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Khilafat Centenary Issue

Holy Quran

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ
قَبْلِهِمْ وَيَسْكُنُوا فِيهَا دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ
وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي
وَلَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ
هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

Allah had promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then who so is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (Surah Al Nur - 24:56)

Hadith

"Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter, monarchical despotism to last as long as Allah shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilafat on the precept of Prophethood." After this the Holy Prophet^{saw} said no more.
(Masnad Ahmad)

Writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}

At the time of the demise of the Prophet when difficulties mount and the enemy is in full might and thinks that they (the followers of the Prophet) are in a disarray and is sure that now this community will be destroyed, even some within the community become hesitant and their backs are broken and some unfortunates among them even apostatize, then God manifests His strong Hand of Might and sustains the collapsing community. Thus, he who shows patience till the end, watches this divine miracle.

You should therefore, neither grieve over what I have told you (that the hour of my demise is nigh) nor should you be heart-broken for it is mandatory that you see God's Second Manifestation (*Qudrat-e-Thaniya*). The coming of that manifestation is a lot better for you because it is eternal whose succession will not terminate till the end of days. When I go, Allah will send to you the Second Manifestation and it will stay with you forever, according to the Divine Promise." (The Will, pp. 6-7).



Message from Sadr Lajna Australia -

Mrs. Tamseela Saleh

All praise belongs to Allah Almighty who has graced us with His Bountiful Mercies as we enter the new centenary of Ahmadiyya Khilafat. Dear Sisters! This is not an ordinary occasion. Our heads must be bowed down in utter gratitude to our Lord Almighty with humility and modesty so that He may continue to shower His numerous blessings on us. This is also an occasion where we should rekindle our vows to the Khalifa-tul-Masih V (may Allah strengthen his hand) and pledge our allegiance to him with earnest and solemn intentions. May Allah help us all to truly understand the meaning of this blessing that has been bestowed on us, a blessing that many Muslims who have passed before have longed to see in their own lifetime, and enable us to carry out our responsibilities to the fullest, Ameen.

At this spiritual occasion, we must not only ask for forgiveness for our own shortcomings but also find it in our hearts to forgive those who may have hurt us, so that the feeling of sisterhood remains strongly established in our Community. Remember that we must practice the motto we preach "Love for All, Hatred for None", especially when all eyes are on the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. May Allah bestow upon us the ability to self-introspect and become closer to Him, Ameen.



Correspondence from UK

Dear Sadr Lajna Imaillah

Assalam-o-alaikom Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. I am sending a circular to all Lajnaats regarding Hadhrat Khalifa-tul-Masih V^{aba} Friday Sermons which were delivered on 15th and 22nd February 2008 on the topic of Salat. The sermons should be listened to repeatedly and the members assessed accordingly. In the Friday sermon (15th February '08), emphasis was laid on the importance of Salat, Huzoor^{aba} said:

“Salat is such a basic fundamental requirement of faith that we should never underestimate its importance. We should always be vigilant that every Ahmadi should always observe the 5 daily prayers. The five daily prayers are the seeds of righteousness which blossom into fruit bearing trees. If we do not offer Salat with due care then it will lay the foundation for all other pious acts. Every Ahmadi should assess himself and his household on whether they are true servants of Allah and have good morals.”

In order to achieve the higher status, in his Friday sermon of 22nd February Huzoor^{aba} said:

“Just as the foundations of buildings have strong pillars, similarly our faith should be established on strong pillars, otherwise there is the danger of cracks appearing in our faith. The high standard of Salat that would bring satisfaction cannot be seen in reports of anywhere. Some office bearers express optimism with regard to observation of Salat, whereas no undue optimism should be expressed in context of Salat unless every single Ahmadi is 100% firm on the requisites of Salat.

While we are in a thankful frame of mind in term of the Khilafat Centenary we should be most mindful of the key principle of belief (i.e. salat) because Khilafat is only promised to those who offer prayers. I stress once again every Ahmadi should assess himself that he is taking the steps to safeguard his Salat, has he reached that high standard of offering Salat that Allah and His Messengers^{saw} want to see.”

In light of Huzoor^{aba}'s admonition, I request all Sadr Lajna Imaillah to assess their members on Salat and repeatedly remind them of its importance and that they should listen to these Friday sermons repeatedly. So that we can achieve the highest standard in this regard to which Huzoor^{aba} has drawn our attention.

