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HEAD OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY CONCLUDES 41ST LAJNA IMAILLAH IJTEMA UK WITH INSPIRING ADDRESS



**His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad addresses over 5,800 women
from across the UK**

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On 15 September 2019, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered a moving and faith inspiring address to conclude the *41st National Ijtema (Annual Gathering) of Lajna Imaillah UK*, the ladies auxiliary organisation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.



Held at *Country Market* in Kingsley, Hampshire, this was the first time the event took place over three days.

In his address, His Holiness reminded the members of *Lajna Imaillah* of the immense value of remaining firm in their faith and staying true to the teachings of Islam.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“As we move towards success and prosperity, it is essential that we intensify our efforts to protect and preserve our true Islamic values and our core identity as Muslims. The only way to achieve this is for us to strive, more than ever before, to act upon the teachings of Islam.”

His Holiness addressed a question regarding the effectiveness of Islam’s peaceful teachings in today’s society.

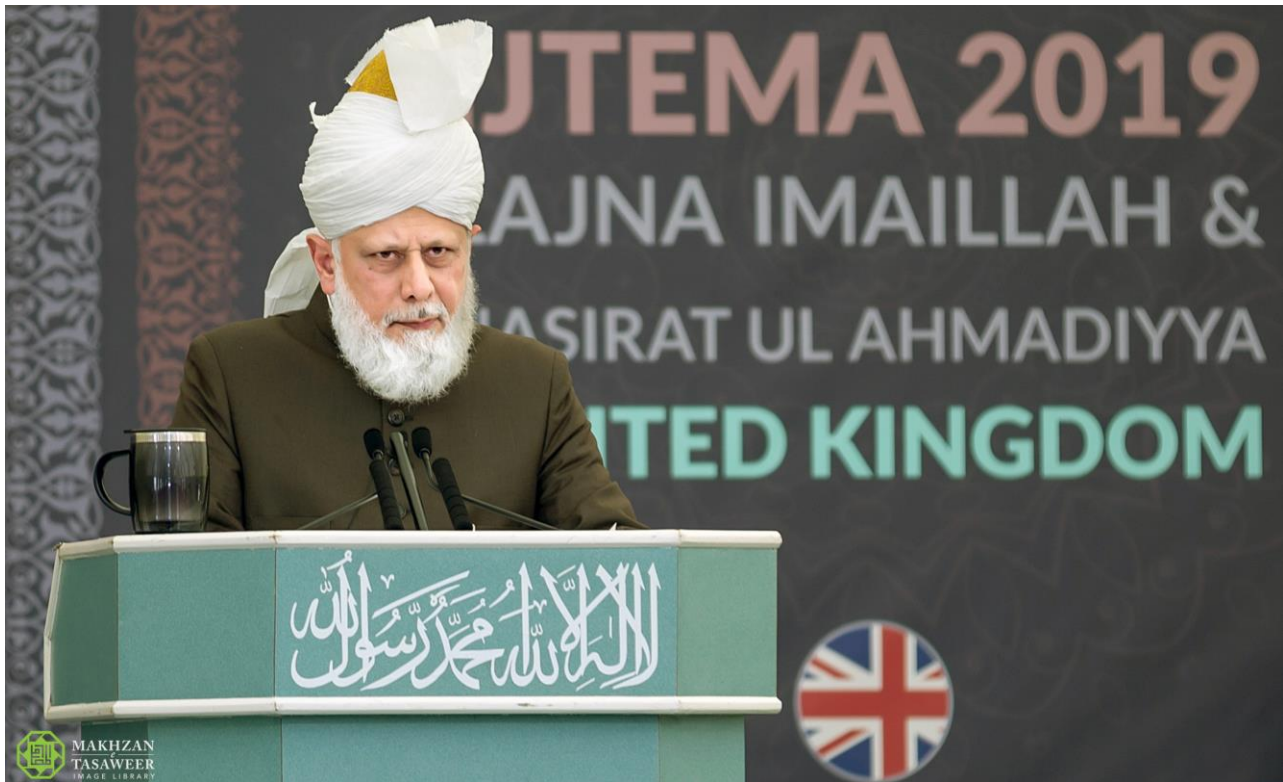
Hazrat Mira Masroor Ahmad said:

“Some people will argue that Islam has already spread globally and query what has been the benefit to the world? After all, there are said to be around 1.8 billion Muslims in the world and, amongst them, are thousands of Islamic scholars who claim to be spreading its teachings. Yet, this has not led to true peace and prosperity within the Muslim Ummah (Muslim people) or in the wider world.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“The simple and clear reason for this is that, save for those blessed people who have accepted the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), Muslims across the world are riven within division, dissent and interpret the teachings of Islam in ways that are devoid of sense and often impossible to practice.”

His Holiness also spoke about the importance of modern means of communication and the facilities they provide as vessels to convey the true and peaceful message of Islam.



In this regard Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“In today’s world, television, radio, the internet, the print media and social media are just a few ways through which communications have advanced to the point where global communication has become instantaneous. These are all technologies that we as a community are utilising to spread the teachings of Islam.”

Whilst modern tools of communication and new technologies can be utilised for good, His Holiness explained that regrettably, ***“much of the content being broadcast or streamed in the world today serves only to weaken the moral***

and spiritual fabric of society and to take people away from what is good and decent.”

His Holiness instructed that Ahmadi Muslims must take the task of reversing the moral decline in society upon themselves.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“It is the task of Ahmadi men, women and our youth, as members of the community of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), to use modern-day technologies to counter the influence of irreligious and immoral forces and to show that upholding religious values in the contemporary world is not just possible but is absolutely vital.”

His Holiness went on to lay particular importance on the vastly integral role women play in the structure of society and the heightened responsibility that it brings.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Unquestionably, women play an indispensable role in society because the future generations lie in their laps and grow up in their tender care. This fact alone greatly increases the responsibility placed upon Ahmadi Muslim women to ensure that they view those programmes or read those books that strengthen their moral fibre and which help them to fulfil the purpose of being part of the community established by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).”

His Holiness reminded the attendees to continually improve themselves and to not fall prey to time wasting or immoral pastimes.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Save yourselves from those sunken paths that are vacant of spirituality and morality, as they will not only harm you but will also destroy the coming generations.”

Explaining that staying away from time-wasting and immoral activities does not hinder Ahmadi Muslims from integrating into society, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“This does not mean that you cannot integrate or contribute to the society in which you live. Many Ahmadis have grown up here or lived here for decades and are now fully attuned to the British customs and values and are themselves an integral part of this society. There is nothing wrong with this.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“To the contrary, every person, whether born here or whether they are an immigrant, should strive to integrate and fulfil their duties as a member of society and be a loyal citizen of the nation. Our faith requires Muslims to utilise their skills and capabilities for the benefit of the nation in which they live and to work towards its progress and development.”

His Holiness explained that certain practices such as the consumption of alcohol and other immoral activities are termed as ‘freedoms’ but in reality they take one away from God.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“There are many other harmful things that are prevalent in this society which secular people try to justify in the name of ‘freedom of choice’ or ‘progress’ but which have been declared as obscene by Allah the Almighty and His Messenger (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and which take mankind away from its Creator.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Though such things are championed as examples of a free and modern society, the reality is that such impropriety serves only to shatter the foundations upon which a truly thriving and compassionate society is built.”

His Holiness further shone light on the issue of attaining a peaceful society at an individual and wider level in light of *chapter 13, verse 29* of the Holy Quran which states:

‘Aye! It is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts can find comfort’,

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Allah the Almighty has stated that true peace of mind cannot be attained through worldly freedom or by partaking in the meaningless attractions of

the world, rather it can only be achieved through the nearness of Allah the Almighty and keeping Him in your heart and mind at all times.”



Concluding, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“In every respect, we must follow the teachings of the Holy Quran and consider it our guiding light. We must observe the standards of worship stipulated in the Holy Quran. We must act upon the methods of remembrance of Allah that have been given in the Holy Quran. We must adopt every Quranic instruction to the best of our abilities. Then we will attain the rewards and nearness of Allah the Almighty and we will fulfil the rights of our Bai’at of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).”

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