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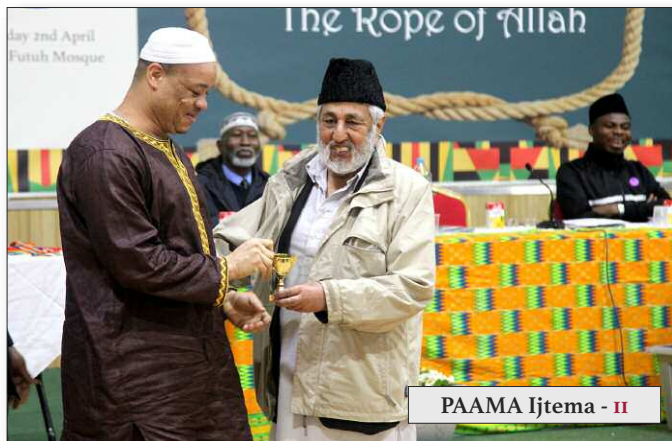


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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Quotation from the Holy Qur'an

O ye who believe! Shall I point out to you a bargain that will save you from a painful punishment? That you believe in Allah and His Messenger, and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your persons. That is better for you, if you did but know. He will forgive you your sins, and make you enter the Gardens through which streams flow, and pure and pleasant dwellings in Gardens of Eternity. That is the supreme triumph. And He will bestow another favour which you love: help from Allah and a near victory. So give glad tidings to the believers.

(Al-e-Imran, 3:104).



Sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Abdullah bin 'Amar, relates that the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, said: "Surely things will happen to my people as happened earlier to the Israelites. They will resemble each other like one shoe in a pair resembles the other – to the extent that if anyone among the Israelites had openly committed adultery with his mother, there will be some who would do this in my Ummah as well. Verily, the Israelites were divided into 72 sects, but my people will be divided into 73 sects. All of them will be in the Fire except one." The Companions asked: "Who are they, O Messenger of Allah?" The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, replied: "They are the people who will follow my practice and that of my Companions." (Tirmidhi)



Writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

It has been the practice of God since the remotest ages to manifest signs of His mercy, but you can partake of it only when nothing separates you from Him, His will becomes your will, His desire becomes your desire, and you remain prostrate at His threshold at all times and in all conditions – whether of success or failure – so that He may do whatever He wills. If you do so, then God, Who has for so long kept His countenance hidden, will manifest Himself in you. Is there anyone from among you who will implement this and seek His pleasure, without being dissatisfied by His will and decree? So when you encounter misfortune, you should step forth even more eagerly, for this is the means of your success. Exert all your power to spread the Oneness of God on earth. Show mercy to His servants and do not wrong them by your tongue or your hand or by any other means, and strive for the welfare of God's creation. Behave not arrogantly towards anyone even if he is your subordinate, and revile not anyone even if he should revile you. Become humble, tolerant, well-intentioned and compassionate towards God's creation so that you may be accepted by God (Noah's Ark, pp. 20-21)



SUMMARY OF FRIDAY SERMON

*Delivered on 13th April 2018 from
Basharat Mosque, Pedro Abad, Spain*



If your Bai'at is true then you must become spiritually alive

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, says: Allah had made arrangements for ending conflicts in the world and bringing people together in love and harmony to be able to recognise God, but the Muslims have refused to pay any attention to this. This is why the Muslim world is now prey to all kinds of tribulations. Their religious and worldly leaders are pushing them towards the abyss. People living in the same country are shedding each other's blood, and outside powers, particularly non-Muslims powers, are making use of this discord and are causing Muslims to fight Muslims by helping them with arms and fighters. This is a very painful scenario and it should turn our attention towards prayers for ourselves, who have accepted the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), and for others who have not done so. And we should also try to improve our practical condition and spiritual condition in accordance with the expectations of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). If our practical condition is not as he wanted to see, then it might be that we become part of those who are engrossed in fighting and mischief. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) again and again reminds us of how we should conduct ourselves after pledging the Bai'at and what means we should employ for this purpose. He says: In these tumultuous times, when the winds of darkness, apathy and misguidance are raging, it is

essential for our Jama'at to abide by *Taqwa* (righteousness). Thus, if an Ahmadi has pledged the Bai'at sincerely, he will have to become spiritually alive, otherwise it is of no use.

Who is a true Muslim?

A true Muslim loves Allah while affirming that He is my Beloved, my Creator and my Benefactor, and lays himself at His threshold. If a true Muslim is told that there is no reward for his deeds, he would still never stop his deeds and leave his faith in God. This is the kind of selfless love for God that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wishes to produce in us. Love for Allah should not be for the fear of hell or promise of heaven, but should be pure and selfless. One should love Allah even if one gets nothing in return. A believer's worship and his relationship with Allah and his obedience and being totally lost in His will is not done in the hope of some reward, rather he considers his being to have been created for no other objective than to worship and obey God. Thus, when he employs his God-given faculties for this purpose, he begins to behold the face of God. When we have a selfless relationship with God, then we can see His countenance and our eyes will be on His will and desire and not on hell or heaven.

The Promised Messiah's love for God

Describing his love for Allah, the Promised Messiah (on

whom be peace) says: Even if it was made clear to me that as a result of loving Allah and obeying Him I would be subjected to the most severe punishment, I swear that my nature is such that I would bear all the suffering and tribulation with pleasure and love and joy. In spite of all the promises of punishment and chastisement, I consider taking one step away from obedience of God to be worse than a thousand deaths and sorrows and sufferings.

Thus, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) makes it clear that to completely obey God's commandments and to solely seek His pleasure is not easy. And yet this is something we should strive for with the best of our ability, and only thus can we achieve the purpose of being an Ahmadi.

Give preference to faith over and above the world

If our Jama'at wishes to please God, then we have to give preference to our faith. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says that just as uttering the word sugar or sweet does not sweeten one's mouth until one actually eats something sweet, in the same way the verbal profession of one's love for God and His oneness is useless unless it is supported by example. And this will only come about when we cease to give preference to the world and prefer our faith. If our Jama'at wishes to please God, then they should give preference to their faith, and faith should be their priority. Allah says:

“Shall I point out to you a bargain that will save you from a painful punishment?” (61:II)

The best bargain is faith which saves us from painful punishment.

I have greater confidence in those who do not lessen in their zeal for faith; and I am afraid for those who lessen this zeal lest they should be ensnared by Satan. In other words, those who are not persistent will not be able to give priority to their faith and are likely to start becoming lax and slowly become ensnared by Satan. Therefore, we should never become lax.

An exhortation to increase our religious knowledge

With regard to growing in spirituality, establishing a relationship with God and increasing our knowledge, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says: The relationship between a spiritual guide and his disciple is like that of a teacher and a student. Now, if a student

were to associate himself with the teacher but not increase his own knowledge, then the teaching cannot benefit him. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says that the mere association of a disciple with his guide is of no use unless he acts upon his teachings. Therefore, having associated yourself with this Jama'at, you should increase your knowledge and insight. A seeker after truth should not stop at one point or else Satan will divert him. The same way as stagnant water becomes stale after a time, if a believer does not strive to move further, he is likely to falter. A true believer will always keep progressing. If you stand still at one spot, you won't stand for long and will fall down. Therefore, having changed your association, it is important to increase your knowledge and act upon all the teachings.

Every Ahmadi should benefit from MTA

Everyone should try to establish a relationship with Khilafat. We should remain linked with Khilafat through the medium of MTA. We should benefit from all the programs of the Khalifa. There are many who watch MTA regularly and write letters to me describing how it increases their faith and certainty. Thus, MTA is an important means that every Ahmadi should make use of.

