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- sa:** "Sall-Allaho alaihi wa sallam"
- Peace and Blessing of Allah be upon him
- as:** "Alaiha-Salam"
- Peace be upon him
- ra:** "Razi Allah ho tallah"
- May Allah be pleased with him/her
- rh:** "Rahimahu-Allaho Ta'ala"
- May Allah shower mercy on him
- aa:** "Ayyadullah Bin Asrilaziz"
- May Allah strengthen him with His mighty help.

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And We have not sent any Messenger except with the language of his people in order that he might make things clear to them. Then Allah lets go astray whom He wills, and guides whom He wills. And He is the Mighty, the Wise.

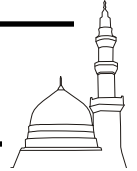
And We did send Moses. With Our Signs, saying, 'Bring forth thy people from every kind of darkness into light, and remind them of the days of Allah.' Surely, therein are Signs for every patient and thankful person.

(14:5-6)

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا بِلِسَانِ
قَوْمِهِ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَهُمْ فَيُضِلُّ اللَّهُ مَنْ
يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ
الْحَكِيمُ ۝

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَى بِآيَاتِنَا أَنْ أَخْرِجْ
قَوْمَكَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَ
ذَكَرَهُمْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ
لَآيَاتٍ لِكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ۝

Al-Hadith



It has been related by Hadrat Jabir^{ra} that once the Messenger^{saw} of Allah came to us and said, "O you people! Come and graze in the gardens of paradise". We said, "O Messenger of Allah! What is the meaning of Garden of Paradise?" He said, "Company of those who remember Allah is the Garden of Allah" He also said that remember Allah especially in the morning as well as in the evening. If someone wants to know his own value and status with Allah, he should consider what his own estimation of Allah is. It is because Allah has the same estimation of His devotee as the devotee has his estimation of Allah.

(Qasheeriyah Bab al-Zikr p. 111)

— عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى الْأَشْعَرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ
النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: مَثَلُ الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ رَبَّهُ
وَالَّذِي لَا يَذْكُرُهُ مَثَلُ الْحَيِّ وَالْمَيِّتِ . وَرَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ فَقَالَ
مَثَلُ الْبَيْتِ الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ اللَّهَ فِيهِ وَالْبَيْتِ الَّذِي لَا يَذْكُرُ
اللَّهُ فِيهِ مَثَلُ الْحَيِّ وَالْمَيِّتِ .

(بخاری کتاب الدعوات باب فضل ذکر اللہ تعالیٰ - مسلم)

کتاب الصلوٰۃ باب استحباب صلاۃ المنافلۃ فی بیتہ وجوازها فی المسجد)

Sacred Sayings of the Promised Messiah^{Peace be upon him}



The Great Prophecy Of Musleh Mau'ood

Following is the prophecy given by God Almighty to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) commonly known as the Prophecy of Musleh Mau'ood, regarding an illustrious son with many wonderful qualities which were fulfilled in the person of Hazrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad, who later become the second Khalifa of Jama`at Ahmadiyya also.

I confer upon thee a sign of mercy according to thy entreaties. I listened to your invocations and heard your prayers with mercy and blessed your journey (of Hoshiarpur and Ludhiana) for you. A Sign of power, mercy and nearness is given to thee and thou art granted a Sign of grace and favour. You get the key of conquest and victory. O the Victor, peace on thee. Thus God spake that those buried in tombs may come out so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of divine Word may become manifest unto the people and that truth may come with all its blessings and falsehood may flee with all its portents. It will be that people may know that I am the Lord of Power and do what I will and they may believe that I am with thee. It is because those who do not believe in God and deny and reject His religion, His Book and His Holy Messenger Mohammad Mustafa, may see a clear Sign and the way of the guilty may become manifest.

So, glad tidings to thee that a handsome and immaculate boy will be granted to thee. Thou wilt get an intelligent youth who will be of thy seed and thy progeny. A handsome pure boy comes as your guest. His name is Emmanuel and Bashir. He is invested with Holy Spirit, who will

be free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah.

Blessed is he who comes from on high. With him is grace that will descend on him. He will be a man of nobility, grandeur and wealth. He will come in the world and cleanse many of their diseases with his Messianic breath and blessings of the Holy Spirit. He is the Word of Allah, for Allah's mercy and honour has sent him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and brilliant and will be meek of heart. He will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He will make three into four. (Its meanings are not clear). It is Monday, a blessed Monday. Son, delight of heart, high ranking, noble; a manifestation of the First and the Last, manifestation of the True and the high; as if Allah has descended from heaven. His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of the manifestation of Divine Majesty. The light cometh which is anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour Our Spirit upon him and God's canopy will be over his head. He will grow rapidly and will be the means of procuring release of those in bondage. His fame will reach the corners of the earth and nations will be blessed by him. Then will he be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. This is the matter decreed.

(Ishtihaar dated 20th February, 1886, included in the book *Tabligh-i-Risalat-I*)

Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa}

The aim of Fasting is to shun moral and spiritual weaknesses and gain nearness to Allah

Eight Ahmadiis martyred and 20 wounded when they were attacked during *Fajr* prayer in Mong, District Mandi Bahauddin, Pakistan.

I. Friday Sermon

Brief of Friday sermon delivered by Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V on 7th October, 2005 at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

After reciting *tashahhud*, *ta'awwuz* and *Surah Fatihah*, Hudur recited verse No.184 of *Surah al-Baqarah* whose translation is given below:

O ye who believe, fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed to those before you, so that you may guard against evil.

In this verse, Allah draws the attention of believers towards the obligatory nature of fasting. Allah says that fasting is essential for adopting *Taqwa* and shunning moral and spiritual weaknesses. It is meant to inculcate in you the fear of Allah and also the understanding that you must not destroy your world and your Hereafter by earning Allah's displeasure, rather you have to strive to earn Allah's pleasure. This is the purpose of fasting and this is the purpose we should have in mind when we wait for *Ramadan*. We must analyze ourselves and see how far we have benefited from the virtues and spiritual progress we made during the last *Ramadan*.

We must analyze and see how far we have benefited from the virtues and spiritual progress we made during the last *Ramadan*. Have we indeed benefited from them or do we find ourselves where we had started? We should have made further progress in those virtues and attained even higher spiritual stations. Fortunate are those indeed who acquired *Taqwa* in the last *Ramadan*, but those who forgot and gained nothing from it, should seriously consider what

they achieved from *Ramadan*.