Jazakamullah.

Wassalam, Your sister in Islam,

Najma Rashid -

Incharge Lajna Section

Majlis Highlights—Jan to May '08

Adelaide:

- 9 March: Lajna & Nasirat participated in the Red Door Knock Appeal & collected \$250 despite the 40°C temperature.
- 16 March: Lajna and Nasirat participated in the Proud Day Australia, collecting \$1000 for the Jamaat by selling food.
- 13 April: 18 Nasirat participated in an excursion for Nasirat to the South Australia Art Gallery and the Adelaide Botanical Gardens, where they played games.

Sydney:

- Majlis Al-Khadija held its annual sewing and craft classes for four days from 21 Jan, with an average attendance of 6 per day. The aim was to encourage and assist Lajna Group Level 2, to participate in the annual exhibition competition.
- 10 Feb: Monthly meeting held focusing on how to motivate members to participate in Jamaat activities, on receiving education to prepare for the Khilafat centenary and on health issues.
- 9 March: Musleh Mauood Day was held.
- 11 May: Seerat-un-Nabi and Messiah-e-Maud day held. Lajna also participated in “Australia’s Biggest Morning tea”.

Victoria:

- A summer camp was held for Nasirat from 9-10 Jan. More than 75% of Nasirat participated, along with 4 guests.
- A Mushaira was held on 10 Jan, graced by a guest poetess from Rabwah, Mrs WaqarunnNisa Bismil.
- Musleh Mauood Day was held on 8 March, attended by more than 50% of Lajna and Nasirat.

Announcements

Births (Sydney):

- Mrs Sabiha Farooq & Mr Farooq Ahmad: baby girl - 21 Feb '08, named Hafsa Ahmad, youngest sister of Sana & Fahad Ahmad.
- Mrs Rabiya Ahmad & Mr Shahid Ahmad: baby girl - 29 Apr '08. Huzoor has named her Namood-e-Sehar.
- Mrs Nudrat Ashfaq & Mr Ashfaq Ahmad: baby girl - 29 Feb '08 she has been named Rabia Ashfaq.
- Mrs Mubashera Bajwa & Mr Mashood Bajwa: baby boy - 12 Mar '08. Huzoor has named him Sarmad Bajwa.



Births (Melbourne):

- Mrs Nosheen & Mr Nomaan Ahmad: baby girl - 22 Jan '08, named Nabiha.
- Mrs Sana & Imran Malik: baby boy - 23 Jan '08, named Rohaan Ahmad.
- Mrs Uzma & Mr Mubarak Ahmad: baby girl - 12 Feb '08, named Wajeeha Ahmad.
- Mrs Naheed & Tahir Ahmad: baby boy - 1 Apr '08, named Bilal Ahmad.
- Mrs Aisha and Saadat Ahmad: twin baby girls - 14 Apr '08, named Kashifa and Asifa (both are Waqf-e-Nau)

Report - Ladies Session at the Australia Jalsa Salana 2008

The Ladies session of the 24th Jalsa Salana Jamaat Ahmadiyya Australia was held on Saturday, 22nd March 2008. After lunch and prayers, this session started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Sr. Uzma Naheed and was proceeded by a poem by Sr. Farhana Ahmadi and Sr. Sabeeha Yakub. Sr. Rashida Munir from Adelaide, delivered the first speech of the day. She spoke about the main concept behind Bai'at and how we, as Ahmadi Muslims, can reflect this in our day-to-day lives. The next speech to be presented was by Sr. Abida Mubashir from Brisbane. She spoke on the responsibilities of mothers towards strengthening Khilafat. A very interesting point she raised was that a woman is the mould that shapes the coming generations; therefore mothers need to establish their own excellent morals in order to be proper role models for their children. In this way their children's actions will also be good and the blessings of Khilafat will always shield them.

Then Nasirat from Sydney presented a medley of poems. Their melodious voiced resonated through the entire Jalsa Gah and was enjoyed by everyone. Sr. Kaukab Nasir from Melbourne then presented a brief

overview on the humanitarian efforts and activities carried out by the founder of Ahmadiyyat, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) and his five Caliphs. She used a power point presentation to show everyone the wonderful work started by all the great leaders of the Jamaat. This was a very inspiring speech and also highlighted the great spirit of sacrifice amongst Ahmadies.

