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25TH JALSA SALANA BELGIUM 2018 BEGINS IN BRUSSELS



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad explains true objectives of Jalsa Salana

The 25th Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Belgium began on Friday with the Friday Sermon delivered by the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.



Prior to the Sermon, His Holiness raised the Flag of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (Liwa-e-Ahmadiyyat) to officially inaugurate the event, whilst the Belgian National Flag was also raised.



During his Friday Sermon, His Holiness spoke about the bounties of God and how true believers must always give their faith precedence over all other things.

Commencing his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"By the Grace of Allah, the Jalsa Salana of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Belgium is starting today. I am attending your Jalsa in person after a long



time and in this time the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community here in Belgium has grown a great deal with Allah's Grace."



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

"We see that Allah the Almighty has blessed the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Belgium in many ways and so all the Ahmadi Muslims here should reflect upon these blessings. They should motivate you all to learn and act upon the commands of God Almighty and to constantly improve your moral and spiritual conduct. Every day that passes and every step we take should be better than the preceding day and the preceding step."



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said that each Ahmadi Muslim should constantly evaluate themselves to see if they were upholding the true teachings of Islam. He said that it was essential that they fulfilled their pledge of giving precedence to their faith over and above material interests.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"Of course, it is necessary to earn a living so you can support your family and loved ones, however a true Muslim should never become fully immersed and engulfed by materialism. Your first priority and true objective should be following your faith and abiding by Islam's true teachings."

During his address, His Holiness also spoke about the true objectives of the Jalsa Salana and urged every person attending to strive to fulfil them.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"The true purpose of the Jalsa Salana is to build an ever-closer personal relationship with Allah the Almighty and to be amongst those who truly give precedence to their faith over all worldly matters. Moreover, we should not only inculcate this spirit within ourselves but should instill such a spirit within our children as well."





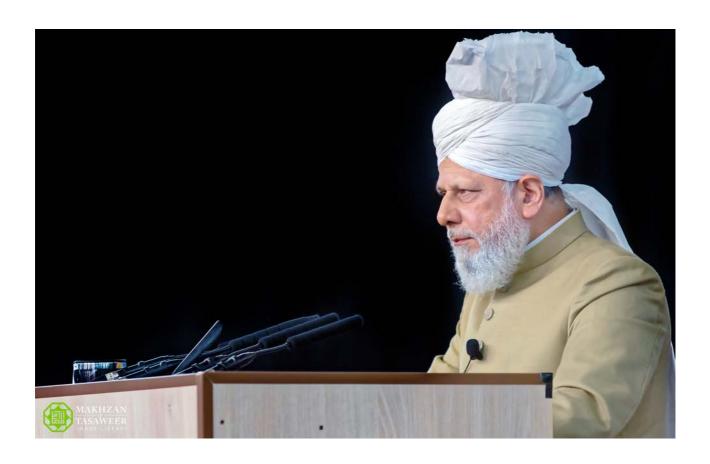
Concluding his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"May Allah the Almighty enable all of the participants to act upon what they learn here at the Jalsa Salana and to derive all possible blessings and be the



true inheritors of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

May we be amongst those who portray the true and noble image of Islam to
the rest of the world through both our words and our deeds."



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