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## ‘Have ambitious goals’ - Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V to MKA Ghana



### THE MAJLIS KHUDDAM-UL-AHMADIYYA PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge that I shall always be ready to sacrifice my life, wealth, time and honour for the sake of my Religion, Country and Nation. I shall also be ready to offer every sacrifice for the continuation of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya, And whatever good decision the Khalifah of the time makes, I shall deem it obligatory to abide by it, *Insha-Allah*

## EDITORIAL

### Embracing Ambitious Goals and Unity - A Vision for Progress

In the spirit of brotherhood and spiritual enlightenment, we, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth of Ghana, are privileged to share the divine guidance and invaluable insights learned during the recent virtual Mulaqat with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allāh be his Helper). This monumental event, held on the 12th of March, 2023, was a profound moment of connection, wisdom, and direction for the National Aamila members of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen (May Allāh be his Helper) showered us with his benevolent presence, extending his heartfelt salaam and leading us in a silent prayer. The atmosphere was charged with spiritual energy as each office bearer, from the Sadr to the various department heads, introduced themselves. In this sacred interaction, Huzoor provided invaluable guidance, touching upon various aspects of our responsibilities and urging us to set ambitious goals for the progress of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya in Ghana.

One key message resonates with particular significance - the call to have ambitious goals. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allāh be his Helper) emphasized the importance of not merely covering mosques during Friday prayers but ensuring that Khuddam actively engages in security duties, safeguarding the sanctity of our places of worship. This directive reflects a profound commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

In his directive to the Muawin Sadr in charge of Jaidad, Huzoor reminded us of the need for Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya to have its headquarters, urging us to build a separate rather than relying on the Jamaat's headquarters. This is a call to self-sufficiency and a testament to our commitment to advancing the cause of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya.

Furthermore, Huzoor's advice on Rishta Nata serves as a compassionate reminder of our duty to facilitate marriages within the community. By helping individuals find suitable matches, we contribute to the unity and strength of our Jamaat.

The guidance extended to the Muhtamim Talim and Naib Muhtamim Talim underscores the importance of knowledge and intellectual growth. By prescribing books by the Promised Messiah and the Khulafa, Huzoor aims to nurture well-rounded and informed individuals.

In the realm of Chanda Tahrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid, Huzoor urged us to contribute at least 33 percent of the total amount towards these noble causes. This financial commitment demonstrates our dedication to the progress and expansion of the Jamaat.

The virtual Mulaqat was a testament to Huzoor's keen memory and enduring connection with Ghana as he recounted towns and personalities from his sojourn 46 years ago. His insightful guidance echoes the leadership principles outlined in the Holy Quran, the sayings of the Holy Prophet (SAW), and the writings of the Promised Messiah (AS), emphasizing fairness, unity, and responsibility.

As we reflect on this divine guidance, let us strive to embrace ambitious goals, foster unity, and fulfill our responsibilities with

unwavering commitment. The recently concluded 42nd Annual MKA Ghana National Ijtema'a, themed "The Ways of the Righteous," was a testament to the vibrancy and unity within our community. The event showcased the dedication of Khuddam and Aftal to both secular and religious pursuits, emphasizing the holistic approach to righteousness.

We are thrilled to announce Huzoor's approval for the construction of a national secretariat. This reflects a new chapter in the growth and organization of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana. This milestone project requires each member to contribute, symbolizing our collective commitment to the progress of our community.

We are reminded of the words of Hazrat Amirul Momineen (May Allāh be his Helper): "Whatever I wanted to say, I have already told you, and now I have given you a brief sketch of your work. If you work on it, your Majlis will flourish, Insha-Allah! Allah, the Almighty, help you, Allah the Almighty bless you." Let us, with renewed zeal and unity, embark on this journey of progress, spirituality, and service to humanity. May Allah bless us all and guide us towards success. *Amen!*

### FROM THE HOLY QUR'AN

"And their Prophet said to them: 'Allah has appointed for you Talut as a king.' They said: 'How can he have sovereignty over us while we are better entitled to sovereignty than he, and he is not given abundance of wealth?' He said: 'Surely, Allah has chosen him above you and has increased him abundantly in knowledge and body.' And Allah gives sovereignty to whom He pleases and Allah is Bountiful, All-Knowing." (*Al-Baqarah verse 248*).

### FROM THE SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET<sup>SAW</sup>

#### Both the Leader and Followers are Shepherds

Beware. Every one of you is a shepherd and every one is answerable with regard to his flock. The Caliph is a shepherd over the people and shall be questioned about his subjects (as to how he conducted their affairs). A man is a guardian over the members of his family and shall be questioned about them (as to how he looked after their physical and moral well-being). A woman is a guardian over the household of her husband and his children and shall be questioned about them (as to how she managed the household and brought up the children). A slave is a guardian over the property of his master and shall be questioned about it (as to how he safeguarded his trust). Beware, every one of you is a guardian and every one of you shall be questioned with regard to his trust. (*Sahih Muslim Kitabul Imarah, Hadith number 1829a*).

### FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>AS</sup>

#### Treat your Leaders with Fairness

"A country whose inhabitants are always after finding faults in the leaders of others, and constantly assassinate their characters, can never rest in peace themselves." (*Message of Peace, page 22*).





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## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT



The immediate past Sadr, Mr. Nasir Ahmed Bonsu (left) handing over to the new Sadr, Mr. Hanif Bipuah (right).

### New Sadr for MKA Ghana

Story by *Mamutas Kwesi Arkoh, Naib Muhtamim Isha'at, MKAGH*

**M**r. Hanif Bipuah, a Public Servant working with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Education Unit, Kumasi, assumed office on November 1, 2022, as the newly elected Sadr of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana. He took over from Mr. Nasir Ahmed Bonsu, an entrepreneur, at a handing over ceremony at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Headquarters in Accra.

The Ameer and Missionary-in-Charge, Maulvi Mohammed Nur Bin Salih, who chaired the occasion, administered the oath of office to the new Sadr.

He praised Mr. Bonsu for his selfless contribution to the growth of the Majlis as well as achievements chalked during his tenure.

The Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge asked for Allah's continuous grace, protection, prosperity, long life, sound health and guidance for the outgoing Sadr and his family so that he would continue to be of service to the Majlis and Jama'at Ahmadiyya as a whole.

He said the new Sadr and the entire Aamila were capable of the positions entrusted to them and should strive hard to protect and improve upon the gains that their predecessors had chalked.

Maulvi Salih said much was expected from those who were graduating into Majlis Ansarullah for their services would be needed at all costs.

The Ameer described the payment of chanda as an act of worship of true Ahmadi Muslims and would continue even though a time was coming when the richest organization in the world would be Jama'at Ahmadiyyat, but, even then, the payment of chanda would still be compulsory for each and every Ahmadi.

Mr. Bipuah was Naib Sadr, Northern Sector for six years until his elevation as Sadr. Before that, he was the Ashanti Regional Qaid from 2012 to 2016.

He requested prayers from the Ameer and Missionary-in-Charge as well as assistance from members of the Majlis to enable him to fulfill his mandate to the satisfaction of Almighty Allah and our beloved Huzur (*May Allah Be His Helper*).

He hoped that the inclusion of Missionaries in the National Aamila would translate into improvement of Majlis activities and programs and become a source of blessing for the National Aamila.

Mr. Bipuah commended the former Sadr for sacrificing his time and money in the service of the Majlis. In particular, he

mentioned the donation of a car to the Majlis. The former Sadr served for three terms from 2016 to 2022. He leaves office still a Khaadim.

For his part, Mr. Bonsu listed the key achievements under his administration as the construction of Aiwan-e-Khidmate (Hall of Service) at the National Headquarters, Accra, refurbishment of Maqbara Musian (Cemetery for Moosis) at Kasoa, completion of Jama'at/Khuddam History Preservation Project, visits to every zone of the Ghana Jama'at and the implementation of 2% and 1% of Khuddam specific chanda, among others.

He expressed his gratitude to the Ameer Sahib and the entire Majlis for the support he received during his tenure as Sadr.

The new Sadr was born in 1985 in Nabulo in Sissala East District of the Upper West Region. He had his secondary school education at T.I. Ahmadiyya Senior High School, Kumasi, and graduated with a BSc and MPhil degrees in Biological Science both from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi.

He is currently a PhD student in Environmental Engineering Management at the University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, and a final year student at the Ghana School of Law.



The Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge, Alhaj Maulvi Nur Mohammed Bin Salih (middle), Mr. Hanif Bipuah (right), new Sadr Mulk and the immediate past Sadr, Mr. Nasir Bonsu (left).

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT



### ‘Have ambitious goals’ - Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V advises MKA Ghana Aamila in a virtual Mulaqat.

Source: <https://www.alhakam.org/mka-ghana-amila/>

National aamila of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana were blessed with the opportunity to meet Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, (*May Allāh be his Helper*), in a virtual mulaqat on 12 March, 2023.

A total of 41 National Aamila members, including 10 Regional Qaideen, were present.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen (*May Allāh be his Helper*) conveyed his salaam to open the meeting. He led members in a silent prayer. Thereafter Huzoor (*May Allāh be his Helper*) asked each office bearer, starting from the Sadr, Hanif Bipuah Sahib, to introduce themselves.

In the course of the self-introduction, Huzoor (*May Allāh be his Helper*) had some guidance for them.

Regarding the office of Umumi, Hazrat Amirul Momineen (*May Allāh be his Helper*) said, “Also, during Friday prayers, you should cover your mosque. Ask your respective nazimeen umumi to cover their mosques in their respective areas. During Jumuah prayers, Khuddam should be on

*security duty there at the mosques.”*

The Mutamad, Irfan Essah Hammond Sahib, was advised by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (*May Allāh be his Helper*) to visit the national office at least once a week. He should train his naib who visits the national office regularly by giving him the needed directions.

Speaking with Mr. Alhassan Atta-Quayson, who is the Muawin Sadr in charge of Jaidad, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (*May Allāh be his Helper*) asked if MKA Ghana had any property, to which he replied in the affirmative and said that they had one at Osu, the headquarters. Hearing this, Hazrat Amirul Momineen (*May Allāh be his Helper*) said, “[In] Osu headquarters, you have only been given one room there. That is the property of Jamaat .... That is not Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya’s personal property. Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya should also have some personal property; build your own separate office, purchase some land; ... don’t only rely on the Jamaat’s headquarters. You should have your own headquarters.”

Relating to the office of Rishta Nata, Huzoor (*May Allāh be his Helper*) said, “You should try to make many matches. I have been receiving many letters from Lajna Imaillah members and Khuddam, as well, saying they want to get married but are not finding good matches. So, you should help them.”

Addressing Abdul Rahman Abdullah Sahib, the Muhtamim Talim, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (*May Allāh be his Helper*) said: There are quite grown-ups and educated Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya members; you should prescribe some books of the Promised Messiah (*on whom be peace*) for them to read, or books of the Khulafa to read so that they can have good knowledge about their religion.

Huzoor (*May Allāh be his Helper*), speaking to Sadique Koomson Sahib, Naib Muhtamim Talim, said, “You should help your Muhtamim Talim so that more effort can be made to get more people involved in reading [the prescribed] books.”

Huzoor (*May Allāh be his Helper*) advised the Muhtamim Atfal, Saeed bin Usman Sahib, to intensify efforts in updating the tajneed of the Atfal. In addition, His Holiness (*May Allāh be his Helper*) said, “You should also prescribe some religious books for Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya according to their age group so that they can better their religious knowledge.”



## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allāh be his Helper) added, **“In this world, everybody is indulged, too much, in worldly affairs and worldly things, and there are so many programmes that are being shown on television. There are some other materials available nowadays on [the] internet and everywhere that can destroy the lives of youngsters. So, just to keep them streamlined. We shall make more effort for their training for their tarbiyyat.”**

In the area of chanda Tahrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) addressed the Aamila and said, **“Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya should [contribute] at least 33% of the total amount realized by the Jamaat towards Tahrik-e-Jadid. ... this is how you can help the Jamaat by collecting chanda Tahrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid as well.”**

Addressing Abdul Wahab Suleman Sahib, Secretary Tajneed, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said, **“You have to make more effort to update your tajnid. According to my own feeling, if I am correct, your tajneed is only up to 10% of the total number of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, because the bai'ats and the reports that I get from the Jamaat show that at least the number of khuddam should not be less than 200,000. You should coordinate with the Jamaat and ask them where those people are. If they are hidden, if the number is hidden somewhere, then unearth them. ... You will have to go to the remote areas to towns and villages. ...”**

To Abdul Malik Hammond Sahib, who is the Muhtamim Umur-e-tulaba, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) asked how many students were currently studying at university. Abdul Malik Hammond Sahib reported that 253 students were studying at university. Advising him about his department, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allāh be his Helper) said **“You will have to work hard to update your records.”**

Regarding the office of Khidmat-e-khalq, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) encouraged the officers in charge to increase the number of visits to the poor by involving amila members at all levels.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper), addressing the Muhtamim Ishaat, Fadl Rahman Essel Sahib, asked, **“Do you have**

**any Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya magazine that is being printed every month or on a quarterly basis?”** He replied that they were currently collecting content and articles. Hearing this, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said, **“Try to make it regular.”**

In the area of tabligh, the officer in charge was advised to set some ambitious goals with regards to the number of bai'ats. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allāh be his Helper) said, **“The target of 100 bai'ats should be given to the national aamila [alone]. And if you give the target to the mulk [i.e. national] Aamila and then to the Aamilas of majalis, it should go at least up to 1,000. ... Try to make some ambitious goals, then you can succeed.”**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) asked Naseem Ahmad Nyame Sahib, Muhtamim Tarbiyyat of the Northern Sector, how many khuddam offer their five daily prayers in congregation. Upon hearing his response, Hazrat Amirul Momineen (May Allāh be his Helper) said, **“It's too small. Salat is obligatory.”** Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) asked if the rest were at least praying regularly or if they were missing the prayers. Naseem Nyame Sahib said that some were praying regularly but not reporting on the assessment platform.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said, **“Keep on telling them, from time to time, that salat is an obligatory thing and they should offer it regularly and better and in congregation. ...”** Hazrat Amirul Momineen (May Allāh be his Helper) emphasized the importance of reading and understanding the Holy Quran.

