their father and forefathers were Sahaba of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Thus, before this remorse starts you must connect yourselves to the Caliphate. And for that the best way God Almighty has established is the MTA – use it. There are many other good programmes on MTA but at least listen to the sermons, not that Missionary sahib has read the gist and now you know what is said in the sermon. There is a big difference in listening to a gist and listening to the complete sermon.

(Friday Sermon delivered on 11 Nov 2016, Alfazl International 2 Dec 2016, Page 9)

Interview with Mr Rafiq Hayat - the National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK



THE COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

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The Review of Religions conducted an interview with respected Rafiq Ahmad Hayat, National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK, on the topic of how the Community is dealing with the current Covid-19 pandemic. During this interview he spoke about how the community is operating during this time, under the direct guidance of the Caliph (aba), the various services which the Community is providing to its members and those working on the front lines, as well as his message to those who have been affected by this pandemic. Below is a lightly edited transcript of the interview between respected Rafiq Ahmed Hayat Sahib and Danyal Arif of the *Review of Religions*.

Danyal Arif: Respected Amir Sahib, Assalamu alaikum (peace be upon you) and welcome.

Amir Sahib: Wa alaikum us salam wa rehmatullahi wa barakatuhu (peace and blessings of Allah be upon you), and JazakAllah (God bless you) for asking me to help you with this Covid-19 crisis here in the UK.

Danyal Arif: Thank you very much for joining us on this programme and to grant us a little of your precious time. So, if I can start off by asking you: During this critical time of the Covid-19 pandemic, can you give us a summary of the activities that the UK Jama'at (community) has been involved in order to help the wider society?

Amir Sahib: Yes. Firstly, can I say that by the grace of Allah, we are blessed with the institution of Khilafat. And Huzoor-e-Aqdas (His Holiness (aba), at the very start, gave very detailed instructions to the Jama'at on how we need to conduct ourselves during this very difficult period of the crisis of Covid-19.

Huzur-e-Aqdas (aba) firstly instructed us that we should follow the strict guidelines issued by the government and the public health authorities in terms of the Covid-19. And therefore, in order to be able to do that we had to ensure that social distancing had to be observed. The guidelines in respect to mosques being closed were also being observed. Huzur (aba) then said that we should hold congregational prayers at home and also the Friday prayer should be offered

in our homes with first listening to the address of Huzur-e-Aqdas (aba), and then having a local Khutba (sermon). And then Huzur (aba) instructed that all the good hygiene practices should be thoroughly observed in our homes. And then Huzur (aba) went on to say that we should serve the country and the vulnerable people in our society in the best way possible, and that Khuddam (youth auxiliary organization) and the Jama'at should contact the local authorities and offer help to the local authorities in every way possible.

So by the Grace of Allah, all of these detailed instructions by Huzur-e-Aqdas (aba) have been thoroughly followed, and by the Grace of Allah our Khuddam and Ansar (auxiliary organization for those aged forty and above) and Lajna (women's auxiliary organization) teams have been working with local authorities in providing all kinds of services. We have been asked to help with the vulnerable people in societies so our Khuddam and Ansar are visiting various homes and helping with deliveries inside and outside the Jama'at.

Huzur-e-Aqdas (aba) had further given some guidance as to the homeopathic medicine that should be used by all members of the Jama'at, and in this respect, every household has been delivered with this homeopathic medicine, and by the Grace of Allah, all Ahmadiis throughout the UK and indeed I am sure throughout the world are benefitting from this homeopathic remedy, a preventative remedy.

In terms of the activities within the Jama'at itself, by the Grace of Allah, in line with Huzur's (aba) guidance, we gave instructions to all our presidents that every member of the Jama'at should be contacted on a regular basis, daily if possible, to find out firstly about their health and secondly about what, if anything, they require in terms of deliveries of food or whether it is delivery of medication. There are lots of vulnerable people in the Jama'at and it was to ensure that every member received every possible help during this difficult period. Then, especially the elderly people in the Jama'at, some of those who may not be able to cope or may be unwell during this period, the presidents were instructed that arrangements should be made that food should be delivered to these people and they should be looked after properly, at all times observing the social distancing instructions.

Then because we have a lot of children who are at home, schools have closed, so we were concerned about both the academic and spiritual education about our children during this period. So on that basis, with the blessings of Hazrat Ameer-ul-Mu'meneen (aba), classes have been started both in terms of academic lessons and also in terms of the spiritual teaching and regular classes are now taking place, well over 1,000 students have registered for various courses and so far we have almost 7,000 courses that have been registered for by these young children.

Then, we were concerned during these difficult times, a lot of people lose their jobs, and we wanted to see how we could help them. In this respect, our San'at-o-Tijarat team then started organizing various courses for people to retrain so that they could either change the course of their employment, and therefore they could find new type of work by retraining. And Alhamdulillah, so far, almost 500 people are benefiting from this facility. Also, people are ringing the Sanato-Tijarat (Industry and Trade) team to find out about what assistance they can have during this very difficult period. There is some assistance that the government is providing and then there are other avenues that can be explored for businesses who are struggling and we are giving as much advice as we can in these very difficult circumstances.

So, these were some of the initial measures that we have been taking.

Danyal Arif: Most specifically, Amir Sahib, about the community's mosques: what impact has the pandemic had on the day to day running of the community's mosques and communal activities?

Amir Sahib: Well, in line with the government's guidelines, as soon the government gave the guidelines that all mosques should stop having congregational prayers and activities within the mosques, immediately, in line with the instructions of Hazrat Ameer ul Mu'mineen, all mosques in the UK have been closed. The only area where we have maintained some activity is in the kitchens because we are cooking food for, for instance, we are working with the various hospitals and we are delivering food to NHS staff in various hospitals, and this food is being cooked in our kitchens. Also, we prepare food for the vulnerable within the Jama'at, and also other people outside the Jama'at, and we are providing that service as well.

Danyal Arif: So, the community is then very organized! Do you think that the pandemic has made us change our behaviors in more positive ways?

Amir Sahib: Oh absolutely! I think a lot of change has taken place. The fact that people have had to stay at home for the last 6 weeks has brought about a lot of change in people's daily lives. I think the fact that people have more time to spend with their family and to reflect on the purpose of life, has improved the spiritual status of all the Ahmadiis certainly in the UK and throughout the world. Basically, what is now happening is the daily routine in the home is that five congregational prayers are being offered in almost every household in the UK, then the Dars (lesson or reading from literature after prayer) is also being observed in every household in the UK. And particularly during Ramadan I think we have as a Jama'at organised that Dars is being made available, of Hadith and the Holy Quran, and this is on a daily basis sent to every household so that in the morning after Fajr (pre-dawn prayer) they are able to listen to Dars-e-Hadith and then after Zuhr (early afternoon) prayers they can have Dars-e-Quran. And we are also recommending, because at the moment there is Dars on MTA and some very good programmes (Rah-e-Huda and Fiqh-e-Masial), which during this period I think people would find very very useful.

In terms of, also the fact that people have become

more conscious that we need to develop our relationship with Allah the Almighty during this very difficult period, so I am finding that, I'm getting very good feedback from the Jama'ats that people are supplicating to Allah and developing that relationship with Allah the Almighty.

The second injunction is that we need to care and look after the vulnerable people in society, and by the Grace of Allah, you see our Khuddam and Ansar and Lajna all working very hard to help in every way possible, both Jama'at members and outside the community especially. And, you know, aid is being delivered to every part of the country where vulnerable people are. We are coordinating with the NHS in terms of providing aid to different people, providing food to different people, we are providing food to the NHS frontline staff, who are doing a tremendous job putting their own lives at risk and helping those who are in great need of their help. Don't forget we have a large number of Ahmadi doctors and nurses and other staff who are also on the frontline and they are giving great service to this community and this country, in terms of their dedication to helping the vulnerable people in our society. And then, our teams, particularly Lajna, are making PPP equipment that can be used by the NHS. A lot of masks and scrubs, are being prepared (sewn) in different homes which will be delivered to both the NHS and also to the care homes, and by the grace of Allah, this has already started and a number of care homes have already had deliveries in this respect.

Danyal Arif: Respected Amir Sahib, as the holy month of Ramadan is taking place during the pandemic, what guidance has His Holiness (aba) given in terms of fasting?

Amir Sahib: Huzur (aba) said that, by the grace of Allah, the month of Ramadan is starting in the UK tomorrow and that is on Saturday. This month has been established for our spiritual progress. God Almighty says that Fasting is prescribed for you as that you may attain Taqwa; His righteousness, The Promised Messiah (as) states that it is the recognition and the fulfillment of one's rights to God and ones right to humanity. So Huzur (aba) then went on to give us some quotations from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) as to how one can improve their Taqwa (righteousness) and attain closeness to Allah the Almighty. And then Huzur (aba) said that imagine how

beautiful the society would become if people fasted in this spirit, a society where the rights of God would be fulfilled and the rights of humanity would also be fulfilled. Islam says that do not merely seek your own benefits and rights but also consider the rights of others. And Huzur (aba) went on to say that during this pandemic the members of the Jama'at have been serving humanity. He mentioned in particular the auxiliary organisation Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya helping those in need. This spirit which has come about should not be limited to times of emergency but should remain at all times.

Then Huzur (aba) said that, with regards to fasting, he had been asked by a number of people whether fasting is still incumbent in light of the current circumstances and the increased risk of illness. And Huzur (aba) said that everyone should analyze their own condition and make their own judgement. And he said that he had consulted many doctors around the world on this matter, and their opinion is divided. They say that there is no specific evidence to suggest that fasting should make one more prone to illness, however if there are any indications or symptoms of illness then one should stop fasting right away. Huzur (aba) advised to drink a lot of water at the opening and closing of fasts, and if possible, eat such foods that help retain water. Huzur (aba) said to pray to Allah for the ability to fast and may Allah enable people to recognize Him, may Allah eradicate this pandemic quickly and have mercy on the world, may many Ahmadi fulfil the rights of God and humanity and benefit from the blessings of Ramadan.