The importance of reading Kashti-e-Nuh

For the sake of our reformation, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) urged that we should read his book *Kashti-e-Nuh* (Noah's Ark) again and again. He advises: “I have told my Community again and again not to rely merely on their Bai'at, because until you reach the depth of its essence you cannot attain salvation. One who is content with the shell is deprived of the essence. It is not enough to look at the superficial aspect until you try to achieve what is within. If a disciple does not practice, the teaching of the guide will not benefit him. A person who receives a prescription from the doctor and puts it away in the cupboard and does not use it will not benefit from it, and he cannot complain if he is not cured. The same is true of those who suffer from spiritual maladies. If they listen but do not act, then the teaching is of no use, because the benefit lies in practising what he's been advised of, but of that he has deprived himself. Read *Kashti-e-Nuh* again and again and mould yourselves accordingly.”

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAAMA UK



By the grace of Allah and by His grace alone, 2018 was another blessed year for the global PAAMA family. Under the celestial guidance and perpetual tutelage of our Beloved Khalifa, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper), PAAMA continued to make strides both at the national and international level.

On the international front, in 2018 the PAAMA tree was planted in a further three countries, namely, Canada, France and Germany and were welcomed into the global PAAMA family to add to the Italy, USA and Belgium chapters that were inaugurated in 2017 upon the PAAMA UK template.

Furthermore, PAAMA UK was represented abroad at the Jalsa Salana of various countries in Africa and Europe in recognition of its growing stature and unique role it continues to play, enforcing our Mission Statement, in uniting, empowering and inspiring the African Ahmadiyya Muslim Diaspora in the service of Islam, society and indeed Africa.

On the national stage, our flagship events throughout the year continued to galvanise our membership and foster the spirit of universal brotherhood amongst us. The establishment of the PAAMA Stars Football Club and PAAMA All-Stars Cricket Team were two key initiatives launched in 2018, as always, with the blessings of His Holiness, Hazrat Amirul Mumineen (may Allah be his Helper) to add to the ever-expanding repertoire of PAAMA activities.

As with last year, this special annual review edition of *Pan-African News* chronicles the many activities, events and achievements of PAAMA UK. We pray it continues to inspire PAAMA members at home and abroad towards continued progress and advancement, Insha Allah.

Wassalam.

Yours humbly,
Tommy Kallon.

President Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK





Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V – May Allah be his Helper

Message from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^(aba) for second PAAMA Ijtema

My Dear Spiritual Children of the Promised Messiah^(as),

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu.

I am glad to know that you are holding your second Ijtema this year. May Allah the Almighty bless this event in all respects - Ameen.

Every man, woman, young and old of the Jama'at knows a phrase very well, which is "*I shall give precedence to faith over worldly matters.*" This is because the Promised Messiah, on whom be peace, drew great attention to this. Speeches of our orators cite this phrase as well as addresses of Khulafa. Indeed, this phrase is a synopsis of the conditions of Bai'at as it is a summary of the pledges of our various auxiliary organisations. And these words are also mentioned in the conditions of Bai'at. In short this phrase is a promise an Ahmadi makes on which his Bai'at is dependent. As does his connection with Khilafat and Nizam (administration) of Jama'at rely on this phrase. If he or she does not practice this phrase then his claim to Bai'at, connection with Khilafat and Nizam of Jama'at is erroneous. And assertions about Bai'at and attainment of God's pleasure are reduced to mere verbosity.

In this regard the Promised Messiah, on whom be peace, said: "If someone asserts during Bai'at that he will give precedence to faith over worldly matters but does not practice it and does not honour his pledge, then what care has God for him?"

Everyone needs to have this phrase in view at all times. As it is clear from the phrase, no worldly matters should impede matters of faith and what is faith? It is spending one's life in accordance with and under the commandments of God and to try and gain His pleasure through each word and deed of ours. With the grace of Allah, a large majority of people among us try and remove any impediments in the way of faith but it is a fact that everyone's efforts are not the same. People have varying capacities in terms of knowledge and other matters. However, God knows what our intentions are, therefore He treats each individual in accordance with his capacity. The basis of fulfilling this pledge is good intention and no excuses should be made. Some people have limited capacities even in the worldly sense due to inadequate knowledge or other factors while others make greater and appropriate efforts and focus on attaining their goal and indeed attain it.

We have been given the responsibility to do great tasks. We pledge to sacrifice our life, property time and honour. Indeed we should always ponder as to how we should utilise our capacities to give precedence to faith over worldly matters.

May Allah the Almighty enable us all to fulfil our pledges. Ameen.

Wassalam.

MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD
Khalifatul Masih



Khilafat: The Rope of Allah

SECOND PAAMA NATIONAL IJTEMA

On Monday 2nd April 2018, PAAMA UK held their Second National Ijtema at the Baitul Futuh mosque, attracting around 400 Ahmadis of African provenance from throughout the UK.

The theme of this year's event was "*Khilafat - The Rope of Allah*".

This event began with a recitation of the Holy Qur'an in the Inaugural Session and was chaired by the National President of PAAMA UK, Tommy Kallon Sahib.


Men and women of all ages participated in various academic and sporting competitions throughout the day. The academic competitions were based on religious knowledge including Adhan, Qur'an recitation and group quiz. Among the variety of sports competitions were football, tug of war, 100 metres sprint, relay races, three-legged race and various other activities.

The Final Session was chaired by Mansoor Ahmad Shah Sahib, Naib Amir Jama'at UK, who presented prizes to winners of the academic and sports competitions.

Respected Naib Amir Sahib also presented awardees with the recently launched Ismail B.K Addo Academic Achievement Awards, named in honour of the inaugural Chairman of PAAMA UK, who passed away a few weeks earlier.

A Special Message from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, for the attendees of the second PAAMA Ijtema, was read out by Tommy Kallon Sahib during the final session. This message is reproduced elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

Respected Naib Amir Sahib made his closing remarks based on the theme of the event and concluding the event with a silent prayer.





2nd PAAMA IJTEMA PRIZE WINNERS - GENTS

COMPETITION	TANZEEM	1st POSITION	REGION	2nd POSITION	REGION	3rd POSITION	REGION
ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS							
Tilawat	Af'al 7-9	Irfan Ahmed Ameen	West	Iaz Kimbugu		Hasby Sadiq	South
Tilawat	Af'al 11-15	Asmaar Kallon	London	Bilal Bonsu	Midlands	Imran Sanni	London
Tilawat	Khuddam	Abdulqoyum Ayobami	West	Khamal Ampah	East	K.Abdulai/Mansoor Adomako	West
Tilawat	Ansar	Adam Kaulibaly	London	Hassan Arjaoui	London	Hakeem Bakare	Midlands
Adhan	Af'al 7-10 yrs	Faiz Bukari	Midlands	Hasby Sadiq	South	Irfan Ameen	West
Adhan	Af'al 11-15 yrs	Bilal Bonsu	Midlands	Haleem Muhammad	Midlands	Kaleem-Ahmad Mensah	South
Prepared Speech	Af'al 7-10 yrs	Hasby Sadiq	South	Barika Hashim	West	Irfan Ameen	West
Prepared Speech	Af'al 11-15 yrs	Asmaar Kallon	London	Bilal Bonsu	Midlands	Kaleem-Ahmad Mensah	South
Prepared Speech	Khuddam	Ismael Anason	West	Khamal Ampah	East	Abdulquyoom Anisere	West
Prepared Speech	Ansar	Abdus Salaam Sukiya		Hakeem Bakare	Midlands	Kemo Kasasamo	South
Extempore Speech	Khuddam	Kamaldeen Abdulai	West	S.Mwand/Saboor Tahir	Midlands	Khamal Ampah	East
Extempore Speech	Ansar	Hakeem Bakare	Midlands	Hassan Muhammad	Midlands	Mustapha Ishaq	London
Team Quiz	Af'al	Team West	West	Team London	London		
Team Quiz	Khuddam/Ansar	Team Midlands	Midlands	Team London	London		
SPORTS COMPETITIONS							
100 Metres Race	Af'al 7-10 yrs	Irfan Ahmed Ameen	West	Barika Hashim	West	Fazal Idris	London
100 Metres Race	Af'al 11-15 yrs	Kaleem-Ahmad Mensha	South	Haleem Mohammad		Abdur Rahman	London
100 Metres Race	Khuddam	Quddous Wittol	London	Haseen Hashim	West	Ali Mohammad	Midlands
100 Metres Race	Ansar	Ali Mwanda	East	Mwanje Jameel	London	Hakeem Bakare	Midlands
Penalty Shoot Out	Af'al 11-15 yrs	Omar Faruq		Ahmed Sadique		Rafiq Sarfo	
Penalty Shoot Out	Khuddam	Imran Addo	London	Team Midlands	Midlands	Team West	West
Penalty Shoot-Out	Ansar	Seleiman Hashim	West	Kamal Amoako	West	Rafiq Haq	West
Obstacle Course	Af'al 7-10 yrs	Irfan Ameen	West	Salik Kusi	London	Fazal Idris	London
4x 100M Relay	Khuddam	Team Midlands	Midlands	Team London	London		
Arm Wrestling	Ansar	Ali Mwanda	East	Aziz Mafabi	South	Nasir Yaqub	East
Arm Wrestling	Khuddam	Idris Shakeer	London	Mansoor Adomako	West	Khalid Bhunnoo	London
Tug of War	Khuddam/Ansar	Team West	West	Team Midlands	Midlands		
OVERALL BEST REGION		MIDLANDS		LONDON		WEST	