The Qaideen Ilaqa were advised to follow the same guidance given to the Muhtamimeen. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said **“As Qaideen Ilaqa, they should work on all of these issues. This is how they can be helpful to the central Majlis-e-Aamila and Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya,”**

It was quiet amazing how Huzoor's (May Allāh be his Helper) memories about Ghana were still fresh as he mentioned towns and personalities, he visited and encountered some 46 years ago.

In the end, addressing Sadr Sahib, Hazrat Amirul Momineen (May Allāh be his Helper) said, **“Whatever I wanted to say, I have already told you during my introduction with your Mohtamimeen and now I have given you a brief sketch of your work so you [should] work on it. If you work on it, I think, insha-Allah, your majlis will flourish, insha-Allah! Allah, the Almighty, help you, Allah the Almighty bless you.”**



## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT



Mr. Hanif Bipuah, Sadr Mulk, MKA Ghana

### Sadr Visits UG AMMSAG

*Story by Abdul-Hadi Keelson, Naib Mutamad Mulk, MKAGH*

**M**r. Hanif Bipuah, Sadr Mulk, visited the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Students' Association of Ghana (AMMSAG) Branch of the University of Ghana on Sunday, 2nd April 2023. He, and his entourage, joined members to have Iftar and observe Maghrib, Isha, and Taraweeh prayers at the Athletic Oval.

Mr Adams Dawood Oduro, the students' Imam, led the Maghrib prayers and Maulvi Hafiz Ayatur-Rahman Abdullah led the Isha and Taraweeh prayers.

In an address, the Sadr said the Khalifa had directed that the male and female students should have their activities separately to be in conformity with the Nizam-e-Jama'at, adding that Ghana was one of the new countries to have this structure as most countries already operated this system.

However, Mr Bipuah said due to financial constraints and other challenges, some activities could be held together. Even though activities were to be held separately, the observance of salat ought to be done together, he added.

The Sadr advised them to learn the Holy Quran and understand the prayers in their

salat while in school as they could face challenges in learning the Holy Quran after completing the University.

Mr Bipuah advised the students to remain chaste and encouraged them to observe purdah in all its essence as it was the surest way to protect them from any form of temptation.

According to the Sadr, most members of his entourage had their partners from AMMSAG since the primary motive of forming the Association is to enable members to marry from within the Jama'at.

He was quick to add that AMMSAG should not be the vehicle to promiscuity but encouraged the gathering to be prayerful when selecting their lifetime partners.

He urged them to participate in the activities of the Majlis while in school because they were going to one day serve the Majlis

Aamila at various levels, adding that almost all of the members of his entourage were actively involved in AMMSAG during their time in school.

Munir Kwesi Saeed, Additional Muhtamim Sanat-o-Tijarat encouraged the students to build networks on campus before leaving the confines of the University. He said this would go a long way to help them in life after school and promised to engage them in the future on the matter.

Abdul-Rashid Adams, the AMMSAG President, expressed his gratitude to the Sadr and his entourage for the visit.

The Sadr was accompanied by Ibrahim Arkoh, Naib Sadr, Administration; Mustapha Kofi Amissah, Naib Sadr, South East Sector; Irfan Easah Hammond, Mu'tamad Mulk and 15 National, Regional, and Zonal office bearers.



Mr. Hanif Bipuah, Sadr Mulk, MKA Ghana, interacting with members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Students' Association of Ghana (AMMSAG) Branch of the University of Ghana, Legon.



## OUR NATIONAL AAMILA FOR 2022/2023 MAJLIS YEAR



Hanif Bipuah  
Sadr Mulk



Nasir Ahmed Bonsu  
Immediate Past Sadr



Ing. Ibrahim Arkoh  
Naib Sadr, Administration



Maulvi Abu Zul-Haq  
Naib Sadr, Northern Sector



Abdul-Wahab Adusei  
Naib Sadr, Middle Sector



Mustapha Amissah  
Muawin Sadr, South East



Benyameen Entsir Keelson  
Naib Sadr, South West



Ahmed Jawaad Hammond  
Muawin Sadr, Waqf-e-nau,  
Aftal & Tarbiyyat)



Alhassan Atta-Quayson  
Muawin Sadr, Jaidad & Security



Irfan Easah Hammond  
Mu'tamad Mulk



Hadi Keelson  
Naib Mu'tamad Mulk



Saeed Bin Usman  
Muhtamim Aftal



Sadique Nkrumah  
Naib Muhtamim Aftal



Hamza Obeng  
Naib Muhtamim Aftal



Fadl Rahman Essel  
Muhtamim Isha'at



Malek Appiah Affum  
Additional Muhtamim Isha'at



Mamumtaz Arkoh  
Naib Muhtamim Isha'at



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Muhtamim Khidmat-e-Khalq  
(Northern Sector)



Tahir Ahmed Abakah  
Muhtamim Khidmat-e-Khalq  
(Southern Sector)



Mohammed Sarpong  
Muhasib Mulk



Ahmed Kobina Benyarko  
Muhtamim Mal



Muhammad O. F. Adusei  
Muhtamim San'at-o-Tijarat



Munir Kweku Saeed  
Add. Muhtamim San'at-o-Tijarat



Bashirudin Adam  
Muhtamim Sihat-e-Jismani



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Former Volta Regional Qaid

*The Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, acknowledges with deep sense of appreciation and gratitude, the invaluable services you have rendered to the Majlis and entire Jama'at.*

*May Allah out of His bounties grant you and your families success in this life and in the life hereafter. Amen. Jazaakumullah*



### MANAGEMENT TEAM

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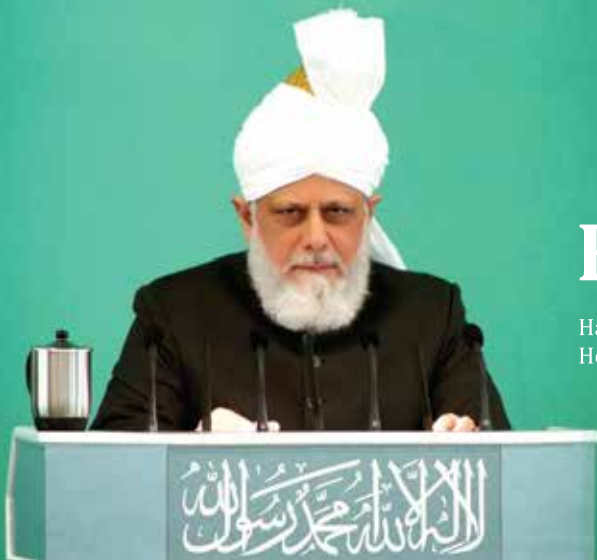
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# FRIDAY SERMONS

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V<sup>atba</sup>  
Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

## Synopsis of Huzur's<sup>atba</sup> recent Friday Sermons

*The Jumu'ah (Friday) prayer is one form of congregational worship in Islam. It takes place every Friday. Regular attendance at the Jumu'ah prayer is enjoined on the believer. According to a saying of Hazrat Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) this congregational prayer is twenty-five times more blessed than worship performed alone.*

*We encourage members to read Huzur's (atba) Friday sermons which can be found at: <http://www.alislam.org/archives/>*

*For your benefit we have published below, four selected synopsis of Huzur's (atba) recent Friday Sermons.*

### Spending in the way of Allah: Waqfe Jadid 2023

January 06, 2023

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited the following verse of Surah Al-e-‘Imran in the start of the sermon:

***“Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well.” (3:93)***

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) while expounding this verse says that you can never acquire the true piety that leads to salvation unless you spend in the way of Allāh out of your wealth and possessions that are dear to you. You cannot attain true piety unless you spend for the welfare of humankind out of your precious possessions. Hence, Allāh has given such importance to financial sacrifice that he has made it a prerequisite for salvation, provided it is made with the sole intention of winning Allāh's pleasure.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: In this world, people love their wealth more than anything else. However, Allāh says that you shall never attain righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love. This is because sympathy and compassion for humankind require the spending of a large portion of one's possessions. Compassion for our

fellow beings and God's creatures is an integral part of faith without which faith cannot be perfected. If a person does not sacrifice, how can he be of service to others? This verse teaches and encourages sacrifice. Spending in the way of Allāh is, thus, the criterion for one's piety and goodness.

The standard and proof of devotion to God in the life of Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr (May Allāh be pleased with him), was that when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) appealed for contributions, Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr (May Allāh be pleased with him) brought to him all that he possessed.

In the time of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), the highest example of sacrifice for the publication of literature and the spread of Islam was set by Ḥaḍrat Maulana Ḥakim Nooruddin Sāhib (May Allāh be pleased with him). He wrote to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him),

***“I am ready to sacrifice everything for your sake. Nothing I have is mine; it is all yours. My beloved leader and mentor! I say with the utmost sincerity that if all my wealth and possessions were to be spent for the service of the faith, I would have attained my ultimate desire.”***

Many other companions of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also made tremendous sacrifices according to their ability. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) once said about them, "When I look at their sacrifices, I am amazed." Likewise, in every Khilāfat after the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), Allāh has continued to bless the Jamā'at with members who make great sacrifices and set aside their own priorities. By the grace of Allāh, members of the Jamā'at take part in these sacrifices with great zeal. As a result, they receive not only the rewards of this world but their faith is also strengthened.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited many such instances from around the world. A Mu'allim from Liberia writes: I went to the house of a newly converted young Ahmadī to collect Chanda Waqf Jadīd but his mother declined because she had no money. After a while, the young man came running and gave me 250 Liberian dollars. He said that it was the money he had saved for his school fees and that he did not want his house to be deprived of contributing to the Chanda. A few days later, the young man told me that a relative of his had sent him 2500 Liberian dollars for his school fees so that he would not only be able to pay his school fees but meet his other needs as well. He said that Allāh had rewarded his sacrifice tenfold. Thus it is that Allāh causes people's faith to be strengthened.



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was through the blessing of Chanda that she had been paid back the money she was owed.

A missionary from Nigeria writes that an Ahmadi friend from Kano State had stopped paying Chanda for three years due to unemployment, but he then thought that he should start contributing at least what he could afford. Barely three months had passed after this when he got a job in a company, and this strengthened his faith in the blessings of Chanda.

Abdur Rahim of a small Jamā'at in Indonesia says: I used to pay Chanda Waqf Jadīd regularly every year. However, 2019 and 2020 were difficult years for me. I quit my job to start a new business but the business also collapsed and I lost all my savings. Therefore, I could not find any means to pay the Chanda. Every day I prayed in Tahajjud and also wrote letters to Khalīfatul-Masīh. I then somehow paid the Chanda that I had pledged. A few days later, I was called for a job at the company from which I had resigned seven years earlier. It was by the sheer grace of Allāh that I found permanent employment and a steady income even at the age of 51.

After relating similar faith-affirming incidents experienced by members of the Jamā'at from Senegal, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Congo Kinshasa, and Macedonia, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh enable those who have made these sacrifices to further increase their sacrifices. Those who are affluent but their sacrifices are not up to the mark should understand the Promised Messiah's (Peace be upon him) saying that God is in no need of your services, rather, it is His blessing upon you that He gives you the opportunity to serve. May Allāh enable the affluent members of the Jamā'at also to understand these words of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then announced the commencement of the 66th year of Waqf Jadīd. Last year, members of the Jamā'at made a total contribution of £1,22,15,000 towards Chanda Waqf Jadīd. Despite the adverse economic condition of the world, this is an increase of £928,000 from the previous year. Alhamdulillah.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the positions of various Jamā'ats in terms of collection. UK stood first, followed by Canada, Germany, USA, India, Australia, a Jamā'at in the Middle East, Indonesia, another Jamā'at in the Middle East, and Belgium.

In terms of per capita payment, the USA stood first, followed by Switzerland, Great Britain, Australia, and Canada. In Africa, the first ten countries in terms of the collection were Ghana, Mauritius, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Liberia, Gambia, Uganda, Benin, and Sierra Leone.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The number of people who contributed towards this Chanda has reached 15,06,000 with an increase of 61,000 during the last year.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also announced the position of Jamā'ats within the UK, Canada, Germany, USA, Pakistan, India, and Australia. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may bless the lives of property of all the contributors. Amin.

### Islam: The Perfect Religion, Quran: The Perfect Book

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Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh says about Islām in the Holy Qur'ān:

***“This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion.” (5:4)***

Hence, Muslims are greatly fortunate that Allāh has bestowed upon them a complete and perfect *Sharī'ah*. When Allāh says that He has perfected the religion, it means that all human abilities, whether moral, spiritual, or physical, can only be perfected by following the Holy Qur'ān. And when He says that He has completed His favour upon us, it means that it is only the Holy Qur'ān that fulfils all the needs of humankind and that there are no needs that have not been addressed by the Holy Qur'ān, whether they are material needs or the means of attaining spiritual and moral heights. In this verse, the Holy Qur'ān declares that the survival of humanity is now dependent on this

teaching. This teaching is for all people and all times, whereas the teachings revealed to the prophets who came before the Holy Qur'ān were limited to their own ages. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that this proves that the purpose of the coming of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) has been fulfilled and that he was the perfect and last prophet who received the perfect *Sharī'ah*.

The opponents say that if these are the beliefs of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), and he considers the Holy Qur'ān to be the last *Sharī'ah* and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to be the last prophet, then what is the purpose of his claim and what was the need for his coming in this age? In answer to this question, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: If you were indeed following the teachings of Islām, there would have been no need of my advent. However, the fact is that the condition of the world in general, and of the Muslims in particular, demands a Reformer.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) reiterated time and again in his writings and discourses that, as a servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), he came to spread the *Sharī'ah* of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān to the world. This is the task he undertook, and it was for its continuation that he established Ahmadiyya Jamā'at which is carrying on his mission in light of his writings and his commentary of the Holy Qur'ān. All Ahmadi's should ask themselves to what extent they are fulfilling this objective. In fact, one of the ten conditions of Bai'at is that one “shall completely submit himself/herself to the authority of the Holy Qur'ān...”. If we all follow this teaching during *Ramadān*, not only will we enhance our individual spirituality, but we can also create a society that resembles paradise.