So, this was the summary of the Khutba (sermon) that Huzur (aba) delivered.

Danyal Arif: Finally, what message would you give to those who have loved ones who are currently suffering from Covid-19 and to those who have lost loved ones?

Amir Sahib: Yes, we are monitoring on a daily basis throughout the UK those people who have suffered. Some probably have had the virus without even finding out, so they will be carriers without even knowing. They are called "silent carriers". And there are others who have had some signs of weakness but not the full-blown illness, and have Alhamdulillah (all praise belongs to Allah) recovered. And then there is a third category who unfortunately have been

hospitalized as a result of the coronavirus. By the Grace of Allah, a number of them have now recovered and are back to normal health. But unfortunately, we have lost a number of very prominent members of the Jama'at during this very difficult period. And I pray Inna lilahi wa inna ilayhi rajioun (to Allah do we belong and to Him shall we return), our prayers are that may Allah rest their souls in peace and grant solace to their families. It is indeed a very difficult period for everyone, it is a difficult period for all the worldwide community. And of course, we are hearing every day on our screens that people are dying throughout the world. So this is a time now to supplicate to our Creator, and seek His forgiveness and create a very close relationship with Him, and ask Him to forgive us and save us from this very big disaster that is taking place, that we may continue to supplicate to Him and

fulfill the purpose of our life of developing a relationship with our Creator. And I pray that during this month of Ramadhan especially, may Allah enable us to get closer to Him and to develop a relationship with Him, and hopefully insha'Allah (God-willing), through this process, we will be able to see that this crisis passes over and we get back to our normal life again.

Danyal Arif: Ameen! Jazak'Allah Respected Amir Sahib. I don't think I have anything to add. Thank you very much Respected Amir Sahib, on behalf of the Review of Religions we really appreciate the time you gave us and your participation for this programme.

Amir Sahib: Jazak'Allah. Allah bless you.

JALSA SALANA UK NOTICE

Message from the Amir Uk - Mr. Rafiq Hayat

Dear All, Assalamo Alaikum,

Dear All, Assalamo Alaikum,

I pray that you are well.

In view of the current Coronavirus crisis and the social distancing measures in place makes it extremely difficult to hold the Jalsa on the dates proposed (ie 7-9 August). Furthermore, the current indications are that the Government will not allow any large gatherings at least until the end of the year. On that basis Jalsa will not be held on the proposed dates and it should therefore be considered cancelled.

However, if the opportunity arose and if the conditions improved then new dates may be considered. Should that happen further guidance will be issued as appropriate.

Please inform all members accordingly.

May Allah protect us all and enable this crisis to pass quickly. Ameen.

Wassalam

Rafiq Hayat





Members of the UK Jama'at were quick to offer their services to anyone who was in need during the recent pandemic. The Jama'at advertised its availability through various means including by distributing leaflets. The message ran,

'As the effects of coronavirus engulf the world, an increasing numbers of individuals are self-isolating in response to the growing pandemic. As a result the vulnerable in our society, especially the elderly, will be facing significant disruption to their life.

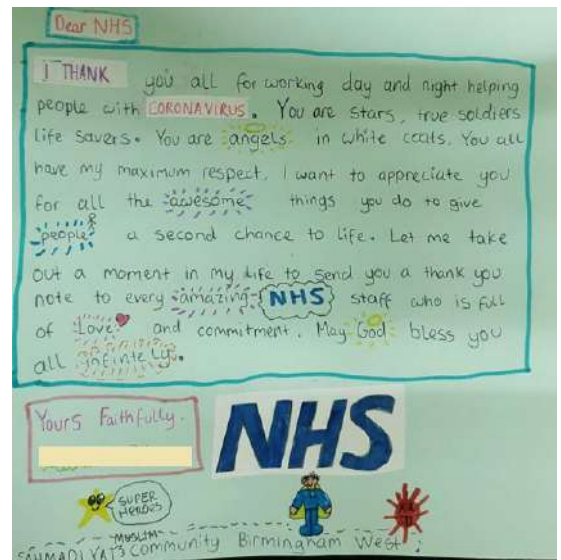
'At this unprecedented and challenging time, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK has launched its 'Help your Neighbour' campaign, to lend a helping hand to those in need. By reaching out to neighbours by simply dropping a leaflet through the letterbox offering help, members of the community stand ready to help others.

'The nationwide campaign has been rolled out across all of the community's 138 branches so we can play a small part in our collective effort to respond to this unique challenge. Let's get through this together.'



Midlands Effort During the Covid19 Pandemic

All 12 branches in the Midlands have been active in helping local people in any way they can – from shopping for those self-isolating to sending thank-you messages to frontline workers. Maulana Aqeel Kang, our Murrabi said: "Volunteering and helping others is a very important part of being an Ahmadi Muslim."



"Heart-warming efforts of Midlands Muslim Groups to support local community amidst COVID-19 outbreak."

One resident of Leamington Spa, who anonymously thanked them for the help card she received, described being, "brought to tears" by their kindness, with another Halesowen resident saying it was a, "very kind gesture".

Ref: Midlandsvoice.com

Glasgow Effort of Help During the Pandemic

Members of the Glasgow Jama'at took part in Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya's #PrayForHeroes campaign in praying for frontline staff and key workers dealing with the demands of coronavirus that began on 16th April.

Glasgow Khadim Humayon Ahmad was at pains to clarify that the Jama'at is doing a lot more to help people across the city. He explained to the press:

"Because of the situation with Covid-19 everything is new territory." "We already help feed the homeless by donating food to shelters, which we are continuing to do, but we have decided to step that up and help the most vulnerable people in our community. A Prayer of the Holy Qur'an for Peace and sustenance: My Lord, make this a town of peace and provide with fruits such of its dwellers as believe in Allah ad the Last Day (Holy Qur'an 2:127) #PrayForHeroes"

"We have been collecting medicine and grocery shopping for people who are unable to get out."

"AMYA has a national helpline which allows us to work from home. It also means we can receive a call from anywhere in the UK."

"When that happens, we then get in touch with our members from that area who provide the right advice or provisions to the caller."

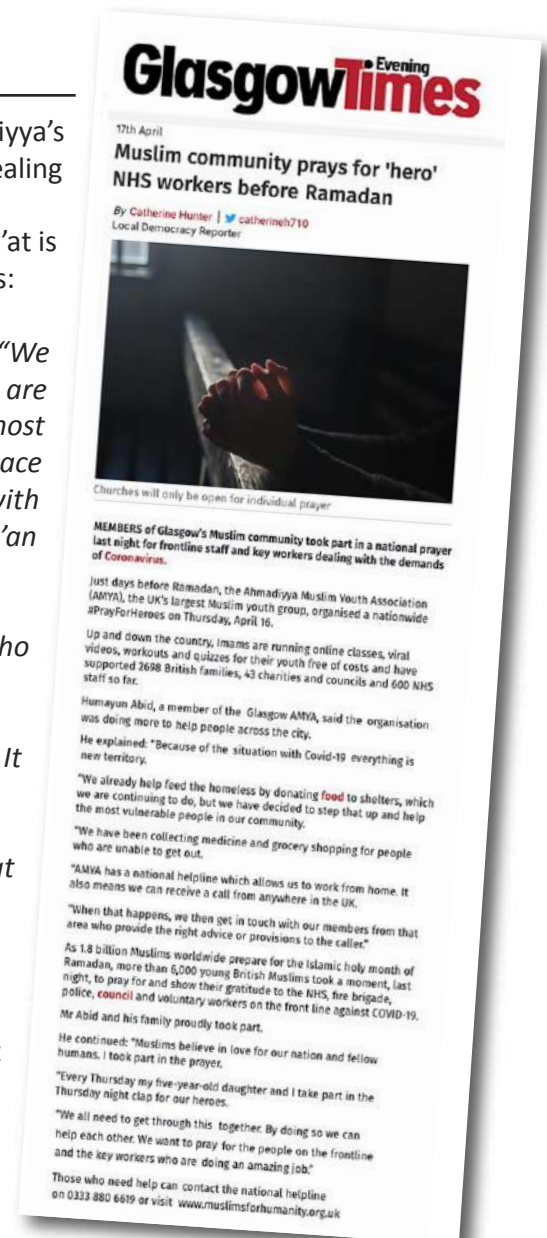
He continued,

"Muslims believe in love for our nation and fellow humans. I took part in the prayer."

"Every Thursday my five-year-old daughter and I take part in the Thursday night clap for our heroes."

"We all need to get through this together. By doing so we can help each other. We want to pray for the people on the frontline and the key workers who are doing an amazing job."

Those who needed help were able to contact the national helpline on **0333 880 6619** or visit **@khuddam.co.uk**.



Yorkshire Effort of Help During the Corona Pandemic

Jama'ats in Yorkshire were not behind in responding to Huzoor's call to make themselves available to assist those in need during this pandemic. Within days of the lockdown it had more than 50 volunteers deployed and working to help the vulnerable in their region delivering food and vital supplies irrespective of race, background or creed.

Their effort covered West and South Yorkshire and also involved helping food banks and ad hoc tasks like shopping for the elderly, walking the dog of someone who is self-isolating or tidying someone's garden. Regional Qaid Nadeem Ahmad said,



“The whole purpose is to practice our faith. Our religion says to do good in society and to help people, no matter what colour or religion.

“These times have brought us together. We want to get away from this and move forward.

“This is what faith is and what brings the community together at a time when it’s important that we all come together.”