Fasting is for our own good and it does certainly benefit us. We must ask Allah's forgiveness for our mistakes and promise not to revert to them. We should pray: O Allah, forgive our past sins and enable us to perform such virtues during this *Ramadan* as shall bring us near to Thee.

Allah rewards manifold the virtues that are performed in the month of *Ramadan*. He says; "Fasting is for Me and I Myself am its reward." Fasting is a worship which is observed solely for the sake of Allah. During this month, evil is discarded and the standards of worship are raised. When man begins to walk towards Allah, He runs towards him. A believer should therefore, always be seeking ways to adopt *Taqwa*.

The Holy Prophet^{saw} has said: "If only people knew the value of *Ramadan*, they would wish that it was *Ramadan* all the year round." This is because Paradise is adorned and prepared all the year to welcome *Ramadan*.

He has also said: "When the month of *Ramadan* comes, the doors of paradise are flung open, and the doors of hell are closed and satans are fettered." Allah says: "Every act performed by the son of Adam is for himself, except fasting. It is for Me and I Myself am its reward."

Therefore, we should observe this worship purely for the sake of Allah, and try to earn His mercy by bringing about a pious change in ourselves. There is no doubt that fasting is a shield, but it can only protect us when we know how to use it. It will protect us if we shun all kinds of evil like lying, backbiting and usurping others' rights. In the words of the Promised Messiah^{as} every morning should bear witness

that we spent our night with *Taqwa* and every evening should bear witness that we spent the day fearing Allah.

Hudur prayed that may we adopt forever the positive change which we bring about in ourselves during this *Ramadan*, and may Allah envelop us in the garb of His mercy.

At the end, Hudur informed the Jama`at about the tragic incident which had taken place that morning of 7th October. Opponents of the Jama`at opened fire on Ahmadi worshippers who were offering *Fajr* prayer in their mosque in Mong, near Mandi Bahauddin in Pakistan. Eight Ahmadis were martyred and more than 20 injured. Hudur prayed that may Allah have mercy on the souls of the martyrs, and grant peace, strength and courage to the bereaved families, and may He grant quick recovery to those who have been injured. *Amen*.

II. Friday Sermon

Brief of Friday sermon delivered by Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V on 14th October, 2005 at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

After reciting *tashahhud*, *ta'awwuz* and *Surah Fatihah*, Hudur recited verses 155-157 of *Surah al-Baqarah*, whose translation is given below:

And say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah that they are dead; they are living, only you perceive not.

And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives and fruits; but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere.

Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.'

(2:155-157)

Hudur said:

In the last few days, there have occurred two very tragic incidents which have upset every Ahmadi heart with pain and caused a

wave of pain and sorrow to run through the heart of every Ahmadi. In the first incident, eight Ahmadis were shot and martyred while praying in their mosque in Mong. It is a most painful tragedy, but for the sake of Allah, we have to bear it with patience. Divine Jama`ats continuously suffer such tribulations, but they supplicate before Allah and never lose hold of patience and forbearance. The hundred-year history of the Jama`at bears witness that whenever such a time came upon the Jama`at, Ahmadis have borne it with courage and fortitude and have never taken the law into their own hands. Because of this, Allah always blesses the Jama`at more than before and shall continue to do so. Those who have laid down their lives in the way of Allah have for ever become a part of Jama`at's history and will never be forgotten.

The verses I have recited tell us that we should not say of those who are martyred in the way of Allah that they are dead, for they are living. Hudur said; What a great honour it is for them that they are granted eternal lives! Allah has never allowed the sacrifices of the Jama`at to go in vain, nor shall He do so in future. If we adopt this attitude, not only shall the martyrs be granted higher stations in heaven, but Allah shall also ease the tribulations of the bereaved families and bestow His blessings upon them. The Holy Prophet^{saw} has said that whenever a believer is touched by sorrow, pain, adversity or loss, and he bears it with patience, this attitude of his will become a source of blessing for him. May Allah grant patience to the relatives of the martyrs, and bless them abundantly with His grace.

Over a month ago, an Ahmadi in Quetta also had the honour of laying down his life in the way of Allah. Please remember his family in your prayers as well.

Referring to the second tragic incident, Hudur said: An earthquake has caused immense devastation in the northern areas of Pakistan and Kashmir. Every Ahmadi is overwhelmed with pain and sorrow because of this heavenly tragedy. I have written letters of sympathy and condolence to the Presidents and Prime Minis-

ters of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir and have promised every possible assistance. Our love for our country demands that in this difficult time, we forget our own troubles and help our brothers through prayers as well as by practical measures. Members of Jama`at Ahmadiyya Pakistan are doing their best within their means to help the stricken people. Ahmadi abroad should extend their assistance to the Government of Pakistan as well. It is our duty to save suffering humanity. Teams of Khuddamul Ahmadyya were the first to reach some of the stricken areas. Khuddam from Islamabad immediately prepared cauldrons of rice and started feeding thousands of people in neighbouring villages. Truckloads of rice, blankets, warm clothes and other necessities have been sent to victims of the earthquake by Jama`at Ahmadiyya Pakistan. Five doctors from London have also reached these areas with 20 thousand pounds worth of medicines and 500 tents have also been sent. The Jama`at is also doing great service to humanity through the medium of Humanity First.

Hudur urged the Jama`at to adopt the example of the Holy Prophet^{saw} in such situations, and to beg for Allah's protection and forgiveness. Hudur also urged the Jama`at to pray for the guidance of the world so that it may be spared from further calamities.

Prestigious Award for an Ahmadi Doctor

By the grace of Allah, Dr. Nadeem A. Mian, of Edmonton was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal on November 26, 2005; Mr. Rahim Jaffer, Member of Federal Parliament of Canada honoured him with this award in a graceful ceremony in Edmonton. Following is an excerpt of the introduction delivered by the Honourable Member about Dr. Nadeem Mian and his medical accomplishments.

Dr. Nadeem Mian has been practicing medicine since 1980 in the field of Pediatrics since 1992. Some of you may be knowing that Dr. Mian, is one of the doctors who saved the life of Baby Erika. As you may recall, on a dead cold winter night in early 2001, a one-year old child wandered outside her home when the mercury had dropped to -25° C. The child was found after a few hours in the snow, frozen and with no heart beat.

