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### Message from Hazrat Ameer

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَن يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ حَيَاتٌ وَلَٰكِن لَّا تَشْعُرُونَ

And speak not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, (they are) alive, but you perceive not. (Quran: Chapter 2, Verse 154)

Moharram ul Haram, the month in which Imam Hussain and his companions preferred to embrace martyrdom rather than bow to the evil forces of Yazid, is a reminder to the followers of Islam to place religion above all worldly considerations. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, Mujaddid of the fourteenth century and the Promised Messiah also placed this principal as the foremost when he established a Jama'at, the sole purpose of which was the spread of Islam. So great was the emphasis he laid on this that he included it in the pledge he took from his followers. As a man chosen by God, the reformer had the insight into the fact that to spread Islam, a missionary would require sacrifice of property, fruits, personal resources including time, money and even life if the need arose. One must remember that propagation of Islam demands sacrifice and one must be prepared to follow in the true spirit of the verse of the Holy Quran I have quoted above. One must consider this life as a loan from Allah, which must be returned to Him without hesitation when He wants it. We must remember that martyrdom is not only embraced by death in war but also by living a life in accordance with the will of Allah and dying in complete submission as willed by Him. A death so embraced is in fact the achievement of the sole goal of life of a true believer and that is why this verse of the Holy Quran exhorts the believers not to speak of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead.

**Professor Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed**



**Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali, the Founder of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam Lahore and its First Ameer and President**

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## ***The Islamic view on....***

### ***What It Means To Be A Muslim***

***Selected by Sarah Ahmed***

#### ***Holy Quran***

"Nay, whoever submits himself entirely to Allah and he is the doer of good (to others), he has his reward from his Lord, and there is no fear for such nor shall they grieve." (*Al Baqara 2:112*)

#### ***Hadith***

Narrated Abu Musa:

Some people asked Allah's Apostle, "Whose Islam is the best? i.e. (Who is a very good Muslim)?" He replied, "One who avoids harming the Muslims with his tongue and hands." (*Sahih Bukhari: Book 2 Chapter 5*)

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith: (1) The one to whom Allah and His Apostle becomes dearer than anything else. (2) Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake (3) Who hates to revert to Atheism (disbelief) as he hates to be thrown into the fire." (*Sahih Bukhari: Book 2 Chapter 9*)

#### ***Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib Qadiani***

"What are the ways of attaining the real essence and spirit of Islam? ...Every wise person can see that the real essence of Islam can only be established in someone if all his being, with all its inner and outer faculties, is devoted solely to God and His way, and all that he has received from God as a trust is returned to the Real Giver. It should not only be in terms of belief, but in terms of deeds as well, that he must display the full image of Islam and its perfect essence. That is, the person claiming to be a follower of Islam must prove that his hands, feet, heart and mind, his sense, reason, anger, mercy, gentleness and knowledge, all his spiritual and physical powers, his honour and property, his rest and comfort, and all that he has, from the hair of his head to the nails of his toes, both outwardly and inwardly, so much so that his intentions, the fears in his heart, and the feelings in his soul -- all these have become as obedient to God as a person's limbs that are in his own control. In brief, it must be established that his devotion has reached the stage where whatever is his, is not his, but has become God's; and all his limbs and faculties are so engaged in the service of God as if they were the limbs of God ... To devote one's life in the way of God, which is the essence of Islam, has two sides to it. First, God must be believed to be the One Who is to be worshipped, sought and loved. The other aspect of devoting one's life to God is that it must be dedicated to the service, sympathy and help of His creatures, the bearing of their burdens and the true sharing of their grief. One must bear hardship to provide relief to others, and for their comfort tolerate difficulty for oneself.

