



KHILAFAT

- What is Khilafat?
- How many types of Khilafat are in Islam?
- Can a Khalifa be appointed?
- Can a prophet be a Khalifa?
- Can we have two or more Khulafaa at one time in today's world?
- Can anyone, today, proclaim to be a Mujaddid?
- Why is Khilafat important?
- Do we have to obey Khalifa in all socio political matters?
- Can Khalifa be a President of a country with Ahmadis in majority?
- Does our Bai'at to Khalifa, hinder, in any way, with loyalty to our country?
- Is Khilafat a democratic institution?

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The word Khilafat means *succession*, and the Khalifa is a *successor to a Prophet of Allah* whose goal is to carry to completion the tasks of reformation and moral training that were seeded by the Prophet. The community of followers of a Prophet of Allah continues to nurture its faith and practices under the blessing of the institution of Khilafat for as long as Allah wishes. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

Allah had promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (Surah Al-Nur, Verse 56).

Khilafat establishes the authority of Allah on earth, and the Khalifa strives to uphold that authority within the community of followers. For the believers, Khilafat is an embodiment of Allah's Unity, as they choose to take divine authority through the person of the Khalifa. The believers partake of the blessings of Khilafat by holding firm to their faith and practices, united under him.

KHILAFAT DAY CELEBRATION

(Extract from the Summary of *Friday Sermon Delivered on May 24, 2013*)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) said that the 27th of May is celebrated in Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya as Khilāfat Day. In his book *Al-Wasiyyat* the Promised Messiah^{as} did not only foretell about his own demise, but also elaborated on the Jamā‘at’s spiritual, financial and organizational system, and gave the good news that this system shall continue forever. The Promised Messiah^{as} says:

It is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting, the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgment. And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you which shall always stay with you.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) said that by the grace of Allāh we are witnessing the fulfilment of this promise for the last 105 years. The Jamā‘at passed through all kinds of situations, but, by the grace of Allāh, it has continued to move rapidly on its path to success. God’s support for Khilafat is unceasing. Khilāfat, according to the prophecies, is a lasting institution, for this is what God has destined.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) said that the verses I have recited outline the following signs of those who benefit from the blessings of Khilāfat: They listen and they obey, and they settle their affairs in keeping with the commandments of God and His Prophet.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) said that if the workers and office bearers do not make decisions with the fear of God and with justice, and do not fulfil their obligations, they will be bringing a bad name to Khilāfat itself. They will be guilty of sin in the eyes of God. In particular, the *Qādis*, the office bearers and the *Amīrs* who give verdicts and judgements, should hold fast to the norms of justice and thus help to strengthen Khilāfat. Otherwise, the very office bearers will be working to destroy the foundations of the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) said that in all our Ijtimā‘s we make the pledge that we will abide by everything good that the Khalīfa commands us, but sometimes we do not obey the Khalīfa even in minor things. In fact at times we even deviate from the commandments of the Holy Qur’ān itself. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) cited laxity in *pardah* as an example. Likewise, offering of five time prayers is an obligation but some of our prominent workers are lax

about its fulfilment. The Promised Messiah^{as} has said, “It is of no use to pledge Baī‘at to me if it is not accompanied by good deeds.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) said that God’s promise of abiding Khilāfat is conditional. Only if we fulfil the above conditions will we be blessed with strength and fears will be turned to peace. If members of the Jamā‘at walk the path of *Taqwa*, offer their prayers punctually and make greater financial contributions, they will continue to reap the blessings of Khilāfat.

The Promised Messiah^{as} says: “If your life and your death, your every action and movement, and your kindness, and your anger are for God only and if, in any trouble or difficulty you do not put God to the test nor sever your relationship with Him—rather, under these trials, you step forward towards God— then I truly say to you that you will become a chosen people of God. ... Let the Greatness of God take root in your hearts; and acknowledge His Unity not just with your tongues but also with your actions, so that God, too, practically shows His Mercy and Kindness to you. Refrain from malice and treat human beings with true compassion. Adopt each and every path of righteousness for who knows from which of these paths you will be accepted?”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper!) prayed that may Allāh enable us all to become truly devoted to Khilāfat Aḥmadīyya. And may He enable us to progress in our obedience and our worship so that we may forever reap the blessings of Khilāfat. Amīn!

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad(atba) said:

“Over the past year, one particular group has viciously spread its network of terror and has become a cause of major concern for the world. I am speaking of the group of extremists commonly known as ‘ISIS’ or ‘I.S.’ The actions of this terrorist group are not only impacting Muslim countries, but also countries in Europe and further afield are also being affected by its brutalities.



Qur'an Exhibition in Hamilton

(Report by B A Khan)

Ansarullah New Zealand held a most successful Qur'an Exhibition in Hamilton Gardens on 16th May 2015. This was the first exhibition held outside the Auckland region. Some 115 members of the local public took part, including the local Member of Parliament, Mr David Bennet.

A team of Ansar and Khuddam from Auckland, assisted by members from the Hamilton Branch, set up the display in a beautiful garden venue in the morning. Members of public started arriving even before the starting time of 10.30am to see the professionally displayed Qur'anic banners and well laid out 47 copies of the Holy Qur'an in different languages, including a sample of a copy in Braille.



In addition to the display, the PowerPoint presentations were done by Maulana Shafiq Ur Rehman. He said that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community deemed it necessary to go out to the public to inform them of the true and peaceful nature of Islam as contained in the Holy Qur'an, against the background of conflicts and actions of ISIS, Boko Haram and

other groups whose actions present very distorted and horrifying picture of Islam. He also talked of the authenticity of the text of the Qur'an as the word of God, the recording of the revelations by the early scribes as they were revealed and subsequent collection of all writings in one volume of the Holy Qur'an which captured the complete and original passages revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad ^{pbuh} through angel Gabriel. This occasion also provided an interesting Q&A opportunity which the visitors seemed to relish as much as they enjoyed the refreshments served to them.

We received numerous positive comments from the visitors about the Exhibition. Many of them said that they had learnt a lot about Islam and were please to come to this exhibition.

The exhibition closed at 3.30 pm. This was followed by a joint Zuhr & Asr prayers in the hall, before the team returned to Auckland.

Our prayers and appreciation go to all those volunteers, young and old, who helped in the logistics, transportation, setting up, cooking and assisting in whatever manner to make this event a huge success. Amin.