2nd PAAMA ITEM A PRIZE WINNERS - LADIES						
COMPETITION	TANZEEM	1st POSITION	REGION	2nd POSITION	REGION	3rd POSITION
Tilawat	Nasirat 7-10	Nurah Owusuua-Mensah	South	Sekinat Bonsu	Midlands	Rahmat Bayo
Tilawat	Nasirat 11-14	Rayanna Ameen	West	Sahar Kallon	London	Abida Quansah
Tilawat	Lajna Under 30	Fatima Hydera	Midlands	Fatima Sanni	South	
Tilawat	Lajna 30+	Ganiyat Sadique	South	Maryam Bonsu	Midlands	Fatima Kadiri
Nazim/Qaseeda	Nasirat 7-10	Sekina Bonsu	Midlands	Radiat Kadiri	London	Amina Mohammed
Nazim/Qaseeda	Nasirat 11-14	Selina Ahmed	London	Sekina Mohammed	North	Maryam Hydera
Nazim/Qaseeda	Lajna Under 30	Fatima Hydera	Midlands			
Nazim/Qaseeda	Lajna Over 30	Hafiza Ameen	West	Maryam Bonsu	Midlands	Bilquis Bakare
Prepared Speech	Nasirat 7-10	Sekina Bonsu	Midlands	Nurah Owusuuaah-Mensah	South	Radiat Kadiri
Prepared Speech	Nasirat 11-14	Sahar Kallon	London	Rayhanah Mensah	London	Rayanna Ameen
Prepared Speech	Lajna Under 30	Matina Hakeem	North	Barera Ghaffar	Midlands	Fatima Hydera
Prepared Speech	Lajna Over 30	Naeema Ahmed	South	Fagiha AbuBakar	East	Hibba Saeed
Team Quiz	Nasirat 11-14	Team London	London	Team Midlands	Midlands	Team South
Team Quiz	Lajna	Team Midlands	Midlands	Team West	West	Team South
Art & Craft	Nasirat	Team North	North	Team London	London	Team South
SPORTS COMPETITIONS						
Egg & Spoon Race	Nasirat 7-10	Kanyiri Abdullahi	West	Farida Bakare	Midlands	Sabrin Anno
Egg & Spoon Race	Nasirat 11-14	Amtul-Hafeez Mensah	South	Sakina Mohammad	North	Tahira Mensah
Egg & Spoon Race	Lajna Under 30	Shemima Quinoo	West	Nadia Quansah	London	Matina Hakeem
Egg & Spoon Race	Lajna Over 30	Roxanna Gangoo	South	Nusrat Acheampong	North	Zakia Abdul Haqq
3-Legged Race	Nasirat 7-10	Nurah Owusuuaah-Mensah & Shatha Mufabi	South	Nadia Abdul Haqq & Kamjin Abdullah	West	Rahmat Bayo & Rahmat Bayo
3-Legged Race	Nasirat 11-14	Nurah Owusuuaah-Mensah & Amtul-Hafeez Mensah	South	Fatima Wehma & Abida Quansah	London	Amina Mohammad & Sakina Mohammad
Sack Race	Nasirat 7-10	Rahmat Bayo	North	Fatima Ankomah	Midlands	Amina Salifu
50 Metres Race	Nasirat 7-10	Rahmat Bayo	North	Nurah Owusuuaah-Mensah	South	Firdous Idris
50 Metres Race	Nasirat 11-14	Amtul-Hafeez Mensah	South	Fatimah Mensah	London	Amina Hashim
100 Metres Race	Lajna Under 30	Binta Drammeh	South	Rahmat Aduboahene	Midlands	Mubarakat Samatu
Oware	All Lajna	Hajia Uwensat Yusuf	East	Khadija Coleman	London	Nusrat Acheampong
Colour Ball Picking	Lajna Under 30	Matina Hakeem	North	Hamamat Yanful	London	Binta Drammeh
Colour Ball Picking	Lajna Over 30	Shahida Boakye	London	Roxanna Gangoo	South	Maryam Aduboahene
SPECIAL AWARDS						
Lajna Talim Paper Award		Hibba Saeed	North	Salamat Abdul Ghaffar	Midlands	Bilqis Bakare
Exhibition		London Region		South Region		Midlands Region
OVERALL BEST REGION		MIDLANDS		NORTH		LONDON

Pan-African Jalsa Salana Event 2018

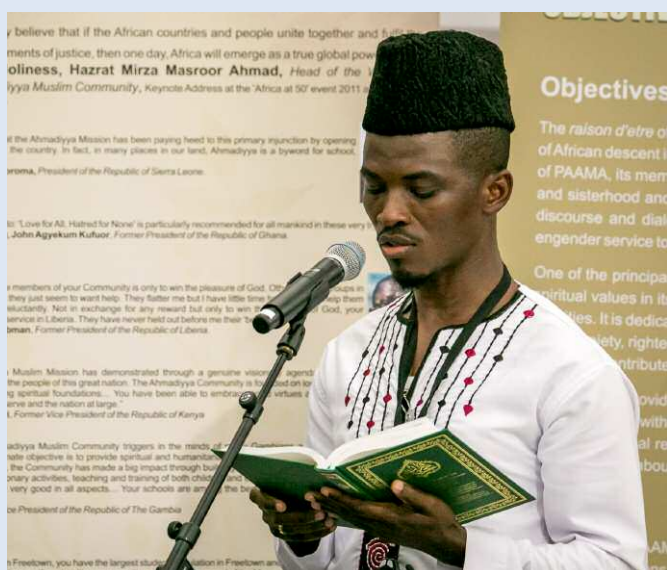


Under the directives of Hazrat Amirul Mo'mineen, Khalifatul Masih V^(aba), PAAMA UK organises an annual Pan-African Evening event in the grounds of Jalsa Salana UK to welcome National Presidents of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Africa and delegates of African origin to the UK Jalsa. This year's event which took place on Friday 3rd August 2018 in the main Jalsa Gah at Hadeeqatul Mahdi, started immediately after Huzoor Aqdas' Inaugural Address.