Praying for Heroes in Nottingham

Members of the Nottingham Jama’at were also among those who up and down the country participated in Khuddamul Ahmadiyya’s #PrayForHeroes campaign. They joined together to show their gratitude to the NHS, fire service, police, and other key workers on the frontline against Covid19.

The Nottingham Mosque, Baitul Hafeez located in Sneinton has been displaying a special poster thanking NHS staff for their efforts during the pandemic.

From 3rd April Muslims in Nottingham who could not go to closed mosques, joined together on 13 other local radio stations across the UK. The prayers are led by a different Imam every week.

A Christian service is being broadcast each Sunday at 8am on all 39 BBC local radio stations.

Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK Abdul Quddus Arif, said,

“In these tough times, many may feel insecure and afraid, but our message to fellow Brits is one of solidarity, unity and security; our message is that we are there for you and if you need us, you need only call and we will respond.

“As Muslims, love for our nation is a part of our faith and we also believe that being grateful is a duty.”



SLOUGH HOMELESS HELP

In accordance with instructions from Hazrat Amirul Momineen, Jama’ats from all over the UK have been offering their services to their respective local Councils and making themselves available to whoever is in need in their neighbourhood. One such Jama’at in Slough donated more than 250 food items to be delivered to the homeless and vulnerable during the coronavirus outbreak. The food was handed over to Slough Outreach – which was set up to help the homeless and vulnerable people in Slough, Windsor, and Maidenhead.



By Allah’s grace efforts like this are taking place through Jama’ats up and down the country. One or two happen to be reported by the local press. In this respect the Slough Observer interviewed the local President Atiq Bhatti who said,

“While we are all going through with the coronavirus pandemic, the Government lockdown and trying to stay safe, we must never forget the elderly and vulnerable who are open to the elements and truly need 100 per cent help and support.

“We are going to donate much much more and two weeks ago we donated 205 food items to Runnymede Council who also requested our help during these challenging times. May God protect us all from this pandemic. Stay safe.”

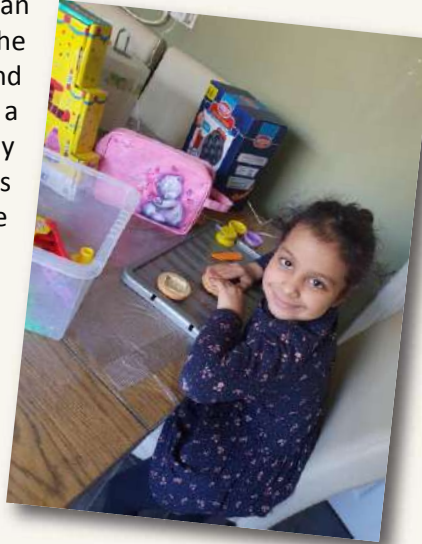
Life under lockdown in the North East Region

It has been very hard for people to live under lockdown. However, we as Ahmadi Muslims are content in the Will of God. There is a silver lining around every cloud. The lockdown has provided an opportunity for families to form stronger bonds with each other by doing many activities together.

The aim of any Muslim household is to abide by the guidance of the Holy Qur'an and practise its teachings through the example of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). As a result, a beautiful and harmonious family life can be developed in which the rights of every member are properly taken care of.

In these difficult times, Ahmadi Muslims are supplicating to Allah whilst praying:

“Our Lord, grant us of our wives and children the delight of our eyes and make us a model for the righteous”.
(Holy Qur'an, 25:75)



This prayer possesses a unique charm and is filled with profound wisdom. Both parents in marriage are taught to pray for each other and their children that God may always provide them deep satisfaction and happiness from one another as well as from their children and to make their children the forerunners and leaders of a God-fearing, righteous generation.

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Helpline Service operated by Humanity First UK

As part of the UK Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's response to the national emergency, Humanity First (UK) has set up a telephone helpline to provide the public and members of the Jama'at, support during this Coronavirus Pandemic. The service includes:

- Reassurance and comfort.
- Latest government guidance.
- Referral to support services provided by the Jama'at and its auxiliaries.
- UK support networks and others etc.



Humanity First

National Coronavirus
Support Line

0333 880 6619

8am to 8pm

Need advice at this difficult time?

Give us a call and we'll do our best to help
and if we can't, we'll point you in the right direction

This is NOT a medical advice line
For medical advice please call 111. If you have an emergency please call 999.

<https://hfuk.org/coronavirus/>

Tabligh During Lockdown

The work of Tabligh in conveying the message of Islam has continued despite the lockdown while fully respecting the guidelines stipulated by the Government to maintain our safety.

To replace the increasingly popular Big Iftars, the Tabligh department came up with the Virtual Iftar for which the following press release was issued: A full report of how this effort fared will be featured in the next edition of the Bulletin inshallah.

UK's oldest and leading Muslim Community shares Ramadan through #BigVirtualIftar #RamadanAtHome initiative

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK is extending a warm invitation to the general public and media to view and participate in a series of five Virtual Big Iftar events to be held in the month of Ramadan. The First event is to be held on April 25th. Those interested should register their interest at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-virtual-iftar-registration-102618797586?aff=eand>

Ibrahim Ikhlaf, Director for Outreach & Public Affairs says:

"As proven by research there are many physical and mental health benefits of fasting. During these talks you can learn how fasting can strengthen your resilience in the current crisis, help with self-development, root causes of addictions and domestic abuse. Event participants will also have the opportunity to try our Fasting Challenge and join the live event to break the fast with the Muslim community."

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community built the largest mosque in the UK, the Baitul Futuh Mosque as well as the first in London, the Fazal Mosque, in 1924.

Other content highlights include:

- Government guidelines during this crisis - is obedience an attribute of loyalty?
- Fasting and the battle against Covid-19 – a story of an NHS Intensive care Doctor
- An online virtual tour of Western Europe's biggest Mosque
- British Muslims sharing their Vlogs about their fasting experience during lockdown
- Practical tips on social distancing and self-isolation.

Further details can be obtained at <http://www.bigvirtualiftar.co.uk>

Information for media:

Dates: 25th April 2020 (19.15 BST) Other events will be held on, 2nd^{May} 2020 (19.25 BST), 8th^{May} 2020 (19.35 BST), 16th May 2020 (19.50 BST). Each event is one hour in length.
Venue: A link to the YouTube broadcast channel will be issued upon registration for the event.

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Philip Gent: 07771902242 philip.gent@gmail.com

Broadcasters and Press are invited for interviews.

Big Virtual Tour

Summary

The first Big Virtual Iftar was held this year on 25 April 2020. This was a collaboration between the National Tabligh Department and Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. About 700 people watched the event. This was the first time that such an event was held and by the Grace of Allah at short notice, we able to put in place the technical infrastructure and overcome many technical challenges. The reaction to the event was very positive. Four more such events are planned during Ramadan.

Preparation

After the announcement of the Lockdown, the decision was made to hold a series of a series of online Big Iftars. There were regular conference calls and daily online meetings to ensure all the necessary arrangements were in place. This culminated in a “dry run” on YouTube on 24th April. This session and the subsequent discussion on areas that needed improvement lasted nearly three hours.

The Event

The event commenced at 7.15 pm and Mr Usman Ahmad Naib Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya chaired the event. He made the introductory remarks and set out the agenda. After this, Regional Missionary Tahir Khalid recited a portion of the Holy Qur’an.

The main speakers were Murrabi Mansoor Clarke who gave a presentation on “*Starving is not the point*” and Murrabi Ataul Fatir Tahir who gave a presentation on “*Correlation between Religion and Spirituality.*” Two videos were played. The first showed how Majlis Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya is helping society during the lockdown and the second was on *Prayers for Heroes*.

After this, a Q/A was conducted. Mr Muzaffer Shah was the moderator and he read out the questions. An arrangement was set up to receive questions through email, SMS, YouTube and Twitter. An esteemed panel was present to provide eloquent responses to the questions (Murrabiaan Mansoor Clarke, Ataul Fatir Tahir, Raza Ahmed and Zafir Malik).

After the Q&A session, the prayer for fasting was read out and the fast was brought to an end when a video was played featuring the azan recited by Mr Bilal Mahmood.

During the event, there was a back office team monitoring proceeding and they provided critical support for communication with the technical team.

Post-Event Meeting

After the event at 10pm, there was a red book meeting at which various areas of improvements were identified. The next event is on 2 May 2020 for which further conference calls and actions to increase attendance are planned such as a Virtual Tour of Baitul Futuh.



On-Line Classes Organised by the Ta'lim Department

Under the instructions and guidance of Amir UK, Rafiq Ahmad Hayat Sahib, the National Ta'lim Department UK has started free online lessons for Ahmadi Muslim students at primary, secondary and post-16 levels. An exhaustive schedule of lessons has been drawn up, covering a variety of national curriculum, GCSE and A level subjects including English, Maths, Science, Religious Studies, History and many more. These lessons are being taught by professional teachers in the Jama'at. In addition, classes are being taught about different Islamic and contemporary topics ranging from the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to mindfulness, honesty and hygiene. Lessons are taking place on the Microsoft Teams platform.



All these classes have been free to join, covering a myriad of stages and have become extremely popular. Levels include,

- Years 1-2 (ages 5-6) – Primary
- Years 3-4 (ages 7-8) – Primary
- Years 5-6 (ages 9-10) – Primary
- Years 7-8 (ages 11-12) – Secondary
- Years 9-10 (ages 13-14) – Secondary

Within two weeks of launching, 100 teachers and more than 1,000 students registered and more than 4,000 bookings made for the 140+ lessons offered. Children from other countries such as Mauritius and Pakistan have also been taking part. The schedule is updated daily with more lessons being added regularly. Some of the feedback received from users are given below. The Ta'lim Department will be uploading video lessons and learning resources on their website and social media accounts in due course. For further details go to:

<https://ahmadiyya.uk/talim/online-classes/>

Feedback

"I really enjoyed the lesson. The teacher was fantastic and I hope I have lessons like these again. The topic was fractions today and last time was VAT and percentages. I really understand these topics more now. Jazakallah."