Miraculously, Dr. Mian, with his team of doctors was able to revive the frozen Erika. Today the same child is alive and doing well. This medical feat of Dr. Mian made newspaper headlines around the world.

We are grateful and glad that Dr. Nadeem Mian is practicing medicine in our City of Edmonton. On behalf of myself and parents everywhere, I would like to honour you, Dr. Nadeem and your accomplishments with the ALBERTA CENTENNIAL MEDAL.

Rahim Jaffer, Member Federal Parliament of Canada

Alhaj Khalil Mahmud Passed Away

We announce with sorrow that Alhaj Khalil Mahmud, ex – University Librarian, Ahmaddu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria passed away at the age of 80 year on 29th January 2005 after illness in Atlanta, USA. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'oon. His Namaz Janaza was offered at Majid Baitur Rahman, Maryland led by Maulana Daud Hanif, our Missionary at Maryland.

He was pious, saint scholar, and Muttaqi Ahmadi. He left behind his widow Zakia Mahmud, four sons, Idris, Daud, Shuaib and Luqman.

Upon the request of S. H. Hadi, Editor Ahmadiyya Gazette Canada and Munirul Haq Shahid his Namaz Janaza Ghaib was led by Maulana Nasim Mahid, Amir & Missionary Incharge Jama't Ahmadiyya Canada at Baitul Islam Mosque, Toronto after Friday prayer on 17th February 2006. May Allah bless his soul and elevate his status in Heaven and grant solace to all his loved ones .

Local doctor heading home to assist with relief efforts following earthquake

Cape Breton Post, Friday October 14, 2005

BY SHARON MONTGOMERY

A local doctor who has lost family members and friends in the devastating earthquake in Pakistan is traveling to the region to offer assistance.

“My uncles had family, I had first cousins, they all suffered in that,” Dr. Momin Khalifa of Boularderie told the Cape Breton Post.

“Two of the family members died, their houses are all demolished. That is why I am rushing there to see what I can do to help.”

A native of Kashmir and National President of the Ahmadiyya Health Association, Khalifa was in Italy when the earthquake occurred. He immediately began making arrangements to travel to Pakistan.

“I grew up in Kashmir Valley about eighty miles from where the earthquake (hit). I know this area very well.”

As a member of Relief International and Humanity First Organization, Khalifa recruited three doctors from Germany as well as others from various parts of the world to join the relief efforts. He traveled to Amsterdam Thursday evening and expects to be in Kashmir by noon today. It is estimated more than 35,000 people are dead, tens of thousands injured and more than two million have been left homeless by the earthquake.

The United Nations’ emergency relief chief said Thursday that time was running out for many hungry, homeless survivors and urged aid agencies to speed up efforts in remote villages. India has reported more than 1,350 deaths in the part of Kashmir it controls.

Thursday’s 5.6 magnitude aftershock was centred 135 kilometers north of Islamabad, near the epicenter of Saturday’s 7.6 – magnitude quake that demolished whole towns, mostly in Kashmir and north-western Pakistan.

(Dr. Abdul Momin Khalifa is the elder brother of Mr. Abdul Aziz Khalifa, Naib Amir I, of Jama`at Ahmadiyya Canada and is a veteran Ahmadi in this country. The moment he heard of the catastrophe, he headed to Pakistan along with some other doctors. Incidentally, we may record that Jama`at Ahmadiyya is rendering very valuable help to the sufferers through our International humanitarian Agency, The Humanity First, and were pioneers to reach the unfortunate part of the country and is rendering aid in providing, food, shelter and medical assistance to as many people as they can – Editor)

Foreign Minister Condemns Barbarous Attack On Ahmadi Worshipers in Their Mosque

Foreign Minister of Canada, Hon’ble Pierre Pettigrew issued the following statement condemning the barbarous attack on Ahmadi worshippers in their mosque in Mandi Bahaud-din, Pakistan. Preliminary media reports indicate at least eight worshippers died on the spot and as many as 20 were injured when a group of terrorists opened fire on the worshippers with automatic weapons at the time of morning prayer on Friday the 7th October 2005.

Canada strongly condemns this attack on innocent worshippers and we are deeply troubled by such incidents. On behalf of all Canadians, we extend our deepest sympathies to the victims and their families.

While the details are still unfolding, this is clearly an act directed against innocent civilians. The perpetrators must be found and brought to justice. Canada condemns all persecution of religious groups, and urges the Government of Pakistan to protect the security of Ahmadi Muslims and other minority groups in the country.

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

Ahmadis deprived of participation in the Local Bodies Elections 2005

NEWS REPORT JULY 2005

The Government of Pakistan continues to uphold and pursue its anti-Ahmadiyya policy in all fields including the exclusion of Ahmadis from the democratic process and representative government even at the level of union councils. The Government has taken deliberate and irrational steps to unabashedly deprive Ahmadis of their fundamental rights, and has made it impossible for them to participate in the Local Bodies Elections 2005. The following statement issued by the Ahmadiyya central office puts the whole issue in correct perspective.

Ahmadiyya Position on Local bodies Elections 2005

The Government of Pakistan has apparently abandoned the separate electorate system in favour of the joint electorate system in order to ensure national unity. However, the Election Commission of Pakistan has issued a separate list for Ahmadi voters for the forthcoming elections of the Local Bodies. This is a blatant violation of the joint electorate system and a willful effort to keep Ahmadis out of the election process – a civic right in democratic societies. This is also against the vision of the father of the nation, Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and against the spirit of the Constitution of the Republic of Pakistan. The Ahmadiyya Jama`at has briefed the President, the Prime Minister, and the Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan, a number of times of the situation but to no avail.

Ahmadis consider it to be against their faith and conscience to participate in elections as non-Muslim minority. Participating in elections under such circumstances would mean that Ahmadis would have to disassociate themselves from the servitude of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is one of the central tenets of the Ahmadiyya Jama`at.

Therefore, it is announced that Ahmadiyya

Jama`at will not participate in the forthcoming Local Bodies elections. Any person who participates in these elections, as Ahmadi, will have no association with the Jama`at, and will not be a representative of the Ahmadiyya Jama`at under any circumstances.

