

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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Respected Ameer sahib, Mr President and distinguished guests,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله و بركاته

Peace and blessings of Allah be upon you all.

The topic of my speech today is,

**Khilafat in Ahmadiyyat, A Source of Peace and Security.**

The translation of the verse which I have recited before you is;

*"Allah has 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 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." Al-Quran, Surah An-Noor, 24;56.*

The purpose of Islam is to teach man the ways of attaining peace, both with himself and with his Creator. Under Divine direction, over 1,400 years ago, Hazrat Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>, the Holy Founder of Islam, began the process of delivering this message to humanity. He made every effort to ensure that this message was conveyed as widely as possible and he took

the extraordinary step of personally writing to the greatest kings and leaders of his time assuring them that if they adopt the teachings of Islam they would be blessed with peace and prosperity.

After the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> of Islam God Almighty commissioned the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and his Khulafa for this great duty. It is absolutely clear from this verse that Almighty Allah has promised Khilafat to the believers and that whenever the world would be faced with challenges of insecurity and instability it is only through Khilafat that God would exchange it with peace and security.

To explain as to how Ahmadiyya Khilafat has proven to be a source of peace and security I would like to take you back in the history of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat. As per Divine promises Khilafat was established in the Ahmadiyya community by Hazrat Hakim Maulawi Noor-uddin sahib after the sad demise of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi<sup>as</sup>. At that time the opposition of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat was sure and expected it to disintegrate. But Hazrat Hakim Maulawi Noor-uddin sahib, Khalifatul Masih I, like Hazrat Abu Bakr Saddique<sup>ra</sup> after the Holy Prophat Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>, through his prayers and efforts kept the community united, and all the false expectations of the opposition met with ruin. And thus he became a source of security and peace for the members of the Community.

Throughout his Khilafat, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Hazrat Musleh Maud and Khalifatul Masih II, was faced with various types of challenges of insecurity. In 1934 the opposition threatened to destroy the Ahmadiyya headquarters of Qadian. The harder a ball hits against a wall with greater force it rebounds. In the same way, the world witnessed that soon the Ahmadiyya Community started to spread throughout the world. And today by the grace of Allah it has been

established in over 210 countries of the world. At the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947, the Muslim villages all around Qadian were looted and plundered by the Sikhs, but Qadian with its inhabitants and thousands of more Muslims who found shelter nowhere but in Qadian, were transported safely in caravans of trucks from Qadian in India to Lahore in Pakistan. Imagine the far-sightedness of Hazrat Musleh Maud, the riots between the Hindus and Muslims at the partition started in 1947, but much before that Hazrat Musleh Maud ordered to buy two small non-fighter planes from USA. At that time one may have been critical of this purchase, but later at the time of Partition these planes proved to be extremely useful and played a major role in the security of the Ahmadis.

Hazrat Musleh Maud had received a revelation that 'solution to all the challenges of world peace and Communism are found in Surah Al-Fatihah'. After the WWII from 1939-45, the world had split into two major groups. Russia, and the countries of Eastern Europe were part of the Communist bloc. Whereas the USA, UK, and other Western European countries led the Capitalist block. Race between the two blocs to develop advanced weapons was a great threat to the world peace. In a series of four Friday sermons, in light of Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Musleh Maud explained as to how peace can be achieved in the world. Referring to USA and Russia Huzur explained that both the countries when give aid to the poorer countries they always aim at their vested interests, and not the interest of the people of the poorer nations. Huzur explained that an aid can be termed true only when the standard of the public is elevated without any vested interests. And only such a state can establish lasting peace.

Aid for personal interest, and exploitation of poorer nations, which causes inequality in a society, is one of the major threats to the world peace. In 1970 Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad sahib, Khalifatul Masih

III, visited the West African countries including Ghana, and launched Nusrat Jahan scheme, through which Ahmadi doctors and teachers are giving education and health to the African nations for last fifty years, and are trying to eliminate poverty and inequality in the society by giving them education and prosperity, and thus bring a lasting peace.