***The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The revelation of God began with Adam, like a seed, and the seed of God's law reached maturity during the time of the Holy Qur'ān and became a full-grown tree.***

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Describing how the Holy Qur'an is superior to the words of any human being, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: It is an established fact that any difference in intellectual and literary ability becomes apparent in one's speech, and it is not at all possible that those who are superior in terms of intellect and knowledge be the same as others in terms of eloquence. The truth entails another truth: that the word of God must be superior and incomparable to human speech in its apparent and intrinsic perfections.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: People who possess knowledge and spirituality cannot be compared to a common man. The word of God must be superior to the human word. Divine knowledge encompasses everything, and human knowledge cannot be compared with it.

***Therefore, the Holy Qur'an claims perfection in every way, and nothing can ever match or surpass it. Heavenly blessings and divine signs are only found in those who are fully devoted to the Holy Qur'an. It is a special distinction of the Holy Qur'an that those who act upon it attain extraordinary blessings.***

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The eloquence and proficiency of the Holy Qur'an has encompassed all truths and verities pertaining to the faith in a succinct manner. It has erased the false notions of other faiths. It provides remedies for all maladies. There is no truth that it has not expressed. There is not a single word in it that is unnecessary. There is not one statement in it that is irrelevant. Its eloquence is so perfect that it encompasses teachings for all people, from the first to the last. Its teachings are such that their interpretations provide knowledge for every age. Has anyone ever seen a book that encapsulates an ocean of knowledge in so few words?

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Allāh has repeatedly said that in order to attain salvation, one must, first

of all, consider God to be One and without a partner, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to be a True Prophet, and the Holy Qur'an to be the Book of Allāh. God's curse be on those who claim that they can produce the like of the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Qur'an is a miracle that cannot be matched by any human or Jinn, and it contains knowledge and excellence that human knowledge cannot encompass.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: If I had not been given any signs and had not been blessed with Divine help, if I had taken a path different from the Holy Qur'an, or introduced something into it, or abrogated something, or taken a different path from the Messenger of Allāh, then it would be reasonable for people to say that this person is an enemy of the Messenger of Allāh and an enemy of the Holy Qur'an. The fact, however, is that I have not changed anything in the Holy Qur'an, and I have not changed any part of the *Sharī'ah*; instead, I am ever ready to serve the Holy Qur'an, its injunctions, and the pure religion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

Speaking about the Holy Qur'an's teachings on justice and equity in light of the sayings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These are principles that guarantee world peace. If nations involved in wars understand these principles, peace can be established in the world. If they do not uphold justice, destruction is inevitable.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: If anyone could show me any truth that is not found in the Holy Qur'an or any truth found in any other book that is superior to what is in the Holy Qur'an, I will be prepared to accept the penalty of death. Today, the Holy Qur'an is the only Divine Word that contains perfect teachings regarding *Tauhīd* and reverence for God. The Holy Qur'an does not attribute any defect to God, nor does it impose its teachings by force. It corrects the flaws in people's words or deeds and provides defense against every evil when it spreads.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed

that Allāh may enable us to read the Holy Qur'an, understand its teachings and follow them in our practical lives, and that even after Ramadān, we continue to benefit from the Holy Qur'an in the same way as we do in this month.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) advised the members of the Jamā'at to pray fervently during the month of *Ramadān* that May Allāh safeguard the Jamā'at from the evil machinations of the opponents, that may Allāh shield us from their harmful intentions and bring them to justice. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also advised to make special prayers for world in general, as well as for the Muslims of Palestine that Allāh may protect them from oppression. Amīn.

### **Muhammad (sa): The Great Exemplar**

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Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I recently delivered a series of sermons on the lives and sacrifices of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) who fought in the Battle of Badr. Since then, many people have written to me saying that this subject would remain incomplete without narration of the life history of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) himself. I have delivered sermons on various aspects of the Holy Prophet's life; however, his life is such that it cannot be confined or encapsulated in any number of sermons.

I will, inshā'Allāh, continue to expound on the life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) from time to time. His example is the axis of our lives, and without it, our religion and faith cannot be complete. Today I will speak about the events of the Battle of Badr in relation to the life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), and this will continue for the next few sermons.

First of all, I would like to provide the background of the Battle of Badr, which also serves to highlight certain aspects of the life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's

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blessings be upon him). Describing the causes of the Battle of Badr, Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad Sahib (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes in Sīrat Khātāmūn-Nabiyyīn that the disbelievers of Makkah adopted such a hostile attitude and devised such strategies against Islām and the Muslims, that they were sufficient reasons to initiate a fighting between any two peoples. They engaged in mockery and ridicule and obstructed Muslims from worshipping the One God and proclaiming His Oneness. They physically assaulted them, plundered their wealth, killed some of them, and insulted their women. When some Muslims migrated to Abyssinia, they even pursued them to the court of Negus to bring them back.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) himself was subjected to all kinds of atrocities. Eventually, a unanimous decision was reached among the leaders in the parliament of Makkah that Muḥammad should be killed. As a result, the youth of Makkah attacked the Holy Prophet's house at night to murder him, however, by the grace of Allāh, he remained unharmed and found refuge in the Cave of Thaur.

Were these plans and hostile attitude not declarations of war by the disbelievers of Makkah? Didn't the injustices committed by the Quraish serve as justifications for Muslims to fight back? Would any self-respecting people in the world accept such an ultimatum, as the one imposed by disbelievers upon Muslims?

Undoubtedly, if any other nation were in the place of the Muslims, they would have initiated a war against the disbelievers much earlier. However, the Muslims did not receive any directive for fighting from their master and leader, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

Following the migration, the disbelievers' first act was to search for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), and it led them to the mouth of the Cave of Thaur. At that crucial moment, Allāh granted him special protection and veiled the eyes of the Quraish. They then went on to announce a reward of a hundred camels for anyone who could capture the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) dead or alive. Twenty-nine young men set out in pursuit of him. The incident involving Surāqa bin Mālīk was consequence of this pursuit. Once again,

the Quraish had to face failure in their scheme.

Similarly, upon the Holy Prophet's migration to Medina, the Quraish of Makkah sent a menacing letter to 'Abdullah bin Ubai bin Salūl, the Chief of Medina, and his companions, accusing them of sheltering one of their men.

Upon receiving this letter, 'Abdullah bin Ubai bin Salūl and his polytheistic companions gathered with the intention of fighting the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Upon learning of their plan, the Prophet personally met with them, offered counsel, and averted the imminent conflict. On the other hand, the Quraish of Makkah systematically incited other Arab tribes against the Muslims and prepared for fighting. As a result, all the Arab tribes around Medina turned hostile towards its inhabitants, and a circle of fire seemed to surround the city.

According to Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad Sahib (May Allāh be pleased with him), the first verse regarding the permission to fight back was revealed on 12th Ṣafar, 2 AH, almost a year after the Holy Prophet's arrival in Medina. Other researchers are of the view that it was revealed shortly after the migration, for it was immediately after the migration that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) sent armed groups to intercept certain parties of the disbelievers of Makkah. Permission for defensive warfare was granted in the following two verses of Surah AlHajj:

*Permission to fight is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged — and Allah indeed has power to help them — Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly only because they said, 'Our Lord is Allah' — And if Allah did not repel some men by means of others, there would surely have been pulled down cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of Allah is oft commemorated. And Allah will surely help one who helps Him. Allah is indeed Powerful, Mighty. (22:40-41).*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these verses speak of protection for the places of worship of all religions.

After the obligation of Jihād, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) took four measures to ensure the safety of the Muslims from the harm of the disbelievers. (1) He personally embarked on journeys and forged treaties with the neighbouring tribes of Medina. (2) He started sending small reconnaissance parties to scout the surroundings of Medina. (3) The arrival of these parties created an opportunity for vulnerable Muslims to migrate to Medina and join the Muslim community. (4) The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) initiated the interception of the disbelievers' commercial caravans passing near Medina on their way from Makkah to Syria.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the virtues of some recently deceased members of the Jamā'at and announced to lead their funeral prayer after the Friday prayer.

**Khāwaja Munīruddīn Qamar Sahib:** He was the son of Maulavī Qamaruddīn Sahib (the first President of Majlis Khuddāmūl Aḥmadīyya). He passed away at the age of 86. He was a life devotee and served Jamā'at in various capacities.

**Doctor Mirzā Mubashir Aḥmad Sahib:** He was the paternal grandson of Ḥaḍrat Muṣṭafā Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) and the son of Dr Mirzā Munawar Aḥmad Sahib. He was also the maternal grandson of Ḥaḍrat Nawāb Mubāraka Begum Sahiba. He passed away at the age of 79. He had the honour of serving for nearly fifty years as a doctor at Fazl-e-Omar Hospital in Rabwah.

**Syeda Amatul Bāsiṭ Sahiba:** She was the wife of Syed Maḥmūd Aḥmad Sahib of Islamabad, Pakistan.

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## ARTICLE

# THE WEIGHT OF A MOTHER'S PRAYER

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A prayer is a unique act of humans communicating to a Supreme Being. Defining a Supreme Being wholly relies on the cultural environment, up-bringing or the belief of an individual. Simply put, each individual has a sacred receiver of prayers. A cause of one's prayer relies on several, yet, personal expectations or wishes.

As people who believe in the existence and supremacy of Allah, there is a passionate belief that Allah, the Creator, is Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. Allah is all-knowing, the most gracious, the most merciful. So, Allah has all powers to fulfill one's needs, yet, Allah grants one's wishes in prayer when He sees it deem fit.

Since a prayer is defined to be one's personal wishes, one can best put his requests to the Supreme Being. This also means that one can have wishes to effect in another's life.

This article attempts to denote a belief that one can offer prayers on behalf of another who is dear to one's heart – called intercessory prayer. This form of prayer would unarguably be swallowed in the deepest of sincerity and emotion.

Inferring from above, the relationship between one who offers intercessory prayer and the expected beneficiary must be bonded heavily. Talking of bonding, no two individuals bond deeper than mother and child.

A mother carries a child in her womb for months, goes through labor pains for hours,

and nurtures the child for decades. Sacrificing her needs and egos, a mother risks it all for a child. Mothers take all risk to bring joyful tears to children and they forever wish to see children stay healthy in all aspects of life. Mothers defend their children and at any cost.

Mothers do not only intervene in any possible crisis of children physically; they also intervene spiritually. A mother will spend much of her 'divine hours' pleading with Allah to intervene any possible difficult situation of her child, and the emotion that transports it makes it worth it.

As a vibrant, busy, smart and focused young person striving to make life meaningful, one rarely dedicates periods to effectively interact with Allah. Often than not, the vibrant, smart and focused young person may indulge in immoral acts. Hence, one may even doubt the purity of his own prayers.

This, compared to a mother, who is more matured understands various aspect of life; a mother who has been protective of her child from infancy, a mother who has been sacrificing every moment of her life for her child. This mother understands better the need to get close to Allah, the need to seek Allah's intervention, and when and how to interact with Allah. If this mother commits her prayers to the Creator, Allah shall surely listen to her.

Islam teaches that paradise is at the feet of mothers; hence one need not go far in search of paradise. Similarly, a mother's ill wish (curse) due to the displeasure of a child also

takes quick effect. This affirms our culture that urges mothers not to say ill words to displeased children.

A hadith discloses that a young man who had been on his deathbed only recovered after his mother, who had not spoken to him for six years, forgave him. Another hadith confirms that the supplication of parents for the welfare of the child are quickly answered by Allah, the Almighty.

It is not surprising that the Holy Prophet (SAW) emphasized that compassion shown to the mother should be three times the magnitude of that shown towards the father.

In a recap, ill attitude towards mothers shall attract ill words from mothers; at best, the mothers may remain silent. On the flip side, good attitude towards mothers shall attract the commitment of mothers, and eventually, spiritual intervention.

Fellow brethren, understand the weight of a mother's words.

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# KNOW YOUR PROPHET

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Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*), the founder of Islam, had a childhood that was filled with significant events and experiences. Here are some key aspects of his childhood life:

### 1. Birth and Early Life:

Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) was born in Mecca, which is located in Saudi Arabia in the year 570 CE. His father, Abdullah, died before he was born, and his mother, Amina, passed away when he was only six years old. He was raised by his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib, and later by his uncle, Abu Talib, after the death of his mother.

### 2. Orphanhood:

The Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) lost both of his parents when he was still young. Such an experience instilled in the prophet great qualities of life that made him a better person. As a result of this tragic experience which was the plan of Allah, the prophet became empathetic and compassionate towards Allah's creatures.

### 3. Shepherd:

When the prophet was a boy, he took care of his uncle, Abu Talib's sheep. He ensured that the manger was clean and the animals were fed. This meant that, he spent time alone with the animals and it made him reflect on his life.

### 4. Honesty and Trustworthiness:

As a young boy and later a man, Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) earned the title "Al-Amin" (meaning the trustworthy). The people of Mecca gave him this title because he was truthful, honest and respectful. He obeyed instructions from his elders and never took what does not belong to him. People came back to meet what they entrusted in his care the same.

### 5. Journey to Syria:

At the age of 12, Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) accompanied his uncle on a trading journey to Syria. During this trip, he encountered Christian monks and traders, which exposed him to different cultures and religious beliefs. This also shaped the prophet into a very fine business man who later became a trader himself

### 6. Marriage:

At the age of 25, the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) married Khadija who was a successful business woman in Mecca. Because of the truthfulness of the prophet, his wife,

Khadija, handed over her business to him to see to the affairs of the business. Their marriage was very successful because it was based on love, support and the fear of Allah. Their marriage lasted for 25 years until Khadija's death.

### 7. Spiritual Reflection:

Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) was known for his inclination towards solitude and spiritual reflection. He would often retreat to a cave on Mount Hira near Mecca to meditate and contemplate the nature of life and the existence of God.