"JazakAllah for offering these lessons which are quite helpful."

"Lovely lessons – they give you a boost."

"MashAllah the work put into these classes and the organisation is incredible. We as parents/students will never know how much effort has been put in from the organisers. Hats off to all the teachers and especially National Ta'lim team facilitating and organising every class!"

"The lessons help you with your knowledge and they are really fun."

"Please add more different lectures for children aged 7-11 for their moral and educational upbringing. Jazakallah."

"Very informative and good."

"It is very easy to use and very helpful in these times."

"I suggest that next time parents sit with their children as they could be beneficial for parents as well. And please ask parents to tell their children not to send unnecessary messages."

"It was interactive, easy to follow and good for everyone."

"Well made PowerPoint and easy to understand. I learnt a lot about the subject that was taught."

"I liked the fact that you could message the answers on the chat and I managed to learn a lot from the class which was taught well and easy to understand for a range of ages. Would definitely join other classes in the future."

"The lessons are really informative and it's clearly evident the amount of effort the teachers have put in. JazakAllah – may Allah reward you all!"

"Overall great initiative. The maths session worked well as the children had activities to do."

"My son, me and my husband also followed the class which was very interesting. Again Jazakallah. May Allah bless you and your team. Please convey my appreciation to the teacher who did this class as well".

"I liked how the lesson was interactive, interesting and easy to follow."

"There was more information regarding internal/external factors in business that I did not already know about."

"I had a great Business lesson. Thank you very much."

"I really enjoyed the lesson. The teacher was fantastic and I hope I have lessons like these again. The topic was fractions today and last time was VAT and percentages. I really understand these topics more now. Jazakallah."

"I REALLY LOVE these classes because they are amazing and fun."

JAMIA ENTRANCE APPLICATIONS

Those parents who wish to enrol their children in Jamia Ahmadiyya UK for further education should obtain an admission form from the address given below and submit it fully completed as soon as possible.

They must not wait for GCSE or A-Level results.

The entrance examination and interview for enrolment to Jamia Ahmadiyya UK will take place on the 15 and 16 July 2020. The deadline for submitting the Jamia Ahmadiyya UK admissions form was 30 May 2020.

The relevant address is:

Jamia Ahmadiyya UK , Branksome Place, Hindhead Road, Haslemere, GU27 3PN

PHONE: +44(0)14 47170, +44(0)1428647173

FAX: +44(0)1428647188 **MOB:** +44(0)7988461368



NATIONAL WAQFE NAU EXAM

The Waqfe Nau Ijtema needed to be cancelled this year as a result of which the opportunity to hold the annual Waqf-e-Nau exam appeared lost. The exam has always been an integral part of the curriculum all Waqf-e-Nau boys, girls along with their parents put a lot of effort in preparing for this exam. Undeterred the Waqfe Nau department made arrangements by going ahead to conduct these exams online. These were made available at:

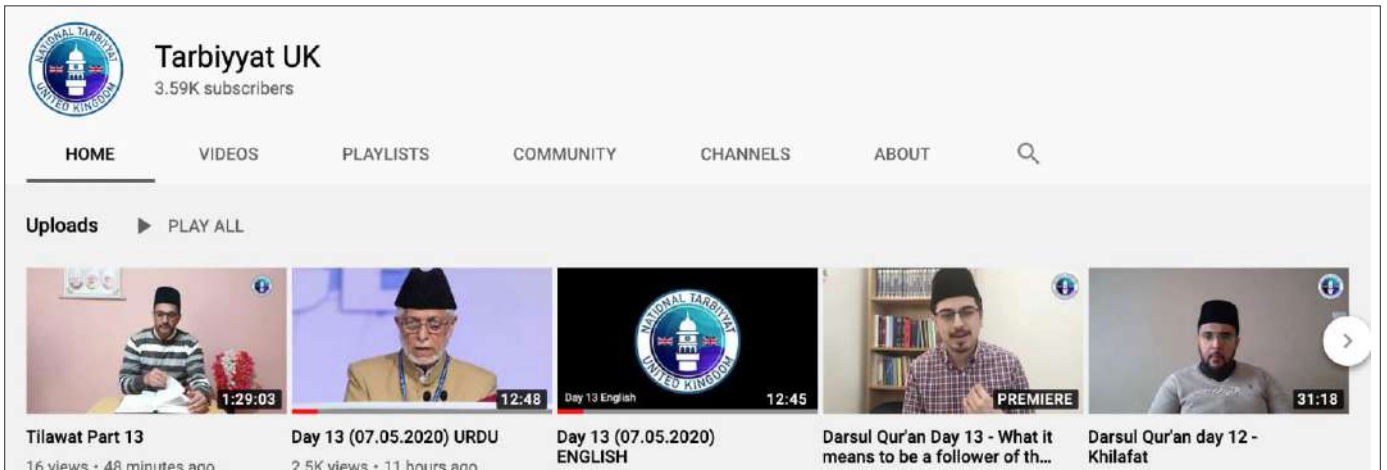
www.waqfenauexams.org.uk

and went live on 25th April at 9:00 am remaining open until 5pm the following day on 26th April.

Darsul Qur'an During Ramadan

The Department of Tarbiyyat recognised the restrictions current during the current pandemic and the desire of holding Darsul Qur'an during this blessed month. It therefore took on to utilising social media to facilitate by providing pre-recorded Ramadan Duroos daily on the Tarbiyyat YouTube platform.

The uptake has been very encouraging with many subscribing to benefit themselves and for their family as part of their Ramadan Programme. Details were:



JAMA'AT CHANNEL:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD4yuMxmRmn__IXd201_EOQ?view_as=subscriber

TARBIYYAT CHANNEL:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAKybPxwyfUWL0cSKauH4MQ>

DARS-E-HADITH: By Imam Rashid Sahib in Urdu and English

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQk4BNSr2RUNbtRntKxN7E62hS36s4Vei>

DARS-E-QUR'AN: By Murabian in Urdu and English

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQk4BNSr2RUNJMnDdzty7ddRTqtvWJmDg>

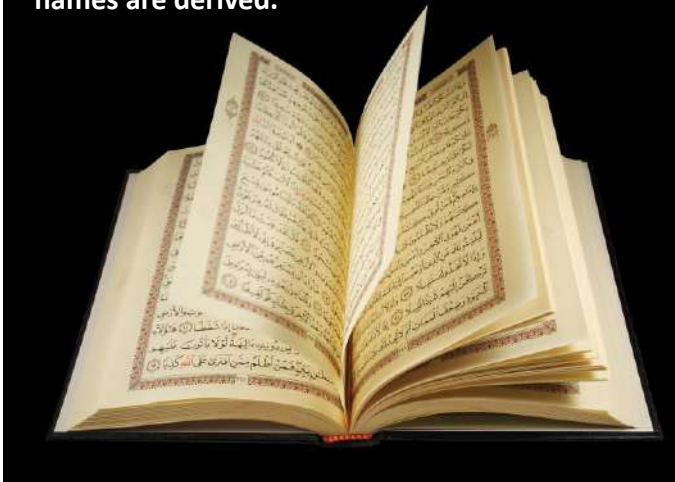
TILAWAT-E-QUR'AN: By Hafiz Tayyab Sahib in Arabic & Urdu

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQk4BNSr2RUM-rNZmWiLhzM9a1zfdFP94>

Some of the online activities/events/classes held by various online teams in the UK during lockdown. More on page 35

The Holy Qur'an - (By Waleed Ahmad)

The Holy Quran is the word of God Almighty. It was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) over a period of twenty three years. It consists of 6,348 verses on 114 chapters and is divided into 30 equal parts. The Qur'an has been referred to by other names as well. References for this are found in the Qur'an itself from which these names are derived.



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Al Ajab (The wonderful/amazing) [72:2]
al Bayan (The Explanation) [3:139]
al Burhan (The Argument) [27:64]
al Dhikr (The Exposition) [3:59, 7:2, 12:105, 15:10, 16:45, 20:100, 21:25, 21:51, 36:12, 36:70, 41:42, 43:6]
al Furqan (The Discrimination) [2:186, 3:5, 25:2]
al Haqq (The Truth) [(3:63, 13:2, 28:54, 34:7, 47:3, 57:17, 69:52]
al Hikmat (The Wisdom) [54:6]
al Huda (The Guide) [2:2, 2:98, 2:186, 3:139, 7:53, 7:204, 10:58, 16:90, 16:103, 27:78, 45:21]
al Hukm (The Judgment)
al Kalâm Allâh (Word of Allah) [9:7]
al-Karîm (Honourable/Noble) [56:78]

al Kitab (The Book) [2:2, 2:130, 2:152, 3:165, 4:128, 4:137, 6:115, 7:197, 11:2, 14:2, 15:2, 16:90, 18:2, 18:28, 19:17, 19:42, 19:52, 19:55, 29:46, 29:52, 35:30, 39:2, 39:42, 40:2, 42:18, 43:2]
al Majeed (The Glorious) [50:2]
al Mau'izah (The Admonition) [10:58]
al Musaddiq (The Confirmation) [2:92, 3:4, 5:49, 6:93, 35:32, 46:13, 46:31]
al Mubin (Luminous) [4:176, 5:16, 12:2, 27:2, 43:2]
al-Noor (The Light) [4:175, 7:158, 64:9]
al Rahmat (The Mercy) [7:53, 16:65, 17:83, 27:78, 31:4]
al-Rooh (The Word) [42:53]
al-Shifâ (The Cure) [10:58, 17:83, 41:45]
al Tanzil (The Revelation) [2:5, 2:24, 3:85, 4:167, 5:84, 17:106, 17:107, 20:5, 26:193-195, 36:6, 41:2, 41:43, 56:81, 97:2]

The text of the Holy Qur'an has remained unchanged over the past 1400 years and there remains today only one version of the holy text. This means wherever a copy of the Qur'an is picked up in the world, the Arabic will be exactly the same. Translations will differ depending on the translator but the Arabic will never change. This is a unique feature of the Holy Qur'an and makes it distinct from all other religious scriptures.