... Therefore, a person can only be called a Muslim in the real sense when a mighty revolution has come in his life of indifference, obliterating forever the stamp of his lower self and all its passions, and after this death a new life of "doing good for the sake of Allah" has been born within him, a life so impeccable that it consists of nothing but obedience to the Creator and sympathy for His creation." (*Extract taken from: A'ina-i Kamalat-i-Islam*)

## The News From.....

### The Centre

#### Hazrat Ameer Visits Jama'ats In The Frontier Province

Hazrat Ameer Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed, accompanied by Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Saqib, Mr. Anwaar Ahmad and Mr. Abdul Mubarik Ahmad visited Sarai Naurang on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2004 to condole the death of our very devoted brother Sahibzada Muhammad Shaffi. The team went straight to the graveyard to offer dua for the noble departed members of the Jama'at. Hazrat Ameer later addressed a gathering of members after Maghrib prayers. He advised members to sink minor differences and forge unity amongst themselves to fight the challenges that the Jama'at was facing. He emphasised the importance of marriages within the Jama'at and motivated members to increase their chanda (monthly subscriptions). He expressed the hope that more members would be attending the Annual Training Course at the Centre this summer and that youngsters would also offer themselves for missionary work. There was a very positive response from the members. Hazrat Ameer particularly stressed the importance of women taking an active part in the affairs of the Jama'at. Sahibzada Muhammad Ibrahim very graciously offered to donate a room in his house for ladies' activities. *Jazaa kallah.*

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004 the delegation drove to Peshawar where the members had gathered at Sahibzada Said Lateef's house as the routes to the Jamiah were blocked because of the Moharram processions. A large number of staunch and enthusiastic Ahmadis had gathered there to meet Hazrat Ameer. He heard their problems and rendered appropriate advice.



Assar prayers were offered at the Sheikh Muhammadi Jamiah. Hazrat Ameer delivered a brief address stressing the need for unity and spirit of sacrifice for the cause of the Jama'at.

At Sufaid Dhairee the Jama'at, including a large number of very enthusiastic youngsters had assembled at the Jamiah. This Jama'at is constructing a new Jamiah with a capacity of over 400 hundred persons from its own resources. Hazrat Ameer lauded the high spirit of the Jama'at and prayed for their success.

In a short span of two days Hazrat Ameer visited four important Jama'at centres and met over a hundred members. He was welcomed with overwhelming hospitality everywhere and his presence infused fresh enthusiasm and spirit in the members.

### Ladies' Picnic

An outing once in a while is healthy for the mind and the body. It also provides a chance to interact with one another in pleasant surroundings. The Tanzeem-i-Khawaateen-i-Ahmadiyya, (Ahmadiyya Ladies' Association) Lahore, therefore arranged a picnic for its members at Model Town Park, a short distance away from Darus Salaam. About sixty ladies and children were there. A simple but delicious lunch was served. Spring flowers were in full bloom and the weather was very

pleasant. Everyone had a very enjoyable time and got an opportunity to socialise with one another.

## ***Berlin Mission***

*Al Hamdo lillah.* By the Grace of Almighty Allah a German citizen by the name of Marcos has accepted Islam at the hand of Imaam Chaudhry Riaz Ahmad by his own free will. The new Islamic name given to him is Suleman. He has been provided with all the relevant Islamic literature. Please pray that he remains steadfast and becomes a useful member of the Muslim community.

## ***From The Web***

*Al Hamdo lillah,* another very useful addition has been made to the Jama'at's website. A new subsection "Audio Books on Islam and the Ahmadiyya Movement" was launched on 17 February 2004 in the "Sounds" section of the site. Seven chapters from Anwaar-ul-Quran (Commentary on Parts/Paaraas 27 and 30 of the Holy Quran) by Dr. Basharat Ahmad have so far been added in the voice of Mr. Nasir Ahmad. The sound files have been contributed by Instituut voor Islamitische Studies en Publicaties (Institute for Islamic Studies & Publications) Surinam. *Jazaa kallah.* You can excess audio books at: <http://www.aaail.org/text/snd/audiobooks/audiobooks.shtml>

## ***Weddings***

Mr. Mubeen Ahmad son of Dr. Mubarik Ahmad has married Miss Zunaira in Lahore. Walima ceremony was held at Darus Salaam on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2004. A large number of Jama'at members, family

and friends attended the function. We wish the newlyweds a happy and prosperous life.

