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HAZRAT AMEER ADDRESSES ANNUAL JALSA AT LAHORE

The English translation of Hazrat Ameer's message to the annual gathering of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat on December, 23, 1994 is reproduced below:

"In the name of Allah, the Beneficent the Merciful.
By the time!
Surely man is in loss
Except those who believe and do good, and exhort one another to Truth and exhort one another to patience."

I have inaugurated this gathering with the recitation of *Surah Al Asar* and its translation. The word *al asar* means *time*, and also *an era*. I chose this *Surah* for my inaugural message so as to speak to you of the times that I have lived through. I thank God sincerely for granting me life during the time of the Ahmadiyyah Movement. The greatest asset of my life is the memory, which I can recall vividly even now, of how as a boy, six years of age, I put my little hand in the hand of the Promised Messiah and took the pledge to join this Movement. Even today, the voices of the Promised Messiah and my father ring in my ears - the Promised Messiah asking with great affection, "Who is this boy?" and my father

replying, "Hazoor (Sir), this is your *ghulam-zada* (servant's son)." This servitude has been my greatest blessing. Throughout my life, within the constraints of human endeavour, I have tried to fulfil the pledge that I had made at the tender age of six years and I have also exhorted the members of our Movement to do likewise with the pledges they have taken.

Time flies by quickly. I was blessed by Allah to see the history of the Ahmadiyyah Movement unfold before my eyes. My association with the Movement brought with it great blessings and spiritual rewards, but at the same time it also brought great trials and tribulations. Throughout these difficulties, however, I felt the consoling Hand of God on my head, and saw, first hand, Allah's promise of help being fulfilled. Whenever, in a dire situation, I called out, "*Maia Nasrullah* (When will the help of Allah come?), I observed, "*Ala Inna Nasrulla hay Qareeb* (Now sure the help of Allah is nigh)" This enhanced my appreciation of the Power of Allah. *Alhamdolillah*.

Time, most certainly leaves man in a loss except for those who recognize its value. Such men adopt the correct faith, lead lives of piety,

and help to spread the truth they have recognized. Invariably, in this task, they are confronted with great difficulties and hardships which they not only bear patiently themselves, but also exhort others, in similar circumstances, to bear them patiently. Your association with this *Jamaat* and spreading its message, the message of Islam, to all corners of the world will bring you face to face with many difficulties. I urge you to face these hardships with resolution and patience and also exhort others to do the same.

You have borne the financial and physical hardship of a journey to participate in this gathering. For this you deserve congratulations. My message and my request to you is to take full advantage of these days of the annual gathering to pray and enhance your spiritual knowledge. Try to spend as much time as possible in the mosque, and along with the daily congregational prayers, pray the *tahajud* in the mosque as well. In your prayers, besides your personal needs, pray for the *Jamaat* and its problems, for Pakistan, and for the world of Islam. Take full advantage of this time as it will soon pass away. May Allah be with you and make you successful in the coming life. Ameen."

ANJUMAN RE-ELECTS DR SAHU KHAN AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The annual general meeting of the Fiji Anjuman held at Masjid Noor in Suva on Sunday 9 April re-elected Dr Muhammad Shams-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan (LLM, Ph.D) its National President for the ensuing year; he serves his second year in this position.

Other office-bearers elected are:

Vice-President (Propagation)	-	Mr M Sadr-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan
Vice-President (Properties)	-	Dr M. Yusuf Sahu Khan
Vice-President (Finance)	-	Mr Mehboob Raza
General Secretary	-	Mr Muhammad Amin Sahu Khan
Assistant General Secretary	-	Mr M Nazeem-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan
General Treasurer	-	Mr Abdul Nasim
Assistant General Treasurer	-	Mr M. Imran Sahu Khan
Board Members	-	Mr Jamir Khan
	-	Mr M Saheeb Hussein
	-	Mr Liaquat Ali
	-	Mr Hafiz Raza

TABLIGHI JALSA

The annual general meeting was followed by a tablighi jalsa with Maulvi Abdul Kuddus Hussein and Amin Sahu Khan as the two speakers.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