Malik Khalid Masood: Nazir Umoor Amma, Rabwah.

Obviously the government policy of Enlightened Moderation is selective and discriminatory. A separate list for Ahmadi voters betrays the Government's compromise with religious extremists; no wonder few show the courage of supporting a Government policy that the government itself is shy to uphold seriously.

No Freedom of Press and Publications

The Government of Pakistan often claims credit for freedom of press in Pakistan. Whatever the veracity of this claim, this freedom is obviously discriminatory as far as Ahmadis are concerned. A recent notification by the Government of the Punjab proves the point. The Home Department issued Notification No. 1-1-11-18-111/2005 on June 5, 2005 to forfeit all copies of the following Ahmadiyya periodicals (specified issues) and publications:

1. *The daily Alfazal*
2. *Weekly Alfazal International (two issues)*
4. *Monthly Ansarullah*
5. *Letter Of book titled (Muslims' message of tolerance)*
6. *Book titled "Ander Ki Batain."*

Mr. Hassan Wasim Afzaal Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Home Department issued the above notification containing the following Order:

Government of the Punjab is pleased to declare all copies of the above-mentioned Magazines/books and letters along with its translation in any language to be forfeited to the Government with immediate effect".

It should be mentioned that the notifica-

tion failed to specify the content that the government considers objectionable. This was deliberate as that would have exposed the government to accountability regarding its failure to take similar action against hundreds of anti-Ahmadiyya magazines and books that indulge in vastly disproportionate calumny and slander. It is also rather amusing to note the admission that the Government of the Punjab often co-operates with the mullah, although a sympathetic opinion would consider this co-operation to be under constraint rather than pleasure as admitted.

Restrictions on Freedom of Worship

Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance issued by General Zia in 1984 specifically targeted *inter-alia* Ahmadiyya places of worship, and specified the nature of injunctions against them. However, permissive and supportive attitude of all governments encouraged the mullah to enlarge the scope of his transgression against Ahmadiyya mosques far beyond the call of the notorious Ordinance. As a result, scores of Ahmadiyya mosques have been violated and the state has done little to discourage this onslaught by the mullah. There has been a visible upsurge in this in recent months. A few of these instances are mentioned below briefly to show the nature of denial of and obstruction to this basic human right:

- Mullah Muhammad Ishaque of Bahawalpur went all the way to village Chak-192 Murad on June 17th 2005. There, he maliciously interfered with the affairs of the Ahmadiyya mosque and precipitated an undesirable situation. Later, he had a case registered at the police station against fifteen Ahmadis under various sections including the dreaded blasphemy clause PPC295-C. As a result, nine Ahmadis were arrested; the police are searching for others.

- Ahmadis undertook recently to make a makeshift structure at the Truck Market in Chiniot to offer their daily prayers. Mullahs came to know about it and raised a howl. The police obligingly forbade Ahmadis to erect this facility.

- Ahmadiyya mosque at Manga, District Sialkot, is almost a century old. Ahmadis under-

took its renovation. Riaz, a local, had a personal vendetta against an Ahmadi, so he approached the local police SHO and stated that Ahmadis had built a niche in their mosque. In fact the niche was already there and had been plastered a year ago. The Zia Ordinance does not forbid Ahmadis to have a niche in their mosques; 99.5% have niches. Riaz, the complainant, hopes to get a favourable decision from the High Court in his personal case, through the via media of a fabricated and baseless communal dispute.

- Jama`at Ahmadiyya Pindi Bhattian, District Hafizabad, had acquired approval from the authorities to construct a building on a site that was acquired twenty years ago for construction of a place of worship. Its construction was well underway for the last one month, when the mullah approached the police. The police ordered a stop to the construction work on June 18, 2005. The local police say that they have acted at the orders of their superiors, the DSP and the S.P.

- Mullah Shafique Dogar (local president of the banned Sipah Sahaba) led a gang of miscreants and trespassed the Ahmadiyya mosque at Khiva Bajwa, District Sialkot. He acted in league with Mr. Riaz Dar the SHO at Pasrur and the DSP Pasrur. One would have thought that the extremist mullah of the banned organization would be on the run from the police, but here they were pulling together. The mullah's men damaged some items of the mosque property and effaced the title of the mosque. Subsequently, they approached the court, where the judge found it convenient to order the police to seal the Ahmadiyya mosque. They complied with the order on June 2, 2005. Now, the case is open in the court, while Ahmadis have no place to worship. This case shows how the authorities deal on the ground with the banned organizations and with Ahmadiyya Community – officially a minority group.

- Mr. Abdur Razzak, a convert to Ahmadiyyat at Goth Motan Chandio, District Badin, was visited in June 2005 by some mullahs leading a large agitated crowd. The mullah sent for Mr. Razzak and demanded as to why

he had become an Ahmadi, and why a mosque had been built. One of the mullahs offered the *fatwa* that it was a pious act to kill an Ahmadi. The mullahs gave him a grace period of five days to recant, or face consequences. One week later, the Army major at Badin sent for Mr. Razzak and interrogated him in detail. He was let go after obtaining a copy of his ID card and his photo. Amazing that the same should be chasing Ahmadis rather than religious extremists even after 9/11 and 7/7.

• Ahmadiyya mosque at Moro, District Nowshero Feroz (Sindh) had become dilapidated, so it was pulled down for reconstruction and renovation. Ahmadi-bashers became active, approached the police and had the construction work stopped. Eventually in March 2005, the DCO arranged a compromise and the construction restarted. Ahmadis decided to first construct the boundary wall but the opposition again approached the police, and had the work stopped. The DSP gave the verdict that Ahmadis cannot build the boundary wall, however for security, they are allowed to build the wall with iron sheets. If so built, it will be the first such boundary wall in Asia. One is reminded at this of the words of our worthy Prime Minister in the Daily Awaz, Lahore on January 4, 2005; Minorities in Pakistan enjoy equal rights – Shaukat Aziz, The Prime Minister.

The Plight of a Family from Baluchistan:

The Mullah from Baluchistan is a category by itself. He can compete and possibly win against any cleric in obscurantist and regressive behaviour. In the 1990s he attained great influence in the administration of the province and could achieve any enormity against a small community of Ahmadis that resided in that province.