## ***Births***

Dr. Owais Ahmad Saeed and Sadaf Saeed have become the proud parents of a baby girl. The baby was born in Bedford England and named Mahrukh. May Allah bless her with a long and pious life.

## ***Obituaries***

Sahibzada Mohammad Shaffi, a revered member of the Jama'at died in his village Sarai Naurang, Frontier Province, Pakistan on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2004. *Inna lillahi wa inna elaihi raajioon.* The deceased was the great-grandson of the legendary Hazrat Sahibzada Abdul Lateef Shaheed who was martyred, a hundred years ago, by stoning to death by the rulers of Afghanistan for the crime of being an Ahmadi. Hazrat Ameer travelled to Sarai Naurang to offer condolence to the family on behalf of the whole Jama'at.

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## ***Martyrdom Of Hazrat Imam Hussain A Lesson For Us***

***By Athar Rasool***

Crises can have two kinds of impacts on one's personality i.e. making or breaking it. In case of Imam Hussain, *Razi Allah Ta'ala Anho* (may Allah be pleased with him), we find that during the tragic events of Karbala, hidden positive parts of his character came out strongly.

Imam Hussain (may Allah be pleased with him), as a child, received special care and love from the Holy Prophet

Muhammad (peace of Allah be upon him). He spent most of his life in comparatively easy and comfortable living conditions. However when he came face to face with Yazeed's cruelty and saw his family members perishing around him, he showed remarkable patience, dignity and courage.

The founder of Ahmadiyya Movement, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani writes about him in these words: "Imaam Hussain (RTA) was surely a pure and pious soul. He was a chosen one purified by Allah Himself and filled with His Love. He is no doubt amongst the leaders of Paradise. To hold malice against him is tantamount to negation of faith. This Imaam's piety, love of God, patience and steadfastness, devotion and adoration are models for us to follow and we are followers of the guidance that this innocent man received. Doomed is the soul that opposes him. .... Such people are hidden from the eyes of the world. Who would appreciate them but those who are like them? This was the reason for Imaam Hussain's martyrdom as the world did not identify his true status." [Majmoo'a-i-Ishtiharaat (Collection of Proclamations) Volume: 3 page 545].

Imam Hussain's noble actions provide us with the lesson never to falter after taking a principled stand on any issue even if we are small in numbers as compared to our opponents.

May Allah Ta'ala give us the strength to emulate the example of Imaam Hussain and guide us on the right path. Aameen

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***A great man is not born great.  
God uses troubles and trials  
to make him great.***

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## ***A Summary Of The Friday Sermon***

***By Safia Saeed***

Professor Dr. Mohammad Ahmad Hami from UK delivered the Friday sermon at Jamiah Darus Salaam, Lahore on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2004. He chose verse 2 of Surah Al Jumu'ah (The Congregation) for his sermon.

*"He it is Who raised among the illiterates a Messenger from among themselves, who recites to them His messages and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom — although they were before certainly in manifest error —" (62:2)*

His words were simple but the approach to the subject was extraordinary. He explained the four tasks of the Messenger of Allah mentioned in this verse. He recites to them (the people) His messages, purifies them and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom. Professor Hami very lucidly explained the fine distinction between 'recites His Messages' and 'teaches them the Book'. While recitation of the messages refers the narration of history of the previous prophets and their nations, teaching of the Book is the conveyance of Allah's commands. He further explained that fulfilment of each one of these tasks manifests the attributes of Allah mentioned in the previous verse

*"Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth glorifies Allah, the King, the Holy, the Mighty, the Wise." (62:1)*

By virtue of His first attribute, Allah the King (Al Malik) appoints the Messenger to recite His Messages to the people. Through His attribute of Holiness (Al Quddoos) the Messenger cleanses and purifies the people of all base desires and makes them pure and virtuous by teaching them by his own

example and actions. The Messenger next receives the commands (the Book) from Allah the Mighty (Al Azeez) and conveys them to the people by explaining to them what to do and what not to do. And lastly the attribute of Allah the Wise (al Hakeem) manifests in the teaching of Wisdom. This subtle relationship between verses of the Holy Quran is one of its beauties.