These early experiences and events in the Prophet's childhood laid a foundation for his role as prophet and a leader and continue to influence the world till today.



*A mountaintop view of the Cave of Hira where the Prophet would come to meditate and where he first received revelation.*

### Lessons From The Early Life Of The Prophet

**As children, we must be honest and truthful all the time. We must be obedient to our parents and elders in the society. We must always support our parents and guardians in whatever work they do. We must fear Allah, worship Him, and obey his commandments**

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# CHALLENGING THE CONCEPT OF ATONEMENT: *Alternative perspectives from the Bible*

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In Christianity, the concepts of original sin and atonement are closely intertwined. According to Christian doctrine, original sin refers to the fallen state of humanity inherited from the first humans, Adam and Eve, as described in the biblical account of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). It is believed that through their disobedience to God, sin entered the world, and all subsequent generations are born with a sinful nature. Original sin is seen as a universal condition that separates humans from God and leads to moral and spiritual brokenness.

Atonement, in Christianity, refers to the act of reconciliation between God and humanity through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Christians believe that Jesus, as the Son of God, willingly offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to atone for the sins of humanity. His crucifixion and resurrection are seen as the ultimate demonstration of God's love and mercy, providing a way for humans to be forgiven and restored to a right relationship with God.

The atoning sacrifice of Jesus is often referred to as the "Lamb of God" who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). His death is understood as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and the establishment of a new covenant between God and humanity. Through faith in Jesus and acceptance of his sacrifice, Christians believe that their sins are forgiven, and they are reconciled to God. This redemption and

forgiveness are seen as a gift of grace, not earned through human effort or merit.

However, within the rich tapestry of the Bible, alternative perspectives emerge that challenge the traditional understanding of atonement. These perspectives present a nuanced and thought-provoking examination of how humanity relates to God and finds redemption.

While the concept of atonement is deeply ingrained in Christian doctrine, it is essential to explore alternative viewpoints within the Bible itself. By delving into these alternative perspectives, we can gain a broader understanding of forgiveness, and the relationship between humanity and the Divine.

This essay aims to present a compelling case against the concept of atonement by examining select biblical verses that offer alternative viewpoints. Throughout this essay, we will analyze key passages that question the necessity of sacrificial offerings for atonement and emphasize alternative aspects such as personal responsibility, mercy, justice, obedience, and a genuine relationship with God.

The first of such passages would be from Ezekiel. From Ezekiel 18:20, we read;

***"The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of***

***the wicked shall be upon him."***

This verse is a pivotal verse that emphasizes personal responsibility for sin and challenges the idea of inherited guilt or the need for a vicarious sacrifice. Let's delve into how this verse challenges these concepts:

### **i. Personal Responsibility:**

The verse states,

***"The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son."***

This statement places the burden of responsibility on the individual who sins. It rejects the notion that one person should bear the consequences of the sins committed by another, even within the same family lineage. This emphasizes the importance of personal accountability, suggesting that each person is responsible for their actions and their subsequent outcomes.

### **ii. Rejection of Inherited Guilt:**

The concept of inherited guilt suggests that individuals bear the guilt and punishment for the sins committed by their ancestors or the collective guilt of humanity as a whole. However, Ezekiel 18:20 challenges this notion by explicitly stating that the son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father. This verse undermines the idea that guilt is inherited or transferred from one generation



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to another. It affirms the principle that each person is accountable for their own conduct, and their sins are not automatically attributed to them based on their lineage or ancestry.

### iii. Absence of Vicarious Sacrifice:

The verse further challenges the concept of vicarious sacrifice, which suggests that the punishment for sin can be transferred or borne by another person or entity on behalf of the guilty party. By stating that the soul who sins shall die, Ezekiel 18:20 emphasizes that the consequences of sin are to be borne by the individual who commits the transgression. This challenges the notion that a sacrificial offering or substitutionary atonement is necessary to appease divine justice or cleanse the guilty party.

### iv. Individual Accountability and Divine Justice:

Ezekiel 18 as a whole emphasizes the importance of individual accountability and God's sense of justice. The chapter discusses the principle of righteous living, repentance, and turning away from wickedness. It highlights that God judges each person according to their own actions, intentions, and choices. This aligns with the overall message of Ezekiel 18:20, which emphasizes that personal responsibility and individual actions are decisive factors in determining one's spiritual state and the consequences they face.

In summary, Ezekiel 18:20 challenges the concepts of inherited guilt and the need for a vicarious sacrifice by emphasizing personal responsibility for sin. It affirms that each individual is accountable for their own actions and rejects the idea that guilt can be inherited or transferred to others. This verse underscores the importance of individual accountability and highlights God's justice in judging each person based on their own deeds.

Hosea 6:6 and Micah 6:6-8 are two significant verses that emphasize the importance of mercy, justice, and a genuine relationship with God over ritualistic sacrifices. Let's explore how these verses highlight this emphasis and argue for the significance of acts of compassion and righteousness:

**Hosea 6:6 – “For I desired mercy, and not**

**sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”**

This verse from the book of Hosea expresses God's desire for a genuine relationship with His people. It emphasizes that God values steadfast love, mercy, and knowledge of Him more than mere external acts of sacrifice. It suggests that the inner disposition of the heart and a true understanding of God's character are of greater importance than ritualistic offerings.

**Micah 6:6-8 – “Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? 7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”**

In these verses from the book of Micah, the Prophet questions the adequacy of external offerings and sacrifices to please God. It highlights the futility of empty religious rituals without genuine acts of justice, kindness, and humility. Micah emphasizes that what God truly desires from His people is a life characterized by justice, compassion, and a humble walk with Him.

These verses collectively argue that acts of compassion and righteousness hold greater significance to God than mere sacrificial offerings. They emphasize the importance of a sincere, heartfelt relationship with God and the ethical treatment of others. Here's the argument supporting this view:

### i. The Intent of the Heart:

Both Hosea 6:6 and Micah 6:6-8 emphasize that God looks beyond external rituals and focuses on the intent of the heart. God desires genuine love, mercy, justice, and humility that flows from a true understanding of His character and a sincere relationship with Him. Ritualistic sacrifices, without the right heart attitude, are seen as empty and meaningless.

### ii. Ethical Conduct and Social Justice:

Micah 6:8 specifically highlights the importance of doing justice and loving kindness. These verses emphasize that God

desires His people to actively engage in acts of compassion, fairness, and righteousness towards others. A life characterized by justice and kindness is more pleasing to God than an abundance of sacrificial offerings.

### iii. Consistency with God's Nature:

These verses align with the broader themes found throughout the Bible, where God consistently emphasizes the importance of ethical living, caring for the marginalized, and displaying mercy and justice. The character of God is reflected in His desire for His people to prioritize these values over external religious practices.

In conclusion, Hosea 6:6 and Micah 6:6-8 highlight the importance of mercy, justice, and a genuine relationship with God over ritualistic sacrifices. They argue that acts of compassion, righteousness, justice, and humility hold deeper meaning for God than mere external offerings. These verses emphasize the significance of a sincere relationship with God and ethical conduct in our interactions with others.

Matthew 9:13 records Jesus's statement,

**“But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”**

This statement by Jesus challenges the traditional understanding of atonement through sacrifice and emphasizes his prioritization of mercy and reaching out to sinners. Let's explore this further:

### i. Reinterpretation of Scripture:

By quoting from the Old Testament (Hosea 6:6), Jesus challenges the prevailing understanding of sacrificial offerings as the primary means of atonement. He redirects the focus towards the concept of mercy, suggesting that it holds greater significance to God than mere ritualistic sacrifices. In doing so, Jesus encourages a fresh interpretation of scripture that prioritizes mercy and compassion.

### ii. Emphasis on Mercy:

Jesus's statement underscores the importance of mercy as a central value in his teachings. Rather than emphasizing the sacrificial system, Jesus highlights the significance of extending mercy and compassion towards sinners. This aligns with his broader message of love,

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forgiveness, and the restoration of broken relationships.

### iii. Identification with Sinners:

Jesus's declaration that he has come to call sinners indicates his mission to reach out to those who are marginalized, lost, and in need of salvation. Rather than focusing solely on the sacrificial system, Jesus prioritizes building relationships with sinners, extending mercy, and offering them the opportunity for transformation and redemption. This demonstrates his desire for a personal connection with individuals, emphasizing the importance of genuine repentance and reconciliation.

### iv. Continuity with the Prophetic Tradition:

Jesus's prioritization of mercy and his outreach to sinners align with the prophetic tradition found in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Prophets consistently emphasized the importance of justice, mercy, and compassion over some religious formalities they came to meet. Jesus's actions reflect a continuation of this prophetic tradition by challenging the rigid adherence to sacrificial practices and emphasizing the transformative power of mercy and love.

In summary, Jesus's statement in Matthew 9:13 challenges the idea of atonement through sacrifice by prioritizing mercy, reaching out to sinners, and redirecting the focus towards a personal relationship with God. His emphasis on mercy and his mission to seek and save the lost demonstrate a new understanding of the atonement that is centred on his sacrificial death and the transformative power of God's mercy and grace.

1 Samuel 15:22 emphasizes the importance of obedience and a sincere heart in contrast to external sacrifices. The verse implies that obedience to God's commands holds greater significance than offering sacrifices alone. Here's how it highlights these points:

i. The primacy of Obedience: In 1 Samuel 15:22, Samuel confronts King Saul after he failed to completely obey God's command to destroy the Amalekites and their livestock. Samuel tells Saul, "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." This statement underscores the

primacy of obedience to God's commands over external acts of sacrifice.

### ii. Heartfelt Obedience:

The verse emphasizes the importance of obedience that stems from a sincere heart and a genuine desire to please God. It suggests that merely going through the motions of offering sacrifices without true obedience and devotion to God's will is insufficient. God desires obedience that comes from a genuine relationship and a heart that is aligned with His commands.

### iii. Sacrificial Rituals in Context:

The context of 1 Samuel 15:22 is important to understand the message being conveyed. In ancient Israel, sacrifices were an essential part of religious practice. However, Samuel's statement challenges the notion that sacrifices alone can compensate for disobedience or substitute true obedience to God's commands.

### iv. God's Delight in Obedience:

The verse implies that God values obedience and listening to His voice more than external acts of sacrifice. It suggests that genuine obedience is what brings delight to God, as it reflects a deep trust and submission to His authority.

### v. Application Beyond Sacrificial Offerings:

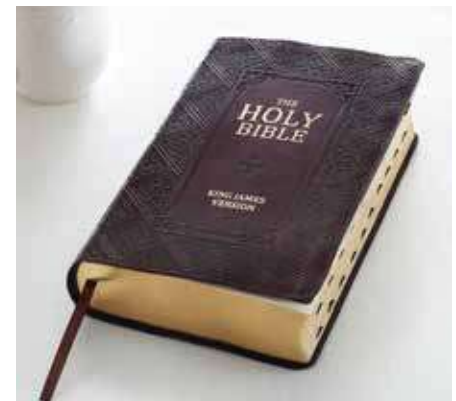
While the verse specifically mentions sacrifices, its underlying message extends beyond the ritualistic context. It highlights the broader principle that obedience to God's commands is of greater importance than any external religious practice or ritual. It emphasizes the significance of aligning our actions and attitudes with God's will, demonstrating a sincere desire to follow Him.

In summary, 1 Samuel 15:22 emphasizes the importance of obedience and a sincere heart in contrast to external sacrifices. It implies that true obedience to God's commands holds greater significance than offering sacrifices alone. The verse highlights the primacy of heartfelt obedience and the importance of aligning our actions and attitudes with God's will, indicating that God values obedience and a genuine relationship over mere rituals.

Ending this essay, exploring alternative perspectives from the Bible challenges the

traditional concept of atonement and highlights the multifaceted nature of this theological concept. Through passages such as Ezekiel 18:20, Hosea 6:6, Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 9:13, and 1 Samuel 15:22, we see a recurring theme that emphasizes the importance of personal responsibility, mercy, obedience, and genuine relationship with God over ritualistic sacrifices.

These passages invite us to question the notion that atonement is solely achieved through sacrificial offerings or the need for vicarious sacrifice. They remind us of the significance of individual actions, compassion, and righteousness in our relationship with God and others. It is through acts of mercy, justice, obedience, and sincere hearts that we find true reconciliation and restoration.



In conclusion, exploring these alternative biblical perspectives on atonement encourages us to seek a deeper, more holistic understanding of our relationship with God and how we can live out our faith in a way that reflects mercy, justice, and obedience. It challenges us to prioritize the values that truly matter to God, fostering a genuine and transformative connection with the divine. And after we have been able to do that, it would allow us to question what we generally know about Christianity. These few points do not exhaust the arguments against these concepts, but it definitely is a start to a broader discussion. I also intentionally kept the proofs and arguments from the Holy Qur'an at bay in this particular piece of work. We shall tackle that too at an opportune time. We pray that we all benefit from these little efforts of ours. May peace be upon he who follows the guidance!!!



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# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## CENTRAL REGION



### Be Swift in Responding to Majlis Matters – Ekumfi Zonal Qaid

Story by *Yusuf Ibrahim Dadzie, Nazim Isha'at, Ekumfi Zone*

The Qaid Dila for Ekumfi, Mr. Abubakar Arthur, has urged members of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya in Ekumfi Zone to respond swiftly to matters relating to the Majlis.

He made the call at the maiden Aamila meeting of the Zone on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at Ekumfi.

Mr. Arthur, who has taken over from Hon. Jamil Rahman Nyame as Zonal Qaid, charged executives to work to the satisfaction of Allah, who rewards those who work in His cause.

“We should take immediate action whenever and wherever duty calls. We should be swift in responding to matters affecting the Majlis”, he said.

He stressed the need for members to pray for one another so they would follow the system of the Jama'at and the Nizam of the Majlis.

Mr. Ibrahim Kwame Adjei, Naib Qaid and Nazim Mal, described the tenure of Hon. Nyame as exemplary. “By dint of hard work, commitment and dedication to work and sacrifice, he has been elevated as Qaid for the Central Region”, he added.