Ahmadis living in Loralai District became special target of mullah-administration duet. They were subjected to an unusual form of tyranny in that the mullah prevailed upon the Deputy Commissioner to expel Ahmadis from the district for months at a time, without any recourse to judicial procedure or enquiry. Al-

though these expulsions were for two months on paper, the administration would convey a message through the police to the affected Ahmadis to return never. One such family was that of Mr. Dawood Ahmad.

Mr. Muhammad Imtiaz Tajwar, the District Magistrate of Loralai issued an expulsion order in 1998 to the effect (extracts):

Now, Therefore, I Muhammad Imtiaz Tajwar, District Magistrate Loralai, in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 5(1)C of the West Pakistan Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance 1960, do hereby order that aforesaid Dawood Ahmad shall be removed from the revenue jurisdiction of Loralai district and he shall not enter, reside, or remain in District of Loralai.....

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 4th day of June 1998.

Four Ahmadis, who were head of their households, including Dawood Ahmad were summarily expelled from the District. These families left in circumstances of extreme danger and great fear.

Subsequently, the family had to shift to Rawalpindi. It had lost its home, hearth and the job. Jobs are rare in Pakistan, and once you lose yours, it is not easy to find another. Once self-supporting, this family now lived on charity from the community. Three of the children are blind. A daughter, who is blind, is exceptionally intelligent. She has recently cleared her Matriculation Examination and is eligible to join a college.

Despite the passage of years, the family is not self-supporting. A son is now grown up; he has learnt some skills, but has still to find a suitable job. The family suffered for no reason except their faith. Their suffering has stretched over years. The shadow of mullahism is now longer than ever before. The family has not lost hope, and prays to God for better days and return to normal life.

Prosecution en masse

Rabwah: 53 Ahmadi cases, all based on religion, were brought up before Mr.

Mustahsan Hassan, the Magistrate at Chiniot on July 13, 2005. Police witnesses appeared in ten of these cases. September 28, 2005 has been given as the next date of hearing.

It is relevant to mention that the state has taken over the task of prosecution in all these cases, and Ahmadis are the accused. It is the same state that proposes Enlightened Moderation to the society and exhorts against religious extremism and intolerance.

The Bahawalpur Case

Chak 192 Murad, District Bahawalpur:

A somewhat detailed report was made last month that on behest of a mullah of the Khatme Nabuwwat, the police had registered an FIR against 15 Ahmadis under the notorious blasphemy clause PPC 295C and various other clauses at Hasilpur police station. It is absurd to investigate, even to suggest that 15 persons were involved in blaspheming the Holy Prophet^{saw} in this Islamic Republic of Pakistan. That is exactly what the Bahawalpur police are doing.

According to the follow-up reports a senior police officer is investigating the case. As per last report, thirteen Ahmadis had been arrested and were shifted from the police lock-up to the Central Jail, Bahawalpur.

It is hoped that the police will inquire as to why Mullah Ishaque Saqi, president of the End of Prophethood Association, Bahawalpur, had gone all the way to visit the Ahmadiyya mosque at Village Chak 192, Murad. Of course, he was on a mission of mischief, in which he has met great success – thanks to the co-operation and support of the police.

Faith and Business

Goth Dr. Jamil, District Badin: Normally faith should not be a significant factor in transacting business, but not so in our land of the pure.

Mr. Shahid Iqbal Ahmadi is a successful agriculturalist in his village. In addition to his own land, he had rented a large tract from other landlords. Mr. Iqbal had invested a large sum of money in millions, on that tract and hoped to reap good harvest that would be wel-

come by not only him but also his landlords.

Then last month, at some occasion, the landlords came to know that Mr. Iqbal was an Ahmadi. They got agitated over the fact, displayed their great anger and told him to recant or forego the unwritten contract. They told him that if he did not recant, he and his clerk would not be allowed to visit the land.

Mr. Iqbal is quite upset about this new turn in his enterprise. He has invested a great deal of borrowed money in the land and is now faced with the termination of the virtual contract. He has asked his well-wishers to pray for him.

Ahmadis behind bars

1. M. Muhammad Iqbal was awarded life imprisonment in a fabricated case of blasphemy. He was arrested in March 2004 and is now incarcerated in the Central Jail, Faisalabad. An appeal now lies with the Lahore High Court against the decision of the Sessions Court. The case was registered against Mr. Iqbal under FIR 73/04 on March 23, 2004 at Police Station Tarkhani, District Faisalabad, Punjab.

2. Three Ahmadis namely Messrs. Basharat, Nasir Ahmad and Muhammad Idrees along with 7 others of Chak Sikandar were arrested in September 2003 on false charge of murder of a mullah, at the complaint of Ahmadi-bashers. The police, after due investigation found nothing against all these accused. Still the innocent faced a ‘complaint trial’ for a crime they did not commit. Based on the unreliable testimony of the two alleged eye-witnesses (who were proven false in the court) the court found the seven Not Guilty and acquitted them, but on the evidence of the same two liars, the court sentenced these above-named three innocent Ahmadis to death. They are lodged in death cell at Gujrat Jail, while their plea for justice lies with the Lahore High court. It is now almost two years that they are in prison. They were booked under FIR 455/03 dated September 4, 2003, at police Station Kharian Sadar, District Gujarat.

3. Three Ahmadis namely Mr. Sha-

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Some Quick and Useful Tips

FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS

I Car repairs can leave you stranded. Let these McGuinty Government tips help you get from point A to B.

1. Always get an estimate in writing before repairs begin. If you are not offered written estimate, go somewhere else. The estimate should include as much detail as possible about your car, that will be done to it and the rates charged for the work.
2. Be sure to ask that old parts that were replaced in the repair be returned to you.
3. Ask family, friends and co-workers to recommend a quality repair shop. If you don't have personal referral, shop around – careful.
4. Be sure to ask for and check references.
5. Once you find a shop you are satisfied with, stick with it.

II. For Moving

Moving is a monumental task and the moving company can make a world of difference. The McGuinty government suggests these tips to have the right company:

1. Call at least three moving companies to set up estimate appointments.
2. Ask for references and check them.
3. A reputable mover will want to inspect your furnishings to help prepare a quote. Don't deal with a moving company that says the inspection isn't necessary or wants to provide a quote over the telephone.
4. If your move involves the storage of goods, go to the storage facility and check it. If the company doesn't want you to see its operation, hire someone else.
5. Find out who's responsible for loss or damage.