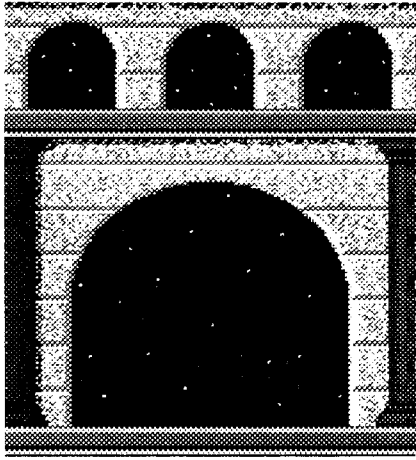
The following members have been co-opted on to the Anjuman's Board for the current year:

Mr Feroz Khan (Nadi)
Mr M. Riaz Sahu Khan (Lautoka)
Mr Parvez Akbar (Nadi)
Mr Hanif Buksh (Lautoka)
Mr Samsher Ali (Maro)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the Anjuman has made the following administrative appointments for 1995:

Suva Property Manager	:	Mr Hafiz Raza
Maro Property Manager	:	Maulvi Abdul Kuddus Hussein
Editor of Paigham-E-Haqq	:	Mr Nizam-Ud-Dean
Assistant Editor of Paigham-E-Haqq	:	Mr Shafi-Ud-Dean
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Librarian at Masjid Noor	:	Mr F Hassan Khan
Public Relations Officer	:	Mr M. Amin Sahu Khan



SUCCESS IN THE NEXT LIFE

Awake, therefore, and arise, and be watchful that you may not stumble and fall, and that you may not have to set out on your last journey in a state which may in reality be the state of unbelief and faithlessness. Know and understand it clearly that the hope of salvation and success in the next life does not entirely depend upon the acquisition of this ceremonial knowledge and learning; but there is an imperative need of the heavenly light which drives away and dispels all kinds of doubts and suspicions, and puts out the flames of greed and selfish desire, and draws toward the true love, devotion and obedience of the Most High God....

It is really a matter for great regret that whatever zeal and enthusiasm you display in the propagation of these ceremonial activities and sciences, you devote not even a small fraction thereof to the heavenly dispensation. Your life has been devoted mostly to such matters which, in the first place, have no concern whatsoever with religion, and if there be any relation, it is of a very trivial and trifling nature, far behind and below the real object. If you have those feelings in you, and the fine wisdom which takes straight to the true goal, you should not take any rest unless you have attained to and achieved that real object.

Ye people, you have been created for the love, knowledge and obedience of the Most High God Who is your Creator and the true object of worship and adoration; and until this thing which is the prime purpose of your creation, be manifestly displayed in you, you will be lagging far behind the true salvation and success."

- *Fath-i Islam* by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

ANJUMAN COMMEMORATES MASIH MAOOD DAY

The Maro branch of the Anjuman hosted a very successful Masih Mauood Day jalsa at Maulana Muhammad Ali Masjid on Sunday 28 May. A large number of people attended.

The programme was chaired by our Vice-President (Propagation) Mr Sadr-Ud-Dean Sahu Khan. Tilawat Quran at the commencement of the jalsa was done by Mr Feroz Jan whose melodious recitation left the gathering spell-bound and in want of more. Alhamdolillah. Midway through the jalsa Master Irshad Zullah rendered another Quran Tilawat in the voice and style of his grandfather, the late Mr Abdul Wahid Khan. Speakers at the jalsa included our National President, Dr M.S. Sahu Khan; Pesh Imam at Maulana Muhammad Ali Masjid, Maulvi Abdul Kuddus Hussein; General Secretary, Muhammad Amin Sahu Khan; General Treasurer, Mr Abdul Nasim; Imam at Masjid Noor and Assistant General Treasurer, Mr Imran Sahu Khan and young Master Noor Dean.

The jalsa concluded with dua by Mr M. Saheeb Hussein, Zuhr/Asr namaaz, and lunch.

QUR'AN, THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL FORCE

"It is the one miracle claimed by Muhammad - his standing miracle, he called it - and a miracle it is."
- Bosworth Smith

"Never has a people been led more rapidly to civilization, such as it was, than were the Arabs through Islam.... And to it was also indirectly due the marvelous development of all branches of science in the Moslem world."

- *New Researches* by H. Hirschfeld

"Here, therefore, its merits as a literary production should, perhaps, not be measured by some preconceived maxims of subjective and aesthetic taste, but by the effects which it produced in Muhammad's contemporaries and fellow-countrymen. If it spoke so powerfully and convincingly to the hearts of his hearers as to weld hitherto centrifugal and antagonistic elements into one compact and well organized body, animated by ideas far beyond those which had until now ruled the Arabian mind, then its eloquence was perfect, simply because it created a civilized nation out of savage tribes, and shot a fresh woof into the old warp of history."