As the Word of God the Qur'an, provides a perfect and comprehensive guidance for all humanity. Much of the Quran is about God, His attributes and man's relationship to Him. But it also contains directives for its followers, historical accounts of certain prophets and peoples, arguments for accepting Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as a genuine Prophet and good tidings for the believers and warnings for the disbelievers. There is also a very strong emphasis on education that is found in the Qur'an. Some scholars estimate one fifth of its verses remind the believer to explore, to learn, to acquire knowledge and to educate themselves. This is why the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has also endorsed the importance of gaining knowledge so much so that he is reported to have declared,

*'The acquisition of knowledge is incumbent on every Muslim, male and female.'*¹

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) wrote extensively about the Qur'an and brought to the fore many of its qualities and remarkable features. For instance he wrote,

“The Holy Qur'an is not matchless merely on account of the beauty of its composition, but is matchless on account of all its excellences which it claims to comprise and that is the truth, for whatever proceeds from God Almighty is not unique only on account of one quality but on account of every one of its qualities. Those who do not accept the Holy Qur'an as comprehensive of unlimited eternal truths and insights, do not value the Qur'an as it should be valued. A necessary sign for the recognition of the holy and true Word of God is that it should be unique in all its qualities, for we observe that whatever proceeds from God Almighty is unique and matchless even if it is only a grain of barley, and human powers cannot match it. Being matchless means being unlimited, that is to say, a thing can be matchless only when its wonders and qualities are unlimited and have no end. As we have just stated, this characteristic is found in everything created by God Almighty. For instance, if the wonders of a leaf of a tree are investigated for a thousand years, that period would come to an end, but the wonders of the leaf will not come to an end. That which has come into being through unlimited power, must comprise unlimited wonders and qualities. The verse,

“Say, ‘If every ocean becomes ink for the words of my Lord, surely, the ocean would be exhausted before the words of my Lord were exhausted, even though We brought the like thereof as further help;’ (18:110) supports this, for the whole of creation is Words of God. Thus this verse means that the qualities of creation are without limit and endless. Now when every created thing possesses unlimited and endless qualities and comprises numberless wonders then how could the Holy Qur'an, which is the Holy Word of God Almighty, be confined to the few meanings which may be set out in a commentary of forty or fifty or a thousand volumes, or could have been expounded by our lord and master the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] in a limited period? To say so would almost amount to disbelief, if it is deliberately persisted

in. It is true that whatever the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has set forth as the meaning of the Holy Qur'an is true and correct, but it is not true that the Holy Qur'an contains no more than the insights that have been set forth by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Such sayings of our opponents indicate that they do not believe in the unlimited greatness and qualities of the Holy Qur'an...”

[Karamat-us-Sadiqin, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 7, pp. 60-62]

In further expressing the brilliance of the Qur'an the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) wrote,

“The wonders of the Qur'an will never cease. As the wonderful qualities of the book of nature have never come to an end in any previous age, but appear ever fresh and new, the same is the case with this Holy Book, so that the word of God and the work of God should be proved to be in accord. As I have written before, very often the wonders of the Holy Qur'an are revealed to me and are such that they are not to be found in the commentaries...”

[Izala-e-Auham, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 3, pp. 261-262]

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) clarified that the Qur'an was peerless and its splendour was not dependent on the scholarship of academics to be exhibited. Rather the Qur'an itself gave evidence of this. He wrote,

“The Holy Qur'an is a Book which has proclaimed its own matchlessness and has claimed its own greatness, its wisdom, its truth, the beauty of its composition and its spiritual lights. It is not true that the Muslims have themselves put forward these excellences on behalf of the Qur'an. It sets out its own merits and excellences and puts forward its matchlessness and peerlessness as a challenge to the whole of creation and calls out loudly: Is there any contestant? Its eternal truths and fine points are not confined to two or three which would leave room for doubt on the part of an ignorant person, but are like the surging ocean and are visible in every direction like the stars of heaven. There is no truth that lies outside it. There is no wisdom that is not comprised in it. There is no light that is not obtainable through

following it. These things are not without proof and are not mere words. It is an established and clearly proved fact which has been shining through 1,300 years. We have set out this eternal truth in great detail in this book and have expounded the fine points of the Qur'an at such length as to constitute a surging ocean for the satisfaction of a seeker after truth."

[Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 1, pp. 662-665, footnote 11]

The Qur'an has an interesting relationship with the month of Ramadan. The Holy Qur'an declares,

'The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination....'

(Ch.2:V.186)

Thus it was during this blessed month back in 610 that the first verses of the holy scripture were revealed and, according to Hadith, the entire scripture was rehearsed during this month every year.²

In the last month of Ramadan the angel Gabriel rehearsed it twice with the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Many Muslims succeed in reciting the entire Qur'an from start to finish during Ramadan completing one part a day at a time. A lot of Imams leading prayers would endeavour to do the same during congregational Taraveeh prayers held after Isha.

Now that the month of Ramadhan is coming to an end, we should not forget the importance of the Qur'an but continue to study it and abide by the inimitable guidance it has to offer. The potency inherent in both the practice of fasting and in the Holy Qur'an is illustrated by the following hadith,

'Abdullah ibn `Amr reported that the Messenger of Allah (saw), said: "The fast and the Qur'an are two intercessors for the servant of Allah on the Day of Resurrection. The fast will say: 'O Lord, I prevented him from his food and desires during the day. Let me intercede for him.' The Qur'an will say: 'I prevented him from sleeping at night. Let me intercede for him.' And their intercession will be accepted."

[Imam Ahmad]³

The magnificence of the Holy Qur'an was wonderfully expressed by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) when he wrote,

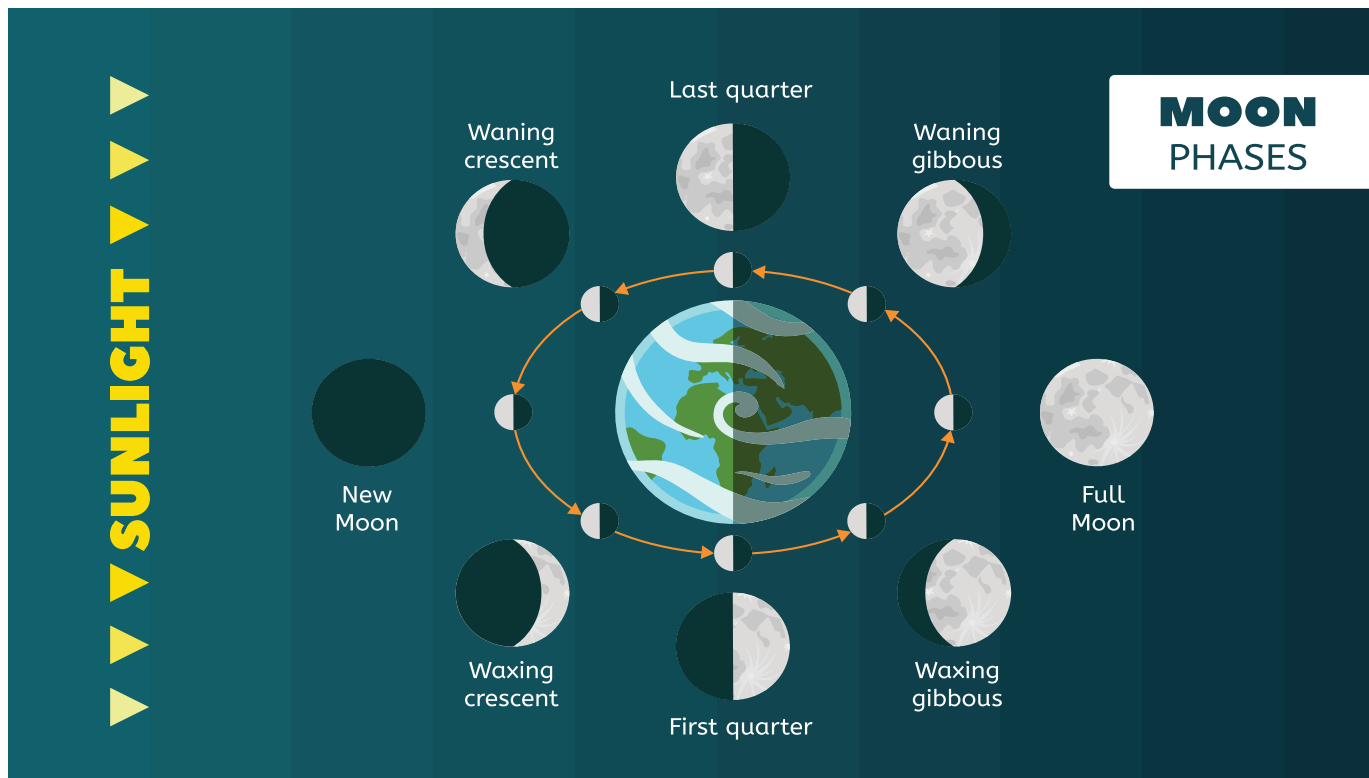
"I call Allah to witness that the Holy Qur'an is a rare pearl. Its outside is light and its inside is light and its above is light and its below is light and there is light in every word of it. It is a spiritual garden whose clustered fruits are within easy reach and through which streams flow. Every fruit of good fortune is found in it and every torch is lit from it. Its light has penetrated to my heart and I could not have acquired it by any other means. And Allah is my Witness that if there had been no Qur'an I would have found no delight in life. I find that its beauty exceeds that of a hundred thousand Josephs. I incline towards it with a great inclination and drink it into my heart. It has nurtured me as an embryo is nurtured and it has a wonderful effect on my heart. My self is lost in its beauty. It has been disclosed to me in a vision that the garden of holiness is irrigated by the water of the Qur'an, which is a surging ocean of the water of life. He who drinks from it, comes to life; indeed, he brings others to life."