Amid the gulf war in 1990s, which was fought by coalition forces from 35 nations led by USA against Iraq. Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV delivered a series of 17 sermons guiding the world leaders as to how to establish world peace.

He said, 'I firmly believe that the solution put forth by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamat will be to your own benefit and the benefit of the mankind at large. But if you turn it down then remember that you will remain unable to eliminate transgression from the world, and one effort after another on your part will fail. And one war would follow another war, and one instability after another will cause the human society to become awash with blood, and rob the peace and tranquillity of mankind.' And his prophetic words are proving to be true today.

Friday sermon, Feb. 1, 1991.

Today, in this age and time, as a result of wrong and unjust policies by the world leaders we are faced with the threats of another world war. USA with its allies is fighting against Russia and its allies in Syria. Many developed countries are stockpiling and selling advanced weapons to the less developed nations. Millions have become victim to such policies of the advanced powers. And in most cases it is the Muslims who become their target. Sensing the gravity and intensity of the situation, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, sped up his efforts for the establishment of world peace and security.

His Holiness Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, travels widely and meets heads of the states and other world leaders. In 2008 His Holiness started a series of lectures in various parliaments and addressed the political leadership of the world and warned them of a spiralling world crisis that is the natural outcome of unjust and inhumane financial and political policies. His Holiness delivered his addresses in the UK, USA, New Zealand, Germany, Belgium, Japan, UNO and other parts of the world.

In his address in the British Parliament His Holiness said:

In the last century, two world wars were fought. Whatever the causes were, if we look deeply, only one cause stands out; and it is that justice was not properly administered in the first instance. As a reaction, what was considered to be an extinguished fire turned out to be cinders that kept on burning slowly, eventually bursting into flames and enveloping the whole world a second time. Today, restlessness is increasing and wars and actions to maintain peace are becoming the forerunners for another world war.

In his address of Capitol Hill Washington, D.C., USA, in 2012, His Holiness showing the American politicians their true face said:

The truth is that peace and justice are inseparable—you cannot have one without the other. After the conclusion of the WWI, the leaders of certain countries desired for good and peaceful relations between all nations in future. Thus, in an effort to achieve world peace the League of Nations was formed. Its principal aim was to maintain world peace and to prevent future wars from breaking out. Unfortunately, the rules of the League and the resolutions it passed had certain flaws and weaknesses and so they did not properly protect the rights of all peoples and all nations equally. Consequently, as a result of the inequalities that existed,

long term peace could not prevail. The efforts of the League failed and this led directly to World War II.

Within a year after assuming the office of Khilafat His Holiness started Holding Peace Symposiums in UK, in which hundreds of politicians and other influential people from all walks of life are invited to be warned against spiralling situation of the world towards destruction.

Addressing the ninth Peace Symposium in 2012 His Holiness said:

There is only one way to save the world from the destruction and devastation that it is heading towards, and that is that we must all endeavour to spread love, affection and a sense of community.

After His Holiness's address at a Peace Symposium a very honourable member of UK Parliament Lord Eric Avebury commented that the speech ought to have been delivered at the United Nations itself.

In the course of his address His Holiness said:

If we look at the United Nations General Assembly or Security Council, we find that often statements or speeches made there receive great praise and acknowledgement, but such tributes are meaningless because the real decisions have already been predetermined. Thus, where decisions are made on the basis of the pressure or the lobbying of the major powers, as opposed to just and truly democratic means, then such speeches are rendered hollow, meaningless and serve only as pretence to deceive the outside world.

His Holiness said: In today's world, one terrifying manifestation of God's Decree could be in the shape of another world war. There is no doubt that the effects of such a war and its destruction will not be limited to the war itself or even to this generation. In fact, its horrific consequences will be exhibited for many generations to come. Just one tragic consequence of such a war will be the effect it will have on new born

children, both now and in the future. The weapons available today are so destructive that they could lead to generation after generation of children being born with severe genetic or physical defects.