Mr. Jamil Rahman Nyame served as Zonal Qaid for two terms from 2018 to 2022.

## VOLTA REGION

### New Qaid Appointed for Volta Zone

Story by *Dika Yakub, Nazim Isha'at, Volta Zone*

The Volta Zone of MKA Ghana has a newly appointed Qaid in the person of Mr. Abdul Salam Inkoom.

He succeeds Mr. Ishmael Ewudzie, who has migrated to Majlis Ansarullah with his Naib Qaid, Mr. Suleman Samiu Ankam.

The handing over ceremony took place at Ho on November 19, 2022.

Members got so emotional during the handing over address and that of his Naib Qaid. They mentioned that they have been through thick and thin to bring the Majlis to its feet and present strength.

Therefore, members should always remember their pledges, inculcate the spirit of steadfastness and forge ahead to see the Majlis advance to greater heights.

Members gave them assurance that they would follow in their footsteps and work hard to crown their efforts. They were honored with citations.

Mr. Ishmael Ewudzie and Mr. Suleman Samiu Ankam served for three terms from 2016 to 2022.



Mr. Ishmael Ewudzie, outgoing Zonal Qaid, handing over the office to new Zonal Qaid, Mr. Abdul Salam Inkoom.

## GREATER ACCRA

### Jama'at ijtema'at held in Adenta-Madina Circuit

Story by *Bashirudeen Adam, Greater Accra Regional Isha'at*

Members of the Adenta-Madina Circuit in the Accra Zone of Greater Accra Region have organized their Jama'at ijtema'at.

The Adenta jama'at held their session on Friday, 23rd December, 2022 at Adenta Mosque while Madina and Bustan Jama'ats organized a joint ijtema'a at Bustan-e-Ahmad on 24th December, 2022 after tahajjud prayers.

The ijtema'at were held under the theme “*The Blessings and Benefits of Participating in Jama'at Activities*”. Muallim Sadique Arthur and Maulvi Bashirudeen Mahmood Ahmad were speakers at Adenta and Bustan-e-Ahmad respectively.

The ijtema'at were graced by the presence of the Regional Qaid, Greater Accra, Zonal Qaid and Missionaries in the Adenta-Madina Circuit.



## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### ASHANTI REGION



Al-Hassan Ofori, Ashanti Regional Qaid addressing Majlis members during his tour.

### Ashanti Regional Qaid Commences Zonal Tour

Story by *Bilal Appiah, Ashanti Region*

On 22nd June, 2023, the Ashanti Regional Qaid, Mr. Al-hassan Ofori, commenced his regional tour at Pomposo Jama'at in the Obuasi Zone.

In a meeting with the Khuddam after jumu'ah prayers, Mr. Ofori advised his members on the importance of unity among themselves and encouraged them to actively participate in Majlis programs.

Mr. Ahmed Benyarko, Muhtamim Mal, MKA Ghana, who was part of the Regional Qaid's entourage, explained to the members the new system of paying the Majlis chanda.

He urged them to strive with their wealth for the propagation of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

Also addressing the Khuddam was Mr. Ishmael Owusu Ntiamoah, the Ashanti Regional Umumi. He spoke on the importance of writing letters to Khalifatul Masih V, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (*May Allah be his helper*), and said his office is always open to offer assistance to members.

16 Khuddam and 55 Atfal were present during the meeting.

### Waqar-e-Amal Held in Baworo Circuit

Story by *Baidoo Shakoore, Baworo Circuit*

Four Khuddam and two Atfal after fajr prayers, gathered to participate in the clean-up exercise on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

Their objective was to clear the weeds along the roadside in front of the Ahmadiyya Mission Mosque in Baworo, ultimately creating a safe and free pathway for pedestrians.



Members in a group photograph after the Waqar-e-Amal exercise.

Another clean-up exercise was undertaken at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque on June 27, 2023, to prepare the grounds for the Eid-ul-Adha prayers, as well as to maintain the mosque's cleanliness.

Among the esteemed members who wholeheartedly participated in this noble initiative was Mr. Ibrahim Agyei, the Baworo Circuit Qaid.



Members of the Atfal helping in the Waqar-e-Amal exercise.

### Asokore Circuit Khuddam Donate to Patient

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at*

On June 16, 2023, members of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya in the Asokore Circuit, led by their Circuit Qaid, Mr. Abubakar Adomako, paid a visit to a Jama'at member who was admitted at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Hospital in Asokore.

During the visit, the Khuddam offered their prayers for the patient as well as her ward mates, seeking their swift recovery and improved health. The prayers were led by Mr. Baidoo Shakur Ampomah, Asokore Circuit Naib Qaid.

A generous donation was also made to assist the patient with her medical needs. The act of kindness and solidarity exemplified the true spirit of brotherhood and community support within the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya.

The presence of the national officer in charge of publication, Mr. Fadl Rahman Essel, further emphasized the significance of this benevolent act.

The Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, remains dedicated to the teachings of true Islam and continues to engage in various humanitarian service initiatives, spreading goodwill and making a positive impact within the community.



Members saying a prayer for the speedy recovery of the patients.



## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### EASTERN REGION



### Koforidua Zonal Qaid Visits Somanya Circuit

Story by *Saddique Moro Sanda, Nazim Isha'at, Eastern Region*

The Koforidua Zonal Qaid, Alpha Nii Dodu, paid a visit to the Somanya Circuit on the 16th of June. He was accompanied by two newly appointed Aamila members, Ahmad Oware - Nazim Ta'lim and Mahdi Yakubu - Nazim Khidmat-e-Khalq.

The visit allowed Mr. Dodu to meet in person with members of the Majalis and build stronger relationships. It also helped the Zonal Qaid to gain an understanding of the progress, challenges, and ongoing initiatives within Somanya Circuit.

The Aamila members, serving in their respective roles as Nazimeen Khidmat-e-Khalq and Ta'lim, urged the members to acquire Islamic knowledge through the Ta'lim programs that are organized and also seek the welfare of its members as it is an act of worship in Islam. The Zonal Qaid used the opportunity to introduce the newly appointed Somanya Circuit Qaid, Abdullahi Saliu, to the members gathered.

The Circuit President, Mr. Saeed Adomako, thanked the Zonal Qaid for the visit and promised to do his best to support Majlis activities in the circuit.

Also, the team made a special visit to a sick circuit member. As a gesture of support, a small cash donation was made to two members of the Jamaat.

### Afram Plains Circuit hosts Nkawkaw Zonal Activities

Story by *Hussain Atta Ansong Harun, Qaid D'ila, Nkawkaw Zone*

Nine Khuddam and a tiftl from the Abirim and Nkawkaw Circuits embarked on a journey from Nkawkaw to Tease, the headquarters of the Afram Plains Circuit.

A Zonal Aamila meeting was held during which the Zonal Qaid, Mr Hussain Atta Ansong Harun urged members to serve the faith in whatever capacity they can until the time when they can no longer do so. The meeting was graced by the Eastern Regional Qaid, Mr Fareed Kolevi.

After the Aamila meeting, the Khuddam visited 20 jama'at members in the circuit.

To foster inter-religious cooperation among the youth from other faiths, a football match was played with the youth of Church of Christ in Tease. In the evening, a public preaching session, which was chaired by Mr. Dawood Osei, was held in Tease. The speakers were Mr Shuaib Mustapha Bamuah, Afram Plains Circuit Qaid and Mr Saddique Osei, Nkawkaw Zonal Tabligh Secretary. They spoke on the topic *'Islam, A Universal religion'*.

The second day's activities began with congregational tahajjud prayers. The Mutamad for the Nkawkaw Zone, Mr Ahmad Frimpong, gave a dars after the tahajjud prayers after which another public preaching through a local information centre was organized. The panelists for the programme were Muallim Jibraeel Osei, Mr Fareed Kolevi, Mr Hussain Atta Ansong Harun and Mr Dawood Osei. They were hosted by Mr Sadique Osei on the topic *'Drugs and Alcoholism'*.

Subsequently, a visit was made to Dedesu where a plot of land acquired by the Afram Plains Circuit was inspected. Discussions were made on how best to put the land to use.

17 Khuddam and eight Atfal participated in the series of activities which were held in the first quarter of the Majlis year.



Muallim Jibraeel Osei, the Afram Plains Circuit Missionary, reading a portion of the Holy Qur'an during the public preaching.



A group photograph after the Koforidua Zonal Qaid's visit.



## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### WESTERN REGION

#### Sekondi Zone Wins Post-Eid-ul-Fitr Soccer Tournament

Story by *Sadeeq Ahmed Y., Nazim Isha'at, Western Region*

**O**n Sunday, 30th April 2023, Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya Western Region under the auspices of Shooba Sihat-e-Jismane organized a post-Eid-ul-Fitr soccer tournament at the Essikado Astroturf.

The game featured the Sekondi, Takoradi, and Tarkwa Zones, with an invitation extended to the Western Region Youth Club, making it a four-team tournament. The tournament, which was full of enthusiasm and excitement, saw all four teams displaying their best skills and sportsmanship.

The tournament was well attended by members of the various Majalis. The atmosphere was electrifying, with cheering and chanting of At-Takbir! Allahu Akbar! throughout the game.

The event was not just about sports, but also about building friendships and fostering harmony between the Majlis and other youth organizations in the regions while spreading the true message of Islam Ahmadiyya; Love for all, Hatred for None.

At the end of the tournament, Sekondi Zone emerged as the winner while the Western Region Youth Club came in second place. Takoradi Zone and Tarkwa Zone secured the third and fourth positions respectively.

Speaking after the tournament, the Naib Sadr MKA Ghana, South West, Mr. Benyameen E. Keelson expressed his appreciation to the Khuddam for organizing such an exciting event and commended them for their impressive attendance.

Mr. Keelson said, "We are pleased with the turnout and the level of competition we saw today. Just as we saw this encouraging participation in this



tournament, the same should be replicated during other Majlis activities."

He concluded by encouraging members to continue to devote themselves to Ahmadiyya and also be ambassadors of Islam by showing love and harmony to one's neighbors as exhibited in the tournament.

The Qaid Ilaqa Western Region, Mr. Mustapha Abban, who doubled as the referee for the event, commended the participants for their excellent performance and sportsmanship.

The event was honored with the presence of the following dignitaries – Mr. Bashirudin Adam (Muhtamim Sihat-e-Jismane MKA Ghana), Mr. Jibreel



Naib Sadr, South West, Mr Benyameen Keelson making a presentation of the trophy.

Baidoo (Fmr. Muhtamim Tarbiyyat Nou-Mubayyin MKA Ghana), Mr. Ismaila K. Issah (Fmr. Naib Ilaqa), as well Regional and Zonal Aamila members.





# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MALE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GHANA

## AMMSAG-UCC Holds Khilafat Day

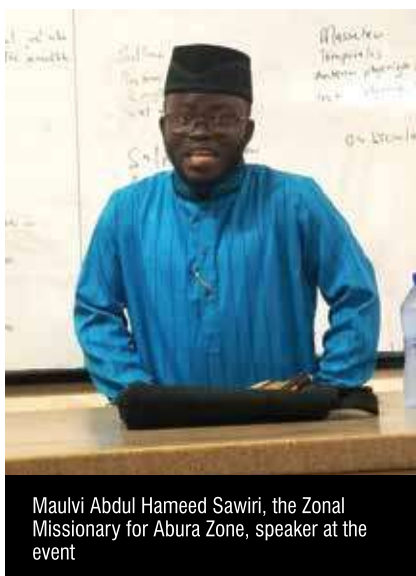
Story by *Salim Ahmad Boaheng, Nazim Isha'at, AMMSAG-UCC*

The University of Cape Coast (UCC) Branch of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Male Students Association of Ghana (AMMSAG) held a program on campus to commemorate 'Khilafat Day' on 26th May 2023.

Maulvi Abdul Hameed Sawiri, the Zonal Missionary for Abura Zone and speaker for the event shared a presentation on the importance of 'Khilafat Day' and the significance behind it.

Maulvi Sawiri urged the students to engage in prayer incessantly regardless of their personal circumstances.

He encouraged the students to write letters to Khalifatul Masih (*May Allah be his helper*) at least once every month to nurture their relationship with their spiritual leader as well as consolidate the link between the students and the Ahmadiyya community.



Maulvi Abdul Hameed Sawiri, the Zonal Missionary for Abura Zone, speaker at the event



Members of University of Cape Coast branch of AMMSAG listening attentively to the presentations during the Khilafat Day programme.

Mr. Alhassan Asamani, the Abura Zonal Qaid, thanked the students for participating in such a blessed program. 19 Khuddam from AMMSAG and 17

Lajna Ima'illah members from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Students Association of Ghana (AMWSAG) participated in the ceremony.

## AMMSAG-KNUST and the Forestry Commission of Ghana Join Forces to Green Ghana

Story by *Abdul Majeed Owusu, AMMSAG-KNUST, General Secretary*

In a remarkable initiative towards environmental conservation, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Male Students Association of Ghana (AMMSAG-KNUST), in collaboration with the Forestry Commission of Ghana, organized a tree planting exercise at Ahomaso, a suburb of Kumasi in the Ashanti Region.

The exercise which was held on Friday, June 9, 2023, with the aim of promoting a greener Ghana, saw enthusiastic participation from both AMMSAG and Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Students Association of Ghana (AMWSAG),

community members, and representatives from the Forestry Commission.

The AMMSAG-KNUST President, Mr. Hamza Saeed, stressed that the Association decided to participate in the tree planting exercise because of the increasing concerns about deforestation and climate change.





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Members of AMMSAG-KNUST in a group photograph during the 'Green Ghana' event.

He said the collaboration with the Forestry Commission of Ghana provided a valuable opportunity to contribute to the national "Green Ghana" initiative, which aimed at restoring and preserving Ghana's forest cover.

Government officials and representatives from environmental organizations took

turns to deliver speeches to emphasize the importance of tree planting in ensuring a sustainable future.