The National President of Lajna ImaAllah, the Women's Auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Mrs. Tamseela Saleh, then addressed the members. She focused on the blessings of Khilafat and her message to the entire Ladies body Australia wide is as follows:

"May the celebration of 100 years of Khilafat bring a revolution in our spiritual lives that would make us worthy of calling ourselves from amongst those who will be the inheritors of Gods blessings that he promised to the Promised Messiah (as)".

Academic achievement and Annual Exhibition awards were given to those members and Majalis who had excelled in the past year.

The session concluded with silent prayer.

REMINDERS

- The Second test in the series of tests to be held under the auspices of the Khilafat Centenary Celebrations will be held on the **last Sunday in June** in all Majalis across Australia. The book under study for this test is entitled "**The True Story of the Split**" (chapter 2 of the book entitled: "The Truth about the Split" by Hazrat Khalifatul Massih II^{rz}). It is available online in English at <http://www.alislam.org/library/books/Truth-about-the-Split.pdf> and in at urdu at <http://www.alislam.org/urdu/au/AU6-5.pdf>. Jamaat members are encouraged to read the book & benefit from this opportunity to increase their knowledge. Please contact your Majlis president if you need further information.

- The National Annual Sports Day will be held on **16 August in Masjid Bait-ul-Huda, Sydney**. This is an all-day event. Sisters are requested to dress in appropriate attire for the event and attend in large numbers to make this event a great success InshaAllah.

- National Annual Ijtema for Lajna ImaAllah and Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya will be held from **22 to 24 August in Masjid Bait-ul-Huda, Sydney**. This is a reminder to all members to start preparing for the National competitions and for interstate members to start planning their time off and organizing their travel plans to attend this blessed occasion. Members are also requested to pray for the success of this National event. Please contact your Majlis President for further information.

- **Publications:** The Ad-Duha team wishes to extend their thanks to all those who have purchased the March 2008 issue distributed at the occasion of Jalsa Salana. The next issue for Ad-Duha will be published at the spiritual and historical occasion of **Jalsa Salana 2009**. We are currently recruiting creative minds not only to write but to help with different aspects of the compilation of the magazine. If you feel that you have the skill and would like to contribute in any way (typing, contributing photographs, researching, etc.), please feel free to contact the editors: Naureen Choudhry (English): naureen75@yahoo.com or Ayesha Khan (Urdu): mushkpuri@hotmail.com. You may also contact the National Publications Secretary Sabiha Farooq: sabihaarshad@hotmail.com. We welcome any original articles or poems, jokes, recipes, travel experiences, medical tips, (typed if possible). Don't forget to include a bibliography of the books and articles consulted. We would like to encourage writers to contact the editors before compiling the articles to discuss the topic, to avoid any duplication of efforts.



Guidelines for National Annual Ijtema Lajna Imaullah and Nasiratul

Ahmadiyya 22-24 August 2008

Please read carefully and observe the following rules and regulations to ensure the success of the Ijtema and shower of blessings of Allah Almighty:

- All members are requested to be punctual at their most and be present at Masjid by 9:45am.
- All duty bearers are requested to sign in at Ijtema office desk upon their arrival.
- All members are expected to remain at Masjid throughout the proceedings of Ijtema. Should you require leaving the Masjid for some reason, please advise Majlis leader before leaving.
- The library will remain accessible during the Ijtema program. Members should benefit from the library resources (please check the timings on the noticeboard)
- The members, who have not yet paid chanda, are requested to make payments at their earliest.
- Please be mindful of others, and observe cleanliness throughout the program.
- Please bring bags to take your shoes with you inside the hall.
- Please avoid wastage of serviettes and food during meals.
- Nappies must be wrapped in plastic bags before disposing of.
- Mothers should accompany children when going to the toilet.
- Please wipe up after preparing food or feeding the babies.
- Please observe silence and discipline during the proceedings of Ijtema and spend your time in Tasbeeh-o- Tehmeed.
- Childcare facility is available for children 3 to 6 years old.
- Department of Sanat o Tjariat will be holding food stalls, offering snacks and drinks during the breaks.
- All decisions by judges will be final and should be accepted with good sportsmanship spirit.
- If there are any issues, please discuss with the relevant department instead of talking around.
- All duty holders are expected to carry out their duties with diligence. Please stay back to pack and clean.
- We hope to conclude the program as planned. Should there be any delay, all members are requested to remain patient and leave premises after dua. Jazakamullah.