- Dr. Steingass, *Hughes' Dictionary of Islam*

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*"Those who spend their wealth by night and day, privately and publicly, their reward is with their Lord; and they have no fear, nor shall they grieve."
2:274*

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6. THE TEACHING OF ISLAM
7. THE EARLY CALIPHATE
8. ANECDOTES FROM THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD
9. ANECDOTES FROM THE LIFE OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH
10. FOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED
11. MUHAMMAD ALI THE GREAT MISSIONARY OF ISLAM
12. CHRIST HAS COME
13. FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GOSPELS IN LIGHT OF ISLAM
14. HISTORY OF THE PROPHETS

BOOKS IN PROCES OF TYPESETTING

1. HOLY QURAN (GERMAN) (Typesetting will be completed by 1996)
2. HOLY QURAN (POLISH) (Typesetting will be completed by 1996)
3. RELIGION OF ISLAM (POLISH) (Typesetting will be completed by 1996)

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MAN OF HISTORY**

"If greatness of purpose, smallness of means, and astounding results are the three criteria of human genius, who could dare to compare any great man in modern history with Muhammad? .. Philosopher, orator, apostle, legislator, warrior, conqueror of ideas, restorer of rational dogmas, of a cult without images; the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire, that is Muhammad. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask: Is there any man greater than he?"

Alphonse de Lamartine
in *Histoire de la
Turquie*

**SWORN DECLARATION OF HAZRAT
MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD OF
QADIAN:**

"I make it clear to the public that I swear by Almighty Allah that I am not a *kafir*. My belief is *la ilaha ill-allah Muhammad-ur rasul Allah*, and regarding the Holy Prophet I believe that "he is the Messenger of Allah and *Khatam al-Nabiyyin*" (the Qur'an, 33:40). I swear to this statement as many times as the Holy Qur'an, and as many times as there are excellency of the Holy Prophet in God's eyes. No belief of mine is opposed to the directions of God or of the Holy Prophet, and he who thinks otherwise is mistaken. Whoever still considers me a *kafir*, and does not refrain from declaring me as such, should remember with certainty that God will question him after his death."

"In all matters my beliefs are the same as those of the other *ahl sunnah*. In this house of God, I admit most clearly that I believe in the finality of prophethood of the *Khatam al-anbiya*, the Holy Prophet. Whoever denies the finality of prophethood, I consider him to be a disbeliever and outside the pale of Islam."

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**SWORN DECLARATION OF HAZRAT
MAULANA MUHAMMAD ALI, FIRST
HEAD OF THE LAHORE AHMADIYYA
COMMUNITY:**

"I, Muhammad Ali, head of the Lahore Ahmadiyyah Community, do swear by Almighty God that my belief is that Hazrat Mirza Sahib was a Mujaddid and the Messiah, but not a prophet, and that a person cannot become a *kafir* and excluded from the pale of Islam by denying him as such; this was also the belief of Hazrat Mirza Sahib himself. "O God, if I have lied in swearing by Thy name, send upon me such exemplary punishment as could not come from human means, and by which the world would see how terrible and frightening is God's punishment for those who deceive His creatures by swearing falsely in His name."

TEN CONDITIONS OF BAI'AT

As Laid Down By

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement

The following ten conditions have been laid down by the Founder Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, for entering into his God-ordained Movement.

Firstly, that until he is laid in his grave, he will shun all forms and shades of shirk (Polytheism).

Secondly, that he will guard against falsehood, fornication, evilsight and every form of sin, evil, cruelty, dishonesty, disorder, and rebellion: and that in moments of passion he will on no account give in, however boisterous that passion may be.

Thirdly, that without fail he will say his prayers five times a day as enjoined by God and His Apostle and that, to the best of his power, he will say his midnight prayers, will invoke Divine blessings on the Holy Prophet, will ask forgiveness for his sins and will with a truly loving heart, recall God's favours and glorify Him.

Fourthly, that he will do nothing in any way to injure his fellow human beings in general and the Muslims in particular - neither with the tongue, nor with the hand, nor in any other way.

Fifthly, that he will show fidelity to God under all circumstances alike in prosperity and adversity, in pleasure and pain, in time of bliss and affliction; that he will resign himself to God under all conditions and will cheerfully bear all hardships and humiliations in His way; that in the hour of calamity he will not turn his back but will step yet onward.