III. How to make a consumer complaint

The squeaky wheel gets the grease, as they say, and sometimes it will help you get your money back.

The McGuinty Government suggests the following tips on how to complain effectively and get help.

1. Contact the business immediately. If you don't get help quickly, complain in writing.
2. Keep proof of delivery of your complaints and any interaction with the business.
3. Contact the Ministry of Government Services if you were unable to resolve the complaint with the company.

Complaint letters should be brief, to the point and easy to read. Be sure to keep a copy of the letter for yourself and send it to the company in a way you can track: registered mail, courier, e-mail or fax with confirmed delivery.

If you are unable to resolve your complaint, the ministry's Consumer Services Bureau can help. Please call 1-800-889-9768 or 416-326-8800 Monday to Friday from 8-30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the hearing/speech impaired. TTY is available at 1-800-268-7095 or 416-325-3408

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Hadrat Khalifatul Masih Awwal^{ra} Looks At Hadrat Musleh Mau`ood^{ra}

BAARAKZAI

Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen, Khalifatul Masih Awwal^{ra}, a faithful, obedient and loyal devotee of the Promised Messiah^{as} who became the first *Khalifa* of Jama`at Ahmadiyya had very special regard for Hadrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad, the eldest son of the Promised Messiah^{as}. He had a special insight about him due to the prophecies granted by God to the Promised Messiah^{as}. He had realized that this is the son who is being raised for very special status and rank in the future. This was the reason that we find a number of such events in the life of Hadrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad while Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen, Khalifatul Masih Awwal^{ra} lived whether they were prior to his becoming Khalifatul Masih or after. In this article we would like to describe some very significant incidents which shed light on this topic.

It is related by Hadrat Mufti Mohammad Sadiq^{ra} a deeply devoted follower of the Promised Messiah^{as} that once they were travelling in a train. The train stopped on a station and Sahibzada Mirza Mahmud Ahmad got down and had a little walk there. (The Promised Messiah^{as} was not member of the party.) When he came back into the compartment, before someone else vacated a seat for him, it was Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen who vacated his own seat for Sahibzada Sahib and he sat down on the floor. One can imagine his true regard and respect he had for Sahibzada Mirza Mahmud Ahmad.

Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen Khalifatul Masih Awwal^{ra}, during his *Khilafat*, when he was indisposed, he would nominate Hadrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad to say the Friday sermon or lead the congregation in the mosque. He would often consult him in important matters. Once, he appointed him as the *Sadr* (President) of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya also. This is also related that in his will he wrote on a paper "*Khalifa Mahmud*".

Another *sahabi* (companion) Mr. Shauq Mohammad^{ra} of Lahore relates that in 1903,

while he was at Qadian for studies, he knew that Sahibzada Mirza Mahmud often suffered from eye sore. Hadrat Maulana Nooruddeen would put eye lotion himself in Sahibzada Sahib's eyes and would lovingly kiss his forehead and tenderly patted his cheeks. Then he lovingly addressed him and said, "Mian, really you are great Mian. O my Lord God, make him the Imam of the whole world."

Mian Shauq Mohammad says that one day I asked Hadrat Maulvi Sahib, "You pray for Mian Sahib only for such a grand status and position, why not for others." To this he replied, "I have no doubt that he is going to become Imam, but I only pray for mere *sawab*."

Another gentleman, Syed Sadiq Ali Shah, a non-Ahmadi who remained in Qadian from 1908 to 1911 for education, relates as follows.

Once Hadrat Maulvi Sahib was not feeling well and lying down on a carpet and covering himself with a comforter. The rest of the floor was covered with a mat. To do some errand, he got up and sat a foot away while his comforter lay there. He saw that Mian Mahmud came in. Hadrat Maulvi Sahib asked him to go and sit at his place. Mian Mahmud respectfully kept standing and did not move. Hadrat Maulvi Sahib repeated his request even pointing towards the place he meant him to sit. Still, Mian Sahib felt reluctant and did not dare to go and take his place. When Hadrat Maulvi Sahib said for the third time, then he walked to the place and sat there.

Another respectable gentleman, Sahibzada Saifurrahman of Bazeedkhel took *bai`at* in 1910 at the blessed hands of Hadrat Maulvi Nooruddin. He relates the incident that once Huzur was explaining about *wahi* and *ilham* (revelation). His talk was going on and during the discussion, Mian Mahmud came in. Huzur hugged him and asked him to sit by him. Continuing his discussion, he said that Allah talks to

him and asked Mian Sahib that does Allah talk to him too? To this, Mian Sahib replied in the affirmative. Hearing this, Huzur addressed the audience and said, look Allah talks to our Mian as well.

The following incident has been related by Maulana Zahoor Hussain, Missionary of Bukhara, Russia.

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih I started *Darsul Quran* especially for Hadrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib, the younger brother of Hadrat Mirza Mahmud Ahmad. Taking advantage of this, some other people also joined this *Dars*. Some times, Hadrat Mian Mahmud Ahmad also came to listen to that *Dars* and would sit in the back rows. But when Hadrat Maulvi Sahib saw him, he would invariably call him and vacate half of his own seat and requested Mian Sahib to sit with him.

Maulvi Zahoor Hussain relates that once Hadrat Maulvi Sahib gave him a letter to deliver to Hadrat Mian Mahmud Ahmad in which he had respectfully and lovingly requested him to pray for him. At that time, Maulvi Zahoor Hussain thought how much, Hadrat Maulvi Sahib respected Hadrat Mian Mahmud. (*Al-Fazl International*, dated 15-12th Feb. 2002, p. 13 with reference to *Al-Fazl Rabwah*, dated 16th Feb. 2001)

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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hadat Khan, Mansur Ahmad and Hafiz ur Rehman were arrested in December last year on false charge of defiling the Holy Qur`an by burning its pages. They were arrested under PPC 95B for which the penalty is life imprisonment. Mr. Hafiz ur Rehman was not even present in the village on the day of the incident. FIR 280/04 was registered against the accused at Police Station Kassoki; District Hafizabad on December 18, 2004. The three are now incarcerated in prison at Gujranwala.

4. *Thirteen* Ahmadis are in prison in District Bahawalpur on fabricated charge of blasphemy.