The mission the Messenger of Allah was entrusted with, is for all times to come. After his passing away this was to be carried out by the chosen ones of Allah from among the followers of the Messenger of Allah. We are fortunate to be amongst the followers of one such chosen one of Allah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, Mujaddid of the fourteenth century and the Promised Messiah, who has revived the Holy Prophet's mission in the present age.

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## ***Do Not Be Satisfied With Fables***

***From Kashtee-i-Nooh***

***By Hazrat Masih-i-Mauood***

Allah exists even now as He did in the past. His powers, too, remain the same as they were in the past, and He is still as capable of showing signs as He was before. Then why should you be satisfied with mere stories and fables? That religion which contains nothing more than stories of miracles of the past is dead and destroyed, and dead also are those people on whom Allah does not descend in grace and mercy and whom the Divine Hand itself has not come down to purify.

As a man is drawn towards the joys of this world when he sees its attractions with his own eyes, similarly is he drawn towards Allah when he comes to know with perfect certainty that the spiritual joys are even sweeter. The magnetism of Divine beauty exercises such a power on his mind that everything else appears to him to have no more value than mere trash.

Man is freed from sin only when he comes to know with perfect faith of the power of Allah and the certainty of Divine retribution. Ignorance is the root of audacity and no one will be found devoid of the fear of Allah, even to the least extent, if he partakes of Divine knowledge.

When a person knows that a dangerous flood is rising towards his house or that it has been surrounded by fire on all sides, he will at once flee from it. Then, how can you dare to leave your ways of life unaltered if your belief in the existence of Allah, in Divine retribution and reward, has hardened into a firm, unshakeable conviction? Therefore, open your eyes and carefully study the law of Allah, which operates throughout the universe. Do not be like rats which only continue digging and descending deep into the earth; be like a dove capable of soaring to the heavens – a dove which feels happy only when it is flying in the pure air of the loftier regions.

After taking the *bai'at* of repentance at my hand, make sure that you do not remain shackled to your former sinful ways. Do not be like a snake that remains as much a snake after it has shed its skin as ever it was before. Remember death that approaches you every moment, though you remain unaware. Do your best to purify yourself, for a man can attain nearness to the Source of purity *par excellence* only when he himself becomes pure to the utmost limit of his capacity.

## IN MEMORY OF BEGUM HAMIDA ABDULLAH



*By Chaudhry Masud Akthar, USA*

On February 9, 2004 Begum Hamida Abdullah, wife of the late Master Maulana Muhammad Abdullah, breathed her last in Washington Hospital, in Fremont, California where she had undergone an abdominal surgery ten days before. At the age of 92 years at the time of her death, she most probably was the oldest member of the International Ahmadiyya Community.

*Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaih-I-Raje'oon.*

Born at Rawalpindi in 1912, Hamida Begum had lost her parents at an early age. Her maternal uncle took her to Abbottabad in the Frontier Province of Pakistan where she was brought up in his home. In early 1930 Hamida Begum was married to Master Maulana Muhammad Abdullah who at that time was a teacher in the Ahmadiyya Muslim High School Baddo Malhi in the Punjab Province in Pakistan. Hazrat Hakim Muhammad Yahya, grandfather of our present Ameer Doctor Abdul Karim Saeed, performed the nikah.

Soon after their marriage in 1930, the couple went to Fiji Islands in response to a request for a Muslim teacher by the Muslim Community of Fiji. They stayed in Fiji for

nearly 30 years till the end of 1959 when they migrated to the United States.