[A'ina-eKamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 5, pp. 545-546]

May Allah enable us to recognise the real value of the Holy Qur'an and be able to reap its countless blessings throughout our lives.

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When does Ramadan Start and End?

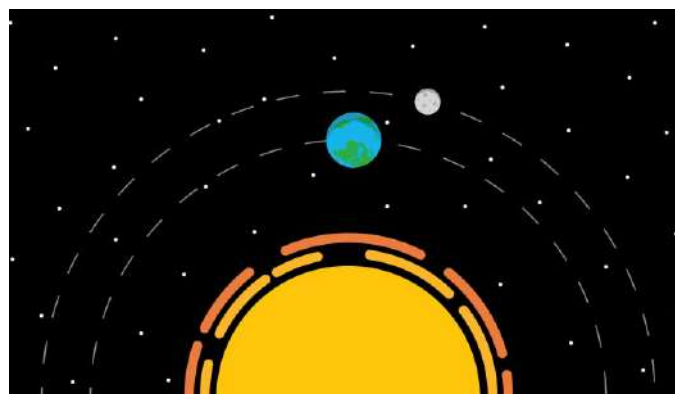
Understanding how to calculate new moon sightings for the start and end of Ramadan

As everyone knows, the earth orbits the sun, and the moon orbits the earth. And that the earth spins on its axis, while the moon does not. These simple facts hide the Divine wisdom which bestowed special characteristics to these three very diversely differently sized objects, and spaced millions of miles apart, which then give rise to very interesting and useful phenomena when observed from earth.

Sizes: The earth is about 3.5 times the size of the moon, while the sun is about 100 times bigger than the earth.

Distances: The earth is about 150 million kilometres from the sun and the moon is about 400 km from the earth. To get an idea of the sizes and distances, if the earth were the size of a tennis ball, the sun would be about 7.5 m in diameter, and would be about 800 m away from the tennis ball. The moon would just a small marble 2 m away from the tennis ball.

Thanks to these parameters, we are able to measure days, months and years. And we can witness spectacular eclipses of the sun, when the moon perfectly covers up the light from the sun, and of the moon, when the shadow of the earth falls on the full



moon.

The moon takes 29.5 days for one complete revolution round the earth. The only reason we can see the moon at all is that it reflects light from the sun as it does not emit any light by itself.

From the diagram above, there will be two occasions when the earth, moon and sun will all be in line: (1) when the moon is in the middle of the sun and the earth; and (2) when the earth is between the other two. In the first case, we on earth will be in the shadow of the moon and therefore not see it at all – this is the new moon. When the moon is on the opposite side to the sun, that is the full moon .

What is commonly referred to as the new moon is

the thin crescent that is visible after sunset. This means that the age of the moon at that time will be quite a few hours old, at least 15, depending on the time of the year and the sky conditions.

The Islamic calendar is based on the phases of the moon, with each sighting of the new crescent moon marking the beginning of the month. The month of Shaban is the one preceding the month of Ramadhan. According to the tradition of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, on the 29th of Shaban, Muslims would be on the lookout for the new moon shortly after sunset. The new moon will appear around half an hour after sunset, a few degrees further East to where the sun had set. If the moon is seen, then the next day would be 1st of Ramadhan, otherwise it will be 30th of Shaban, with Ramadhan starting the following day.

In order to predict whether the new crescent will be visible, two important criteria have to be met. First, the sun will have to set at least 30 minutes before the

moon because it needs to be dark enough to be able to see the thin crescent. Secondly, what is referred to as the Danjon limit, that is the angular separation of the sun and the moon, must be at least 7° for the thin crescent moon to be visible. Danjon was a French astronomer who carried his observations of the crescent moon at the time of sunset. Even with these conditions are met, it can be very difficult to see the new crescent moon with the unaided eye.

We are fortunate in that we do not have to work out these calculations in order to be able to predict whether a new crescent moon will be visible on a certain or not. The data is readily available from Her Majesty's Nautical Almanac Office which has accurately calculated the visibility of the new moon. This can be seen from this link:

http://astro.ukho.gov.uk/nao/miscellanea/ramadan_2020/ramadan.html



Etekaf commenced on the 20th fast, Thursday 14th May after Fajr prayers

Respected Amir Sahib sought guidance from Beloved Huzoor (may Allah be his Helper) and the following was provided...

“In regards to this the guidance of Hazrat Musleh Maud^(ra) is very clear that, “Itekaaf can be observed outside the Mosque but the blessings or reward will not be the same,” and this is also my view on the matter. Ladies are allowed to observe Itekaaf at home.

“It is not mandatory for everyone to observe Itekaaf, however because these days people are not allowed to come to the mosques for Namaz or Jumuah, therefore if anyone has designated a place in their home for Namaz where people do not regularly come and go, then that place or area can be used to observe Itekaaf. In this circumstance the members of the household should offer prayers in congregation and offer Jumuah in that designated area as well. But this permission is only given in extreme circumstances. Under normal circumstances Itekaaf should be observed in mosques.”



Historical QUESTION & ANSWER Session

with
Hazrat
Khalifatul
Masih IV

*(May Allah have
mercy on him)*

Session held at Baitul Ikram Mosque, Leicester – 12 January 1996

QUESTIONER:

The Bible tells us “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” – what is your interpretation of the pure in heart?

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV:

Purity of heart is not a religious term belonging to a certain religion or a certain place, or a certain area of time. Purity of heart has been the most essential subject of discussion of all such faiths which term themselves as religions, even those who do not believe in God, or who apparently do not believe in God, like Buddhist, Jains or others, or philosophies like Taoism, etc which are referred to as godless philosophies – although I disagree with that, but that’s a different matter altogether!

As they present religion, the central point is always the purification of the heart - how can you meet this end, by what means – it is there that the religious teachings differ. Those who believe in God, also believe that without coming into some sort of communion with God, purification of heart cannot be achieved. To live with God, to live in God, means that you follow His attributes, such attributes which are within the human capacity to follow and acquire. This also explains the meaning that man having been created after the nature of God. God has created man ultimately to become good. If the basic fundamental design of man was

not good it would not have been possible for man ever to become good. So the purity of heart is to return to the original design. That is why even those religion who do not believe in God they somehow acquire it. What they have to do is to delve even deeper in their own nature and they reach the same ultimate end of discovering an innate goodness in all human beings. So, they say they have discovered the secret from within us.

Religion says no! In that exercise you may have been misled by your own views and thoughts and other influences of the age – you may think you may have reached the truth but it has to be verified by an outer truth. Without that there cannot be a certainty regarding your having reached the source of truth or purification of the heart.

In this regard, Islam has a very clear positive, sensible and logical attitude. In fact, you cannot do away with it in any form - you have to agree because it is so logical. The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), has written volumes on this

subject – purity of heart – and he has likened it to all human faculties which are all of them dependent on an outer reality which correlates with him. For instance, if the eyes are good, and the sight is perfect and healthy, without any light from the sun, they cannot see. So inner truth is only to the extent of your being capable of receiving the outer truth. The ears can be absolutely healthy and perfect, but if there is no vibration in the air, there will be no sound and you cannot hear anything. Taste, of course you can taste something if you are healthy, but there must be something to create the taste – empty mouth and empty stomach cannot taste anything. This is the explanation put forward by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in

relation to inner truth and outer truth and their interrelationship. So the purity of heart is the sum total of the five senses where they ultimately converge and ultimately create one single entity. If all the five senses are pure and healthy and if they are in communion with outer sources which are corresponding to them, then the heart is purified, without a shadow of doubt. Without it, it may be on its way to purification, it may be innocent but perfect purposeful purification cannot be achieved without the meeting together of the inner truth and outer truth. That is what we understand by these terms and I hope this will be acceptable to many.

Some of the online activities/events/classes held by various online teams in the UK during lockdown. More on page 36

Global Covid-19 Response Update
Humanity First - 02 May 2020

Prevention	Healthcare	Food & Water
130,155 PPE, masks, sanitizer & cleaning materials distributed	92 Hospitals supported	4,000,000+ Meals provided
2,405 Volunteers	326,888 Volunteer hours	305,315 Beneficiaries

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"My Deeds, my work and my objective is saving humanity. It's not job, my faith, my inspiration and my work." (Promised Messiah)"

Dars ul Quran
Day 10

Monday 4th May 2020
5:30 on our YouTube Channel

Topic :
Importance of Surah Al-Fatihah

Delivered by:
Attard Momin Zahid Sahib
Missionary, Jama UK Lecturer

RAMADHAN SCHEDULE
Spreading light and knowledge

12-1 PM Weekdays	RAMADHAN SPECIAL	TUNE IN ON DAB RADIO (LONDON)
7-8 PM Weekdays	THE BREAKFAST SHOW LIVE	WWW.VOICEOFISLAM.CO.UK
4-5 PM Weekdays	Prayer Time LIVE	GET INVOLVED @VOICEOFISLAMUK
10-12 PM Weekends	Q&A LIVE	