From the Press:

The Daily Dawn reported the following:

Human rights situation in Pakistan not good. US

July 13, 2005

Minorities hold demo against Hasba Bill

July 16, 2005

NO SEMINARY PRODUCING MILITANTS. SHUJAAT

July 20, 2005

MQM Chief demands ban on JI

He (Mr. Altaf Hussain) charged that JI and Pakistan could not go together as the Jama`at was exporting terrorism. He warned foreign countries that JI was the only organization that had been patronizing terrorism and therefore, it was necessary that it should be banned.

July 23, 2005

He (President Musharraf) warned that stringent action should be taken against elements involved in printing, publications and distribution of hate material, including newspapers, magazines, handbills and pamphlets, and audio and video material. "Banned organizations will not be allowed to collect any kind of donations and action will be taken against those giving hate-containing sermons in mosques on Fridays". He said.

July 22, 2005

Restoring the public's mental equilibrium will remain incomplete if General Ziaul Haq's religious laws – all products of expedience – the changes he brought about in penal code and the Constitution, were not repealed altogether and in one go. The great dictator brought darkness to this land. If we are to switch on the lights, we must undo his legacy. Or our brave talk will be just that – words floating in a void.

Mr. Ayaz Amir in the Dawn of Jul 29, 2005,

Centenary Thanksgiving Fund

PROFESSOR CH. HAMIDULLAH

WAKIL A'LA TAHRIK JADID & CHAIRMAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CENTENARY KHILAFAT AHMADIYYA

I have the honour to make an important and urgent announcement with the permission and blessings of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V.

In his book "The Will" the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says:

"I am a personification of His (that is Allah's) Power. And after I am gone, there will be some other persons who will be manifestation of the second power (of Allah)".

In fulfillment of this prophecy of the Promised Messiah^{as}, Hadrat Maulana Nooruddin^{ra} was, after the death of the Promised Messiah^{as} elected as his first successor and Khalifa and at his election the members of the Jama`at Ahmadiyya made a solemn commitment to him that they would remain loyal and faithful to him and that any command of his would be for them no less than the command of the Promised Messiah^{as} himself. Thus the Khilafat was established in the Jama`at Ahmadiyya and by the grace of Allah with the passage of time and at every turn of history Khilafat Ahmadiyya continued to gain strength and got established more firmly. The hundred years of the Khilafat will be completed in 2008. For this infinite Favour of Allah the Mighty and for the innumerable blessings and beneficence which were showered by Allah on the Jama`at as well as for the substantial progress which Jama`at Ahmadiyya has made under the guidance of Khilafat, it is incumbent upon us that we express our sincerest gratitude to Allah both in our hearts and in our actions.

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V has decided that in 2008 Jama`at Ahmadiyya should celebrate the 100th anniversary of Khilafat Ahmadiyya all over the world. And for this Hudur has approved a plan which has already been sent to all the Jama`ats of the world.

At the completion of the first 25 years of the Khilafat of Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mah-

mud Ahmad, the Muslih Ma'ud^{ra} the Silver Jubilee of Khilafat Saniya was celebrated in 1939. On that occasion Jama`at Ahmadiyya presented to their beloved Imam a sum of about Rs. 300,000 as a token of its thanksgiving with a request to Hudur that he should kindly accept it and spend it as he deems fit.

Now on the occasion of the coming Centenary to be celebrated at the completion of 100 years of Khilafat Ahmadiyya, it shall be appropriate, that in keeping with our tradition, and showing our gratitude to Allah practically, we should, on behalf of the Jama`at, present to Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V a befitting amount of money as a token of our thanksgiving to Allah with a request that this humble present to Hudur by the Jama`at is made as an expression of gratitude to Allah and that Hudur may accept it and spend it as he likes.

The central committee for Centenary of Khilafat Ahmadiyya, appointed by Hudur has proposed that the amount of this token of our thanksgiving should be no less than one million sterling pounds. With the permission of Hudur this humble one on behalf of the Central Committee of the Jubilee makes this appeal to the worldwide Ahmadiyya Jama`at that we should raise this fund to be presented to Hudur as token of our thanks to Allah.

I hope that Jama`at Ahmadiyya who, by the grace of Allah, fully realizes the blessings of Khilafat, and in view of the love which every member of the Jama`at has for Khilafat, shall positively respond to this appeal. The members of the Jama`at can contribute to this fund individually, or they can participate in this scheme at Jama`at level. The representatives of various countries who are present here are requested to make this appeal to the members of the Jama`at when they return to their respective countries.

Advice to the New Immigrants and Refugee Claimants

Following is the useful information sent by the Legal adviser to the Ahmadiyya Mission which we are publishing for the benefit of our new Ahmadi immigrants and Refugee claimants for their guidance.

As you are probably aware, Canada recently ratified the “Safe Third Country Agreement” with the United States. This agreement limits the right of individuals to make a refugee claim at the Canadian border. There are exceptions to the agreement, many of which likely apply to members of the Ahmadi Community. As such, I thought, I should summarize the agreement for you, so that this information can be passed on to the members of your community.

The agreement affects claimants at U.S.-Canada land borders only. The general rule is that these claimants who try to make a refugee claim at the Canadian border will be directed back to the U.S. to have their claim determined in the U.S. However, there are exceptions to the general rule and many people will still be able to make a claim in Canada.

The following are the main exceptions, i.e. these people will still be able to make a refugee claim in Canada at the U.S.A. Border:

If the claimant has one of the following family members in Canada;

- a husband or wife
- a child
- a father, mother or legal guardian
- a brother or sister
- a grandfather or grandmother
- a grandchild
- an uncle or aunt
- a nephew or niece.

AND that family member fits into one of the following categories

- a Canadian citizen or a Permanent Residence
- a Protected Person or a Convention refugee

- is over 18 years old and is a refugee claimant whose case has not yet been determined

- over 18 years old and is on a valid work permit or study permit.

One other exception is where the claimant at the border is under the age of 18 and unmarried, is not accompanied by a parent and neither the mother, father nor legal guardian is in the US. This person will be admitted to Canada and permitted to pursue a refugee claim here.