As in previous years, Respected National Amirs

from Africa as well as delegates from various countries in Africa and the diaspora including Europe, the Caribbean and the USA, participated.

The event began with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an, its English rendering, and a short welcome address by PAAMA UK President, Tommy Kallon Sahib. This was followed by an address by the Amir of Gambia, Mr Musa Trawally, who highlighted some progress and recent success of his Jama'at as a result of a change of government in his country.



Ibrahim Forson (Missionary Jamaica)



Dr Mashhud Adenrele Fashola (Amir Nigeria)



Tommy Kallon Sahib gave a talk entitled 'Introduction of PAAMA' in which he highlighted the history, activities and some of the achievements of PAAMA UK since its inception.

The presentation was followed with a Question and

Answer session during which the attendees had the opportunity to pose their questions to the National Amirs on various topics.

The event ended with a silent prayer and dinner was served in the marquee reserved for the occasion.



This year's PAAMA Eid Milan Family Picnic took place on 25th August 2018, as per our tradition, at the prestigious Jamia Ahmadiyya UK premises in Haslemere. About 460 PAAMA members of all ages, men, women and children, from all parts of Great Britain, participated in the event.

Arrival and registration of members started at 9.30 am. Breakfast was readily available for those who had travelled from far off places followed by tours of Jamia Ahmadiyya UK campus which gave an insight into the student lives of our future Waqf-e-Zindagi.

The formal session began at 12.00 pm in the auditorium with recitation of a portion of the Holy Qur'an by Israfael Kusi, with English translation by

Sharif Quansah. Nooruddeen Jahangeer Khan Sahib, Vice President of PAAMA UK and graduate of the Jamia, then delivered a speech on 'Experiences at Jamia Ahmadiyya UK'. His speech was well received by the participating parents and their children.

This was followed by a Quiz Competition in which for the first time, gents and ladies had the opportunity to compete against each other in religious and general knowledge. The quiz competition was keen and very entertaining.

The formal session ended with President's remark by Tommy Kallon Sahib, concluding with a silent prayer. Zuhra and Asr prayers were then offered.

The main attraction of the day was the barbecue, picnic, fun and games session which started right after prayers. Our dedicated Lajna Ziafat team ensured that there was plenty of traditional African cuisine. Some Ahmadiyya Missionaries from the Jamia were among the volunteers who prepared the scrumptious barbecue which everyone enjoyed. There were variety of games and fun activities for ladies and gents and bouncy castle for the young children.

Post Jalsa Salana Reception



On Sunday 12th August 2018, PAAMA UK organised a reception for Senior Dignitaries, Presidents, Missionaries and delegates of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from all over the world who attended the Jalsa Salana UK. The event which took place at the Fazl Mosque in London, was graced with the presence of His Holiness Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper.

Respected Rafiq Hayat Sahib, Amir Jama'at UK, chaired the first session. He was joined by Tommy Kallon Sahib, President PAAMA UK, and other National Presidents of the community from across Africa and the Americas.

Opening the session, Amir Sahib expressed the importance of knowing how the Jama'at is progressing in other countries, especially in those countries where the Jama'at is newly established. He prayed that Allah may bless all those present and that they may continue

to benefit from Huzoor's guidance for the progress of Ahmadiyyat throughout the world.

The National Presidents then gave inspiring reports on the progress of activities of the Jama'at in their respective countries. These were followed by Tommy Kallon Sahib reporting on the achievements of PAAMA in the past year. He said that this was another particularly blessed year, with the introduction of PAAMA Stars football club and PAAMA All Stars cricket team. A landmark Africa Peace Symposium was launched with the blessings of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper. These were among the new initiatives which took place in addition to the regular activities, events and programs already held by the association. Under the tutelage of Huzoor, new chapters of PAAMA were established in Belgium, Canada and France to add to Italy and USA chapters inaugurated last year.



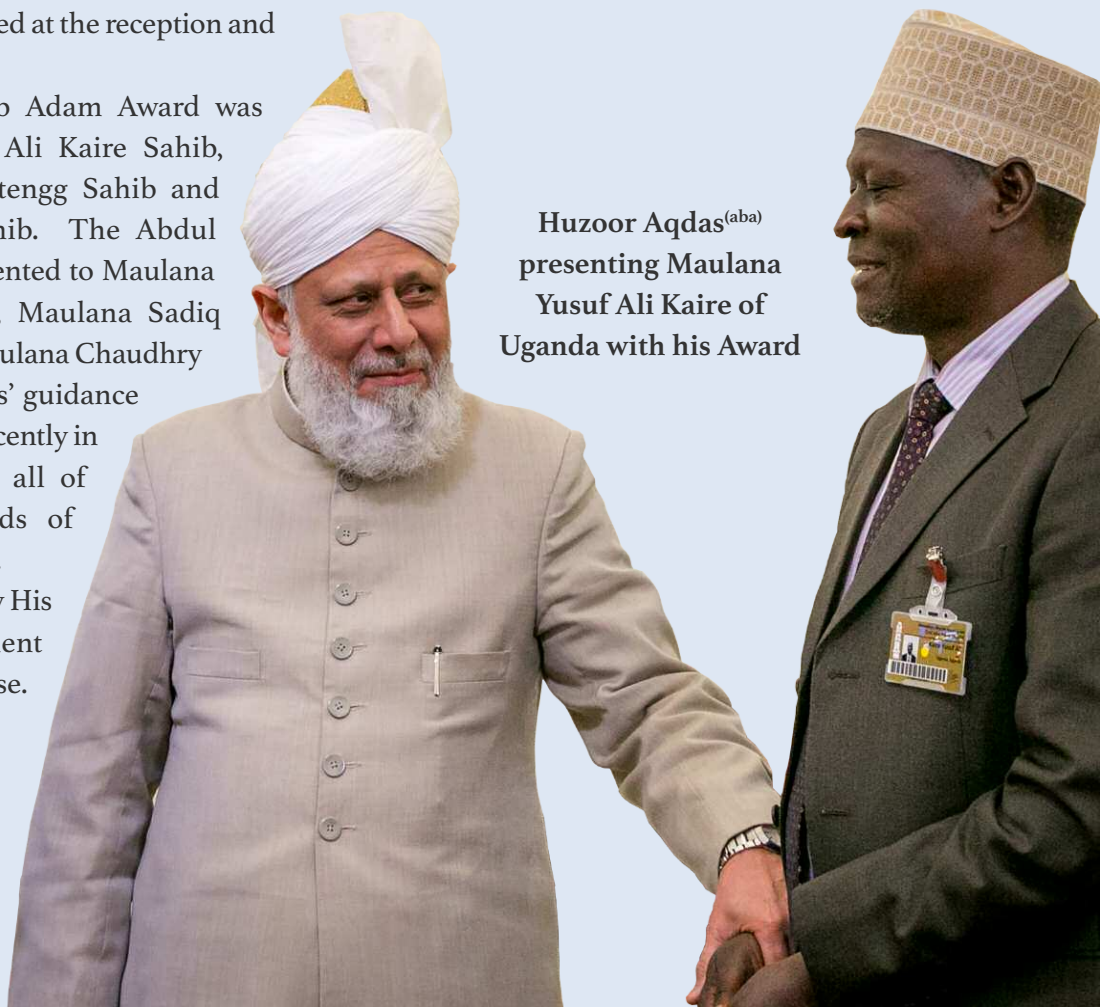
The highlight of the event came in the second session with the presence of His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, may Allah be his Helper. In a special ceremony with His Holiness, awards were presented to recognise the hard work and effort of missionaries who have served the community in Africa. With the approval of His Holiness, PAAMA UK offers two special merit awards: the Abdul Wahab Adam Award, which recognises missionaries of African provenance who have served the Jama'at with excellence; and the Abdul Rahim Nayyar Award, which recognises missionaries of Non-African provenance who have served the community with excellence. Recipients of this year's awards were announced at the reception and presented by His Holiness.