During their stay in Fiji, the late Master Sahib had a large number of admirers who included his students and their parents, members of the Ahmadiyya Community, civil servants and people coming from almost all walks of life. These people very often visited Master Sahib at home, where Begum Hamida Abdullah cordially welcomed them and they enjoyed her hospitality. She thus earned love and respect from the social circle of the late Master Sahib and established herself as a leading religious influential person in her own right in the Muslim Community of Fiji.

In USA Master Sahib established a very close relationship with the leaders of the Black Muslim Movement. It was because of his influence on Imam Wallace Deen Muhammad that the Black Muslims abandoned such beliefs as were alien to the mainstream Islam and by attaining affinity of beliefs came to be regarded as part of the Islamic brotherhood by the rest of the Muslim Ummah. This changed the spiritual destinies of hundreds of thousands of Afro-American Muslims and this service of the late Master Maulana Muhammad Abdullah to the cause of Islam is unparalleled and unsurpassable. No historian can ignore this unique achievement of the late Master Sahib. His name shall ever shine in the annals of history of Islam in USA. Some recent books about the history of Black Muslim Community have mentioned the influence of Ahmadiyyat, particularly that of Maulana Muhammad Abdullah on the Black Muslim Movement.

Because of the anti-Ahmadiyya legislation by the Government of Pakistan, a need arose to establish and activate Ahmadiyya Jama'ats all over the world. In response to the Central Anjuman's decision to establish an Ahmadiyya Anjuman

Isha'at-i-Islam Lahore in the United States Begum Hamida Abdullah together with her son Zafar I. Abdullah stepped forward to do the needful. Thus the Oakland Ahmadiyya Anjuman, the first Ahmadiyya Anjuman in USA came into being. Begum Hamida Abdullah was actively involved in the Jama matters and in spite of her enormous engagements at home which had increased manifold in U.S.A. compared to Fiji, she regularly attended meetings, Jumah Prayers, and made useful contribution to the proceedings of these meetings.

Begum Hamida Abdullah's dedication to the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat was exemplary and influenced everyone who met her. She kept actively participating in Muslim Jama'at and community functions as long as her health allowed her to do so. The late Master Sahib's circle of friends and admirers in the USA was quite large and visitors and guests kept coming to his home. Begum Hamida Abdullah received everyone cordially and pleasantly and entertained them with hospitality. One never saw any sign of discomfort or complaint on her face. Begum Hamida Abdullah was a very loving and compassionate person who radiated the influence of her loving personality to all who knew her. This earned her the respect of all. One great characteristic of her was that she never complained about anyone nor ever engaged in backbiting.

Since some years, her health had deteriorated because of old age and she had been hospitalised several times. During these years her youngest daughter, her sons, son-in-law and many grandchildren cared for her. All of them followed the Quranic teachings about being kind to parents in their old age. May Allah favour them with goodly reward (Ameen).

Begum Hamida Abdullah was not only a dedicated Ahmadi but she was also a true

representative of her generation of pious Muslims. She was a role model for the younger generation. The Community will feel her loss for a long time. May Allah rest her soul in eternal peace (Ameen).

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***Death is not the end of life;  
it's only the beginning.***

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## ***Remembering "Masternee Sahiba"***

*By Jalal Ud Dean, Fiji*

Mrs. Hamida Abdullah is no longer among us but the unforgettable memories of her stay in Fiji will live forever.

The Fiji Muslim League had requested for a Muslim teacher from India who could teach the basics of Islamic requirements to the Muslim Community. Master Mohammad Abdullah was selected for this job and he arrived in Fiji from India together with his newly married spouse Hamida Begum, circa 1930

Master Abdullah was better known affectionately as "Master Sahib" and his newly married spouse as "Masternee Sahiba" with equal affection.