With a collective effort, the participants passionately dug holes, planted saplings, and carefully nurtured them with soil and water. In all, over 1000 saplings were planted.



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## NATIONAL IJTEMA'A



### 42nd Annual MKA Ghana National Ijtema'a: Inspiring Righteousness and Unity

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel (Muhtamim Isha'at)* and *Abdul Hameed Amponsah*

The 42nd annual National Ijtema'a of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana ended at Effiduase-Asokore in the Sekyere East district of the Ashanti Region.

The 3-day rally attracted more than three thousand participants from all the sixteen administrative regions of Ghana.

The rally was also attended by delegates from five neighbouring West African countries led by their respective Sadran or senior ranking members. These countries were Nigeria, Benin and Togo. The rest were Burkina Faso and Cote D'Ivoire.

Themed "The Ways of the Righteous," the Ijtema'a featured a keynote address by Dr. Anass Issah Adusei, who encouraged Khuddam to actively pursue both secular education and religious knowledge to become responsible citizens. He emphasized that true righteousness encompasses success in both worldly and spiritual aspects, underlining the

importance of using wealth and knowledge for the betterment of humanity. Dr. Adusei also cautioned against actions that could undermine faith and pointed out that belief in witchcraft contradicted Quranic teachings. He stressed the significance of steadfastly adhering to one's convictions.

In addition to the inspirational speeches, the Ijtema'a included a range of activities, such as moral lessons (dars) provided to participants after evening and dawn prayers. Academic and sporting competitions were organized for both Khuddam and Atfal, offering opportunities for intellectual and physical engagement. A route march procession through the streets of Effiduase and Asokore showcased unity and camaraderie. There were also congregational Tahajjud and the five daily prayers.

During the event, Mr. Hanif Bipuah, the National President of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya – Ghana, announced the approval by Khalifatul Masih V, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (atba) for the Majlis to construct a national secretariat.

Thus, he called upon every member of the Majlis to contribute to turn this project into a reality.

Another noteworthy development was the inauguration of MKAGH radio, a pioneering initiative in the history of Ghana Khuddam. This radio station operated on-site, enabling members to access various programs in multiple Ghanaian languages and provided Asokore residents with an additional source of information and entertainment.

The program was presided over by Naib Ameer I, Alhaj Wahab Issah, on behalf of the Ameer of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Ghana. He was joined by the General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission of Ghana, Alhaj Abass Wilson, the Ashanti Regional President, Mr. Ibrahim Jamil Badu, and several past national executives.

## NATIONAL IJTEMA'A



### Seven Former National Officers Honoured at the 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA Ghana*

The 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a of Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, Ghana, held from 28th to 30th September 2023, witnessed a heartfelt felicitation to former national officers who displayed unwavering dedication and excellence in their roles. Seven distinguished individuals were presented with citations in honor of their long-standing and exemplary service at the National Administrative Level of the Majlis.



**Mr. Haneef Sam Keelson**  
During his thirteen-year tenure, Mr. Keelson served as the Additional

Mu'tamad from November 2009 to October 2014, Mu'tamad from November 2014 to October 2019, and subsequently as Naib Sadr-Administration, Greater Accra and Volta Zones from November 2019 to October 2022. His remarkable contributions left indelible imprints of hard work and dedicated service, marking his commitment to the Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, Ghana.



**Mr. Musah Kofi Amissah**  
Mr. Amissah's dedication shone brightly during his service as Muhtamim Sihat-e-Jismane from November 2011 to October 2019, and later as Naib Sadr-Southern Sector from November 2019 to October 2022. His consistent excellence earned him the endearing nickname "Muhtamim

Wakito," symbolizing his outstanding performance and impact during his eleven-year tenure.



**Mr. Nasirdeen Issahaque**  
Serving in various roles, Mr. Issahaque dedicated nine years to the Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, Ghana. His journey began as Qaid-e-Ilaqa in the Brong Ahafo Region from November 2013 to October 2014, followed by Muhtamim Tarbiyyat from November 2014 to October 2016, Muhtamim Sanat-o-Tijarat in the Northern Sector from November 2016 to October 2018, and finally, as Muhtamim Sanat-o-Tijarat from November 2018 to October 2022, leaving a lasting legacy.



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### Mr. Jibreel Baidoo

As Muhtamim Tarbiyyat Nau-Mubayi'een from November 2017 to October 2022, Mr. Baidoo brought waves of positive change and progress to the Amila and Khuddam as a whole during his five-year tenure. His dedication and vision enriched the Majlis' activities and ethos, setting a high standard for others to follow.



### Mr. Ishmael Ewudzie

Serving as Qaid-e-Ilaqa in the Volta Region/Zone from November 2016 to October 2022, Mr. Ewudzie's commitment and leadership left a remarkable impact over his six-year term. His tireless efforts in the regional administration earned him a well-deserved recognition.



### Mr. Shaibu Inusah

As Qaid-e-Ilaqa for the Sekyere Zone from November 2017 to October 2022, Mr. Inusah displayed five years of unwavering dedication and service. His contribution to the Majlis was integral to its success and growth.



### Mr. Ibrahim Osei Asiedu

During his three-year tenure as Qaid-e-Ilaqa for the Koforidua Zone from November 2019 to October 2022, Mr. Asiedu made significant contributions to the Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, Ghana, leaving a legacy in the Koforidua Zone.

These commendable individuals received citations in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, Ghana, and their tireless efforts to uphold the values and principles of the organization. The Majlis expresses its deep gratitude to these former officers, who have played a pivotal role in the organization's growth and success.

As the 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a concluded, the Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, Ghana, looks forward to the continued progress and success of its mission, inspired by the dedication and commitment of its former officers.

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### MKA Ghana Honors Exceptional Leadership at 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA Ghana*

In a momentous celebration at the 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, two distinguished leaders at the highest level of leadership were honored for their exemplary service and dedication to the community. Abdul Salam Inkoom, the Volta Regional Qaid, and Bashirudeen Adam, the Muhtamim Sihate-Jismane, received the prestigious titles of Best Regional Qaid and Best National Officer of the year 2023, respectively.

The occasion was marked by an engaging interview conducted by host journalist Raza Mohammed Bin Ahmed on MKA Ghana Radio, providing a glimpse into the lives and journeys of these remarkable individuals. Abdul Salam Inkoom, hailing from the Volta region, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to share his experiences and insights.

Abdul Salam Inkoom's journey to becoming the Best Regional Qaid was particularly inspiring. In his role, he had demonstrated a commitment to his community and a deep sense of faith. His remarkable ascent to this position,

achieved in just ten months, was an achievement that took many by surprise.

Abdul Salam Inkoom attributed his success to prayer, humility, and self-assessment. He recounted the moment when he received the honor, highlighting his initial disbelief and the shock of being recognized as the Best Qaid in the entire country. He emphasized the importance of seeking divine guidance, citing his decision to write to the beloved Huzoor (*may Allah be his helper*) for spiritual support.

Bashirudeen Adam, the Best National Officer of the year 2023, shared his equally remarkable journey. Despite having served in the position for only one year, he conveyed his initial surprise at being bestowed with the honor. His dedication and commitment to his role were evident throughout the period of assessment.

Bashirudeen Adam underscored the importance of punctuality, prompt reporting, and respecting authority. He shared his experience of serving in various positions over the years, emphasizing the role of prayer in his life. Both honorees conveyed messages of dedication, service, and faith. Their

stories serve as a source of inspiration to fellow members of the Ahmadiyya community in Ghana. The interview showcased their humility, commitment, and determination to uphold the values of the organization.

The Ijtema'a was a testament to the unwavering dedication of the Ahmadiyya members across Ghana. The recognition of Abdul Salam Inkoom and Bashirudeen Adam was not only a celebration of their individual achievements but also a demonstration of the organization's principles and values.

Other Ijtema'a participants who excelled in other various academic and sporting disciplines were recognized and honoured accordingly.



Abdul Salam Inkoom  
Volta Regional Qaid

Bashirudeen Adam  
Muhtamim Sihate-Jismane



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### The Spiritual Significance of Congregational Salat



Muallim Ismail Ansah, Gomoa Eshiem Circuit Missionary, Central Region

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA Ghana*

In an address delivered at the 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, Muallim Ismail Ansah, the missionary of the Gomoa Eshiem Circuit in the Central Region, he emphasized the significance of congregational Salat, describing it as a hallmark of righteousness.

Muallim Ismail Ansah's speech drew from various Islamic teachings and texts to highlight the importance of congregational Salat as an essential component of a righteous life. He began his discourse by reciting a verse from the Holy Qur'an (2:22) that underscores the worship of the Almighty as a means to attain righteousness.

He emphasized the saying of the Holy Prophet Mohammed (saw) that "Prayer is real worship," highlighting Salat's central role in Islamic practice. Muallim Ismail Ansah noted the guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Rabi (ra), who urged Ahmadis to offer Salat that pleases Allah and endears them to Him.

Drawing on a Hadith, the missionary compared the daily prayers to an overflowing river that cleanses the worshiper, reinforcing the idea that Salat purifies the soul.

He further quoted verses from the Holy Qur'an (Surah Al-Maa'un:5 & 6) that caution against unmindful prayers, emphasizing that those who pray without focus or devotion will face the consequences.

The circuit missionary praised the practice of congregational Salat, stating that it holds great rewards. Citing Hadith, he explained that prayers offered in congregation receive twenty-seven times greater reward than individual prayers. He also referenced the significance of performing ablution, maintaining focus, and observing prayers at the appropriate time and place.

Muallim Ismail Ansah encouraged the audience to view their neighbours as those who can hear the call to prayer through the technology of loudspeakers, watches, cellphones, and other devices, emphasizing the importance of attending the mosque for congregational prayers. He shared inspiring stories of companions of the Holy Prophet who overcame obstacles to attend congregational Salat.

He concluded his address by quoting Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (atba), who encouraged Ahmadis to offer Salat regularly in a congregation and to adorn their obligatory prayers with voluntary ones.

Muallim Ismail Ansah's speech served as a reminder of the significance of congregational Salat in leading a righteous life, leaving the audience with a renewed sense of commitment to this fundamental practice in Islam.

### Obedience to Authority: A Necessity for Taqwa

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA Ghana*

At the 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a of the Majlis, Maulvi Mustapha Usman emphasized the crucial link between obedience to authority and the concept of Taqwa (righteousness). The speech, which took place on September 28, 2023, highlighted the significance of these principles in

fostering unity and spiritual growth within the Ahmadiyya community.

Opening his address with verses from the Holy Quran, Maulvi Mustapha Usman quoted Surah Al-Nur (24:54) to underscore the importance of actual obedience in what is right, rather than mere oaths of allegiance.

#### Taqwa and Its Significance:

Maulvi Mustapha Usman commenced by delving into the concept of Taqwa, emphasizing its meaning as "forbearance, fear, and abstinence." He explained that Taqwa involves being prepared to face all forms of difficulties and trials for the sake of Allah, always keeping in mind His pleasure and commandments.

Citing the Promised Messiah's conditions of Bia'at, he emphasized the need to remain faithful to God in all circumstances, be it in times of sorrow, happiness, adversity, or prosperity.

Furthermore, he highlighted that Taqwa means giving precedence to the pleasure of God over everything else, recognizing God as One and Incomparable, and paying both God's rights and the rights of His creation.



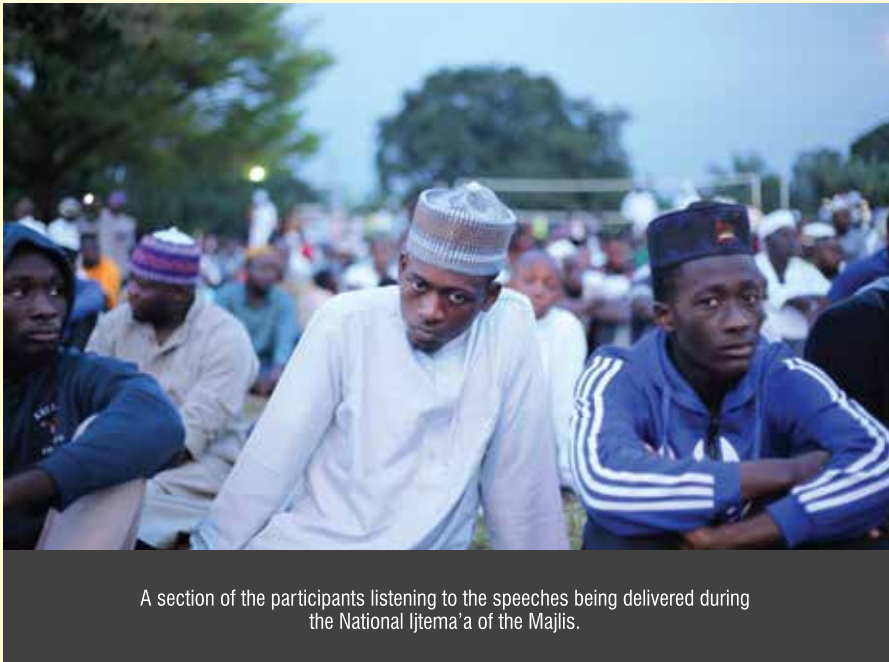
Maulvi Mustapha Osman, delivering his speech during the National Ijtema'a.

#### Obedience to Authority:

Transitioning to the topic of obedience to authority, Maulvi Mustapha Usman elucidated that obedience encompasses compliance, submission, duty, respect, and deference. He emphasized that the Holy Quran marks true believers as those who say, "We hear and we obey."

The speaker stressed that obedience to authority is incumbent on Ahmadi Muslims, particularly to the Nizam-e-

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A section of the participants listening to the speeches being delivered during the National Ijtema'a of the Majlis.

Jama'at (The Jama'at System). He reminded the audience of the 10th Condition of Bai'at, which pledges obedience in everything good for the sake of God, comparing it to worldly relationships.

Maulvi Mustapha Usman urged the audience to practice obedience to the Nizam-e-Jama'at, as it ensures the unity and harmony of the community. He cautioned against grumbling and emphasized that obedience must grow stronger over time.