This year the Abdul Wahab Adam Award was presented to Maulana Yusuf Ali Kaire Sahib, Maulana Abdul Hakeem Boatengg Sahib and Maulana Yusuf bin Salih Sahib. The Abdul Rahim Nayyar Award was presented to Maulana Shafiq Ahmad Shahid Sahib, Maulana Sadiq Ahmad Munawar Sahib and Maulana Chaudhry Latif Sahib. Under His Holiness' guidance PAAMA has been established recently in Belgium, France and Canada all of whom were presented Awards of achievement from His Holiness.

Following the award ceremony His Holiness led the traditional silent prayer to bring the event to a close.

**Huzoor Aqdas^(aba)
presenting Maulana
Yusuf Ali Kaire of
Uganda with his Award**



Message to PAAMA Africa Peace Symposium

From *Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V^(aba)*

26 October 2018

Distinguished Guests,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu.
(May peace and blessings of Allah be upon you)

I am very pleased to learn that the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK is holding its annual Peace Symposium for the second time. I pray that Allah the Almighty blesses this event in all respects and I hope that all of the participants recognise that establishing peace in the world is the single greatest challenge facing mankind today.

In recent times, we have seen tensions between different groups and communities within nations rising and increased division within society. This has led to conflicts and wars in some countries, whilst the far right has resurfaced and its dangerous resurgence shows no sign of abating. Similarly, at an international level, hostilities are intensifying and threaten to boil over at any time. Several countries have acquired nuclear weapons that have the potential to wipe away nations at the push of a button. If, God forbid, such arsenals are ever put to use the catastrophic effects will last for generations and will result in children being born with mental and physical disabilities for many decades to come.

Moreover, the collateral damage that is seen in war-torn countries is causing death and misery beyond comprehension and is a grave stain on humanity. The infrastructure in those nations, such as Yemen, where air strikes and heavy bombardment have occurred has been destroyed. Hence where people are dying directly from bomb attacks and warfare, millions of others, including babies and young children, women and elders, are dying from famine, malnourishment and disease.

In light of the perilous state of the world, it is the urgent need of the time that people and nations set aside their vested interests and focus all their energies upon establishing peace through justice, compassion and mutual respect. A spirit of selflessness and a genuine desire to alleviate the suffering of others must overcome the selfish greed that has taken root in so much of the world.

Now is the time to put aside our differences and for all people, whether religious or not,

whether rich or poor, to come together and recognise the fact that we are all part of the same human race and united as such.

The African Continent and the its people, whether they live in Africa or have moved abroad, have a great role to play in establishing peace in the world. Thus, never underestimate yourselves or the potential of the African people. God Almighty has given the African people many qualities and capabilities and so it is your duty to work hard and fulfil your vast potential. For this, you must always act with justice and serve your nations with integrity and work towards their continued development and advancement.

Recently, I sent a message to a similar event in Ghana where I said that I hoped the African people were the leaders in forming an alliance of peace. I hereby reiterate this message and I hope and pray that African people, wherever in the world they live, set a positive example for the rest of the world by establishing the highest standards of morality and justice. May the African people be the leaders in developing true peace in the world.

At the end, I pray for the success of the Peace Symposium and extend my best wishes to all of the participants.

Wassalam.

Yours sincerely

MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD

Khalifatul Masih V

Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Africa Peace Symposium

Theme: *Peace and
Brotherhood – Keys to
a Progressive Future*



On Saturday 27th October 2018, PAAMA UK held its second annual Africa Peace Symposium at the Baitul Futuh complex. This year's landmark event had as its theme "Peace and Brotherhood - Keys to a Progressive Future". The symposium sought to develop a deeper understanding of Islam and other faiths and to inspire a concerted effort for lasting peace among Africans and all peoples of the world.

The event was attended by distinguished personalities from various walks of life including parliamentarians, diplomats, community and civic leaders, and was broadcast live on web stream by MTA International whereby people from around the world could also participate.

The symposium opened with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Mr Ali Muwanda and its English rendition by Mr Ahmed Baiyewu. This was followed by a brief introduction of the dignitaries at the head table by Mr Ahmed Owusu, the Event Organising Chairman.

In his welcome address, Mr Tommy Kallon, President PAAMA UK, expressed gratitude in welcoming all the distinguished guests to the Africa Peace Symposium held under the auspices of His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, may Allah be his Helper, and touched upon the aim of the event which was "to create an avenue to engage and dialogue on issues that enhance the values of peace, justice and universal brotherhood."

This was followed by video presentations introducing

the Ahmadiyya Jama'at and the humanitarian work carried out by PAAMA UK in collaboration with Humanity First, the charity wing of the Jama'at, as well as the International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE) in Africa.

The videos also chronicled the efforts and endeavours of His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^(aba), towards world peace. His numerous trips and visits made to various world legislative bodies were shown, including those to the European Parliament, the UK Houses of Parliament, the Canadian Legislative House and the United States Congress, where he takes the message of peace and Love for All Hatred for None to world leaders, from the Far East to Europe, from North America to Africa, discussing economic, social and political problems facing the world today.

A special message from Huzoor Aqdas^(aba), who was in Houston, Texas, at the time of the event, to the attendees of the symposium was read out by the Amir Jama'at UK, Rafiq Hayat Sahib. In his message, Huzoor prayed for Allah's blessings on the event and expressed his hope that "all the participants recognised that establishing peace in the world is the single greatest challenge facing the world today."

Huzoor Aqdas^(aba) highlighted the resurgence of the far right, the intensification of international hostilities and the increase in the nuclear arms race as contributory factors that make the world a perilous



Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon
Minister of State at the Foreign and
Commonwealth Office



Queen Naa Tsotsoo Soyoo I
Queen of Greater Accra, Ghana



HE Julius Peter Moto
High Commissioner of Uganda



Dr Erinma Bell MBE
Community Activist and Executive
Director of the Chrysalis Family
Centre in Manchester



Dr Kaifala Marah
Former Finance Minister and
Governor Bank of Sierra Leone



Mr Rafiq Hayat
National Amir of the Ahmadiyya
Muslim Community UK

place to live. “Now is the time to put aside all our differences and come together and recognise that we are all part of the same human race and united as such”, Huzoor advised. In conclusion, he prayed that Africa may be the leader in developing true peace in the world, for the success of the symposium and extended his best wishes to all the participants.

The first speaker at the event was Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Lord Ahmad remarked that given the prevailing instability in various parts of the world it is incumbent upon us to join together to unite in our efforts for peace regardless of our various diverse backgrounds. He reminded all that the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was sent to the world as a mercy for all mankind.

The next speaker was Queen Naa Tsotsoo Soyoo I, Queen of Greater Accra Area, Ghana. She thanked PAAMA UK for inviting her to the symposium and expressed her sentiments on the level of respect, acceptance and love shown to her when she is in the company of the Ahmadiyya Community which is in the true spirit of Community’s motto ‘Love for All Hatred for None’. She highlighted some of the works she is involved with in collaboration with the Commonwealth

Office to help better the lives of Africans living in the diaspora.

HE Julius Peter Moto, High Commissioner of Uganda, in his address, remarked that Uganda was happy to be associated with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community because of the services it renders to the country in terms of community development programs. He added that humanitarian efforts by Uganda to other African countries like South Sudan in its refugee crisis and Sierra Leone during the Ebola epidemic are all anchored on the Community’s motto of ‘Love For All Hatred For None’.

