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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **WORLD HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY ADDRESSES UK MAJLIS-E-SHURA**



**Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad says knowledge, wisdom and courage  
required for spread of Islam**

On 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered a faith inspiring address at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community U.K.'s *Majlis-e-Shura*.



The institution of *Majlis-e-Shura* is the main consultative body established by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to discuss proposals to improve and enhance the works of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in propagating the true peaceful teachings of Islam. Almost 500 delegates and invitees attended the Shura.

After arriving at the premises of the Baitul Futuh Mosque in London, His Holiness addressed the two-day gathering for 40 minutes.

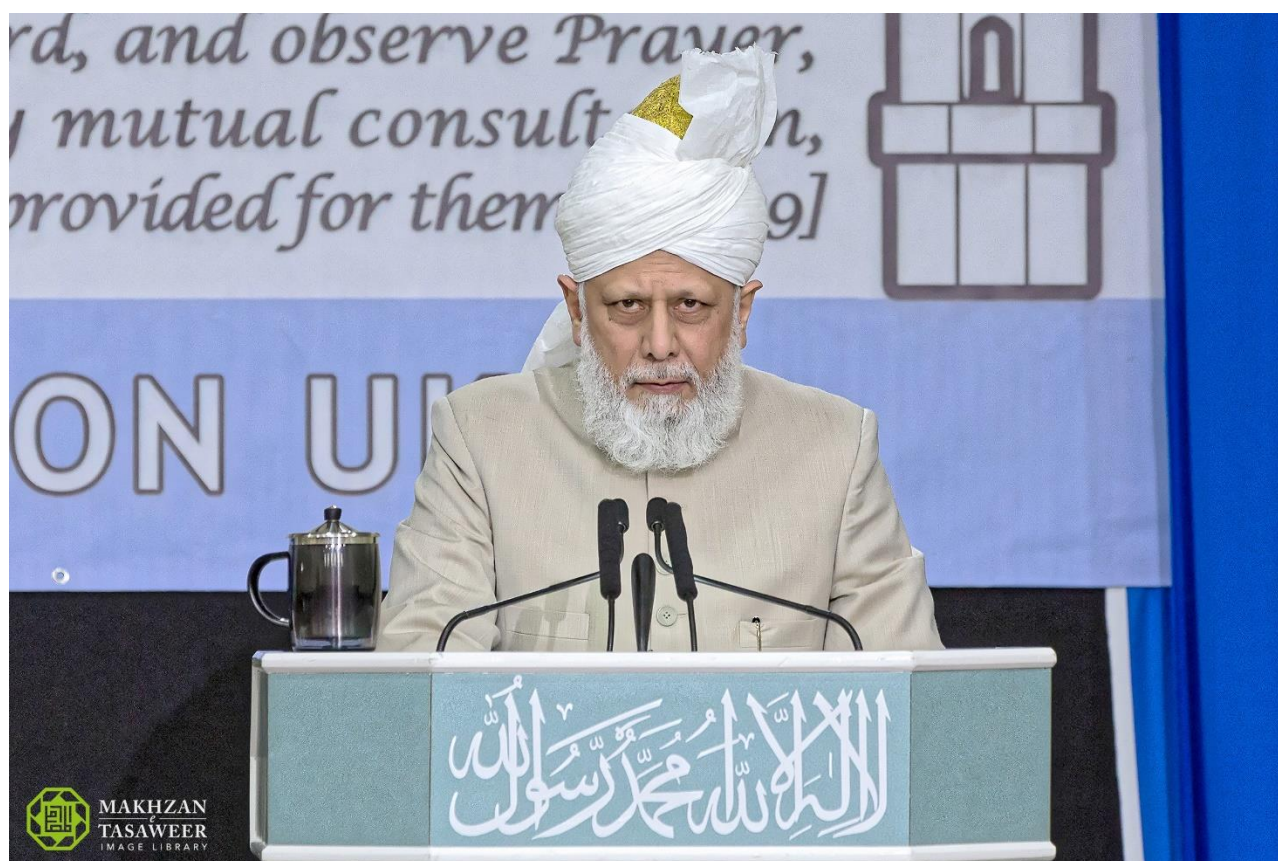
Whilst addressing the delegates at the Baitul Futuh Mosque in London, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“As Shura members you should act with the utmost humility and never think that your opinion holds greater weight than others. Such a spirit of humility will ensure that the Shura is conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect and this will lead to a positive exchange of views and a higher standard of debate.”***



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

*“Every Shura member must understand that nothing can be achieved without righteousness and that no amount of debate or discussion will ever prove fruitful without it. Righteousness requires you to have a constant fear of Allah in your heart and an understanding that Allah the Almighty knows your every thought and intention. He knows if the intentions underpinning your public views are sincerely held or whether they are clouded by vested interests.”*



His Holiness said that one of the issues discussed each year in the Shura is the annual budget of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. As the Community's funds are entirely based on the financial sacrifices of the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness said the budget should be based on the key

economic principle of '*minimum resource, maximum utility*'. He said that the spirit with which the financial sacrifices had been made should never be forgotten.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***"At all times, the office bearers or those who allocate or spend the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's money should keep in mind the spirit with which the funds have been collected. Often, Ahmadis set aside their own personal needs and requirements and put themselves in difficulty so that the needs of our Community can be fulfilled."***

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

***"If Ahmadi Muslims are making such earnest sacrifices and tolerating personal adversity for the sake of Allah's Community then the office bearers and those who produce the budget must pay great attention to ensuring that every single penny is utilised extremely carefully and accounted for."***

His Holiness reiterated that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was established in order to spread the peaceful message of Islam across the world.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad stated:

***“As I have said many times in my sermons, it was through the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) that a complete, everlasting teaching and perfect Shariah was revealed. Thereafter, it was in the era of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) that the spread of that perfect teaching was destined to reach its climax through the advent of modern technologies, the media and other modern-day means.”***

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

***“We are the fortunate ones who are living through that blessed era in which the spread of Islam, the perfect religion, is destined to reach its pinnacle and so our efforts to spread the peaceful teachings of Islam are fundamental to the success and progress of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. This is our divine mission and so do not ever take it lightly.”***

His Holiness said that to spread Islam’s peaceful teachings, Ahmadi Muslims had to be courageous and willing to tolerate opposition. Citing the fact that there had been some opposition to the recent ‘Messiah has Come’ billboard campaign in the UK, His Holiness said that such opposition should not cause the resolve of Ahmadi Muslims to weaken. He said that to successfully preach the message of Islam a combination of knowledge, wisdom and courage were required.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“There will always be some opponents of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community or of Islam who, no matter what, will seek to portray everything we do in a***



*negative light but we should not back away and hide in fear from such people. Is it not the case that Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Algeria, parts of India and some other countries are facing great trials and extreme persecution? ...Yet despite such persecution, our Ahmadi Muslims do not shy away but continue to march forward with full confidence in their faith without fear."*



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad further stated:

*"Do not be scared if some opposition arises. At least it is a sign that our message is reaching the wider public. For your out-reach efforts to be successful you must have courage, you must show wisdom and you must have knowledge of your faith. These are the key ingredients for spreading the message of Islam."*

His Holiness concluded the address by praying for the moral and spiritual rejuvenation of mankind and drawing attention towards righteousness.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“All Ahmadi Muslims, particularly office bearers and Shura members, should abstain from all forms of wrongdoing and seek to increase in righteousness at all times. At the end, I pray that may Allah grant you all the ability to fulfil the trusts that have been placed upon you.”***

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