Dars Ul Quran
Day 7 Friday 1st May 2020
5:30 on our YouTube Channel

Topic : Quran & Ramadan

Delivered by:
Raza Ahmed Sahib
Missionary

WATCH LIVE
7:00 PM - FRIDAY 1st MAY

COMING UP NEXT
LIVE Q&A SESSION

- MANSOOR MALIK
- ABDULLAH DIBBA
- MUHAMMAD A KHURSHID

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Dars ul Quran
Day 11
Monday 5th May 2020
5:30 on our YouTube Channel

Ramadan & Self-Reflection

Delivered by:
Sabhat Karveem Sahib
Missionary

Dars ul Quran
Day 6 Thursday 30 April 2020
5:30 on our YouTube Channel

Topic: Purpose of Life

Delivered by:
Imran Khalid Sahib

The National Ta'lim Department
Ramadan Special
Lecture by
Raza Ahmad - Murrabi-e-Silsila
Family Life in Light of the Teachings of Islam

The fourth pillar of Islam is fasting in the holy month of Ramadan. Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

“O ye who believe! fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous.” (*Al-Baqarah, 2:184*)

“The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination.”
(*Al-Baqarah, 2:186*)

Muslims are advised by Allah that we should fast in order to become righteous. The act of fasting is a personal sacrifice as we have to give up food and drink for the best part of the day, from before dawn up to sunset. However, simply to give up food and drink during the day on its own is not going to make a difference to our righteousness – we do so to obey Allah's commandments, and take the opportunity to remember Him and the favours that He has bestowed upon us, and thus to be grateful for all these blessings. One of these blessings is the miracle of the Holy Qur'an, which Allah has sent down to us for our guidance. The Holy Qur'an is central to a Muslim's beliefs and is the practical guide by which he leads his life. Therefore, especially during the month of Ramadan, we spend more time studying and reflecting over the truths in the Holy Qur'an.

According to our beliefs, the angel Gabriel would recite the entire Holy Qur'an during this month to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). This practice is carried out during the special prayers of Taraveeh during which the Imam would endeavour to recite the entire Holy Qur'an

Fasting in the month of Ramadan



over the course of the blessed month.

The teachings of Islam are full of wisdom, and when it is practised with sincerity and with full trust in Allah, it deepens our understanding of the world and it brings us closer to the Almighty. We are taught that not only should we stop ourselves from doing bad actions, such as telling lies, cheating, etc, but we should be actively increase in our good deeds, such as giving more to charity, and be kind to those less fortunate than ourselves. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is reported to have said that when Ramadan arrives, the gates of hell are locked up and satans are put in chains. This means that we are given greater opportunities to do good work, for these good actions to be accepted by Allah the Almighty.

From what age can children fast is a question that is sometimes asked. It is reported that the Second Khalifa, Hazrat Musleh Ma'ud (Allah be pleased with him) kept his first fast when he was 12 or 13 years old, and that even then he kept only one fast for the whole month. So, fasting should not be encouraged in the very young children until they have reached the middle teenage years. The exact age will depend on the person and their physical maturity in determining the ability to keep a whole fast on each of the days of Ramadan.

P U Z Z L E S

WORDSEARCH

Below we present a Word Search puzzle with the names of the last 15 Chapters of the Holy Qur’an. They can be found horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, in either direction. Answers are given below if you get stuck!

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O		
1	W	E	T	X	A	Q	H	R	Y	A	L	A	S	R	P	100	Al-Adiyat
2	H	T	A	A	J	S	S	Z	F	L	D	F	H	J	L	101	Al-Qari'ah
3	A	T	A	L	A	D	I	Y	A	T	N	M	F	E	K	102	Al- Takathur
4	Z	Q	W	Q	K	W	R	T	J	A	A	D	C	V	M	103	Al-'Asr
5	N	M	E	A	L	A	L	A	E	K	S	A	N	L	A	104	Al-Humazah
6	F	G	R	R	A	U	F	R	H	A	V	W	M	B	L	105	Al-Fil
7	J	A	O	I	L	E	R	I	B	T	H	R	W	E	I	106	Al-Quraish
8	U	W	L	A	K	E	B	N	R	H	E	G	E	L	K	107	Al-Ma'un
9	X	C	V	H	A	B	A	L	Q	U	R	A	I	S	H	108	Al-Kauthar
10	N	H	Y	U	U	J	M	L	U	R	N	F	W	S	L	109	Al- Kafirun
11	Z	E	D	T	T	M	E	J	F	O	L	P	L	K	A	110	Al-Nasr
12	X	E	F	O	H	I	A	L	B	A	M	N	B	C	S	111	Al-Lahab
13	B	A	L	M	A	U	N	Z	E	S	L	E	D	G	H	112	Al-Ikhlās
14	M	L	K	J	R	E	S	H	A	L	N	A	S	R	N	113	Al-Falaq
15	Q	E	R	F	G	O	A	L	A	H	A	B	Q	W	Z	114	Al-Nas

SILLY JOKESS:

- Why would a war between an octopus and a squid be terrible?
Because they are both so well-armed!
- What fur do we get from a Tiger?
As fur away as possible!
- Why does the ocean twinkle at night?
It's full of starfish!
- Why do not oysters share their pearls?
Because they are shellfish!
- How do fish without cars get around?
They use the Octo-bus!
- What is common between a tree and a dog?
They both lose their bark when they die.
- What do bees do if they want to use public transport?
Wait at the buzz stop.

AMAZING ANIMAL FACTS

- An African adult elephant eats about six hundred pounds of food a day; that's four percent of the elephant's body weight!
- The smallest fish in the world are the pygmy goby and the Luzon goby, from the Philippines, which are only one-half-inch long when they are full grown.
- There are about 100 billion birds in the world.
- The leatherback is the biggest sea turtle, and it can weigh as much as 1,500 pounds.

Wordsearch Answers: Al-Adiyat - C3; Al-Qari'ah - D2; Al-Takathur - J1; Al-'Asr - J1; Al-Humazah - B7; Al-Fil - J12; Al-Quraish - G9; Al-Ma'un - B13; Al-Kauthar - E6; Al-Kafirun - C2; Al-Nasr - L14; Al-Lahab - G15; Al-Ikhlās - O5; Al-Falaq - G9; Al-Nas - O5

Help Your Neighbour" donations by Ahmadiyya Muslim Women in Spen Valley

As part of the nationwide 'Help your neighbour' campaign launched by the Jama'at the Spen Valley Lajna helped two local groups which are providing relief to communities during the Coronavirus outbreak.

The first group which was assisted is the new Foodbank set up in Cleckheaton by Reverend Brunel James, Reverend Ray Barrett and Councillor John Lawson. With demand for Foodbanks increasing and



expected to rise further Lajna Imaillah UK has launched a national campaign to help Food Banks up and down the country. Lajna in Spen Valley provided a boost to Cleckheaton Food Bank by donating £400 in provisions and £100 in cash on Easter Monday, 13th April. Reverend Brunel James and Councillor Lawson both thanked the Lajna of Spen Valley. Councillor Lawson said 'the contribution has given the project just the boost it needed.'

Reverend Brunel James said it was lovely that the Spen Valley Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Group have had made such a massive contribution to help get the project off the ground.

The second group who the Spen Valley Lajna helped is the Rainbow Baby Bank based in Heckmondwike. The registered charity is the only Baby Bank in North

Kirklees and provides support and assistance to mothers and children throughout the Spen Valley as well as parts of Wakefield. Baby Bank Manager, Angela Surtees, was delighted with £421 of provisions and an £80 cash donation presented to the Baby Bank on Sunday 19th April.

"Thank you so very, very much for your generosity. I was absolutely speechless at how



much you dropped off. This will help so many families in our community".

Mrs Rashda Ahmad, Secretary Tabligh for Lajna Spen Valley said,

"Helping our neighbours is a basic duty of all Muslims. This is even more important in a time like this with the Coronavirus outbreak causing hardship and anxiety in our communities. We are very grateful to be able to play our small part in helping two wonderful groups that help alleviate poverty. We also wish to thank Wendy Clough, Community Champion at Morrisons, Heckmondwike, who arranged the shopping for both donations."

AUXILIARY WEBSITES

Lajna.org.uk • Nasirat.org.uk

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PRAYING FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

As the UK public has been coming out every Thursday evening at 8pm to acknowledge its support for our frontline workers members of the Jama'at added a new dimension by celebrating and praying for the Covid-19 heroes on 16th April.

The initiative really caught on as many others joined in as well by putting their hands together to pray and share messages of support using the hashtag **#PrayForHeroes**. It was a wonderful way to express their gratitude to the NHS, fire brigade, police, council and voluntary workers on the front line against COVID-19.

Over the previous month beforehand, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya had been supporting those on the front line and vulnerable members of the public through a number of campaigns, including:

- Assisting 600 NHS staff with food packages and PPE supplies
- Supplying 2,698 households with food parcels and medicine
- Established 25 foodbanks across the UK

Overseeing the relief efforts is Dr. Anas Rana, who said:

“In addition to helping thousands of households, AMYA (Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association – Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK) has had the opportunity to now support 20 local councils, 23 charities and numerous food banks in addition to the ones we run.

“To streamline the help we can offer, we set up a hotline and email for those in need of help to reach us directl.”

Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK stated in a press release,

“In these tough times, many may feel insecure and afraid, but our message to fellow Brits is one of solidarity, unity and security; our message is that we are there for you and if you need us, you need only call and we will respond.



“As Muslims, love for our nation is a part of our faith and we also believe that being grateful is a duty upon all Muslims.”

The efforts of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya have been formidable. By the middle of April through its efforts during 2019-2020, by the Grace of Allah, the organisation managed to donate 7,700KG of food and 4,100KG of clothes, made 4,000 welfare visits, donated 750 units of blood, planted 37,000 trees and much more alongside holding charity runs known as the Charity Challenge to raise more than a million pounds for British charities.