### Respect and Prayers for Those in Authority:

The speech concluded with an appeal for respect and prayers for those in authority, even if they are not perceived as perfect. He reminded the audience of the sacrifices made by officers and servants within the Nizam-e-Jama'at and encouraged members to strengthen the System through active participation.

Maulvi Mustapha Usman also called for the separation of personal differences from obedience to authority and emphasized the importance of resolving differences within the Jama'at. He quoted hadiths that underscored the importance of maintaining respect and obedience even in the face of perceived injustices.

In closing, the speaker linked obedience to the authority to progress and spiritual growth, asserting that the level of obedience directly affects the pace of advancement in both divine and worldly matters.

## Be Truthful, Just and Service-Oriented, Sadr Lajna Ima'illah urges Khuddam

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA Ghana*

In a phone interview on MKA Ghana Radio, Hajia Anisa Idrissu, the Sadr Lajna Ima'illah Ghana, shared her message with participants at the 42nd Annual National Ijtema'a of the Majlis.

The interview highlighted the chosen theme's importance and alignment with the teachings of our spiritual leader, Hazrat Ameerul Moomineen (atba).

Hajia Anisa Idrissu expressed her gratitude that the Khuddam and Lajna Ima'illah focused on righteousness simultaneously, which she saw as a clear sign of unity in purpose and shared values.

She emphasized that the theme, "The Ways of the Righteous," has the potential to address societal ills by encouraging individuals to be truthful, just, and service-oriented. The Sadr stated, *"If our nation must develop, we the citizens must be upright,"* underscoring the importance of righteousness for national progress.

When asked about the role of community members in society, Hajia highlighted the need to emulate the virtues of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) - truthfulness, love for humanity, and forgiveness. She urged the entire Ahmadi community to embody these qualities to create a harmonious and righteous society.

With the new school year approaching, Hajia Anisa Idrissu advised parents to maintain close communication with their children and instill Islamic teachings. She encouraged girls to focus on their studies, remain true to their faith, and avoid negative influences.

Regarding the centenary celebration of Lajna Immaillah, she called upon Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya to offer increased support, emphasizing the importance of grooming future leaders within the community.



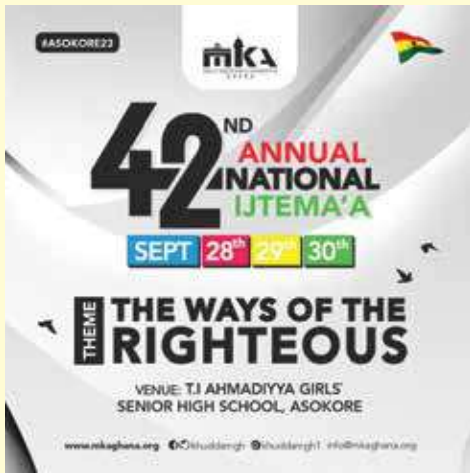
Hajia Anisa Idrissu  
Sadr, Lajna Ima'illah Ghana

In her final message, Hajia Anisa Idrissu praised the appointment of a female vice-chancellor at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) as an example of women excelling in various fields. She urged young women to aspire to achieve their fullest potential while maintaining their moral integrity and being cautious of the negative aspects of the internet.

The host for the interview was Abdul Hameed Amponsah.



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## Prostate Cancer: Navigating The Path To Early Detection And Treatment

Article by *Bashirudin Adam, Muhtamim Sihat-e-Jismane, MKA Ghana*

As MKA Ghana continues to prioritize the well-being of its members, one disease that particularly demands attention is prostate cancer.

According to the World Cancer Research Fund International, prostate cancer is the 2nd most commonly occurring cancer in men and the 4th most common cancer overall. The Global Cancer Statistics 2020" reports that there were more than 1.4 million new cases of prostate cancer in 2020.

This has become crucial for society to unite in raising awareness, dispelling myths, and promoting early detection and effective treatment.

In this edition of The Khaadim magazine, we shed light on the importance of understanding prostate cancer, recognizing its warning signs, and advocating early detection and intervention to protect the health and longevity of our brethren.

We will start by examining some myths and misconceptions surrounding prostate cancer.

### Myths and Misconceptions

**Myth 1: Prostate cancer only affects older men.**

**Truth:** While prostate cancer is more common in older men, it can affect men of any age. It is crucial for all men, especially those with a family history of prostate cancer, to be aware of the risks and get regular screening.

**Myth 2: Prostate cancer is contagious.**

**Truth:** Prostate cancer is not contagious. It cannot be transmitted through physical contact or sexual activity.

**Myth 3: Only men with symptoms must be tested for prostate cancer.**

**Truth:** Prostate cancer can be asymptomatic, especially in its early stages. Regular screening, such as the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal exam (DRE), are essential for early detection, even with no apparent symptoms.

**Myth 4: A high PSA level always means prostate cancer.**

**Truth:** An elevated PSA level can indicate prostate cancer, but it can also be caused by other factors such as prostate infections, enlargement, or certain medical procedures. Additional tests are necessary to determine the cause of the elevated PSA.

**Myth 5: Prostate cancer is a death sentence.**

**Truth:** While prostate cancer can be serious, it is highly treatable, especially when

detected early. Many men with prostate cancer can achieve successful outcomes through various treatment options, including surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, and active surveillance.

**Myth 6: Only men with a family history of prostate cancer are at risk.**

**Truth:** While having a family history of prostate cancer does increase the risk, most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not have a family history of the disease. Age, race, and certain lifestyle factors can also contribute to the risk of developing prostate cancer.

**Myth 7: Diet and lifestyle do not affect prostate cancer risk.**

**Truth:** Diet and lifestyle can influence the risk of developing prostate cancer. A diet high in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and regular physical activity can help lower the risk. Conversely, a diet high in red and processed meats and a sedentary lifestyle may increase the risk.

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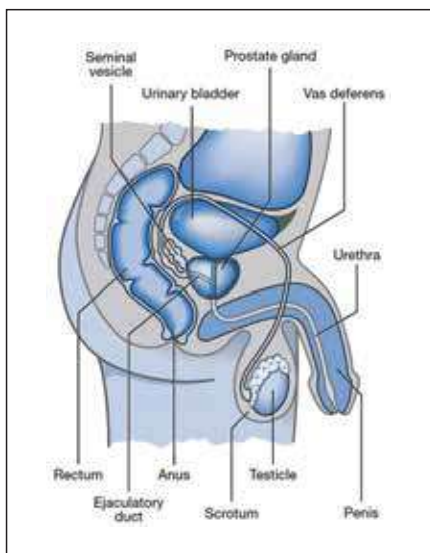
### Myth 8: Vasectomy increases the risk of prostate cancer.

**Truth:** The evidence on this topic is inconclusive. Some studies suggest a possible link between vasectomy and a slightly higher risk of developing aggressive prostate cancer, but more research is needed to establish a definitive connection.

Having delved into some of the myths and misconceptions of prostate cancer, we will now turn our attention to what prostate cancer is.

### Understanding Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is a form of cancer that develops in the prostate gland, a small organ found in the male reproductive system. The prostate is vital in producing seminal fluid that nourishes and transports sperm during ejaculation. As men age, the risk of prostate cancer increases, making awareness and regular screening essential to address this significant health concern.



According to the World Health Organization (WHO), prostate cancer develops in the prostate gland, a small walnut-sized gland in the male reproductive system. Prostate cancer

occurs when cells in the prostate gland grow uncontrollably and form a tumor. If left untreated, the tumor can spread to other body parts, known as metastasis.

The prostate gland produces fluid that nourishes and protects sperm cells in semen. Prostate cancer is one of the most common types in men, with higher rates in older individuals.

### Recognizing Risk Factors

While the exact cause of prostate cancer remains unknown, several risk factors have been identified. It is vital to be aware of the risk factors associated with this disease to adopt preventive measures and make informed healthcare choices. Understanding the factors that may increase the likelihood of prostate cancer can pave the way for early detection and improved treatment outcomes. The critical risk factors include:

#### i. Age:

Age is the most significant risk factor for prostate cancer. According to the National Cancer Institute, the risk of developing prostate cancer increases significantly after age 50. Dr. Jennifer Adams, a leading oncologist, states, "As men age, it is crucial to be more vigilant about prostate health and undergo regular screening to detect any potential abnormalities."



#### ii. Family History:

A family history of prostate cancer can significantly impact an individual's

risk of developing the disease. Men with a first-degree relative, such as a father or brother, who had prostate cancer are considered at a higher risk. It is well-documented that a family history of the disease can indicate a genetic predisposition that may increase the likelihood of prostate cancer occurrence in subsequent generations. Awareness of this history empowers individuals to take a proactive role in their health by discussing the information with healthcare professionals. Early detection and personalized screening plans for those with a family history of prostate cancer can lead to better treatment outcomes and improved long-term health prospects. By working collaboratively with healthcare providers, individuals can take vital steps toward managing their health effectively and potentially reducing the impact of prostate cancer in their lives.

#### iii. Ethnicity:

Studies have shown that ethnicity plays a role in prostate cancer risk. African-American men, by extension, African men have a higher incidence rate and are more likely to be diagnosed at an advanced stage. An oncology expert, Dr. Maria Johnson, notes, "Ethnicity should be considered when assessing prostate cancer risk, as it influences both incidence and disease progression."

#### iv. Diet and Lifestyle:

Studies have indicated that a diet high in red meat and processed foods while lacking in fruits and vegetables may be associated with an increased risk of prostate cancer. Additionally, leading a sedentary lifestyle and being overweight or obese have been linked to a higher susceptibility to this condition. Experts recommend adopting a healthy lifestyle that includes a balanced diet and regular physical activity, which is pivotal in reducing the risk of prostate cancer. Members of the Majlis can take proactive steps towards safeguarding their health and well-being by making informed choices about their diet and incorporating exercise into their daily routines. Seeking guidance from healthcare professionals of Ahmadiyya



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Hospitals and other available health facilities can provide personalized support and recommendations on lifestyle modifications for reducing prostate cancer risk and promoting overall health.



### v. Hormonal Factors:

Hormonal factors are known to influence the risk of prostate cancer. Specifically, testosterone, a male sex hormone, has been implicated in prostate cancer development. Men with higher testosterone levels or a history of testosterone replacement therapy may have an increased risk of developing prostate cancer. Healthcare professionals, particularly endocrinologists, play a vital role in evaluating hormonal influences and their impact on prostate cancer risk, especially in cases involving hormone therapy. Healthcare providers can implement targeted measures to optimize prostate cancer prevention and overall health by discussing these factors openly with patients.

### Warning Signs and Symptoms

In this section, we will focus on creating awareness of the signs and symptoms of prostate cancer. In its early stages, prostate cancer may not present any noticeable symptoms. However, as the disease progresses, certain warning signs may manifest. Awareness of prostate cancer's warning signs and symptoms is crucial for timely intervention and potentially life-saving measures. The signs and symptoms include but are not limited to:

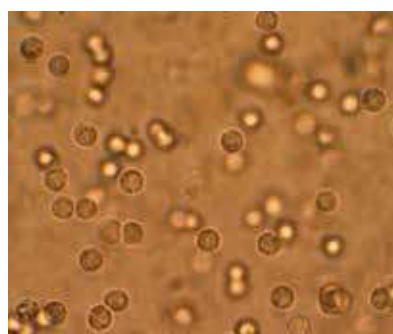
#### i. Urinary Issues:

Changes in urinary habits are considered

early warning signs of prostate cancer. Men who experience these symptoms should pay attention to any abnormalities in their urinary patterns. Some common urinary issues associated with prostate cancer include frequent urination, particularly at night (nocturia). A weak or interrupted urine flow, difficulty initiating or stopping the urine stream, and a sensation of incomplete bladder emptying may also be observed. Attention to urinary issues and seeking medical evaluation when necessary empowers individuals to take charge of their health and enables timely diagnosis and intervention if prostate cancer is the underlying cause. Regular check-ups and open communication with healthcare professionals are essential in safeguarding prostate health and overall well-being.

#### ii. Blood in Urine or Semen:

The presence of blood in urine (hematuria) or semen (hematospermia) may be alarming signs that warrant immediate medical attention. Dr. Sarah Johnson, a leading oncologist, stresses, "Although various conditions, including prostate infections, can cause these symptoms, they must not be taken lightly, as they might indicate prostate cancer."



*A microscope view of urine with visible blood cells.*

#### iii. Erectile Dysfunction:

Erectile dysfunction, characterized by difficulty in achieving or sustaining an erection, may potentially be linked to prostate cancer, particularly in its advanced stages. It is important to

note that various factors can cause erectile dysfunction. However, healthcare professionals, including urologists, recommend that persistent issues with sexual function should not be disregarded. Instead, they should prompt a visit to a healthcare professional to explore and rule out any serious underlying causes, including prostate cancer.

#### iv. Pain and Discomfort:

Prostate cancer may cause pain and discomfort in the pelvic area, lower back, hips, or thighs. These symptoms can arise from cancer spreading to nearby tissues and bones. Dr. Lisa Turner, an expert in oncology, emphasizes, "Any persistent or worsening pain in the lower body should be thoroughly evaluated, particularly if there's a family history of prostate cancer."

#### v. Unexplained Weight Loss:

Sudden and unexplained weight loss, not linked to diet or exercise changes, may indicate advanced prostate cancer. While unexplained weight loss can have various causes, it should not be overlooked when accompanied by any of the above-mentioned symptoms. In such cases, seeking medical attention and evaluation is important as it could signal advanced disease.

### Promoting Awareness and Support

Finally, we will turn our attention to promoting awareness and support for patients with prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is a condition that can be managed effectively, especially with early detection and intervention. Promoting awareness and supporting prostate cancer patients and their families is crucial to combating this disease. By coming together as a community of Ahmadi youth, we can empower men to take charge of their health, increase early detection rates, and enhance the quality of life for those affected by prostate cancer.

#### i. Raising awareness:

Awareness is the cornerstone of early detection and prevention. Educating the

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public about the risk factors, symptoms, and importance of regular screening can save lives. It is established that creating awareness initiatives is essential to encourage men to prioritize their health and seek medical attention if they experience any concerning symptoms.