Master Abdullah was quite astonished upon his arrival, as Fiji was still a new Colony and very much culturally backward. The challenge to the Muslim community and to the Abdullahs was utterly beyond their imaginations. At that moment, Mrs Hamida Begum insisted that they take up the challenge to remain in Fiji and proceed with their mission to establish Muslim education there.



The Muslim community had a very small hut-like structure in Nausori that was used as a school and the building was bare. The hut was hardly sufficient to hold the numbers of Muslim children who wanted to be enrolled at the school, now that a Muslim teacher was in Fiji. Master Abdullah began to raise funds for construction of a proper school building with all amenities. The economic condition of the Muslim community was very bad. As sugarcane farm labourers, they were poorly paid, less than two pounds per week, and were forced to work from dawn to dusk seven days weekly. Muslims were further marginalized because they were Muslims. Fundraising was therefore a daunting challenge. His charismatic personality convinced not only the prominent Muslim traders to come forward to participate in the noble cause but even the poorest labourers contributed their pennies.

Whilst Master Abdullah went about collecting funds and encouraging Muslim parents to send their children to the Muslim school, his wife was also working with the women's groups with a similar mission. Mrs. Hamida Abdullah did a lot to maintain Muslim culture within Muslim women and always reminding them to keep within the peripheral boundaries of Islamic culture. Whilst the Abdullahs were not particularly well to do, they had wealthy hearts and did not hesitate with hospitality towards visitors who called home regularly.

Within a short span of a couple of years Master Abdullah had finished construction of the new school building at Vunimono, Nausori that cost a total of one thousand three hundred pounds. The school was given a new name of Vunimono Islamia School. Since it was the only Muslim school in the region, Master Abdullah saw the need to have hostel facilities so that distantly based children were not denied their rights to basic education because of

boarding problems. When the American Military withdrew from Fiji in 1942, Master Abdullah spent one hundred and fifty pounds from his personal savings and bought the whole of the Officers' barracks from the American Military. He had the whole building dismantled into sections and had them transported to the Vunimono Islamia School and finally achieved the hostel facility that was his wish for many years. Master and Mrs Abdullah did not stop at that achievement. They continued with the donations runs around Nausori and collected sufficient funds to construct a wooden mosque.

In 1953, Master Abdullah was instrumental in getting the First Pakistani High Commissioner to Australia, to also visit Fiji. He was His Excellency Mr Habibur Rahman. Vunimono Islamia School was used as venue to welcome the High Commissioner and many British senior civil servants and the Governor of Fiji were amongst the very large community gathered at the school.

By 1959, Master Abdullah reached the conclusion that he had achieved his mission to Fiji and that he must now move to higher challenges. He migrated to the United States. His new mission was to spread Islam to the Afro-American community.

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***And We shall certainly  
try you with something  
of fear and hunger and  
loss of property and  
lives and fruits. And  
give good news to the  
patient.***

***(Al Baqara 2:155)***

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## ***Sixteen Years Of Dedication Saeed Ahmad Chaudhry Relinquishes Charge Of Berlin Mission***

***By Nasir Ahmad, UK***



Mr. Saeed Ahmad Chaudhry took charge of the Berlin Mission in October 1987 along with Mr. Abdul Aziz who was to assist him. Mr. A. S. Abdul Santoe, coordinator of the Central Ahmadiyya Anjuman (Lahore) in Europe came from Rotterdam, Holland to facilitate the take over. The new Imam assessed the financial and organizational aspects of the Mission especially repairs required of the Mosque and the Mission house. His first priority was to generate funds for the urgent repairs. In this connection he undertook extensive tour of Jama'ats in Holland and made vigorous efforts for collecting funds.. The response was very encouraging. Bro. A. S. Santoe and Bro. Shams-ud-Din Elahi Bakhsh of Hague not only helped him in collecting financial support but also provided volunteers who went to Berlin with material to do the urgent repairs manually.