Sixthly, that he will eschew observance of evil-customs or following the promptings of his lower nature; that he will thoroughly submit to the yoke of the Holy Quran and that in every walk of life, he will hold the Word of God and that of His Apostle as his guiding principle.

Seventhly, that he will totally abstain from haughtiness and will live in humility, meekness and mildness.

Eighthly, that he will regard religion and its honour and sympathy for Islam dearer than everything else - dearer than his life, his wealth, his honour, his children, his kith and kin.

Ninthly, that he will make it a rule of his life to show sympathy towards all human being out of love for God and that, to the best of his power, he will use all his God-given faculties and blessings for the benefit of humanity.

Tenthly, that binding himself with me (Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad) in a fraternal bond in the way of Allah, he will obey me in everything good, and will live up to this pledge till his death in this fraternal bond and that he will prove himself steadfast in this spiritual fraternal bond to such a high degree as is not to be met with in any blood relations or other wordly connections.

DON'T YOU FORGET!

The "World Muslim Convention of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-I-Islam" will be held in this small but beautiful nation, Fiji, tucked away in a corner of the vast Pacific Ocean from Friday 5th to Monday 8th April of 1996.

AAII (Fiji) looks forward to the pleasure of having you at the Convention. DO COME.

Please pass the word around to our other Ahmadi brothers and sisters, NOW.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The General Secretary of the Anjuman attended a prayer breakfast with Fiji's Prime Minister Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka at the Berjaya Inn on Monday 10 April. The small group included a few government ministers and some close associates of the Prime Minister. Amin spoke on the role of the "Inter Faith Search in Fiji".



VISITORS

The Fiji Anjuman was delighted to have back home recently two of its stalwarts from abroad. The Secretary of AAI (Canada) Mr Muhammad Yaseen Sahu Khan was here on his annual visit to see his ageing mother. And while he was here, the Suva branch of the Anjuman was only too happy to have him conduct the weekly Dars-i-Quran at Masjid Noor on Monday 1 May and Monday 8 May, and the Jumah on Friday 5 May.

Brother Shaukat, the Central Anjuman's Honorary Director for South East Asia and Pacific, visited Fiji in June on an official tour as part of his work with the International Civil Aviation Organisation in Thailand. He attended the Masih Mauood Day Jalsa at Maulana Muhammad Ali Masjid on Sunday 28 May and addressed the gathering briefly on the teachings of Hazrat Sahib, and the establishment of the Anjuman's branch in New Delhi.

[The Fiji Anjuman has donated twelve thousand one hundred and eighty Fijian dollars (F\$12,180) towards the New Delhi project, as at 30 June 1995.]



From the General Secretary's Diary

* On Sunday 1 April, the General Secretary spoke to a capacity crowd at the Sikh Gurudwara on "Life and Death" on the occasion of the passing away of Mr Sher Singh, director of Tacirua Bus Transport Limited.

* On Saturday 7 April, Amin spoke at the Swami Ram Naresh Ashram on the "Oneness of God" on the occasion of the Ram Naumi celebration.

* On Thursday 13 April, Amin addressed the staff and students of International Secondary School on "Inter-Faith Search".

* On Friday 14 April, at 10.00 a.m. the General Secretary represented the Anjuman at the official opening of the annual TISI Sangam Convention by the President of Fiji, the Right Hon. Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, at the National Stadium.

* On Friday 14 April (Easter Friday), Amin was a guest at the Catholic Church's Veneration Ceremony at the Pacific Regional Seminary.

* At the Annual General Meeting of Inter-Faith Search Fiji on Tuesday 28 March, Amin stepped down from the position of Chairperson having served in this position for two years. He is succeeded by Mr Hardayal Singh of the Sikh Gurudwara Prapandak Committee. Amin is now one of the three Associate Chairpersons.

THE BEAUTIFUL CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAM

"I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to me to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phases of existence which can make itself appear to every age. I have studied him - the wonderful man - and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ, he must be called the Saviour of Humanity. I believe

that if a man like him were to assume the Dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness. I have prophesied about the faith of Muhammad that it would be acceptable to the Europe of tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today."