These are the real consequences of such warfare, and yet today there are selfish and foolish people who are extremely proud of their invention and describe what they have developed as a gift to the world.

Recently, under the directives of His Holiness, first Peace Symposium in Ghana was held in 2018, which was attended by over five hundred guests. And how to establish peace in the world, which is bent upon following the path of destruction today, was the theme of the Symposium.

In May 2006 Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V was in Nandi on the tour of Fiji Islands. At about 3am phones started coming from Rabwah, London and other parts of the world that according to the TV news a huge tsunami hit Tonga, the neighbouring islands of Fiji. And that this tsunami was greater in intensity than that of Indonesia, which caused hundreds of thousands of deaths. From TV it was learnt that this tsunami was intensifying and in the morning Nandi in Fiji, and its neighbouring islands will be completely destroyed. It will destroy a large part of Australia and New Zealand. At 4.30am when Huzur came for the Fajr prayer the report of this tsunami was presented to Huzur. His Holiness lead the Fajr prayer and in his prolonged prostrations prayed to God Almighty. After the Fajr prayer the Khalifa of the Messiah told the members of the Jamat 'Do not worry. Almighty Allah will show His mercy. Nothing is going to happen.' Thereafter Huzur came back to his hotel. When the TV was turned on the news on TV started to come that the tsunami had started to subside. And its intensity is getting lesser and lesser. After about two hours the news on TV came that the tsunami itself was annihilated and came to an end.

That day the world witnessed that the tsunami which was about to destroy hundreds of thousands of people along with the whole area, by the prayer of His Holiness Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V came to an end itself. That morning the newspapers published that it was no less than a miracle. I swear in the name of Allah that this miracle was wrought by the prayer of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper.

Besides his addresses to the political world leaders, His Holiness, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V sent letters to the leaders of the world in 2012 which were a continuation of the same work begun by the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> of Islam fourteen centuries earlier.

In his letter to the Prime Minister of Israel, His Holiness wrote:

Hence, it is my request to you that instead of leading the world into the grip of a World War, make maximum efforts to save the world from a global catastrophe. Instead of resolving disputes with force, you should try to resolve them through dialogue, so that we can gift our future generations with a bright future rather than 'gift' them with disability and defects.

The world is passing through very turbulent times today. It seems clear that events are moving the world at an unprecedented pace towards a horrific third world war. There is an overwhelming sense that things are quickly getting out of control. The consequences of a nuclear war are so catastrophic that none dare even think about them. Over the past several years, as events have unfolded, His Holiness has been fearless in announcing to the world where things are heading—not to create alarm, but to prepare them to think about how the world has arrived in this state of being, and how it can avert disaster. He has forthrightly proclaimed that the only way to insure peace is for the world to adopt the ways of humility and justice and to humbly, submissively, turn to God; for man to become humane; for the strong to treat the weak with



dignity and respect and justice, and for the weak and poor to also show gratitude and adopt the ways of truth and righteousness, and for all to turn to their Creator in utter humility and total sincerity. Again and again His Holiness has reminded one and all that the way back from the brink of disaster is for nations to make justice an absolute requirement of their dealings with each other. Even if there is enmity between them they need to still observe justice because history has taught us that this is the only way to eliminate all traces of future hatreds and thus build a lasting peace.

This situation reminds us of a Hadith of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>; he said; My and your example is similar to a person who ignites a fire, to see this insects and moths start falling into that fire. That person tries his best to stop the moths and insects from falling into it. But the moths fail to stop. The Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> said, O people, similarly, I am trying to protect you from falling into the hellfire, but you are such as forcibly seek to plunge into it.

It is our sincere prayer that the world heed to the words of prince of peace, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, and may the world be saved from imminent destruction in this time of great danger, so that we may be able to gift our future generations a prosperous and flourishing future. And that by acting on the principles of justice and humility and by turning to God, we may be blessed with a lasting peace! (Amin).

و اخر دعوانا ان الحمد لله رب العلمين.