براہ مہربانی اجتماع کی کامیابی اور اللہ تعالیٰ کی نچھاور کردہ برکتوں میں حصہ پانے کے لئے مندرجہ ذیل امور کا خیال رکھیں۔

- ۱۔ تمام مہمراہات سے درخواست ہے کہ وقت کی پابندی کا خاص خیال رکھیں اور مسجد آمد کے بعد شعبہ تنجید میں رجسٹریشن کروائیں۔
- ۲۔ تمام مہمراہات اجتماع کی کاروائی کے دوران مسجد میں موجود رہیں کسی ناگزیر وجہ کی بنا پر اگر مسجد چھوڑنی پڑے تو اپنی حلقہ لیڈر سے اجازت لیں۔
- ۳۔ اجتماع کے دوران انٹرنیٹ پر مختلف اوقات (جو کہ نوٹس بورڈ پر لگا دئے جائیں گے) میں لجنہ کے لئے کھلی رہے گی، ہمیں استفسادہ فرما سکتی ہیں۔
- ۴۔ جن مہمراہات کے ذمہ چندہ کے بقایا جات ہیں، براہ مہربانی جلد از جلد ادا کر دیں۔
- ۵۔ اجتماع کے دوران مندرجہ ذیل امور کا خیال رکھیں۔
 - ☆ صفائی کا خاص خیال رکھیں۔
 - ☆ کھانے کے دوران کھانا اور برتن ضائع نہ کریں۔
 - ☆ ڈانچہ زپا اسٹک کی تھیلیوں میں پلیٹ کربن میں ڈالیں۔
 - ☆ بچوں کی فیڈ بنانے کی جگہ صاف کر دیں۔
 - ☆ مائیں بچوں کو کھیل ٹوائٹ نہ جانے دیں۔
 - ☆ جو تے مسجد کے باہر ترتیب سے رکھیں۔
- ☆ اجتماع کی کاروائی کے دوران مکمل خاموشی اختیار کریں اور تسبیح و تحمید میں مصروف رہیں۔
- ۶۔ تین سے چھ سال کے بچوں کے لئے چائلڈ کیئر کی سہولت موجود ہے ہمیں فائدہ اٹھائیں۔
- ۷۔ شعبہ صنعت و تجارت کی طرف سے وقفوں کے دوران نوڈ سٹال کا انتظام ہے جہاں مشروبات اور کھانے کی اشیاء مہیا ہوں گی۔
- ۸۔ نج صاحبان کے کئے گئے تمام فیصلے حتمی ہوں گے لہذا انہیں خوشدلی سے قبول کریں۔
- ۹۔ مہمراہات سے درخواست ہے کہ وہ ڈیوٹی پر مامور بہنوں سے تعاون کریں اور پروگرام کے اختتام پر صفائی اور وائپنگ میں مدد کریں۔
- ۱۰۔ اگر آپ کو کسی بھی قسم کی کوئی شکایت ہو تو براہ مہربانی متعلقہ شعبہ سے رابطہ کریں اور غیر متعلقہ افراد میں باتیں کرنے سے اجتناب کریں۔
- ۱۱۔ ہماری پوری کوشش ہے کہ ہم وقت پر پروگرام ختم کریں۔ دیر ہو جانے کی صورت میں بہنوں سے درخواست ہے کہ تحمل کا مظاہرہ کریں اور دُعا میں ضرور شامل ہوں۔ جزاکم اللہ

This is an important reminder about the prayers that Hazrat Khalifatul Massih V^{aba} has instructed in his Friday sermon of 27th May '05, which are available online at <http://www.alislam.org/archives/2005/summary/tehrif/index.html>. Huzoor^{aba} also enjoined to say **two nawafil prayers everyday** for the progress of the Community ...and to keep **one nafl (optional) fast each month** with the intention that may Allah keep the Ahmadiyya Khilafat established forever. InshaAllah.

May Allah enable us to perform our duties in worship & prayer, Ameen.

Important Reminder

Editor's Desk

The Ad-Duha team wishes to express its humble congratulations to all readers at the blessed occasion of the completion of 100 years of Khilafat.

We look forward to **your feedback** for the next issue by **September 30 '08**, so send us what you think at naureen75@yahoo.com.

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