- George Bernard Shaw

AHMADIYYAT IN PRACTICE

1. The leaders of all the nations and their sacred scriptures should be respected.
2. All the companions of the Prophet, all the Imams (they may belong to any school of thought) all the saints and mujaddids (renovators) should also be respected.
3. All the schools of thought in Islam should be considered various branches of a tree. There might be several differences on minor points but all of them agree on the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
4. Obedience to the law of Shari'ah and Islamic traditions should be respected. Moreover, one should abstain from all evil customs and habits and accept completely the authority of the Quran.
5. Sympathy should be shown to all men, they may belong to any religion, country, race or nation.
6. One must consider every Muslim as one's brother and should try to help him as far as possible in one's power.
7. The service of Islam should be carried on in cooperation with the Imam and the Mujaddid of the age and under his instructions. For the reformation of all mistakes from the community one should work with great religious zeal and courage.
8. Islam, the Book of Islam and the Messenger of Islam should be defended against all attacks.
9. For the propagation of Islam one should consider oneself as an ambassador in the way of God. The revelation of God and the message of Islam should be carried to all the nations of the World.
10. One should spend a part of one's time and property for the defence and propagation of Islam.
11. For the Religion of God all kinds of troubles, misfortunes and humiliations should be cheerfully borne.
12. Religion should be held above the World. The love of God and the Prophet Muhammad, the devotion to the cause of Islam and goodwill for mankind in general and for the community of Muhammad in particular should be given priority over everything else in one's life.

AHMADIYYA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN TRINIDAD

The Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam Inc of Trinidad and Tobago proposes to host an International Ahmadiyya Convention in Trinidad, from Friday August 11, 1995 to Saturday August 19, 1995. The theme of the Convention is:

"Building For The 21st Century".

The programme includes a Business Session on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August, 1995, visits to Jamaats where Religious Programmes would be conducted, Inter-Faith Meetings, Sight-seeing Tours, a Youth Seminar, a Women's Afternoon and a Cultural Evening. The official Opening of Ahmadiyya House will also take place during the Convention, as the Anjuman celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

WORLD IN BRIEF

from our newspapers

Man stoned to death

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, (Reuter) - A man was killed and another injured when a crowd of Muslim militants stoned them in the North West Frontier province, witnesses said.

The incident occurred during a court hearing in Shabqadar town over a complaint that the two men, Rashid and Riaz (both one name), were trying to convert another resident, Daulat Khan, to Islam's banned Ahmadia sect.

A crowd of people suddenly surrounded the men and started stoning them until Rashid died on the spot, the witnesses said. Riaz was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Several residents of Shabqadar had filed a complaint to police accusing the two residents of the provincial capital of Peshawar of trying to convert Daulat.

Blasphemy to remain a Pak capital crime

ISLAMABAD, Reuter - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto assured Pakistani Muslims yesterday that blasphemy would remain a crime punished by death.

"All Muslims feel the same about the honour of the Prophet," she said in a speech. "We will not amend the law but plan some procedural changes so that it is used according to the tenets of Islam."

Pakistani fundamentalists have been leading a campaign, including a general strike to keep blasphemy a capital offence.

The law came under attack from local and international human rights groups after two Christians, one a 14-year old boy, were sentenced to death. They were acquitted by a higher court but fled to Germany in fear of zealots.

Bhutto said the only changes needed were to

protect weaker members of society from misuse of the blasphemy law.

Paks blasphemy law

ISLAMABAD, AFP - The Pakistan government said yesterday it will amend the blasphemy law to prescribe 10-year prison terms for those who falsely accuse others of blaspheming Islam's prophet, Mohammad.

The change, which has triggered a furore here among some Islamic groups, was long sought by Christians and other religious minorities living in Pakistan.

The alteration is a minor one in the law, which still orders the death penalty for convicted blasphemers, Interior Minister Naseerullah Babar said.

Huge dowries for local brides

MALAYSIA - Muslim scholars have warned that men in predominantly-Muslim Malaysia may soon be driven to marrying foreign wives, because they cannot afford the huge dowries for local brides, news reports said.

Muslim men in Malaysia may soon follow aspiring grooms in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in seeking foreign brides to cut down on wedding costs, said Ahmad Awang, president of the Ulama (Religious Scholars') Association of Malaysia.

"I can see the same thing happening in this country if the trend of demanding exorbitant dowries continues." Ahmad was quoted saying by the Star Daily." he said.

He complained that Muslim men - who are allowed four wives at a time - were burdened by parents who demanded a dowry as high as 5000 ringgit (\$F2,950).

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Maulvi Abdul Gani Sahu Khan*