The next speaker was Dr Erinma Bell, MBE, a community activist and Executive Director of the Chrysalis Family Centre from Manchester. Dr Bell proposed Community Engagement as a working formula to achieve peace in our communities. She cautioned that this should not be used just as a slogan but involved stepping out of our comfort zones and engaging with people who are different from us so that we gain a better understanding of our individual differences.

Dr Kaifala Marah, former Finance Minister and Bank Governor of Sierra Leone, then addressed the symposium by remarking that he was a product of the



“You cannot love an artist and hate his art, you cannot love a musician and hate his music, you cannot love God and hate His creation.”

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as a former student and Head Boy of Ahmadiyya Muslim Secondary School Freetown. He narrated some of the Community’s development projects in Sierra Leone. He shared his vision of using young students of Ahmadiyya Secondary Schools as Peace Ambassadors to spread peace and love in the world.

The next speaker was the Keynote Speaker for the event, Mr Karim A.A. Khan, QC, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. After thanking the President of PAAMA UK for the invitation to deliver the Keynote Address, he expressed his longstanding love for and association with Africa and went on to deliver a most captivating speech on the theme of the event, Peace and Brotherhood – Keys to a Progressive Future.

Mr Khan mentioned that his role as Assistant Secretary-General of the UN was to head the Investigative Team to promote accountability for ISIL (known also as ISIS or IS) and what compelled him to leave the comfort of his private practice to enter of service of the UN was the evil that ISIL represents.

He remarked that the egalitarian spirit of accepting wisdom and truth from whatever source it comes from was in short supply in today’s world where we are seduced by the cult of celebrity, accepting the words of the rich and powerful while rejecting the weak and the poor in the same way that Jesus Christ (peace be upon him) was rejected because he came humbly upon a donkey to deliver a message.

He highlighted feelings of inequality in the judicial sphere as one of the fundamental reasons why there is so much disharmony in so many parts of the world. Continuing, Karim Sahib said:

“It was no less a playwright than William Shakespeare that said, “Plate sin with gold, And the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks. Arm it with rags, and a pigmy’s straw does pierce it.” That is, if you are rich and powerful, you are immune from the rigours of the law. If you are a rich financier, different standards apply. If you are poor and, in some parts of the world particularly, if you are black, as can be seen in the statistics, the legal system disproportionately targets those individuals.”

The same was true at the international level, Karim Sahib explained, where despite having a far more enhanced and refined legal framework in the form of international conventions, treaties, declarations and international law than in the recent past, one thing was undeniable and that is, it is not being applied equally and we do not have absolute justice, with one yardstick being used for weak countries and another for the powerful ones, ultimately bringing the international legal order into disrepute.

To move to a world in which peace and brotherhood can become substantive, Karim Sahib quoted Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV^(rh), who said, “You cannot love an artist and hate his art, you cannot love a musician and hate his music, you cannot love God and hate His creation.” The human condition of kindness, Karim Sahib explained, is something that unites all humanity and was repeatedly emphasised by the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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symposium suggested, not only as a means to avoid human pain and suffering but because they had real economic and social implications when funds that could be better used for developing the continent and people of Africa are being used on weapons and military expenditure, as we are increasingly seeing with African countries

That peace and brotherhood are keys to a progressive future was therefore neither simply a religious and spiritual admonition which unites great religions, nor a “Kumbaya” edict that should be confined to the pulpits of churches and synagogues and mosques, or the esoteric views of political philosophers, Karim Sahib said in conclusion. Peace and brotherhood are certainly keys to a progressive future, if by “progressive” we mean not just seeking out technology but keeping society and the fabric of society together and by repairing tears.

And so, if we had the keys, where are the locks, he asked at the end. The locks are the hearts and minds of each one of us and that we needed to combine the keys with the locks if we are to have any hope of peace and brotherhood and a peaceful as well as progressive future.

Rafiq Hayat Sahib, Amir Jama’at UK, gave the closing remarks to the symposium. He congratulated PAAMA UK on organising the event for the second year running, expounded on the philosophy of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community’s motto of ‘Love for All, Hatred for None’ and led the traditional collective Silent Prayers to bring the event to a close. Following the closing remarks dinner was served to all attendees.

Overall the PAAMA UK Africa Peace Symposium was another landmark event in the history of PAAMA in various respects. The highly distinguished list of dignitaries and guests in attendance was an indication of the wider appeal the event had. With a recorded attendance of over 650 participants, this was one of the most successful events organised by PAAMA UK and feedback received from attendees testified to that. The event was not only well organised and well attended but also had a theme which generated much interest among the attendees and viewers on livestream via MTA International.

Establishment of PAAMA Abroad

CANADA • FRANCE • GERMANY

This year under the guidance and tutelage of Hazrat Amirul Mu'mineen, Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, PAAMA established three more chapters outside the UK, namely, Canada, France and Germany, which are in addition to the chapters already established in Italy, USA and Belgium. Under Huzoor's directives, President PAAMA UK, Tommy Kallon Sahib, attended and delivered the Keynote Addresses at the inauguration of the new chapters.

INAUGURATION OF PAAMA CANADA – 7th July 2018



With the blessed approval of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, President of PAAMA UK, Tommy Kallon Sahib, travelled to Canada for the purposes of inaugurating PAAMA Canada during Jalsa Salana Canada. Abdullah Dibba Sahib, President PAAMA USA, was also in attendance.

On arrival in Canada a series of meetings were held with Naib Amir Farhan Khokhar Sahib who was facilitating matters on behalf of Amir Canada Sahib. Saturday 7th July, the second day of Jalsa Salana Canada, was the day of the official launch of PAAMA Canada. By the grace of Allah, the efforts of Naib Amir Sahib and his team proved to be very successful in generating awareness for the event, and attendance exceeded expectations.

The event started with Tilawat and Translation by Khaamis Salaam Sahib following which Lal Khan Malik Sahib, Amir Canada, welcomed the members to the event.

This was followed by a presentation on an "Introduction to the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association" by Tommy Kallon Sahib, giving an overview of its history, aims, objectives and mission statement along with its organisational structure and how it is run in the UK.

Elections for the office of President PAAMA Canada were immediately held afterwards. A summary of the election results was submitted for Huzoor's information and blessed approval.

Imam Abdullah Dibba Sahib then addressed the gathering reminding the members that all great dispensations, even that of the Prophets of Allah started with humble beginnings but, based on truth, they enjoyed Divine succour and eventually succeeded in their missions.

So too, he said, this humble beginning of PAAMA Canada will meet with success but the members had to have faith and work towards the vision of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, may Allah be his Helper, under whose guidance and instructions the seed of PAAMA is being planted in various countries of the world.



The Keynote Address was delivered by Tommy Kallon Sahib who reminded the members of their responsibilities that now lay upon them to uphold piety and righteousness, to rededicate themselves to the lofty ambition of bringing hope, guidance and enlightenment to Africa and to leave no stone unturned in the humble efforts to further the mission of the Promised Messiah, on whom be peace, and to disseminate the message of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.



After Silent Prayers, Songs of Praise were presented led by the Ghanaian members with the popular 'La illaha illallah...' tarana. This was followed by group photographs to bring the event to a close.

INAUGURATION OF PAAMA FRANCE – 14th July 2018



With the approval of Huzoor, Tommy Kallon Sahib, President of PAAMA UK, travelled to France for the purposes of inaugurating the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association France.

By the grace of Allah, Secretary Tabligh, Omar Ahamed Sahib, and his team had worked hard to publicise and create awareness about the event such that the attendance on Saturday 14th July was quite respectable.

Tilawat and Translation at the start of the event was followed by a Qaseedah after which Ashfaq Rabbani Sahib, Amir France, delivered the welcome Address.

After this Tommy Kallon Sahib gave a presentation on an "Introduction to the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association", giving an overview of its history, aims, objectives and mission statement along with its organisational structure and how it is run in the UK. This is now a standard presentation on the introduction of PAAMA.