Many of my recent clients have expressed concern over the fact that the Canadian-US border is now “closed” to refugee claimants who arrive in the U.S. and wish to proceed with their refugee claim in Canada. In fact, the border is not “closed” and a review of my present and former clients’ files indicates that many of them had family members in Canada who would have met the requirements of the exemption listed above. As such, I feel that it is important to somehow communicate this information to the Ahmadi community so that they have a correct understanding of the current situation.

IN BRITAIN WHAT DIGNITARIES SAY ABOUT JAMA`AT AHMADIYYA

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me home several things. And I think most impressively of the **Humanity First** and the good works. When I as someone involved in public life look at ways of assessing charities, one of the most important things which seems to me is whether you can direct that help directly to the people who need it. So much money too often gets wasted in the administrative side of charities. We need to get to the people who need help. Your projects on water wells, your projects on Secondary Schools, your projects on catalysts and giving sight are hugely impressive and you are to be commended upon them.

In Britain What Dignitaries say about Jama`at Ahmadiyya

Our readers have read in our Jalsa Salana Number what the dignitaries of Canada expressed about Jama`at Ahmadiyya. In the following lines, we would like our readers to see what the dignitaries of England say about Jama`at Ahmadiyya. We are giving only a sampling of speeches of those dignitaries. Otherwise there are many more good words said about Jama`at Ahmadiyya on that great occasion. The remarks given below are expressed in the Jalsa Salana of Jama`at Ahmadiyya U.K. held in 2005.

Baroness Sara Ludford, Member of the European Parliament for London

Baroness Ludford of Clerkenwell is a highly qualified individual. Graduate of International History with Masters in European Studies and a Barrister from the Inns of Court School of Law.

I appreciate very much the openness, the generosity and the progressive approach to good community relations of the Ahmadiyya Community. And I am just looking at another slogan on the wall there: *A virtuous act is one which takes into account the rights of God and the rights of man*". And I think that is worth recalling. I would just mention in this context that I am working with your National President on the persecution that the Ahmadis are suffering in places like Pakistan and Bangladesh. I have taken that up with the authorities in those countries and with the British Home Secretary, Jack Straw, and in the European context and I am very happy to work with you on this issue, whether it should be abroad or close to home in the future.

Baroness Emma Nicholson, Member of the European Parliament for London

Baroness Nicholson has been a Member of European Parliament since 1999 where she takes great interest in Foreign Affairs and Human Rights. In fact she is Vice Chair of the

European Committee on Foreign affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defense Policy. She said:

Mr. President, you and your foundation and your colleagues in **Humanity First** offered practical help the people of Najaf, when they were suffering grossly in recent months. I have to thank you profoundly for the love, the generosity, the kindness and practical concern that you have shown to these inhabitants of Najaf in their great distress. It was my honour and my pleasure with my colleagues here. Dr. Ali Naseer from Baghdad, to come here today and to thank you on behalf of those people and to present the President with a report of the work that has been carried out in the name of Ahmadiyya Muslim people which the Najaf residents have asked me and my colleague to thank you very profoundly indeed. Thank you.

You have a message, please help the rest of the world to understand and deliver that message too. Without love for one another, as Christ said, as you say and as real Islam says, "We will have barren and dismal 12 months". Have high hopes that the coming year will bring the peace that man both searches for and deserves. And I hope that with your help, everyone will have an opportunity for success, prosperity and happiness. Thank you.

Honourable Stephen Hammond, Member of the Parliament

Mr. Stephen Hammond is the new member of Parliament for Wimbledon constituency, where our London Mosque stands. He said:

Good Afternoon and thank you very much for inviting me to your Conference today. The previous speaker remarked on how impressive the Conference, the organization, the stall, the site and I have to say the lunch as well was. I am particularly grateful for being invited today. Think the tour of the site has brought to

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Doctor Plans return trip to help earthquake victims

Dr. Momin Khalifa says damage was hard to fathom

BY SHARON MONTGOMERY, CAPE BRETON POST, GLACE BAY

A doctor who spent time helping with relief efforts in Kashmir is preparing to go back.

"I could not believe damage could be like that," said Dr. Momin Khalifa, who has been giving presentations on the impact of the Kashmir earthquake, which also caused widespread destruction in northern Pakistan and damage in northern India.

"I have seen flood and fires, but this type of destruction no one can imagine. Whole cities were shook up."

He plans to go in the spring.

I have arranged under Humanity First, a rotation of about 22 doctors who will go to help over the next two to three years."

More than 80,000 people were estimated dead, tens of thousands injured and more than 2.5 million left homeless following the 7.5 magnitude quake that demolished whole towns, mostly in Kashmir and north-western Pakistan, on October 5.

Khalifa grew up in Kashmir Valley about 80 miles from where the earthquake occurred. Four of his cousins lost their homes and everything they owned.

He was in Italy visiting when the earthquake occurred. As the national president of the Ahmadiyya Health Association and a member of the Relief International and Humanity First, he immediately began making arrangements to travel to Pakistan to help.

Humanity First is a non-profit charitable and humanitarian relief organization. There are no administration costs, so 100 percent of all donations go to help those in need.

"Humanity First is like Doctors Without borders; wherever the trouble is, they are

the first to go.'

He recruited three doctors from around the world to join the relief effort underway. Dr. Khalifa said, through "Humanity First" they organized the distribution of supplies. The people of Pakistan donated enormous amount of clothing but there is no one to deliver them, he said.

"What I saw was truckloads of clothing being dumped in streets - thousands of pieces of clothing and shoes - there was no one to deliver them." They also tended to medical needs. "We were seeing about 200 patients a day, some whose whole families were gone.

"Most of the people I saw were vomiting, had abdominal pain, aches, and headaches. He said, not many people were suffering from depression or stress. "I think when I was there it was still too early for them to realize the magnitude of what happened they were still in shock. He said although these people had nothing, they were appreciative of the efforts.

"When they found that I was from Canada, and came to help them, they were so thankful. Although they had nothing, they were offering me a drink of milk or tea."

Khalifa said that the government is rebuilding homes there, but it is going to take many years. He said, Humanity First volunteers gave the people tents and when they ran out, they began handing out plastic sheets so the people could make temporary shelters.

"The weather wasn't too bad in October, but now it would be quite cold there." If anyone would like more information on Humanity First or to make a donation, they can write to "Humanity First, 10610, Jane Street, Maple (Ont.) L6A 3A2" or phone (416) 440-0846.