Imam Saeed Ahmad was born at Gujrat (Pakistan) on 23rd September 1925. He had his education in aircraft engineering at The Aircraft Technical School, Sikandarabad and Gindi Engineering College, Madras (India). He worked as Assistant Engineer with the Thal Development Authority and

also as Agriculture Engineer at the Commonwealth Livestock Farm at various centres in the District of Mianwali (Pakistan) from 1951 to 1958. In 1958 he joined the Engineering Department of the Pakistan International Airlines and retired as Engineering Officer in 1958. During this period he worked mostly in Peshawar but also at Karachi and Dhaka (now Bangladesh) stations.

During his tenure of 16 years (1987-2003) as Imaam, his main thrust was to encourage people of all faiths to visit the beautiful historic Mosque in Berlin, Germany. According to the record maintained by the Imam during his tenure about ten thousand visitors came to the Mosque, which included students from schools and universities, tourists, teachers, police and nursing staff and groups from various churches. Fifty-three men and women from various nationalities entered the fold of Islam.

At one point he was able to elicit cooperation of four Germans to start a quarterly magazine "Islam Heute" meaning Islam Today. Brother. Ibrahim Schadow and Dr. Franzen from Celle were mainly responsible for editing, printing and distributing it. But due to financial difficulties it had to be stopped after some time.

In 1991 an international Ahmadiyya Convention was held at the Mosque, which was attended by representatives from Pakistan, Holland, England, Surinam, USA and Canada and also prominent members of the Local Government and local parishes. The main object was to highlight the activities of the Mission and to launch a worldwide appeal for funds for the repairs of the Mosque and the Mission House. It was decided to declare the year 1996 as the year of the Berlin Mosque to give boost to the campaign for collecting the funds.

In 1997 on the completion of seventy years of the building of the Mosque, an elaborate programme was made to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Local German Muslims and prominent people attended a special function arranged at the Mosque from all walks of life. It was presided over by the Mayor of Wilmersdorf.. Dr. Ahmed Mokrani, an Algerian Engineer spoke about the positive missionary work being done by the Berlin Mission. The Imam on this occasion made a special appeal to the Mayor to help the Mission in restoring the original beauty of the Mosque and the Mission House, which were damaged during the World War II.

Afterwards a formal application was made to the Local authority to include the Mosque and the Mission House building in the list of National Monuments. The request was accepted.

The Monument Department prepared an estimate of the urgent repairs required especially with regard to the renovation of the two minarets. After mutual consultation in which Mrs. Samina Malik, president of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam Lahore Inc. USA played pivotal role, the plan and estimate were agreed upon. As a result DM 50,000 were contributed by the Central Ahmadiyya Anjuman, Lahore, DM 70,000 by Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam Lahore Inc. USA and DM 800,000 were paid by the Monument Department of Berlin, Germany. These funds were utilized under the supervision of the Monument Department to renovate the two minarets completely and urgent repairs of the Mission House and the Mosque. Some major repairs to the dome and ceiling of the Mosque are still to be done.

Imam Saeed Ahmad Chaudhry due to health reasons has finally relinquished the charge of the Mission towards the end of January 2004. Mr. Riaz Ahmad Chaudhry, a

law graduate from the University of the Punjab is now the new Imam of the Berlin Mission.

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## *Prayer For Divine Protection*

***Rab-bi kul-lu shay-in khaa-di-mu-ka,***

**O my Lord, every created thing is  
subservient to thee.**

***Rab-bi fah-faz-na wan-sur-na war-  
ham-na.***

**My Lord protect us, help us and bless  
us.**

**Yaa Ha-fee-zu, yaa 'A-zee-zu, yaa Ra-  
feeq.**

**O Thou, the Protector, the most  
Powerful and a Friend.**

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## *Editors' Note*

**We will welcome all suggestions  
for improving "ILAN".**

**Please help us by sending news,  
which would be of interest to the  
Jama'at members, and also by  
contributing articles to be published  
in this newsletter.**