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Running the tag line from a saying of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), 'The best neighbour to God is the best to his neighbours', it has sought to help anyone in need. Its publicity and social media campaign states,

'If you're self-isolating due to Coronavirus, or

consider yourself vulnerable, and are in need of anything. We have volunteers who can help. As the largest UK Muslim Youth organisation we have thousands of young Muslims eager to help. Just because you're home, doesn't mean you're alone. Get in touch.'

The Majlis is also holding regular classes and hosting online content reaching the masses. These are run by our young Murrabis and include online classes, viral videos, workouts and quizzes are being held nationwide for youth in lockdown free of cost.

KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA LETTER OF SUPPORT

During this pandemic, MKA mobilised its thousands of members in helping those in need during this difficult period. One of the ways it did this was to issue a letter of support to all those working in the frontline to combat the crisis. It ran as an open letter to our heroes as follows:

Dear Key Worker,

There is a very famous verse in the Holy Qur'an:

*"Whoso saved a life it shall be as if he has saved the life of all of mankind".
(The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 5: Verse 33)*

All over the country, YOU, our courageous NHS staff, our dedicated police force, our brave firefighters, our hardworking teachers, our brilliant scientists and our selfless volunteers are saving lives every single day. We want to truly say thank you from the depths of our hearts! Our most sincere prayers are with you.

One of the amazing examples we have is of the two nurses, Jenny and Luis, who saved the life of our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. Thank you Jenny and Luis!

But it is not only our nurses that are displaying acts of heroism.

Thank you to our London Metropolitan Police Force who are patrolling streets and making sure everyone is at home to save lives.

Thank you to our Teachers, who are also going to work to cater for children of key-workers and sending their own children to school.

Thank you to our Fire-fighters and members of the army that have been deployed to various roles to help in these uncertain times to save lives.

Thank you to our skilled scientists who are tirelessly working in their labs to discover a breakthrough vaccine for this silent killer so that we can save lives.

Thank you to the ordinary, yet extraordinary volunteers, who have taken it into their own hands to help local vulnerable families and other responsibilities.

Thank you to all of you who are saving Mankind! You are in our deepest prayers. You are "Our Heroes".

Unfortunately, despite all these heroic efforts, the global catastrophe has claimed precious lives.

Areema Nasreen, 36, was an NHS nurse who passed away in the hospital where she worked for sixteen years. Her relatives said that she was devoted to her job as a nurse as she absolutely loved it. Bassodeo Rambojun, 85, a former Royal Mail worker who was honoured by the Queen for his twenty-five years of service. A father of three girls and grandfather to six children.

Dr Sebastianpillai, a consultant geriatrician at Kingston Hospital, came out of retirement to help the hospital tackle coronavirus. He passed away two weeks after he completed his last shift.

These are only a few from the thousands who were taken from us too early by the virus. We pray that may God grant them a lofty status in Paradise and give their family and loved ones the strength and patience to bear this unfortunate loss. Their names will forever live in history!

We, at AMYA (Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association) are at the forefront in appreciating everything "Our Heroes" have done for our country. We are supporting you in the most honourable way. When we wake in the middle of the night for prayers, we remember you. When we feed, clothe, teach and play with our children we remember you. When we stay indoors and do our chores and work from home, we remember you. Your sacrifice means so much more to us. It is the essence of our faith.

"Love for one's nation is part of faith"

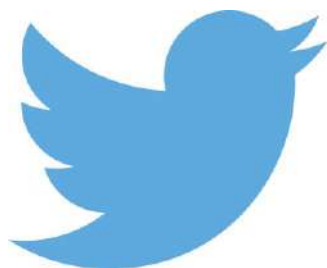
(Holy Prophet Muhammad – peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Our spiritual leader, His Holiness **Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad**, advised us in his Friday Sermon on the 10th April 2020, for the need of prayers:

"One should remember that prayer is the most powerful of means. One ought to pray with the belief and conviction that God listens to prayers. Pray for yourself, your family, the community and the whole of humanity".

TABLIGH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PROMISED MESSIAH (peace be upon him)

On 23rd March 2020, at exactly 3 pm, a Twitter trending campaign was launched to mark the Promised Messiah Day. The idea was to get as many Khuddam to post a Tweet about the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and include the hashtag #MessiahHasCome or the words *Promised Messiah Day* in order to create a nationwide trend.



By the grace of Allah, a massive success was observed as Khuddam eagerly took on the challenge in the middle of the day and started to post tens of thousands of tweets. Other European countries also took part but the majority of activity was from within the UK. Ahmadi Muslims from Pakistan, Nigeria and Canada also participated in this campaign. The campaign went on till around 5:30 pm in the UK but continued in Pakistan after this.

The wave of tweets was followed by much interest in the subject with twitter users asking questions and posting comments. A staggering 70,000 tweets were sent for this campaign which includes people responding. This trend reached 5th position in UK, 2nd in Pakistan, 3rd in Nigeria and additionally the campaign reached top 70 trends globally on Twitter. Millions of Twitter users have seen some sort of campaign related posts. This was an excellent display of worldwide unity of the Jama'at and how these efforts reached people from various corners of the earth as described in a prophecy by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

OBITUARIES

Nasir Ahmed Saeed

Inna lillahe wa inna alayhe rajaioon

We are saddened to report the death of Lala Nasir Ahmad Saeed who passed away on 5th April 2020 following a short illness.

'Surely to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.'

In his sermon of 10th April Huzoor mentioned the longstanding and sincere service that Nasir Saeed Sahib had rendered to the Jama'at.

He had the rare honour of serving under the Khilafat of three Khulafa including Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (Allah have mercy on him), Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on him) and the current Khalifa in Hifazat-e-Khas. He leaves behind his wife, son and grandchildren. He was a true and faithful life-devotee.

Following his demise, many people wrote to Huzoor confirming the deceased to be loving, caring, affectionate, helpful, obedient and a very honest individual. He was extremely committed to his duty and served in an exemplary manner. Amongst his many other qualities was that he would always respect the confidentiality of Jama'at matters and would always advise others with wisdom.

His humility was inspirational and people say that he trained others with love, commitment and prayers. He showed special respect to Jalsa guests and looked after them well. He was a role model for the life-devotees. He served Khilafat to his last breath. Even when extremely ill after suffering a heart attack, his only concern was that he would not be able to do his shift. He was being treated for a heart attack, when he developed corona-virus infection.

Mr Nasir Ahmed Saeed always prayed that may God safeguard him from being dependent on others; God treated him well and he remained active till the last days of his life. Huzoor granted him the honour of being a martyr and said that he will lead his funeral prayers in absentia in due course. In the end, Huzoor prayed for God's mercy and forgiveness for everyone.



JANAZA & BURIAL PROCEDURE DURING THE PANDEMIC

The extraordinary conditions we are all experiencing makes the delicate time of a Janaza even more difficult. As instructed by government please observe the following for your and other peoples' safety.

1. Avoid visiting the deceased home for condolence.
2. Only local immediate male healthy members should attend the Janaza and burial.
3. Close relatives from afar should avoid making long journeys to attend the Janaza.
4. Those in attendance should not console each other by shaking hands and hugging each other.



Rana Naeemuddin Sahib

Inna lillahe wa inna alayhe rajaioon

It is with great sadness that we are reporting the passing away of Rana Naeemuddin Sahib – a longstanding and sincere servant of the Jama`at – who passed away on 9th April 2020. He was 86 years of age.

'Surely to Allah do we belong and to Him shall we return.'

In his sermon of 17th April Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih V paid a glowing tribute to him. Huzoor said that Naeemuddin Sahib was blessed with the opportunity of serving Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (Allah be pleased with him) as part of his security team and was part of the Amla Hifazat team of Huzoor Aqdas until his demise thus concluding a long period of service in this regard. When Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (Allah be pleased with him) travelled to Nakhla for writing his exegesis on the Holy Qur'an (Tafsir-e-Kabir), Rana Sahib accompanied him and undertook the responsibility of the security arrangements.

He would later go on to become the caretaker of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Sahiwal and was on duty when it was attacked in 1984. He defended the mosque and was apprehended by police as a result. Thus, he had the honour of being a prisoner in the way of Allah for about nine and a half years. During this period his case was referred to the military court, where he was sentenced to death. Later, on appeal in the Lahore High Court, his release was ordered in 1994. He then moved to London where he served as part of the Amla Hifazat team.

While in prison, Rana Sahib was subjected to grave brutalities and suffered many injuries, the effects of which he felt until his last days. His son Rana Waseem Sahib – a life-devotee serving in the Private Secretary Office – writes that one day as he was massaging his father's legs, at one point he expressed some discomfort. Upon his son's enquiry, he explained that he still felt pain from the injuries he had suffered in jail.

Rana Sahib was known for his love, utmost loyalty and obedience to Khilafat. He had a patient disposition which he exhibited throughout his life, especially during the time of his imprisonment. In fact, when he was told of his death sentence, even the jail warden was amazed that his facial expressions did not change in the slightest. No matter what the situation, he remained steadfast and thankful to Allah.

Huzoor mentioned comments of a doctor who, upon seeing Rana Sahib's file, was astonished as to how he was able to still walk about and perform his duties. Even when he was ill he would insist on performing his duties. He would say that seeing Huzoor would make him feel young again. He was a family-man, and took care of all his children with great love and affection. He treated his daughter-in-law with great love as if she were his own daughter.

Huzoor said that he had known the deceased since he was young and remembered him to always show kindness which increased manifold when he became Khalifa. Huzoor confirmed his Rana Sahib's great love for Khilafat, saying that despite visiting the hospital many times, he would come for duty on the same day he had been discharged from hospital. Whenever Huzoor would inquire as to how he was feeling he would praise God Almighty and never complain. Huzoor prayed that may Allah treat Rana Sahib with the same love and affection in heaven.

Adapted From An Account in the Review of Religions