### ii. Encouraging Regular Screening:

Regular prostate cancer screening, such as prostate-specific antigen (PSA) tests and digital rectal exams, are vital for early detection. Encouraging men to schedule routine check-ups can lead to timely intervention and improved outcomes.

### iii. Supporting Patients and Families:

A prostate cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming for both patients and their families. Establishing support groups and resources can provide emotional, psychological, and practical support. Dr. Susan Thompson, a psychologist, states, "Support networks play a significant role in alleviating stress and providing coping mechanisms for prostate cancer patients and their loved ones."

### iv. Promoting Healthy Lifestyles:

Adopting a healthy lifestyle can reduce the risk of prostate cancer and improve overall well-being. Encourage men to engage in regular physical activity, maintain a balanced diet, and avoid smoking and excessive alcohol consumption. Dr. Michael Johnson, a wellness expert, explains, "Promoting healthy habits fosters a preventive mindset, reducing the risk factors associated with prostate cancer."



*Regular exercising promotes a healthy lifestyle.*

### Conclusion

The fight against prostate cancer is a collective responsibility that demands our unwavering commitment and support. As members of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, we have taken a significant step towards prioritizing the well-being of our brethren by shedding light on the importance of early detection and effective treatment of prostate cancer.

The prevalence of prostate cancer worldwide underscores the urgency to raise awareness, dispel myths, and encourage regular screening among men. By debunking misconceptions and promoting accurate information, we empower individuals to take charge of their health and make informed decisions about their well-being.

Understanding the risk factors associated with prostate cancer enables us to adopt preventive measures and seek appropriate healthcare support. Age, family history, ethnicity, diet, and lifestyle play crucial roles in determining an individual's risk, and by addressing these factors proactively, we can reduce the incidence and impact of prostate cancer in our community.

Recognizing prostate cancer's warning signs and symptoms is paramount for timely intervention and better treatment outcomes. Early detection enables us to provide necessary medical attention and support to those affected, enhancing their chances of successful recovery and improved quality of life.

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## Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana Hosts 9th National Annual Ijtema'a

Story by *Salim Ahmad Boaheng, Nazim Atfal Central Region.*

On Friday, 29th September, 2023, the campus of T.I. Ahmadiyya Girls Senior High School in Asokore played host to the 9th Annual Ijtema'a of Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana. This significant event illuminated the campus with an inspiring display of unity, integrity, and youthful enthusiasm as it drew a massive turnout of young members who actively participated in academic competitions, religious activities, and received insightful addresses from esteemed leaders.

The day began with members eagerly assembling on the picturesque school grounds at the early hour of 7:41 am. The morning air was filled with anticipation as they prepared for a day of enlightenment and spiritual growth. The organizers, leveraging the abundance of Missionaries and students from both Jamia Mubashireen and International, meticulously planned concurrent academic competitions. This strategic approach not only maximized efficiency but also ensured that every moment was filled with valuable experiences for the young participants.

The main sitting, a focal point of the Ijtema'a, commenced at 10:33 am with the arrival of the Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya and his distinguished entourage. The event enjoyed the esteemed presence of Sadrans, representatives, and delegates from

neighbouring West African countries, including Togo, Benin, Nigeria, and Cote d'Ivoire. The atmosphere was charged with a sense of camaraderie and brotherhood.

The event was presided over by Mr. Hanif Bipuah, Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, who served as the chairman, and Master Abdul Jabbar Ahmad Ampah from the Central Ilaqa, who co-chaired the proceedings. Their collective leadership ensured a seamless flow of activities throughout the day.

The Sadr, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, delivered a brief yet impactful address. He stressed the importance of daily prayers and emphasized, "You should not leave the Ijtema'a without cultivating the need to

say Salat five times daily. Take this practice with you wherever you go." His words resonated deeply with the young minds present, underscoring the vital role of faith in their lives.

Naib Ameer I, Alhaj Abdul Wahab Issah Sahib, graced the event with his presence and delivered an impassioned address. He praised the organizers and attendees for their dedication and highlighted the significance of honesty, service, and the rejection of corruption. He urged every young participant to pledge, "I would never tell lies, I will never abuse anybody, I will always be ready to Serve Islam, Ahmadiyyat, My faith, and My country." His words served as a beacon of guidance for the future leaders in attendance.

The 9th Annual Ijtema'a of Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, was a resounding success that left a lasting impression on attendees. The event not only provided a platform for intellectual growth and religious understanding but also fostered a sense of brotherhood and community among the young members. As they departed, the participants carried with them the lessons learned and the spirit of camaraderie, ready to apply these values in their lives and contribute positively to society.



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### Sadr Hanif Bipuah Inspires Atfal: A Spiritual Journey in Asokore

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA Ghana*

On the 29th of September, 2023, Mr. Hanif Bipuah, Sadr of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, delivered a speech during the 9th Annual Ijtema'a of Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, held in Asokore. The event brought together young Ahmadi Muslim boys (7 to 15 years old) from across the country.

In his address, Mr. Bipuah acknowledged the esteemed guests and delegates at the event. He expressed his pride in the attendees, particularly the young Atfal (boys) in their uniforms. He emphasized that every Tifl present was making history by participating in the 9th Annual Atfal Rally.

One of the central messages of his speech was the importance of Salat (prayer) and its significance in the lives of Ahmadi Muslims. He encouraged the Atfal to prioritize Salat during the event, even if they saw others engaged in other activities.

He also stressed the importance of actively participating in the various competitions and activities during the Ijtema'a and to observe, listen, and learn from their peers in the competitions.

Furthermore, Mr. Bipuah advised the Atfal to remain within the event venue and avoid going out with strangers.



### 9th Annual Atfal Ghana Ijtema's Highlights Children's Development

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA Ghana*

The 9th Annual National Ijtema'a of the Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, held in Asokore, Ashanti Region, concluded on a high note with discussions in the studios of MKA Ghana Radio highlighting the importance of children's development, education, and community involvement. The event featured esteemed guests, including Maulvi Hafiz Nasim Nyame, Muhtamim Tarbiyyat (Northern Sector) and Saeed Bin Usman, Muhtamim Atfal, who shared valuable insights into the role of parents, religious leaders, and educators in nurturing children.

Maulvi Hafiz Nasim Nyame emphasized that the responsibility for fostering the growth and development of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community members falls not only on the Khuddam (youth) but also on the parents, Ansarullah and Lajna Imaillah. He called on all members to unite and support the children's journey to reach their full potential.

Mr. Usman echoed this sentiment, highlighting that the recent conferences held by Khuddam, Lajna Ima'illah, and Ansarullah are a testament to the community's collective effort. He stressed that everyone has a role to play in nurturing the children and fulfilling their responsibilities to Allah.

Regarding the collaboration with circuit missionaries, Maulvi Hafiz Nasim Nyame shared that the Sadr had recently met with

missionaries to discuss how they could support the growth and development of the Atfal and Khuddam. He commended the missionaries for their efforts in grooming Atfal and expressed optimism about the children's future.

Incentives to motivate outstanding Atfal were also discussed, with plans to reward participants in various activities, including written quizzes and oral recitations.

Saeed Bin Usman highlighted changes in this year's Ijtema'a, such as involving Atfal in Adhan (call to prayer) and special sessions for them during the event.

The discussion also touched upon the moral upbringing of children. Both guests emphasized the importance of starting early and providing religious education alongside secular knowledge. They urged parents to encourage their children to attend religious classes and promised missionary support.

As the school year approaches, Maulvi Hafiz Nasim Nyame advised the youth to prioritize education and excel in religious and secular subjects. He mentioned plans to recognize and reward students who perform well academically.

In closing, the speakers thanked the parents and participants who attended the Ijtema'a and hoped for continued community support in future events. The event concluded with prayers for the safe return of all attendees.



## ATFAL CORNER

### Atfal in Kumasi plant pawpaw in honor of Huzur

Story by *Marfo Hussain Yusif, Kumasi South Zone*

The Atfal from the Kumasi South Zone of the Ashanti Region have planted a pawpaw tree in the compound of the Asafo Central Mosque in Kumasi in honour of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (May Allah be his Helper), Khalifatul Masih V, as a sign of their love for him.

The symbolic exercise took place on the first quarter of the Majlis year after the Atfal had finished with their weekly Islamic classes in the mosque.

The gesture, according to the Atfal, was to show their extreme love for the Khalifa. Having watered the plant, a prayer was said together to bless the project.

In all, 13 Atfal participated in the exercise.



### Atfal Sports Festival held in the Central Region

Story by *Ishmael Mensah, Nazim Isha'at, Central Region*

Atfal from 11 Zones in the Central Region organized a sports festival concurrently in their respective zones on 31st December 2022 and 1st January, 2023.

The Zones were Abura, Agona, Asikuma Bedum, Cape Coast, Ekumfi, Eshiem, Essiam, Gomoa East, Gomoa West, Mankessim and Twifo.

In his opening remarks at the start of the event, Maulvi Abu Basheer Donkor, the Gomoa East Zonal Missionary, expressed his joy for having witnessed such an activity that aims at engaging the Atfal and improving the health of the children. He advised the sportsmen to compete warmly and not to hurt themselves.

The Atfal engaged in football, volley ball, sack race and lime-spoon race. Other games played during the sports festival were ludu, draughts, table tennis, and cards.

The Regional Qaid, Mr Jamil Raham Nyame, was very grateful to the Zones and promised that the next sports festival would include many more sporting activities, and much appealing rewards for those that emerge as best among the competitors.

In all, 258 Atfal from the region participated.

The Atfal Sports Festival was aimed at keeping the Atfal engaged in Ahmadiyya while they are on holidays. It was also to serve as a platform to groom and scout potential sports players for regional and national competitions.



Closing prayer thanking Almighty Allah for a successful sports festival.

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# TO THE NATION'S YOUTH

A poem by Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-din  
Mahmood Ahmad (ra), Khalifatul Masih II

O' ye tender plant of the nation, To You  
I have something to say, Providing my  
message May flash not away.

Advice I would give To the nation's  
youth, hat they may not say, I withheld  
the truth.

When we pass away, The burdens of  
life, You will have to bear, So be not  
seekers of idle rest, But do and dare.

Serve the faith with heart Filled with  
God's sweet grace. And let not a thought  
of compensation Cloud your face.

Let your eyes fill with tears, And your  
heart burn with love. Let your spirit  
ascend Beyond Islam's mere name To  
the realms above.

No bragging in the head, No thunder of  
wrath in the eye, No curse on the lips  
Which would cause thy brother to sigh

The well-wishing of brethren Always  
keep in sight, Neither criticize nor  
mischief make, But cling to the right

Be free from jealousy And contentment  
create Make no gold your beloved, Nor  
Silver your charmed mate.

With full attention continue Offering  
prayers and keeping fast Obeying God's  
commandments Which were written in  
the past. If you have wealth, be  
charitable In giving alms to those who  
need

Fear not the days of trouble. If the needy  
you would feed You must learn and  
remember That a Muslim shines more  
bright If he makes the pilgrimage To the  
holy land of Light.

Let Zikr be your habit. Remem-bering  
God in your prayers. When the beloved  
is kept in mind. It is impossible his  
name not to declare

Let not reason be the ruler O'er faith,  
which is salvation; Blind is the reason if  
it be not Guided by the Sun of  
Revelation.

Cling fondly to all the Truth. When-ever  
and Wherever you find . Follow not the  
imagination, Calling it knowledge of  
mind.

The believers who love Mohammed. Be  
not an enemy to them. But keep yourself  
aloof . From those who would the  
Prophet condemn.

Live in peace, taking no part with those  
Who trouble create; Cause no anxiety  
nor disturbance For the rulers of the

Beauty is good in all cases, But seek it  
with great care; May be that you think to  
be a grain is a snare

Should you become a statesman, A  
general or a physician; If your heart in  
Islam is not steeped, You will not please  
us with your position.

Keep self-respect, for bad it is To lack  
dignity of mind, But also to others be  
respectful; Sincere and kind

Whether in prosperity or poverty In riches  
or need. Never cease for a moment In  
spreading Islam's seed

If you conquer the world, You have gained  
naught. If the wild and terrible self You  
have not subdue and taught

Do not spoil the good done, By reminding  
of an obligation. Lest the thread of  
communion be broken Letting you fall  
from near the roof to the Foundation.

Forget not that delicacy Is the women's  
share. He is no man who body is as rose  
leaf, And cannot hardships bear.

Drop not at the sight Of wine like a fly;  
Look carefully, for at the bottom Of the  
cup dregs may lie.

You must know that the honours from the  
blessed one's school are always  
accompanied with persecution from the  
fool.

Very hard is the task; The goal far away;  
O my faithful ones! Be not indolent, But  
work without delay.

If step you will upon the path Of sincerity  
and loyalty, There will be no difficulty  
which you cannot surpass, Even to the  
royalty.


Let your actions put us not To shame on  
judgement day, Nor trouble for us make;  
In the task of faith, let not Your lessons be  
half-done, For your own sake.

We are continuing our work Somehow or  
other. Be careful lest the Movement In  
your time may suffer.

My prayer for your sake, O dear ones! is  
this: May God keep you under His shade  
Bringing no failure, but bliss.

May you be safe from the darkness Of  
grief, pain and sorrow, And may the  
evening shade Never cast its shadow Over  
your sunlight of tomorrow. AMEN

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**Material:** Metal with a minimum thickness of 1 mm

**Dimension:** 1,320mm H x 457mm W x 625mm D

**Number of Drawers:** 4, With a top safe

Drawer open to 100%

Label Holders

Can open more than one drawer at a time

Drawer accommodate different size file holders

Central lock with Single key and combination lock

Anti-tilt

Stability on the floor

**Weight:** 345kg Net 360 gross

**Locking:** Standard one turn key lock at top drawer (above quoted model).

**Packing:** Cabinet wrapped all over with PE airmat, then protected with thick foam material sheet in the front and at the top of the cabinet and covered a corrugated carton on the plywood pallet.

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