After a short break for refreshments, the second session commenced with elections for the office of President PAAMA France, presided over by Tommy Kallon Sahib. A summary of the election results was separately submitted for Huzoor's information and blessed approval.

The elections were followed by a lively interactive question and answer session where members had the opportunity to pose many questions related to PAAMA which by the grace of Allah were answered satisfactorily.

Tommy Kallon Sahib then delivered the Keynote Address reminding the members, as the PAAMA tree is planted in France, of the responsibilities that now lay upon them to uphold piety and righteousness, to



rededicate themselves to the lofty ambition of bringing hope, guidance and enlightenment to Africa and to leave no stone unturned in the humble efforts to further mission of the Promised Messiah, on whom be peace, and to disseminate the message of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

After Silent Prayers and group photographs, Kallon Sahib was presented with a humble token of gratitude for travelling to France for the establishment of PAAMA France.



INAUGURATION OF PAAMA GERMANY – 7th September 2018



With the blessed approval of Huzoor Aqdas^(aba), President of PAAMA UK, Mr Tommy Kallon, attended Jalsa Salana Germany for the purposes of inaugurating the Germany chapter of the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association.

By the grace of Allah, Secretary Tabligh, Hafiz Fareed Ahmad Khalid Sahib, and his team had worked hard to publicise and create awareness and enthusiasm for the event such that the attendance was very respectable with recorded figures of 38 ladies, 95 gents and over 70 guests, making the attendance more than 200 in total.

As per the agenda, the programme commenced with Tilawat and Translation by Bashiru Bah Sahib followed by a brief welcome to all guests from Tommy Kallon, President PAAMA UK, in the absence of Amir Sahib Germany.

Kallon Sahib then gave a presentation on an “Introduction to the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association” giving an overview of its history, aims, objectives and mission statement along with its organisational structure, how it is run in the UK and some major achievements to date.

This was done so that as instructed by Huzoor Aqdas^(aba), PAAMA is established in various countries in the world on the “same pattern as in the UK”.

Elections for the office of President PAAMA Germany then followed, and a summary of the results was submitted to Huzoor Aqdas^(aba) who graciously approved Ibrahim Nyabally Sahib as the first President PAAMA Germany.

Tommy Kallon Sahib delivered the Keynote Address reminding the members of the responsibilities that now lay upon them to uphold piety and righteousness, to rededicate themselves to the lofty ambition of bringing



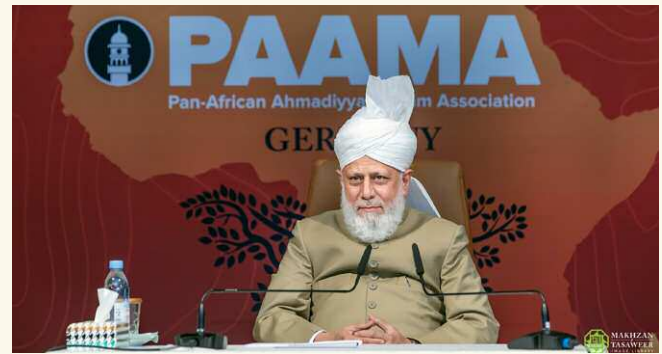
SPECIAL SESSION WITH HUZOOR AQDAS^(aba) GERMANY TOUR

The highlight of the event came in the following session where our Beloved Khalifa joined the members present for a Mulaqat with him and held an open forum with the audience wherein they were able to pose various questions to Huzoor Aqdas^(aba) which he most graciously answered with love, humility and humour.

Questions ranged from how to raise children in Western society to how Ahmadis can change the world. Alhamdulillah, Huzoor Adqas^(aba) gave beautiful and faith-inspiring answers to the satisfaction and contentment of the audience.

The questions and answers were translated into French for the benefit of those members and guests from Francophone countries.

A French-speaking African journalist at the event expressed his pleasant surprise at the informal and congenial atmosphere at the session. Prior to the event he was expecting an imperial like figure to be seated in front of his subjects but by his own admission he was left amazed at the complete informality of the event with Huzoor interacting and joking with the



audience. This left a positive impression on him about the Ahmadiyya Khilafat.

The event concluded with Silent Prayers led by our Beloved Imam, Hazrat Amirul Mu'mineen, may Allah be his Helper.

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Kallon Sahib also took the opportunity to remind the members of the importance and blessings of Khilafat in the following words:

“Most importantly, we should continue to impress upon every man, woman and child within the PAAMA family the realisation, the comprehension and the understanding that Khilafat truly is the source of all progress in this Divinely-commissioned Jama’at; that it is by seeking the pleasure of the Khalifa of the time that we will be seeking the pleasure of Allah; that it is by being foremost in our allegiance, our response, our obedience, our devotion and our service to Khilafat that we will continue to advance the vanguard of PAAMA.

Today as we formally launch PAAMA Germany with the blessings and in the presence of our Beloved Khalifa I call on all members of PAAMA Germany and indeed all members of the global PAAMA family to commit to a revitalised awareness of our purpose and, seeking neither title nor office, be ever ready to expend your time and resources in its cause. I call on all members of PAAMA Germany and all members of the global PAAMA family to reaffirm our loyalty and our allegiance to the sacred institution of Khilafat and stand ever upright in jealous regard of its honour.”

PAAMA UK REPRESENTATION ABROAD

JALSA SALANA SOUTH AFRICA 2018

With the blessed approval of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (may Allah be his Helper), PAAMA UK President, Tommy Kallon, was invited to attend and deliver the Keynote Address at Jalsa Salana South Africa on Friday 27th to 29th April 2018 on the theme of the Jalsa Salana: The Role of Religion in Achieving Peace and Harmony.

In addition to presiding over one of the sessions of Jalsa Salana South Africa and addressing the attendees on the first and last day of Jalsa Salana, President PAAMA UK delivered the Keynote Address on the second day in a special session held with academics, dignitaries and special guests. The speech was very well received and widely acclaimed by the delegates and attendees of the event.

JALSA SALANA BELGIUM 2018



With the blessed approval of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (may Allah be his Helper), Tommy Kallon Sahib, President PAAMA UK, attended Jalsa Salana Belgium 2018 and presided over a special session held with African and Arab delegates across Europe.

After Tilawat, translation and a brief welcome by President PAAMA Belgium, Mohammed Elghazraoui Sahib, brief addresses were made by Respected Tahir Nadeem Sahib of the Central Arab Desk and Shareef Odeh Sahib, Amir Kababir. Following this there was a lively question and answer session which was translated to and from Arabic, French and English for the benefit of the diverse audience at the event.

At the end, Tommy Kallon Sahib made brief closing remarks which was followed by silent prayers to bring the session to a conclusion.

JALSA SALANA IVORY COAST 2018

On the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (may Allah be his Helper), President PAAMA UK, Tommy Kallon Sahib attended Jalsa Salana Ivory Coast on Friday 21st



December to Sunday 23rd December 2018.

On the first day of Jalsa Salana, President PAAMA UK had the honour of delivering the Friday Sermon and leading the Friday Prayers. In his Sermon, based on the guidance of Hazrat Amirul Mumineen^(aba) at Jalsa Salana, he reminded the members about the importance of Jalsa Salana and read out a few excerpts of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in relation to Jalsa Salana.

After lunch, the proceedings of Jalsa Salana began with the Flag Hoisting Ceremony. The Lawa'i Ahmadiyya was raised by President PAAMA UK while Amir Ivory Coast raised the flag of Ivory Coast. This was followed by Silent Prayers led by President PAAMA UK. In the Opening Session which followed, Amir Sahib Ivory Coast delivered the Inaugural Address.