**Thank you.**

*Editors*

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## Some Memorable Pictures Of Imaam Saeed Ahmad Chaudhry At The Berlin Mission



***"Alas For The Servants! Never Does A Messenger Come To Them But  
They Mock Him." ?***

My eyes are full of tears,  
Now this pain is impossible to bear.  
    My heart trembles with fear,  
    Now it's time to make it crystal clear.  
God looks upon us with mercy,  
By sending His messengers in urgency.  
    To deliver His divine message,  
    From our shoulders to remove evil garbage.  
But mostly ignorant people,  
Hurry to become Satan's pupil.  
    They doubt their innocence and honour in their hearts,  
    Therefore, so ignorantly they reject them at the very start.  
This tragedy is tearing me apart - how can anybody so blind and brute,  
That on God's blessing they dispute?  
    They've always been greatly criticised,  
    For God's pleasure, this pain they happily exercised.  
Nobody can feel their pain,  
I pray their struggles against them go vain.  
    How can God allow anyone to stop this divine light?  
    Certainly it is to make their hearts bright.  
They are God's friends,  
For them His love has no ends.  
    They are shooting stars from human race,  
    Come to discard evil scars from humanity's face.  
But due to their selfishness and haste,  
For them, revelation of this Divine truth goes waste.  
    Due to their jealousy and hatred,  
    They cannot be sacred.  
Their hearts are like stones,  
Light of truth is hardly shone.  
    Certainly they are beasts,  
    For their cruelty let them pay at least.  
They are not worthy of Your forgiveness,  
This is the result of their wickedness.  
    But if only they understand,  
    Certainly He'll come by their side to stand.  
Their hearts must beat humbly,  
Surely their feet will not stumble so early.  
    I'm certain most of them don't know,  
    Then it's impossible in their hearts His love will flow.  
Their footsteps they've to follow,  
Then very soon in their hearts His love will glow.

? Holy Quran 36:30

***"I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is His servant and His messenger."***

1. I declare in all sincerity that from now till I am laid in the grave, I will desist from associating anyone with Allah.
2. I will shun falsehood, adultery, sensual gaze and all kinds of inequity and impiety and perfidy and sedition, disloyalty, and will not submit to carnal passions under the most provocative instigation.
3. I will regularly perform my prayers five times in accordance with the injunctions of Allah and the Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and so far as possible, I will say the Tahajjud Prayers (Voluntary Nightly Prayers), and call for Blessings on the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him (Darood), and seek Allah's forgiveness and will crave for His mercy.
4. I will not inflict any injury on the people generally, and in particular on the Muslims, under any undue provocation by tongue or hand or in any other manner.
5. I will ever remain faithful to Allah under all circumstances whether in grief or respite, or distress or prosperity, and will be always content with Allah in calamity, and will be ready to bear willingly any disgrace and affection in His path, and will not abandon Him on occurrence of any calamity; but instead will move forward.
6. I will abstain from following the traditional customs, and indulging in licentiousness. I will comply fully with the Quranic injunctions, and will follow in every way, the commandments of Allah and the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.
7. I will entirely shun arrogance, haughtiness, and will spend my life in humility, and meekness, politeness and gentleness in consonance with the Quranic injunctions as contained in verse 63 of Chapter al-Furqan: "And the servants of the Beneficent are they, who walk on the earth with humility," and in verse 37 of Chapter Bani Israel: "And go not about in the land exultingly."
8. I will keep the Faith, and the honour of the Faith, and my sympathies with Islam, dearer than my life, my honour, and my wealth and my children, and, even more precious than everything dear to me.
9. I will be compassionate with all mankind for Allah's sake only, and as far as possible, I will utilise my God-given energies to benefit them with Allah's favours.
10. I will maintain fraternal relations with Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, exclusively for Allah's sake with the pledge for submission in the right cause till my death, and in this fraternal kinship will be so thoroughly steadfast as to be above all blood relations and connections, and all subjugatory positions.