On Saturday 22nd December there were speeches by various scholars throughout the various sessions held. The final speech of the day was delivered by Tommy Kallon Sahib on the topic: 'The Reasons for the Coming of the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi.'

On the last day of the Jalsa the Final Session was presided over by President PAAMA UK. There were speeches of scholars, dignitaries and guests, following which presentations of academic awards were made to eligible students.

The Concluding Address of Jalsa Salana Ivory Coast was then delivered by Tommy Kallon Sahib who also led the Silent Prayers to bring Jalsa Salana to a close. By the grace of Allah there was an attendance of over 5000 people.

Following the conclusion of the Jalsa Salana some sightseeing trips were organised by the Jama'at which included a visit to the famous Basilica in Yamoussoukro. A visit was also made to the grave of late Maulana Kassim Toure and prayers were offered for him.

Before his return to London, presentations of gifts were most graciously made by Jama'at Ahmadiyya Ivory Coast to President PAAMA UK.

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

The National Executive of the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (PAAMA) UK resolves to record its deepest condolences on the sad demise of Alhaj Ismail B.K. Addo Sahib of Ghana aged 83. *Innaa lillahi wa innaa ilaihi raaji 'oon.*

Alhaj Ismail B.K. Addo was a born Ahmadi Muslim whose parents were converts from Christianity. He was an active member of the Jama'at and a Musi and was well known to Jama'at worldwide for his attachment to Khilafat and for his appearances on the Urdu Classes of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV^(ru) on MTA International.

Alhaj Ismail B.K. Addo Sahib served Jama'at as Regional Secretary of the Asanti Region in Ghana and as the first Local President of Peckham Jama'at in the UK. Most notably, he served as the first Chairman of the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (PAAMA) UK for over two decades for which reason his death truly represents a sad loss to the entire worldwide PAAMA family.

We acknowledge that he is the husband and father to many pioneer members of PAAMA UK including his wives Mrs Hajia Ayesha Addo and Mrs Hajia Hameeda Addo and children Mr Abdul Majid Addo, Mrs Janat Nsiah-Amoako, Mrs Hajira Quarshie, Mrs Ayesha Addo-Kyei, Mrs Zainab Adade, Mr Abdur Rahman Addo and Mr Abdur Rahim Addo.

We also acknowledge that he is the father of our PAAMA Head of Lajna London Region, Mrs Janat Kusi, Secretary Talim PAAMA Lajna London Region, Mrs Shahida Boakye, and Naib Secretary Isha'at PAAMA UK, Mr Imran Addo, as well as the father in-law of our Vice President PAAMA UK, Mr Shafiq Kusi, and Secretary Talim PAAMA UK, Mr Rasheed Boakye.

By means of this resolution and on behalf of the membership of the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, we HEREBY:

1. Convey our condolences to the entire family of Alhaj Ismail B.K. Addo Sahib and to all members of the global PAAMA family;
2. Pray that Allah is pleased to receive the soul of Alhaj Ismail B.K. Addo Sahib into His mercy and loving care and continually exalts his station in the Hereafter;
3. Supplicate for the patience and steadfastness of the bereaved family that they may bear this loss in honour, dignity and submission to the decree of Allah .
4. Acknowledge and welcome the establishment of the Ismail B.K Addo Academic Achievement Awards to commemorate the memory of Alhaj Ismail B.K. Addo Sahib.

This resolution of condolence is passed on 14th April 2018.



Signed by the President for, and on behalf of, National Executive of the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK.



PAAMA UK Lajna Updates 2018

By the grace of Allah, the year 2018 has been a very active and eventful year for PAAMA Lajna UK. As well as engaging in the planning, organising and delivery of all PAAMA and Lajna Imaillah UK events and activities on national, regional and local levels, the PAAMA Lajna UK also engaged in the following highlighted activities among many others.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

A Personal Development Workshop was organised by PAAMA Lajna UK on Saturday, 24th November 2018, at Baitul Ehsan, London. This educative and interactive Tarbiyyati event, facilitated by both internal and external professional speakers, covered a range of important and relevant topics. 82 members across all the six PAAMA regions attended the workshop.



The sessions included:

- Mental Health Awareness - one of the Shoora recommendations of Lajna Imaillah UK at the October 2018 Ijtema. President Lajna Imaillah UK, Dr Fariha Khan, who also attended the workshop, was pleased that PAAMA was first to implement this recommendation.
- Parenting challenges of Africans in the UK viz-a-viz cultural differences and what is required by law and the social services.
- Drug Awareness discussions.
- Personal growth and capacity building.
- Relationship issues, coping strategies and self-care

The workshop included a hands-on practical demonstration session using a mannequin and pieces of white clothes to show how to wash and shroud a deceased Muslim.

President Lajna UK had very helpful discussions with the attendees. She then invited some of the speakers to repeat their talks or presentations at a general Lajna Imaillah Tarbiyyat event.

MULAQAT WITH HAZRAT APPA JAN

The highlight of the day was our visit to the Beloved spouse of our Beloved Huzoor, may Allah be his Helper. Hazrat Appa Jan was delighted to see the ladies and commended our efforts generally and the workshop we had earlier in the day. She was so kind and relaxed with the ladies and shared some of her beautiful memories during her 9 years' stay in Ghana.

Hazrat Appa Jan's handling of our meeting was nothing short of a tour de force. She was supportive, full of humour and yet relentless at focussing on what was important. She had reserved the entire evening just for African ladies and no other Mulaqat was booked. She spent the whole evening with us until it was time for Isha prayer. Gifts, flowers and food were presented and happily received.

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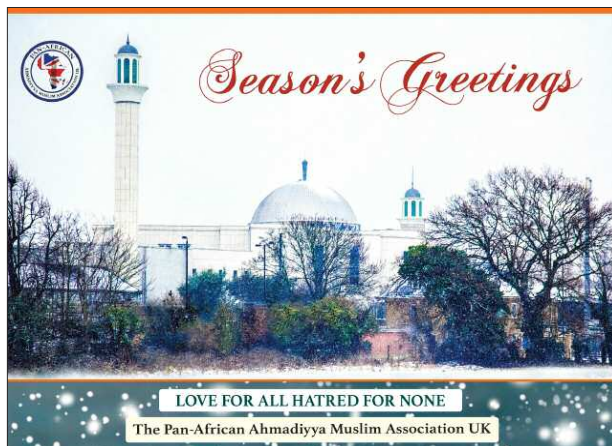


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PAAMA ALL-STARS CRICKET TEAM

On the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^(aba), PAAMA entered a team for the first time in the 10th Masroor International Cricket Tournament 2018. This team was named PAAMA All-Stars and comprised of six players from Trinidad and Tobago Jama'at.



PAAMA STARS FOOTBALL CLUB

Under the auspices of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V ^(aba), a football club was established which Huzoor Aqdas named PAAMA Stars. By the grace of Allah, PAAMA Stars took part in the first Ahmadiyya European Football Tournament in 2018.

At Jalsa Salana UK 2018 Pictorial





EVENTS 2019

EVENT	DATES
PAAMA National Ijtema	30 th March 2019
Start of Ramadhan	7 th May 2019
Eid-ul-Fitr	5 th June 2019
PAAMA Lajna Fun Day	8 th June 2019
Jalsa Salana UK	2 nd – 4 th August 2019
PAAMA Jalsa Reception	2 nd August 2019
PAAMA Post Jalsa Reception	11 th August 2019
Eid-ul-Adhia	12 th August 2019
Eid Milan Family Picnic	24 th August 2019
MKA UK National Ijtema	20 th – 22 nd September 2019
Lajna Ima'illah UK Ijtema	13 th – 15 th September 2019
Majlis Ansarullah UK Ijtema	13 th – 15 th September 2019
Pan-African Peace Symposium	26 th October 2019
Lajna Personal Development Workshop	TBC





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